

BC Fruit Growers' Association Friday File

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Replant Funding Announcement Province dedicates more resources

Linda Larson and Dan Ashton, MLAs from the South Okanagan, [announced new funding for the Replant Program yesterday in Osoyoos](#). The funding is in response to a BCFGAs request for additional funding and to the many growers who contacted their MLAs to support the Replant Program - further proof that working together achieves great results!



Additional funding of \$1 million will be provided over the life of the program, boosting the 7 year replant program funding from \$8.4 million to \$9.4 million.

The current year (projects with trees planted spring 2016) has a waiting list, as the number of project applications continues to exceed expectations. Of the new commitment, \$300,000 additional replant program funding is allocated help fund projects on the wait list for 2016 projects. It is not possible at this early stage in project inspections to determine how many projects on the waitlist will remain unfunded when all project funding is fully allocated and expended for 2016. Immediately, however, it

will be possible to confirm that 83 projects will receive funding, up 25 from the 58 projects that have already received funding confirmation.


Project slippage, which occurs when funds are released by approved projects because they are smaller or do not go ahead, will allow further projects to be funded in future months as inspections get completed.

On June 6, BCFGA will be meeting with BC Ministry of Agriculture to finalize the administration process for the new 2016 Replant Program funding. An update will be provided in the next newsletter.

A Welcoming Communities Summit- Okanagan College, Penticton

BCFGA members are invited to attend “Welcome 2016” which is a *Welcoming Communities Summit* to be held at the Okanagan College in Penticton, BC on June 17th and 18th, 2016. This event has been organized by the South Okanagan/Similkameen Local Immigration Partnership. There will be sessions and keynotes speaking on social and economic integration for new immigrants. For further information and registration visit their [website](#).

How to contact the BCFGA Office

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Dates and Events- check the [BCFGA Calendar](#) on our website for more information

Meetings Attended recently

May 30	Fruit and Tree Nut Biosecurity Advisory Committee	Glen Lucas
May 30	Quarterly Mexico SAWP Update	Glen Lucas
May 31	BCTF BBQ	Ron Forrest, Labour Orientation and Safety, Glen Lucas
June 2	Replant - Announcement of additional funding	Fred Steele, Deep Brar, Glen Lucas, Bunvir Nijjar, Brenda Zarr
June 3	Norm Letnick Golf Tournament. *	Fred Steele, Sukhdev Goraya, Glen Lucas

* Note: the BCFGA Executive has a policy of balancing participation in political events leading up to an election campaign. It has set aside resources to attend a similar event for the provincial Agriculture Critic.