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Research chair supported

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The Central Okanagan regional District board has agreed to support the establishment of a new B.C. regional innovation chair in water resources and ecosystem management at the University of British Columbia Okanagan.

The Okanagan Basin Water Board will contribute \$500,000 over five years to help create the research position and fund its work. The North Okanagan and South Okanagan- Similkameen regional districts will also be asked to provide support through the water board in order to leverage a \$1.25-million contribution from the B.C. government's Leading Edge Endowment Fund in establishing the position.

With development pressures and climate change, the board says the UBCO innovation chair will help find practical solutions to water supply and ecosystem management issues which are a high priority throughout the entire Okanagan Valley.

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