

## Okanagan Water Stewardship Council

Technical advisory committee to the OBWB



April 2018

### Council Members

(Term 7: November 2016 – April 2018)

#### Appointed representatives / alternates

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

### Council Meeting Highlights\*

- Term 8 WSC Chair and Vice-Chair election took place – Elected Chair – Dr. Denise Neilson and Vice-Chair – Scott Boswell;
- Term 8 Work Plan development workshop will take place during WSC meeting in June;
- Poster session summarizing the work of WSC committees in Term 7 - review and feedback;
- Dr. Anna Warwick Sears announced receiving \$1.45 million grant for LIDAR survey in the Okanagan basin from B.C. Emergency Management.
- OBWB – administered Water Conservation and Quality Improvement (WCQI) grant on the way

**Presentation by Nicole Pyett, FLNRORD, 'Joint Compliance Projects for Groundwater Protection'** – shared the outcomes of inter-agency provincial pilot initiative aimed at assessing the state of compliance in well construction and maintenance. The purpose of inspections conducted by government staff with different mandate included evaluating the conditions and where necessary indicating non-compliance and referring to resources needed to improve the overall as well as licensing compliance.

#### Round-table updates:

- Dr. Warwick Sears mentioned the upcoming provincial audit of drinking water systems and encouraged Source Water & Wetland Protection committee to prepare a letter for the Auditor General.
- City of Kelowna and regional districts (RDSO and NORD) – take precautionary measures anticipating possible flooding
- M.Ag. – New 5-year program Canadian Agricultural Partnership will start following the completion of previous 'Growing Forward 2' program; Ministry staff continues to run wells licensing workshops across the Province.
- FLNRORD – works in progress finalizing action related to emergency flooding in 2017 while preparing for possible emergency response in 2018; landowners need to be communicated the permitted flood protection actions.
- UBCO – expanding industry network, joint forestry event held on weekend.
- 2017 Flood & Fire review process completed and report in on the way.
- 2018 Water Supply Webinar takes place on April 16th and May 8<sup>th</sup>
- Ag and Agri-Food Canada – launching landscape-level research to understand agricultural and environmental stressors
- Dr. C. Nichol – testified at March Senate Review Agri-food and Forestry session; cutout for written submissions on April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Planning guides completed and can be found on the web <https://www.civinfo.bc.ca/planning-guides>
- Survey seeking a feedback on WCQI – contact James Littlely for more information

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