



# North Salt Spring Waterworks District

**Be water savvy – Use only what you need.**

January 2016

## **Moratorium on Maxwell Properties Lifted**

The NSSWD Board of Trustees voted to lift the moratorium on water service connections for the Maxwell Lake side of the system at their December 16, 2015 Board meeting. Maxwell customers on the District's parcel tax roll may now apply for a service connection for either a single family home or single commercial enterprise (depending on property zoning). Requests for additional demand on a property for structures such as secondary suites, cabins or a multiplex will not be accepted, nor will requests for additional agricultural demand. Should drought conditions come into play again in the future, the Board retains the right to reinstate the service moratorium for new Maxwell connections again, if necessary.

The moratorium on the St. Mary Lake side of the system will remain in place until such time as the Duck Creek weir has been raised thereby increasing reservoir storage. At this time the District will continue the policy of not accepting new properties into the District.

The Local Islands Trust has engaged a consultant to assess current demand, and future water demand, within the NSSWD district. NSSWD Staff and Board will be working with Trust staff and Consultant as this project moves forward.

## **2016 Parcel Tax**

Parcel Tax invoices will be mailed February 4, 2016 and due by 4:00 p.m. March 11, 2016. Pre-payments in lump sum or installments are welcomed, as are post-dated cheques. For more information on the District's rates visit the Parcel Tax page on our website under Billing & Rates.

When paying online be sure to set up a separate "payee" for parcel tax. Your account number is part of your folio number. For example: If your folio number is 764.000254.001 your account number would be –

00254001. You may have to add or drop a zero at the beginning depending on your bank's requirements. Visit the Payment Methods page under Billing & Rates on our website for instructions on specific banks.

## **Water Conservation**

Extreme conservation allowed the District to just meet customer demand in the summer of 2015. It was thanks to the combined efforts of the majority of our customers that we were able to maintain uninterrupted service. Over the next couple of months the board and staff will be reviewing the District's existing conservation regulations, in view of the "lessons learned" from last summer's prolonged drought, to see how we can improve the effectiveness of our regulations and minimize, as much as possible, customer impact during a drought.

Look for more information on the District's conservation measures in the coming months.

## **Rain Water Catchment**



Creatively decorated and displayed rain barrels.

Thinking about installing some kind of rainwater catchment system for watering your garden this summer? Now is the time to install it.