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Honourable Murray Coell
Minister of Environment
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Dear Minister Coell

RE: Policy Proposal on British Columbia's new Water Sustainability Act

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Dear Minister Coell:

Recently, at its regular meeting of January 18, 2011, the District of Lake Country Council considered the *Policy Proposal on British Columbia's New Water Sustainability Act*, which you included with your correspondence of December 17, 2010. The District of Lake Country has experienced many of the challenges outlined in the document, and Council is very committed to building a sustainable future for British Columbia's water resources and passed the following motion:

11.01.015

That a letter be sent to the Honorable Minister Coell in response to correspondence received from the Ministry of Environment regarding the Water Sustainability Act process;

And that strong opposition be expressed regarding the proposal to consider trading water rights as an economic instrument;

And alternatively, that support be expressed for the introduction of Ground Water Regulations and the establishment of an Agricultural Water Reserve;

And finally that our resolution be forwarded to the Southern Interior Local Government Association for consideration at the 2011 Union of British Columbia Municipalities conference.

Carried.

Thank you for your consideration of the District's concerns.

Sincerely,

James Baker

James Baker
Mayor

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