

Okanagan Water Stewardship Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OKANAGAN WATER STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL HELD ON DECEMBER 14, 2006 AT THE MANTEO RESORT, KELOWNA, BC.

PRESENT:

Chair Tom Siddon, Co-Chair of Water Flagship Group, Okanagan Partnership
Vice Chair Ted van der Gulik, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands
Bob Hrasko, Director, Water Supply Association
Valerie Cameron, Water Stewardship Division, Ministry of Environment
~~Paul Kluckner, Regional Director, Environment Canada (absent)~~
~~Deana Machin, Manager, Fisheries Program, Okanagan Nation Alliance (absent)~~
~~Rob Smailes, Director, Development Services, Regional District North Okanagan (absent)~~
~~Marty Willfong, Development Services, Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen (absent)~~
Jillian Tamblyn, Environmental Coordinator, Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
~~Brian Symonds, A/Director, Regional Operations, Ministry of Environment (absent)~~
Dr. Bernie Bauer, Dean of Arts and Sciences, UBC Okanagan
~~Dr. Jeff Curtis, UBC Okanagan (absent)~~
Dr. Brian Guy, Director, BC Branch, Canadian Water Resource Association
Mike Adams, Drinking Water Protection Officer, North Okanagan Interior Health
Gord Shandler, Water Commission, BC Fruit Growers Association
Hans Buchler, Chair, Water Committee, BC Agriculture Council
Dr. Scott Schillereff, Vice President, BC Ground Water Association
Lee Hesketh, BC Cattleman's Association
Grant Maddock, Protech Engineering, Urban Development Institute
~~Allison MacMillan, Okanagan College (absent)~~
~~Michelle Boshard, Osoyoos Lake Water Quality Society (absent)~~
Rick McKelvey, Member at Large
Drew Kaiser, CORD Environmental Advisory Committee
Ken Arcuri, Planning Services, Regional District Central Okanagan
~~Leah Hartley, Planner, Regional District of Central Okanagan (absent)~~
~~Neal Klassen, Contractor/Operator, City/Kelowna Water Conservation Program (absent)~~
Stu Wells, Community Futures
Dr. Peter Dill, Director, Friends of Mission Creek
Dr. Denise Neilsen, Research Scientist, Agriculture Canada
Tricia Brett, Greater Vernon Water Stewardship Committee

STAFF:

Greg Armour, Program Manager, Okanagan Basin Water Board
Dr. Anna Warwick Sears, Water Stewardship Director
Genevieve Doyle, Project Assistant
Debbie Taylor, Recording Secretary

OTHERS

PRESENT:

Wenda Mason, Ministry of Environment
David Sellars, Water Management Consultants
Toby Pike, Okanagan Basin Water Board
Richard MacDonald, Water Advisory Committee, District of Summerland

Peter Waterman, Councillor, District of Summerland
Judie Steeves, Kelowna Capital News

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Siddon called the meeting to order at 11:14 a.m.

Lee Hesketh was introduced as the representative of the BC Cattleman's Association replacing Dave Casorso on the OWSC.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Grant Maddock

Seconded by Valerie Cameron

"That the agenda of the December 14, 2006 meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council be approved as circulated."

CARRIED.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

None

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Item 1 being Call the Meeting to Order would be amended to read "Chair Siddon called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m.".

Moved by Gord Shandler

Seconded by Stu Wells

"That the minutes of a meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council held on November 09, 2006 at the Ramada Lodge Hotel, Kelowna, BC be adopted as amended."

CARRIED.

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Presentations on Drought Management Planning

5.1.1 Wenda Mason: The Province's Approach to Drought

Action Planning, and the Okanagan Water Supply and Demand Study

The OWSC broke for lunch at 12:14 p.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

Scott Schillereff and Mike Adams entered the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

5.1.2 David Sellars: Using the Water Use Plan Process as a Framework for Drought Management Planning

5.1.3 Panel, Question and Answer Period, and Discussion

Discussions regarding Water Licensing, Drought Management Plans, and Groundwater Assessment ensued.

Stu Wells exited the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

Judie Steeves exited the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

The meeting broke for a recess at 2:58 p.m. and reconvened at 3:07 p.m.

5.2 User Needs for the Okanagan Water Supply & Demand Study

The Ministry of Environment would be requesting proposals for a Project Manager & Technical Coordinator for the Water Supply and Demand Study within the next week.

Dr. Sears conducted a brainstorming session regarding potential needs of users of the Okanagan Water Supply & Demand Study.

5.3 Policy Recommendations on Water Use Metering and Monitoring

The OWSC Policy Recommendation on Water Metering and Monitoring would be amended to emphasize that the Water Board is in a good position to provide leadership on hydrometric monitoring.

Moved by Grant Maddock

Seconded by Brian Guy

"That the OWSC Policy Recommendation on Water Metering and Monitoring be forwarded to the OBWB as amended."

CARRIED.

Bob Hrasko exited the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Dr. Sears introduced Jillian Tamblyn as the alternate representative for Marty Willfong of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen replacing David Arsenault on the OWSC.

5.4 Matters Arising from the Okanagan Basin Water Board Meeting of December 05, 2006

5.4.1 Update on OBWB meeting

Mr. Armour reported on the Fraser Basin Conference and the Building Sustainable Communities Conference he and Dr. Sears attended in November.

5.4.2 OBWB/OWSC Logo Update

The OBWB agreed to the proposed Okanagan Basin Water Board and Okanagan Water Stewardship Council logos.

6. REPORTS FROM STAFF and/or COMMITTEE GROUPS

Members did not agree that the summaries of the Work Plan presentations should be posted publicly. Suggestions included posting the summaries on the website with disclaimers.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence received.

8. NEXT MEETING

8.1 Session Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Source Area Protection is the scheduled topic of the January 11, 2007 meeting.

8.2 Venue for January 11, 2007 OWSC Meeting

Staff will research possible venues and notify the Council.

Action Item: Staff to research possible venues for future meetings.

Okanagan Basin Waterscape Posters were distributed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Valerie Cameron

"That there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m."

CARRIED.

Certified Correct:

Chair

Program Manager