



February 9, 2023

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Mark Pendergraft, Chair
Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
101 Martin St
Penticton BC V2A 5J9

Dear Chair Pendergraft:

Thank you for your letter of January 11, 2023, requesting a Restructure Implementation Grant to assist with the conversion of the Okanagan Falls Irrigation District. It was a pleasure to meet with you and other members of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) Board in Oliver on January 16, 2023.

I would like to congratulate the Board for taking on the responsibility of providing a number of services, including water services, to the community formally known as the Okanagan Falls Irrigation District. I understand this represents a significant increase for the service profile for the RDOS.

After reviewing your request for funding, I am pleased to share that I have approved a Restructure Implementation Grant for \$20,000 to assist with some of the administrative costs of the conversion.

I want to thank the RDOS Board and staff for their continued dedication to implement improvement district conversions that are collaborative, transparent and meaningfully engage with the public. I trust that the residents will soon benefit from an increased quality to life and safety through your efforts.

Ministry of Municipal Affairs staff will soon follow up regarding the terms and conditions of this grant and the transfer of funds. Samantha Kolb, Program Analyst, Governance and Structure Branch, Local Government Division, is the lead for this project and can be reached by telephone at: 250 940-8546, or by email at: Samantha.Kolb@gov.bc.ca.

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Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne Kang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Anne" and last name "Kang" clearly distinguishable.

Anne Kang
Minister

pc: Bill Newell, Chief Administrative Officer, Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
Samantha Kolb, Program Analyst, Governance and Structure
Liisa Bloomfield, Manager of Utilities, Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen