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To the Property Owners at Upper Fintry, Shalal Road, Valley of the Sun

**Re: Proposed Water Distribution System**

We wish to advise you that the petition for a water distribution system that was recently circulated was successful and has met the requirements as outlined in the Local Government Act. Following the adoption of the necessary bylaws by the Regional Board, and the one month quashing period, we will proceed with the design and construction of a public water distribution system for your communities.

The official results of the petition as of March 9, 2009, are as follows:

	# Parcels	% w/Imp	Yes	%	No	%	No Reply	%
<b>Upper Fintry</b>	180	18%	105	58%	15	8.3%	60	33%
<b>Shalal Road</b>	14	14%	3	21%	1	7%	10	71%
<b>Valley of the Sun</b>	147	35%	87	59%	14	9.5%	46	31%
	341		192	56%	30	8.8%	119	35%

It is important to note that following the deadline for submissions many more petitions showing favorable support, have been received.

**Bylaws**

It is required by the Local Government Act to adopt bylaws to authorize the provision of water service and at the Regional Board meeting of March 23, 2009 the bylaws were given first, second and third readings. The bylaws are now being sent to the Inspector of Municipalities for statutory approval then, once approved, the bylaws may be adopted at the following Regional Board meeting.

**Costs**

Upon substantial completion of the project, property owners will receive a notice requesting payment of their share of the capital costs to design and install the water distribution system.

Owners will be given the option to make a one-time only payment in full or to have the charges levied against the property as an annual tax for a period of thirty years.

Per the petition, the maximum cost per parcel to complete the project may not exceed \$17,500.00. However, on March 17<sup>th</sup> 2009 your MLA, the Honorable Rick Thorpe, presented a \$400,000 Towns for Tomorrow government grant to be used towards well site exploration and development, reducing the cost per parcel to an estimated \$16,327. The project may be eligible for additional funding opportunities which may further reduce the per parcel cost.

### **Staying Informed**

We will continue to keep you informed of important milestones and developments as the project progresses through the stages of design and construction.

To view information presented at the public meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> 2009 please visit the Regional District website at [www.regionaldistrict.com](http://www.regionaldistrict.com).

We trust this answers any questions you may have regarding the future provision of water service.

Yours truly,



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