



**Okanagan Basin**  
WATER BOARD

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**The next regular meeting  
of the OBWB is scheduled  
for 10am on July 7, 2009  
at the Regional District of  
North Okanagan.**

### Okanagan Basin Water Board Meeting Highlights

**Sale of Leased Lots on Drinking Water Reservoirs:** Lloyd Manchester presented the Okanagan Cottage Owners Association's rationale for wishing to purchase leased lots on drinking water reservoirs. He provided an account of the history of cabins in the watersheds, outlined various activities of other users that impact water quality, and discussed stewardship efforts by cabin owners. Mr. Manchester requested clarification on OBWB's policy. After a detailed discussion and exchange of views, the Board committed to considering the information provided by the OCOA and to prepare a formal policy statement. Visit [www.obwb.ca](http://www.obwb.ca) for more details.

**Enhancing Communication about Okanagan Water:** The Directors reviewed and refined the OBWB Communications Plan—which provides a framework for effective and consistent communication about Okanagan water programs and projects. The Directors also endorsed a new communication tool: the *Okanagan Water Stewardship Council Newsletter*. The electronic newsletter will be widely distributed three times a year, and will feature stories on water issues and initiatives; share Council meeting highlights; spotlight member organizations; and provide announcements of upcoming events. The first issue will be sent out in June.

**Eurasian Watermilfoil Management Plan:** The Directors received the completed *Eurasian Watermilfoil Management Plan*, describing the best management practices used by the OBWB to improve watermilfoil control and mitigate potential impacts of rototilling and harvesting on aquatic species and habitats. The Plan, produced with the Ministry of Environment, will be posted on [www.obwb.ca](http://www.obwb.ca).

**New Chair of the Water Stewardship Council:** The OBWB extends a warm welcome to Dr. Bernard Bauer, the new Chair of the Water Stewardship Council and Director on the OBWB. Dr. Bauer is an Associate Provost and Professor of Geography at UBC Okanagan and has been a member of the Council since its inception in 2006. Dr. Bauer replaces Dr. Tom Siddon. Ted van der Gulik, a specialist in agricultural irrigation policy with the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, was re-appointed as the Council's Vice Chair and will be an alternate to the Board.

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