



Capital Regional District

HOTSHEET AND ACTION LIST

Water Advisory Committee

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

12 PM

6th Floor Board Room
625 Fisgard Street
Victoria, BC

The following is a quick snapshot of the FINAL Water Advisory Committee decisions made at the meeting. The minutes will represent the official record of the meeting. A name has been identified beside each item for further action and follow-up.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

That the minutes of the March 28, 2023 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

7. COMMISSION BUSINESS

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

7.1 Agricultural Water Rate Review Update

Motion Arising:

That the Water Advisory Committee receive full access to the Agriculture Rate Scenario Tool spreadsheet, subject to Freedom of Information Act requirements, from the draft Consultants' report showing the full data related to the 682 accounts.

CARRIED

Actions:

Invite Emily Sinclair, Senior Manager, Regional and Strategic Planning, to present at the next meeting in September regarding food security.

Shayne Irg

Prepare a recommendation to the Regional Water Supply Commission to recommend to the Planning and Protective Services Committee to consider looking at its Regional Food and Growth Strategy in a more holistic way:

- Funding for water pipes and hookups to support local agricultural food growing operations.
- Look at how the CRD can meet its agricultural goals for meeting food production, including groundwater, catchments.
- How does the agricultural water rate affect food production/security.
- Other ways the CRD could help support agriculture.

Agricultural Working Group

7.2 Summary of Recommendations from Regional Water Supply Commission

7.3 Water Watch Report

7.4 Conservation Strategies for Water Demand Spikes [Discussion]

Motion Arising:

The Water Advisory Committee recommends that the Regional Water Supply Commission consider:

1. Increasing water conservation efforts and messaging and creating a literacy program for sharing water conservation.
2. Storage discussions with member municipalities.
3. Increasing bulk water rates to encourage conservation and to fund increased storage in partnership with municipalities.

CARRIED

Action:

Staff to invite Dr. Glenn Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection to present to the Water Advisory Committee on the CRD's Demand Management and water conservation efforts.

Ian Jesney/Shayne Irg

7.5 Non-Potable Water Reuse [Discussion]

Motion Arising:

That, when the Vancouver guidelines on the use of grey water are available, staff get copies for the Water Advisory Committee to review.

CARRIED