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Aeneas Creek Flood Control Notice

The District of Summerland is concerned about the potential of flooding in the low lying areas adjacent to Aeneas Creek. This flooding concern is a result of higher than average snowpack, late snowpack melt, and reduced irrigation demand due to cooler and wetter than average weather conditions.

The District releases water into Aeneas Creek to control water levels in Garnet Valley Reservoir. Though Water Operations has been releasing more water than normal, it is anticipated that, unless additional water is released, the reservoir may fill and water entering the spillway has the potential to cause flood damage downstream.

To reduce the possibility of damage, we wish to advise you that the District will be increasing the amount of water that is being released into Aeneas Creek. Unfortunately, the release of additional water may cause some nuisance flooding in the lower lying areas adjacent to the creek. We therefore ask residents to consider the flooding potential of their property and take appropriate action. Some actions that will reduce the potential of flooding or damage to your property are:

1. The removal of existing debris in the creek,
2. The removal of items that may restrict flow or catch debris such as bridges or ponds,
3. Daily inspection and removal of debris from culverts,
4. Sandbagging of high risk areas.

For those residents wishing to sandbag, empty sandbags are available for free at Public Works, 9215 Cedar Avenue, residents will have to provide their own sand and fill the bags themselves.

If you have any questions regarding this notice please feel free to contact Scott Lee, Manager of Water Operations at 250-494-9747.