

Okanagan Water Stewardship Council

Technical advisory committee to the OBWB



November 2017

Council Members

(Term 7: November 2016 – April 2018)

Appointed representatives / alternates

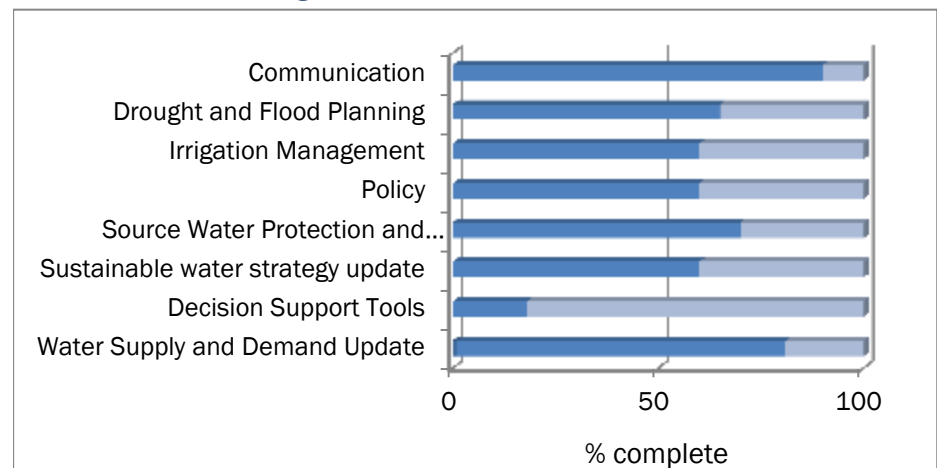
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAFC, Research Branch Denise Neilsen / Tom Forge |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APEGBC Don Dobson / Susan Lapp / Shawn Badasha |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Agriculture Council Hans Buchler / Christine Dendee |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Cattlemen's Association Lee Hesketh / Linda Allison |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Fruit Growers Association Glen Lucas / Kevin Day / Richard McDonald |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Ground Water Association Marta Green / Remi Allard |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Ministry of Agriculture Andrew Petersen / Stephanie Tam |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Water Supply Association Bob Hrasko / Patti Meger |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Wildlife Federation – Region 8 Doug Flintoft / Lorne Davies |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Water Resources Association Brian Guy/ Dwayne Meredith |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Kelowna Rod MacLean |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Vernon Ed Stranks / Rob Miles |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fisheries and Oceans Canada Doug Edwards |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interior Health Rob Birtles / Judi Ekkert |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelowna Chamber of Commerce Tom Dyas / Jeff Robinson |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IIABC Ted van der Gulik / Bruce Naka |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of FLNRO: Fish/Wildlife Lora Nield |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of FLNRO: Resource Mgmt Robert Warner / Ray Crampton |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Scott Boswell / Tanis Gieselman |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Okanagan College Allison MacMillan / Rob St Onge |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Okanagan Mainline Real Estate Board David O'Keefe / Howard Neufeld |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RD of Central Okanagan Danika Dudzik |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RD of North Okanagan Renee Clark / Jennifer Miles |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RD of Okanagan –Similkameen Zoe Kirk / Evelyn Riechert |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shuswap Okanagan Forestry Association Murray Wilson / Michael Bragg |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UBC Okanagan Bernard Bauer / Carolina Restrepo-Tamayo |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Okanagan Nation Alliance (observers) Zoe Eyjolfson /Elinor McGrath /Natasha Lukey |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECCC Canada– Pacific&Yukon (observers) Kendall Woo / Ian Rogalski |

Council Meeting Highlights*

- Presentation by **James Littley, OBWB** about Invasive mussel prevention in the Okanagan. He pointed out huge infrastructure costs are realized in regions where mussels are spread (e.g. USD 2.5M. in Montana). Although tightening inspection rules can result in prolonged periods of decontamination and quarantine for travelers with boats, the potential risk is a significant threat to Okanagan waters.
- **Denise Nielsen, AAFC**, presented "Climate Change – Implications for Crop Sustainability". Changes in land use might follow climatic changes as agricultural sector becomes aware of industry-related risks and opportunities and adapts to changes in winter temperatures, soil moisture etc.
- **Renee Clark, RDNO**, presented the project implemented by district 'Grizzly Recreation & Trails BC site' – an example of establishing the recreation facility on Crown land to enable better control an enforcement in a community watershed.
- **Scott Boswell, OCCP** 'Realizing a vision for conservation through collaboration - Biodiversity conservation strategy for Okanagan region'. Several initiatives funded by local and regional governments include establishing the ecological corridors across the region, and outreach and communication aimed at increasing the awareness among landowners about lakeshore management best practices.
- Blue Ecology Workshop in Richmond on Nov 28 – Three levels of certified irrigation technician courses will take place.
- FLNRO – working with local governments to document the flood recovery works.
- BC Water Use Reporting Tool – testing in progress to link licenses to geographic locations
- Constructed Wetlands Guidebook project – local governments encouraged to respond to mail survey.
- Council meeting scheduled for January 11th, 2018. There are a few changes in next year's Board and Council meeting schedule due to the upcoming early (October) local government election. Joint WSC and Board meeting will take place in May, 2018 and the Annual Meeting will be hosted in August 2018.

* Council meeting minutes are posted at: www.obwb.ca/wsc

Active council working committees



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