

CAO Report - November 12, 2025

We are seeing continued dry conditions in the region and in our own headwaters which might necessitate further preemptive actions to ensure reservoirs have the best probability of filling in the spring of 2026. The community is currently at Drought Level 3, and although irrigation shut off (which happened the week of October 13) and more recent moisture in the watershed have together helped curtail the rate of decrease in stored water, our reservoir level monitoring indicates that levels remain low. We will keep the community informed as we learn more and if further actions are taken.

Special thanks to those who were able to come out and provide your feedback in person at our recent open houses for the Official Community Plan. If you could not make it or would like to reiterate your perspective on the draft plan, please take the time to provide your comments on the project website which remains open until Friday, November 14 at midnight. The plan will shape the future of our community and serves as a roadmap which will guide Summerland's growth and development for years to come. The easiest way to access the feedback link is to just visit the Community Updates section of our main page on the District's website.

Finally, just a reminder that District staff are working hard to complete many infrastructure projects around the community, winterize parks and public areas, and prepare for key events like the Festival of Lights later this month. As a result, workers are frequently operating in and around our roadways – please slow down and be considerate for the safety of our staff who are working very hard at this time and often in the rain or in early mornings or late in the afternoon when there are low light or visibility issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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