

Minutes of 48th meeting of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee held in the Council Chamber, Canterbury Regional Council, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Tuesday 11 April 2017 starting at 2pm

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Present:

Chairperson	Andy Pearce
Community Representatives	
Hugh Canard	Cole Groves
Jane Demeter	Nicky Hyslop
Vicky Southworth	Ross Millichamp
Zone Representatives	
Michele Hawke	Hurunui-Waiiau
Carolyn Latham	Waimakariri
Thomas Kulpe	Banks Peninsula
Lance Kenyon	Christchurch-West Melton
Karaitiana Taiuru	Selwyn-Waihora
Sharon Hampstead-Tipene	Upper Waitaki
Christchurch City Council	
Cr Sara Templeton	
District Council Representatives	
Mayor Sam Broughton	Mid Canterbury
Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu	
Rebecca Clements	
Ngā Rūnanga	
David Higgins	
Councillors	
Cr Claire McKay	
Central Government Observer	
Nick Vincent (MFE)	
Jenny Ridgen (MPI)	
Murray Doak (MPI)	

In attendance

Bill Bayfield (Chief Executive, Environment Canterbury), Stephen Bragg (Tangata Whenua Facilitator, Environment Canterbury), Don Chittock (Water Programme Manager, Environment Canterbury), Nadeine Dommissie (Senior Manager Operational Support, Environment Canterbury), Anita Fulton (Senior Strategy Advisor – Water & Land, Environment Canterbury), Jason Holland (Team Leader Planning, Land & Water, Environment Canterbury), Dennis Jamieson (Project Leader Water Infrastructure, Environment Canterbury), Chris Keeling (Team Leader Strategy and Planning, Environment Canterbury), Dann Olykan (Principal Strategy Advisor Water, Environment Canterbury), Jennifer Rochford (Team Leader Regional Implementation, Environment Canterbury), Cr Peter Scott (Environment Canterbury), Ian Whitehouse (Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury), Lesley Woudberg (Team Leader Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury), Cindy Butt (Team Leader Governance Services, Environment Canterbury).

Welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 2 pm and Stephen Bragg delivered a karakia.

New member introductions and welcome

The Chairperson invited new members Karaitiana Taiuru, Carlyne Latham and Thomas Kulpe to introduce themselves to the Committee.

1 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Matt Hoggard (ZC Kaikoura), Ben Curry (ZC Ashburton), John Talbot (ZC Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora), Mayor Winton Dalley District Council representative, North Canterbury), Peter McIlraith (District Council representative, South Canterbury), Cr Rod Cullinane (Environment Canterbury Representative), Nigel Harris (Nga Rununga representative), Riki Lewis (Nga Rununga representative), Bruce Murphy (ZC Lower Waitaki-South Coastal Canterbury).

The Chairperson noted the recent resignation of Andrew Mockford, Community Representative, and that Environment Canterbury was proceeding with a process to appoint a replacement with knowledge of the energy sector.

Chairperson announcement – quorum requirement

Mr Pearce noted a failure of a quorum (15 members) and advised the quorum would be reached when members attending late arrived at the meeting. He advised the meeting would proceed in workshop mode until the quorum was met.

2 Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared. The Chairperson advised new members would be sent a conflicts of interest register form to complete, and the interests register would be updated accordingly.

3 Minutes of the previous meeting 14 February 2017

(Refer pages 4 - 9 of agenda)

The general consensus of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee:

Confirmed the minutes of the Regional Water Management Committee meeting held on 14 February 2017 as true and correct record.

4 Matters arising

Nil.

5 Correspondence

5.1 Letter to Chief Executive of Environment Canterbury

(Refer page 10 of the agenda and tabled document number 1)

The Committee was advised a letter of response from Environment Canterbury had been placed in front of them (refer tabled document number 1), and members were given time to read it.

Attendance

Jane Demeter (Community Representative) attended the meeting at 2.13 pm. The quorum of the Committee was met. The meeting continued from 2.13pm as a formal committee meeting.

The Chairperson referred the meeting to paragraph 2, sentence 2 of the tabled letter that stated Environment Canterbury's position on adaptation rather than mitigation of greenhouse gas discharge that reads: "*Legislation specifically precludes Environment Canterbury from considering the effects of greenhouse gas discharge on climate change so we don't have statutory responsibility for mitigation.*"

Environment Canterbury Chief Executive Bill Bayfield addressed the meeting and advised the above statement was a local government sector wide position, and that recent amendments to the Resource Management Act did not change this direction. He noted the United Nations Paris Agreement (that brings all nations into a common cause to undertake efforts to combat climate change and adapt to its effects) and the OECD report on climate change would compel central government to consider and clarify how mitigation might be addressed in the future. Mr Bayfield said Environment Canterbury was in the early stages of considering its approach to climate change and he agreed to keep the Committee apprised of how Council discussions progressed.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

6 Membership Update

(Refer page 11 of the agenda)

The report confirmed the following Zone Committee representatives to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee:

- Lance Kenyon, Christchurch West Melton
- Thomas Kulpe, Banks Peninsula
- Carlyne Latham, Waimakariri
- Sandra Hampstead-Tipene, Upper Waitaki.

