

2017 OBWB ANNUAL MEETING *“Weathering Extremes”*

DATE: Friday, September 8, 2017
TIME: 8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon
LOCATION: Westbank Community Centre, 2466 Main St, West Kelowna

8:30	Registration and light refreshments	
9:00	Welcome remarks	Tracy Gray, Chair
9:10	Introduction to Keynote Speaker	Anna Warwick Sears, Ph.D., Executive Director
9:15	Keynote: “The State of Climate Action and Clean Growth Opportunities for B.C.”	Maximilian Kniewasser, Program Director, B.C. Climate Policy, Pembina Institute
10:00	Provincial Flood Response presentation	Shaun Reimer, Section Head, Public Safety and Protection Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
10:20	Coffee break	
10:50	Announcement of Make Water Work 2017 Champion Community	Corinne Jackson, Communications Director
11:00	Presentation of Annual Report “Weathering Extremes” and Q & A	Anna Warwick Sears, Ph.D., Executive Director
11:55	Closing remarks	Tracy Gray, Chair
12:00	Adjourn	

Keynote speaker: Maximilian Kniewasser is director of the Pembina Institute’s B.C. climate policy program, based in Vancouver. In this role, Max focuses on a range of climate and energy issues including carbon pricing, LNG and shale gas development, and the economic opportunities in moving to a low carbon future. Through this work, he hopes to reduce the environmental impacts of energy production and consumption, while also preparing B.C. for success in transitioning to a clean energy economy. He has a deep understanding of B.C.’s energy systems and global energy markets, and is a self-professed policy wonk. Max has published numerous reports and studies, helps facilitate difficult conversations among different parties, and represents the Institute in multi-stakeholder forums.

Max holds a Bachelor of Science from McGill University, and a Master of Resource and Environmental Management from Simon Fraser University. His graduate research focused on using energy-economy models to quantify the costs and benefits of Canadian energy and climate policy initiatives.

When not in the office, Max enjoys carving snowy turns down B.C.’s Coast Mountains, riding his bike down winding trails, and paddling down the area’s clear blue rivers.

