

Meeting Minutes

Regional Water Supply Commission

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

1:30 PM

Electronic

Electronic Meeting

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY

G. Baird (Chair), M. Wagner (Vice Chair), J. Caradonna, N. Chambers, C. Coleman, Z. de Vries, S. Duncan, C. Graham, S. Gray, C. Green, K. Guiry, K. Harper, K. Jordison, S. Kim, K. Loughton (for S. Hammond), T. Morrison, K. Pearson, J. Rogers, M. Westhaver

STAFF: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; A. Constabel, Acting General Manager, Infrastructure and Water Services; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; S. Irg, Senior Manager, Water Infrastructure Operations; J. Marr, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Planning and Engineering; C. Vernon, Senior Manager, First Nations Relations; M. Mikle, Deputy Corporate Officer/Manager, Legislative Services; J. Ives, Committee Clerk (recorder)

Regrets: Commissioners S. Hammond, T. Phelps Bondaroff, C. Stock, A. Wickheim

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

ELECTRONIC MEETING

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Baird provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Coleman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Chambers,
That the agenda for the Regional Water Supply Commission meeting of July 15,
2026 be approved.
CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 3.1. [26-0829](#) Minutes of the Regional Water Supply Commission Meeting of June 17, 2026

J. Rogers joined the meeting electronically at 1:33 pm.

MOVED by Commissioner Chambers, **SECONDED** by Vice Chair Wagner,
That the minutes of the Regional Water Supply Commission meeting of June 17,
2026 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

There were no Chair's remarks.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

**MOVED by Commissioner Green, SECONDED by Commissioner Guiry,
That consent agenda Items 6.1. to 6.2. be approved.
CARRIED**

6.1. [26-0824](#) Water Watch Report - July 2026

There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.

6.2. [26-0706](#) Monthly Drinking Water Quality Dashboard - June 2026

There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.

7. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

7.1. [26-0828](#) General Manager's Verbal Update - July 2026

A. Constabel presented Item 7.1. and provided the following information:

- Sooke reservoir is at 82 per cent capacity, well within the criteria for maintaining Stage 1 water restrictions
- weather stations are expected to advance to extreme fire danger rating across the water supply area

Discussion ensued regarding:

- warmer June weather drove a rise in water demand
- wildfire fighting in forested areas and its potential impacts on the regional water supply

7.2. [26-0793](#) Designation of Watershed Security Officers

A. Constabel spoke to Item 7.2.

Discussion ensued regarding the potential to delegate the appointment of Watershed Security Officers to the General Manager in future.

**MOVED by Commissioner Green, SECONDED by Commissioner Rogers,
The Regional Water Supply Commission recommends that the Capital Regional
District Board:**

**Appoint Hugh Slater as Watershed Security Officer, and remove Derek Hall from
appointment, for the purpose of Section 233 of the Local Government Act and
Section 28(3) of the Offence Act, and in accordance with Capital Regional District
Bylaw No. 2681.**

CARRIED

7.3. [26-0794](#) Environmental Monitoring Access Agreement - WSANEC Leadership Council Society

A. Constable spoke to Item 7.3.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- three-year term does not preclude initiation of other access agreements related to traditional, cultural or other uses
- agreement allows for the temporary denial of access when fire danger rating is extreme
- orientation materials include a map showing roads and facilities in the water supply area
- potential indications of successful execution include regular contact, responsiveness and reciprocity
- agreement has been forwarded to the WSANEC Leadership Council Society for approval

MOVED by Commissioner Chambers, SECONDED by Commissioner Jordison,
1. That access to the Greater Victoria Water Supply Area for the WSANEC Leadership Council Society be approved; and
2. That the General Manager Infrastructure & Water Services be authorized to finalize, and the Regional Water Supply Commission Chair be authorized to execute, the Environmental Monitoring Access Agreement with the WSANEC Leadership Council Society, attached as Appendix A.
CARRIED

8. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Chambers, SECONDED by Commissioner Coleman,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission meeting of July 15, 2026 be adjourned at 2:05 pm.
CARRIED

Chair

Recorder