



**CAO Report – April 14, 2026**

Our current drought level requires reductions to agricultural water allocations, and letters have gone out to all irrigators. Limitations on residential watering to three times per week are also in effect. The recent rain we had is great, but snowpack conditions remain low. We will continue to monitor things and update the community with the latest updates.

Open burning for properties greater than 2 acres ends tomorrow and does not reopen until October 15. Buring requires a permit and further information can be obtained by calling the Fire Department directly.

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We are celebrating Earth Week with a one day recycle event at the Summerland Arena from 8am to 3pm, and also the 20th annual Earth Week Community Planting event on Sunday April 26. Come join us by gathering by the stairs in the park starting at 10 am where the Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society will plant native species along the steep slopes. Community members are invited to join in to help with the planting of native trees, shrubs, wildflowers and grasses. The Summerland Fire Department will assist with plant watering. In addition to planting, a community fair will take place from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

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During the same week, on Saturday we are also inviting the community out for the grand opening of Wharton Street and the new Veteran's Memorial Square. Come out at 11:00 AM on April 25 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM noon for live music, cupcakes and a speech from Mayor Holmes to commemorate the project.

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Finally, just a heads up that effective April 15, the Giants Head Mountain Park Gate will be open for vehicles during the hours of 12:00 PM and 9:00 PM each day, with our four-season washroom on site being available from 7:30 AM to 9:00 PM each day.

Respectfully submitted,

Graham Statt, Chief Administrative Officer