

Lower Waitaki - South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee

AGENDA

A **MEETING** of the LOWER WAITAKI - SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY
ZONE COMMITTEE will be held as follows:

Date: Wednesday 21 September 2016

Time: 1.00 pm

Venue: Waimate Events Centre, 13 Paul Street
Waimate

Membership

Kate White (Chair)	Suzanne Eddington
Andrew Feierabend	Mark Giles (Deputy Chair)
Sandra Hampstead-Tipene	Andrew Hayes
Bill Kingan	Mark Kingsbury
Tom Lambie	Peter McIlraith
Bruce Murphy	Brent Packman
Elizabeth Rollinson	Ranui Ryan

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1.00pm	Karakia and welcome
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1.15pm	Regional Round Up
1.30pm	Zone Implementation Programme Delivery – Wastewater and Stormwater
1.45pm	Zone Implementation Programme Delivery – Zone Team Update
2.05pm	Strategic – Smart Farming Initiatives
2.30pm	Afternoon Tea
2.45pm	Zone Committee – Ways of Working
3.00pm	Strategic – Braided River Character
3.45pm	General Business
3.55pm	Public Excluded – Confirmation of Minutes
4.00pm	Karakia and meeting close

Lower Waitaki – South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee

Minutes of the Committee meeting held in the Waimate District Council Chambers, Waimate on Wednesday 24 August 2016, at 1.00pm

Present	Kate White (Chair, Community rep), Mark Giles (Deputy Chair, Community rep), Sandra Hampstead-Tipene (Arowhenua Runanga), Mark Kingsbury (Community rep), Commissioner Tom Lambie (ECan), Bruce Murphy (Community rep), Brent Packman (Community rep) and Liz Rollinson (Community rep)
Apologies	Andrew Feierabend (Meridian Energy), Andrew Hayes (Community rep), Cr Bill Kingan (Waitaki District Council) and Cr Peter McIlraith (Waimate District Council)
In Attendance	Nic Newman (Zone Facilitator – ECan) Elly Finnerty (Committee Secretary)

The Chair welcomed visitors to the meeting.

1. Apologies

RESOLVED
LWSC16/25

B Packman/B Murphy

"That apologies are received from Andrew Feierabend, Andrew Hayes, Bill Kingan and Peter McIlraith for absence."

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED
LWSC16/26

L Rollinson/S Hampstead-Tipene

"That the minutes of the Committee meeting dated 20 July 2016 be confirmed."

CARRIED

3. Permanent Items

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Nil

Correspondence

Inwards (tabled) from Matt Ross on behalf of the Kurow Duntroon Irrigation Company (KDIC) a 'Request for a Statement of Position'. Matt attended the meeting and spoke to the request.

Matt explained that he is an independent director of KDIC and the purpose in presenting the letter to the Zone Committee was to show the committee a good working example of what happens in the world and he is not expecting the committee to solve the problems.

The scheme on behalf of the Kurow Duntroon Community are seeking a clear and concise position from the Regional Council on;

- The future of Border Dyke irrigation
- The consent renewal or otherwise of the Mining Right permits – including the methodology and/or requirement for minimum flows on ephemeral streams.
- The overlap of irrigation efficiency and nutrient management. What has priority?
- The need for a consent to farm?

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The committee listened to Matt's presentation to them and Tom Lambie suggested that the commissioners/staff meet with the local landholders on their patch to discuss the outcomes that are being sought. He will report back to the Zone Committee on this suggestion.

Regional Committee Update

Bruce Murphy attended the regional committee meeting and tabled a summary, copy attached.

It was noted that Don Chittock at Environment Canterbury has replaced Christina Robb as the lead officer for the Canterbury Water Management Strategy.

Declaration of Interest

Nil.

4. Regional Round Up

The Committee members reported on topics from their areas.

Sandra - updated the committee on Hunter Downs Irrigation advising that the three Rununga have compiled a 'Heads of Agreement' document, which has been agreed and signed off.

Mark Kingsbury - advised that the University of Canterbury have done a study on the impact of Didymo on fish in the rivers, and noted that Didymo is having a significant effect on the size of fish.

Brent – advised that it has been the poorest season for Salmon spawning in some years. There have not been the female fish in the river to capture to increase the spawning.

5. Oceania Diary

Shane Lodge from Oceania Diary Company attended the meeting and updated the committee on activity at the Oceania Diary plant at Glenavy. Topics included:

- Plans for expansion of the plant, it is expected that the dry store will be completed by Christmas.
- Currently the plant employees 112 people and are going to be employing another 70 people over the next 8-9 months. It is hoped that many of the employees will come from the local area, some specialists will be needed from further afield.
- A Ultra-High-Temperature (UHT) milk packing machine will be installed. Milk powders will be canned and blended and sent to China.
- The processes are labour intensive
- There is an extensive testing and approval process for the product and exporting is not planned to begin until August 2017.

