



July 4, 2025

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## **Re: Transition of Regulatory Reporting Responsibilities – Lorenzetta Creek Project**

Dear Graham;

As you are aware, the atmospheric river events of November 2021 caused extensive flooding across British Columbia, including significant damage to Lorenzetta Creek near Laidlaw in the Fraser Valley. In response, the Ministry of Environment and Parks (ENV) launched the Lorenzetta Creek Flood Recovery Project under the 2021 Atmospheric River Event (ARE) program, with Kerr Wood Leidal Associates Ltd. (KWL) providing design, engineering, and construction management services.

Floodplain and riparian management fall under local jurisdiction. Accordingly, the Province partnered with the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) to deliver this project. With construction now complete and the ARE program concluding, the project is transitioning to the monitoring and reporting phase. ENV proposes that the FVRD assume responsibility for ongoing regulatory reporting, consistent with its jurisdictional role.

This transition includes oversight of monitoring and reporting under the *Water Sustainability Act* and the *Fisheries Act*. Relevant permits are attached (refer to enclosure B of attached KWL's memorandum )

Key responsibilities include:

- **Fisheries Act Authorization No. 24-HPAC-00116:** Effectiveness and implementation monitoring by a qualified environmental professional through December 31, 2034.

- **Water Sustainability Act Permit No. 2011227:** Implementation of Five-Year and Ten-Year Effectiveness Monitoring Plans for aquatic and riparian habitats by a qualified professional through December 31, 2035.

To support this transition, ENV is offering a one-time funding contribution of \$261,400, based on KWL's cost estimate (refer to enclosure D of attached KWL's memorandum). This funding is intended to cover regulatory reporting costs through project completion. Any additional costs or changes in scope would be the responsibility of the FVRD.

As previously discussed, your Board of Directors may wish to consider this request and a written response is requested by **September 15, 2025**, indicating the FVRD position on the proposed transition. If there are any issues in meeting this deadline please inform the Ministry as soon as possible. Should the FVRD accept this request, ENV will initiate the necessary steps for a government-to-government transfer of funds and coordinate with regulatory agencies to ensure a smooth transition.

We appreciate the FVRD's partnership and are confident in your continued leadership in the long-term stewardship of Lorenzetta Creek.

Kind regards,

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Enclosed:

- KWL's technical memorandum, dated June 27, 2025, includes operations and maintenance guidelines for Lorenzetta Creek, along with an inspection cost estimate of \$261,400 (refer to Enclosure D).