

**ORARI-TEMUKA-OPIHI-PAREORA WATER ZONE
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

on

Monday 1 February 2016

1pm

Waihi Lodge Function Centre
16 Shaw Street
Geraldine

ORARI-TEMUKA-OPIHI-PAREORA WATER ZONE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that an Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Management Committee meeting will be held on Monday 1 February 2016 at 1pm in the **Waihi Lodge Function Centre, 16 Shaw Street, Geraldine.**

Committee Members:

John Talbot (Acting Chairman), David Caygill, Kylee Galbraith, John Henry, Mandy Home, Ivon Hurst, Richard Lyon, Hamish McFarlane, James Pearse, Ad Sintenie, Mark Webb, and Evan Williams

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**ORARI-TEMUKA-OPIHI-PAREORA WATER ZONE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
FOR THE MEETING OF 1 FEBRUARY 2016**

Report for Agenda Item No 3

**Prepared by Joanne Brownie
Secretary**

Confirmation of Minutes – Committee Meeting 14 December 2015

Minutes of the December Committee meeting.

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 14 December 2015, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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MINUTES OF AN ORARI-OPIHI-PAREORA ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN MEETING ROOM 1, TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL, 2 KING GEORGE PLACE, TIMARU ON MONDAY 14 DECEMBER 2015 AT 1PM

PRESENT Dermott O’Sullivan (Chairperson), David Caygill, Kylee Galbraith, John Henry, Mandy Home, Tony Howey, Richard Lyon, James Pearse, Ad Sintenie, John Talbot, Mark Webb and Evan Williams

IN ATTENDANCE Olivia Smith (OOP facilitator), Peter Ramsden (Tangata Whenua facilitator), Dan Clark (Senior Hydrology Scientist), Janet Gregory (Landcare Trust), Barbara Nicholas, Rhys Taylor (Community Engagement Coordinator), Peter Scott (Chairman Regional Infrastructure Committee)(from 2.45pm until 5pm), Mike Hide (Zone Implementation Team Manager), Katherine Trought (ECan Communications Director), Zella Smith (Team Leader Consents and Planning), Phil Roberts (ECan Communications), Tania Butterfield (ECan Communications), John Benn (DOC), Mark Rogers (Aoraki Development), Alice Spencer (ECan Planner), Chanelle O’Sullivan (Landcare Coordinator), Diana Worthy (Planner), Jan Finlayson (public), Tom Ward (public)

The meeting began with a karakia from Peter Ramsden.

1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Clause 10 Orari Gorge

Ad Sintenie requested that reference be made in the minutes to note that the zone committee had visited Orari Gorge together with three ECan commissioners, and were made aware of the issue with the first track, at the time of the first zone committee field trip in 2011.

Proposed Mark Webb
Seconded David Caygill

“That the minutes of the Orari-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Management Committee meeting held on 2 November 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record, subject to it being noted that the track problems in the Orari Gorge were raised as part of the first zone committee field trip in 2011 which was attended by Commissioners Dame Margaret Bazley, David Caygill and Tom Lambie.”

MOTION CARRIED

2 CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee noted the letters sent to Environment Canterbury and the Timaru District Council in regard to the Orari Gorge issues.

Proposed Ad Sintenie
Seconded John Henry

“That the correspondence be noted.”

MOTION CARRIED

3 FACILITATOR UPDATE

Olivia Smith advised that reports have been submitted to the relevant local authorities in regard to the proposed name change for the committee to include 'Temuka'. Two new committee members will commence early in 2016. Current members are requested to give some thought to an induction programme for new members, including particular areas that new members could visit as part of a fieldtrip. Peter Ramsden offered to work with runanga representatives in the New Year to run a session with the committee to increase cultural knowledge and awareness.

4 OOP ZONE BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT

The Committee noted the report advising of a proposed adjustment to the OOP zone boundary to include the Lyalldale and Springbrook catchments. The Committee queried whether Waimate District Council should have representation on the zone committee, given that more of the OOP zone is now in the Waimate district. The meeting was informed that the Waimate District Council was invited to be involved at the inception of the OOP Committee and declined. However a paper regarding the zone boundary adjustment has been passed by the Waimate District Council. The Pareora Catchment Group was informed of the boundary adjustment at a recent meeting and future consideration will be given to communicating the change in the New Year.

5 ZONE IMPLEMENTATION PRIORITIES

The Committee considered the draft OOP Implementation Priorities and Actions for the next 5 years, which will drive the work of the Zone Delivery Team and the catchment groups in the zone.

The Committee made the following adjustments and comments:

- Priority 1 action point 4 – add 'developing and enhancing' after 'protecting'
- Priority 3 – 'widespread ownership of catchment....' replaced with 'engagement and responsibility of catchment...'
- Priority 4 actions – bullet point 1 - change 'promote' to 'adopt'
- Priority 4 actions – bullet point 2 – discussion on all waterways or prioritising some waterways that need extra support - the facilitator to reword
- Priority 5 – add water metering regulations
- Would like to see enhancing local biodiversity as a compulsory component in the subregional plan, in the meantime develop guidelines to accompany the Farm Environment Plans
- Need to include protection of the upper catchments - recognising the water generating capacity and water quality values – the facilitator to suggest appropriate wording, including an action point on Ki uta Ki tai (from the mountains to the sea)
- Concern at need to regulate spray use – facilitator to note the concern and look at current provisions
- Be cognisant of emerging contaminants – this is being addressed at a regional level.

