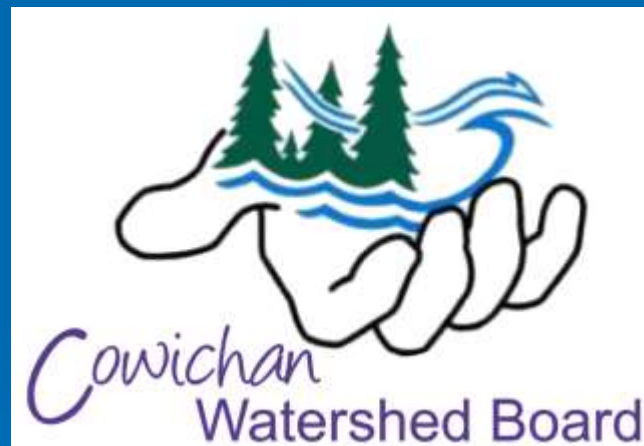


# Cowichan Watershed Board Update on Koksilah Projects



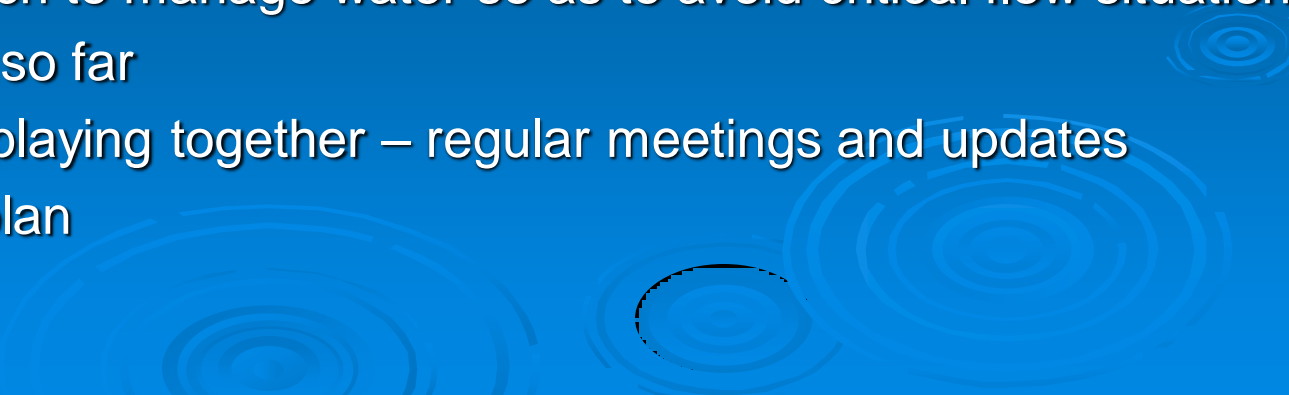
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# 2 “streams” of work on Koksilah

- Koksilah water supply issues being addressed in 2 ways...
- Short Term
  - Drought Response Team
- Long Term
  - WSP Scoping Process



# Drought Response Team

- Team Members:
    - Koksilah Working Group (Community Reps)
    - FLNRORD
    - Min. of Ag.
    - BC Dairy Association
    - ARDCORP
    - Water Survey of Canada
    - CWB
  - What are the goals?
    - Increased communication between participants, water users and community members
    - Collective approach to manage water so as to avoid critical flow situation
  - What are the actions so far
    - Team members “playing together – regular meetings and updates
    - Group Env farm plan
    - Website
    - Public meeting
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# Koksilah WSP Scoping Initiative Update

- Long term – planning process leading to enforceable actions
  - Establishing functional working relationships
  - Technical report – why are Koksilah flows so low
  - Engagement – integrated approach
    - Key stakeholders and community leaders
      - Local government
      - Agriculture
      - Forestry
    - General community – everyone who lives in the watershed
    - Targeted engagement: Cowichan Elders and Knowledge holders
  - Outcomes of both of these will influence recommendations on a process moving forward.
  - RFP's for hydrology report and Outreach/Engagement due to be posted this week.



# Bottom Line....

- CWB relationship with the province has evolved and improved over the past 3 or 4 years
- Partnership model demonstrated by our board rubbing off on some of our government partners
- I'm very encouraged by the relationships that are being built through our work on the Koksilah

