

Minutes of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee held in the Council Chamber, Canterbury Regional Council, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Tuesday 11 December 2018 at 1.06 pm

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Present

Community Representatives	
Jane Demeter	Ross Millichamp
Vicky Southworth	Hugh Canard
Zone Representatives	
Ted Howard	Kaikoura
Michele Hawke	Hurunui-Waiau
Carolyne Latham	Waimakariri
Karaitiana Taiuru	Selwyn-Waihora
Les Wanhalla	Christchurch West-Melton
Fiona Nicol	Banks Peninsula
District Council Representative	
Peter McIlraith	South Canterbury
Christchurch City Council	Cr Sara Templeton
Te Rūnanga o Ngai Tahu	Rebecca Clements
Environment Canterbury	Cr Claire McKay
Canterbury District Health Board Observer	Dr Alistair Humphrey

In attendance

John Benn (Department of Conservation)

Environment Canterbury: Lesley Woudberg (Team Leader Zone Facilitator), Stefanie Rixecker (Director of Science), Dann Olykan (Team Leader CWMS), Dennis Jamieson (Project Leader – Water Infrastructure), Mel Renganathan (Principal Strategy Advisor – Land), Anita Fulton (Senior Strategy Advisor), Barbara Nicholas (Contractor), and Louise McDonald (Senior Committee Advisor)

Welcome

Chair Hugh Logan welcomed everyone to chair the meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Mayor Winton Dalley, Riki Lewis, Cr Nicole Reid, Cr Peter Scott, Murray Doak, Jo Buckner and Ben Curry.

For lateness- Karaitana Taiuru

2 Conflicts of interest

Hugh Logan reminded members of the register of interests held for the committee for members to check and update if necessary.

Although not a conflict of interest he advised of a role that he had just taken with Ministry of Primary Industries chairing a small reference group that is reviewing the legislation on walking access.

3 Minutes of the previous meeting 9 October 2018

Refer pages 1 to 6 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 9 October 2018, as a true and correct record.

4 Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

5 Water Usage Compliance Monitoring

Refer pages 7 to 8 of the agenda

Carly Waddleton presented this report of the results of the 2017/2018 water use monitoring programme with a PowerPoint presentation. She explained that the data was also used for environmental monitoring.

The system of using four grades A to D to rate water use compliance enables staff to concentrate on working with those consent holders that need to improve. Workshops had been held with the Territorial Authorities to explain the monitoring programme and how to improve compliance.

A leaflet (tabled) has been circulated to all consent holders explaining responsibilities of water consent holders.

Rebecca Clements joined the meeting at 1.20pm.

Nick Vincent joined the meeting at 1.30pm.

Carly provided the following replies to questions about the water usage compliance monitoring:

- all meters need to be calibrated and verified every 5 years.
- the process of enforcement starts with working with the consent holder followed by; warnings; abatement notices; and then enforcement.
- if a well or pump is not functioning a consent holder can apply for a temporary waiver.
- most consent holders use providers for their metering and depending on the system that they have may be able to get real time data of their water take.
- individual circumstances are taken into consideration for any problems encountered with water metering, for example earthquake damage, power outages etc but consent holders still need to get the problem fixed.

It was observed that this exercise is measuring compliance, but not efficiency. It can't be linked to good farming practice. In Christchurch the council are still fixing earthquake damaged pipes and a lot of water taken does not reaching the taps.

The issue of the cost of monitoring and enforcement was raised. It was acknowledged that the community's expectations for data, monitoring and enforcement were growing. In addition to getting an idea of the cost the committee was also interested in:

- the volume of water taken for each of the four compliance grades;
- how the regionally significant takes fit into the four grades;
- the percentage of the takes that are telemetered;
- the cost of not monitoring;
- trend information would be useful to share with the zone committees

Carly was thanked for an interesting presentation and it was requested that the PowerPoint presentation be made available on the Environment Canterbury website.

Karaitiana Taiuru joined the meeting at 2.15pm

6 Canterbury Water Management Strategy Fit for Future Project

Refer pages 9 to 21 of the agenda

Dann Olykan presented this report with a PowerPoint presentation. This is part of the process of the Strategy moving from targets to action. He provided an update on the project and sought feedback on the 2025 and 2030 goals and a set of strategic matters.

The following points were made:

- Is there a mechanism to enable a focus on those targets that are more difficult to achieve, e.g. mahinga kai and can resource be shifted to those areas?
- To identify where the money should come from, firstly identify where does the responsibility and passion lie.
- Is there a process for prioritising funding and should this be linked to the CWMS first priorities? Focus on the big things that can make difference.
- The effect of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater and its amendments on the CWMS goals and deadlines.
- With the target for better water use, it was suggested that older more generous consents be looked at as environmental concerns appear to be transferred to new users.
- More information on who was consulted and the feedback provided was requested.
- The need to think strategically and be ready for expanded changes in technology.
- When better water use is achieved will there be more water available for the environment to improve reliability?
- Consent reviews are expensive – are there non-regulatory ways to utilise in the interim? (the Government are looking at this).
- The zone committee structure works well but the speed of work is related to Environment Canterbury resources, how do we leverage more funds?
- Need to check that the resourcing and capability to enable iwi representatives to contribute to the zone committee process are satisfactory.
- There is concern because of the time required for consultation the government may intervene.
- More modelling is needed to get a better understanding of the lag time between putting plan processes in place, consent implementation and the science, for meeting the 2040 targets.
- identify what success looks like.

