

**MINUTES OF THE CANTERBURY WATER MANAGEMENT
STRATEGY REGIONAL COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY
200 TUAM STREET, CHRISTCHURCH
ON TUESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 1.05 PM**

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Closing Karakia

Present

Chair:	Hugh Logan
Community Representatives:	Hugh Canard Jane Demeter Ross Millichamp
Zone Representatives:	
Carolyn Latham	Waimakariri
Les Wanhalla	Christchurch West-Melton
Benita Wakefield	Selwyn-Waihora
John Preece	Hurunui/Waiiau
Barney Hoskins	Lower Waitaki
Ted Howard	Kaikoura
Rima Herber	Banks Peninsula
Phil Driver	Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora
Christchurch City Council	Cr Pauline Cotter
District Council Representatives:	
Peter McIlraith	South Canterbury
Cr Angus McKay	Mid Canterbury
Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu	Trudy Heath
Ngā Rūnanga	Nukuroa Tirikatene-Nash (North Canterbury)
Environment Canterbury:	Cr Claire McKay Cr Craig Pauling
Canterbury District Health Board	Dr Alistair Humphrey

Absent

Nick Vincent	Ministry for the Environment
Upper Waitaki representative	

In attendance

Environment Canterbury: Lesley Woudberg (Team Leader Zone Facilitator), Caroline Hart (CWMS), Stephen Bragg, (CWMS Tangata Whenua Facilitator), Frances Schmechel (Principal Biodiversity Advisor) and Shaun Burkett (Regional Lead, Biodiversity); and Elaine Greaves (Committee Advisor).

Opening Karakia

Cr Craig Pauling opened the meeting by acknowledging those who had travelled from within the region to attend today's meeting and staff in attendance; and provided a karakia.

Welcome

Chair, Hugh Logan, welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2020 – a year of change.

The Facilitator checked sufficient members were in attendance for a quorum, noting the Committee's membership was currently in a state of flux. Confirmation of a refresh of expired appointments and territorial authority appointments would be confirmed at the Mayoral Forum

to be held at the end of February 2020. Although the process of refreshing membership would happen in the next few months, it should not impact on the operation of the Committee; and those present were thanked for their continuing contributions. The Committee would need to be mindful of changes/refresh over the next 2-3 months.

It was hoped that future membership would also include rūnanga representatives for north, mid and south Canterbury, as well as an observer from Land Information New Zealand (LINZ). In this regard it was noted that Nukuroa Tirikatene-Nash would be joining today's meeting, representing North Canterbury Rūnanga.

Discussion took place around the need to keep the momentum of the Committee's work going during the interregnum period; and the need for clarity for those attending meetings during this period.

The Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee agreed:

- 1. That for the purpose clarity and continuity, the Terms of Reference be amended to reflect that incumbents remain in appointed positions until such time that a decision is made on their replacement.**

Peter McIlraith/Phil Diver
CARRIED

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Stuart Wilson and Loretta Dobbs. Cr Pauline Cotter gave an apology for early departure.

2. Conflicts of interest

Refer to pages 1-8 of the agenda

A Register of Interests was circulated; and members were asked to amend accordingly, including any conflicts of interest in relation to current agenda items. It was noted that the information provided at today's meeting would be populated into an embedded Register to be amended/confirmed at all future meetings.

An explanatory report was provided for information. The rule of thumb was – if in doubt, record it. If necessary, advice would be sought regarding any concerns raised.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting 10 December 2019

Refer pages 9 to 16 of the agenda

The Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee:

- 1. Confirmed the minutes of its meeting held on 10 December 2019, subject to a minor amendment being made on page 14 (to change the word 'recess').**

Ross Millichamp/Barney Hoskins
CARRIED

4. **Matters arising**

Enquiries had been made with LINZ regarding a representative attending future meeting as an observer. However, LINZ have yet to appoint a specific person.

The forward work programme would be discussed under items 6 and 8.

Trudy Heath arrived at 1.21pm and was absent for items 1-3 and part of item 4.

Items for Discussion

5. **2019 CWMS Regional Committee Annual Report**

Refer to page 17 of the agenda

The Facilitator welcomed and noted comments from Committee members, advising the Chair would present the previously emailed document to Environment Canterbury Regional Council and discuss challenges going forward.

There was support for (in the future) international trends to be taken into account when considering challenges and opportunities and how they could impact (both positively and negatively) on Canterbury.

The Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee:

1. **Agreed by consensus, to receive and adopt its 2019 Annual Report.**

Item 8 was considered next in order to provide background to item 6 on a national level.

8. **Update on CWMS Fit for the Future Project and Key Central Government Initiatives**

Refer to page 25 of the agenda

Caroline Hart (Senior Strategy Manager) provided an overview of updates on the following key initiatives, noting all proposals were works in progress:

- CWMS Fit for the Future Project implementation
- Action Plan for Healthy Waterways (Essential Freshwater discussion document)
- Review of Three Waters and the Water Services Regulator
- Resource Management System: A comprehensive review (issues and options paper)
- Resource Management Act Amendment
- New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy (discussion document)
- National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity (discussion document).

