



# BC Fruit Growers' Association

## Friday File

June 6, 2017

### **South East Kelowna Irrigation District** Care about your water bill? Vote now

The South East Kelowna Irrigation District (SEKID) is holding its annual election of a Board member. If you live in the SEKID area, please consider voting for the candidate of your choice, who you feel will understand and be sympathetic to the interests of farmers. [Here is a webpage with links to the biographies of the candidates](#) and other information.

The date of the **election will be Thursday, June 8th**, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the District office at 3235 Gulley Road.

### **Apple Clearwing Moth Update** Maps available

Maps indicating trapping results for 2016 are now available at <http://www.oksir.org/orchard-information/2016-survey-maps/>

### **BCFGA Summer Labour Project - 2017** Contact Ron Forrest

The BCFGa summer labour project has started. Ron Forrest provides safety orientation sessions for staff (before the season starts and as work starts on your farm). Call Ron to arrange a workshop on your farm: **250-859-7503**. Ron can also let workers know of available work at your farm - call him to let him know when you need workers.

### **Right to Farm** An Update from the Strengthening Farming Branch, BC Ministry of Agriculture

If you have difficulties with a neighbour or could use some assistance communicating information to them, please give Ministry of Agriculture, Anne Skinner a call at: 250-861-7272 or cell: 250-309-2478.

## BC Agriculture Council News

### An Update


#### Reminder for Employers of Seasonal Workers using SAWP and other:

[Avoid delays with early applications](#) With significant growth in the volume of people coming to Canada, applying early is more important than ever. Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada reminds employers who hire seasonal agricultural workers to ensure [work permit applications](#) are submitted as far as possible in advance to help avoid delays.

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

Date	Meeting	
June 6	Okanagan Basin Water Board / Okanagan Water Stewardship Committee	Kevin Day, Glen Lucas, Deep Brar
June 7	BCFGA Executive	
June 8	South East Kelowna Irrigation District Election	8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the District office at 3235 Gulley Road.
June 12	Starling Control	Peter Simonsen
June 13-14	"Growing the Tree Fruit Sector in Canada" proposal	Fred Steele and Glen Lucas

#### How to contact the BCFGa Office

BCFGA Office - 250-762-5226 Toll free -1-800-619-9022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Brenda Jorde, Member Services and Replant Admin, local 1.</li><li>• Glen Lucas, General Manager, local 2.</li><li>• Bunvir Nijjer, Corporate Secretary and Seasonal Agriculture Worker Program, local 4.</li></ul>
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#### The BCFGa Labour Orientation and Safety Program

Contact Ron Forrest  
250-859-7503