

CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT  
POLICIES

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**A-21 - Use of Flood Mitigation Resources**

**Preamble:** The Board of Directors recognizes the scope of flood potential on the Central Coast and particularly within the Bella Coola Valley and desires to optimize flood mitigation through the Regional District's Emergency Program, in accordance with the goals of the British Columbia Emergency Response Management System; and

Whereas the principal resources for the provision of flood mitigation works are provided to the Regional District by Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR); and

Whereas it is a requirement of EMCR funding agreements that local governments undertake critical infrastructure assessments for the purposes of rating projects by standardized consequence of loss criteria.

**Policy:** Therefore, the Regional District will focus its flood mitigation efforts to protect public infrastructure that benefits the greater population guided by the following definitions:

- 1) Transportation, utility and safety infrastructure including, but not limited to, roads, bridges, dikes, airports and ports, rights-of-way, etc.;
- 2) schools, government offices, public building (or those deemed essential) and associated lands; and
- 3) populated areas containing a significant representation of the above.

The Regional District will assist other public agencies as necessary including Indigenous Nations.

Recognizing the responsibilities of private landowners in designated flood hazard lands, as outlined by the BC Compensation and Disaster Financial Assistance Regulation, private landowners and residents are responsible for having a plan, as well as tools and equipment necessary to protect their homes and properties (sandbagging, for example).

CCRD will only assist private landowners and residents with the provision of sandbags and sand, during a flood event where EMCR have allocated a task number; upon availability of sandbags and sand, after critical public infrastructure has been protected, in the first instance; and where assistance is provided to private landowners and residents, priority will be given to known vulnerable properties.

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