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Conservation projects gain support from water board

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The Okanagan Basin Water Board announced \$300,000 in funding for 18 projects that will help protect or conserve water in the valley.

Projects need to demonstrate water savings or improvements to water quality, show collaboration and provide valleywide benefits.

In the Central Okanagan, funded projects include support to the Oceola Fish and Game club to develop an app that will allow users to document and report damage in local watersheds.

This information will allow for follow-up enforcement, restoration and protection efforts.

In the North Okanagan, the Deep Creek Improvement District received \$36,000 in funding to conduct sensitive habitat inventory and mapping.

Deep Creek passes through Armstrong, Spallumcheen and Okanagan Indian Band before flowing into Okanagan Lake.

The mapping is intended to help guide habitat restoration decisions.

The City of Kelowna received \$30,000 for wetland habitat restoration for American Avocet birds in the Glenmore landfill area.

The Regional District of Central Okanagan received funding for multiple projects, including \$25,000 for a regional floodplain management project, which will address flood hazards in the area.

Since 2006, the water board has awarded \$3.5 million to 215 projects throughout the Okanagan.