



**South Okanagan  
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Chair Dan Ashton and RDOS Board  
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Dear Chair Ashton and RDOS Board Members,

On behalf of the 49 other South Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Program (SOSCP) partners, please accept this letter of appreciation of your support and recent 2010 budget allocation for the Regional Biodiversity Conservation Strategy.

Developing a regional and collaborative approach to biodiversity conservation and ecosystems protection through this process is a valuable undertaking. It is a key aspect of the growth management goals and policies as outlined in the South Okanagan Sub-Regional Growth Strategy and we applaud your serious and immediate commitment to that end.

In addition, the Regional District is also recognized within the Program for its valuable in-kind partnership contribution by assisting the SOSCP with the management and administration of its finances. The RDOS finance department staff are efficient and knowledgeable and it has been a pleasure to work with them.

The SOSCP is an important collaboration for achieving sustainability in our region, and relies on the participation and support of its partners.

We are pleased to have RDOS at the table as an active member and participant, and are looking forward to continuing to work collaboratively on Biodiversity Conservation in this unique and important area.

Sincerely,

Steve Matthews  
SOSCP Chair

Acting Regional Manager, BC Ministry of Environment, Okanagan Region

Cc. Bryn White, SOSCP Program Manager

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