

Cowichan Watershed Board

2017 Workplan Review Summary

Jan. 29, 2018

Background...

- Ambitious workplan for 2017 approved by CWB and CWS Feb. 2017
- Activities categorized by priority – High, Medium, Low
- Almost most all High and Medium work plan items completed
- Some exceptions.....

High Points

- General Operations

- Recruited almost 300K in partnership funding
- Rejuvenated Target Working Groups
- Strengthened relationships with industry and partnerships with ENGO's
- Improved budget management systems
- Effective meetings

High Points....

- Watershed Governance & Management
 - Cowichan Co-Governance Conversations Workshop Series
 - Strengthened Relationships with Foundational Partners
 - Lydia Hwitsum Engaged
 - Strengthened Relationship with FNRORD Operational Management Team
 - Progress on Koksilah Critical Flow Thresholds
 - Support to CVRD work towards establishing water/watershed service

High Points (cont...)

- Technical

- Fish/Flows

- Successful 2017 flow management season
 - Completion of Technical “Salmonid Flows” Document to inform WUP
 - Formal WUP process

- WQ/Estuarine Health

- WQ sampling program – 1,000 samples in two “5 in 30” sampling programs
 - Progress on Cowichan Bay VORR implementation
 - CRF Funding for additional modelling and restoration in Cowichan Bay

- Water Conservation

- Ongoing Cowichan Valley Water Challenge
 - Micro- irrigation workshop partnership

High Points (cont....)

- Technical

- Riparian

- 5 years CRF Funding for riparian restoration
 - Ongoing CLRSS lake front property restoration
 - Forestry Tour
 - Knotweed.....

- Watershed IQ – Outreach and Education

- River Clean up
 - Speaker Series
 - Student Super hero's
 - Save the Rain campaign
 - Outreach Partners Database

Workplan Items not completed....

- High Priority Items:
 - Review ‘Targets’
 - Update Website
- Medium Priority Items:
 - Progress on Clam Garden in Cowichan Bay
 - Land Acquisition (Shaw Creek)
 - Development of “Chinook Target”
 - Water Conservation Partnership with Catalyst Paper

Summary

- Significant Accomplishments in 2017
- Acknowledge frustration with slow pace of progress on sustainable ecological flows
- Review of workplan reveals the value in the work planning exercise – guiding document for CWB staff.....
- Purpose of “Governance Work” is to position the CWB to Get More Done