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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 9 am in the Goldstream Conference Room,
479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC

PRESENT: B. Wilkes, G. Orr, E. Dyck, F. Schultz, M. Thompson, R. Neuman, P. Elworthy, J. Rogers, B. June, Y. Pratt (for M. Gingras), D. Spinner (9:10 am), S. Johnson (9:20 am)

Staff: T. Robbins, H. Gibson, Deborah Walker, T. Johnson, M. Montague (Recorder)

ABSENT: D. Murdock, R. Mersereau, M. Doehnel

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by M. Thompson and **SECONDED** by P. Elworthy,
that the Water Advisory Committee approve the agenda as distributed.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

MOVED by Y. Pratt and **SECONDED** by F. Schultz,
that the Water Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the meeting held September 10, 2013 as distributed.

CARRIED

3. PRESENTATION

Shauna Johnson, Tsawout First Nation Environmental Technologist, made a presentation to the Committee regarding First Nations and Water. She went through

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair remarked as follows:

- He introduced J. Jodoin, a Junior Environmental Scientist at Franz Environmental Inc., in attendance today as a member of the public;
- He apologized for not having an October meeting;
- The water conference brochure is now available and he will circulate it to the members;
- CRD will be hosting a Christmas lunch for the Water Advisory Committee members on December 3.

5. REVIEW OF THE TASK/ACTION ITEMS

An updated Task List is attached.

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

- a) Water Supply Status/Water Watch (T. Robbins)
T. Robbins reported that the reservoir is currently 73.9% full.
- b) Water Quality in Sooke Reservoir (T. Robbins)
There are no water quality issues in Sooke Reservoir.
- c) Residential Demand Management Initiatives
H. Gibson provided an update on staffing processes. She noted that K. Reilly officially resigned from the CRD at the end of September and T. Johnson is acting in the position at the moment. A further update will be provided in January.

D. Walker provided an update on the Demand Management initiatives. She noted that 6 Native Plant Workshops have been completed. Many events were attended by staff and more events are planned for the rest of the month. A rain water harvesting management workshop is scheduled for November.

T. Johnson provided an update on the ICI initiatives. 2014 will be the last year for the once through cooling rebate program and a staff report will be presented to the Water Advisory Committee on the program in 2014. A number of water audits were completed in September and the number of municipal water audits conducted to date will be sent to J. Rogers for information.

7. QUESTIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

8. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CONCERNING COMMITTEE BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Water Advisory Committee adjourned at 10:40 am.