

Minutes of the Water and Land Committee, held at Environment Canterbury, Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Wednesday 3 May 2023 at 10.32am.

Present

Committee Chair Iaeen Cranwell, Committee Deputy Chair Claire McKay*, Councillors Greg Brynes, Joe Davies, David East, Grant Edge, Tutehounuku Korako, Ian Mackenzie, Craig Pauling, Genevieve Robinson, Peter Scott, Vicky Southworth, John Sunckell, and Deon Swiggs.

*via online audio/video link.

1. Mihi/Karakia Timatanga - Opening

Cr Cranwell opened the meeting with a mihi whakatau, followed by Chair Scott with a karakia.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Paul Dietsche and Nick Ward. An apology for lateness was received from Councillor Ian Mackenzie who was away on Council business.

3. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest reported.

4. Public Forum, Deputations, and Petitions

There were no requests for public forum, deputations, and petitions.

5. Extraordinary and Urgent Business

There was no extraordinary or urgent business.

6. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

7. Minutes

Refer to page 9-29 of the agenda.

7.1 Unconfirmed Minutes - Water and Land Committee - 22 February 2023

Refer to pages 9-29 of the agenda.

Resolved WLC/2023/007

Staff recommendation adopted without change.

That the Water and Land Committee:

1. Confirms the minutes from the Water and Land Committee meeting held on 22 February 2023.

Cr McKay/Cr Robinson
CARRIED

8. Report Items

Refer to pages 30-85 of the agenda.

8.1 Water and Land Committee Resolutions Status Report - May 2023

Refer to pages 30-33 of the agenda.

Staff provided visibility on the status of resolutions made by the Water and Land Committee.

Resolved WLC/2023/008

Staff recommendation adopted without change.

That the Water and Land Committee:

1. Notes the status of previous resolutions provided in the Status of Water and Land Committee Resolutions report May 2023.

Chair Scott/Cr Edge
CARRIED

Cr Mackenzie joined the meeting at 11.12am during item 8.2.

Cr Mackenzie left the meeting at 11.38am and returned at 11.46am during item 8.2.

The meeting adjourned at 11.38am and reconvened at 11.45am.

8.2 CWMS Zone Committees Update - Central Zones

Refer to pages 34-45 of the agenda.

Staff provided an update on the work conducted by the three central Canterbury Water Management Strategy Zone Committees and their Action Plans.

Updated staff recommendation:

That the Water and Land Committee:

1. Receives this progress update on the three “Central” Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) zone committees, on their current priorities, and progress in advancing their Action Plans and budget.
2. Notes the resolutions passed by Christchurch City Council on this matter on 5 April 2023 and as detailed in paragraph 29 of this paper.
3. Note that staff consider an independent audit as recommended by the Christchurch West Melton Zone Committee is premature given existing Christchurch City Council work underway and given that the City’s Comprehensive Stormwater Network Discharge Consent may be reviewed when it is transferred to and managed by a Water Services Entity created under the Water Services Entities Act 2022.
4. Recommends that Canterbury Regional Council and Christchurch City Council staff work together to:
 - 4.1 Improve construction industry compliance with erosion and sediment control matters.
 - 4.2 Continue exploring other best practicable approaches and business practices to gain better environmental outcomes.

Cr Southworth proposed an amendment with the addition of a new recommendation 4., seconded by Cr Robinson:

4. Recommends that staff bring a report to the next Water and Land Committee meeting explaining the roles and responsibilities of Environment Canterbury in relation to reducing sediment runoff within the Christchurch City Council boundary.

Cr Southworth/Cr Robinson
CARRIED

Cr East requested that his vote against the amendment be noted.

This amendment was then added to the substantive motion.

Resolved WLC/2023/009

Committee decision:

That the Water and Land Committee:

1. Receives this progress update on the three “Central” Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) zone committees, on their current priorities, and progress in advancing their Action Plans and budget.
2. Notes the resolutions passed by Christchurch City Council on this matter on 5 April 2023 and as detailed in paragraph 29 of this paper.
3. Note that staff consider an independent audit as recommended by the Christchurch West Melton Zone Committee is premature given existing Christchurch City Council work underway and given that the City’s Comprehensive Stormwater Network Discharge Consent may be reviewed when it is transferred to and managed by a Water Services Entity created under the Water Services Entities Act 2022.
4. Recommends that staff bring a report to the next Water and Land Committee meeting explaining the roles and responsibilities of Environment Canterbury in relation to reducing sediment runoff within the Christchurch City Council boundary.
5. Recommends that Canterbury Regional Council and Christchurch City Council staff work together to:
 - 5.1 Improve construction industry compliance with erosion and sediment control matters.
 - 5.2 Continue exploring other best practicable approaches and business practices to gain better environmental outcomes.

