Annual Drinking Water Report 2023

Resort Municipality of Whistler

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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report summarizes the Resort Municipality of Whistler's (RMOW) drinking water quality program for the 2023 report period. The two municipal systems, Community and Emerald Estates, are administered under separate Permits to Operate a Water Supply System. As in previous years, the RMOW has satisfied the conditions for the Permits to Operate.

The Community and Emerald Water systems are operated and maintained by the RMOW's Utilities Department Water Team and are monitored 24 hours/365 days per year via the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system to ensure optimal functionality. In addition, the RMOW administers programs relating to leak detection, cross connection control, unidirectional flushing, water conservation and sampling.

The sampling program forms the backbone of regulatory compliance with the Permits to Operate. The sampling data are monitored by the RMOW and Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) as soon as they are processed by the laboratory. This report provides a summary of the sampling results from the report period. Any actions needing to be taken, would have occurred immediately once the results were available.

Raw water was also sampled regularly at surface water (creeks) and groundwater (wells) sources to trend raw water quality. Sampling at water sources (raw) was performed 70 times across 3 sources in the Emerald Estates System and 126 times at 13 sources in the Community System throughout the report period. Water samples were taken monthly or every other week and were tested for:

- E. coli and total coliform bacteria.
- Turbidity
- pH
- Temperature

Sampling in the distribution system (treated water) was performed 51 times at 2 locations in the Emerald Estates System and 347 times over 25 Sampling Stations in the Community System throughout the report period. Water samples were taken monthly or every other week and were tested for:

- E. coli and total coliform bacteria
- Turbidity
- pH
- Temperature
- Free Chlorine Residual

Sampling at both the source and throughout the distribution system for additional physical and chemical parameters is conducted annually. Bi products of disinfection are tested once every quarter at distribution sites.

See Appendix A for sampling results.

In 2016, the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality (GCDWQ) with respect to pH were updated from an Aesthetic Objective of 6.5 – 8.5 to an Operational Guideline of 7 – 10.5. The samples taken throughout the distribution system during the report period indicate that the water supplied has pH levels on a monthly average of between 6.5 and 7.5. As a result, the water in the Whistler system sometimes falls outside the current guidelines for this parameter. See *Section 5.0 – Water Stability* for further discussion.

No Drinking Water Advisory or Boil Water Advisories were issued during the reporting period. See Section 7.0: Significant Events & Public Notification for further information.

The RMOW completed several operational and capital improvements during the report period, each of which will increase system reliability and ensure long-term availability. See *Section 4.0 Treatment & Distributin Systems*

Table 1: The RMOW's water supply and distribution system are governed by the following regulations

Regulation	Jurisdiction	Link
Drinking Water Protection Act and Regulation	Province of British Columbia	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/laws-related-to-health-in-bc/drinking-water-protection-act
Water Sustainability Act	Province of British Columbia	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/laws-rules/water-sustainability-act
Ground Water Protection Regulation	Province of British Columbia	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/laws-rules/groundwater-protection-regulation
Permit to Operate	Vancouver Coastal Health	http://www.vch.ca/public-health/environmental-health-inspections/drinking-water
Guidelines for Drinking Water Quality	Province of British Columbia	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/water-quality/water-quality-guidelines
Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality	Health Canada	https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/environmental-workplace-health/reports-publications/water-quality/guidelines-canadian-drinking-water-quality-summary-table.html

2.0 GENERAL DESCRIPTION

In Whistler there is one private water distribution system at Whistler Blackcomb, and two municipal (RMOW) managed systems, Community and Emerald Estates.

The two municipal systems, Community and Emerald Estates are administered under separate Permits to Operate. These water systems are Class IV Water Distribution Facilities, as classified by the Environmental Operators Certification Program (EOCP). The systems consist of:

- 1 active surface water intake.
- 1 emergency supply only surface water intake.
- 15 groundwater wells.
- 14 storage reservoirs.
- 24 individual pressure zones.
- 8 Booster pump stations.
- 9 Treatment locations
- 1 Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) monitoring system.
- 177 km of water pipes (approximately).
- 13,232 residential water service connections (approximately) and 3,600 commercial and other water service connections.
- 612 municipal fire hydrants.

The benefit of having many sources of clean drinking water means that the RMOW has very good redundancy at a source level. However, to meet the demand for treated water, there are infrastructure management challenges that drive the need for water conservation and investment in the water system, for example:

- More prescriptive drinking water guidelines.
- Increased human presence in and around the 21 Mile Creek watershed.
- The impact of climate change has resulted in lower snowpack and longer and more intense drought periods.
- Although the infrastructure is “relatively new” it is aging, and ongoing replacement is necessary.
- Vulnerability of overall supply to meet peak demand requirements in case of service interruptions due to unforeseen emergencies.

The Whistler Blackcomb system operates independently by acquiring its water supply from eight wells located on the mountain[1].

[1] Data sourced from Whistler Blackcomb Mountain Drinking Water system summary, 2017

3.0 WATER SOURCES

The Resort Municipality of Whistler has the ability to obtain its water from numerous sources:

Surface Water

- Twenty-One Mile Creek
- Blackcomb Creek (As of 2023 will be used for snowmaking and irrigation in the Lost Lake Park area, and will only be used in the event of a supply emergency with the prior consent of the Vancouver Coastal Health Drinking Water Officer.)

Groundwater

- Emerald Estates Wells (3):
- Community Wells (4):
- Alpine Meadows Wells (3):
- Twenty-One Mile Creek Aquifer Wells (2).
- Function Junction Wells (2).
- Cheakamus Crossing Well (1).

The RMOW uses both a surface water intake, and groundwater wells to provide domestic drinking water and fire protection supply for the municipality. The Twenty-One Mile Creek surface water intake comprised ~45% of the water used in the distribution system during the report period, making it the largest single source. The Community water system, of which the Twenty-One Mile Creek intake is a part, accounts for 95% of Whistler's potable water use during the report period with the remainder being supplied and used in the Emerald Estates water system.

Surface Water - Twenty-One Mile Creek

When online, the surface water from Twenty-One Mile Creek is the largest single source of RMOW's drinking water. The use of this source is limited by periods of high turbidity. Turbidity is continuously monitored, and the intake is suspended at greater than 1 NTU. In times of high demand coinciding with an NTU of greater than 1, the RMOW will submit a request to VCH for an extension of the NTU limit from 1 to 2. This change is applied once approval from a VCH Drinking Water Officer is received and is lowered back to 1 once the risk to supply has subsided.

Protection Program

The update and implementation of the Source Water Protection Plan (SWPP) is a requirement of the Permit to Operate. The objective of the SWPP is to ensure that exposure to unacceptable concentrations of contaminants in the source water are minimized and to implement procedures and policies that will support the long-term sustainability of the surface water resource.

The Source Water Protection Plan (SWPP) is available on the RMOW's website.

The SWPP was completed in September 2015 and contains recommendations for annual work programs. The work program is updated annually based on the results of the previous year's monitoring and the results of a watershed hike that takes place each year.

An update to the 21 Mile Creek Source Water Assessment commenced in 2021 with consultant Urban Systems. This update was finalized in late 2022 and the findings and recommendations from this will form the basis for the next update of the SWPP.

On September 21st, 2023, Chief Water Operator, two Utilities operators, and a RMOW alpine ranger hiked into the water shed for an inspection and water quality testing for turbidity in smaller tributaries into the watershed.

An existing landslide on the old forest road has been assessed by a geotechnical consultant and determined safe. A meeting on site was held with geotechnical consultant and representees from Utilities and Parks and Trails to discuss maintenance of the old forest service road. It was agreed the old road should be left in place and maintained for good drainage to prevent further landslide risk into water source. This is to be followed up with summer of 2024.

Trail works in the 21 Mile Creek Watershed completed in 2023 included:

- Numerous trees cleared from trails
- Trail maintenance on all trails including ditching, clearing, brushing and erosion control
- Several foot bridges re-decked on the Rainbow trail
- Outhouse and UDT (Urine Diversion Toilet) maintenance with tanks flown out of the watershed for disposal
- New Information Kiosk at Madeley trailhead

Figure 1: Newly erected signage

Figure 2: Fallen trees on hiking trails

The alpine ranger program has continued to monitor watershed trail access during summer period.

- Program started on Rainbow in 2016
- Sproatt was added in 2018
- Rainbow coverage 7days/week 9.5hr day during summer months
- 42 km of alpine trail now patrolled
- 9 remote trail counters with 3 permanent at trailheads
- 10 wildlife cameras
- Enforcement by presence of rangers and education
- Wildlife observations and notice posting
- Trail user surveys and data collection
- Trail maintenance
- Outhouse cleaning/stocking
- Ranger training for communications with SAR (Search and Rescue) and COS (Conservation Officer Service)
- First aid/assistance to trail users

Recommendations from the Ranger Program from 2023 include:

- Voluntary Closure of the Beverly Lake area to promote wildlife and specifically grizzly bear habitat and population discussion with Recreation Sites and Trails BC (RSTBC) and Provincial Biologist
- Replace damaged Rainbow Meadows trail bridge
- Update Hanging Lake No Fires policy, discussion internally and with RSTBC
- Complete Beverly Ck. Bridge replacement (destroyed in 2021)
- Continue to monitor trail settlement on Pot of Gold Trail
- Update all Recreational Trail Maps, Ranger information boards and en-route “You are Here” maps for Rainbow, Sproatt, and Skywalk kiosks
- Install Grizzly Bear and Ranger Hut Interpretive Panels on Sproatt
- Update trail camera locations to include more of a focus on Beverly area

User data from the alpine ranger program for the Rainbow Alpine area is detailed below:

Table 2: Alpine Area User Summary

Year	User Numbers / Operational days	Average User Count	Operational Period	Closures	Dogs (prohibited)	Bikes (prohibited)	SAR Calls
2016	-	-	-	-	10	6	-
2017	-	-	-	-	10	12	1
2018	5945 users / 76 days	78 users/day	Jun 30 - Sep 14	Grizzly: Sep 15 to end	4	1	1
2019	4534 users / 140 days	32 users/day	Jun 13 - Oct 31	None	5	3	1
2020	6930 users / 101 days	69 users/day	Jun 23 – Oct 2	Grizzly: Oct 2 to end	7	0	0
2021	5486 users / 48 days	114 users/day	Jul 15 – Aug 31	Grizzly: Aug 31 to end	0	4	2
2022	5262 users / 78 days	67 users/day	Aug 6 – Oct 23	None	8	0	1
2023	5405 users / 110 days	49 users/day	Jul 8 – Oct 26	Grizzly: Sep 2 & 3	3	4	0

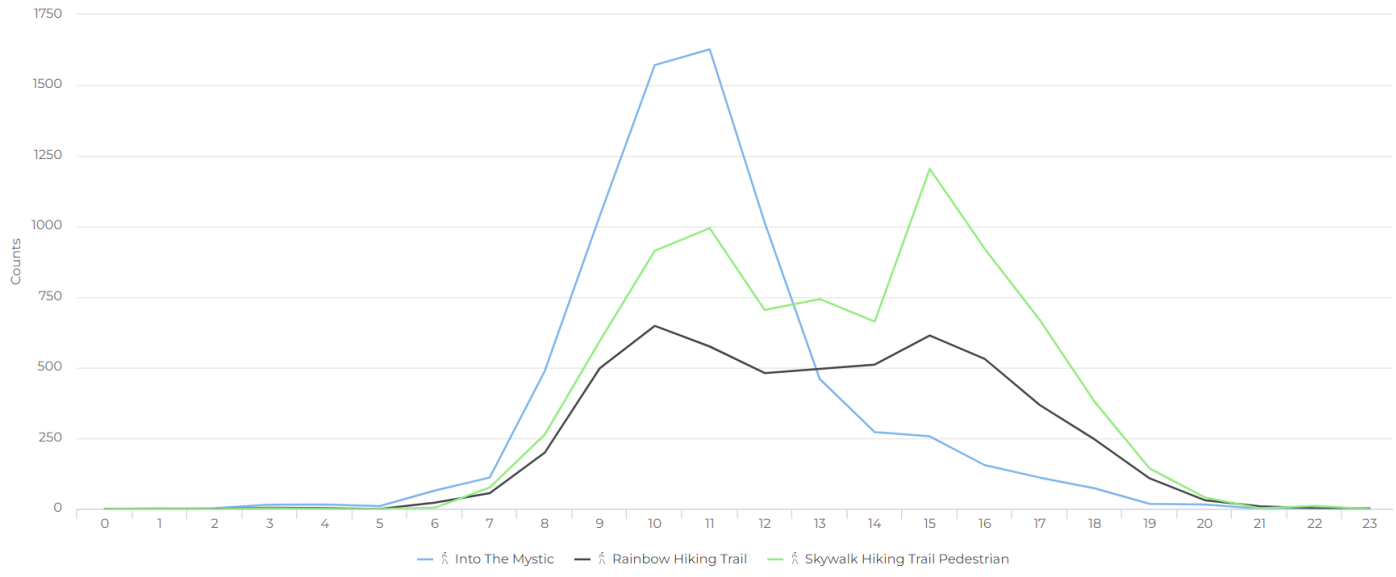

Figure 3: 2023 Sproatt, Rainbow, Skywalk hourly Comparison

Environmental Stewardship assists in public information updates and monitoring. Rangers continued with enforcement, updating signage and monitoring for signs of grizzly bears.

In September, several instances of grizzly bear activity were observed. On September 2 and 17, a ranger reported sightings at Rainbow Lake. Additionally, there was a report of a grizzly bear running across a meadow at the west end of Rainbow Lake. Evidence of bear activity, including scat piles and damage to signs and posts, was found. Rangers are actively enforcing regulations, updating signage, and monitoring for signs of bears. Interestingly, there have been minimal black bear sightings in typical alpine food source areas, with most sightings occurring in sub-alpine regions. An exception was noted around Hanging Lake near the end of August.

In 2023, trail closures took place on September 2nd and 3rd due to the presence of grizzly bears or sightings of them.

Blackcomb Creek

The Blackcomb Creek surface water may not be used as a potable water source without the consent of Vancouver Coastal Health Drinking Water Officer and was not used within the report period. The RMOW would only consider using this source in an emergency situation (e.g., interface fire), and would follow the Emergency Response and Contingency Plan (ERCP) to deploy it. If activated, a Boil Water Order would be necessary.

Groundwater - Wells

Protection Program

Maintenance of the Groundwater Water Protection Plan (GPP) is a requirement of the Permit to Operate. Completed in 2008 the plan is comprised of several measures designed to facilitate enhanced protection of the quantity and quality of groundwater used for Whistler's drinking water. A review of this plan internally began in 2019 and is continuing.

The primary objectives are:

1. To ensure exposure to unhealthy concentrations of contaminants in the drinking water is minimized; and
2. To implement procedures and policies that support long-term sustainability of the groundwater resource.

Table 3: Groundwater Resource Protection Plan Framework

Groundwater Resource Protection	
Wellhead Protection Area Initiative	Identifies areas that have a higher potential risk of contamination and targets these areas for enhanced management and protection of the long-term water quality and sustainability of the groundwater supply. These are visible in *Appendix D – Maps of Water System*.
Groundwater Pollution Areas of Concern	Identifies the potential groundwater pollution risk factors, providing an assessment of the areas of concern.
Management Options	Promotes public awareness, formulates appropriate well decommissioning procedures, and addresses legislative considerations, provincial regulations, bylaws, municipal policies, and community plans.

