

PECC SITUATION REPORT JUNE 15, 2006 - 1600 Hrs

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Kelowna Area Flooding

June 15, 2006 1600 hrs

Flooding occurred along Mission Creek in and around Kelowna this morning due to intense rain overnight. Mission Creek appears to have peaked at this time (likely around 4-5 am) however high water continues along the creek. The River Forecast Centre of Ministry of Environment reports that the flows peaked at a 1 in 50 year return period flood event. The City of Kelowna and the Central Okanagan Regional District activated a joint Emergency Operations Centre in Kelowna and the Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Centre in Kamloops and the Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre in Victoria have been activated to Level 1.

SITUATION

The flooding situation is generally improving. Flows along Mission Creek within the Kelowna City boundaries are dropping however they remain very high. City of Kelowna crews continue to monitor 5 bridges along the creek. The linear park along Mission Creek and other public areas close to the creek remain closed.

CURRENT REPORTS OF DAMAGE

- * 2 residential homes have been impacted by flood waters in the Joe Rich area.
- * 1 mobile trailer was swept downstream by flood waters near the Joe Rich area.
- * Highway 33 remains open through the flooded area southeast of Kelowna

No reports of injury

RESPONSE

- * City of Kelowna and the Central Okanagan Regional District have activated a joint EOC and municipal crews are responding at various sites along the creek.
- * The Ministry of Environment has flood specialists on the ground in Kelowna checking on flooding incidents.
- * The City of Kelowna crews are removing log jams at pinch points along the creek.
- * The linear park along Mission Creek has been closed by the Central Okanagan Regional District due to public safety concerns.
- * An RCMP helicopter overflight was completed this afternoon. A number of log jams are reported upstream of Kelowna but bridges, roads and dikes all seem to be holding up well.

OUTLOOK

The heavy rainfall has ended and only light shows are being reported in the upper Mission Creek watershed at this time. The water levels are dropping along Mission Creek at this time and are expected to continue to drop throughout the remainder of today and tomorrow. Flows will remain very high however for several more hours.