Cr Sara Templeton left the meeting at 3.30pm

Hugh Logan summarised the main points of the discussion: the aspirations goals are important and the challenge for management agencies is to be able to report on these goals. Monitoring needs to be done in many places and this will be expensive. Standards need to be set and if they cannot be meant this should be made clear.

Hugh reported that he has provided an update on the Fit for Future project to the Mayoral Forum at its meeting on 7 December. The Forum are interested in social capital and the degree of public support for the CWMS; the direction of travel towards improvement; and the 3 waters responsibilities for urban and small communities. The feel from the Forum is that the CWMS is going well but that there is room for improvement and increasing support for its implementation.

The 2025, 2030 and 2040 goals are important, and they condition the Zone Implementation Programmes (ZIPs) and provide input into Territorial Authorities and the regional council's plans.

Item 8 was then taken

8. **Update from Central Government**

Refer pages 25 to 27 of the agenda

Ministry for the Environment

Nick Vincent, Ministry for the Environment, advised that the Fresh Water programme is back with the task force and is wider than just the Ministry. There are three advisory groups are meeting monthly to provide comment on policy. The Minister has requested a list of catchments in danger, so they can be used a trial catchment.

Amendments to the National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management are expected by 2020. There is also work being undertaken on amendments to the Resource Management Act.

The Ministry are also busy with 3 Waters work and are keen to engage with groups like the zone committees.

Department of Conservation

John Benn tabled and spoke to notes on the Departments activities around the CWMS zone over the last two months.

7 **Regional Committee Working Group Updates**

Refer pages 22 to 24 of the agenda

Ross Millichamp reported from the Infrastructure Working Group that they were working with NIWA to get better information on native fish so that better standards can be established for fish screens.

Hugh Canard advised that the Recreation and Amenity Working Group are working through the report prepared by Visitor Solutions Ltd. Work is also being done to identify what sites are used for, when they are used and how this translates into recreational needs for the CWMS.

Carolyn Latham left the meeting at 4.15pm.

9. **Zone Committee Updates**

Banks Peninsula

Fiona Nicol reported that the zone committee has formalised the process of information sharing with Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury. Flood protection at Little River is being looked at. Fiona noted the benefit of the restoration justice process as shown by a recent Akaroa (Graham Steam Restoration) case that money went to the community for environmental work.

Kaikōura

Ted Howard explained that the Kaikōura focus continues to be on earthquake recovery. Science investigations are being undertaken for Lyell Creek and the Clarence River.

Hurunui Waiau

Michele Hawke reported that the Hurunui Waiau Zone Committee have delivered their recommendations to Environment Canterbury to fix the 10% rule (in the Land and Water Regional Plan) that had unintended consequences for dryland farming. Other work being done included looking at swimming sites, and the BRIDGE (braided rivers) project.

Selwyn Waihora

Karaitiana Taiuru reported that the Selwyn Waihora zone committee is continuing its work on developing relationships particularly with schools in the zone and with the Te Waihora Co-Governance Group . They have held a field trip and hosted a visit from school students.

Christchurch West Melton

Les Wanhalla reported that the Christchurch West Melton were working to engage with their urban community. An information stall featuring the stormwater superhero project will be at Westfield Riccarton on 18 & 19 January 2019.

10. Draft Regional Committee Annual Report

Refer pages 22 to 27 of the agenda

Hugh Logan invited the Committee to provide any feedback on the draft Regional Committee Annual Report to Lesley Woudberg.

Ross Millichamp suggested that the reference to the fish screen work advise that the problem has been identified but not yet achieved, this was a priority for Environment Canterbury.

An update on the Te Waihora willow control was a project to be highlighted.

Resolved

That the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee:

- 1. Delegate to the chair to sign off the final annual report on behalf of the Regional Committee**

Peter McIlraith / Ted Howard
CARRIED

11. Facilitators Update

Refer pages 28 to 52 of the agenda

Lesley Woudberg presented this report that included the 2019 meeting and working group dates.

12. General Business

Cr Claire McKay reported that the regional council at its meeting of 13 December would be considering a recommendation to make Plan Change 5 (Nutrient Management and Waitaki) to the Land and Water Regional Plan operative from 1 February 2019.

Lesley Woudberg acknowledged the work of the Waimakariri and the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Committees in preparing their Zone Implementation Programme Addenda (ZIPA). These will also be presented to the regional council meeting on 13 December 2018.

11. **Next Meeting**

Tuesday 12 February 2018

The meeting closed at 4.48 pm with a karakia by Karaitiana Taiuru

Confirmed

Date

12/2/19

Chairperson

