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**UPDATE: STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY CANCELLED– 21025/21207 GARNET VALLEY ROAD**

**SUMMERLAND:** The District of Summerland has cancelled the State of Local Emergency which was in effect for two properties on Garnet Valley Road due to a slide and slope erosion which occurred Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. The evacuation order has been rescinded. An evacuation alert remains for both properties.

The District has noted that many properties within the municipality are experiencing very high levels of groundwater. Mayor Peter Waterman states that *“residents should exercise caution when near slopes and be aware of any ground movement. Slopes may be saturated and subject to erosion and/or slippage. If there are signs of movement, individuals should leave the area immediately as slide activity can start very quickly.”*

The District is unable to mitigate or manage groundwater that originates on crown land or private property. Residents are advised to take necessary steps to protect their homes or property; however, they must ensure any actions taken do not negatively affect adjacent properties or District of Summerland infrastructure.

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