



Hullcar Aquifer Inter-Ministry Working Group Updates

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Public Meeting Scheduled

The Inter-Ministry Working Group is hosting an event at the Hullcar Deep Creek Community Hall in Hullcar, BC on Friday, March 3rd, 2017. The meeting will cover the results from the Integrated Monitoring Study and explain Phase II of the Inter-ministry working group Action Plan. There will be an opportunity to explore options for future work and discuss opportunities for the Hullcar Valley.

Survey Monkey!

We would like to hear from the community prior to the Public Meeting. The working group wants to ensure that they address the community's needs and meet the public's concerns. Your input will help the working group prepare for the meeting. It would be appreciated if you would complete this survey by answering the questions at the following link by February 22:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WQ2J92Z>

Integrated Monitoring Study Phase II Report

The draft Integrated Monitoring Study (Phase II) is expected to be available for ministerial review on February 10, 2017. The results of this monitoring report will be presented to the public at the Public Meeting on March 3rd.

Goals of the Inter-Ministry Working Group:

- * To ensure safe drinking water for the residents of Hullcar Aquifer and Steele Springs Water District
- * To build public trust and demonstrate collaboration among Ministries
- * To determine possible sources of nitrate in the Hullcar Aquifer
- * To foster sustainable economic development for the local agrifood sector



Steele Springs Nitrate Sampling

The Ministry of Environment sampled the SSDW overflow on January 16, 2016. The Ministry's result was 13.2 mg/L which is up from the December result (12.3 mg/L)

Environmental Impact Assessments

Representatives from the Inter-Ministry working group have reviewed and requested further information for the Grace-Mar and H.S. Jansen & Sons Farm Ltd. environmental impact study reports. The representatives are currently reviewing the Ken Regehr environmental impact study report. All reports will be posted on the Ministry of Environment web page once accepted by the Director.

Upcoming dates of interest:

February 10	Integrated Monitoring Study Phase II Draft Due
February 16	Government to Government meeting with Splatsin First Nation
March 3	Public Meeting at Hullcar Deep Creek Community Hall — Details to come



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More info can be found at:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/site-permitting-compliance/hullcar-aquifer>