Contingency and Spill Response Plans	Groundwater monitoring plan is in place and is maintained by geotechnical and hydrological consultants. Emergency situation response to pollutant/contaminant spill and aquifer contamination are also incorporated.
Water Quality Monitoring	Regular sampling, review, and reporting procedures are in place to ensure safe and clean groundwater supply.

Monitoring Program

The RMOW's Source Water Protection Plan requires annual analysis of groundwater production and monitoring wells (MW) for potable water quality parameters and Potential Contaminants of Concern (PCOCs).

A Groundwater Monitoring Summary is completed by Piteau Associates, RMOW's hydrogeology consultant each year.

4.0 TREATMENT & DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS

Community System

Surface Water - Twenty-One Mile Creek

Treatment

Water drawn from the Twenty-One Mile Creek surface water source undergoes primary disinfection by means of UV treatment. The water then receives primary disinfection (destruction or inactivation of pathogens) and secondary disinfection (continued protection of the water from microbiological recontamination due to pipe leaks, cross connections, reducing bacterial re-growth and controlling biofilm formation), This chlorine is sourced from an on-site sodium hypochlorite generation system.

The water treatment facility has been classified as a Level 1 water treatment facility by the Environmental Operators Certification Program as of November 28, 2017.

Groundwater - Wells

Treatment

The wells are combined into single treatment points where feasible. The water receives secondary disinfection from a chlorine solution sourced from calcium hypochlorite pucks which is added to the water for the purpose of protecting the distribution system (continued protection of the water from microbiological recontamination due to pipe leaks, cross connections, reducing bacterial re-growth and controlling biofilm formation).

The following sections contain more details at each of the specified well sites.

Community Wells

The Village Wells W205-1, W205-2, W205-3 and W211 are located in the day skier parking lots off Blackcomb Way (Lots 1 – 3). The wells are all screened in channels of fill sediments deposited by Fitzsimmons Creek. The capacity of the aquifer appears to be limited by the maximum rate of recharge from the creek.

Alpine Meadows Wells

Alpine Meadows is supplied by wells W202, W210 and W213 and is also integrated with the surface water supply for the Community System. Wells W202 and W210 have their screens placed in alluvial sediments deposited by Nineteen Mile Creek.

Twenty-One Mile Creek Aquifer Wells

The Twenty-One Mile Creek Aquifer Wells W218 and W219 are located on the Valley Trail in between Rainbow Park and Lorimer Road. The former was constructed in 2007 and put into service in 2009. The combined extraction rate individual well is restricted to a flowrate of 74.9L/s. Well W219, located 50m to the west, draws from the same aquifer. This second well, constructed in 2013, was only operated for sampling during the report period.

On August 27th, 2019, the RMOW submitted an application for an environmental assessment exemption for the use of W219 in conjunction with W218. The intention is that W219 would be used alternatively to W218 but could be operated in tandem during times of high demand when the 21 Mile Creek surface water supply is offline due to turbidity. These periods of high demand coincide with high surface water turbidity throughout the year but most often during the months of April, May, June, October, and November.

The operation of well W219 in conjunction with W218 exceeds the *Reviewable Projects Regulation* of 75 L/s for groundwater extraction, and thus an Environmental Assessment Certificate under the BC *Environmental Assessment Act* or exclusion of such under s.10 (1)(b) is required. The Resort Municipality of Whistler ssought an exemption under s.10 (1)(b). In addition to this exemption request the Resort Municipality of Whistler is continuing with its water conservation initiatives and will further investigate other infrastructure upgrades to maintain a reliable supply of drinking water to the community.

This application was approved in 2021, with well W219 granted approval to operate when high turbidity levels in 21 Mile Creek (resulting in it being offline) coincide with high demand, to reduce Whistler's supply deficit. The final step prior to operating W219 on a routine basis was the approval of the "Operations Management Plan" by the Environmental Assessment Office. This plan received approval in March of 2022.

Function Junction Well

Production well W212-1 is located in Function Junction and was drilled for Intrawest in 2000 as part of a program to supply additional water to Whistler South in support of their Spring Creek development. The well has subsequently been taken over by RMOW. It is screened in coarse gravel and coarse sand. Well 212-1 is tested multiple times a year for Iron and Manganese. In 2021, this well did not exceed the GCDWQ recommended levels of Iron but did exceed the guideline for Manganese. Well W212-2 is scheduled to be decommissioned due to high levels of Manganese. This well is run to waste when it is used for monitoring purposes.

Cheakamus Crossing Well

Production well W217 was commissioned in 2008 to supply the Olympic Athlete's Village. This well supplies groundwater from the same aquifer as the Function Junction wells.

Emerald Estates System

The community of Emerald Estates is located on the west shores of Green Lake and is serviced by a local water distribution system supplied by three groundwater wells identified as W201-1, W201-2 and W201-3. Due to water quality concerns for a period of time prior to 2018, W201-3 was run infrequently and only for the purpose of testing. With the completion of the Emerald UV and Treatment Facility it now provides drinking water in addition to W201-1 and W201-2. The wells are all screened in the fan of Rideau Brook.

Emerald UV Treatment Facility

To address any potential vulnerability to contamination, a water treatment facility was constructed to perform treatment on groundwater from W201-1, W201-2 and W201-3 using ultra-violet light as a primary disinfection and chlorine treatment as secondary disinfection. This facility was commissioned in June 2018 and obtained Professional Engineer sign-off on June 20th, 2019, as per the Drinking Water Permit requirement.

The water treatment facility was classified to Level 1 by the EOCP on November 28, 2017.

Chlorination Plan

In 2014 VCHA recommended maintaining a minimum free chlorine residual post-reservoir of 0.4 mg/l, this is also a condition of the Permit to Operate a Water System. This level has been maintained since 2014 and is being tested biweekly for levels at each sample station in the distribution system. These levels have been consistent since implementing this plan and no detectable contamination has been noted.

System Maintenance and Upgrades

The Resort Municipality of Whistler maintains and continues to improve its water distribution system to provide the best service possible. The following were some of the key successes from this report period.

Project – South Whistler Water Supply Upgrade

The RMOW has implemented a multi-phased project to enhance the capacity and resiliency of the Cheakamus water system. This upgrade allows for flexible water distribution to the Creekside and Village zones as needed, ensuring reliable service. The project aligns with the goals outlined in the 2015 water plan and Official Community Plan, addressing key objectives such as accommodating planned growth, enhancing corrosion management for long-term water quality, improving operational efficiency, and strengthening system redundancy.

Another key focus of the project is ensuring compliance with Health Canada's guidelines and minimizing corrosion within private water systems. To achieve this, the project implements pH control treatment. This treatment raises the raw water pH level from approximately 6.4 to the target 7.5, reducing corrosion rates and safeguarding drinking water quality for residents in the Cheakamus Crossing and Function Junction neighborhoods.

The project has been divided into two phases:

Phase I - Completed in 2023:

Focused on civil works, Phase I successfully completed the installation of 540 meters of high-pressure water main. This main extends from Lynham Road, traverses Highway 99, and connects to the existing Cheakamus Crossing water system near the Whistler Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Phase II – Commenced Q1 2024, with completion schedule in Q2 2025.

Phase II focuses on the construction of the Pump Station and Treatment Facility. Key activities include:

- Tie-ins to the completed Phase I works.
- Commissioning and programming of the new facility.
- Decommissioning of two unused wells (Asset ID W212-2 and TW06-2).
    - Asset ID W212-2 due to high levels of iron and manganese, and test well TW06-2 no longer required due to proximity of provincial test well in Interpretive Forest parking lot.
- Decommissioning one PRV at the interpretive forest in Cheakamus Crossing (Asset ID P284).
- Integration of existing control systems into a centralized pump station.

Project – Water and Sewer Valve and Fitting Replacement

To address recent corrosion-related failures and concerns identified in the 2014 Water Rehabilitation Study, we have launched a multi-year Water and Sanitary System Valve and Fitting Preventative Maintenance and Replacement Program. This program was designed by our consultant in collaboration with Utilities Operations team in 2020-2021. This program proactively replaces and upgrades aging valves and fittings in high-priority areas. This approach prevents unplanned service disruptions and costly repairs associated with sudden infrastructure failures caused by corrosion.

The 2014 Water Rehabilitation Study highlighted the presence of vulnerable, uncoated iron fittings in watermains constructed in the mid-1990s, susceptible to the naturally corrosive local soil. Recent observations documented in the 2022 and 2023 Fixtures and Fittings Corrosion Observation Reports confirm these concerns and extend them to the sewer collection system, even though newer pipes utilize corrosion-resistant materials.

Program Achievements:

2022:

- Five sewer main fixture replacements along Northlands Boulevard and Blackcomb Way.
- Four water valve and fitting replacements along Northlands Boulevard and Lorimer Road.

2023:

- Six sewer main fixture replacements along the Valley Trail paralleling Highway 99 between Lorimer Road and Village Gate.
- Nine water valve and fitting replacements along Northlands Boulevard.

Planned for 2024:

- Fourteen sewer main fixture replacements along Spruce Grove Way.
- Twelve water main valve and fitting replacements along Spruce Grove Way.

Project – PRV Station Upgrades

In 2021, the RMOW completed designs for several Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) station upgrades throughout the water system. These upgrades aimed to improve overall system efficiency. The project involved decommissioning redundant stations and upgrading existing ones.

Construction began in 2022, and was completed in 2023, the following progress was achieved:

Decommissioning:

- Asset P249 (4001 Highway 99, Golf Course): Partially decommissioned due to unforeseen on-site piping arrangements. The PRV is currently isolated, and further decommissioning will occur in future years.
- Asset P243 (Cnr Lake Placid Rd & Highway 99): Fully decommissioned.
- Asset P253 (3001 Brio Entrance): Fully decommissioned.
- Asset P272 (5801 Alta Lake Road): Fully decommissioned.

Upgrades:

- Asset P241: The upgrade to the PRV located at 7146 Nester's Road includes new piping, fittings, and valves to suit the new PRV and the installation of a kiosk to house the mechanical piping, PRV, flow meters and pressure monitor. The new PRV kiosk will be located five meters from the existing underground vault. This site also has second kiosk to house the new power and control systems to support the new PRV. The existing below grade vault has also been decommissioned.
- Asset P243 (Lake Placid Road): The PRV that was located at Lake Placid Road East and Highway 99 has been relocated to 2147 Lake Placid Road. The new PRV location is adjacent to the existing Gondola sewage lift station. The upgrade included a new water main on Lake Placid Road to connect to the new PRV. The installation of a kiosk to house the mechanical piping, PRV, flow meter and pressure monitor. The electrical power and control systems to support the new PRV have been relocated to the Gondola Sewage lift station. Also included was the removal of the existing PRV vault at the intersection of Lake Placid Road and Highway 99.

- Asset P252 (2135 Whistler Road): The upgrade to the isolation valve located at 2135 Whistler Road included new piping and fittings. The new isolation valve kiosk is located approximately 10 meters from the existing vault. The project included the installation of a kiosk to house the mechanical piping, isolation valve, actuator, flow meters and pressure monitor. Construction for a second kiosk to house the electrical power and control systems to support the new isolation valve was also completed.

Project – Watermain Upgrades (Creekside and Emerald)

This project includes replacing old water pipes in two neighborhoods: Creekside and Emerald. The design for this project was complete in 2023. This project will upgrade water infrastructure in three specific locations: Lake Placid Road, Taylor Way, and Summer Lane. The existing water mains, installed in the 1980s, have reached the end of their useful life and require replacement. Not only are they old, but their depth of burial (2.7-3 meters) makes maintenance difficult and expensive.

Scope of work for 2024 Watermain Upgrades Project:

Lake Placid Road Pipe Replacement: The existing 150mm diameter ductile iron pipes will be replaced with PVC pipes. The total length of pipe to be replaced is 211 meters. The new pipes will be installed at the standard depth of approximately 1.8 meters.

Additional Improvements:

- Two new fire hydrant assemblies will be installed to enhance fire protection capabilities in the area.
- A new isolation valve will be installed to enable better control of water flow during maintenance or emergencies.
- Ten residential services will be replaced with new connections.

Taylor Way Pipe Replacement: This 76-meter section, currently 200mm in diameter, will be replaced with new PVC pipes of the same size.

Additional Improvements:

- Two new fire hydrant assemblies and four new isolation valves will be installed.
- One new service to a strata complex, and three new irrigation services will be installed.
- The corrosive soil in this area has caused the existing valves and fittings to deteriorate. Replacing these components will ensure reliable water flow and reduce the risk of future leaks.

Summer Lane Pipe Replacement: The existing 100mm diameter cast iron pipes will be replaced with 75 meters of new, larger 150mm diameter PVC pipes.

Additional Improvements:

- A blow-off assembly will be installed at the end of the pipeline to allow for pressure release when necessary.
  Six residential services will be replaced with new services.

Project – Sunridge Plateau Reservoir Chlorine Decay Rate

Since early 2023, the RMOW have been working with a consultant to address chlorine residual levels at the Sunridge Plateau Reservoir. The combination of fire storage requirements and low water turnover rates within the reservoir can sometimes cause chlorine residuals to fall below target levels for the serviced distribution system.

To address this challenge, we are exploring methods to reduce the chlorine decay rate. One potential solution involves lowering pump set points to encourage more frequent water turnover in the reservoir.

The 2023-2024 capital projects plan includes budget to implement a trial involving back-feeding flows into the 770 Village Pressure Zone. This trial will monitor the frequency of reservoir turnover (targeting a 5-day cycle) and its impact on chlorine residuals leaving the reservoir.

The RMOW is also considering installing a pilot-controlled, diaphragm-actuated flow control valve to facilitate this back-feeding process.

Project – Water Well W205-2 Redevelopment

Groundwater well W205-2, located within the skier day lots between lot 2 and lot 3, was redeveloped to improve water abstraction rates. As part of this redevelopment, a new pump and motor set was commissioned to replace the old assets.

Program – ICI Volumetric Water Metering Project

A contract was awarded in early October 2019 for a pilot project to implement volumetric water billing to Industrial, Commercial & Institutional (ICI) properties via water meter in the neighbourhood of Function Junction. The new system will encourage water conservation, improve leak detection, and ensure rate equitability. Function Junction was chosen for the pilot project due to its nature as an isolated system as well as RMOW having recently become their official water utility service provider through the acquisition of the Van West Water Utility that serviced the neighbourhood.

In 2020 water meters were installed or upgraded at the vast majority of Function Junction ICI properties. The project experienced some delays due to municipal shutdowns at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic however meter installation work was completed in 2020. Data gathering is now underway to track & analyze consumption at various types of ICI properties via the Neptune 360 AMI software.

In 2021 and 2022 the pilot project was expanded to include ICI properties outside of Function Junction into Whistler Village, and other commercial properties throughout Whistler. In 2023, 44 new meter installations or upgrade retrofits took place, This program will continue in 2024 and should complete all remaining ICI water meter installations to ICI properties. The next phase of the project will be rate analysis and mock billing to ICI clients to prepare businesses for the transition to volumetric billing.

Maintenance – Hydrants

Each year the RMOW contracts a service provider to inspect and maintain the fire hydrants. 612 hydrant inspections were performed during this report period.

Maintenance – Reservoirs

Reservoirs are visually inspected multiple times per year to compare water levels to those being shown on the level transmitters.