It was noted a replacement for Community representative Andrew Mockford would be presented to the committee at a future meeting.

The general consensus of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee:

Notes the changes to its membership and welcomes the new members.

7 **Zone Committee Updates**

(Refer pages 12-20 of the agenda)

7.1 **Hurunui-Waiiau**

Ian Whitehouse (Environment Canterbury Zone Facilitator) and Michele Hawke (Hurunui-Waiiau Zone Committee representative) presented the report that updated members on Hurunui-Waiiau Zone Committee activities.

Attendance

Mayor Sam Broughton (Selwyn District Council) attended the meeting at 2.29 pm.

Ms Hawke noted the benefit of a recent workshop she had participated in that reaffirmed Maori values within the Hurunui-Waiiau Zone Committee activities. In answer to a question of clarification the Committee was advised that the nature of 'governance/ownership' would be recognised in the assessment of a preferred water storage option.

Attendance

Cr Sara Templeton (Christchurch City Council) attended the meeting at 2.39 pm.

7.2 **Selwyn Waihora**

Ian Whitehouse (Environment Canterbury Zone Facilitator) presented the report that updated members on Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee activities. Karaitiana Taiuru (Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee representative) noted the recent television documentary on the Selwyn Waihora helped to educate the public and keep the community informed about the current water quality issues being experienced on the Selwyn Waihora.

7.3 **Christchurch West Melton**

Lesley Woudberg (Environment Canterbury Team Leader Zone Facilitator, CWMS) presented the report that updated members on the Christchurch West Melton Zone Committee activities. She noted the Port Hills fire had created challenges to water quality in the Heathcote River.

Attendance

Lance Kenyon (Christchurch West Melton Zone Committee representative) attended the meeting at 2.47 pm.

Ms Woudberg informed the Committee of the recreational opportunities available on rivers in the Christchurch West Melton area such as the eels in the Avon Precinct and the Earthquake Memorial.

Mr Kenyon (Christchurch West Melton Zone Committee representative) informed members of his involvement with the Immediate Steps Funding Group, activities involving Inaka spawning grounds, copper breaks, water conservation and workshops with recreational users.

7.4 Lower Waitaki

Sandra Hampstead-Tipene introduced the report and highlighted the problem of freedom campers in the area. Members discussed the need for a regional approach to seek central government support to address environmental problems caused by freedom campers. It was agreed the Committee write to Environment Canterbury seeking their support, and that of the Mayoral Forum, to make a regional submission to central government.

The general consensus of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee:

Receives the Zone Committee Update reports.

Writes to Environment Canterbury seeking support (and that of the Mayoral Forum) for a regional submission to central government requesting suitable interventions to redress environmental problems associated with freedom campers.

8 Working Group Updates

(Refer pages 22-38 of the agenda)

8.1 Biodiversity & Ecosystem Health Working Group (BEWG) – Funding Te Waihora and Wainono

Chris Keeling (Environment Canterbury Programme Lead for Biodiversity and Biosecurity Portfolio) presented the report that updated the Committee on work being undertaken by the BEWG and its future focus.

Mr Keeling sought the Committee's support for the next phase of the funding program for Wainono and Te Waihora Flagships and recommended an option to continue with the same level of funding for the next two years and commit a minimum additional amount (approximately \$50,000 for each project) for the following three years.

The general consensus of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee:

Approves option 1 for funding – to roll over Regional Committee IMS funding for the next financial year (2017/18) and commit a minimum amount to secure gains for the following three years (2018/19 – 2020/21).

Notes this minimum amount will be a proportion of the maintenance costs (approximately \$50,000) for each project, with the final amount to be determined based on discussion with BEWG and the levels of support available from other partners and the relevant Zone Committees.

8.2 Braided Rivers

Chris Keeling (Environment Canterbury Programme Lead for Biodiversity and Biosecurity Portfolio) presented the report that provided an overview of Environment Canterbury river engineering activities and the current state of braided rivers and existing threats.

Mr Keeling noted the working group was newly formed and staff are putting together a framework to build a better understanding of the need to balance various activities in braided rivers.

It was suggested that Environment Canterbury staff follow up the environmental oversight of road works in Arthurs pass.

The general consensus of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee:

Receives the report of the Braided Rivers Working Group.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3.43 pm for afternoon tea and reconvened at 4.02 pm.

8.3 Infrastructure

Dennis Jamieson (Project Leader – Water Infrastructure) presented the report that updated the committee on various CWMS activities and opportunities. Members sought and received clarification on a number of matters outlined in the report, and it was agreed opportunities to promote efficiency of water use needs to be addressed.

The general consensus of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee:

Receives the report 'Infrastructure Working Group briefing 14 March 2017'.

