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## Media Release

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### **Water Project Underway in Summerland – Boil Water Notice in Effect**

After many months of planning, the District of Summerland is prepared for a major water project, Pressure Reducing Valve #10 (PRV10), that will take place the weekend of March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. To complete the work, water will be shutoff at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP). The District will divert water from their other systems to provide an alternative water supply through the taps for residents to use for showering and flushing toilets as necessary. This water is not drinkable and residents have been advised to have drinking water on hand. **Conservation will be important during the weekend of the shutoff as water use will have an impact on the pressure of the alternate system.**

**Starting February 27<sup>th</sup>, a Boil Water Notice is in effect** as chlorine from the water is being eliminated to allow the draining of water with minimal impact on the surrounding environment. Once the project is complete, the Boil Water Notice will stay in effect for approximately 4 – 10 days until Interior Health Authority (IHA) has confirmed the water meets Canadian Drinking Standards. The District of Summerland recommends that residents drink stored or bottled water or bring water to a rolling boil for one minute before consuming.

Mayor Waterman advised, *“The District is pleased to have the full support of Interior Health for this complex project. It is critical that components of the aging water system are replaced before an unexpected failure occurs that could have a significant impact on the community.”*

**A Communications Centre** will be set up on Saturday and Sunday at the Aquatic Centre, 13205 Kelly Ave between 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Summerland Steam hockey team will be volunteering services as *Water Angels* for the elderly or those in need who require assistance during this water project. For any questions or concerns related to the PRV10 Water Project, contact 250-486-3765.

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For more information, please contact Linda Tynan, CAO at 250-404-4043