

Okanagan Water Stewardship Council

Technical advisory committee to the OBWB



September 2017

Council Members

(Term 7: November 2016 – April 2018)

Appointed representatives / alternates

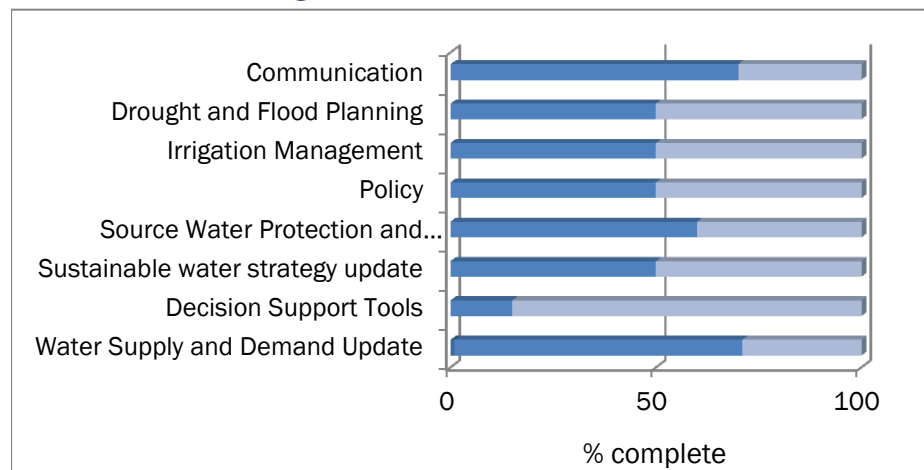
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAFC, Research Branch Denise Neilsen / Scott Smith
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APEGBC Don Dobson / Sue Lapp / Shawn Badasha
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Agriculture Council Hans Buchler / Christine Dendee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Cattlemen's Association Lee Hesketh / Linda Allison
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Fruit Growers Association Glen Lucas / Kevin Day / Richard McDonald
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Ground Water Association Marta Green / Remi Allard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Ministry of Agriculture Andrew Petersen / Stephanie Tam
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Water Supply Association Bob Hrasko / Patti Meger
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Wildlife Federation – Region 8 Doug Flintoft / Lorne Davies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Water Resources Association Brian Guy/ Rod MacLean/ Dwayne Meredith
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Kelowna Jason Angus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Vernon Ed Stranks / Rob Miles
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fisheries and Oceans Canada Doug Edwards
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interior Health Rob Birtles / Judi Ekkert
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelowna Chamber of Commerce Tom Dyas / Jeff Robinson
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IIBC Ted van der Gulik / Bruce Naka
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of FLNRO: Fish/Wildlife Lora Niield
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of FLNRO: Resource Mgmt Robert Warner / Ray Crampton
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Scott Boswell / Tanis Gieselman
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Okanagan College Allison MacMillan / Rob St Onge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Okanagan Mainline Real Estate Board David O'Keefe / Howard Neufeld
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RD of Central Okanagan Danika Dudzik
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RD of North Okanagan Renee Clark / Jennifer Miles
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RD of Okanagan –Similkameen Zoe Kirk / Evelyn Riechert
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shuswap Okanagan Forestry Association Murray Wilson / Michael Bragg
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UBC Okanagan Bernard Bauer / Carolina Restrepo-Tamayo
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Okanagan Nation Alliance (observers) Zoe Eyjolfson /Elinor McGrath /Natasha Lukey
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECCC Canada– Pacific&Yukon (observers) Kendall Woo / Ian Rogalski

Council Meeting Highlights*

- The membership nomination committee proposed changes to support up to three 'unaligned' former council members and creating a standing membership committee; proposed changes were approved unanimously by Council.
- The OBWB *Environmental Flow Needs (EFNs) project* is a partnership between the OBWB, Okanagan Nation Alliance Fishery Department and the provincial government. This project is invaluable in helping understand the preferred amount of water required for fish at different life stages and inform water license allocation decisions. Members of the EFN project team, **Elinor McGrath**, **Natasha Neumann**, and **Drew Lejbak**, presented an update on the intensive two year field sampling program, extensive data management, and naturalized flow calculations developed for this project.
- **Rob Schweitzer**, Fire Centre Manager (Kamloops), presented on the 2017 fire year (ongoing) involving the largest area burned in history of the BC government with over 22,000 people evacuated and over \$473 million in damage and counting. Collaborative work, investments and better coordination with local government are needed to protect communities from fire.
- Council committees were active over the summer finalizing and delivering on their action work plans and chairs reported on progress.
- Proposal to create a new *Water Research Cluster at UBCO* is under development. Council members encouraged to provide a letter of support by Monday, September 18th to **Marni Turek**, Watershed Management Research Extension Facilitator.
- Flood activities continue to be a priority for provincial and local governments. LIDAR data is needed to develop updated flood maps for the Okanagan.

* Council meeting minutes are posted at: www.obwb.ca/wsc

Active council working committees



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