

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

**on**

**Monday 26 March 2018**

**1pm**

**Council Chamber  
Timaru District Council  
2 King George Place  
Timaru**

## **ORARI-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 26 March 2018 at 1pm, in the Council Chamber, Timaru District Council, 2 King George Place, Timaru.**

### **Committee Members:**

John Talbot (Chairman), David Anderson, Phil Driver, Sue Eddington, Kylee Galbraith, Mandy Home, Ivon Hurst, Richard Lyon, Hamish McFarlane, Anne Munro, James Pearse, Lan Pham, Ad Sintenie, Glen Smith, Herstatt Ulrich and Mark Webb

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**FOR THE MEETING OF 26 MARCH 2018**

**Report for Agenda Item No 5**

**Prepared by Barbara Gilchrist  
Facilitator**

**Confirmation of Minutes**

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Minutes of the February Committee meeting.

**Recommendation**

**That the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 12 February 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**MINUTES OF AN ORARI-TEMUKA-OPIHI-PAREORA ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL, 2 KING GEORGE PLACE, TIMARU, ON MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2018 AT 1.00PM**

**PRESENT** John Talbot (Acting Chairperson), Hamish McFarlane, Sue Eddington, Kylee Galbraith, Ivon Hurst, Cllr Anne Munro, James Pearse, Cllr Lan Pham, Phil Driver, Herstatt Ulrich, Glen Smith.

**IN ATTENDANCE** Barb Gilchrist (ECAN Facilitator), Craig Davidson (ECAN Senior Planner), Dan Clark (ECAN Senior Hydrology Scientist and Technical Lead), Peter Constantine (ECAN Principal Planning Officer) Lyn Carmichael (ECAN Senior Planner), Shirley Hayward (ECAN Senior Water Quality Scientist), Helen Risk (ECAN Land Management and Biodiversity Advisor). Rhys Taylor (ECAN Community Engagement Coordinator), Peter Ramsden (Tangata Whenua Facilitator), Andrew Mockford (Opuha Water Ltd). Prue Thirkettle (National Council of Women), Julia Crossman and Dermott O'Sullivan (Opuha Water Ltd), Tom Henderson, Charlotte Wright (Dairy NZ).

**1 APOLOGIES**

Mark Webb, Richard Lyon, Ad Sintenie and David Anderson.

**2 WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

Tangata Whenua Facilitator, Peter Ramsden welcomes everyone to the New Year with a karakia and apologizes for not being part of the induction program for new members. States he believes this year will be a very interesting one for OTO, due to the issues around the acquisition and retention of water.

Peter extends his warm congratulations to Councillor Pham on her impending motherhood and apologies for having to leave the meeting early today due to another commitment.

Chairperson John Talbot declares the meeting open at 1.05pm, Mr McFarlane moves and Councillor Munro seconds.

The Chairperson welcomes new members, Glen Smith, Herstatt Ulrich and Phil Driver; current members and members of the public.

Each committee member then provides a brief statement of their background to the new members.

The Chair then provides the new members with a brief introduction of the four absent members. He further explains that He, Kylee Galbraith, Ad Sintenie and James Pearse would complete their time with the committee upon conclusion of the ZIPA.

**3 REGISTER OF INTEREST**

There were no additional interests advised.

**4 COMMUNITY FORUM**

Mr Henderson speaks about the recent story in the Timaru Herald and states that the OEFRAG (Opuha Environmental Flow Regime Advisory Group) providing advice to the Opuha scheme "has been very successful". He says he would like to see some political pressure for a similar group in Waitaki Zone.

The Chair responds that the Zone Committee also endorses OEFRAG's work and encourages Mr Henderson to talk to that community. Suggests a regional approach would be useful.

Mr McFarlane states it may be an interesting model for the Rangitata area in the future.

**5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES -COMMITTEE MEETING**

**11 December 2017**

Proposed: Hamish McFarlane  
Seconded: Sue Eddington  
/Carried.

"The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 11 December 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record".

**6 FACILITATOR UPDATE**

The Facilitator, Barb Gilchrist, outlines how her time has been taken up with community engagement. The first meeting in Geraldine had 40 in attendance and was a very successful event. Attendees asked many good questions.

A collection of relevant media clippings, provided by Kate Doran (ECAN Senior Communications Advisor), are circulated to the committee.

Mr McFarlane acknowledges the efforts of the Facilitator and Communications Advisor in ensuring OTOP's work is communicated to the public and thanks them for the circulation of

the clippings to the committee.

Councillor Munro queries the cancellation of the 'Industry and NGO Engagement Day' in late January. The Facilitator confirms that this was postponed and that it has received positive interest for its new date.