Upgrade - Utilities SCADA

Upgrades to the SCADA HMI Software system uncovered issues relating to the volume of data being sent across the radio network. These volume issues were addressed with further implementation and the resolving of technical issues relating to data loggers at SCADA sites across the system. Work on the radio software and network has already shown quantifiable improvements to SCADA communication failure rates as these fell to 3.5% in December from 12% in June 2019.

A multi-year project commenced in 2020 to upgrade Whistler's SCADA radio communication network for utilities assets. In 2020 obsolete radios were replaced with new radios that support higher speed and better network configuration, in the first step toward improving the speed and efficiency of the SCADA radio network. Improving this network will increase data resolution and level of service of water and sewer services around Whistler.

Further upgrades to the radio network occurred in 2021, including additional of cell to problem communication sites and a new licensed radio frequency repeater to water assets in the Function Junction and Cheakamus areas. Additional work for radio upgrades was completed in 2022, including addition of cell backup to critical water supply sites with poor communication paths.

Works in 2023 included bringing online an additional SCADA radio repeater with new licensed frequency in Alpine Meadows and transferring communications of lower priority sites to this new repeater to test the network and the upgrade process. This project is not yet complete and expected to continue in 2024.

5.0 STANDARDS & TESTING RESULTS

The Community and Emerald Estates Systems are operated under separate Permits to Operate. These permits include conditions that must be met in order to maintain these permits including sampling parameters and frequency which is what this section focuses on.

A copy of the permits is included in *Appendix C – Permits to Operate a Water Supply System*.

Sampling Program – Sources (Raw)

Table 4: RMOW Water Source Sampling Program

Sample Period	Testing Parameter
Two Weeks	pH, Temperature, Turbidity, E. Coli, Total Coliforms
Quarterly	Total Organic Carbon (TOC), Heterotrophic Plate Count (HPC), Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH), Iron and Manganese, Community Wells Sodium Monitoring Project
Annually	Water Chemistry

Sampling Program – Distribution System (Treated)

The Drinking Water Regulation states that the water supplier (RMOW) must monitor its drinking water source and system at a frequency established by the regulations laid out in its operating permit. The RMOW is required to sample its distribution system 25 times per month (300 times per year) for the Community Water System and 4 times per month (48 times per year) for the Emerald Estates Water System. The RMOW has established a water quality sampling and testing program that samples the potable water supply quality at 37 locations throughout the municipality.

Table 5: RMOW Water Distribution Sampling Program

Sample Period	Testing Parameter
Two Weeks	pH, Temperature, Turbidity, Free CL2 (Residual Chlorine), E. Coli, Total Coliforms
Quarterly	Total Organic Carbon (TOC), Heterotrophic Plate Count (HPC), Trihalomethane (THM), Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH), Iron and Manganese
Annually	Water Chemistry (two randomly chosen sites annually)

Bacteriological Sampling

The RMOW must complete a minimum bacteriological sampling frequency of 25 per month in the Community Water System distribution system and a frequency of 4 per month in the Emerald Estates Water System distribution system.

The sampling intervals and standards for bacteriological testing are as follows:

Drinking Water Protection Act

DRINKING WATER PROTECTION REGULATION

[includes amendments up to B.C. Reg. 352/2005, December 9, 2005]

Parameter:	Standard:
Fecal coliform bacteria	No detectable fecal coliform bacteria per 100 ml
Escherichia coli	No detectable *Escherichia coli* per 100 ml
Total coliform bacteria	
(a) 1 sample in a 30 day period	No detectable total coliform bacteria per 100 ml
(b) more than 1 sample in a 30 day period	At least 90% of samples have no detectable total coliform bacteria per 100 ml and no sample has more than 10 total coliform bacteria per 100 ml

A summary of the bacteriological sampling results can be found in *Appendix A – Consumption and Sampling Data.*

Physical and Chemical Parameters

Water is tested for a wide range of physical and chemical parameters to ensure that the potable water delivered meets the *Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality (GCDWQ)*.

In the RMOW systems, sampling for these parameters occurs at each of the raw water sources and at two random sampling stations in the distribution system. The results of the laboratory reports for the report period are included in *Appendix A – Water Consumption and Sampling Data*.

Water Stability

The 2017 VCH Water System Evaluation Report contained the following request: *"Please provide a report outlining which of the RMOW sources do not meet these guidelines and outline any remediation strategies under consideration".* Water sampling results relating to Water Stability can be found in *Appendix A Table Annual Water Sampling Results*.

The Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) is committed to providing residents with high-quality drinking water. Corrosion control is a key component of this commitment. In October 2019, the RMOW received a corrosion control conceptual technical design memo. This document outlined corrosion control requirements for drinking water supplies and included cost estimates for eight (8) existing water facilities, including:

- Emerald UV Facility
- Alpine Meadows well sites
- 21 Mile Creek UV Station
- Community Pump Station
- Function Junction Wells (scheduled to be completed in 2025)
- Cheakamus Pump Station (scheduled to be completed in 2025)

Following the 2019 memo, the RMOW presented the status of water stability and potential solutions to address corrosion issues to council in January 2020. For locations experiencing corrosion due to low pH and hardness, the recommendations typically involve infrastructure upgrades and chemical dosing to improve water stability.

The RMOW has been actively planning and designing upgrades to address the low pH across the water systems. This includes South Whistler Water Supply Project, which is currently underway and scheduled to be complete in 2025. This project will improve stability of supply and improve treatment the Function Junction and Cheakamus Crossing neighborhoods.

Building on this success, the RMOW will now focus on implementing corrosion control measures at the remaining facilities using a cost-benefit approach to prioritize upgrades. This prioritization ranks the sites as follows:

1. P290 Emerald UV Facility
2. P280 21 Mile Creek Pump Station (all sources)
3. P247 Community Pump Station
4. Implementation of corrosion control at the Alpine Meadows well sites will be addressed in conjunction with future asset renewal improvements.The order of implementation outlined above is reflected in the RMOW's Capital Projects Plan. By proactively addressing corrosion in a prioritized manner, the RMOW is ensuring long-term water quality and infrastructure health for all Whistler residents.

6.0 CONDITIONS OF PERMIT TO OPERATE

The RMOW holds two Permits to Operate a Water Supply System. One (1) for the RMOW Community Water System and one (1) for the RMOW- Emerald Estates Water System. See *Appendix C - Permits to Operate a Water System*.

Bacteriological Sampling

See *Section 5.0 Standards & Testing Results*. The Conditions for both RMOW Permits to Operate were met for the report period.

Water Resource Protection Plan

Both RMOW Permits to Operate require an update and implementation of the Source Water Protection Plans. Refer to *Section 3.0 Water Sources* for reference to the Water Protection and Monitoring Programs.

Cross-Connection Control Plan

Statutory requirement set forward by provincial legislation requires water suppliers to ensure provisions are in place to protect the potable water distribution system from contamination. The Cross Connection Control (CCC) Bylaw No. 2233, 2019 was adopted by Council on September 3, 2019. This bylaw provides the RMOW with the capacity to enforce compliance with the Cross Connection Control Program.

In 2023, the Cross Connection Control Program's inventory included 1369 facilities with a total of 3357. At present, 46 of the 47 High Hazard facilities are compliant and works are in progress for the remaining facility.

The RMOW is currently focusing on Medium Hazard Facilities in addition to completing the high hazard facility. Of the 374 Medium Hazard facilities, 255 have been surveyed. Of these, 95 are in compliance with the cross-connection control bylaw, with work continuing to bring additional facilities into compliance.

Uni-Directional Flushing Program

This annual flushing program begins in May each year generally completing by the end of September. This program does not run during periods of high-water usage or elevated stages of water conservation. *Table 6: Selected Neighborhoods for Uni-Directional Flushing Program* below shows the neighborhoods that uni-directional flushing was performed in in 2023, as well as previous years.

Table 6: Selected Neighborhoods for Uni-Directional Flushing Program

2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Whistler Village	Alta Vista	Bayshores	Blueberry	Alpine Estates	Alta Vista
Benchlands	Blueberry	Cheakamus	Brio	Benchlands	Bayshores
Westside Road	Brio	Creekside	Function Junction	Cheakamus Crossing	Creekside
	Alpine North	Millar's Pond	Nesters	Emerald Estates	Function Junction
	Alpine South	Nordic	Nicklaus North	Rainbow Estates	Spring Creek
	Emerald Estates	Spring Creek	Spruce Grove		Taluswood
	Rainbow Estates	Tapley's Farm	Stonebridge		Tapley's Farm
		Whistler Cay Heights	Westside Rd		
			Whistler Village		
			White Gold		

Several pipelines are not flushed since they achieve the minimum flushing velocity required several times throughout the year and therefore are considered self-cleaning. There are also a few small sections of pipe that do not have the necessary connections/equipment required to be flushed.

7.0 SIGNIFICANT EVENTS & PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Drinking Water Advisory/Boil Water Advisory

No Drinking Water Advisories were required during the reporting period.

No Boil Water Advisories were required during the reporting period.

Operator Qualifications and Training

According to the Drinking Water Protection Regulation, under the *Drinking Water Protection Act*, staff working within the water system must have a minimum level of certification under the Environmental Operators Certification Program (EOCP). This ensures that the RMOW's staff are adequately trained to operate, maintain and repair the water supply and distribution systems in order to maintain the safety and quality of drinking water.

Table 7 below details the number of certified employees at the RMOW.

Table 7: Operations Staff EOCP Certifications

Certification	Number of Employees Certified
WT-1	5
WD - IV	1
WD - III	2
WD - II	2
WD - I	2
Operator In Training	1

APPENDIX A – CONSUMPTION AND SAMPLING DATA

Bacteriological Testing Summary

Table 8: Summary of bacteriological testing results 2023

Water Sample Location	Raw or Treated	Water System	# Samples	Total Coliforms			E. Coli		
				Min	Max	Avg	Min	Max	Avg
W201-1 – SS409	Raw	Emerald	21	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
W201-2 – SS410	Raw	Emerald	21	< 1	3.1	1.3	< 1	< 1	n/a
W201-3 – SS411	Raw	Emerald	22	< 1	6.3	3.0	< 1	1.0	1.0
9225 Lakeshore Drive - S131 - SS4039	Treated	Emerald	23	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
9525 Emerald Drive – P290	Treated	Emerald	26	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Alpine Meadows 8319 Mountainview Dr.- P245 - SS412	Treated	Community	26	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Alpine Meadows 8330 Rainbow Dr.- S101 - SS421	Treated	Community	12	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Alta Vista 3333 Carleton Way - S104 - SS459	Treated	Community	10	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Athlete's Village 1300 Mount Fee Rd. SS491	Treated	Community	12	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Athlete's Village 1010 Janes Lake Rd. P278 SS495	Treated	Community	12	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Blackcomb Benchlands 4700 Glacier Dr. - P256 - SS441	Treated	Community	11	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Function Junction Aquifer 1397 Alpha Lake Road - SS500	Treated	Community	26	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Function Junction Aquifer 1092 Millar Creek Road S107 – SS803	Treated	Community	23	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Millar's Pond 2773 Cheakamus Way S121 - SS477	Treated	Community	13	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Nicklaus North 8407 Golden Bear Pl. P266/S123 - SS424	Treated	Community	12	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Nordic Estates 2642 Whistler Road P264 - SS462	Treated	Community	13	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Rainbow 8925 Hwy. 99 - S137 – SS494	Treated	Community	12	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Rainbow 8522 Ashleigh McIvor Drive – P283 – SS496	Treated	Community	13	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Spring Creek 1559 Spring Creek Road. P273/S132 - SS480	Treated	Community	13	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Spruce Grove 7314 Blackcomb Way P267/S126 - SS427	Treated	Community	12	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Stonebridge 5483 Stonebridge Dr. P275 - SS488	Treated	Community	11	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Sunridge Plateau 3840 Sunridge Drive P265 - SS456	Treated	Community	13	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Tapley's Farm 6671 Crabapple Dr. S103 - SS433	Treated	Community	11	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Twin Lake / Tamarisk 1300 Block Alta Lake Rd. SS482	Treated	Community	12	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a

Upper Taluswood 2400 Taluswood Pl. P270 - SS465	Treated	Community	24	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Whistler Cay Heights 6295 Palmer Dr. Snowflake Prk SS430	Treated	Community	13	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Whistler Creek 2149 Lake Placid Rd - S106 - SS471	Treated	Community	12	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Whistler Creek 2601 Gondola Way - R228 SS474	Treated	Community	11	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Whistler Village 4297 Mountain Square - Mountain Ln - SS453	Treated	Community	13	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Whistler Village 4335 Main Street - Main St. - SS450	Treated	Community	10	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
19 Mile Ck Aquifer; Well No. W202 SS418	Raw	Community	12	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
19 Mile Ck Aquifer; Well No. W210 SS419	Raw	Community	13	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
19 Mile Ck Aquifer; Well No. W213 SS420	Raw	Community	12	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
21 Mile Creek; R-231 SS436	Raw	Community	23	1	686.7	38.9	< 1	13.5	2.8
Alta Lake Aquifer, Well No. W218 SS493	Raw	Community	10	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Alta Lake Aquifer, Well No. W219 SS498	Raw	Community	12	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Athlete's Village Aquifer, W217 SS489	Raw	Community	9	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Blackcomb Creek, R232 SS439	Raw	Community	13	< 1	325.5	23.9	< 1	9.8	1.8
Fitzsimmons Creek Aquifer, W205-1 SS444	Raw	Community	8	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Fitzsimmons Creek Aquifer, W205-2 SS445	Raw	Community	12	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Fitzsimmons Creek Aquifer, W205-3 SS446	Raw	Community	12	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Fitzsimmons Creek Aquifer, W211 SS447	Raw	Community	13	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a
Function Junction Aquifer W212-1 SS483	Raw	Community	11	< 1	< 1	n/a	< 1	< 1	n/a

Annual & Monthly Consumption Summary

Table 9: Monthly Consumption Summary 2023

Monthly Water Consumption (m^3) vs. Percent Change (Year on Year)										
	2023	**% Change**	**2022**	**% Change**	**2021**	**% Change**	**2020**	**% Change**	**2019**	**% Change**
January	462,285	16%	397,985	9%	365,822	-15%	428,823	-3%	441,443	-6%
February	396,869	8%	367,775	15%	319,566	-20%	400,987	0%	399,185	-4%
March	423,584	2%	416,458	15%	363,098	-3%	375,613	-12%	427,692	7%
April	367,518	-2%	373,349	16%	320,505	5%	301,203	-20%	378,067	-11%
May	486,933	29%	376,077	4%	362,815	-4%	379,341	-19%	468,358	-21%
June	600,517	30%	460,855	18%	390,679	-6%	420,429	-21%	531,249	10%
July	716,743	17%	610,689	5%	580,158	7%	536,420	-11%	605,811	6%
August	569,826	-17%	687,859	8%	637,505	3%	619,448	-2%	633,560	-20%
September	549,858	4%	529,911	25%	422,830	-14%	489,721	3%	475,086	-2%
October	379,781	-7%	407,690	-17%	490,526	34%	370,860	5%	354,793	-18%
November	350,272	0%	348,896	-6%	372,552	15%	324,601	0%	323,498	2%
December	378,681	-13%	435,526	11%	391,537	6%	366,790	-9%	404,678	10%
Total Water Consumption (m^3)	**5,682,866**	**5%**	**5,413,070**	**8%**	**5,017,594**	**0%**	**5,014,234**	**-8%**	**5,443,420**	**-5%**

