

## Fee Increases Are Live

In an effort to create more revenue to fund future projects without hitting the pocketbooks of the majority of our members, we have increased the fees for our water share, hook up costs, membership transfer fee, Cross Connection install fee, and more. Most of these costs are taken care of in Escrow and therefore will not affect most members. This is effective Sept 1, 2025.

## Endpoint Replacements & CCC Testing Continuing



You may have seen our operations team out and about early in July and August marking meter boxes and either testing the cross connection control (CCC, also known as Double Check Valve Assembly (DCVA)) or replacing the endpoints.

Endpoints are the electronic radio frequency that transmits the meter reads to our equipment. Electronically reading helps make quick work of the reads and allows our operations team to stay in their vehicle instead of having to get out of their vehicle and manually read each meter. We have 1,158 meters currently in our system which is 300 or so more than the next largest water system on the island!

Replacing the endpoints has been a steadily increasing issue as many of the endpoints have reached their lifespan. This last meter read cycle showed that quite a few endpoints had failed. The typical lifespan of the battery for an endpoint is 12 years.



Alongside the endpoint replacements, we've also been doing the annual testing of the CCC system which is a requirement from the Department of Health.

Each CCC that has been installed since 2015 is tested to make sure that if any pressure changes within our system, the water inside homes do not get put back into the main waterline.

Only one Double Check Valve Assembly failed during the testing. This was immediately replaced.

About 56% of our members have DCVAs installed. We typically get this paid for and taken care of when a home sells. If you would like to have a CCC installed to your property, please reach out to the office.





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## South Expansion and Saltwater Intrusion

It has been brought to our attention that many of the properties along the southern part of Camano Island are testing positive for saltwater intrusion. In response, it's been said that Island County is ceasing any new wells to be drilled. (We do not have this confirmed by the county but are in efforts to communicate and understand what is going on.)

This brings new life to the possibility of CWA and the expansion area. The tricky balance the Board of CWA is facing is how to fund the Bonnie Lane project, which has 3 phases and will be CWA's most expensive project to date, but also fund other projects like replacing aging pipe throughout our system. The Bonnie Lane project will help with the expansion of our water association as well as bring better water pressure and fire flow to our members on the very south part of our current service area.

## Ways to Pay your Bill

Here are the ways you can pay your water bill:

- ☒ Drop off cash at the office during office hours
- ☒ Sign up for our hassle free autopay
- ☒ Send a check in the mail
- ☒ Drop off a check at the office
- ☒ Pay online with a card

## Important Water Dates

Mark your calendar with the following important dates about your water service:

May 20: CWA board meeting  
May 26: Memorial Day, office closed  
May 31: May bill payment due  
June 17: CWA board meeting  
July 4: Independence Day, office closed  
July 7: July bills mailed  
July 15: CWA board meeting  
July 31: July bill payment due  
August 19: CWA board meeting  
September 1: Labor Day, office closed  
September 5: September bills mailed  
September 16: CWA board meeting  
September 30: September bill payment due  
October 21: CWA board meeting  
November 1: Annual Meeting

