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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Held Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 9 am in the Goldstream Conference Room,**  
**479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC**

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**PRESENT:** B. Wilkes (C), M. Doehnel, P. Elworthy, M. Gingras, R. Henderson, G. Orr, J. Rogers,  
E. Loring-Kuhanga, D. Spinner, L. Waters,  
**Staff:** J. Hull, K. Reilly, M. Montague (Recorder)

**ABSENT:** J. Coward, E. Dyck, D. Murdock F. Schultz

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9 am.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOVED** by P. Elworthy, **SECONDED** by E. Loring-Kuhanga,  
that the agenda be approved as distributed.

**CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MAY 1, 2012**

**MOVED** by J. Rogers, **SECONDED** by M. Doehnel,  
that the Water Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the meetings held May 1, 2012 as  
distributed.

**CARRIED**

(D. Spinner arrived at 9:05 am)

**4. PRESENTATION BY STEWART IRWIN, SENIOR MANAGER, WATER QUALITY**

S. Irwin provided a presentation on Greater Victoria's drinking water quality, followed by a tour of  
the Water Quality and Aquatic Ecology labs.

**5. REVIEW OF THE TASK/ACTION ITEMS**

An updated Task List is attached.

**6. CHAIR'S REMARKS**

The Chair did not have any remarks today.

**7. WATER DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

a) Water Supply Status (J. Hull)

J. Hull reported that the reservoir is at 96%, which is higher than the 5 year average. He  
reported that precipitation in May was 43% of monthly average, and rainfall year to date was  
92% of average.

b) Water Quality in Sooke Reservoir (J. Hull)

There are no water quality issues in Sooke Reservoir.

c) Residential Demand Management Initiatives

K. Reilly reported that May was a busy month for Demand Management. Four students  
started work in May and are currently being trained. He reported that 9, 250 pledges to drink  
tap water have been taken to date. The CRD Water Cart launch was held on May 23, which  
was a very popular event. Fourteen outreach events were attended by staff.

- d) ICI Demand Management Initiatives  
K. Reilly reported that two Once-Through cooling rebates were completed this month which will save approximately 5,400 m<sup>3</sup> of water (equivalent to 22 homes' annual water use).

**MOVED** by L. Waters, **SECONDED** by M. Gingras,  
that the Water Advisory Committee receive the reports for information.

CARRIED

**8. WATER WATCH**

The report was received for information.

**9. QUESTIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

L. Waters asked whether information on trending of water levels over the year could be provided to the committee and J. Hull noted that he will forward a report to the Committee members indicating annual and five year moving averages for Sooke Dam.

**10. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CONCERNING COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

None.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11 am.