

From Rain to Resource: Stormwater Management in a Changing Climate

Workshop and Tradeshow

October 28 and 29, 2010

Best Western Hotel, Kelowna, BC

Event Description

Effective rainwater management is a critical tool for adaptation to climate change – a leading policy concern in British Columbia. The goal of this workshop is to share positive and innovative developments in rainwater management and to discuss how barriers to change are being overcome in communities in B.C. and beyond. The overall objective is to move municipal governments beyond conventional stormwater management, and inspire them to use rainwater as an integrated resource.

Day 1 of the workshop will be geared toward technical operational and planning staff and will focus on site-level best practices and tools to deal with various situations (e.g., steep roads and slopes, flat sites and parking lots, retrofitting, etc.). The presentations will highlight success stories and lessons learned from the Okanagan, Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. Day 2 of the workshop will be of interest to technical operational and planning staff as well as to policy makers such as elected officials and municipal senior staff. The purpose of day 2 is to integrate the perspectives of the people working on-the-ground and those developing and adopting policy. In the morning, participants will choose from two tracks that will be focused on similar topics but with a “technical” or “policy” twist. In the afternoon, the two groups will jointly attend a keynote speaker and a plenary session to stimulate discussion and shared understanding.

This workshop will be of interest to people who put rainwater management techniques and products into practice, such as planners, engineers, and landscape architects from government and private industry, and to those that develop policy around rainwater management, such as elected officials and municipal senior staff.

This event is co-hosted by the Okanagan Basin Water Board and the BC Water and Waste Association.

For more information, please see www.bcwwa.org/seminars/RtoR.htm. Questions? Contact Jessica Baas at BCWWA: jbaas@bcwwa.org or 604-433-4389 (toll free 877-433-4389).