

**Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Management
Committee**

on

Monday 8 October 2018

2pm

**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 8 October 2018 at 2pm, in the Council Chamber, Timaru District Council, 2 King George Place, Timaru.

Committee Members:

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

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8 October 2018

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Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Management Committee
for the Meeting of 8 October 2018

Report for Agenda Item No 4

Prepared by Barbara Gilchrist
Facilitator

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the September Committee meeting.

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Committee meetings held on 17 September 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Management Committee

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 17 September 2018 at 4pm

Present Hamish McFarlane (Chairperson), Clr David Anderson, Sue Eddington, Ivon Hurst, Clr Anne Munro, Clr Richard Lyon, Kylee Galbraith (until 5.05pm), James Pearse, Ad Sintenie, Glen Smith, Herstatt Ullrich and Mark Webb

Apologies Clr Lan Pham, John Henry, Phil Driver

In Attendance Barb Gilchrist (Facilitator), Dan Clarke (ECan Senior Hydrology Scientist and Technical Lead), Brett Painter (ECan Project Leader CWMS Assessments and Evaluations)(until 4.50pm), Brian Reeve (Zone Delivery Lead), Shirley Hayward (Senior Water Quality Scientist), Lyn Carmichael (Senior Planner and Community Lead), Rob Carson-Iles (Consents Planner), Prue Thirkettle, Tom Henderson, Lloyd McMillan, Tania Butterfield (ECan Communications Advisor) and Carlos Rosado (Ecan Groundwater scientist)

Opihi Flow and Allocation Working Party representatives – Georgia Hamilton, Andrew Mockford

1. Declaration of Interests

There were no conflict of interests declared.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed Sue Eddington
Seconded Clr Richard Lyon

“That the minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee meeting held on 6 August 2018 be confirmed.”

Motion carried

3. Our Changing Climate

ECan Project Leader CWMS Assessments and Evaluations Dr Brett Painter, gave a presentation updating the Committee on recent climate analyses of relevance to the OTOP zone, including climate trends, climate cycles, the future OTOP climate, predicted Rangitata River flows and possible future sea level rises.

There are challenges in the OTOP zone with its variability - eg the intensity of rainfall could be a future problem, as could earlier snowmelt and less precipitation holding up as snow. Sea level rise is happening quite significantly near the east coast of New Zealand at present. It was noted that the Antarctica ice melt could contribute more severely than at first thought.

There are now increased monitoring tools in the zone to continue with data collection.

The indications are summarised –

- Gradual temperature increase
- Precipitation increase by the coast and variable inland
- Continued declining snowpack
- More regular intense rainfall and river freshes
- Faster sea level rise.

4. Immediate Steps Funding 2018/2019 Financial Year

The Committee considered a report by Biodiversity Officer Rob Carson-Iles on projects for Immediate Steps Funding.

Proposed Mark Webb
Seconded Kylee Galbraith

“That the following Immediate Steps projects be approved –

Ellis Road Wetland	\$6,000
Milford Lagoon south bank	\$22,687
Maze pastures	\$6,146
Old Orari Lagoon	\$8,600.”

Motion carried

5. Fit for Future Project

The Committee considered a report and summary of task group and working group input for the CWMS Fit for Future project. Zone Committees can provide input into the draft goals for 2025 and 2030 that have been developed by Task Groups and the Goals Working Group.

As the papers were not received in time for the Committee to consider the issue at this meeting, Committee members were asked to respond via email or phone with any feedback.

Kylee Galbraith left the meeting.

6. Compliance Monitoring and Incident Reporting

The Committee considered the 2017-18 annual report on incident reporting and compliance monitoring. Brian Reeves, Zone Delivery Lead, spoke to the reports, explaining that the handling of monitoring compliance issues focuses on education and information in the first instance.

7. Ecological Report

Proposed Hamish McFarlane
Seconded Sue Eddington

“That the Committee endorses an independent review of the ecological report prepared by Dr Ryder.”

Motion carried

8. Facilitator’s Report

The Facilitator alerted the Committee to a RNZ radio interview on the Country Life programme that focussed on mahinga kai. A link to this podcast is to be circulated to the committee members.

The meeting concluded at 5.20pm.

