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NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 9 am in the Goldstream Conference Room,
479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC

PRESENT: B. Wilkes (C), P. Elworthy, G. Orr, F. Schultz, S. Johnson, D. Murdock, M. Thompson
Staff: T. Robbins, H. Gibson, M. Montague (Recorder)
ABSENT: D. Spinner, M. Gingras, E. Dyck, M. Doehnel, R. Mersereau, J. Rogers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting began at 9:10 am. As there was no quorum, the meeting proceeded as an information meeting.

2. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2013

K. Pearson will be asked for a copy of her presentation made to the Water Advisory Committee and the link will be included in the minutes.

3. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair noted that a strategic discussion was held during March at the working group meeting and D. Spinner circulated notes from that session.

The group discussed the Working Group meeting held in March. He noted that, in future, if there are no items for discussion at either working group or regular meetings of the Water Advisory Committee, the Chair will cancel the meeting. The time set aside for these meetings can always be used by one of the sub-committee groups.

4. REVIEW OF THE TASK/ACTION ITEMS

An updated Task List is attached.

5. INTEGRATED WATER SERVICES/PARKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

- a) Water Supply Status (T. Robbins)
T. Robbins reported that the reservoir remains at full storage.
- b) Water Quality in Sooke Reservoir (T. Robbins)
There are no water quality issues in Sooke Reservoir.
- c) Demand Management Initiatives (H. Gibson)
H. Gibson noted that there has been a small reorganization in the CRD. Parks and Environmental Sustainability have now been combined into one department called Parks and Environmental Services.

The Integrated Environmental Education Program will be launched soon and a new 2-year position was posted for this program. K. Pearson was the successful applicant. A new residential component will be launched this summer.

Demand Management and efficient irrigation workshops are underway for the year, and 2 native plant workshops were held last month. A number of outreach events have been planned for this year.

K. Reilly is taking leave without pay for 6 months starting next week and his position will be posted and filled during his absence.

6. NEW BUSINESS

It was agreed that only the action items from the notes of the working group meetings will be forwarded to the Water Advisory Committee regular meetings under a new heading "Updates from Working Groups".

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Water Advisory Committee adjourned at 10:23 a.m.