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## **NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Held Tuesday, March 1, 2011 in the Goldstream Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 479 Island Highway**

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**PRESENT:** J. Coward, M. Doehnel, E. Dyck, R. Henderson, M. Lougher-Goodey, G. Orr, D. Spinner, L. Waters

**Staff:** T. Tanton (for J. Hull), D. Walker, K. Reilly, M. Montague (Recorder)

**ABSENT:** M. Gingras, M. Hall, E. Loring-Kuhanga, B. Proud, J. Rogers, F. Schulz, B. Wilkes

As there was no quorum, the meeting continued as an information session.

### **1. WATER DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

a) Water Supply Status

T. Tanton reported that the reservoir is 100%. Rainfall in February was 89% of the average amount that we normally receive in February.

b) Water Quality in Sooke Reservoir

T. Tanton reported that the water quality in Sooke Reservoir is very good and there are no significant trends in the reservoir.

c) Residential Demand Management Initiatives

D. Walker reported that Demand Management sponsored three Native Plant Gardening workshops last month, and attended five community events along with the Environmental Partnerships team, including the CFB Esquimalt Forces & Families Expo, BC Spirit Festival, Seedy Saturday, Home & Garden Show and Sooke Seedy Saturday.

Spring and Summer Efficient Irrigation workshops have been confirmed with new partnerships created with Central Saanich Municipality and SEAPARC recreation. Workshops will be held across the region from March through to August.

D. Walker noted that water audit guides for multi-residential buildings are now available.

d) ICI Demand Management Initiatives

K. Reilly reported that in February, ICI staff continued the water audit for a post-secondary institution located in Saanich. The second phase of the project includes a facility audit of a research facility that was identified as a one of the largest water consumers during the initial phase of the project. As well, work continued with an audit for a Colwood grocery store.

Two Once Through Cooling rebates were approved in February. Once completed, the two businesses will save approximately 24,550 m<sup>3</sup> of water (equivalent to 98 homes' annual water use). Lastly, ICI staff placed water conservation advertising with the Douglas magazine and the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce publication.

### **2. OTHER BUSINESS**

Strategic Plan Schedule – T. Tanton reported that the Committee can expect to see a draft report on March 28<sup>th</sup>, for discussion at the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. A public meeting will be held April 18<sup>th</sup>, with the venue yet to be determined.

Water Conservation Bylaw – The question was raised whether the Water Advisory Committee should be reviewing the Water Conservation Bylaw and it was suggested that this item be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.