

Everson Water Association

In WRIA 1, the EVERSON WATER ASSOCIATION is one of many associations serving more than 15 connections that also provides water to dairy operations since their inception. Everson Water Association is not a government entity. The Association was founded for the purpose of "supplying of water for domestic, livestock and garden purposes..." consistent with its Articles of Incorporation.

The Association's original documented water rights purpose of use is Community Domestic Supply, which was later conformed to Municipal Supply as shown on the current Superseding Certificate.

Ecology has made it clear that stock watering provided through a public water system cannot be considered as permit exempt for stock watering and further that all uses must be considered under the Associations water rights including stock watering.

Draft POL 2030, and more specifically section 3.2, interpretation raises questions on if their full water rights are municipal, or some combination of municipal and dairy use? Or, if Ecology interprets their dairy use to be illegal?