

# Metro Vancouver Agriculture Water Forum

*The Agriculture Water Forum will bring together agriculture producers, government representatives and water professionals to explore opportunities to improve water management for agriculture. An adequate and affordable water supply is essential for long term food security in the Metro Vancouver region.*



Mark your Calendar for

**November 3, 2016 at the Melville Centre for Dialogue**

Kwantlen Polytechnic University, 8771 Lansdowne Road, Richmond, BC  
(next to the Canada Line Lansdowne Station)

The forum participants will:

- Learn about government roles and the water regulatory framework for agriculture in this region;
- Share information on how to reduce water demand using cost efficient on-farm irrigation tools;
- Identify avenues to secure a water supply for agriculture's that reduces reliance on high cost potable water from the Greater Vancouver Water District.

<b>COST: \$20 + GST</b>	Please register by October 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2016
<b>ONLINE REGISTRATION</b>	<a href="https://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/2016/AgriculturalWaterForum">https://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/2016/AgriculturalWaterForum</a>
<b>PROGRAM DETAILS</b>	Visit the <a href="http://waterbucket.ca">waterbucket.ca</a> website



Co-hosted by Metro Vancouver, BC Ministry of Agriculture, the Partnership for Water Sustainability, BC Agriculture Council and Kwantlen Polytechnic University.

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## AGENDA

- 8:30am**      **REGISTRATION**
- 9:00am**      **WELCOME**
- 9:15am**      **INTRODUCTION TO AGRICULTURE WATER ISSUES IN METRO VANCOUVER**  
Partnership for Water Sustainability in BC
- 9:30am**      **BC WATER SUSTAINABILITY ACT – WHAT’S NEW AND UPCOMING**  
BC Ministry of Environment
- 9:50am**      **FARMERS’ PERSPECTIVE ON WATER FOR AGRICULTURE**  
Interviews with agricultural producers regarding water issues on their farm and how best to address them.
- Q&A**
- 10:30am**      **REFRESHMENT BREAK**
- 10:50am**      **LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER POLICIES IMPACTING AGRICULTURE**
- Greater Vancouver Water District
  - City of Surrey
  - City of Pitt Meadows
- Q&A**
- 12:00 pm**      **LUNCH and INFORMATION DISPLAYS**
- 1:00 pm**      **AGRICULTURE WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT (Two Concurrent Sessions)**
- 1. Fraser River Water Management**
    - Fraser River Modelling under Climate Change
    - Monitoring Water Salinity, Corporation of Delta
  - 2. Water Licensing and Irrigation Tools**
    - Water Act Licensing Requirements and Tools
    - BC Agriculture Calculator
    - Water Use Reporting Tool
- 2:15pm**      **WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?**  
Wrap-up session with a panel reflecting on the most valuable aspects of the forum and what agriculture water issues remain a priority in the Metro Vancouver region.
- 2:50pm**      **CLOSING REMARKS**

