

COWICHAN WATERSHED BOARD NEAR TERM WORK PLAN

Themes	Actions	Timeline
Understand and Address Water Issues - Develop a solid understanding of water-related issues in the Cowichan Watershed and build on the current basin plan to develop a comprehensive watershed management plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Issue/theme focused meetings and field trips with special advisors and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to increase knowledge and understanding of the issues and gaps in the existing Cowichan Water Basin Management Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agriculture – June 2010 Board meeting - Fisheries – July 2010 Board meeting - Recreation and Economic Development – September 2010 Board meeting - Governance October 2010 - Limnology/Lake – Field trip July 2010
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review 2010 action plan reports including results of workshops on pollution prevention, demand management, habitat, climate change and forestry and flooding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nov. and Dec. 2010 Board meetings
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure immediate data information gaps LIDAR and analysis (Lake Cowichan), bathymetry, erosion paper are addressed in timely manner. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prior to September 2010
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify key gaps in existing plan for goals and objectives and, with support of special advisors and TAC, develop comprehensive plan and short/mid and long term priorities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - November 2010 Board meeting and workshop. 2010 and December 2010 Board meeting for final endorsement January 2010 meeting
Fully Implement a Cowichan Watershed Plan –Successfully work with regulatory agencies and advocate for plan implementation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Track progress of Board's 2010 recommended actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing to October 2010.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advocate for research and monitoring in the watershed including developing a State of the Watershed Report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review State of the Environment Report July 2010 Board meeting - Ongoing one on one lobbying, formal applications etc. of Living Rivers, Fed Fisheries, MOE, Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport, VIHA, PCIC for project support.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public information and discussion session(s) regarding issues related to watershed inflows, lake hydrology including impacts of existing weir and issues related to rule curve versus rule band 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community meeting around July Watershed Board meeting
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advocate for funding for CWB and other stewardship initiatives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing with foundations, federal and provincial governments

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<p>Community Support for Water Management - Build community support for and understanding of the watershed and needs for management.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implement communications strategy including guest speakers at meetings, newsletters, news articles, speaking engagements, celebration, web site, field trips, and technical advisory committee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See Communications Calendar
<p>Grass-roots Governance – Transition to a locally empowered water management governance model.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop understanding of watershed law and governance (including proposed changes resulting from the Water Act Modernization Initiative) and linkages to accountabilities – who is accountable for what and how it is working. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oct. 2010 Board meeting pending MOE progress.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify the role the Watershed Board can best play and the governance and funding changes required for this to happen. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - November/December for inclusion in 2011 business plan
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prepare annual business plan/report 	<p>Draft December 2011 for ratification January 2010</p>