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Construction Underway for New Water System

The equipment's in place, asphalt is being cut and pipes will soon be buried for the Regional District of Central Okanagan's sixth water distribution system.

Construction is underway for the water system that will service the Upper Fintry, Shalal Road and Valley of the Sun subdivisions off Westside Road in the northern end of the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area.

Communications Coordinator Bruce Smith says "Over the next six months, crews will install approximately 12-kilometers of water mains that will provide both treated water and fire flows to more than 340 properties in the three areas. We hope to have the project which is estimated at almost \$6-million, completed by this fall. None of these properties have ever had domestic water service and residents have had to make their own arrangements to get water."

He adds, "With a construction project of this magnitude, residents and motorists in these areas may experience some minor inconveniences. Please obey flag people and signage that you encounter along roads in the area during construction and where alternate traffic routes exist, please use these routes whenever possible. Until mid-June initial construction is concentrating on the transmission main along Westside Road and motorists should expect single-lane alternating traffic while this section of work is being done. As well, construction is underway on the pump station in the lower Fintry area. Work on additional control buildings and associated water works will take place throughout the project and it is anticipated construction on the Firwood Road Reservoir will be underway by early summer." Updated information about the project and construction schedule can be found at regionaldistrict.com (Select Quick Links and NewWaterSystem).

During 2007, in response to requests from some area property owners, the Regional District began a process to determine the feasibility of and support for construction of a water system. In 2009 after the conclusion of a successful petition campaign detailed planning and design began for the infrastructure project. The total project cost is estimated at \$17,500 per property within the water system service area. Funding from the Provincial Towns for Tomorrow program has been received and the Regional District will also seek additional grant funding opportunities.

The Regional District currently operates and maintains five water systems servicing more than 800 properties in the Sunset Ranch, Westshores, Killiney Beach, Falcon Ridge and Trepanier areas.

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