6. Zone Committee Role and Focus

A report from Nic Newman was circulated with the agenda, the report reflected on some of the activities the Committee has been involved in since it was established in October 2010. The report then focussed on the potential future focus and way of working going forward.

Nic spoke to a brief presentation that covered

The role of the Zone Committee.

- To facilitate community involvement in the development, implementation and review of a Zone Implementation Programme (ZIP) that gives effect to the CWMS in the zone, and
- To monitor progress of the implementation of the ZIP.

Original ZIP Priorities:

- Lower Waitaki River: reliability of supply, energy security, protection of mauri Wainono Lagoon; restoration ki uta ki tai
- Hakataramea: community supported action plan
- Biodiversity: protection of wetlands, river mouths, coastal lagoons, grey scrub. Improved waterway management and extension.

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Future Focus / Way of Working – ZIP Delivery (here and now)

- Oversee and monitor ZIP delivery by Environment Canterbury and other agencies through: receiving monthly reporting on delivery progress, periodic review of milestones/priorities, and inviting agencies to present to the committee on their actions.
- Champion strands of ZIP delivery by being providing a visible link to the zone committee.
- Guide plan implementation to ensure this aligns with the Zone Committee intent eg when decisions are released on PC3 South Coastal Canterbury.

Strategic Interventions (looking forward)

- Develop solutions to ongoing resource management dilemmas by working collaboratively.
- Provide an integrating force for actions in the zone by bringing parties together.

The committee discussed how important it is that the Zone Team and Committee work together to get things moving forward, the 'monitoring' 'policeman' role that the committee is seen in, how to keep working with the community and the need to get out and do more field trips.

3pm the Committee adjourned; 3.19pm the Committee reconvened.

7. Zone Implementation Programme Delivery

RESOLVED
LWSC16/27

B Murphy/M Giles

"That this item be carried forward to the next meeting of the Committee, 21 September 2016."

CARRIED

8. Sub-Regional Planning Update

Nic Newman spoke to Jason Hollands report circulated with the agenda updating the committee on the Sub-Regional planning progress in the Zone.

The Committee noted that no appeals were lodged on the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan – Plan Change 3, Canterbury Regional Council are considering the recommendations at their meeting on 25 September to make the plan change operative from 1 October.

The committee will have an update on Plan Change 3 South Coastal Canterbury either at the next meeting or following the Regional Council meeting decision.

RESOLVED
LWSC16/28

S Hampstead-Tipene/M Kingsbury
"That the information be received."

CARRIED

9. Immediate Steps Biodiversity Review

A report from Chris Keeling was circulated with the agenda updating the committee on the Immediate Steps Biodiversity Review. An overview of the proposed framework was attached, Nic lead the committee through a discussion on the five key changes proposed to improve the immediate steps funding tool.

- Expanded criteria
- More targeted focus
- Streamlined administration process
- Focus on longer term projects and carry over funds
- Discretion to fund 100% of a project.

RESOLVED
LWSC16/29

M Giles/S Hampstead-Tipene

"That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

- Hakataramea update on the development of an action plan for the catchment and discuss ways to maintain the braided river character.

"The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded; the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter - Section 48(1)
Public Excluded:	
• Hakataramea	<p>To protect the privacy of natural persons. Section 48(1)(a) (The disclosure of the information would cause unnecessary personal embarrassment to the persons concerned).</p> <p>To enable the Council to carry out commercial negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage. Section 48(1)(a) (Premature disclosure of the information would detrimentally affect the Council's position in the negotiations).</p>

These resolutions are made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as shown above (in brackets) with respect to each item."

Refer to Public Excluded Minutes

RESOLVED
LWSC16/30

B Murphy/B Packman

"That Committee resumes in open meeting and discussion had in public excluded session are confirmed and made public as and when required and considered."

CARRIED

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 4.52pm.

August 2016 Summary of CWMS regional committee meeting

Drinking water update

Ellie McNae (Environment Canterbury) updated the committee on

- Low groundwater levels in community wells over the past summer. Work is underway with CDHB to better understand causes and possible responses, including under various climate scenarios
- Nitrate levels, and the updated joint work programme with CDHB around communications to pregnant women and parents of bottle fed babies. Information on the communications plan is being presented to zone committees in coming months.
- Managed aquifer recharge in the Hinds
- Public health perspectives being included in the local nutrient limit setting processes
- Updating of information held on location and details of groundwater wells and surface water intakes to inform decisions on specific for community drinking water protection zones

Biodiversity and Ecosystem Health

Committee was advised on and supported working group's

- advice to Environment Canterbury on measures for biodiversity targets
- request for update from groups with compensatory funds for environmental enhancement projects

Recreational and Amenity

The committee was updated on the community workshop held in July with recreational user groups, and the plan to work with zone committees to identify key projects and sites in each zone.

Land use and Water Quality

Report from the working group was received, and there was discussion about data by 2020 needed to be able to report on compliance and the effectiveness of changes in land management.

