

## News Release

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### New Website Created for Information on Cowichan River's Water Shortage

**Duncan, BC** - The Cowichan Valley Regional District has created a new website for information on the serious water shortage affecting the Cowichan River; [www.flowdown.ca](http://www.flowdown.ca) provides education on why we have low river flow conditions, why it is a problem for the region, and what is being done to address the impacts.

The website includes updated information on three key indicators including:

- Water supply in Cowichan Lake,
- Water temperatures, and
- Water quality.

For each of these indicators, the website provides information on the impacts of low river flow to our community. The Cowichan River water gauge will be adjusted as needed throughout the year to provide a quick visual on the status of the current water levels. Resources and tools will also be available through the website to support the efforts of organizations and individuals that have an interest in helping to address the problem.

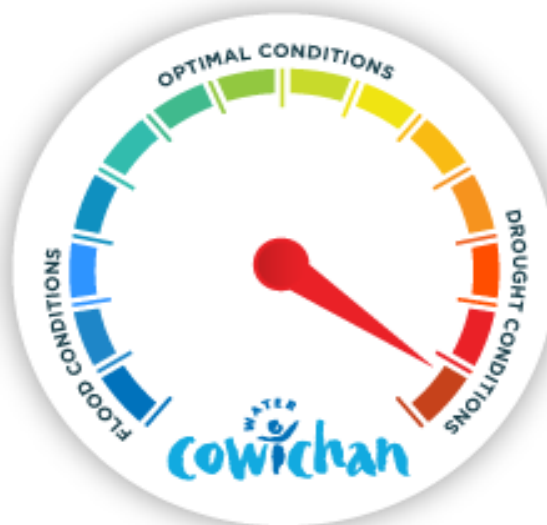
"The Cowichan River is in crisis and we are working very closely with Cowichan Tribes and our other partners to ensure there are sustainable water flows during these increasingly common drought conditions" stated CVRD Chair Rob Hutchins.

To ensure progress on this initiative, the Board agreed on September 10, 2014, to take on a leadership role to investigate and coordinate long term measures to maintain adequate Cowichan River water flows in partnership with stakeholders and other agencies.

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*Cowichan River Water Gauge*