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Osoyoos Mayor Sue McKortoff appears to be enjoying her time on the Okanagan Basin Water Board.

The Mayor has agreed to sit another one-year term on the board — joining mayors from other Okanagan communities in setting direction for the management of water issues in the Okanagan valley.

“I have been on OBWB for three years,” she said Monday morning. “I am appointed by (the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen); and my alternate is Mark Pendergraft.

“There are three directors from each of the three regional districts.”

The RDOS representation also includes Oliver mayor Ron Hovanes and Summerland mayor Peter Waterman.

Mayor McKortoff also serves on the International Lake Osoyoos Board of Control (ILOBC) and sees herself as a liaison between the two water management organizations.

“I think it is important to continue on (the OBWB) board, since I am a director on ILOBC,” she said. “That provides a good perspective on local water matters and how they are connected to the Okanagan Valley.”

At its last meeting, the board re-elected Central Okanagan director and Kelowna councilor Tracy Gray as chair, and North Okanagan director and Vernon councilor Juliette Cunningham as vice-chair.

Additional board members include Coldstream councilor Doug Dirk, North Okanagan director Rick Fairbairn, West Kelowna mayor Doug Findlater and Peachland mayor Cindy Fortin.

The OBWB was initiated in 1968 as a valley-wide partnership to identify and resolve critical water issues in the Okanagan watershed — a stretch 200 km long and 8,000 sq km in area that stretches from the city of Armstrong to the US border and includes the six main lakes – Okanagan, Kalamalka, Wood, Skaha, Vaseux and Osoyoos – and surrounding mountains.