

# 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.*



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

Kwantlen Polytechnic University, 8771 Lansdowne Road, Richmond, BC  
(a short walk from the Canada Line Lansdowne Station)

<b>COST: \$20 + GST</b>	Please register by October 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2016
<b>ONLINE REGISTRATION</b>	Visit <a href="https://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/2016/AgriculturalWaterForum">https://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/2016/AgriculturalWaterForum</a>
<b>PROGRAM DETAILS</b>	Visit <a href="http://waterbucket.ca">waterbucket.ca</a> <a href="http://waterbucket.ca/cfa/category/metro_vancouver_on_the_ground_changes/2016-metro-vancouver-agriculture-water-forum/">http://waterbucket.ca/cfa/category/metro_vancouver_on_the_ground_changes/2016-metro-vancouver-agriculture-water-forum/</a>

## AGENDA

- 8:30am**      **REGISTRATION**
- 9:00am**      **WELCOME** – Kim Stephens, Partnership for Water Sustainability in BC
- 9:15am**      **INTRODUCTION TO AGRICULTURE WATER ISSUES IN METRO VANCOUVER**  
Ted van der Gulik, Partnership for Water Sustainability in BC
- 9:30am**      **BC WATER SUSTAINABILITY ACT – WHAT’S NEW AND UPCOMING**  
Ted White, BC Ministry of Environment
- 9:50am**      **FARMERS’ PERSPECTIVE ON WATER FOR AGRICULTURE**  
Brent Mooney from Golden Spruce Nurseries will interview agricultural producers about 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**  
Stan Woods, Metro Vancouver and the Greater Vancouver Water District  
Carrie Baron, City of Surrey  
Forrest Smith and Randy Evans, 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**  
Albert Leung, Tetra Tech, on Fraser River Modelling under Climate Change  
Hugh Fraser, Corporation of Delta, on Monitoring Water Salinity
  - 2. Water Licensing and Irrigation Tools**  
Ross Kreye and Milen Kootnikoff, Ministry of Forest, Lands and Resource Operations, on Groundwater Licensing  
Stephanie Tam, Ministry of Agriculture, on the BC Agriculture Water Calculator  
Ted van der Gulik, on the Water Use Reporting Tool
- 2:15pm WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?**  
A wrap-up session considering other questions about the agriculture water supply in the Metro Vancouver region and next steps.
- 2:50pm CLOSING REMARKS**
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## INFORMATION DISPLAYS

1. BC Water Sustainability Act & Groundwater Licensing – Ministry of Environment & Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
2. Watertec Irrigation Ltd.
3. Farmwest and weather data
4. BC Agriculture Water Calculator



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