

KINDY GOSAL (Golden BC, Canada) is the Director Water and Environment for the Columbia Basin Trust (CBT), a corporation that was created to assist the people most directly impacted from the construction of the Columbia River Treaty Dams in the Canadian Columbia Region. The mandate of the CBT is to assist the residents of the region to create a legacy of social, economic and environmental well-being. The CBT is committed to working with Basin residents to: increase understanding, and build collective wisdom around water and watershed issues in the Basin; act as a facilitator and convener on key water related issues; and increase the influence that residents have in water management. Kindy is a community practitioner who, over the last 15 years has focused on working at the grassroots level assisting communities in dealing with a variety of issues that they face. He is a Professional Forester by training and has worked internationally on a variety of forestry and socio-economic development projects in Africa and Asia. In recent years Kindy has been extremely active regionally and internationally in trans-boundary water policy and community engagement. Kindy's work with the CBT includes a focus on water and water issues locally, regionally and in the transboundary context. He is the CBT staff lead on Columbia River Treaty and Climate Change related initiatives.