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### **DISCUSSION ON CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON**

The Chair passes this discussion to the Facilitator.

The Facilitator notes that usually during the first Zone Committee meeting for the year, the committee would select a Chair, Deputy Chair and Representative for the Regional Committee.

The committee discusses that due to the complexity of the issues at present it would be sensible to continue with the same Chair and Deputy.

Motion: Move that the Chair, Deputy Chair and Regional Community Representative remain in these roles until finalization of the ZIPA.

Proposed: Councillor Munro  
Seconded: Councillor Pham  
/Carried

The Chair acknowledges the committee's confidence and notes the importance of considering these roles, including Regional, looking to the future.

A question is asked around what that role requires and the Chair responds that the position requires a commitment to a monthly meeting in which regionwide issues are raised by representations from all zones, council members and local government.

Another question is raised whether this position is best handled by a chair of the ZIPA committee? The Chair responded that he doesn't think it's necessary although it would 'fit well'.

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### **OTOP ANNUAL REPORT (TO BE CIRCULATED)**

The Facilitator presents the Draft Annual Report (AR) and a hardcopy is also handed out.

The AR has been collated to showcase OTO's work over the previous year and against the CWSM targets. Facilitator acknowledges some errors and asks for approval for circulation once corrections are made.

Councillor Pham questions if the AR is purely content specific for last year, or if the consultation period and other events coming up could be included. A comment is made that “it is a report, rather than a newsletter”. The Chair agrees and states

he believes that the covering note is an opportunity to provide that type of information. Further discussion is held.

The Committee agrees that up and coming events, along with contact details be included as part of the cover letter.

Discussion takes place around the modest description of work involved, however the Chair suggests this was in consideration of the reader’s time.

The Facilitator acknowledges errors on pages two, three and four.

Formal adoption of Annual Report is considered (subject to corrections) and agreement is sought that this document be used as a vehicle of promotion:

Proposed: Sue Eddington  
Seconded: Kylee Galbraith  
/Carried.

**9            4            INVITATION FROM NZ DEER FARMERS ASSOCIATION**

The Chair acknowledges letter of invitation.

The Facilitator has thanked Graeme Peck for his invitation and has organised, subject to agreement from the committee, a 2 & ½ hour visit to a deer farm on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March (9am-11.30am). Returning to Timaru for the workshop.

The Facilitator has suggested Graeme provide written material to be read over prior to the visit.

Committee has agreed. The Chair acknowledges the nods of agreement.

Invitation to visit another deer farm extended to the Committee by Rhys Taylor.

**10            UPDATE FROM THE FLOW AND ALLOCATION WORKING PARTY**

Representatives from the Opihi Flow and Allocation Work Party present an update, this includes an outline and background of the group.

The group is working hard on allocation numbers, also discuss the value of Water User Groups.

Ms Crossman states that any changes must have a benefit to river ecology. The WP expresses concern at lack of data and delays with this. They ask for clarification of timelines. Shirley



Hayward responds; “we need flows to drop down to monitor the sites. Weather needs to get warmer and a bit drier. Sites are still intact but it’s making things difficult”.

Shirley aims to have the draft report ready by mid-April and finalised by mid-May.

Questions and requests to the Zone Committee from Working Party.

1. Can NIWA do recommendations for variable monthly minimum flow?
2. Want to understand more about the workshop on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February.
3. Request a meeting post 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2018 to answer any questions. State they believe six weeks is realistic for a review process.

Clr Munro comments on number of stream depletors; Ms Crossman replies that they are trying to bring them on board and in the future, they will be tied to the flows. Reaching out and engagement is the way forward.

Ms Carmichael comments that they are “confident that they have identified and communicated with everyone who is a stream depleter”.

## **11 ROLE OF THE INCIDENT RESPONSE OFFICER (IRO)**

The Facilitator introduces Brian Reeves’s new role within ECAN. He is an additional incident response resource for responding to incidents. Apologizes he is unable to attend as he has been called to an incident.

## **12 LAND USE CONSENT TO FARM UPDATE**

Helen Risk (Land Management and Biodiversity Advisor) presents an update on LWRP requirements of Nutrient Allocation rules and who requires a Land Use Consent.

Focus has been on the red and orange zones.

Key issue identified: the huge waiting list for Nitrogen base lines. Examples given: Ravensdown, looking at a year-long waiting list, Ballance is approximately 6 months.

Clr Munro requests an explanation around non-targets and Ms Risk will provide an outline in her next update.

