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NOTICE AND REFERRAL OF PROJECT REQUIRING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Alberta Transportation Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project

Alberta Transportation has been directed to prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment Report in accordance with the provisions of Division 1 of Part 2 of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* for their proposed Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project. The Project is to be located in Section 24, Township 24, Range 4, W5M, approximately 11 KM west of Calgary, in Rocky View County, AB.

The Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project was identified as a part of the Government of Alberta's 2014 flood mitigation study. This Project considers diverting extreme flood flow from the Elbow River into an off-stream reservoir, where it would be temporarily contained and later released back into the Elbow River after the flood peak has passed. The Project includes a diversion structure constructed across the Elbow River and a diversion channel excavated through the adjacent uplands, to transport flood water into an off-stream reservoir. The reservoir site includes an earth-fill dam to temporarily contain the diverted flood water and a low level outlet structure incorporated into the dam to later release the stored water back into the Elbow River.

Enclosed is a copy of the project summary table, maps and proposed terms of reference for your review. The Public Notice stating that the proposed Terms of Reference are available for review will be posted on the environmental assessment website and published in local and regional newspapers. Refer to: <http://esrd.alberta.ca/lands-forests/land-industrial/programs-and-services/environmental-assessment/current-projects.aspx>

Please refer to the *Guide to Providing Comments on Proposed Terms of Reference* located on the environmental assessment website. All comments on the proposed terms of reference or questions about the proposed project should be directed to the Environmental Assessment Coordinator: Camille Almeida (780-422-2207, Camille.Almeida@gov.ab.ca).

Comments on the Terms of Reference must be submitted by October 31, 2014.

After considering information from the public and government agencies, Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development will issue a final terms of reference for the project.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure