

Minutes of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee held in the Council Chamber, Canterbury Regional Council, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Tuesday 9 April 2019 at 1.03 pm

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Present

Chair	Hugh Logan
Community Representatives:	
Jane Demeter	Ross Millichamp
Vicky Southworth	Hugh Canard
Zone Representatives:	
John Preece	Hurunui-Waiau
Carolyn Latham	Waimakariri
Les Wanhalla	Christchurch West-Melton
Sandra Hampstead-Tipene	Upper/Lower Waitaki
Ben Curry	Ashburton
Rima Herber	Banks Peninsula
Ted Howard	Kaikoura
Phil Driver	Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora

Present

District Council Representatives:	
Peter McIlraith	South Canterbury
Mayor Winton Dalley	North Canterbury
Cr Nicole Reid	Mid Canterbury
Christchurch City Council	Cr Sara Templeton
Te Rūnanga o Ngai Tahu	Rebecca Clements
Environment Canterbury:	Cr Claire McKay Cr Peter Scott
Canterbury District Health Board Observer	Dr Alistair Humphrey
Central Government Observer	Gwyn Morgan, MPI

In attendance

Alistair Patrick (Fit for Future Consultant)
Loretta Dobbs (MPI)
Mayor Donna Favel (Ashburton District Council)
Cr Stuart Wilson (Ashburton District Council)

Environment Canterbury: Lesley Woudberg (Team Leader Zone Facilitator), Stefanie Rixecker (Director of Science), Dann Olykan (Team Leader CWMS), Chris Wikstrom (Project Manager), Dennis Jamieson (Water Infrastructure), Mel Renganathan (Principal Strategy Advisor), Anita Fulton (Senior Strategy Advisor), Barbara Nicholas (Contractor); and Elaine Greaves (Committee Advisor).

Welcome

Chair, Hugh Logan, welcomed everyone to the meeting, including new Zone representatives John Preece (Hurunui-Waiiau), Rima Herber (Banks Peninsula), and Phil Driver (Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora) who were invited to introduce themselves to the Committee. Gwyn Morgan was also welcomed as the Central Government Observer replacing Jo Buckner from MPI.

Cr Sara Templeton opened the meeting with a karakia.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Murray Doak (MPI), Nick Vincent (MFE), John Benn (DOC); and Benita Wakefield (Selwyn-Waihora Zone Committee). Apologies for early departure were received and accepted from Cr Sarah Templeton and Peter McIlraith.

2. Conflicts of interest

The Register of Interests was circulated to members for updating and the Chair asked new and current members to complete the form as appropriate.

3. **Minutes of the previous meeting 12 February 2019**

Refer pages 7 to 11 of the agenda

The Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee:

Confirmed the minutes of the Regional Water Management Committee meeting held on 12 February 2019, as a true and correct record, subject to a correction being made to Jane Demeter's name.

Hugh Logan/Jane Demeter

CARRIED

4. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 12 February 2019 meeting of the Canterbury Water Management Regional Committee.

5. **Exclusion of the Public from Part of the Committee Meeting**

Refer to page 12 of the agenda.

Following discussion, the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee agreed, by general consensus:

- 1. To withdraw the motion to exclude the public from consideration of the CWMS Fit for the Future Project report.**

The Committee proceeded to consider item 1.1 of the Public Excluded Agenda – CWMS Fit for the Future Project, as the first item for discussion as part of the open meeting.

6. **Items for Discussion**

6.1 **CWMS Fit for the Future Project**

The Committee's approval was sought to final advice contained in the draft report to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum.

The Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee, by general consensus:

- 1. Agreed to the proposed goals for 2025 and 2030 for the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS).**
- 2. Noted that an emerging work programme was being developed to support the proposed goals, and that work programme would be designed to provide an integrated response to the goals. The work programme would include a mix of activities, including:**
 - a. On-ground and in-stream actions.**
 - b. Research to focus, validate and report the actions and CWMS outcomes; and**
 - c. Would require multiple contributors.**

CWMS Team Leader, Dann Olykan acknowledged and thanked his colleagues' contributions to the project; and the Chair expressed thanks to Dann for all of his work in getting the project to its current state.

Cr Sara Templeton retired from the meeting at 1.32pm and was absent for part of item 6.1 and remaining agenda items (6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 7, 8 and 9).

The meeting was adjourned between 3.28pm and 3.40pm.

Ben Curry retired from the meeting at 3.58pm and was absent for part of item 6.1 and remaining agenda items (6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 7, 8 and 9).

Peter McIlraith and Sandra Hampstead-Tipene retired from the meeting at 3.59pm and were absent for part of item 6.1 and remaining agenda items (6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 7, 8 and 9).

6.2 CWMS Fit for Future – Priorities for the Regional Committee

Refer pages 13 to 15 of the agenda.

A small working group of the Committee provided an update on discussions around future priorities, together with a summary of ideas for future work for discussion. The suggestions were intended to act as a starting point to help work out the Committee's work programme for the next 1-2 years. It was suggested regional implementation plans may be useful to consider what was intended to be done; what had been achieved, what could be dropped; and what now needed to be done. It was also suggested the sub-group triage project work in relation to what would motivate people to change current practises that would result in a better environment.

It was considered there was a need to reconnect with project work in a practical manner, such as the long fin eel project, including farm site visits. In this regard, the Facilitator advised a farm visit was proposed for 14 May 2019, noting an invitation would be extended to Zone Committee members.

The Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee agreed, by general consensus:

- 1. To note the outcomes of the discussion held by a small sub-group of its Committee on 12 March 2019 on future priorities for the Regional Committee.**
- 2. That the sub-group reconvene to flesh-out ideas for a future work programme, and suggestions would form the main item for discussion at the next Committee meeting.**
- 3. Dann Olykan be asked to attend the sub-group meeting to provide supporting material on strategic issues for the Committee.**

6.3 Infrastructure Working Group – Fish Screen

Refer pages 16 to 18 of the agenda.

Ross Millichamp updated the Committee on work of the Fish Screen Technical Working Group.

It was noted the Working Group was divided on what standards to employ for screens but was working on resolving the varying opinions. The divergent opinions were due to differences between the original NIWA guidelines and rules currently in Schedule 2. As relevant consents would be in place for existing (older) screens, consent renewal time would provide an ideal opportunity for screens to be updated to new standards.

Ross Millichamp undertook to draft a letter to the Chair of Environment Canterbury for the Committee Chair's perusal.

The Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee resolved to:

- 1. Write to the Chair of Environment Canterbury, briefing him on progress made to date by the Fish Screen Technical Working Group, asking that Council urgently address the standard of existing fish screens in an attempt to bring them into line with Schedule 2 policies as soon as possible.**
- 2. Request Environment Canterbury to provide an update on the fish screen compliance programme at the next Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee meeting.**

Cr Peter Scott/Cr Claire McKay
CARRIED

6.4 Update from Central Government Agencies and Zone Committees

Refer pages 19 to 20 of the agenda.

Lesley Woudberg presented an update on DOC activities around the CWMS water zones over the last two months, together with upcoming events and issues.

In the absence of Benita Wakefield, Les Wanhalla spoke on behalf of Selwyn-Waihora Zone Committee advising the Committee was now well placed to drive project work within its area.

Carolyn Latham advised the Waimakariri ZIP Addendum had been approved and was now with the planning team. There had been discussions around how the Plan was shaping up and work was being done to prioritise projects in three catchments within the zone. The Committee was currently reviewing its future role and refresh.

John Preece provided an update on the activities of Hurunui-Waiau Zone Committee, including the way the Zone Committee works.

Phil Driver spoke on behalf of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Committee regarding Plan Change 5 and acknowledged the great job staff had done. An action plan was being considered to determine what projects could be implemented in the community to motivate people to do things differently to affect change.

Rima Herber provided a brief update on Banks Peninsula Zone Committee activities, including a trial to reduce sediment discharges from road cuttings.

Ted Howard advised the Kaikoura district was still in recovery mode. MPI projects were proceeding and there was an issue around fresh water mātaītai. On a brighter note, during a recent spring tide flood, scientists observed whitebait eggs in Lyall Creek. As the high tide was not going to reach the eggs, a digger was brought in to create an artificial tide, and the eggs successfully hatched.

Loretta Dobbs from MPI provided a brief update on the work they are doing with MFE on freshwater and advised that a consultation document would be available by the end of June 2019.

The Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee received the updates.

Cr Nicole Reid retired from the meeting at 4.55pm and was absent for part of item 6.4 and items 7, 8 and 9 of the agenda.

7. **Facilitator's Report**

Refer pages 21 to 34 of the agenda.

An update was provided on event dates for 2019, together with progress on issues previously raised, central government initiatives, omnibus plan change and recent media coverage from across the region.

The Canterbury Waste Management Strategy Regional Committee noted the Facilitator's report.

8. **General Business**

The Chair thanked and acknowledged the significant input from all members of the Committee on the Fit For Future Project, noting that this was a major milestone on the CWMS journey.

9. **Next Meeting**

Tuesday 11 June 2019.

The meeting closed at 5.02pm with a karakia by Cr Peter Scott.

Confirmed

Date 11/6/19

Chairperson 