

# CURRENT Events

Alberta Branch Newsletter

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**CWRA ACRH**  
Canadian Water Resources Association  
Association Canadienne des Ressources Hydrauliques

*Upcoming Conference - CWRA-AB and Alberta Environment*


## Climate Change and Water Management: Science, Impacts, and Adaptation in Alberta





April 2-5<sup>th</sup>, 2006

West Edmonton Mall, Fantasyland Hotel  
Edmonton, AB

### Climate Change and Water Management: Science, Impacts, and Adaptation

 The Alberta Chapter of the Canadian Water Resources Association and the Government of Alberta, through Alberta Environment, are partnering in the delivery of a conference on Climate Change and Water Management. The goal of the conference is to offer attendees opportunities for understanding and dealing with the science, research, technical and knowledge transfer challenges of climate change impacts on water resources. The conference will present the latest in scientific knowledge of climate change as it relates to water in western Canada, and Alberta in particular. Presentations and discussions will cut across a wide range of climate change, water management and adaptation issues, as well as to highlight practical applications as they relate to industry, communities and governments.

 The conference will bring together researchers, water users, scientists, engineers, managers and policy analysts. It is dedicated to advancing the transfer of new knowledge to people that need it.

 The conference will also offer attendees an opportunity to participate in a post-conference workshop and a field trip.

**For more details – check out:**

<http://www.climatechangealberta2006.com>

## **Water Seminars – Alberta Branch Seminar Series 2005-06**

🍁 The Alberta Branch Seminar Series 2005-06 kick off, held on November 24, 2005, in Calgary, was a success. A special thank you to Robin FitzGerald for his presentation on *Glenmore Causeway Upgrades: Dam Safety, Traffic and Flood Issues*, as well as to the organization committee (led by Chuck Slack). The luncheon seminar was well attended – 28 attendees. Stay tuned for the next Water Seminar to be held early in the New Year!

## **Senate Report – *Water in the West: Under Pressure***

🍁 Attached below are links to *Water in the West: Under Pressure*, the Fourth Interim Report of the Standing Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources. Chaired by the Honourable Tommy Banks, the report summarizes testimony from Canadian water experts, and concludes with five recommendations for the Government of Canada to “reinvest” in water. <http://www.parl.gc.ca/38/1/parlbus/commbus/senate/com-e/enrg-e/rep-e/rep13nov05-e.htm> or <http://www.parl.gc.ca/38/1/parlbus/commbus/senate/com-e/enrg-e/rep-e/rep13nov05-e.pdf>

## **Water for Life: Reports on Implementation**

🍁 Links are provided to the Government of Alberta and Alberta Water Council Reports and Recommendations related to year one implementation of *Water for Life: Alberta's Strategy for Sustainability*.  
[http://www.waterforlife.gov.ab.ca/docs/WFL\\_ImplementationReport\\_Oct2005.pdf](http://www.waterforlife.gov.ab.ca/docs/WFL_ImplementationReport_Oct2005.pdf)  
[http://www.waterforlife.gov.ab.ca/awc/docs/awc\\_ReviewReport.pdf](http://www.waterforlife.gov.ab.ca/awc/docs/awc_ReviewReport.pdf)

## **Ontario Proposes Clean Water Act**

🍁 Ontario has introduced new legislation, the proposed *Clean Water Act*, which focuses on water source protection for communities. <http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/news/2005/120501mb.htm>

## **CWRA –SK Calendar and Photo Contest**

🍁 The Saskatoon chapter of the Canadian Water Resources Association Students and Young Professionals has put together a calendar on the theme of water. For a view of the pictures and to download an order form, go to: [http://www.saskriverbasin.ca/CWRA\\_Calendar/](http://www.saskriverbasin.ca/CWRA_Calendar/)

## **Messages from the Calgary and Edmonton Student and Young Professional (SYP) chapters**


🍁 The Calgary Students and Young Professionals chapter of the CWRA is excited to announce its official launch scheduled for January 24, 2006 at 7pm at the University of Calgary campus. The evening will include a presentation and an opportunity for students, young professionals, and experienced professionals to network. All are encouraged to attend! Tickets will be available at the door. RSVP and for more information email Greg Powell [gpowell@canprojects.com](mailto:gpowell@canprojects.com)

🍁 The Edmonton branch is currently looking for students and young professionals who may be interested in joining the newly formed Edmonton Students and Young Professionals Chapter. The vision of the SYP group comes from that of the National CWRA, but is focused towards young professional interests: water education, conservation initiatives, networking, activity engagement, and of course...fun. For further information, please contact Kirsten Fazakas at [kfazakas@ualberta.ca](mailto:kfazakas@ualberta.ca)


## **Mineable Oil Sands Strategy - Consultation**


🍁 The Alberta Government is initiating discussions about the proposed Mineable Oil Sands Strategy (MOSS) and the draft Fort McMurray Mineable Oil Sands Integrated Resource Management Plan (IRP). As a first step, interested stakeholders are invited to attend one of four workshops, as well as an open house, to be held in Fort McMurray in mid-January. <http://www.energy.gov.ab.ca/3013.asp>


## Upcoming Conferences and Symposiums

 **CWRA National Conference 2006** - Working From the Source towards Sustainable Water Management, Toronto, Ontario, June 4-7<sup>th</sup>, 2005. <http://www.fromthesource.ca/>

 The fifth annual Northwest Stream Restoration Design Symposium will be held January 31 - February 2, 2006 at Dolce Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, Washington. Pre-registration is required. <http://rrnw.org/skamania2006/>

 The program is shaping up for 2006 Alberta's Environment Conference. If you are planning to submit a presentation, create a poster or lead a workshop at the 2006 conference, your deadline for submissions is December 31, 2005. <http://www.environment2006.com/info.htm>

 59th Canadian Conference for Fisheries Research, January 5-7<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Calgary, Alberta. For more details, check out the website: <http://www.phys.ocean.dal.ca/ccffr/index.html>.

 WATER: Science & Politics, ASPB Annual Conference and Workshop, 25-28 March 2006, Calgary, Alberta. How will changes in the quality and quantity of our water impact landscapes, ecosystems, industrial and agricultural uses, and drinking water supplies? Who decides? <http://www.aspb.ab.ca/2006conf/index.shtml>

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