



TO: Board of Directors
FROM: B. Newell, Chief Administrative Officer
DATE: March 3, 2011
RE: West Bench Irrigation District (WBID)

Administrative Recommendation:

THAT the Board authorize administration to work with the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development (Ministry) to assist WBID in resolving their water quality problems; and,

THAT administration be instructed to report back to the Board with the preferred alternative.

Reference:

[Letter](#) of 22 February 2011 from Mike Furey, ADM to Bill Newell, CAO
[Options Analysis](#)

History:

See letter attached

Alternatives:

1. Advise the Ministry that RDOS is not interested

Analysis:

The Board will be aware that the WBID referendum question posed to the membership on December 4th to dissolve WBID and connect to the City of Penticton water system failed. The Ministry has invited the Regional District to assist them in finding a solution to the water quality issues in a manner that would make infrastructure grants available to the West Bench residents.

There is some urgency to proceed as the BC Community Water Improvement Program Grant expires on March 31, 2012.