

Funding pumped into H₂O

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Water quality throughout the Okanagan will be the focus of new federal funding.

Environment Canada has presented \$77,000 to the Okanagan Basin Water Board for water initiatives.

“The Okanagan is recognized as a unique ecosystem in Canada which could face serious water shortages,” said Anna Warwick Sears, OBWB executive director.

“We’re really happy to be partners with Environment Canada on these very important projects. This funding commitment helps us move forward on projects that have significance locally and provincially, helping us protect the water supply and ecosystems of the Okanagan.”

About \$20,000 will go towards supporting the Osoyoos Lake water science forum and \$15,479 will support water utility staff get trained in the use of the OBWB’s streamlined water use reporting tool.

Another \$15,480 will assist the OBWB with its hydrometric monitoring program, reintroducing monitors to track water supplies, and \$26,000 will be provided to the Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program to help develop a biodiversity strategy for the Okanagan.