

REPORT TO REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY COMMISSSION MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2011

SUBJECT 2011 PUBLIC TOUR SUMMARY

ISSUE

To provide the Regional Water Supply Commission a summary of the 2011 public tours.

BACKGROUND

Each year during National Drinking Water Week, the department conducts public tours of the Greater Victoria Water Supply Area. Annual tours have been in place since 1989. It is an opportunity for the public at large to see first-hand and to gain an understanding of the Greater Victoria Water Supply Area, the drinking water supply reservoirs, key water supply facilities, to learn about the management of the drinking water supply system, and to meet senior staff. With the increased public interest after the expansion of the Sooke Reservoir, starting in 2003, two buses per day were employed to transport participants. A summary report for the 2011 public tours is attached. (Appendix 1). Once again, the public response has been extremely positive boosting the image of both Integrated Water Services and the Capital Regional District (CRD).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A cost summary for 2003 – 2011 is included in Table 1 of the attached report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Regional Water Supply Commission receive the staff report for information

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