



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

SOUTH SLOCAN WATER SERVICES

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DISCUSSION NOTES

Date: Tuesday, December 16, 2025
Time: 10:00 am PST
Location: Hybrid Model / RDCK Board Room

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Member Peter Wood
Committee Member Kathy Loxam
Committee Member Gary Niminiken
Committee Member Ian McGovern
Committee Member George Mentz
Committee Member Mandy Chutskoff
Director W. Popoff, Area H, Ex-officio

STAFF

Uli Wolf	GM of Environmental Services
Chris Gainham	Utility Services Manager
Alex Divlakovski	Water Operations Manager

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. STAFF REPORTS

2.1 OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL UPDATE

Operations and Maintenance

- Two major distribution system leaks were repaired
- Annual flushing and valve exercising was completed
- Annual dam cleaning and inspection completed
- Highway water main crossing has been located and identified
- 1-micron absolute filter consumption has increased

Capital Projects

- No capital completed in 2025

Staff provided an update on the distribution system upgrades planned for 2025 in the South Slocan water system. The RDCK is planning to replace a section of the distribution main, a portion of which was intended to utilize a casing/carrier pipe associated with the Ministry's 2017 South Slocan overhead highway project. At the time, the RDCK had an agreement with the Ministry for the installation of two casing pipes for future utility use. During detailed project planning, RDCK staff confirmed that one of the two casing pipes anticipated for this work was not installed as part of the 2017 project. Staff are currently engaged in discussions with the Ministry to work toward a resolution, and will provide further updates as those discussions progress.

Staff reviewed recent watermain breaks and locations with the CAC in terms of prioritizing watermain for future replacement, challenges with historic alignments on private property and without a statutory right of way and costs associated with moving replacements into the road right of way, upsizing opportunities with 6' mains and hydrants.

CAC Members with historic knowledge of the construction of the SSL system requested a copy of infrastructure mapping to review and mark-up with notations so as to capture knowledge of the system and ground conditions – Staff provided a hardcopy of mapping and CAC member provided photos of system work that were filed to the SSL Water system files.

Future Capital

- Media replacement in one filter housing
- Dam assessment and potential upgrades
- Standby booster pump
- Distribution system upgrades (location yet to be determined)

3. 2026-2030 DRAFT FINANCIAL PLAN

A copy of the 2026-2030 DRAFT Financial Plan for Service S245 Water Utility-Area H (South Slocan) is provided.

Director Popoff informed the CAC that he would like to allocate Community Works and Community Development funds for planned capital projects for 2026 to offset the planned reserve contribution that was to budget these works. The Grant revenue will be included in the budget update for the service.

CAC members inquired about opportunities to better engage water users in the community and providing them information about the CAC and CAC Members – perhaps by leveraging communication materials sent out to users as part of annual billing (e.g. the annual drinking water information brochure) – Staff will investigate any privacy concerns/requirements and will report back to the CAC.

4. NEXT ASSEMBLY

The next assembly of South Slocan Water Services Community Advisory Committee will be schedule in accordance with Section of 9 (1) of the RDCK Drainage, Water and Wastewater System Community Advisory Committee Bylaw No. 2858.