Cr Pauling/Cr Sunckell

CARRIED

Cr East left the meeting at 12.14pm and returned at 12.16pm during discussion on 8.6.

8.6 CWMS Action Plan Budget 2022/23 - Hurunui Waiau Uwha Water Zone

Refer to pages 72-78 of the agenda.

Staff sought the Committee's endorsement to the approach to utilising the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Action Plan Budget available for the Hurunui Waiau Uwha Water Zone in the 2022/23 financial year.

Resolved WLC/2023/010

Updated staff recommendation

That the Water and Land Committee:

1. Approves, subject to receiving endorsement from Hurunui District Council, Te Rūnanga ō Kaikōura and Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga, the utilisation the CWMS Action Plan Budget available for the Hurunui Waiau Uwha Water Zone to be allocated to the Hurunui Waiau Braided River Birds Flagship programme in this financial year.

Cr McKay/Cr Edge
CARRIED

Cr Swiggs abstained from voting on the above resolution.

8.3 Portfolio Work Programme - Water and Land

Refer to pages 46-56 of the agenda.

Staff updated the Committee on the progress of key work initiatives for the Water and Land Portfolio.

Resolved WLC/2023/011

Staff recommendation adopted without change.

That the Water and Land Committee:

1. Receives the work programme report for the Water and Land portfolio.

Cr East/Cr McKay
CARRIED

Cr Sunckell left the meeting at 12.37pm and returned at 12.40pm during discussion on item 8.4.

11. Meeting Duration

Pursuant to Standing Orders 4.2 'No meeting can sit for more than two hours continuously without a break of a least ten minutes unless the meeting resolves to extend the time before a break.'

Resolved WLC/2023/012

That the Water and Land Committee:

1. Resolve at 1.01pm to extend the time required before a break of at least ten minutes, for at least 30 minutes unless the meeting completes item 8.4.

Cr Cranwell/Cr Southworth
CARRIED

Chair Scott left the meeting at 1.01pm during the question period of item 8.4.

8.4 Ōtūwharekai - Water Quality Update

Refer to pages 57-66 of the agenda.

Staff provided information to the Committee on the state and trend of key water quality parameters in Ōtūwharekai.

Resolved WLC/2023/013

Staff recommendation adopted without change.

That the Water and Land Committee:

1. Receives the information on monitoring of water quality in the Ōtūwharekai/Ashburton Lakes area.

Cr Pauling/Cr Byrnes
CARRIED

Councillors Byrnes, East, Mackenzie, McKay, Sunckell left the meeting at 1.21pm.

The meeting adjourned at 1.21pm and reconvened at 1.46pm.

Councillors East and Byrnes returned to the meeting at 1.46pm prior to item 8.5.

Cr McKay returned to the meeting at 1.47pm prior to item 8.5.

Chair Scott returned to the meeting at 1.48pm during discussion on item 8.5.

Councillors Sunckell and Mackenzie returned to the meeting at 1.48pm during discussion on item 8.5.

8.5 Ashburton Consent Reviews - Increase in Minimum Flow in July 2023

Refer to pages 67-71 of the agenda.

Staff outlined the processes and outcomes from a formal consent review of water quantity in the Ashburton River/Hakatere, which has now been completed.

Resolved WLC/2023/014

Staff recommendation adopted without change.

That the Water and Land Committee:

1. Notes that the Ashburton consent review has been completed and as a result the Ashburton River/Hakatere minimum flow will increase on 1 July 2023.

Cr Byrnes/Cr Sunckell

CARRIED

8.7 Hydrometric Network

Refer to pages 79-85 of the agenda,

Staff reported to the Committee on a recent review of Environment Canterbury's hydrometric network which fulfils a Level of Service target.

Resolved WLC/2023/015

Staff recommendation adopted without change.

That the Water and Land Committee:

1. Receives this report on the review of the hydrometric network in the Canterbury Region.

Cr Swiggs/Cr East

CARRIED

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 28 June 2023 at 10.30am.

10. Mihi/Karakia Whakamutunga - Closing

A karakia was provided by Chair Scott.

Meeting concluded at 2.26pm.

CONFIRMED 28 JUNE 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Iaeen Cranwell', is written over a horizontal line.

Chair, Councillor Iaeen Cranwell
Environment Canterbury