Kelowna, BC, October 21-23, 2008

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The international Okanagan basin is located within Canada's only desert – a compelling context for developing new policy, science and management practices.



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- How do we plan for a future with enough water for all priorities, including ecosystems?
- o What happens in drought years—where is water allocated and in what proportions?
- o What can we do to reduce our demand and use water more efficiently?
- How do we develop the required storage needed to capture water in the spring for use later in the year?
- How can we ensure high water quality is maintained and sensitive riparian and wetland ecosystems protected?
- What is the best structure for water governance in the Basin?

These are some of the questions that will be explored by participants and guest speakers from across North America at this year's Conference hosted in Kelowna, British Columbia.

This year's *One Watershed – One Water* conference is co-hosted by the Canadian Water Resources Association and the Okanagan Basin Water Board.



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The cutting-edge supply-and-demand project now underway will frame conference discussions on regional, national and international issues including:

- rapid population growth,
- o climate change, and
- o impacts of mountain pine beetle.

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

Kelowna Coast Capri Hotel

Technical sessions



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- 8:30am Launch of the *Groundwater Bylaws Toolkit*Technical speaker sessions (concurrent presentations) include:
 - **Dr. John Janmaat**, Financial incentives and good watershed governance: An inherent conflict?
 - **Drs. Jeff Curtis and Chris Metcalfe,** Endocrine disrupters, emerging science and application to the Okanagan basin.
 - Ivor Norlin/Mike Adams Source protection and the future of safe, clean reliable tap water in the Okanagan
 - **Todd Redding,** Mountain pine beetle and watershed hydrology: A synthesis focused on the Okanagan
- 4:30pm Reception Exhibition and Poster Session displays

Progress and status reports, international dimensions and new water science

8:30am - Invited speakers include:

- **Linda Nowlan**, Water Governance can local government weather another 2003 drought?
- **Kim Hyatt**, Potential impacts of climate change on life history events of Okanagan salmonids
- **Dr. John Wagner**, Environmental anthropology exploring two myths of water in the Okanagan.
- **Dr. Larry Benoit**, The Lake Tahoe Basin achieving sustainability in a multijurisdictional environment
- **Jack Blaney, International Joint Commission**, Exploring the 2013 renewal of the Okanagan Basin Compact
- 7:00pm Banquet: Invited keynote speaker National Chief Phil Fontaine

Creating a sustainable watershed

- 8:30am Launch of the *Okanagan Sustainable Water Strategy Action Plan 1.0* (developed by the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council)
- 10:45am Panel discussion: How can we collaborate to ensure adequate and safe water is available in the Okanagan?
- 11:45am Closing Remarks