



## Draft Board Meeting Agenda

**Date:** Monday, February 23, 2026

**Time:** 9am - 12:00pm, beginning with coffee/conversation from 8:30-9am

**Location:** Hybrid - [On Zoom](#) & the CWB office (55 Station St. Duncan, BC.)

**Meeting Chair:** CoChair Kate Segall

**Expected Participants:** Shannon Waters, Michelle Staples, David Slade, David Froese, Tim Kulchyski, Kristine Sandhu, Arlette Malcolm, Jenna Sutherst, Alison Nicholson; **Advisor:** Oliver Brandes. **Staff/Project Leaders:** Danielle Paydli, Tom Rutherford, Jill Thompson, Isabel Ransom, Julia Kidder, Katia Bannister, Rachel Orr.

**Guest Speakers:** None, all business for February, given we haven't had an official meeting since November!

**Regrets:** CoChair Chief Cindy Daniels, Calvin Swustus Senior, Christopher Alphonse, Phaedra Douglass

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

## Agenda

**9AM - On Zoom or at the CWB Office**

### 1. Welcome /Prayer (9:00 am)

### 2. Regular Business

- a. Agenda Review / Revisions.
- b. Review and approve Nov 24th, 2025 Draft Minutes.
- c. Announcements and Correspondence (see bottom of agenda) — *For Discussion, and Decision*
  - i. Proposed Technical Study Tour & Peer-Learning Engagement Achiase District Assembly (Ghana)
  - ii. siwłk<sup>w</sup> Water & Climate Forum, March 23–24, 2026 | Delta Grand Okanagan Resort, Kelowna, BC
  - iii. Co-Chair Letter to Fisheries Minister re: RCOE Closure

### 3. Hul'q'umi'num' Watershed Lesson (9:15 am)

### 4. Staff/Board Report and Key Decisions (9:30 am)

- a. Report back on presentations to the CVRD Board and Cowichan Tribes Natural Resources Committee, Danni Paydli and Tom Rutherford with comments from Kate Segall, Tim Kulchyski, and David Slade
- b. Follow up and next steps following our January workshop:
  - i. Antiracism Discussion, Danni Paydli
  - ii. Forest Target, Jill Thompson

- c. Letter request to BC Min Ag RE supporting continuation of irrigation scheduling coordinator in the Koksilah, Koksilah Low Flow Working Group / Jill
- d. Current conditions in the Cowichan River and 2026 preparations with Domtar/regulators/Cowichan Tribes, Tom Rutherford
- e. Proposed Additions to Cowichan River Provincial Park — BC Parks Consultation, Tom Rutherford
- f. Report back on the meeting re: proposed changes to BC's Natural Resource Permitting processes, after the CWB submitted a letter, Tom Rutherford
- g. Introduce Youth Program's first intern — Rachel Orr and plans for BCIT visit, Katia Bannister
- h. River cleanup: date, leader opportunities, speakers, prep (ie. join elder lunches), Katia Bannister
- i. Letter proposal re: clearcut harvesting in primary forests on Vancouver Island, David Slade
- j. Other staff/Board updates?

-----Break (10:30 am)-----

#### 5. Communications (10:45 am)

Presented by Communications Lead, Julia Kidder

- a. Key Messages
- b. Web design & Map Feature
- c. Film project

#### 6. Other Business (11:30 am)

#### 7. Adjourn (12:00 pm)

Materials referenced below can be found at: <https://cowichanwatershedboard.ca/meetings/>

#### Correspondence

- Proposed Technical Study Tour & Peer-Learning Engagement Achiase District Assembly (Ghana) – Canadian Partner Institution
- siwtk<sup>w</sup> Water & Climate Forum, March 23–24, 2026 | Delta Grand Okanagan Resort, Kelowna, BC — looking for representatives.
- Co-Chair Letter to Fisheries Minister re: RCOE Closure
- Parks Consultation Request

#### Announcements/Events

- Reminder: keep an eye out for more events here too <https://www.naturecowichan.net/>
- Next Speaker Night: TONIGHT! Healthy watersheds need healthy forests with Dave Daust - <https://cowichanwatershedboard.ca/content/cwb-viu-speakers-series/>
- CVRD DWWP - Water Conservation and Stewardship Rebate and Incentive Program <https://www.planyourcowichan.ca/water-conservation-rebate-program>

### **Further Reading**

- DFO weekly Cowichan Bulletin reports
- AntiRacism Statement
- Announcement of CVRD Board of Directors
- The Ecosystem in our Health System, by Dr. Shannon Waters and Dr. Craig Stephen

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