



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

# Media Release

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## Water Quality Advisory Rescinded for Fauquier Water System

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Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) has rescinded a **WATER QUALITY ADVISORY** for users on **the Fauquier Water System**. The system is located in the community of Fauquier, within RDCK Electoral Area K. Fauquier is on the east side of Lower Arrow Lake. The Needles Ferry landing is part of the Fauquier Water System.

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) issued a Water Quality Advisory for users on the Fauquier Water System due to a significant increase in source water turbidity (suspended sediment) that resulted in treated water turbidity levels to exceed the 1 NTU standard recommended in the Federal *Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality*. Turbidity can interfere with disinfection, limiting chlorine's ability to remove or inactivate viruses, bacteria such as *E-Coli*, and parasites such as *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium*. The increase in turbidity can be attributed to springtime melt and heavy rain events.

Water quality monitoring data has demonstrated that turbidity levels are below 1 NTU and water quality is good.

The RDCK appreciates Fauquier water users' cooperation and patience during this time and apologizes for the inconvenience experienced.

*Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit [www.rdck.ca](http://www.rdck.ca).*

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