

# Hullcar Aquifer Inter-Ministry Working Group (IMWG) Updates

March 31 , 2017

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## Welcome Lee Hesketh to IMWG!

The Inter-Ministry Working Group (IMWG) is undergoing a change in community leadership. Mr. Lee Hesketh has joined the IMWG as the Community Lead and Liaison. He is excited to join the group to support collaboration between the Hullcar community and government. Lee has extensive background bridging the gap between the agricultural sector and other stakeholders regarding environmental issues. He will be working with Meaghan Murphy, the Community Resource Technician at the Ministry of Environment. All questions can be directed to Lee at (250) 547-6586 or [silverhillsranch@aol.com](mailto:silverhillsranch@aol.com).



Cindy Meays will be the new lead for the IMWG. Cindy has a strong background in farm management practices, and as such, she has been selected by the Ministry of Environment to help oversee the next step in the Action Plan for the IMWG.

The former IMWG lead, Christa Zacharias-Homer, will remain in the group leading the Pollution Prevention Orders (PPO), Pollution Abatement Orders (PAO), and compliance activities.

### Core Ministry

### Team Members

Community Lead:

Lee Hesketh

IMWG Lead:

Cindy Meays

Ministry of Environment

Deputy Director,

Regional Operations

Branch

Technical Team Lead:

Orlando Schmidt

Ministry of Agriculture

Acting Manager,

Entrepreneur Development

Services

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# Steele Springs Nitrate Sampling

The Ministry of Environment sampled the SSDW overflow on March 20, 2017. The results have not been received from the laboratory. Results will be posted in the April newsletter. The February sample result was 13.2 mg/L.



## Ongoing Communications

The community is encouraged to contact Lee Hesketh to discuss any concerns or raise any questions regarding the Nitrate issues in the Hullcar Aquifer.

## Upcoming dates of interest:

April 10	Inter-Ministry Working Group Meeting
April 17	MoE Sampling Steele Springs Drinking Water

## Goals of the IMWG:

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 agri-food sector

### Additional info can be found here:

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



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