11 Canterbury Water Management Strategy Targets Reporting - 2017

(Refer pages 52-63 of the agenda and tabled report "Canterbury Water Management Strategy Targets 2015")

Dann Olykan (Principal Strategy Advisor Water) presented the report that updated the Committee on the 2017 CWMS targets progress report and requested the Committee identify some of the reporting risks for 2020.

The Committee was advised of the 10 high risk targets and noted these targets were identified as either having limited data or information available to report, or more work is required to meet the target. Members sought and received clarification on a number of matters outlined in the report and it was noted that CWMS informs the targets work programme. The Committee agreed that Mr Olykan come back to it with a draft 2017 targets report that focusses on the high risk areas, and includes recommendations and advice on which targets may need to be deferred or won't be achieved. Thereafter the Committee will be in a position to provide advice and recommendations to Environment Canterbury to possibly reshape the programme.

The Chairperson noted a failure to achieve targets undermined the credibility of the entire programme.

The general consensus of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee:

Notes this update on the approach to reporting CWMS targets progress for 2017;

Agrees that staff come back to the Committee with a draft 2017 targets report that focusses on the high risk targets and provides the Committee with recommendations and advice on which targets may need to be deferred or won't be achieved.

8 Continued/ Working Group Updates

(Refer pages 34-38 of the agenda)

8.4 Recreation and Amenity

(Refer page 38 of the agenda)

Anita Fulton (Senior Strategy Advisor – Water & Land) presented the report that updated the committee on the work of the Recreation and Amenity Working Group (RAWG). It was noted that each zone committee would be asked to provide a list of their top five priority recreational or amenity sites to assist with work to identify freshwater recreation and amenity activities and values.

The general consensus of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee:

Receives the report 'Recreation and Amenity'.

10 Drinking Water Update

(Refer page 50 of the agenda)

Anita Fulton (Senior Strategy Advisor – Water & Land) presented the report that updated the Committee on drinking water related activities and issues. Ms Fulton advised work had been delayed because of workload on earthquake recovery matters but was expected to resume soon.

The general consensus of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee:

Receives the report 'Drinking Water Update'.

8 continued/ Working Group Updates

(Refer pages 34-38 of the agenda)

8.5 Education and Communications

(Refer page 34 of the agenda)

Vicky Southworth (Community Representative) presented the report that summarised the workshop held in March 2017 that looked at youth engagement and education. Members sought and received clarification on a number of matters and noted; stakeholder engagement was critical, there is a need to champion EnviroSchools as the lead educational programme and collectively agree on a lead approach and ask Environment Canterbury to support and promote it, applications for Immediate Steps Programme funding were looked at more favourably if they included an educational aspect, consider investigating opportunities to engage with schools and retirees.

The general consensus of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee:

Receive the report 'Communications and Education Working Group'.

9 Implementation and Limit Setting

(Refer pages 41-47 of the agenda)

9.1 Update Implementation & Zone Delivery

(Refer pages 41-46 of the agenda)

Nadeine Dommissie (Senior Manager Operational Support) introduced the report and noted a new group and team had been established at Environment Canterbury to support zone delivery implementation and focus on improved and integrated services to the community.

Attendance

Cr Claire McKay (Environment Canterbury) left the meeting at 5.28 pm.

Jennifer Rochford (Team Leader Regional Implementation) gave a powerpoint presentation that highlighted activities for the implementation of the farming at good management practice (GMP) project.

Attendance

Mayor Sam Broughton (Selwyn District Council) left the meeting at 5.46 pm.

Hugh Canard (Community Representative) left the meeting at 5.52 pm.

The meeting continued as a workshop after 5.52pm as a quorum was no longer present.

The general consensus of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee:

Receives the 'Update Implementation & Zone Delivery' presentation.

9.2 Planning Response

(Refer page 47 of the agenda)

Jason Holland (Team Leader Planning, Land & Water) presented the report that updated the Committee on progress with setting water quality and other limits in the Canterbury region. Mr Holland advised the limit-setting approach is the cornerstone to drive change towards effective fresh water management. The Committee was informed that rules around managing point source discharges are now operative.

Attendance

Michele Hawke (Hurunui-Waiiau Zone Committee Representative) left the meeting at 5.56 pm

Cr Sara Templeton (Christchurch City Council) and Rebecca Clements (Te Rununga o Ngai Tahu representative) left the meeting at 6.11 pm

The general consensus of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee:

Receives the 'Progress with Setting Water Quality and Other Limits' update.

12 General Business

12.1 Overview of Clean Water package 2017 - Canterbury context (Refer tabled document no.2)

The Chairperson advised members of the tabled document that provided information on Environment Canterbury's submission to the central government programme of 'Clean Water package' initiatives. Mr Pearce noted the document was for members' information and not for discussion at the meeting.

12.2 Timing of meetings

After discussion it was agreed that Committee meetings would revert to a 1pm start time throughout the winter period, as discussed in December 2016 when starting times were moved from 1pm to 2pm. The earlier starting (and finishing) time during winter months assists safer travel by those who drive significant distances to attend meetings.

The meeting closed at 6.14 pm.

Confirmed

Date

8/8/17

Chairperson

