

Proposed Changes to IWM Program Background –received August 15, 2016 from Ron Stepaniuk (NSSWD)

Background:

The Integrated Watershed Management Program was initiated by SSIWPA in recognition of the fact that the freshwater sources on Salt Spring Island are stressed and many of the island purveyors appear to be regularly operating at the sustainable limits of their capacity. The situation of limited supply has been identified for all of the island's freshwater sources, both groundwater and surface water. North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD), which supplies one of the most densely populated parts of the island including all of Ganges village, is currently in a (building) moratorium due to limited source capacity.

Program Purpose:

The primary purpose of the Integrated Water Management Program is to ensure a sustainable supply of fresh water for human use, and to protect against over-demand and degradation of the resource and the natural systems that depend on it.

Program Objectives 1 & 2

Assess and determine renewable quantity of freshwater from: surface sources, groundwater and precipitation.

Assess and determine sustainable freshwater demand for human uses over time: domestic, agricultural, industrial, recreational.

## Item 6.6 Revision by G Grams

### Proposed Purpose Statement for SSIWPA's IWM program

- changes delete areas that presume facts that are yet unknown
- suggested additions in green clarify the topic of the moratorium

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