Regional Infrastructure

The update from the working group was received.

Handing on the tradition and story

In anticipation of new community and rūnanga members, the meeting workshopped the key dynamics and stories that have shaped CWMS, and identified key messages for new members.

AGENDA ITEM NO:	SUBJECT MATTER: Zone Committee ways of working
REPORT BY: Nic Newman	
DATE OF MEETING: September 21st 2016	

Action required: The Zone Committee discuss and confirms its way of working

Background

At the August meeting, the Zone Committee reflected on its role and progress over the last six years. The committee role is: to *facilitate community involvement* in the *development*, implementation, and review of a *Zone Implementation Programme (ZIP)* that gives effect to the CWMS in the zone, and to *monitor progress of the implementation* of the ZIP.

Some of the actions and tactics the committee has completed in fulfilling this role include: facilitated community involvement in the collaborative development of a ZIP and three addenda, over 100 community meetings and workshops, the Wainono Project and its activities, funding over \$350,000 of biodiversity projects, the restoration of the Waihao Box, braided river island action research in the Waitaki, new science investigations to fill knowledge gaps, Plan Change 2 and 3 to the Waitaki Allocation Plan, and Plan Change 3 to the Land and Water Regional Plan (LWRP).

Recommended way of working:

Zone Committee meetings:

Zone Committee meetings are structured around: the committee Regional Round-up, ZIP Delivery, and Strategic Interventions.

- I. *Zone Committee Regional Roundup* item to keep the committee connected to activities and issues related to the CWMS from around the Zone.
- II. *ZIP Delivery* items to provide the committee with the opportunity to **monitor** ZIP Delivery through receiving monthly updates on progress, periodic review of priorities, and through inviting agencies to present to the committee on their actions, and to **guide** plan implementation to ensure this aligns with the Zone Committee intent through providing feedback to staff on implementation.

- III. Strategic Interventions to develop solutions to ongoing **resource management dilemmas** (e.g. Braided River Character) based on the CWMS targets and **provide an integrating force** for actions in the zone by bringing parties together (e.g. augmentation of Wainono lagoon)

Outside of meetings:

- I. **Champion** strands of ZIP Delivery by providing a visible link to the zone committee and partnership with the Zone Team.
- II. Undertake quarterly **field trips** to an area of the Zone that is the focus of ZIP implementation work or resource management dilemma.

AGENDA ITEM NO:	SUBJECT MATTER: Options for maintaining the Braided River Character of the Hakataramea
REPORT BY: Michael Hide	
DATE OF MEETING: September 16 th 2016	

Action required:

The Zone Committee discuss the outlined options and provide feedback on those they would like to see further progressed

Background:

The CWMS incorporates as its second target area 'Natural character, processes and ecological health of braided rivers' and within this has goals to 'maintain the braided character of Canterbury's rivers'.

In its ZIP Addendum for Waitaki, the Zone Committee recommended a holistic river action plan be prepared for the Hakataramea, involving the catchment community. Progress has been made on preparing the plan, but issues have been raised about the impacts on the braided character of the river through current activities in the catchment.

There are three strands of work:

- a. Compliance and remedial work to address the actions currently taking place in the catchment
- b. The preparation and implementation of a community based action plan for the river.
- c. The evaluation and progression of preferred options for the long-term protection of the braided river character of the river. This will predominantly look at statutory options, but it will also consider how expectations of the community can support these options.

The first two strands of work are underway and are making steady progress. This paper deals with the third work stream through the Zone Committee role of developing tactics to give effect to the CWMS targets in the zone. All three are needed to meet community outcomes in the catchment.

Options for long-term protection of the braided river character of the Hakataramea

The following is a list of the areas that are currently being investigated. Further detail will be provided to the committee at the meeting.

1. **Compliance options:** The use of tools to ensure that the current provisions of the LWRP are met, including any changes introduced through Plan Change 4. Options involve both traditional monitoring of resource consents, but also options such as the use of aerial imagery to monitor changes in the catchment.
2. **Consenting options:** Process improvements following the legal review of the recent decisions that have caused community concern.
3. **Community agreement:** Investigation of how a community agreement on the appropriateness of various activities in the vicinity of the river could be used to inform future consent decision making process.
4. **Irrigation scheme:** Working with the irrigation scheme and the community to better define an appropriate command area for the future.
5. **Planning options:** Changes to the planning framework that would impose greater restrictions on activities occurring in the vicinity of the river.

Progressing the first and second options involve internal Environment Canterbury processes. To progress community agreement around activities in the vicinity of the river, would require consent planning/community engagement process. To progress planning options to the state of a plan change, a specific recommendation must be made from the Zone Committee to the Regional Council, in conjunction with community engagement and the plan change would then need to be budgeted and timetabled. Option 3 could dovetail into option 5 i.e. the community agreed activities inform the consenting process in the interim, until they become an operative plan change.