Chairperson

Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Management Committee

for the Meeting of 8 October 2018

Report for Agenda Item No 8

**Prepared by Barbara Gilchrist
Facilitator**

Facilitator's Report

Purpose

1. This paper updates the Zone Committee on points of interest from the zone facilitator.

Key points

1. Refresh process

Community members are appointed for a term of three years, with appointments expiring on 31 December. Membership is staggered so that all appointments do not expire at the same time. The next community member refresh process is now underway. Decisions by respective councils will be made by December 2018, with new members starting their term January 2019.

This is an ideal opportunity for committee members to approach those in the community they feel would make a valuable addition to the group. Both print and digital advertising was undertaken during September. The timetable for the refresh process is below.

August	Zone Committees advised
September	Advertising and recruitment; applications open
October	Applications close
Mid October – Mid Nov	Selection workshops
Mid November	Candidates informally advised; agenda papers sent to councils
December	Appointments made by councils
31 December	Existing members appointments expire
1 January 2018	New members/reappointed members terms begin

2. Community engagement

Following publication of the draft recommendations for flow and allocation in the Opihi and Temuka catchments, and stepped regimes for managing nutrients in hotspots, two public drop-in sessions have been held. While attendee numbers were small (12 per session), those who were there were engaged, and appeared to appreciate the opportunity to discuss their concerns with both the committee members and technical staff.

Due to low numbers and the short time frames, another community drop-in session is planned for Monday 8th October, at the West End Hall in Timaru. Any committee members who are available would be most welcome.

In conjunction with these sessions, there will be an industry-focused drop-in from 9 – 11am on Monday 8 October, followed by a drop-in session for NGOs. Invitations for these have been sent by email, and again there will be the opportunity for attendees to discuss the recommendations with both committee members and staff.

Feedback from these sessions along with that received in writing will be collated and presented to the committee later in October.

Recommendation

That the OTOP Water Zone Committee receives this facilitator's report.



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1 October 2018

Dear Hugh

The Orari–Temuka–Opihi–Pareora (OTOP) Water Zone Committee, as part of the sub-regional planning process, have been working to make recommendations for water management in the zone.

During committee discussions, there have been concerns that Farm Environment Plans (FEPs) and Farm Management Plans (FMPs) may be missing some key components; one of which is biodiversity. The committee understand that this cannot be addressed within their recommendations, however they wish to suggest that the regional committee consider support for including biodiversity within FEPs and FMPs. The zone committee agree that this would support the step change in biodiversity that Environment Canterbury are seeking.

Another issue that the committee are keen to support is making FMPs more robust, suggesting that perhaps these could be renamed as a Non-auditable FEP, with the same content as an FEP, or alternatively enabling an auditing process to be developed for FMPs, which would encourage good on-farm practices while providing a pathway for managing bad practice.

The committee appreciate your consideration of these matters and welcome the opportunity to discuss them further with you.

Kind regards

Hamish McFarlane
Chair, OTO Water Zone Committee

Date	Event	Topic(s)	Content/Papers	Key Decisions
21 September – 10 October	Further consultation period	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Flow and allocation in the Opihi and Temuka catchments Nutrient management regime for meeting water quality targets across the Orari-Temuka-Orari-Pareora Zone 	N/A	N/A
8 October	Industry drop-in 9 – 11am NGO drop-in 11.30 – 12.30pm Workshop 1 – 2pm ZC Meeting 2 – 3pm Workshop 3 – 4.30pm Public drop-in 6.30 – 7.30	Flow and allocation, nutrients in hotspots PC5 and grandparenting - implementation As per agenda Comments from drop-ins Flow and allocation, nutrients in hotspots	NA	
15 October	Workshop 10:00 am – 5:00pm Arowhenua Marae	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback received on flow and allocation recommendations, nutrient management and cultural work Suggested changes to recommendations in response to feedback 	Summary of feedback received during further consultation period	Paper to be circulated prior
5 November	Workshop 11:00 am – 1.30 pm Meeting Room 1, TDC ZC Meeting 2:00 – 4:00 pm Council Chambers, TDC	Finalising ZIPA	Finalised ZIPA reflecting changes made in response to final feedback period	
December	ZIPA presented to Environment Canterbury and TA councils			

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