

**Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Environmental Sustainability and Strategic Policy Division**

Rec. #	OAG Recommendations	Action Planned	Target Date	Assessment of Progress by Entity <sup>3</sup>	Action Taken <sup>4</sup>
8.	Identify priority unmet climate data needs and fill gaps accordingly. This work should be done in collaboration with network operators as well as with users, such as flood forecasters and climate modellers.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Government will continue to work across agencies and with its partners to explore and address needs and gaps in climate data, information and tools.</li> <li>2. BC will continue to work with the Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium to provide authoritative, useful timely climate information, data and tools that can support adaptation decision-making in British Columbia.</li> <li>3. As part of the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change, the Government of Canada committed to “Establish a new Canadian Centre for Climate Services to improve access to climate science and regional climate resilience.”</li> <li>4. FLNRORD, through the BC Wildfire Service has extensive station networks that will be maintained and potentially enhanced as funding becomes available.</li> <li>5. Under the Climate Related Monitoring Program (CRMP) the province is working with BC Hydro, Rio Tinto ALCAN and regional districts (MVRD and CRD) to make long term meteorological data available for professional users.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) completed</li> <li>b) ongoing</li> <li>c) Fall 2018</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Ongoing</li> <li>3. Ongoing</li> <li>4. Tbc</li> <li>5. Ongoing</li> </ol>	In Progress	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) ENV has renewed the collaborative monitoring agreement on Management of Meteorological Networks in BC.</li> <li>b) B.ENV is working with Environment and Climate Change Canada to initiate collaboration on meteorological monitoring processes for all of Canada.</li> <li>c) ENV will produce a map identifying climate monitoring gaps by Fall 2018.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2) Data sharing agreement with ECCC is under negotiation and is key supporting piece for the work with PCIC.</li> <li>3) ENV is an active participant in this initiative.</li> <li>5) Activities ongoing as described.</li> </ol>

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8 (cont)	Provide staff with a continuing education program on climate change impacts and adaptation.	6. FLNRORD has published an inventory of data and tools for professionals to use in making climate-informed decisions. Work is underway to improve this inventory and identify gaps and tools that need updating or additional data. Tools include a Fish and Wildlife Vulnerability Assessment, Climate Based Seed Transfer, Tree Species Selection Tool, Regional Climate Change Extension Notes, etc 7. A toolkit is being developed to aid FLNRORD staff in conversations with First Nations around climate change	6. Ongoing 7. April 30, 2018		6) Inventory of data and tools published on FLNRORD website. 7) Toolkit for staff engagement with First Nations on climate change is complete.

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14.	Complete its work on a proactive drought management strategy, including an assessment of potential risks to the province's water resources, and efficacy of potential strategies to manage them.	<p>Ministry of Environment and Climate change Strategy (ENV) will develop a provincial drought strategy that identifies ways to enhance drought response and help to prepare the province for future hydrological droughts, in light of climate change. Actions undertaken to develop this strategy will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Evaluation of the current status of provincial drought preparedness and response processes;</li> <li>2. Assessment of drought risks and vulnerabilities in BC, including to water resources;</li> <li>3. Identification of policies and programs that would enhance provincial government drought preparedness and response and increase the capacity of communities, indigenous peoples, businesses, and industries to prepare for and respond to drought.</li> <li>4. Engagement with indigenous groups, stakeholders and government, and finalization of the strategy;</li> <li>5. Development of an implementation plan.</li> </ol>	Consultation in winter 2019	Partially implemented	<p>Development of the provincial drought management strategy by ENV and FLNR is underway. Actions taken to date include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engaged with provincial agencies on drought response actions and recommendations for improvements;</li> <li>• Conducted a literature review and jurisdictional scan of existing drought strategies;</li> <li>• Completed an assessment of water issues across the province;</li> <li>• Initiated the assessment of hydrological drought risks and vulnerabilities and the identification of policy and program options that would enhance provincial government drought response and preparedness.</li> </ul>

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