


<p>DRAFT BOARD MEETING AGENDA</p>	<p>Mon. July 31, 2023 9:30-noon Siem Lelum Dining Hall</p>	
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Meeting Chair: Chief Lydia Hwitsum **Expected Participants:** CVRD Chair Aaron Stone, Stuart Pagaduan, Alison Nicholson, Linda Higgins, Shannon Waters, David Anderson, David Slade, David Froese, Tim Kulchyski, Kristine Sandhu, Michelle Staples, and Oliver Brandes (Advisor)

Staff/Project Leaders: Jill Thompson, Danielle Paydli, Tom Rutherford, Heather Pritchard, Lisa Maria Fox, Shiming Huang

Guest Speakers: Elodie Roger, 2022 Lower Cowichan Koksilah Water Quality Attainment Sampling Project; Jade Yehia, Risk to Resilience Project,

Audience members: Working group members, volunteers, interested public. All welcome.

Everyone is welcome for coffee time from 9-9:30am.

1	Welcome. Introduce Danielle Paydli, Finance & Governance Manager	9:30	Chair	
2	Agenda Review / Revisions	9:32	Chair	Decision
3	Review June 2023 Minutes	9:33	Chair	Decision
4	Announcements & Correspondence	9:35	Jill, Board members	Information
5	Public Input	9:40	Jade Yehia, Risk to Resilience Project	Information – see agenda package.
6	Language lesson	9:45	Suggestion: Hulitun tst tu qa’/Water is Life. (Teaching)	Learning
7	<p>Project Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 2023 River Flows Situation b) Cowichan Weir Progress c) Koksilah WSP Progress 	10:00	Tom/Jill	Information/Discussion RE Key messages for Drought.

	d) River Cleanup, "Talk-to-Us Tent		Danielle/Shiming	Information
	BREAK	10:30		
8	Presentation: 2022 Lower Watershed Water Quality Attainment Sampling results	10:40	Elodie Roger	Decision [refer to WQ Working Group for consideration of next steps].
9	Operational Updates a) Follow up June meeting - Watershed Security Letter; Cowichan Bay dumping inquiry - R.Wiles. b) Governance Manual - postpone final draft to September. c) Date - Family picnic with Working Group members in September.	11:20	Jill/Danielle	Information
10	Other:	11:25		
11	Next CWB meeting - September 25	11:30	Chair	Decision

Unless link is provided below, meeting materials will be available for download at:

<https://cowichanwatershedboard.ca/meetings/>

Correspondence

- Angela Spooner, DFO RE notification of eelgrass buoy deployed seeding project in Maple Bay
- Jayne Ingram RE Greendale tubing activity during low water
- Katia Bannister RE NatureKidsBC and the new iNat project to encourage getting kids outdoors.

Announcements/Events

- [Lower Cowichan River Cleanup](#): Sunday Aug 27, 9:30am-2:30pm, Mini Big House 5536 River Road Duncan

- CLRSS Connecting Through Water Festival: Saturday, August 26th 10-2, Saywell Park, Lake Cowichan
- CLRSS Witnessing the Water coffee table books for sale. <https://www.cowichan-lake-stewards.ca/w-the-w>
- Koksilah Collaborative Community Advisory Table [application](#)

Media/Reading

- CBC News: [As river levels drop, people on Vancouver Island say a weir would help them adapt.](#)
- Cowichan Tribes Media Release: [Cowichan Tribes Reiterates Call for Higher Cowichan Weir Following Fish Die Off in Cowichan River](#)
- Risk to Resilience - Climate Change & Health in British Columbia (see Public Input)
- Xwulqw'selu Connections - [Streamflow Snapshot \(21 July 2023\)](#) – “This Feels like 2016”
- DRAFT CWB Governance Manual version 5 – under review.