

# Minutes of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee held in the Council Chamber, Canterbury Regional Council, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Tuesday 13 August 2019 at 1.04 pm

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## Present

<b>Chair:</b>	Hugh Logan
<b>Community Representatives:</b>	
Hugh Canard	Ross Millichamp
<b>Zone Representatives:</b>	
Carolyn Latham	Waimakariri
Les Wanhalla	Christchurch West-Melton
Stuart Wilson	Ashburton
Rima Herber	Banks Peninsula
Benita Wakefield	Selwyn-Waihora
Ted Howard	Kaikoura
John Preece	Hurunui/Waiau
Phil Driver	Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora
Sandra Hampstead-Tipene	Upper/Lower Waitaki
Barney Hoskins	Lower Waitaki

<b>District Council Representatives:</b>	
Peter McIlraith	South Canterbury
Cr Nicole Reid	Mid Canterbury
<b>Christchurch City Council:</b>	Cr Sara Templeton
<b>Environment Canterbury:</b>	Cr Claire McKay
<b>Canterbury District Health Board Observer</b>	Dr Alistair Humphrey
<b>Central Government Observers</b>	Loretta Dobbs (MPI) John Benn (DOC)

## Absent

David Higgins	Ngā Rūnanga
Cole Groves	Community Representative

## In attendance

**Environment Canterbury:** Lesley Woudberg (Team Leader Zone Facilitator), Dann Olykan (Team Leader CWMS), Mel Renganathan (Principal Strategy Advisor), Anita Fulton (Senior Strategy Advisor), Dennis Jamieson (Project Leader, CWMS Infrastructure), Brett Painter (Project Leader, CWMS), Stephen Bragg, Brad Waldon-Gibbons (CWMS Tangata Whenua Facilitators), Irai Weepu (Tuia Team) and Elaine Greaves (Committee Advisor).

## Karakia

Stephen Bragg opened the meeting with a karakia and introduced his colleague Brad Waldon-Gibbons. Brad have been appointed as Environment Canterbury Tangata Whenua Facilitator. Irai Weepu was also in attendance, having been appointed to the Tuia Team responsible for facilitating the delivery of the Kaitiakitanga Targets.

## Welcome

Chair, Hugh Logan, Ross welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Ross Millichamp for chairing the previous meeting on his behalf.

the Chair welcomed Barney Hoskins as the new Lower Waitaki zone committee representative.

Stuart Wilson was also welcomed to the meeting as the new Ashburton Zone Representative replacing Ben Curry.

Benita and Les acknowledged the passing of Pere Tainui and George Tikao member of the Banks Peninsula and Selwyn Waihora zone committees.

The Chair also acknowledged the recent passing of Murray Rodger, a prominent fresh water advocate.

## 1. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Vicky Southworth, Jane Demeter, Cr Peter Scott, Rebecca Clements, Mayor Winton Dally and Nick Vincent; together with an apology for lateness from Cr Sara Templeton. Cr Claire McKay gave an apology for early departure from the meeting.

## 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 11 June 2019**

*Refer pages 1 to 6 of the agenda*

**The Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee:**

**Confirmed the minutes of the Regional Water Management Committee meeting held on 11 June 2019, as a true and correct record, subject to the following amendments:**

**Item 5, page 4 to include the following wording at the end of the second paragraph:**

***'It was agreed the Chair would draft a letter to Environment Canterbury on the regenerative plantings being undertaken by the Helps being acknowledged as part of the Government's response to tackling Climate Change.'***

**Item 6, page 4 to include the following at the end of the final paragraph:**

***'Details of today's discussion would be provided to members of the Committee.'***

Ross Millichamp/Ted Howard  
CARRIED

## 4. **Matters arising**

Clarification was sought around the process of the Mayoral Forum signing off on the Fit for Future Programme. The minutes noted each council would go back to their respective organisation and provide their own media release. Facilitator advised this information would be provided under item 7 of the agenda.

## **Items for Discussion**

**In the absence of Cr Sara Templeton, item 6 was taken at this time.**

## 6. **CWMS Timeline**

*Refer to pages 9 to 12 of the agenda.*

Lesley Woudberg, Regional Committee Facilitator, presented the CWMS timeline for information noting it started in the drought in 1998. The Strategy was intergenerational, and implementation is only just beginning.

A key focus for the future was to continue working with communities. It was noted that although progress was being made, there was also a lot more to be done.

**The Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee:**

1. **Received the CWMS timeline and noted the link between climate change (drought) and the CWMS.**

Cr Sarah Templeton arrived at 1.35pm and was absent for items 1-4 inclusive and part of item 6.

5. **Climate Change Emergency (Environment Canterbury) and Climate Change & Ecological Emergency (CCC): What are they?**

*Refer to page 7 of the agenda*

Cr Claire McKay referred to the recent Declaration of Climate Change Emergency made by Environment Canterbury at its 16 May 2019 meeting. Environment Canterbury had long accepted the importance and urgency of addressing climate change for future generations and was factoring it into everything it did from helping communities to adapt to ensuring the organisation reduced its emissions wherever it could.

Cr Templeton advised CCC's purpose of declaring a climate change and ecological emergency was to ensure emissions were reduced. The city aimed to be carbon neutral by 2045. This will be a big programme of work and considered a core responsibility by CCC.

The Facilitator asked committee members to consider climate change through the lens of water and robust discussion took place around the following:

CCC was currently working on an integrated three waters strategy. There was acknowledgement of population increase over time and options to decrease demand were being explored. Issues around security, nitrates, salt water intrusion and piping water from the Alps in the future if needed, were being considered.

CCC's focus was also around addressing ecological impacts including turning the red zone into a carbon sink (once approved by the Minister) and greening the Port Hills and residential red zones with native plantings.

A request was made for more information on the latest productivity report regarding the transition to a lower emission economy.

It was agreed the above discussion could also be considered as discussion around agenda item 10 "Big Issues" – Collective Leadership.

The meeting adjourned between 3.00-3.24pm.

7. **CWMS Targets Progress Report 2019**

*Refer to page 13 of the agenda*

The Committee considered an update highlighting several key points, together with background information and communication timeframes.

For ease of discussion, the Chair suggested the Committee focus on the targets where progress was slow. The Targets Report was about progress not about how well the targets were written.

Feedback on the report was noted by staff who advised the next step would be to finalise the Report with both the Regional Committee and Mayoral Forum comments included.

Feedback for future reporting included a request for a report on what ECan will do in response to the Targets Report.

**The Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee:**

1. **Received the CWMS Targets Progress Report 2019.**
2. **Noted that the CWMS Targets Progress Report 2019 was presented to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum on 9 August 2019.**

8. **What the Chairs & Deputy Chairs told us: Watershed 2020 – Key Themes**

*Refer to page 17 of the agenda.*

Deferred to next meeting.

9. **Update from Zone Committees**

*Refer to page 19 of the agenda.*

Updates were provided as follows:

Updates from each zone committee representative was received as well as a verbal report from the Rūnanga representatives meeting. Zone committee member also provided examples where they saw collective leadership demonstrated in their zones to achieve the CWMS. These were recorded on a whiteboard and will be reported in the Facilitator's Update at the next meeting.

**The Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee:**

1. **Received the Zone Committee updates and noted the examples of “collective leadership”.**

10. **‘Big Issue’ – Collective Leadership**

*Refer to page 21 of the agenda.*

This item was covered under discussion of item 9 (zone committee updates).

11. **Update from Central Government Agencies**

*Refer to page 23 of the agenda*

**DOC** - the Committee considered an update from John Benn regarding activities around water management, together with key messages relating to nation-wide river restoration projects and upcoming work. Staff would be attending an Ashburton Lakes hui during August.

**MPI** – Loretta Dobbs advised workshops were being held at ECan on 26 and 27 August 2019 to promote its Sustainable Food & Fibre Futures Fund.

**MFE** – the Chair spoke to the update provided, advising an announcement would be due within the next month regarding the release of the Essential Freshwater consultation document. Once the document was released there would be a national roadshow to consult with a wide range of people.

**The Canterbury Waste Management Strategy Regional Committee:**

1. **Noted the central government agencies updates.**

12. **Regional Water Infrastructure Work Programme 2018-2019**

*Refer to page 27 of the agenda*

Dennis Jamieson, Project Leader, CWMS Infrastructure, spoke to a report regarding the Regional Water Infrastructure Work Programme 2018-19. It was noted people often considered information relating to urban projects was lacking. However, a lot of work was being undertaken by territorial authorities on their three waters infrastructure (stormwater, waste water and drinking water).

It was suggested that a similar diagram be produced for some of the other targets.

**The Canterbury Waste Management Strategy Regional Committee:**

1. **Noted the Regional Water Infrastructure Work Programme 2018-2019.**
2. **Recognised the role infrastructure plays in the delivery of all the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Target areas.**

13. **Facilitator's Report**

*Refer pages 35 to 51 of the agenda.*

An update was provided on dates for meetings and events, progress on issues raised in previous meetings and recent media items.

It was noted there were two months between now and the local government elections and nominations closed at midday on Friday, 16 August 2019. For those intending to run as candidates, protocols were tabled for information. The Facilitator advised potential candidates to be aware they would be 'wearing two hats' but needed to be mindful of which hat they were wearing in certain situations (candidate hat vs committee member hat).

It was hoped that some of the actions noted from today's meeting would be presented at the next meeting, together with updates on the Te Waihora Weed Strike Force, fish screen compliance work. There would also be a report on the actions from the 2019 Targets report. It was noted a presentation and discussion on research undertaken by Deep South and the Land and Water science challenge would be useful. Hugh Canard also wished to table a report from the Recreation & Amenity Working Group.

**The Canterbury Waste Management Strategy Regional Committee:**

1. **Noted the Facilitator's report.**
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#### 14. **General Business/Any Other Business**

The Chair acknowledged that Sandra Hampstead-Tipene was stepping down from her role on the Upper/Lower Waitaki Zone Committee. On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked her for her time and supportive direction to given to the Committee's work; and the way she had represented zones, rūnanga, iwi and Canterbury as a whole.

Sandra acknowledged recognition of her contributions from the Chair and the Committee, stating she had enjoyed all her time on the Regional Committee. She was still working on securing a Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu representative.

#### 13. **Next Meeting**

Tuesday 10 September 2019. It was noted there would be no meeting held in October due to the local body elections.


**The meeting closed at 4.50pm with a karakia by Irai Weepu.**

**Confirmed**

**Date**

12/9/2019

**Chairperson**

  
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