A comment is made that some industries are well equipped with resources to provide this information for farmers, whereas others may be struggling and might need more information and education. Ms Risk states that more

assistance would be valuable, such as farmers being made aware that NCHECK is available as a tool for checking

baselines.

Discussion around how to get people on board /across the line to lodge consent.

Comment made, more collaboration work needs to be involved between consents, land management and be mapped in GIS mapping software.

Questions raised by Committee:

- Do you have strategy for those who are actively 'resisting'? Water metering given as example of people just not complying.
- How many are on track? Of the 191 letters sent out, how many have lodged?
- Any reassurance for farmers, seeing as the date has past?
- Regarding the waiting list on baselines. Are we being too tough on entry level requirements i.e. should we be thinking about the level of qualification people require to provide this information?
- Can we have people that audit the auditors?

Craig Davidson, (Senior Planner) responds: Wait times on baselines has been identified as a problem. There are another 68 people available to provide that information, the issue is a lot of farmers go with Ravensdown or Ballance.

The Chairperson acknowledges the mention by a Committee member that there appears to be some data problems. Asks, do you need recommendations from the committee?

Ms Risk to discuss with GIS on historical land use data to be added into current land use data. Acknowledges more work is needed in this space.

The Committee discusses the issue of confusion with terminology and understanding the lingo. Ms Risk acknowledges the challenges and will take the Committee's questions to the Regional team that is running this campaign.

Clr Pham asks is there a date you will be expected to have the next steps outlined? Ms Risk states they are meeting in the next few weeks to clarify the next steps in this process. Time frames regarding the next round of letters, to be prepared for next update.

Clr Pham requests to be updated as a committee.

Agreement from Committee that the report is received. Ms Risk acknowledges the Committees feedback and questions.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT -FEEDBACK FROM THE FIRST SESSION

The community engagement session was an informal drop-in. Members of the community brought along their questions. Clr Pham said she received some good questions and she felt it worked well. Generally, people hadn't really engaged with the ZIPA but were genuinely interested in the problems and what was put together.

The Committee members enquired about the 'hot topics', one of these was drinking water and the method for receiving feedback. This will be collect both in hard copy and by email.

The committee was reminded of the remaining community engagement dates and times.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb: Pleasant Point 3pm-5pm, 7pm-9pm.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb: Southburn Hall 3pm-5pm, 7pm-9pm.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb: Fairlie 3pm-5pm, 7pm-9pm.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb: Timaru 3pm-5pm, 7pm-9pm.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb: Industry and NGO line up consultation - ECAN office 9am-5.15pm.

Charlotte Wright informs the committee that Dairy NZ has organised a get together on the 21<sup>st</sup> Feb to shape Dairy NZ's feedback to the committee.

Beef and Lamb has organised a similar meeting where farmers will be leading the discussion. Te Ngawai are aligning with that workshop.

Pareora Catchment also has a meeting planned.

The meeting concluded at 3.09pm.

John Talbot

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Acting Chairperson

# Memo

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Date	26 March 2018
To	OTOP Zone Committee
CC	
From	Barb Gilchrist, Zone Facilitator

## SHiFT Project Introduction

### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this paper is to introduce the Zone Committee to the SHiFT Project.

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Environment Canterbury is working with Federated Farmers and Beef & Lamb to help farmers manage the risk of sediment loss on hill country land, and to mitigate any loss of sediment into waterways.

### **DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:**

Called SHiFT (Sustainable Hill Farming Tool), it is expected that the project will culminate in the creation of a decision tool that will aid farmers considering development of their hill country blocks. This project has received endorsement and funding from the Ministry for the Environment. Farmers will begin to hear about it from this week, and research company UMR will shortly begin a series of face to face interviews followed by telephone surveys, reaching a random sample of hill country farmers.

The 16 in-depth interviews will cover the decision-making process involved in the farmer's previous hill country developments, as well as the outcomes of recent developments. The objective is to ascertain what the main influences are in decision making, whether farmers have access to all the relevant information, and how the SHiFT project can support decision-making through the development of an effective tool. This qualitative survey will be followed by a telephone survey to around 150 farmers (across Canterbury and Horizons), chosen randomly from Agribase. This will occur in late March/early April.

The next stage of the project will be a Literature Search to identify:

- What factors affect soil loss from hills
- What the short term and longer-term impacts of sediment loss have on pasture production and persistence
- What the mitigations may be to prevent/significantly reduce that sediment loss
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Information from the surveys and the literature search will then be used to develop the decision-making tool; it is expected that this will provide a much better idea of the benefits and costs associated with development that are generally not included financial evaluation. Zone committees will be kept informed of progress.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Zone Committee receives this memo.