

Uncertain Water Supplies:

Increasing the resiliency of development to water crises

Water issues have become a source of major concern globally. We hope this panel will look at how we need to change development, water demand and water provision in order to increase resiliency against water crises. Specifically:

- What potential crises is British Columbia facing presently or in the future regarding water?
- What is the state of current Provincial policies?
- What changes do we need to be making and what lessons can we learn from other areas facing similar challenges?

The panel will be composed of four members:

Please feel free to send a short description of what you will be covering to the other participants if you would like to coordinate

- **Kirsten Harma**, a Masters student from RMES *talking about her research on water supplies in the Okanagan*
- **Kim Stephens**, one of the co-authors for the provincial stormwater management guide, *Living Water Smart in British Columbia: Collaboration, a 'design with nature' approach to greening communities, and re-use of resources are keys to climate change adaptation.*
- **Nancy Pepper**, a Masters student from SCARP, *speaking about state/provincial level water adequacy legislation for development*
- **Deborah Hartford**, Executive Director of Adaptation to Climate Change Team (ACT), *TBA*

Draft Panel Agenda:

- The panel will take place between 1:45pm and 3:00pm on March 5th in Thea's Lounge of the Thea Koerner House - 6371 Crescent Rd, UBC
- The panel will be moderated by Asrai Ord (SCARP graduate student) who will introduce the speakers and also keep track of the time
- Each panel member will have 12 minutes to speak on a topic of his or her choice that relates to the panel theme.
- After all panel member has spoken there will be a question and answer period for the rest of the panel time (approximately 20-25 minutes)
- There is a potential for the question and answer period to be broken up into multiple smaller segments that take place after each of the four panelists. If the panelists have no preference in this regard, the audience can make the decision at the beginning of the panel session.