

Okanagan Water Stewardship Council

Technical advisory committee to the OBWB



May 2018

Council Members

(Term 8: May 2016 – November 2019)

Appointed representatives / alternates

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAFC, Research Branch Tom Forge / Kirsten Hannam
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APEGBC Don Dobson / Shawn Badasha
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Agriculture Council Hans Buchler / Christine Dendy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Cattlemen's Association Lee Hesketh / Keith Manders
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Fruit Growers Association Kevin Day / Glen Lucas
<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/ Dwayne Meredith
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Kelowna Rod MacLean
<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"> • Denise Neilsen Emerita
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IIABC Bruce Naka / Ted van der Gulik
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of FLNRO: Fish/Wildlife Lora Nield
<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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECCC - Meteor Services of Canada Russel White/ Chris Doyle
<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 Zoe Eyjolfson / Elinor McGrath / Natasha Lukey
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Okanagan Indian Band Tim Isaac/ Dan Wilson
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thompson-Okanagan Tourism Association Tim Isaac/ Dan Wilson

Council Meeting Highlights*

- Senate standing committee on climate change impacts on agriculture and forestry (March 19th); members invited to discuss through conference call or submit feedback directly with Dr. Craig Nichol
- RDNO completed project on Kalamalka Lake vulnerability mapping
- Agriculture Waste Regulation is now updated and renamed as Nutrient Management regulation
- City of Kelowna exploring: source water protection and new hydrometric stations on Mill Creek to support flood and drought management.

Committee reports (chair): presentations

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| • Communication (Zoe Kirk): | improving internal communication between Council members & youth engagement |
| • Decision support tools (Brian Guy): | supporting a process for implementing EFNs by water license decision makers |
| • Supply & Demand update (Denise Neilsen): | updating 2007-10 Okanagan Basin Water Supply study |
| • Irrigation Management (Bruce Naka): | improving irrigation management and efficiencies |
| • Sustainable Water Strategy 2.0 (Kellie Garcia): | developing a new & relevant water strategy |
| • Drought & Flood Planning (Scott Boswell): | improving communication & planning |
| • Source Protection & Wetlands (Renee Clark): | supporting strategic goal of excellent source water quality (drinkable, swimmable, fishable) |
| • Policy (Rob Birtles): | supporting dialogue and leadership on Okanagan water policies |

Upcoming water events:

- April 12-13: Spring workshop on Water Supply Association (Kelowna)
- April 15: Ground Water Association's AGM (Langley)
- May 28-June 1: National CWRA conference (Victoria)
- October 17 – 18: Environmental Flow Needs conference (Kelowna)

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

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