

CENTRAL OKANAGAN

Blinking buoys on the move

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Environment Canada, with the assistance of the Okanagan Basin Water Board, is moving two buoys measuring water evaporation on Okanagan Lake.



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One buoy, stationed at Carrs Landing was moved Tuesday to Cameron Point, 16km to the north.

A second buoy, located in West Kelowna will be moved Wednesday to Squally Point near Rattlesnake Island 11km to the south.

The other three buoys will remain where they are.

The public is being informed of the moves after police received several calls last summer from people thinking the blinking lights on the buoys related to someone in distress on the water.

The buoys include a flashing light that emits five flashes in 15-second intervals.

The purpose of the buoys is to measure evaporation off Okanagan Lake.

It's part of the water board's ongoing Okanagan Water Supply and Demand Study to help understand the valley's water supply - how much we have and where it goes.