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## Okanagan Valley upgraded to level 3 drought conditions By Darrian Matassa-Fung · Global News



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temperatures are also driving this drought."

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The entire Okanagan Valley is in the midst of a record-breaking summer, with high temperatures and extremely low precipitation levels, which has led to the

B.C. government to declare a level three drought for the region.

looking at water levels," said Corinne Jackson, Okanagan Basin Water Board's communications director.

"We had warmer temperatures this spring without the precipitation that we

"We're in level three drought. That is a declaration from the province of B.C.,

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would normally have. As a result we have low water levels and the hot

surrounding communities.

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Currently, the City of Penticton is at stage two of water restrictions. Residents can only water their landscapes two days a week with no watering on Mondays.

"Our seven-day average has been decreasing slightly, but it still is pretty high," said Andy Weremy, City of Kelowna's water operations manager.

The Regional District of North Okanagan is currently at stage one water

restrictions, which is the same stage as the City of Kelowna, where

customers' demands."

However, the City of Kelowna is quick to admit that with the heat seemingly sticking around for the foreseeable future, things could get worse.

"We are managing, but water consumption for outdoor use because of the hot

"Our staff are working very hard to keep the water moving, meeting

"We will be looking at the demands over the last month and with the projected hot weather to continue, we will be meeting with our senior

leadership team early next week to see what our next steps are."

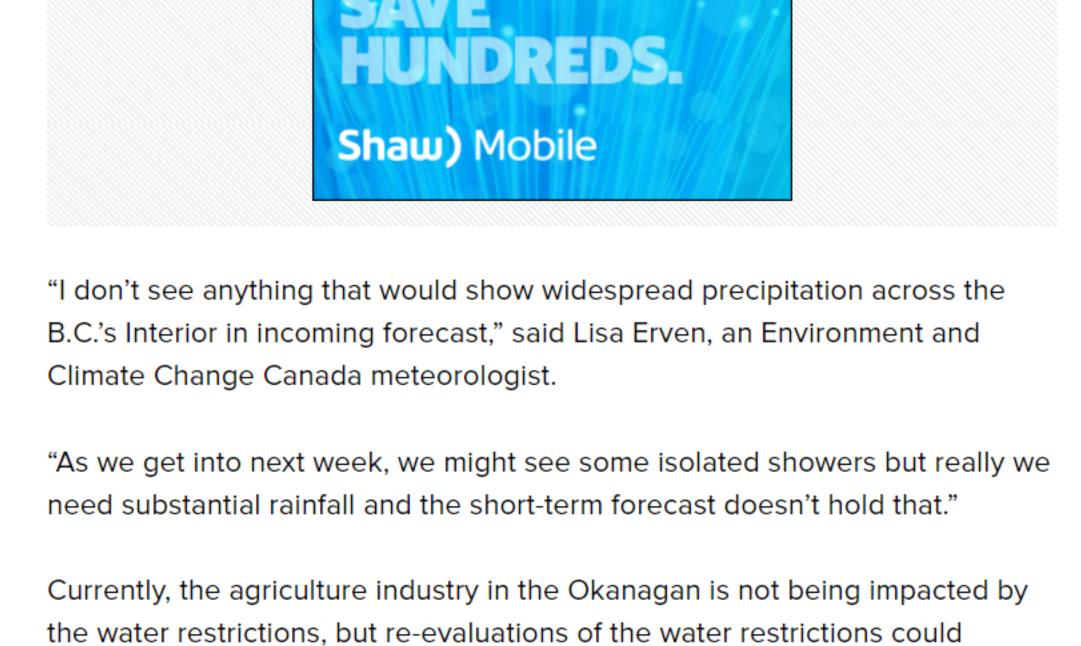
weather and dry hot conditions is a concern," said Weremy.

look like any significant rain will be on the way.

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Looking ahead at the region's forecast, Environment Canada says it doesn't

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