It was agreed to confirm the priorities as presented, subject to the changes made at this meeting and noting some wording is to be developed in the actions. It is hoped to have a draft work programme to present to the committee in April 2016.

6 ORARI GORGE UPDATE

The Committee considered a report by the facilitator on the responses received from ECan and the Timaru District Council to the Committee's queries in regard to the Orari Gorge tracks issue.

It is apparent that due process was followed and it is the rules that would need to be changed to avoid something similar happening again. It was suggested that the context for consent decision making should have been wider (ie including the Department of Conservation). The land discharged to DoC land, not directly to the water, therefore it could be said DoC should have been consulted. However it was pointed out that the matters that ECan and TDC can consider when granting resource consents are limited to their own plans and rules, as they do not have power over other entities such as DOC.

The Orari River Protection Group is planning to meet with ECan, TDC and DoC to further discuss the issue.

The Zone Committee needs to be clear on what it has the power to do and it was reiterated that it is not appropriate for the committee to focus on one particular resource consent. The Committee has made its views well known to both ECan and the Timaru District Council. Timaru District Council's District Plan is being reviewed and part of this process will involve reviewing the appropriateness of planning provisions which relate to Outstanding Landscape Areas, such as the Orari Gorge.

It was agreed that the facilitator will draft a recommendation for discussion at the first meeting in 2016. This recommendation could then be incorporated into the ZIP addendum.

7 INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

The Committee received a presentation and considered a report by Brett Painter updating the Committee on the OOP Zone Water Resource Modelling project. He refreshed the committee on the background and the objectives of the work, and talked through the model framework and results for groundwater and surfacewater. He also outlined the results of the Tekapo Transfer investigations which aimed to gain understanding of the consenting environment and cultural perspectives involved, the possible economic benefits that might be gained and the challenges faced if the project was to proceed. The supply of water from the Rangitata River, south and where it might go was also outlined. This included discussion around how the proposed project infrastructure could potentially link with the existing Kakahu Scheme and include an in zone storage pond. He also spoke of the demand for new water, for both top ups (to improve existing irrigation reliability) and additional irrigation. Land use changes, and associated water quality implications, are being modelled by Dan Clark as part of the subregional planning process.

8 REGIONAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

John Talbot advised that there has not been a regional committee meeting since the last zone meeting, the next regional committee meeting is on 15 December. Peter Scott noted that information gathering on water quantity in the zone is a lengthy process and the work of Brett Painter and Dennis Jamieson has been very helpful in gaining a better picture of where the knowledge gaps are and to better inform the subregional process which will see the committee recommend minimum flows for lowland streams. Reference was made to the Hunter Downs

Irrigation project and the challenges involved if that is being considered as a vehicle for bringing new water into the zone.

9 ORARI-OPIHI-PAREORA WATER ZONE SUBREGIONAL OUTCOMES

The Committee considered a report by the facilitator, together with drafted OOP Outcomes, which will drive the subregional plan and the work of the catchment groups.

The Committee made the following comments/amendments –

- Change bullet point one by deleting ‘contact’ and adding ‘...and mahinga kai’ after ‘recreation’. (the water should be safe to drink, not just to touch)
- Bullet point 6 – delete words after ‘dynamics’. (as the original wording infers that ecosystem health can be achieved by managing the environment whereas it should be unmanaged).
- Bullet point 7 – suggest add in high naturalness areas – to be checked with technical team
- Bullet point 8 – delete ‘improve’ and replace with ‘rectify’
- Additional bullet point – recognise, protect and enhance water quality and quantity and generating ability in upper catchments.
- Additional bullet point – education (the whole community needs to be more aware).

The facilitator will make the appropriate amendments to the outcomes and bring them back to the next meeting for confirmation and eventual sharing with catchment groups.

10 TECHNICAL UPDATE

Dan Clark gave a brief update on the technical team’s work, noting that the catchment groups are providing useful feedback on the irrigation and land use maps in order to validate the information held in house. This feeds into the data for the modelling work. Aqualinc has been contracted to do some of the modelling work. It is expected that the results of the modelling work will be available mid 2016, with the committee being updated in the meantime, and a detailed update available early in the new year.

Indicators will be developed for each of the OOP draft outcomes to inform the committee’s next discussion.

A request was made for more feedback to the catchment groups in response to their input.