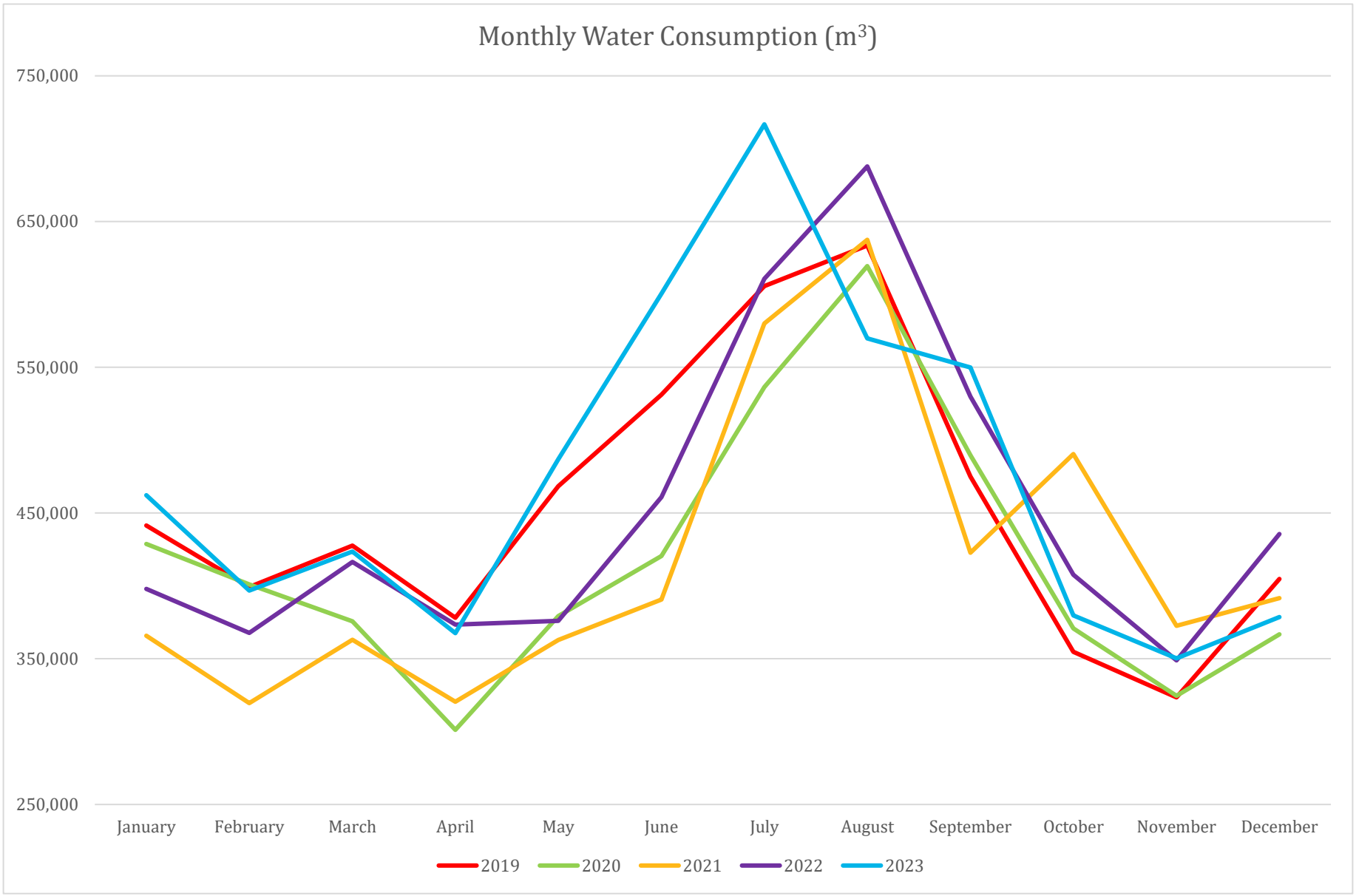

Figure 4: Monthly Water Consumption 2019 - 2023 (m³)

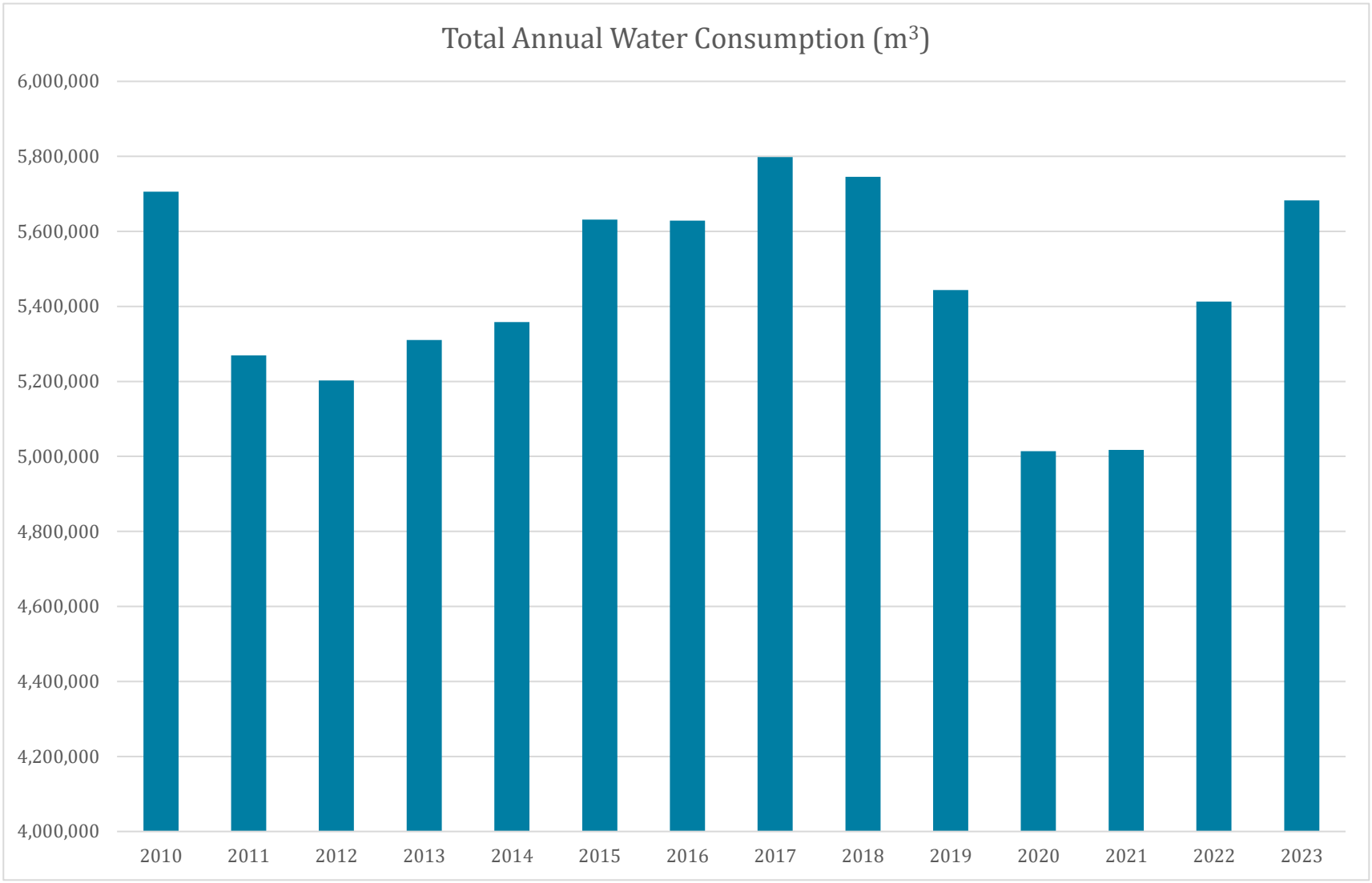

Figure 5: Total Annual Water Consumption (m^3) 2010 - 2023

Source Water Summary

Table 10: Source Water Summary 2023

Source Water Sites	2023		2022		2021		2020		2019	
	m^3	%	m^3	%	m^3	%	m^3	%	m^3	%
R231 21 Mile Creek	2,469,920	43%	2,248,104	42%	1,356,080	27%	1,976,510	37%	2,310,513	42%
R232 Blackcomb Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Surface Water	**2,469,920**	**43%**	**2,248,104**	**42%**	**1,356,080**	**27%**	**1,976,510**	**37%**	**2,310,513**	**42%**
Emerald Wells W201 1-2-3	294,658	5%	354,771	7%	360,450	7%	322,263	6%	255500	5%
W202 Alpine	211,663	4%	252,984	5%	216,894	4%	226,554	4%	143,799	3%
W210 Alpine	117,341	2%	120,271	2%	108,984	2%	130,039	2%	185,090	3%
W213 Meadow Park	112,087	2%	82,992	2%	114,149	2%	120,543	2%	174,281	3%
W205 & W211 Community Wells	657,938	12%	539,279	10%	575,745	11%	563,791	11%	656,830	12%
W212-1 Function Junction	320,515	6%	383,713	7%	438,354	9%	358,875	7%	412,625	8%
W212-2 Function Junction	33	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
W217 Cheakamus Crossing	361,604	6%	288,193	5%	320,840	6%	386,961	7%	252,650	5%
W218 21 Mile Well #1	1,137,108	20%	1,144,366	21%	1,526,097	30%	1,223,524	23%	1,051,873	19%
W219 21 Mile Well #2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total Ground Water	**3,212,947**	**57%**	**3,166,569**	**58%**	**3,661,514**	**73%**	**3,332,550**	**63%**	**3,132,648**	**58%**
Total Water	5,682,867	100%	5,414,673	100%	5,017,594	100%	5,309,060	100%	5,443,161	100%

