

Construction Memo

TO:	City of Merritt, Flood Mitigation Dept.	REPORT DATE:	2026-04-03
PROJECT:	Merritt Middlesboro to Houston Offsetting Project	CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATOR:	Evan Andjelic, P.Eng Water Resources Engineer
LOCATION:	Middlesboro to Houston, Merritt BC	WORKFORCE:	4

Project Overview

The Middlesboro to Houston Offsetting Project entails habitat enhancement works including the implementation of environmental control measures, gravel bar staking, beaver exclusion fencing, and back channel enhancement. Additionally, the scope includes the removal and disposal of bridge abutments. All work is planned to be completed "in the dry" with no instream work, adhering to the project's Environmental Management Plan.

1. Environmental Update

- March 30 – April 2 – No in-stream work has taken place to date. Elevation has had an Environmental Monitor onsite for all works occurring near the water. The contractor has completed planting the two left bank downstream planting areas and is nearly complete the downstream right bank planting area. Water quality monitoring continues.
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 - 1.2 Upcoming Environmental works – The planting of the stakes will continue in the designated polygons. RSI will grade the backchannel, remove the existing bridge abutment, and install the beaver mitigation measures.

2. Heritage Update

- March 30 to April 2 - The cultural monitor is working between the Fir Ave. and Middlesboro to Houston Offsetting projects based on activities taking place and ground disturbance activities. A Chance Find Procedure is in place for all work being carried out.
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 - 2.2 Upcoming works – The Cultural Monitor will continue to assess the need to be on site during planting works. When more intensive excavation is anticipated (bridge abutment removal and off stream habitat works The Monitor will need to be on site more frequently.

3. Construction Update

- 3.1 March 30 to April 2 – RSI planted the downstream two left bank planting areas (polygon 1 & 2) with minor works remaining such as backfilling of holes and trimming live stakes. RSI is nearly finished planting at the downstream right bank planting area (polygon 3) and has installed the lock block wall at Aspen Planers.
- 3.2 Upcoming works – RSI plans to finish the downstream right bank planting area (polygon 3) and start and finish the upstream right bank planting area (polygon 4) early in the upcoming week. RSI will remove the bridge abutment and complete the channel grading and beaver exclusion fencing as water levels permit.

4. Schedule Update

- 4.1 March 30 to April 2 –RSI plans to complete the gravel bar staking at Polygon 3 & 4 early next week. Once the live stake installation is complete, RSI will move to bridge abutment removal or the back-channel grading. RSI will complete the beaver exclusion fencing last. Project completion is anticipated in late April.

4. Schedule Update

5. Project Contacts

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6. Project Photos



CA Signature	Name:	Date:
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Design Team	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internal Files
MERRITT FLOOD MITIGATION DISTRIBUTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indigenous Bands (IEM)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website/Social Media (CE)
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