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Greetings Erika,

Thanks to you and Council for the detailed letter to the WCM regarding logging and barge transport. It was very well done and I hope appreciated.

I'm writing because of recent articles about the transient lodging moratorium, and just wanted to clarify one point. There was a statement that water supply information for Eastsound is lacking. This is actually far from true. We spent several years working on studies and planning for water in Eastsound after it was declared a UGA at a time when Eastsound Water Users Assoc. was under moratorium from the state for new connections. There were two excellent studies, a surface water budget for East Orcas and a groundwater model for the Eastsound Aquifer. A water system coordination plan was developed for Eastsound, and a plan to address the many complex issues with surface water supplies in the Mt. Lake/Cascade Lake watersheds. Hundreds of hours of volunteer committee time went into this work.

And, under Paul Kamin's leadership, EWUA went on to become one of the best managed water systems in the state. This included locating and metering all the grandfathered and accessory connections to the system. Going forward with your look at the impact of transient rentals, meter data from EWUA will assist you to evaluate the difference in water use for full-time residences and vacationers.

I would strongly recommend that you require water meters and reporting with any transient rental permit.

All the best this hopeful new year,
Vicki Heater
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