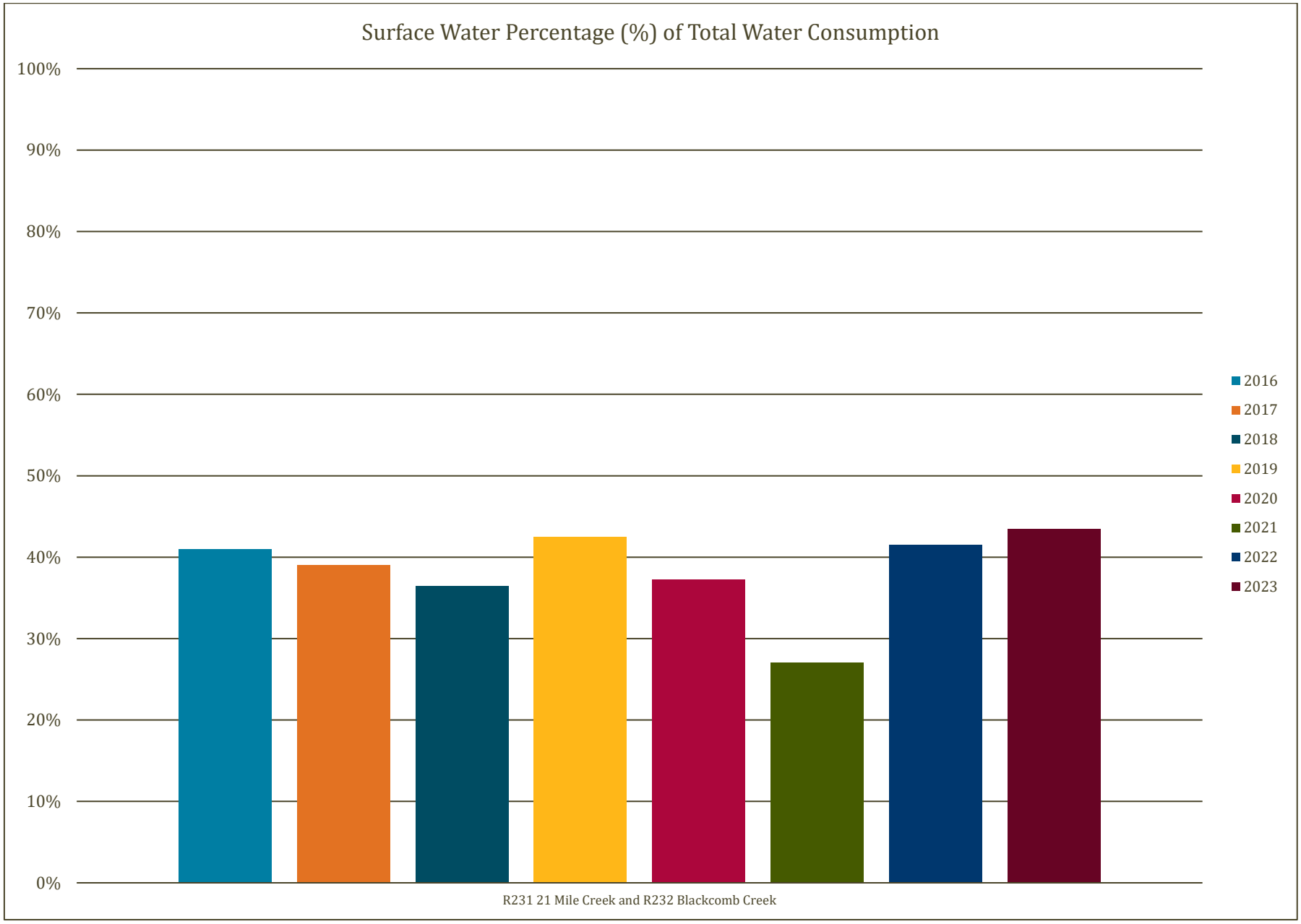

Figure 6: Surface Water Percentage (%) of Total Water Consumption 2016 - 2023

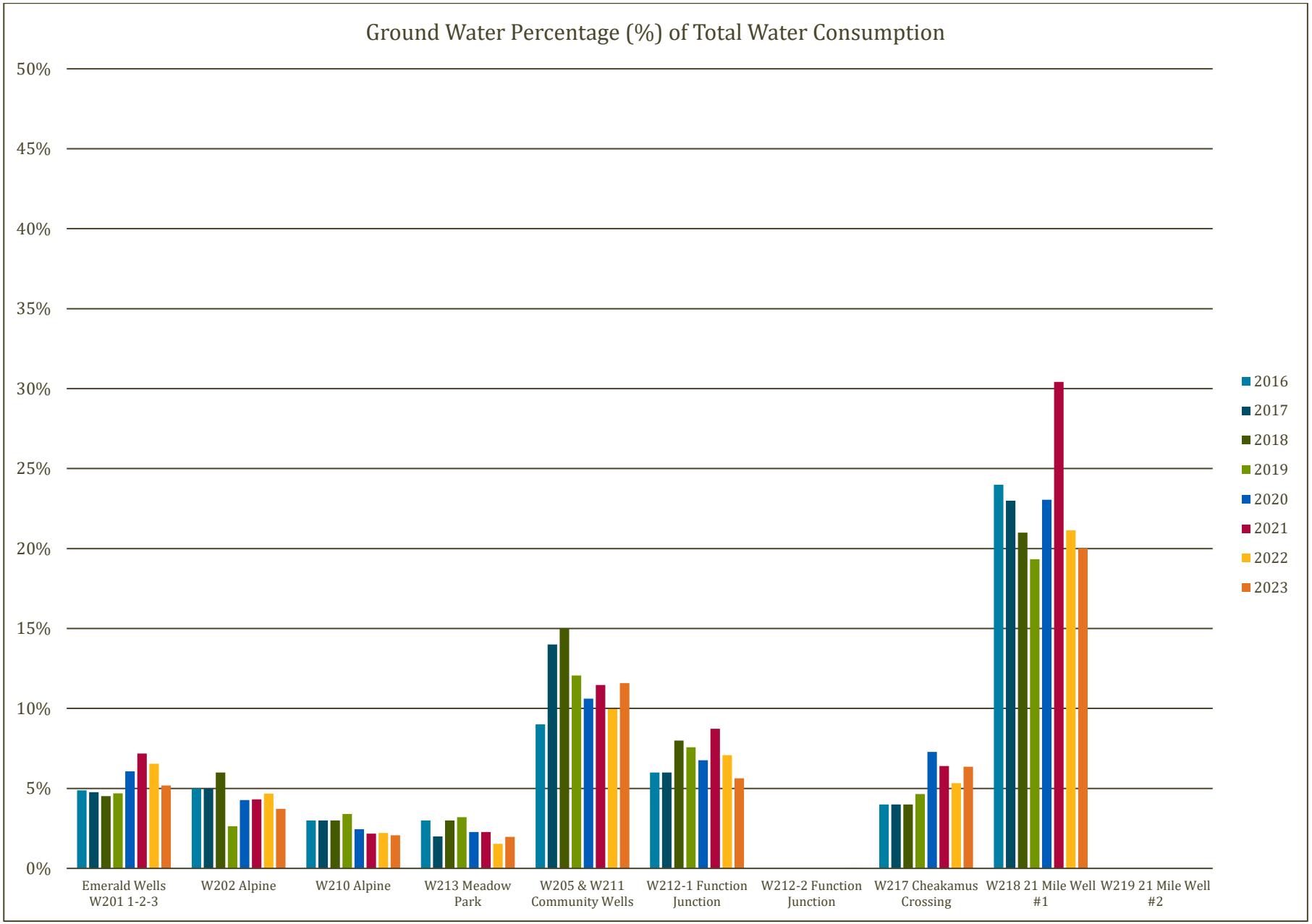

Figure 7: Ground Water Percentage (%) of Total Water Consumption 2016 - 2023

Annual Water Sampling Results

Table 11.1: Annual Water Sampling Results 2023

		Sampling Point	W201-1	W201-2	W201-3	W202	W205-1	W205-2	W205-3	W210	W211	W212-1
Test Parameter	**GCDWQ Standard**	**Units**	**2023-11-08**	**2023-11-082**	**2023-11-083**	**2023-11-09**	**2023-11-094**	**2023-11-095**	**2023-11-096**	**2023-11-097**	**2023-11-098**	**2023-11-089**
Aluminum	< 0.1	mg/L	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	0.0184	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	0.0227	<0.0050	<0.0050
Antimony	0.006	mg/L	<0.00020	<0.00020	<0.00020	<0.00020	<0.00020	<0.00020	<0.00020	<0.00020	<0.00020	<0.00020
Arsenic	0.01	mg/L	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050
Barium	2	mg/L	0.014	0.0081	0.0094	0.0183	0.0184	0.0444	0.0243	0.0119	0.0125	0.03
Boron	5	mg/L	<0.0500	<0.0500	<0.0500	<0.0500	<0.0500	<0.0500	<0.0500	<0.0500	<0.0500	<0.0500
Cadmium	0.005	mg/L	0.000019	0.000017	<0.000010	0.000016	0.000022	0.000039	0.000026	<0.000010	0.000017	0.000022
Calcium	-	mg/L	24	23.8	22.7	19.6	46.7	106	59.3	10.4	41.4	11.3
Chloride	250	mg/L	37.3	19.3	21.2	7.71	43	108	41.1	0.32	11.3	39.9
Chromium	0.05	mg/L	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050
Cobalt	-	mg/L	<0.00010	<0.00010	<0.00010	<0.00010	<0.00010	<0.00010	<0.00010	<0.00010	<0.00010	<0.00010
Colour	≤ 15	TCU	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0
Conductivity	-	µS/cm	266	206	211	123	376	775	401	64.5	258	204
Copper	≤ 1	mg/L	<0.00040	0.00051	0.00061	0.00615	0.0191	0.0063	0.012	0.00084	0.00525	0.00171
Cyanide	0.2	mg/L	<0.0020	<0.0020	<0.0020	<0.0020	<0.0020	<0.0020	0.0029	<0.0020	<0.0020	<0.0020
Fluoride	1.5	mg/L	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10
Hardness CaCO3	-	mg/L	64	62.9	60.6	51.3	122	273	153	27.6	107	34.4
Iron	0.3	mg/L	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	0.019	0.065	0.015	<0.010	0.022	<0.010	0.083
Lead	0.01	mg/L	<0.00020	<0.00020	<0.00020	0.00035	<0.00020	0.00061	0.00032	<0.00020	0.00039	<0.00020
Magnesium	-	mg/L	0.948	0.806	0.917	0.56	1.22	2.11	1.26	0.391	0.968	1.5
Manganese	0.05	mg/L	<0.00020	<0.00020	<0.00020	0.00053	0.00333	0.00247	0.00169	0.00041	0.00086	0.0682
Mercury	1	µg/L	<0.00001	<0.000010	<0.000010	<0.00001	<0.000010	<0.000010	<0.000010	<0.000010	<0.000010	<0.000010
Molybdenum	-	mg/L	0.00026	0.00024	0.00047	0.0001	0.00086	0.00081	0.00209	0.00051	0.0015	0.0029
Nickel	-	mg/L	<0.00040	<0.00040	<0.00040	<0.00040	<0.00040	<0.00040	<0.00040	<0.00040	<0.00040	<0.00040
Nitrate	10	mg/L	0.353	0.184	0.147	0.109	0.099	0.496	0.254	0.019	0.059	0.108
Nitrite	1	mg/L	0.01	<0.010	0.011	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
Potassium	-	mg/L	0.93	0.56	0.66	0.63	1.48	1.96	1.15	0.57	0.94	1.83
Selenium	0.01	mg/L	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050
Sodium	200	mg/L	19.6	8.53	11	3.78	27.8	51.8	21.6	1.2	8.53	19.5
Solid, Total Dissolved	≤ 500	mg/L	147	109	113	73.2	226	465	235	36.2	161	107
Strontium	7	mg/L	0.195	0.184	0.174	0.124	0.269	0.669	0.346	0.0506	0.204	0.175
Sulphate	500	mg/L	26.6	20.8	25	22.1	75.2	142	75.1	10.1	67.7	12
Turbidity	1	NTU	<0.10	0.24	0.12	0.4	0.31	0.13	<0.10	0.5	<0.10	0.3
Uranium	0.02	mg/L	0.000024	0.000023	0.000027	<0.000020	<0.000020	0.000066	0.00004	<0.000020	<0.000020	<0.000020
Zinc	5	mg/L	<0.0040	<0.0040	<0.0040	0.0099	0.0262	<0.0040	<0.0040	<0.0040	<0.0040	0.0053

Table 11.2: Annual Water Sampling Results 2023 (Continued)

		Sampling Point	W212-2	W213	W217	W218	W219	R228	R231	R232	S101	S132
Test Parameter	**GCDWQ Standard**	**Units**	**2023-11-08**	**2023-11-09**	**2023-11-01**	**2023-11-012**	**2023-11-013**	**2023-11-094**	**2023-11-015**	**2023-11-086**	**2023-11-087**	**2023-11-098**
Aluminum	< 0.1	mg/L	0.0329	<0.0050	0.0051	<0.0050	<0.0050	0.0052	0.0619	0.146	<0.0050	<0.0050
Antimony	0.006	mg/L	<0.00020	<0.00020	<0.00020	<0.00020	<0.00020	<0.00020	<0.00020	<0.00020	<0.00020	<0.00020
Arsenic	0.01	mg/L	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050
Barium	2	mg/L	0.0202	0.0277	0.0176	0.0137	0.0119	0.0277	0.0078	0.0091	0.0147	0.0314
Boron	5	mg/L	<0.0500	<0.0500	<0.0500	<0.0500	<0.0500	<0.0500	<0.0500	<0.0500	<0.0500	<0.0500
Cadmium	0.005	mg/L	0.000076	0.000012	0.000013	<0.000010	<0.000010	<0.000010	<0.000010	<0.000010	<0.000010	0.00002
Calcium	-	mg/L	14.9	28.9	14.4	12.8	12.7	13.5	5.39	8	11.7	14.4
Chloride	250	mg/L	59.4	9.17	7.23	1.53	1.37	34.5	0.31	0.31	3.74	41.5
Chromium	0.05	mg/L	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050
Cobalt	-	mg/L	<0.00010	<0.00010	<0.00010	<0.00010	<0.00010	<0.00010	<0.00010	<0.00010	<0.00010	<0.00010
Colour	≤ 15	TCU	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	5.5	<5.0	<5.0
Conductivity	-	µS/cm	295	192	106	90	92.6	192	36	50.2	102	212
Copper	≤ 1	mg/L	0.00263	0.0125	0.0005	0.0011	0.00149	0.015	0.00041	0.00072	0.0102	0.0638
Cyanide	0.2	mg/L	<0.0020	<0.0020	<0.0020	<0.0020	<0.0020	<0.0020	<0.0020	<0.0020	<0.0020	<0.0020
Fluoride	1.5	mg/L	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10
Hardness CaCO3	-	mg/L	46.3	75.6	39.4	34.8	35.3	40.3	14.5	21.1	31.6	43.9
Iron	0.3	mg/L	0.175	0.019	<0.010	<0.010	0.088	0.021	0.054	0.115	0.015	0.024
Lead	0.01	mg/L	<0.00020	0.0003	<0.00020	<0.00020	<0.00020	0.00032	<0.00020	<0.00020	0.00035	0.00113
Magnesium	-	mg/L	2.19	0.837	0.838	0.688	0.852	1.61	0.247	0.282	0.595	1.9
Manganese	0.05	mg/L	1.18	0.00042	<0.00020	0.00028	0.00052	0.0225	0.00188	0.00284	0.00066	0.0495
Mercury	1	µg/L	<0.000010	<0.000010	<0.000010	<0.000010	<0.000010	<0.000010	<0.000010	<0.000010	<0.000010	<0.000010
Molybdenum	-	mg/L	0.0168	0.00051	0.00183	0.00033	0.00025	0.00195	0.00088	0.00101	0.00035	0.00253
Nickel	-	mg/L	<0.00040	<0.00040	<0.00040	0.00092	<0.00040	<0.00040	<0.00040	<0.00040	<0.00040	0.00055
Nitrate	10	mg/L	0.043	0.099	0.105	0.023	0.037	0.089	<0.010	0.025	0.041	0.096
Nitrite	1	mg/L	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
Potassium	-	mg/L	2.81	1.3	0.86	0.85	1	1.79	0.43	0.4	0.8	2.07
Selenium	0.01	mg/L	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050
Sodium	200	mg/L	29.5	6.08	4.43	2.11	2.16	21.3	0.84	0.73	2.61	25.5
Solid, Total Dissolved	≤ 500	mg/L	148	117	57.9	48.8	52	105	18.1	29.6	55.4	118
Strontium	7	mg/L	0.21	0.159	0.13	0.0841	0.0916	0.158	0.0375	0.0283	0.0919	0.179
Sulphate	500	mg/L	7.9	44	13.1	21.8	20.2	12.5	3.9	5.2	25.3	11.6
Turbidity	1	NTU	0.7	0.2	0.11	<0.10	<0.10	0.15	0.16	1.93	0.33	0.11
Uranium	0.02	mg/L	0.000065	<0.000020	0.000026	<0.000020	<0.000020	<0.000020	0.000047	0.000027	<0.000020	<0.000020
Zinc	5	mg/L	0.0063	0.0058	<0.0040	<0.0040	<0.0040	<0.0040	<0.0040	<0.0040	0.0058	0.019

Annual pH Sampling Results

Table 12: Annual pH Sampling Results 2023

Water Sample Location	Raw or Treated	Water System	# Samples	pH		
				Min	Max	Avg
W201-1 – SS409	Raw	Emerald	20	6.35	6.94	6.66
W201-2 – SS410	Raw	Emerald	21	6.68	7.18	6.89
W201-3 – SS411	Raw	Emerald	21	6.72	7.51	6.90
9225 Lakeshore Drive - S131 - SS4039	Treated	Emerald	22	6.61	7.39	6.87
9525 Emerald Drive – P290	Treated	Emerald	18	6.57	7.23	6.84
Alpine Meadows 8319 Mountainview Dr.- P245 - SS412	Treated	Community	26	6.17	7.49	6.86
Alpine Meadows 8330 Rainbow Dr.- S101 - SS421	Treated	Community	13	6.42	7.57	6.80
Alta Vista 3333 Carleton Way - S104 - SS459	Treated	Community	13	6.10	7.51	6.88
Athlete's Village 1300 Mount Fee Rd. SS491	Treated	Community	14	6.15	6.79	6.46
Athlete's Village 1010 Janes Lake Rd. P278, SS495	Treated	Community	12	6.25	6.69	6.51
Blackcomb Benchlands 4700 Glacier Dr. - P256 - SS441	Treated	Community	11	6.47	6.84	6.66
Function Junction Aquifer 1397 Alpha Lake Road - SS500	Treated	Community	26	6.08	7.52	6.47
Function Junction Aquifer 1092 Millar Creek Road S107 – SS803	Treated	Community	25	6.14	7.10	6.46
Millar's Pond 2773 Cheakamus Way S121 - SS477	Treated	Community	13	6.23	7.34	6.62
Nicklaus North 8407 Golden Bear Pl. P266/S123 - SS424	Treated	Community	12	6.37	8.07	7.02
Nordic Estates 2642 Whistler Road P264 - SS462	Treated	Community	13	6.43	8.01	6.96
Rainbow 8925 Hwy. 99 - S137 – SS494	Treated	Community	14	6.22	7.35	6.68
Rainbow 8522 Ashleigh McIvor Drive – P283 – SS496	Treated	Community	13	6.69	7.39	7.13
Spring Creek 1559 Spring Creek Road. P273/S132 - SS480	Treated	Community	13	6.26	7.42	6.47
Spruce Grove 7314 Blackcomb Way P267/S126 - SS427	Treated	Community	12	6.60	7.93	7.26
Stonebridge 5483 Stonebridge Dr. P275 - SS488	Treated	Community	14	6.31	7.49	6.91
Sunridge Plateau 3840 Sunridge Drive P265 - SS456	Treated	Community	13	6.41	7.56	6.88
Tapley's Farm 6671 Crabapple Dr. S103 - SS433	Treated	Community	12	6.61	8.05	7.28
Twin Lake / Tamarisk 1300 Block Alta Lake Rd. SS482	Treated	Community	12	6.26	6.85	6.56
Upper Taluswood 2400 Taluswood Pl. P270 - SS465	Treated	Community	24	6.35	7.72	6.97

Water Sample Location	Raw or Treated	Water System	# Samples	pH		
				Min	Max	Avg
Whistler Cay Heights 6295 Palmer Dr. Snowflake Prk SS#430	Treated	Community	13	6.43	7.62	6.97
Whistler Creek 2149 Lake Placid Rd - S106 - SS471	Treated	Community	14	6.11	7.84	6.77
Whistler Creek 2601 Gondola Way - R228 SS474	Treated	Community	12	6.23	7.70	6.76
Whistler Village 4297 Mountain Square - Mountain Ln - SS453	Treated	Community	12	6.42	7.68	6.92
Whistler Village 4335 Main Street - Main St. - SS450	Treated	Community	14	6.40	7.91	7.30
19 Mile Ck Aquifer; Well No. W202 SS418	Raw	Community	13	6.24	7.09	6.54
19 Mile Ck Aquifer; Well No. W210 SS419	Raw	Community	13	6.60	7.51	6.97
19 Mile Ck Aquifer; Well No. W213 SS420	Raw	Community	13	6.41	7.11	6.71
21 Mile Creek; R-231 SS#436	Raw	Community	26	6.68	8.33	7.39
Alta Lake Aquifer, Well No. W218 SS498-W218	Raw	Community	11	6.24	6.97	6.53
Alta Lake Aquifer, Well No. W219 SS498-W219*	Raw	Community	13	6.23	6.76	6.47
Fitzsimmons Creek Aquifer, W205-1 SS444	Raw	Community	9	6.24	6.84	6.49
Fitzsimmons Creek Aquifer, W205-2 SS445	Raw	Community	12	6.42	7.01	6.55
Fitzsimmons Creek Aquifer, W205-3 SS446	Raw	Community	13	6.48	6.92	6.59
Fitzsimmons Creek Aquifer, W211 SS447	Raw	Community	13	6.27	6.90	6.60
Function Junction Aquifer W212-1 SS483	Raw	Community	12	6.14	6.59	6.31
Athlete's Village Aquifer W217 SS489	Raw	Community	12	5.98	6.51	6.32
Blackcomb Creek; R-232 SS439*	Raw	Community	12	7.23	8.23	7.59

**R232 and W219 were not used as water sources in 2023*

APPENDIX B –EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND CONTINGENCY PLAN

Water Systems Emergency Response and Contingency Plan

Resort Municipality of Whistler 2023

WHISTLER

1 Executive Summary

The Drinking Water Protection Regulation (B.C. Reg. 200/2003) requires all purveyors of water systems to have an emergency response and contingency plan which can be referred to in case of an emergency which might cause a disruption in service or present a threat to the health of people drawing water from the system. This Water System Emergency Response Plan fulfills this requirement.

