

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
WATER COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

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1. Presentation re item E1: Update on Summer 2026 Stage Restrictions



Summer 2026 Water Restrictions Update

WATER USE AND SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

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CURRENT SITUATION AND APPROACH

The situation:

- First Narrows Crossing has been returned to service
- No snowpack
- Forecasted drought and lower than average precipitation

The response:

- In Stage 2 Water Restrictions on July 16

The objective:

- Maintain adequate source supply storage to meet regional water demands for the duration of the high demand season

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PROJECT UPDATE

Disinfection and Return to Service

- Successfully completed disinfection of the First Narrows Crossing and associated water mains – approx. 7.3 km
- Large diameter mains (1.5 – 2.3 m) out of service since Fall 2025 have been returned to service
- Months of planning enabled safe and efficient execution
- Completed disinfection one week ahead of schedule



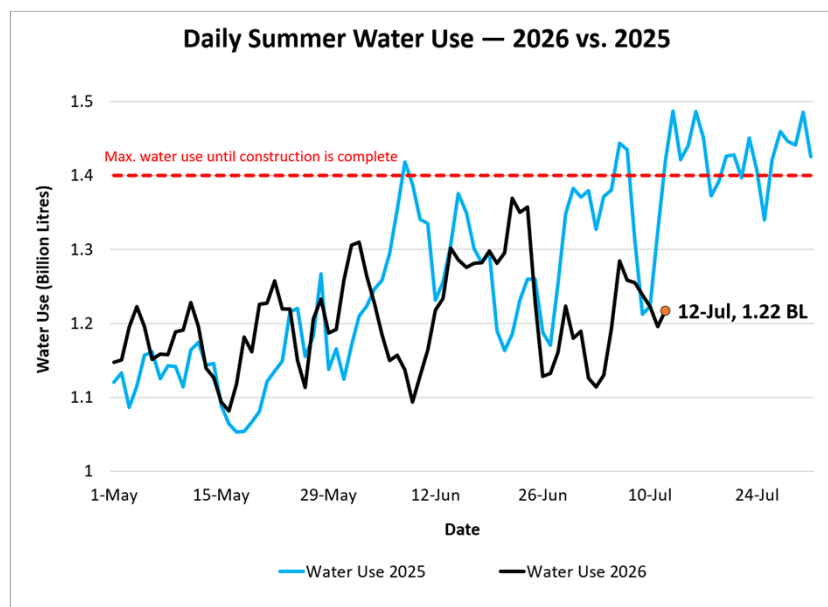
Disinfection injection site on the north side of the First Narrows Crossing

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DAILY WATER USE – MAY TO JULY 7

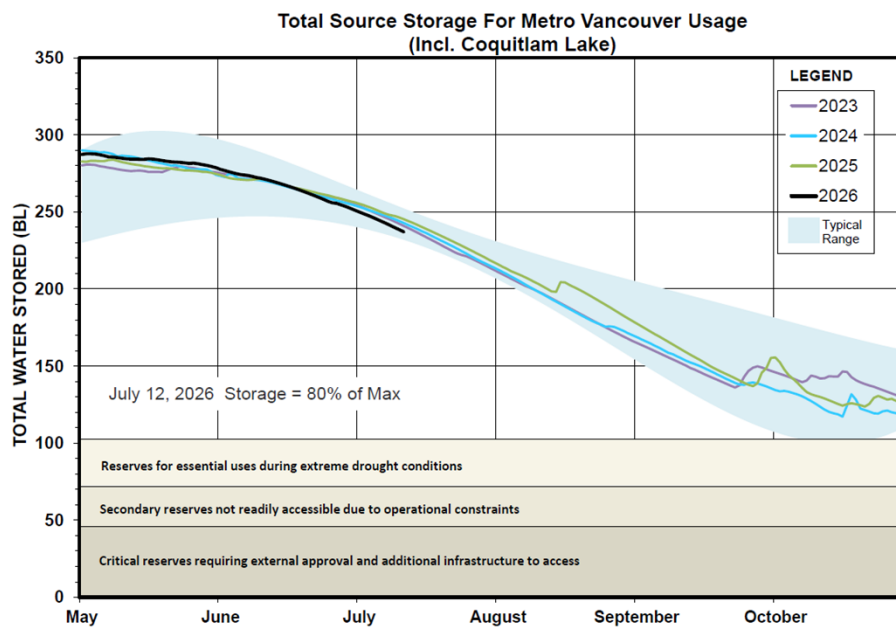


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TOTAL SOURCE STORAGE



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OVERVIEW OF THE DRINKING WATER CONSERVATION PLAN

- **Purpose:** to reduce consumption of water during periods of high demand or during water shortages.
- **Goal:** Regional consistency. Avoid confusion for residents and businesses.



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FEEDBACK ABOUT INCONSISTENT ACTIVATION OF STAGE 3

Public feedback

- Confusion due to inconsistent application of restrictions across a shared regional water supply system
- Frustration related to perceived unfairness and lack of transparency
- Ongoing questions about why Surrey appears exempt

Business feedback

- Concern and frustration over uneven playing field across the region

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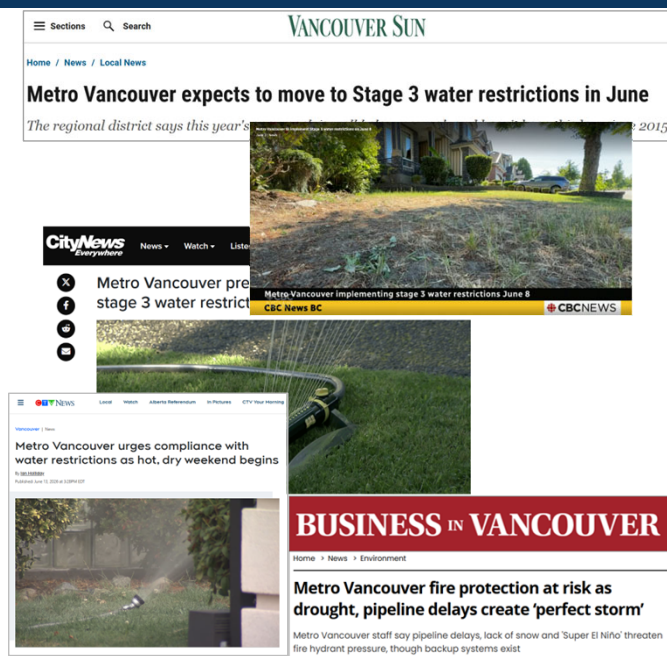
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MEDIA COVERAGE

As of July 6

- 80+ media calls responded to
- ~40 media interviews
- 5 Stage 3 media releases issued
- 23 daily water use advisories issued
- Topics of interest:
 - Planning for future supply
 - Timing of Stanely Park Tunnel construction
 - Surrey's deviation from DWCP
 - Point Roberts water supply agreement



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NEXT STEPS

- Continue to monitor system performance and provide updates on water use, source reservoir levels, and storage capacity
- Technical analysis to estimate effectiveness of Stage 2 and Stage 3
- Fall engagement planned with members, the public, and stakeholders to review and update the Drinking Water Conservation Plan

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Low Water Levels at Capilano Reservoir Fall 2022

Questions

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