

# STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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**“Just Add Water”  
Rebuild Cowichan Lake  
weir to maintain adequate  
year round  
Environmental flows.**

- Support and facilitate all partners and stakeholders to: a) identify a license holder and secure a water license, b) complete engineering and impact studies, c) rebuild the weir.
- Facilitate government relations working closely with local MLAS and MP.
- Continue building public support and understanding of the benefits of this project, and the risks of not doing it.

2

**Advance Targets  
Facilitate a collaborative  
effort to achieve targets.  
Implement legal tools to  
protect targets where  
possible.**

- Support the Technical Advisory Committee and Working Groups to pursue watershed targets.
- Review and update targets as needed; create work plans for each Target and coordinate with CVRD Watershed service work plan and Cowichan Tribes priorities.
- Develop a State of the Watersheds Report building on the Target Review.
- Work with the province to create a legally binding Water Sustainability Plan for Cowichan and Koksilah Watersheds.

3

**Build Partnerships  
Support indigenous co-  
leadership, cross  
jurisdictional collaboration,  
and public engagement.**

- Honour and promote the principal of *Nutsamat kws yaay’us tth qa’* and respect for indigenous authority in the watersheds.
- Involve the best knowledge and resources available to support the Cowichan and Koksilah watersheds, guided by the targets.
- Inspire Cowichan residents to learn about our watershed ecosystems and how to sustain them through positive, participation-oriented outreach projects.
- Establish funding paths for sustainable partnerships and projects.