The Water System Emergency Response Plan details the plan of action for staff to prepare for and respond to emergency situations and disruptions in service to the water system. The Plan provides staff with an understanding of the resources available to them, instructions on when to open the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) and identifies external resources that can be called upon if required.

The plan outlines Utilities emergency procedures for potentially hazardous situations such as, extended loss of BC Hydro electrical supply, failure of SCADA system, failure of disinfection system, primary water main failure, bacteriological contamination of the distribution system, utilities building fire, water source high turbidity readings and spills or chemical/ biological contamination.

This plan follows a standardized emergency management concept known as the Incident Command System for managing and coordinating emergency responses. The plan will be available to RMOW Utilities staff and management, the RMOW Emergency Program Coordinator, the RMOW Communication's Officer and the Vancouver Coastal Health Drinking Water Officer.

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1.1 Emergency Response & Contingency Plan

Purpose of the Plan

The RMOW is responsible for providing adequate supplies of clean potable water to its residents. In addition, the municipality maintains water storage volumes in the reservoirs for the provision of firefighting for dwellings/structures within the developed areas of the Whistler. Disruptions in water quality and delivery may result from emergencies such as natural disasters (such as, floods, forest fires and/or earthquakes), accidents, or intentional acts. The municipality maintains effective response and recovery practices in the event of an emergency through Emergency planning and coordinated communication planning.

This ERCP was prepared in accordance with Section 13 of the Drinking Water Protection Regulation (BC Reg. 200/2003). The document summarizes possible emergencies, staff roles and responsibilities, and the procedures that are in place to effectively and adequately respond to emergencies that significantly threaten the municipal water distribution system.

The ERCP is intended to guide municipal management, staff, and response agencies in the best practices in the event of an emergency. These practices include:

- Early response guidelines.
- Ensuring that the highest levels of water quality and public health are maintained.
- Ensuring the highest levels of safety for employees and first responders.
- Ensuring that adequate water levels are maintained for fighting fires.
- Safeguarding of drinking water distribution infrastructure.
- Restoring normal water system operations as soon as possible.
- Protecting the environment from potential impacts associated with system operation during emergency event response.

Emergency Response and Contingency Plans must be accessible to every staff member and must be readily available in an emergency. A copy of this plan must also be sent to the Drinking Water Officer and be updated at least once a year to reflect changes in personnel, contact information, and system operation. A synopsis or summary of this plan must be available for public access.

Steps undertaken in an Emergency

1. **Assess the situation**. Can the situation be remedied as part of normal operations, or will the emergency response plan be initiated? Is there a possible threat to drinking water quality? Consult with Drinking Water Officer.
2. **Protective life and limb**. Evacuation may take precedence over repairs. No not attempt to respond to an emergency or undertake repairs until it is safe to do so.

3. **Reduce the potential for further damage or threat to water quality**. The threat may be removed; parts of the system may be shut down.
4. **Inform the public**. Public notices may be issued to prevent further contamination or threat to public health.
5. **Perform repairs based on priority**. Priority is determined by the Supervisor in conjunction with VCH.
6. **Return system to normal levels of operation**. Evaluate the situation as the water system returns to normal. Do not remove any public advisories until the water is declared safe to drink but provide updates on a regular basis to keep the public informed.
7. **Evaluate plan and emergency response**. During and after operations, note communications gaps, operational difficulties, or anything that affected the utility's ability to restore services to normal levels.
8. **Revise plan if necessary**. Make changes to the plan and be sure to update it after any improvements or changes to the system, including changes in personnel.

Every water system has key components that are essential to its continued operation.

These include:

1. **Administration** – personnel, records, emergency plans, computers, SCADA system.
2. **Source** – watershed, wellhead area.
3. **Intakes** – pumps and pump houses, intake structures.
4. **Transmission** – pumps, piping and valves.
5. **Storage** – reservoirs, standpipes, pump stations.
6. **Treatment** – chlorination, stations, filtration plants, other treatment
7. **Distribution** – piping, pumps, valves, hydrants.
8. **Facilities and equipment** – buildings or warehouses, works yards, spare parts, vehicles and construction equipment, etc.
9. **Communications** – phone system, radio, computers and e-mail, signals transmission from reservoirs or pump stations.

1.2 Roles and Responsibilities

Operators

The RMOW Utilities Department Operators are the personnel most likely to discover a situation that may present a threat to the municipal water supply; Utilities is most likely to receive calls from residents about tastes, odours, lack of pressure and/or other indications of a problem in the water system. When responding

to a potential emergency situation the operators are required to notify the Chief Operator and Supervisor as soon as possible.

Utilities Superintendent

Once apprised of the potential emergency situation by operations staff, the Utilities Superintendent (**Wayne Dennien**) must decide if there is a potential threat to the drinking water supply; and whether the necessary response falls under normal operating procedures or if additional staff and/or contractor resources will be required to contain the situation. If public notification is required or extraordinary measures are implemented, the Superintendent will contact the Utilities Manager (**Chris Wike**). The Superintendent will also contact the Utilities Manager if the situation exceeds the capacity of the operations department and other departments, or agencies are required for assistance. The Superintendent will also monitor general operating conditions, weather conditions, maintain a safe working environment, and ensure that staff has appropriate equipment and necessary resources to effectively respond to the emergency.

Utilities Group Manager

If the Supervisor has indicated a potential threat to the drinking water supply (either quality or quantity) the Utilities Manager will determine the next steps which may include:

- Determining the emergency level and evaluating whether or not it exceeds the utility departments capacity to respond effectively and if so, notify the General Manager of Infrastructure Services. The RMOW Emergency Operations Centre Activation Flowchart is provided in Appendix C.
- Contacting the Drinking Water Officer and working with them to issue the necessary public notifications.
- Authorizing the contact of priority water users to make them aware of the possibility of a problem with the water quantity or quality, in order for them to initiate their own emergency response plans.
- Coordinate with the Utilities Superintendent to ensure that the response team have all the appropriate equipment and training in order to respond to the emergency situation.

Drinking Water Officer

The Drinking Water Protection Regulation (BC Reg. 200/2003) and the Drinking Water Protection Act give the Drinking Water Officer (DWO) significant authority over removing potential and real threats to drinking water supplies. The DWO must be informed of anything that may present a potential threat to drinking water quality.

During an emergency, the DWO and other health authority staff can provide advice about public notification and assistance with monitoring water quality and outbreaks of waterborne disease. It is assumed that the RMOW Communications Department will take the lead role as spokesperson for media enquiries and releases. Sample public notification templates are provided in Appendix B.

1.3 Emergency Situations

Defining Emergency Levels

In this plan there are three categories of severity with different response actions, the category of severity for each emergency situation can be used to determine appropriate response actions.

- **Alert Condition:** considered to be routine emergencies, such as distribution line breaks, short power outages, and minor mechanical issues.
- **Emergency Condition:** more significant emergencies. These types of emergencies usually require the issuing of a Boil or Do Not Use Water Advisory Notice to protect the public.
- **Disaster Conditions:** emergency situations that have a significant impact on the system. These are serious emergencies and require immediate notification of the Utilities Group Manager. If deemed necessary, the Utilities Group Manager will contact the General Manager to activate the RMOW Emergency Operations Centre (EOC).

Vandalism/Security Issues

If vandalism occurs or there are security concerns at any facility that threaten drinking water quality:

1. Determine the Emergency Level.
2. Contact the facility concerned to alert regarding the vandalism / security issue
3. Contact the RCMP
4. Contact the Superintendent, Utilities Group Manager and advise the Drinking Water Officer or Medical Health Officer
5. If the Utilities Group Manager and the DWO agree there is a threat to drinking water quality, issue "Boil Water" alerts for suspected microbiological contamination or "Do Not Drink the Water" alert for suspected chemical or unknown contamination.
6. Implement appropriate measures for cleaning / decontaminating facilities
7. Do not remove the public advisories until instructed by the Drinking Water Officer
8. Complete a post-incident response report

NOTE: Notify the Drinking Water Officer or Medical Health Officer of any vandalism or deliberate acts of contamination to any part of the water system.

The Drinking Water Protection Act prohibits any person from introducing anything into domestic water source, a well recharge zone, or an area adjacent to a drinking water source that will or is likely to result in a health hazard related to drinking water or destroying, damaging, or tampering with any part of a domestic

water system if that would limit the use of the water system on the basis that there may be a risk of a health hazard.

Spills or Chemical/Biological Contamination

When an Operator or Superintendent reports a spill or chemical/biological contamination that may threaten drinking water quality:

1. Determine the Emergency Level.
2. Immediately notify the Superintendent and Utilities Group Manager.
3. Assess nature of contaminant, soil and weather conditions to determine best course of action to address the spill situation. Deploy appropriate remedial action, which may include hydro-excavation to remove contaminants as soon as possible.
4. Contact the Drinking Water Officer or Medical Health Officer and divide level of risk.
5. Contact the **Spill Reporting Centre: 1-800-663-3456**
6. Utilities Group Manager to issue a "Do Not Drink the Water" alert for the affected part of system. Arrange for trucked / bottled water if necessary.
7. If spill enters or is near a fish-bearing stream, contact the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the BC Ministry of Environment.
8. If the spill is near a well(s), have monitoring wells installed to monitor contaminant plume and take action to mitigate impacts of spill on aquifer. Contact a hydrogeologist for assistance. Review wellhead protection plan.
9. If a reservoir is contaminated, it must be drained, cleaned, disinfected, refilled and disinfected a second time. Re-sample the water. Flush and disinfect any downstream piping.
10. Confirm water quality is acceptable to Drinking Water Officer before removing public notices.

If a sample analyzed by the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control tests positive for chemical/biological Contamination:

1. Utilities personnel and Drinking Water Office will be notified via an alert from the laboratory.
2. All outstanding samples will be examined immediately.
3. Repeat samples will be collected immediately.
4. Chlorine residual for the sample will be reviewed to determine if a localized loss of disinfectant residual has occurred.
5. Utilities staff will determine if an interruption of source water disinfection occurred.
6. Utilities staff will determine if localized flushing and/or temporary increase in disinfectant residual dosage is warranted.

7. Turbidity, pH, and temperature values for the affected sample will be reviewed to determine other possible factors which may have contributed to the event.
8. The need for a Boil Water Advisory will be evaluated, and if deemed necessary the RMOW will carry out various means to inform the public.
9. The municipality will coordinate with the Drinking Water Officer on the extent of the Boil Water Advisory.
10. Confirm water quality is acceptable to Drinking Water Officer before removing public notices.
11. Complete a post-incident report.

Floods

Floods may affect water sources by depositing debris and silt in the water or by contaminating wells with surface water. In addition, facilities and equipment may be damaged or rendered inoperable by flood waters. Staff may not be able to gain access to some facilities due to high water.

In the event of a major flood mostly likely the EOC would be activated:

1. Utilities Superintendent assesses the situation and determines the level of emergency.
2. Utilities Superintendent confirms which facilities are functional and accessible.
3. When confirmed that a well is flooded, notify the Utilities Group Manager and the DWO, who will assume it has been contaminated by untreated surface water and will issue a “Boil Water” alert. If chemical storage or application occurred in the vicinity, issue a “Do Not Drink the Water” alert.
4. If there are damaged facilities and lack of water, issue a “Water Use Restriction” Order.
5. Once flood waters have receded, have affected facilities checked for structural integrity. Contact a structural engineer for assistance.
6. Implement appropriate measures for cleaning/ decontaminating facilities.
7. Have water quality in affected wells tested and do not remove public notices until instructed by the drinking water officer.
8. Consider flood proofing affected facilities and ensure wells are sealed and flood proofed.
9. Complete a post-incident response report.

Earthquakes

Earthquakes can be particularly destructive to both above ground and underground infrastructure. Pipes and well casings can be bent, twisted, or sheared off completely. Reservoirs or storage tanks can be damaged by water sloshing back and forth or by weakening of their foundations or structure. Soils with high water content can liquefy and damage buildings and underground pipes; other types of soils tend to compact, causing similar damage. Unstable slopes may slide, sending debris into a water course or across an access road. Earthquakes often cause ruptured gas mains and fires, so increased demand can be placed on a water system that is under stress. Because many other agencies will be involved it will be essential to coordinate all efforts to deal with the situation most effectively.

In the event of an Earthquake most likely the EOC would be activated.

1. Utilities Superintendent assesses the situation and determines the level of emergency.
2. Utilities Superintendent confirms which facilities are functional and accessible, which may be damaged and whether water quality is affected.
3. Maintain liaison with DWO and, if necessary, issue public alerts and provide bottled/trucked water if possible.
4. Contact the Fire Department and Emergency Operations Centre as required.
5. If there are damaged facilities and lack of water, issue a Water Use Restriction Order.
6. If there is potential for backflow into the system, assume it has been contaminated by untreated surface water and issue a Boil Water Advisory. If chemical storage or application occurred in the vicinity, issue a Do Not Drink Water Advisory.
7. If surface sources are degraded by landslide, switch to alternate sources.
8. If wells are destroyed, switch to backup sources and investigate locations for new wells.
9. Contact a structural engineer for assistance in assessing significant damage to facilities.
10. Make a damage assessment, prepare a plan to begin repairs and identify a schedule to resume normal operations.
11. Have water quality in affected wells tested and do not remove public notices until instructed by the drinking water officer.
12. Complete a post-incident response report.

Wildfires

During a forest fire, reservoirs, pump stations or other facilities may be damaged or destroyed by fire. Increased demands may be placed on the system, disrupting normal operations. Chemicals used in fire suppression may enter water courses and the distribution system. The hydrology of a watershed changes after a forest fire, so source waters may become more turbid or coloured. Long term effects may include stream flow alteration and excessive algal growth.

