



Water Supply Association of BC  
2026 Spring Workshop  
Preliminary Program

**WORKSHOP DAY**

**THURSDAY MARCH 26, 2026**

| Time  | Presenter and Organization   | Presentation   | Duration |
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|   | <b>Morning Session</b>   | <b>EFNs, the Water Sustainability Act and Essential Water Use</b>  |          |
| 9:00 - Noon   | OBWB, Nelson Jatel<br>MWLRS, Heather Lescheid<br>TBA Speaker<br>MLWRS, Jessica Penno   | This workshop will provide insight to the development of Environmental flow needs for Okanagan streams, it review how the Water Sustainability Act requires this to protect the environment, and then it will delve into the competing interests for streamflow. That will be follow with how the province is considering some protection for domestic water suppliers in the form of an "Essential Water Use" policy. A new GIS source water tool from the Province will also be demonstrated during this workshop. | 3 hr.    |
| 12:00 - 1:00 pm   | Lunch Break  |  | 1 hr.    |
| 1:00 to 3:45 pm   | Climate Change or Forest Canopy Depletion Which is it??  | This workshop will delve into recent BC events, local on the ground measured outcomes from recent land-use practices and help water suppliers understand the impacts of too much logging and slow recovery.  | 3.0 hrs  |
| 30 min.<br>15<br>30 min.<br>30 min.<br>30 min.<br>30 min. | Bob Hrasko, BMID<br>Daniel Pierce (Film maker)<br>Dave Gill, Ntityix Resources LP<br>Social Break<br>Sheena Spencer, MoF<br>Irene Korinetz, Telus Enviro Solutions | 40 yrs of Disturbance and Resulting Flows in the Mission Creek Watershed<br>Film-maker - Trouble in the Headwaters (12 min.)<br>WFN - Alternatives Forestry Approaches for Better Watershed Management<br><br>Recent Research in Forest Species and Water Uptake<br>Federal 2 Billion Trees Program - How to Access  |          |

**TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS DAY**

**FRIDAY MARCH 27, 2026**

| Time            | Presenter and Organization         | Presentation   | Duration        |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| 8:15 - 8:30     | Chair and WSABC Director           | Welcome, Spring Water Supply Forecast  | 15 min          |
| 8:30 - 9:00     | Dave Brewer                        | City of Calgary - High Pressure Concrete Pipe Repairs  | 30 min          |
| 9:00 - 9:30     | Rod MacLean, City of Kelowna       | Reekie Road PRV Renewal & PCCP condition assessment  | 30 min          |
| 9:30 - 10:00    | Aaron Hahn, Interior Dams          | Considerations for Watershed Storage Expansion   | 30 min          |
| 10:00 - 10:30   | Morning Social Break               |  | 30 min          |
| 10:30 - 11:00   | Mike Laws                          | Dam Risk Management Plans - How to Operate when your dam needs repairs   | 30 min          |
| 11:00 - 11:30   | Kiel Wilkie                        | Beaver Lake Reservoir - Dam Upgrade  | 30 min          |
| 11:30-11:45     | Lee Comfer, BCWWA                  | Updates, Initiatives underway by the BC Water and Waste Association  | 15 min          |
| 11:45 - 12:00   | Katja Roberts, EOCP                | Strategic Plan of the EOCP will be presented   | 15 min          |
| 12:00 - 1:00 pm | Lunch Break                        |  | 60 min          |
| 1:00 - 1:10 pm  | WSABC Director                     | Student Bursary Award and Group Photo  | 10 min          |
| 1:10 - 1:30     | Industry updates by WSABC Director | Improvement District Petition Update, Bill M216 Professional Reliance Act, NOALMS conference Oct 2026, ONA Governance Conference summary | 20 min          |
| 1:30 - 2:00     | IH Speaker - TBA                   | Drinking Water Program Updates for 2026<br>Advisories - How to be consistent   | Water<br>30 min |
| 2:00 - 2:15     | Afternoon Social Break             |  | 15 min          |
| 2:15 - 3:00     | TBA                                | TBA  | 45 min          |
| 3:00 - 3:10     | WSABC Director                     | Wrap Up and Wine Draw  | 10 min          |