



2015 OBWB ANNUAL MEETING & 45th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

"It starts with water"

DATE: Friday, September 4, 2015
TIME: 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM
LOCATION: Rotary Centre for the Arts, 421 Cawston Ave., Kelowna, B.C.

8:30 AM	Registration and Light Refreshments	
9:00	Welcome and Introductions	OBWB Chair Doug Findlater
9:10	Welcome from Okanagan Nation Alliance	OBWB Director Peter Waardenburg
9:20	Keynote address: The Southern Nevada Water Authority's Quagga Mussel Experience – Impacts and Adaptations	Julia Lew – Southern Nevada Water Authority, Water Treatment Pilot Plant Specialist
9:50	Audience Q & A	
10:05	Coffee Break	
10:25	Provincial Update on Drought	Ray Crampton – FLNR Resource Management, Acting Regional Executive Director
10:35	Presentation of Annual Report "It Starts With Water"	OBWB Executive Director Anna Warwick Sears
11:10	Audience Q & A	
11:25	Presentation of "Make Water Work Champion" award	OBWB Communications Director Corinne Jackson
11:40	OBWB Anniversary cake cutting, photos, networking	
12 PM	Adjourn	OBWB Chair Doug Findlater

Keynote speaker:

Julia Lew will present on the ways the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) in Las Vegas is responding to invasive quagga mussels. The infested waters of Lake Mead are one of their main water supplies. She recently completed a comprehensive report on mussel impacts and responses, drawing from the experience of all departments. Julia's primary work is in the Applied Water Quality Research Division, leading development, operation and maintenance of special pilot projects on new water treatments – including treatments for managing quagga mussels in the SNWA's infrastructure.

Julia is a certified Water Treatment Plant Operator with over 20 years of work experience, specializing in treatment plant optimization. **This will be a fascinating ring-side account of what may be required in the Okanagan in case of an invasion, and additional motivation for preventing zebra and quagga mussels in our valley.**