

Okanagan Water Stewardship Council

Technical advisory committee to the OBWB



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Council Members

(Term 8: May 2018 – Oct 2019)

Appointed representatives / alternates

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAFC, Research Branch Kirsten Hannam / Tom Forge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EGBC Mike Nolan / Don Dobson / 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 / 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 / Doug Geller
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Ministry of Agriculture Andrew Petersen / Stephanie Tam
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Supply Association BC Dawn Williams / Shawn Grundy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Wildlife Federation – Region 8 Lorne Davies / Jackson MacPherson
<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 / Ed Hoppe
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Vernon Ed Stranks
<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"> • Okanagan Indian Band Dan Wilson / Tim Isaak
<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 O'Neil / Rob St Onge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thompson - Okanagan Tourism Association Glenn Mandziuk / Ellen Walker - Matthews
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RD of Central Okanagan Danika Dudzik / Todd Cashin
<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 Ted Swab / Murray Wilson
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Canada – Meteorological Services Russel White / Chris Doyle
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UBC Okanagan Bernard Bauer / Craig Nichol
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Okanagan Nation Alliance (observers) Zoe Eyjolfson / Elinor McGrath / Natasha Lukey

Council Meeting Highlights*

• Business arising:

Lakeshore area LiDAR data will be presented to the Province on February 1st; data will become available to local governments in spring. The rest of LiDAR data will be compiled by the end of February.

Ted – wrote a letter to a Province re GW licensing deadline extension – Province's decision will depend on registration status by the end of cut off period.

• Committee reports:

Irrigation Management: Landscape Irrigation Management toolkit and implementation of QWEL program– combining effort with cities of Kelowna and Vernon to apply for funding
Policy: continues working on several initiatives: UNDRIP; groundwater licensing; EFNs; source water protection; agricultural water reserve.

Drought and flood: RDCO will hold a workshop on various applications of LiDAR data end of February;

Dams & Reservoirs: finalized SWOT analysis and using it to prepare a work plan;

Source Water Protection: committee met on Jan 9th; refined a work plan to focus on 3 outcomes: 1) Accessible Source Water Protection Knowledge and Resources; 2)

Collaborative and Coordinated Planning; 3) Recommendations for Reliable Funding;

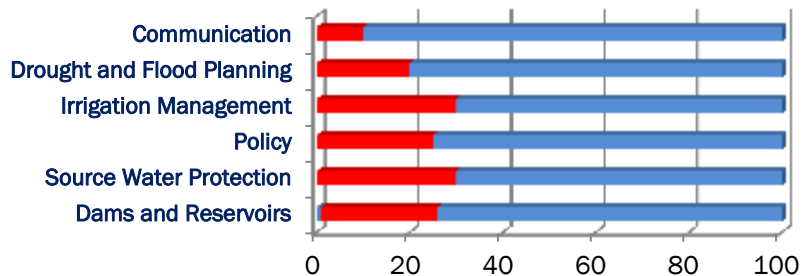
Presentation by Kathy Eichenberger “Columbia River Treaty”

Provided a review of Columbia River Treaty, emerging priorities and challenges, negotiation objectives and recent progress.

Round-table updates:

- Nelson Jatel – three major hydrology projects on the way: mainstem lakes hydrology; Okanagan river bathymetry; RAVEN modeling 19 sub-basins
- Ted van der Gulik – FLNRO is adding shim layers for Frazer Valley into ag water calculator; Okanagan might consider doing that as well
- Andrew Petersen - well licensing workshop on January 31st in RDSO
- John Wagner – working on follow up to Social Life of Water Exhibition; ‘waterways’, ‘floodplain restoration’ initiative
- Bruce Naka – new irrigation scheduling tools in Interior
- Ted Swab – LiDAR acquisition project; suggested contacting him if any topics are of particular interest for an upcoming presentation by Forestry sector;
- Doug Geller – 2019 AGM will take place in April in Langley
- Lorne Davies – Fraser Watershed Restoration Conference takes place in April 2019

Committees Progress



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

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