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Evaporation levels of Okanagan Lake being monitored. 7/27/2011

The Okanagan Basin Water Board is getting a gift from Environment Canada.

Environment Canada will be funding and conducting an evaporation project on Okanagan lake to determine how much water is lost to the process over the next three years.

Anna Warwick Sears with the OBWB says the results of the project should help them with water supply demands.

"That doesn't mean we can stop evaporation, it just means we can plan around it. If we anticipate, through climate change, that we're going to have more evaporation, that's going to adjust how much water we have available for human use."

Three large yellow buoys are now in Okanagan Lake where they will remain for testing purposes, year round, for the next few years.

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