In the event of a Wildfire most likely the EOC would be activated.

1. Report wildfire to **BC Wildfire Service, 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 from a cell phone.**
2. Utilities Superintendent assesses the situation and determines the level of emergency
3. Request regular status information on the situation and possible water contamination
4. If possible, isolate threatened facilities and switch to backup sources to maintain system pressure and supply.

5. If fire suppression activities occur, contact BC Forest Service and Fire Department to determine nature of suppressants used.
6. If surface waters are affected by fire suppressants, issue a Do Not Drink the Water Advisory or apply appropriate treatment approved by the drinking water officer to render the water safe to drink.
7. If long-term impacts to surface waters occur, consider finding alternate sources or installing treatment.
8. If wells are destroyed, switch to backup sources and investigate locations for new wells.
9. Provide bottled / trucked water if required / possible.
10. Once danger of fire has passed, contact a structural engineer for assistance in assessing significant damage to facilities.
11. Make a damage assessment, prepare a plan to begin repairs and identify a schedule to resume normal operations.
12. Have water quality in affected wells tested and do not remove public notices until instructed by the drinking water officer.
13. Complete a post-incident response report.

1.4 Public Notification

There are numerous emergency situations that could trigger the RMOW to advise the public to limit their water use. For example, the flooding of a well, a backflow incident, or reservoir contamination could result in a Boil Water Advisory or a Do Not Use Advisory (sample notices provided in Appendix D). In some cases, boiling the water may render it safe, and in other cases the public may be advised to not use the water at all. In a situation where public health is at risk from a contaminated water supply the responsibility falls to the Drinking Water Officer, who will assist the RMOW and provide recommendations on the steps required to mitigate the threat and restore the municipal water system to a safe level.

NOTE: *The information stated here are guidelines only, the Drinking Water Officer has the authority to undertake actions at variance with the guidelines where necessary.*

"Boil Water" Advisory

The RMOW will administer a Boil Water Advisory when there is a significant enough public health threat posed by the water quality in the distribution system that can effectively be mitigated through sufficient water boiling. Precautionary boil water advisories are issued routinely to buildings affected by any water system maintenance work that has the potential to contaminate the water.

If it is suspected that the water supply is contaminated with pathogenic micro-organisms or volatile chemicals (that can be safely evaporated), then the RMOW will notify and consult with the Drinking Water Officer to issue a Boil Water Advisory. It is possible to make water contaminated by microbiological contaminants safe by bringing the water up to a rolling boil **and** maintaining a rolling boil for **at least** two minutes. While a boil water advisory is in effect the water may safely be used for laundry, and for bathing or

showering as long as no water is swallowed. The water should **not** be used for cooking, food preparation, or brushing teeth without first being boiled.

"Do Not Drink Water" Advisory

The RMOW will administer a Do Not Drink Advisory when there is a significant public health threat posed by ingesting contaminated water from the drinking water supply, and the nature of the threat is one that cannot be effectively mitigated by a Boil Water Advisory. The RMOW will notify the Drinking Water Officer and issue a Do Not Drink Water Advisory as soon as possible after discovering the threat.

Residents are instructed not to drink water or use it for cooking, food preparation, brushing teeth, or bathing. In this situation bottled/trucked water will be provided to residents.

"Do Not Use Water" Advisory

The RMOW will administer a Do Not Drink Advisory when a significant public health threat exists in relation to the water supply system and the threat cannot be adequately addressed by a Do Not Drink Advisory or a Boil Water Advisory. If this threat level is reached the RMOW will notify the Drinking Water Officer and issue a Do Not Use Water Advisory to notify the public to not drink the water or use it for any domestic purpose. Under these conditions bottled/trucked water is provided to residents by the RMOW.

If the contaminant is unknown, confirmed, or suspected to be a toxic chemical or mineral, then boiling is not recommended as it may have a concentrating effect on the substance rather than making the water safe. Chemical contaminants may have various negative health effects including skin irritation and respiratory problems and should be avoided as much as possible. Under a Do Not Use Water Advisory distribution water should not be used for drinking, cooking, food preparation, bathing or brushing teeth.

Public Premises Notice

Due to its unique nature as a resort municipality, the RMOW has numerous restaurants, hotels, and other public establishments. The locations of these public facilities are documented by the RMOW as part of the Drinking Water Protection Regulation, but it is the responsibility of the owner of the public premises to notify the public of any drinking water advisories either verbally and/or by posting a sign at every sink and drinking water source accessible to the public.

It is important to ensure that public premises such as hotels, inns, restaurants, bars, convention centres and sports facilities are made aware of current advisories that effect the water quality so signage can be posted, and appropriate action taken. It is the responsibility of the RMOW to post easily visible signs/notices at public water fountains located within municipal owned public facilities.

1.5 Appendix A – Contact List

Resort Municipality of Whistler Emergency Contacts						
First Name	Last Name	Position	24 Hour Contact	Office Phone	Cell Phone	E-mail
Jenny	James	Supervisor - Water		604-935-8317	604-935-4832	jjames@whistler.ca
Jason	Neil	Chief Operator – Water			604-966-4134	jneil@whistler.ca
Wayne	Dennien	Utilities Superintendent		604-935-8315	604-932-7610	wdennien@whistler.ca
		On-call Operator	604-905-8725			
		Back-up Operator	604-935-9472			
		Utilities After-Hours Emergency	604-935-8320			
Chris	Wike	Utilities Manager		604-935-8321	604-932-0873	cwike@whistler.ca
Adam	Whitworth	Equipment Operator Foreman			604-932-0822	awhitworth@whistler.ca
James	Hallisey	Infrastructure Services General Manager		604-935-8196	604-905-8907	jhallisey@whistler.ca
Bob	Manson	Emergency Program Coordinator		604-935-8473		bmanson@whistler.ca
Jennifer	Smith	Communications Manager		604-935-8104		jesmith@whistler.ca

Vancouver Coastal Health Authority Emergency Contacts *(In an emergency, attempt to contact first person on list. Proceed down list until a contact is made.)*						
First Name	Last Name	Position	Office Phone	Cell Phone	Home Phone	E-mail
Dan	Glover	Senior Environmental Health Officer, Senior Drinking Water Officer	604-815-6846	604-815-3128	604-414-4005	Dan.glover@vch.ca
James	Whalen	Back-up Health Contact, Drinking Water Officer	604-935-5318	604-698-5422		James.whalen@vch.ca
Darren	Molder	Manager HP, Drinking Water Officer	604-983-6751	604-219-7359		Darren.molder@vch.ca
Dr. Moliehi	Khaketla	Medical Health Officer	604-984-5070			Moliehi.khaketla1@vch.ca

1.6 Appendix B – RMOW Notices

RESORT MUNICIPALITY OF WHISTLER

BOIL WATER NOTICE

Coliform exceedance in _____ water
(Name of Water Distribution System)

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

Bring tap water to a rolling boil, boil for one minute, and cool before using. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, washing dishes, brushing teeth, and preparing food until further notice.

This Boil Water Notice applies to _____.
(Describe area or attach map)

Bottled/trucked water will be available at the following locations: _____
(Insert locations)

What Happened?

Regular monitoring showed a violation for total coliform bacteria in your drinking water. During _____ (month) _____ (year), _____ (number or percentage) of the samples taken tested positive, including _____ repeat sample(s) taken on _____ (date).

Coliform bacteria are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that potentially harmful microbes may be present. Harmful microbes in drinking water can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms and may pose a special health risk for infants, some elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. But these symptoms are not just caused by microbes in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you should seek medical advice.

What is being done? _____

_____
(Describe corrective actions)

It is likely that you will need to boil water for the next _____ days _____ hours until the problem is fixed. You will be informed when tests show that you no longer need to boil your water.

For more information, please contact: _____ at the RMOW on _____
(Name of person) (Phone number)
or the _____ at 604-935-XXXX.

Visit www.whistler.ca for further updates or listen to FM 102.1 / FM 101.5

Please share this information with other people who drink this water, especially anyone who may not get this notice directly (for example, people in strata buildings, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Water System Facility #: _____ Date distributed: _____

RESORT MUNICIPALITY OF WHISTLER

BOIL WATER NOTICE

High turbidity levels found in _____ water
(Name of Water Distribution System)

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

Bring tap water to a rolling boil, boil for one minute, and cool before using. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, washing dishes, brushing teeth, and preparing food until further notice.

This Boil Water Notice applies to _____.
(Describe area or attach map)

Bottled/trucked water will be available at the following locations:_____
(Insert locations)

What Happened?

Your water is routinely monitored for turbidity (cloudiness) to determine if it is being properly filtered. Water samples taken on _____ (date) had turbidity levels of _____ turbidity units. This is above the allowable standard of _____ turbidity units. Because of the elevated turbidity, there is an increased chance that your drinking water may contain harmful microbes.

Turbidity alone has no health effects. But it can interfere with disinfection, allow harmful microbes to grow, and may indicate the presence of harmful microbes, including bacteria, viruses, and parasites. These can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms and may pose a special health risk for infants, some elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. But these symptoms are not just caused by microbes in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you should seek medical advice.

What is being done? _____

_____
(Describe corrective actions)

It is likely that you will need to boil water for the next _____ days _____ hours until the problem is fixed. You will be informed when tests show that you no longer need to boil your water.

For more information, please contact: _____ at the RMOW on _____
(Name of person) (Phone number)
or the _____ at 604-935-XXXX .

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Please share this information with other people who drink this water, especially anyone who may not get this notice directly (for example, people in strata buildings, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Water System Facility #: _____ Date distributed: _____

RESORT MUNICIPALITY OF WHISTLER

BOIL WATER NOTICE

E.coli bacteria found in _____ water
(Name of Water Distribution System)

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

Bring tap water to a rolling boil, boil for one minute, and cool before using. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, washing dishes, brushing teeth, and preparing food until further notice.

This Boil Water Notice applies to _____.
(Describe area or attach map)

Bottled/trucked water will be available at the following locations:_____
(Insert locations)

What Happened?

E. coli bacteria were found in the drinking water on _____(date).
The RMOW considers any confirmed *E. coli* positive sample as a public health hazard and a violation of drinking water standards.

The presence of Escherichia coli (E. coli) bacteria indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Harmful microbes in these wastes, including E. coli, can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. These may pose a special health risk for infants, some elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. But these symptoms are not just caused by harmful microbes in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you should seek medical advice.

What is being done? _____

_____
(Describe corrective actions)

It is likely that you will need to boil water for the next _____days _____ hours until the problem is fixed. You will be informed when tests show that you no longer need to boil your water.

For more information, please contact: _____ at the RMOW on_____
(Name of person) (Phone number)
or the _____ at 604-935-XXXX .

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Please share this information with other people who drink this water, especially anyone who may not get this notice directly (for example, people in strata buildings, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Water System Facility #: _____ Date distributed: _____

RESORT MUNICIPALITY OF WHISTLER

DO NOT USE WATER NOTICE

_____ contamination in _____water
(Name of Water Distribution System)

DO NOT USE WATER

Do not use tap water. The water issue cannot be addressed by boiling water. Trucked or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, washing dishes, brushing teeth, preparing food, bathing and all domestic use until further notice.

This Do Not Use Water Notice applies to _____.
(Describe area or attach map)

Bottled/trucked water will be available at the following locations:_____
(Insert locations)

What Happened?

_____ was found in the drinking water on _____(date)
The RMOW considers any _____ positive sample as a public health hazard and a violation of drinking water standards.

Details of the contaminant _____
Potential adverse health effects from drinking the water (e.g. diarrhea) _____
Population affected including subpopulations which may be particularly vulnerable (e.g. may pose a special health risk for infants, some elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems)
If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you should seek medical advice.

What is being done? _____

_____
(Describe corrective actions)

It is likely that you will need to BOTTLED / TRUCKED water for the next _____days _____ hours until the problem is fixed. You will be informed when tests show that you no longer need to do this.

For more information, please contact: _____ at the RMOW on_____
(Name of person) (Phone number)
or the _____at 604-935-XXXX .

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Please share this information with other people who drink this water, especially anyone who may not get this notice directly (for example, people in strata buildings, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Water System Facility #: _____ Date distributed: _____

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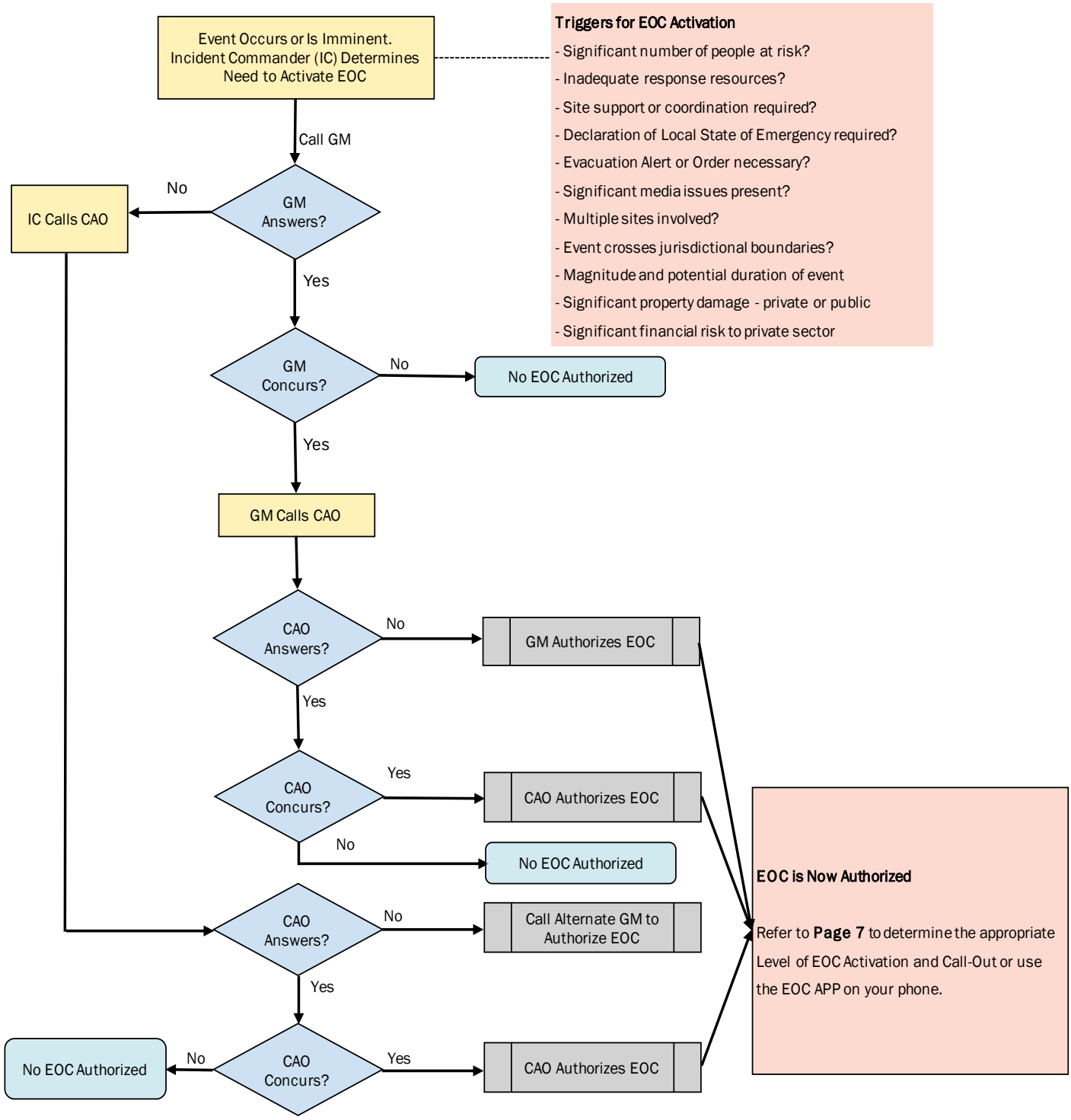
1.7 Appendix C – Emergency Operations Centre Activation



