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RDOS board provides feedback to OBWB

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Anna Warwick Sears of the Okanagan Basin Water Board listened to comments from the regional directors at the March 4 board meeting at the regional district offices in Penticton.

Regional board Chairman Dan Ashton commented on the inconsistencies with respect to filtration standards that has been put forward by Interior Health.

"There are two concerns - potable water and septic fields. We are not sure what they want from us with respect to treatment," he told Sears.

Director Wells of the town of Osoyoos also noted the inconsistencies coming from the Interior Health Authority.

"There are problems with three regional districts. It's important to stay unified through this process... all IHA districts have these issues. There are layers of inconsistent decisions. The rules should be the same

province wide.”

Naramata Director Tom Chapman saw a major issue in allowing cattle access to area watercourses.

“There are many places where cattle should not be,” he said. “Most of our water borne diseases are the result of cattle.”

Other discussion centred on water rights, the possibility of water licensing revisions, and the prospect of water metering for irrigation districts. It was also suggested that the biggest waste of water is through urban useage - watering lawns being a major use.

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