

**Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation's 2nd Water Forum:
LAND USE AND WATERSHED MANAGEMENT in ALBERTA AND BEYOND**

Calgary Zoo
Tropical Oasis Room
September 17th, 2007

8:00 a.m. coffee/registration
8:30 opening remarks by the Foundation and facilitator **Michael Robinson**

Morning: Challenges in Alberta and beyond

9:00 Introduction – The current context in Alberta

- 10 min Water for Life: Implementation of watershed management in Alberta (Danielle Droitsch, Bow Riverkeeper)
- 10 min Protecting IFNs: how are we doing and what is the federal government role? (Mike Wenig, Canadian Institute of Resources Law)
- 10 min Water trading: what can we expect in BC and AB? (Randy Christensen, Sierra Legal Defence Fund)
- 10 min Climate Change impacts on management of the South Saskatchewan River Basin (Shelly Lobay-Minarik, 2006 Water Policy Fellow)
- 10 min Addressing climate change in Alberta's watershed management (Dave Schindler, University of Alberta)
- 10 min The need for integration: Land use planning and watershed management (Steven Kennett, Pembina Institute)

10:30 Break

11:00 Groundwater Focus

- 10 min Oil & gas impacts, knowledge gaps and the need for protection in Alberta (Mary Griffiths, Pembina Institute)
- 10 min Salmon interactions, impacts, and implications (Craig Orr, Watershed Watch Salmon Society)
- 10 min Local engagement in Ontario (Mario Levesque, 2006 Water Policy Fellow)
- 10 min Local engagement in Quebec (Patrick Henry, H2O Chelsea)

12:00 Lunch Slide show & chat: Engaging future leaders (Karen Kun with Bob Sandford)

Afternoon: Solutions

1:00 Demand Management (DM) and Water Soft Paths (WSPs)

- 10 min The opportunities of Water Soft Paths: A national overview (David Brooks, Friends of the Earth Canada)
- 10 min An application of WSP concepts: Defeating a pipeline in Manitoba (Glen Koroluk, Manitoba Eco Network)
- 10 min WSP as an alternative in Saskatchewan: Do we need more dams? (Darrin Qualman, Saskatchewan Environmental Society)
- 10 min WSP opportunities & potential for application in the forestry sector (Liz Hendriks, 2006 Water Policy Fellow)
- 10 min DM and BC communities: Local promotion and implementation of green infrastructure (Susan Rutherford, West Coast Environmental Law)

2:15 Break

2:30 Watershed Approaches

- 10 min Source Water Protection implementation in Ontario and opportunities & considerations for elsewhere (Rick Smith, Environmental Defence)
- 10 min Developing a Prairie “Statement of Expectations for water management” (Lindsay Telfer, Sierra Club Prairie Chapter)

3:00 Engaging Nationally

- 10 min Pollution Probe National Dialogue outcomes (Rick Findlay, Pollution Probe)
- 10 min National Assessment: Water Allocation and Water Security (Rob de Loë, University of Guelph)
- 10 min Changing the Flow: A Blueprint for Federal Action on Freshwater (Tim Morris, Sierra Club of Canada)

4:30 pm End

5:00 pm Reception & Dinner

7:00 pm Public Forum – Esso Theatre, Calgary Zoo

WATER HERE, WATER THERE:

Can we protect watersheds in the face of future demands in Alberta and beyond?

This evening forum will be a book launch for *Eau Canada: The Future of Canada's Water* (edited by Karen Bakker and published by UBC Press) with many contributors in attendance. There will be a panel on **Canadians and Americans Working Together to Protect Transboundary Watersheds** moderated by Adèle Hurley with Steve Thompson (National Parks Conservation Association) talking about experiences in the Flathead basin and David Conrad (National Wildlife Federation) talking about experience with Devils Lake. This will be followed by Brad Stelfox's presentation **A Landscape Vision for Alberta: The Delicate Balance between Myriad Demands and Ecological Constraints**. The forum is open to the public.