The meeting paused momentarily at 1.35pm for Cr Pauling to welcome new Joint Committee member, Nukuroa Tirikatene-Nash (representing North Canterbury) to the meeting.

The Chair noted the process being outlined would achieve a coherent, supported and owned work programme. It was a shared commitment (recognised by the Mayoral Forum) that would then be up to territorial authorities to determine how to implement and budget for the work to be done.

Considerable discussion took place and it was noted many actions for the 2025 goals were already under way. The Regional Committee's role was to maintain strategic overview of the goals. Together with the Mayoral Forum, it had agreed the goals and directions; and the report outlined the process of reporting and monitoring that would need to be done.

The Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the report.

The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 2.34pm and resumed at 2.50pm.

6. 2020 Challenges and Opportunities

Refer to pages 19-20 of the agenda

The Facilitator led discussion on what the Committee would report as its key achievement in its 2020 Annual Report. Members were asked to write down what they considered to be priorities for 2020 and considerable discussion ensued. The Chair explained the Committee's role was to advise Environment Canterbury how to manage water. Zone committees undertake the work and this Committee works with staff and meets with regional colleagues to ensure implementation. The Terms of Reference clearly stated the Committee's role was to monitor progress of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy across the region and provide information on regional issues to the Regional Committee. The Committee was also able to seek advice from this forum and act in an advisory capacity to Environment Canterbury.

The Facilitator noted comprehensive feedback given by each Committee member on what had been achieved. The information would be collated and the Facilitator undertook to send out a doodle poll on what members considered could be achieved. It was important to focus on:

1. Action and reporting
2. Programmes
3. Advice to Environment Canterbury on key strategic issues.

7. Watershed Event 2020

Refer to pages 21-24 of the agenda

Initial planning for the event had begun, including dates identified (8-9 June 2020); and a draft run-sheet prepared.

Feedback and guidance was sought on the initial draft Watershed 2020 objectives, strap lines and programme; and members were asked to email their comments to the Facilitator.

Carolyne Latham, Benita Wakefield, Rima Herber and Councillor Cotter retired from the meeting at 3.34pm and were absent for items 9 and 10.

9. **Zone Updates**

Refer to page 27 of the agenda

Kaikoura - a new wetland had been discovered and the farmer was keen to protect it. The Committee was just getting back into action.

Hurunui-Waiiau – achieved getting wetlands back on the agenda as a focus. The Committee was pursuing a clearer understanding of water quality issues and how it could implement actions to improve it.

Christchurch-West Melton – had held one workshop and was still concentrating on heavy metals in relation to urban water.

Selwyn-Waihora – had only held one workshop since November 2019 and had lost the Committee's co-chair. The Committee had identified actions that would achieve some outcomes and it intended to meet in March 2020.

Cr Cotter and Alistair Humphries had achieved some wins in getting the Ministry of Health to look at nitrates in water and making a connection to cancer. Christchurch-West Melton, CDHB, Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury had lobbied the Ministry of Health to come to a different outcome. Alistair Humphreys advised the Ministry of Health supported his proposal that the Danish study needed to be corroborated or refuted. International data was required, and New Zealand was in a good position to assist. Increasing rates of nitrates varied throughout the country so the study would provide a unique opportunity to consider whether relatively low levels of nitrates could be connected to colon-rectal cancer. It was agreed a New Zealand study should be able to provide some good data.

Lower Waitaki – Wainono work was very successful. Had good engagement with community around the swimming hole. Zone Committee was undertaking field trips with a view to establishing catchment groups. A number of challenges had been identified.

Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora – the Pareora River was currently in a poor condition and considered unswimmable, partly because of the dry weather and adjacent land uses.

10. **Facilitator's Report**

Refer to page 29 of the agenda

The report outlined:

- Dates for meetings and events
- Progress on issues raised at previous meetings
- Central Government initiatives
- Media
- Items for information.

Clarification was sought around the 10 March 2020 working groups meeting and the Facilitator advised once the Committee had a sense of its top priorities, the working groups date would be revisited. The Chair believed it would be worthwhile to dedicate part of a field trip to understanding the application of various types of infrastructure across the region and how they relate to the Committee's targets.

People were most interested in:

- Infrastructure
- Irrigation and green infrastructure projects
- Stormwater and wastewater
- Energy/hydro infrastructure.

It was noted there was a desire for a seminar to be held regarding the impacts of climate change in Canterbury. Councillors McKay and Pauling were asked to share information on Environment Canterbury's stance on climate change.

11. **Any other business**

There was no other business for discussion.

12. **Next meeting**

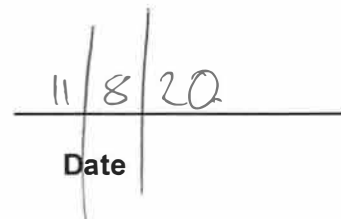
The next meeting was scheduled for 14 April 2020 – venue to be advised.

A closing karakia was provided by Nukuroa Tirikatene-Nash.

The meeting concluded at 3.58pm.



Chairperson



Date