1.8 Appendix D - Watermain Break Response

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Watermain Break Responses – Guidelines for DWO's in VCH

Type 1 Break	Type 2 Break	Type 3 Break
Controlled pipe repair	Controlled pipe repair	Uncontrolled pipe repair
Positive pressure maintained during break	Positive pressure maintained during break	Loss of pressure at break site/possible local depressurization adjacent to the break (<20 psi)
Pressure maintained during repair (full shutdown is not needed)	Pressure maintained until controlled shutdown (shutdown after the repair site is secured against soil/water contamination)	Partial or uncontrolled shutdown
No signs of contamination intrusion	No signs of contamination intrusion	Possible contamination intrusion (muddy water entering the pipe or leaking sewer pipe in the trench)
Procedure	**Procedure**	**Procedure**
Notify the DWO if necessary, see Note 1	Notify the DWO if necessary, see Note 1	Notify the DWO If necessary, see Note 1
Excavate to below break	Excavate to below break	Excavate to below break
Maintain trench water level below break	Maintain trench water level below break	Maintain trench water level below break

Repair under pressure	Controlled shutdown for repair	Uncontrolled shutdown for repair
		Isolate section of pipe in which the break is located with all service connections shut off
Clean and disinfect repair site by spraying or swabbing with minimum 1% chlorine solution	Clean and disinfect repair site by spraying or swabbing with minimum 1% chlorine solution	Clean and disinfect repair site by spraying or swabbing with minimum 1% chlorine solution
Disinfect repair parts by spraying or swabbing with minimum 1% chlorine solution	Disinfect repair parts by spraying or swabbing with minimum 1% chlorine solution	Disinfect repair parts by spraying or swabbing with minimum 1% chlorine solution
Flush to obtain three volumes of water turnover (and until flushed water is visually clear)	Scour flush (at 3 ft/s) to obtain three volumes of water turnover (and until flushed water is clear)	Scour flush (at 3 ft/s) to obtain three volumes of water turnover (and until flushed water is visually clear)
		Follow disinfection procedures for new pipe installation, If possible. Alternatively, keep chlorine residual of 4 mg/L for at least 16 hours or 300 mg/L for 15 minutes, then flush
Check residual chlorine level until typical levels are restored	Check residual chlorine level until typical levels are restored	Check residual chlorine level until typical levels are restored

		Check with bacteriological testing (DWO to decide if service may be restored before results), see Note 2
Return watermain to service	Return watermain to service	Return watermain to service
No bacteriological samples	Check with bacteriological testing (no need to wait for results), see Note 2	Instruct customers to flush premise plumbing upon return to service
No BWN	No BWN	BWN if area of depressurization is larger than the treated area

APPENDIX C – PERMITS TO OPERATE A WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

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HEALTH PROTECTION

PERMIT TO OPERATE

A Water Supply System

Purveyor: Resort Municipality Of Whistler
Facility Name: RMOW Community Water System

Conditions of Permit

Minimum bacteriology sampling frequency is 25 per month (distribution).
Update and implement the Source Water Protection Plans (ground water and surface water).
Implement your Cross-Connection Control Program.
Maintain the uni-directional flushing program annually.
Review the Emergency Response Plan and update at least annually.
Blackcomb Creek source may not be used without prior authorization from VCH.

July 1, 1992
Effective Date
March 18, 2019
Revised Date

Vancouver Coastal Health
Expires March 2025
12553

Drinking Water Officer

This permit must be displayed in a conspicuous place and is not transferable.

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HEALTH PROTECTION

PERMIT TO OPERATE

A Water Supply System

Purveyor: Resort Municipality Of Whistler
Facility Name: RMOW - Emerald Estates Water System

Conditions of Permit

Maintain FAC level at 0.4 ppm minimum post reservoir.
Update and implement the Ground Water Resource Protection Plan.
Minimum bacteriology sampling frequency is 4 per month (distribution).
Implement the Cross-Connection Control Program.
Maintain the Uni-Directional Flushing Program.
Review the Emergency Response Plan and update annually.
Obtain P. Eng. sign-off by July 01, 2019 on UV treatment system installed.

July 1, 1992
Effective Date
March 18, 2019
Revised Date

Vancouver Coastal Health
Expires March 2025
12552

Drinking Water Officer

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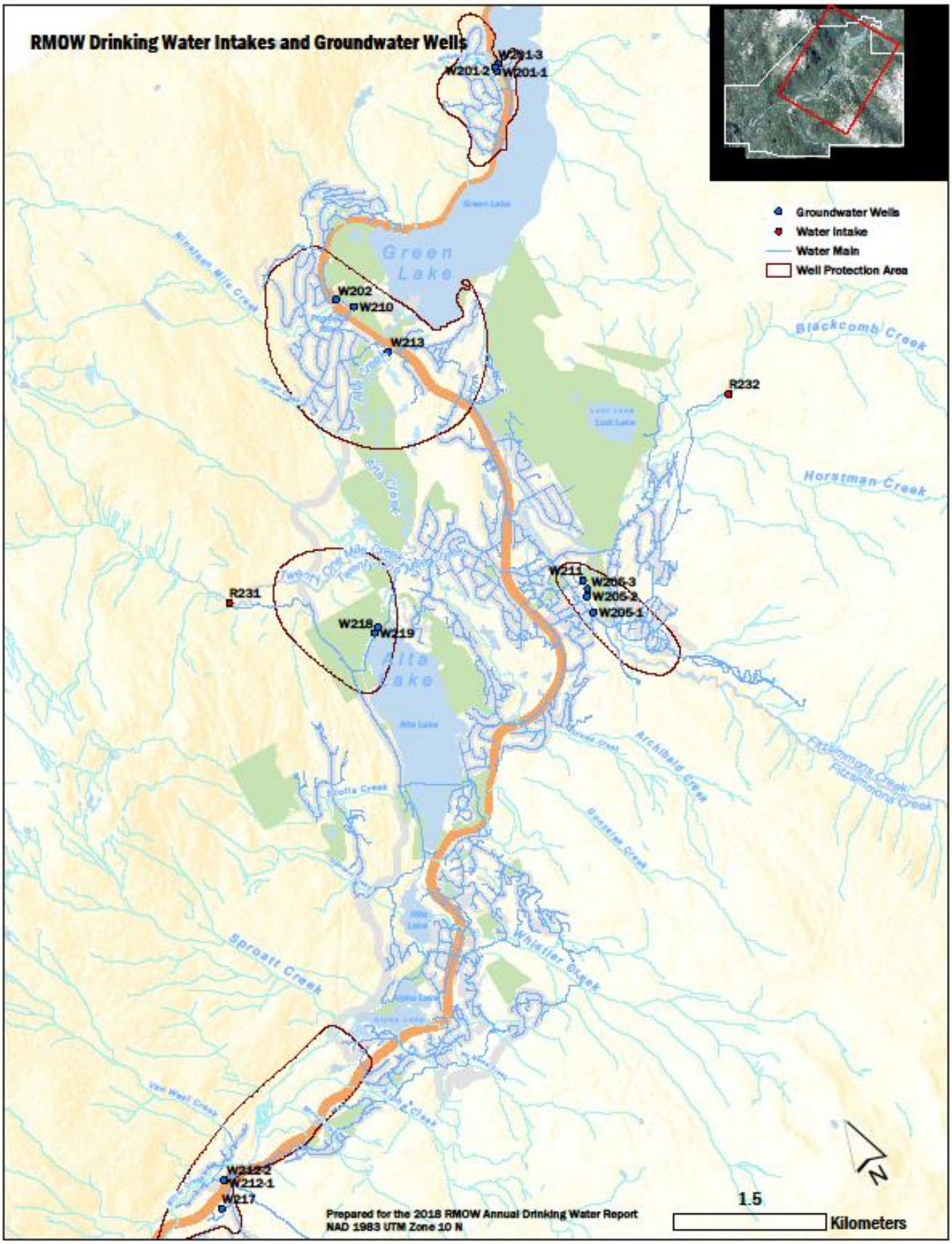
APPENDIX D – MAPS OF WATER SYSTEM


RMOW Drinking Water Intakes and Groundwater Wells
W201-3
W201-2
W201-1
Green Lake
W202
W210
W213
R232
Blackcomb Creek
Horstman Creek
W211
W205-3
W205-2
W205-1
R231
W218
W219
Alta Lake
Archibald Creek
Fitzsimmons Creek
Sproatt Creek
Whistler Creek
W212-2
W212-1
W217
Groundwater Wells
Water Intake
Water Main
Well Protection Area
N
1.5
Kilometers
Prepared for the 2018 RMOW Annual Drinking Water Report
NAD 1983 UTM Zone 10 N


RMOW Water Sampling Stations
SS411
SS410
SS403
SS409
SS406
SS496
SS494
Green Lake
SS418
SS419
SS412
HWY 99
SS424
SS420
SS421
SS415
SS439
SS502
SS427
SS433
SS430
SS447
SS446
SS450
SS444
SS441
SS436
SS497
SS493
SS453
SS498
SS456
Alta Lake
SS459
SS488
SS462
SS465
SS471
SS474
SS483
SS487
HWY 99
SS477
SS480
SS500
SS831
SS832
SS803
SS489
SS495
SS491
N
2
Kilometers
Esri Canada, Esri, HERE, Garmin, SafeGraph, GeoTechnologies, Inc, METI/
NASA, USGS, EPA, USDA, NRCan, Parks Canada, RMOW 2020

APPENDIX E – WATER SYSTEM REPORTS

Water System Report

Inspection Information	
Facility Name:	**RMOW-Community Water System**
Facility Number:	1110299
Officer:	Dan Glover
Inspection type:	Evaluation
Inspection date:	February 29, 2024
Follow-up Inspection Required:	**No**
Hazard Rating:	**Low**

Comments

This is an annual assessment of the RMOW community water system undertaken Feb. 29, 2024

Water Quality:

1. Bacteriological:

A total of 347 treated samples were submitted for bacteriological testing in 2023 which met the minimum required sampling frequency. No samples were positive for e coli or total coliforms indicating overall bacteriological water quality in the treated water was consistently

excellent throughout the year. A total of 126 additional raw (untreated) samples were submitted from the various sources throughout the year as one means of monitoring the source water quality on an ongoing basis for significant changes.

2. Chemical/Physical:

Samples for full water analyses were collected at 16 locations within the RMOW Community Water System in 2023. A review of the results does not indicate significant changes in source water quality. Generally speaking the various water sources exhibit

pH values below the Operational Guidance range. Given the varied water sources in use (a total of 13 sources) in order to address corrosivity the design and installation of a series of individual treatment systems will be required over time. The Cheakamus/Function

project underway is intended to address the resultant corrosivity of the water from those sources. Work on Phase 2 of this project is underway under a Construction Permit issued by VCH with completion in 2025 anticipated.

At this time the RMOW has proposed to continue advising all consumers to flush water until cold before consumption, and to educate private property owners regarding their responsibility for the condition and maintenance of their building's plumbing

in terms of minimizing potential exposure to metals deriving from the plumbing and fixtures on their property. VCH supports this.

Drinking Water Protection:

The continuing provision of safe drinking water relies on ongoing source water protection. The work initiated in 2022 with Piteau and Associates to review and mitigate salinity effects in some community well water is an excellent step in protecting source water quality. The progression of the levels of sodium, chloride and TDS and mitigation effects over time continues to be of interest.

Completion of an updated Water Master Plan is pending completion. This document should be helpful in providing guidance in the near and long term.

On-site assessment of the 21 Mile Creek watershed continued in 2023. Ongoing adjustments to the work plan are anticipated as issues are noted.

Implementation of the Cross Connection Control Plan continues and as a result the majority of high and moderate risk facilities are in compliance with this protective measure.

Please review and update your Emergency Response and Contingency Plan (ERCP) as needed to ensure contact information is accurate. Work should begin on adjustments to the plan to include emergency response procedures related to treatment system upgrade(s) as they are installed.

A turbidity set point issue occurred in Feb 2024 which resulted in a volume of water with turbidity >1.0 NTU being distributed. This was corrected and steps taken to prevent reoccurrence.

Infrastructure:

Where separate water sources exist within private developments measures to protect the municipal water system must be incorporated into the design.

As noted previously VCH has some concerns with respect to the presence of some of the water service piping which passes through private developments to supply further properties. As strata and other development are considered as a 'system within a system' and therefore exempt from the requirements of the Drinking Water Protection Regulations (DWPR) there is limited control over water quality within these properties; the piping arrangements within the private / strata property are left to the design engineer to follow good engineering practice. VCH advocates no further such servicing be considered by the RMOW. We will continue to review the service connection from the RMOW to these developments for the purpose of issuing a construction Permit to the RMOW as well as assessing the need for backflow protection.

Water availability in terms of changing climate remains a topic of concern in BC. VCH generally supports measures to encourage water conservation and notes a Volumetric Water Meter Pilot project is being implemented within a portion of this system. We are hopeful it will be an effective means of informing facilities of current use and potential opportunities to conserve.

Thank you for submitting your 2022 annual monitoring report as required. Please submit your annual report for the 2023 year by June 30, 2024.

This continues to be a well run water system with responsive staff.

Dan Glover, DWO

Water System Report

Inspection Information	
Facility Name:	**RMOW-Emerald Estates Water System**
Facility Number:	11076
Officer:	Dan Glover
Inspection type:	Evaluation
Inspection date:	February 29, 2024
Follow-up Inspection Required:	**No**
Hazard Rating:	**Low**

Comments

This is an annual assessment of the RMOW Emerald Estates water system undertaken Feb. 29, 2024

Water Quality:

1. Bacteriological:

A total of 51 treated samples were submitted for bacteriological testing in 2023 which met the minimum required sampling frequency. No samples were positive for e coli or total coliforms indicating overall bacteriological water quality in the treated water was consistently excellent throughout the year.

A total of 70 additional raw (untreated) samples were submitted from the the 3 sources throughout the year as one means of monitoring the source water quality on an ongoing basis for significant changes. A total of 10 raw samples showed presence of total coliforms in 2023, the majority in the last months of 2023. This trend appears to be continuing in early 2024 with 6/12 raw samples collected to date showing presence of total coliforms.

2. Chemical/Physical:

Samples for full water analyses were collected as required in 2023. A review of the results does not indicate significant changes in source water quality. Generally speaking the various water sources exhibit pH values below the Operational Guidance range. Planning is underway to address the resultant corrosivity of the water with installation of additional treatment works within this water system in the future. At this time the RMOW has proposed to continue advising all consumers to flush water until cold before consumption, and to educate private property owners regarding their responsibility for the condition and maintenance of their building's plumbing in terms of minimizing potential exposure to metals deriving from the plumbing and fixtures on their property. VCH supports this.

3. Drinking Water Protection:

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In the event separate water sources exist within private developments measures to protect the municipal water system must be incorporated into the design.

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