11 CATCHMENT GROUP UPDATES

- Facebook pages will be set up for the catchment groups
- Catchment groups will work with industry groups for 2016 field days to avoid duplications
- Pareora met recently after a year without a meeting. It was well attended but people other than landowners are needed on the group.
- Te Ngawai had an education event which attracted a good mix of children and farmers. A meeting was held to look at irrigation and land use maps.
- Orari – had two guest speakers
- Kakahu – focus has been on completing the land use description of the catchment
- Opuha – had a guest speaker

- Lower Opihi – at the information gathering stage, increasing knowledge of the catchment.

12 ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee reviewed the OOP Zone Annual report.

Proposed Mark Webb
Seconded Evan Williams

“That the Orari-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Management Committee Annual Report for 2015 be approved, with two minor corrections.”

MOTION CARRIED

13 FAREWELL TO RETIRING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

On behalf of the Committee, Vice Chairman John Talbot acknowledged the work of retiring committee members Tony Howey and Dermott O’Sullivan, who had been on the committee since its establishment. John thanked them for their input and role in the formation and development of the committee, Tony’s searching questions and the leadership and chairmanship of Dermott, bringing together varying views from around the table to reach consensus in order to move forward. A presentation was made to both retiring members.

The meeting concluded at 5.30pm with a karakia.

Chairperson

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Report for Agenda Item No 6

Prepared by: Alice Spencer, Senior Planner, Environment Canterbury

Orari, Temuka, Opihi and Pareora (OTOP) Land and Water Regional Plan Change Process

Purpose of Report

To update the Zone Committee on the OTOP sub-region plan change process, including timeframes for delivery.

Background

The 'sub-region process' aims to deliver outcomes that the community wants for freshwater management in the Orari, Temuka, Opihi and Pareora (OTOP) zone via two outputs. The first output is an Addendum to the existing Zone Implementation Programme for this zone (ZIPA). The second output is a sub-region change to the Land and Water Regional Plan (LWRP) to implement statutory recommendations of the ZIPA.

The OTOP sub-region plan change will set specific water quality and quantity limits for the zone, and will be the result of a collaborative process involving zone specific technical work.

The LWRP is made up of 'region-wide' sections and 10 sub-region sections. One of these sections, section 14, applies specifically to the Orari, Temuka, Opihi and Pareora catchments. It is this section that will be updated through the OTOP sub-region plan change.

Section 14 currently works with other parts of the LWRP to set default water quality provisions. These will be updated as part of the OTOP sub-region process. Section 14 also contains specific provisions relating to the Orari River Environmental Flow and Allocation Limits, the Orari Opihi Pareora Groundwater Allocation Limits, Flow Sensitive Catchments and High Naturalness Water Bodies.

In addition to Section 14, the Opihi River Regional Plan (2000) and Pareora Catchment Environmental Flow and Water Allocation Regional Plan (2012) apply to the abstraction of ground and surface water within the OTOP catchments. As part of the OTOP sub-region process these plans will be integrated into section 14.

The OTOP sub-region chapter is to be notified in June 2018, which aligns with the National Policy Statement's Progressive Implementation Programme target date.

Update

A core team of Environment Canterbury staff has been formed to support the Zone Committee and community through the sub-region process, including problem solving and development of solutions. This team is Jason Holland - Principal Planner; Alice Spencer - Planning Lead; Olivia Smith - Zone Facilitator; and Dan Clark - Technical Lead.

The Zone Committee is today being updated on each of the key phases in the sub-region process, including the development of a ZIP Addendum and sub-region plan change. The following stages and timeframes will be discussed:

Stage 1	Community Outcomes What the community wants to achieve	Early 2016 (achieved)
Stage 2	Current State How things are looking around the sub-region now relative to the outcomes	Mid 2016
Stage 3	Scenario Assessment Exploring how different futures may affect outcomes	Mid 2016 to early 2017
Stage 4	ZIP Addendum/Solutions Package Agree a package of recommendations (statutory and non-statutory) to achieve outcomes for managing water quality and water quantity	Finalise September 2017
Stage 5	Delivering Non-Statutory Recommendations Informs priority actions for landholders, catchment groups and other implementation teams to achieve outcomes	Ongoing
	Delivering Statutory Recommendations Informs sub-region plan change within the RMA framework	June 2018

Recommendation

That the Zone Committee considers the update.

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Report for Agenda Item No 9

Prepared by **Dan Clark**
 Senior Hydrology Scientist (ECan)

Update on the Science Progress in the Zone

Purpose of Report

- To update the Zone Committee on the modelling projects underway in the zone. A presentation will be made to the Committee which outlines the models being used, the purpose of these models and the types of information they will be able to tell us. The outputs of these models will help to inform the Zone Committee's decision process for the sub-regional plan.
- To update the Zone Committee on the technical indicators derived from the outcomes they have developed. These indicators will be reported on in the technical work describing the current state of the zone and will also be used to compare scenarios. The suite of indicators also includes some which are required to assess statutory requirements.
- To discuss the intended timeline for presenting current state scientific information and the scenario process which follows.

Recommendations

That the Zone Committee notes the science and modelling projects underway. Ongoing updates from ECan to the Committee will provide progress reports and data as it becomes available.