



Okanagan Basin
WATER BOARD

**OWSC Decision Support
Committee
Term 7 Activities and Outcomes**

Okanagan Water Stewardship Council
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Brief History

- Started as the “EFN Committee” – focus on helping FLNRORD consider EFNs in water licensing
- Mandate expanded to “provide decision support to government (all levels)”
- Term 7 focus remained on the EFN decision-support issue

High Level Committee Objectives

- Intended to continue beyond Term 7
- Purpose: Use the broad Council expertise to assist local, provincial, and federal governments to develop decision-support tools
- Develop and deliver a specific Work Plan for each Council Term
- Provide periodic progress reports to Council and an end-of-Term summary of activities completed during each Council Term.

Term 7 Activities

- Developed a list of members
- Held two meetings
- Expanded the mandate and Terms of Reference (and changed the committee name)
- Planned, documented, and initiated work on a decision tree to support FLNRORD water allocation staff consider EFNs in the water licensing process
- Developed an end-of-Term report

Committee Members

- Doug Edwards and Brian Guy (co-chairs)
- Nelson Jatel
- Denise Neilsen
- Brian Symonds
- Lawrence Bird
- Jeff Nitychoruk
- Rich McCleary
- Natasha Neumann
- Expanded group for providing input on draft EFN decision tree

Meetings

- April 13, 2017:
 - Confirmed EFN focus for Term 7, and obtained input from key FLNRORD staff
- August 28, 2017:
 - Set out a process for developing an EFN decision tree

Deliverables for Term 7

- Minutes of two meetings
- New expanded mandate and Terms of Reference
- Specific plan to develop a decision tree to support FLNRORD
- Informal discussions towards the decision tree

Recommendations for Term 8

- Continue the work of the Decision Support Committee in Term 8
- Complete the process of developing a decision-support process for considering EFNs in water licensing (incl. several sub-steps)
- Encourage the province to incorporate the recommended decision tree into water licensing decisions
- Consider developing recommendations for a governance approach to water allocation decision-making, and membership of a decision-making advisory body
- Engage with various levels of government to identify specific opportunities for the OWSC to provide decision-support, and prioritize and act on those opportunities