



Water forum to hear from government today



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Government officials will be attending a Watershed Forum in Duncan early this afternoon to talk about a new water act and the future of watershed governance in BC.

Anna Warwick Sears, a member of the Okanagan Basin Water Board, one of the longest standing water management organizations in BC says the Okanagan region has been like the "canary in the coal mine" when it comes to water issues.

Warwick Sears says that's because the region has one of the lowest water availability measures per person and has not only agricultural pressures on it, but is also feeling the pressure from climate change, and an increase in population.

Water shortages in the region are a big issue and Warwick Sears says educating the public is one of the keys to ensuring there is enough water to go around.

- See more at: <http://hqcowichanvalley.com/home/news/v/Local/340701/Water-forum-to-hear-from-government-today#sthash.1OI7pBIs.dpuf>