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**Government Addresses Water Issues
*BCREA Supports BC Government's Water Action Plan***

Vancouver, BC – June 3, 2008. The British Columbia Real Estate Association (BCREA) expressed its support today for the BC government's new water action plan, *Living Water Smart*.

Characterizing the plan as a significant step forward, BCREA President Scott Veitch said, "*Living Water Smart* provides leadership and vision that will help improve the way we build and protect our communities, use our water resources and sustain our quality of life in BC."

REALTORS® frequently identify concerns held by communities and property owners. Over the past two years, catastrophic flood threat and continued access to safe drinking water topped the list. In response, BCREA recommended the government develop a plan that identifies priority water issues, commits to actions that address them and includes measures for success.

"I thank the government for listening to us and introducing this plan," said Veitch. "Effective water management, including drinking water and flood preparedness, is essential for a high quality of life of all British Columbians."

REALTORS® are directly impacted by flood threat, given their duty to advise clients about risks to properties and the measures in place to protect them. Comprehensive plans and actions are needed to address this threat and safeguard communities and property owners.

"Establishment of the Western Water Stewardship Council and provincial secretariat is a positive step toward ensuring continued public access to safe drinking water," added Veitch. "BCREA is pleased to work with the government and other stakeholders to fulfill the vision outlined today."

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BCREA has submitted two water-related briefs to the provincial government:

- [Making Water a Priority](#) (2007)
- [Reduce Flood Risks](#) (2008)

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About BCREA

BCREA represents the 12 real estate boards in British Columbia and their approximately 18,000 REALTORS® on provincial issues, providing an extensive communications network, required licensing and continuing education courses, economic research and analysis, standard forms and government relations. To learn more, visit www.bcrea.bc.ca.

About Quality of Life

Quality of Life is an approach BCREA adopted to demonstrate the commitment of the real estate profession to improve Quality of Life throughout the province. REALTORS® are active in their communities, and Quality of Life ensures BCREA reflects that work. The approach is summarized in five principles: ensuring economic vitality, providing housing opportunities, preserving the environment, protecting property owners and building better communities. Learn more about Quality of Life at www.qualityoflife.bcrea.bc.ca