

Minutes of the Water and Land Committee, held at Environment Canterbury, Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Wednesday, 28 June 2023 at 10.30am.

Present

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

*via online link

1. Mihi/Karakia Timatanga - Opening

The meeting was opened with a karakia by Cr Robinson, followed by Committee Chair Cranwell with a mihi whakatau.

2. Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Cr Ward. An apology for lateness was received from Cr Mackenzie.

3. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest reported.

4. Public Forum, Deputations, and Petitions

4.1 Public Forum

4.1.1 Public Forum - Jessica Halsey and Shelley McMurtrie

Refer to page 7 of the agenda.

Jessica Halsey and Shelley McMurtrie from EOS Ecology spoke about the Wai Connection Project and the Essential Freshwater Fund.

Resolved WLC/2023/16

That the Water and Land Committee:

1. Receives the public forum from Jessica Halsey and Shelley McMurtrie from EOS Ecology regarding agenda 4.1.1 public forum.
2. Provides a reply to Jessica Halsey and Shelley McMurtrie as soon as practicable.

Cr Edge/Cr Pauling
CARRIED

4.2 Deputations and Petitions

There were no requests for 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 pages 9-17 of the agenda.

**7.1 Unconfirmed Minutes - Water and Land Committee -
3 May 2023**

Refer to pages 10-17 of the agenda.

The minutes from the previous Water and Land Committee Meeting held on 3 May 2023 were to be confirmed.

Resolved WLC/2023/17

Staff recommendation adopted without change.

That the Water and Land Committee:

1. Confirms the minutes from the Water and Land Committee meeting held on 3 May 2023.

Cr Cranwell/Cr East
CARRIED

8. Report Items

Refer pages 18-204 of the agenda.

Cr Mackenzie joined the meeting at 11.12am during item 8.1, prior to the resolution.

Cr East left the meeting at 11.12am during item 8.1 and returned at 11.14am prior to the resolution.

Cr Korako left the meeting at 11.14am during item 8.1 and returned at 11.15am prior to the resolution.

8.1 Water and Land Committee Resolutions Status Report - June 2023

Refer to pages 18-23 of the agenda.

Staff updated the Committee on the status of previous resolutions.

Resolved WLC/2023/18

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 June 2023.

Cr Edge/Chair Scott
CARRIED

Cr Byrnes left the meeting at 12.00pm during item 8.2 and returned at 12.03pm prior to the resolution.

Chair Scott left the meeting at 12.01pm during item 8.2 and returned at 12.03pm prior to the resolution.

8.2 CWMS Zone Committees Update Southern Zones

Refer to pages 24-43 of the agenda.

The four Southern Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) Zone Committees updated the Committee on their Action Plans to support the implementation of the CWMS's.

Resolved WLC/2023/19

Staff recommendation adopted without change.

That the Water and Land Committee:

1. Receives this progress update on the four "Southern" Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) zone committees, on their current priorities, and progress in advancing their Action Plans and budget.

Cr McKay/Cr Swiggs

CARRIED

8.3 Groundwater Responses to Nutrient Reduction Policy in Canterbury

Refer to pages 44-116 of the agenda.

Staff provided a summary on two new Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury) science reports and presented information on how the information could be used in future policy work done by Environment Canterbury. Those reports are:

- The *Annual Groundwater Quality Survey 2022, R23/07* report. And,
- The *"How long will it take?" A summary of information about nitrate time lags in Canterbury, March 2023, R23/02* report.

Councillors Southworth and Dietsche left the meeting at 12.30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 12.30pm and reconvened at 1.01pm.

Cr Southworth returned to the meeting at 1.01pm during discussion on item 8.3.

Cr Dietsche returned to the meeting at 1.12pm during discussion on item 8.3.

Cr Mackenzie left the meeting at 1.39pm during discussion on item 8.3.

8.3 Groundwater Responses to Nutrient Reduction Policy in Canterbury (Continued)

Refer to pages 44-116 of the agenda.

Resolved WLC/2023/20

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Water and Land Committee:

1. Receives two reports prepared by Environment Canterbury's Groundwater Science Team:
 - 1.1 Annual Groundwater Quality Survey 2022, R23/07.
 - 1.2 "How long will it take?" A summary of information about nitrate time lags in Canterbury, March 2023, R23/02.
2. Notes that policy analysis work is underway to inform the upcoming Regional Policy Statement and Regional Plan framework on the matters raised in the reports listed in recommendation 1.

Cr Swiggs/Cr Scott
CARRIED

Cr Korako left the meeting at 1.40pm after the resolution for item 8.3.

Cr Mackenzie returned to the meeting at 1.40pm after the resolution for item 8.3.

8.4 Soil Conservation and Revegetation Programme

Refer to pages 117-191 of the agenda.

Staff provided the Committee with an update on the Soil Conservation and Regeneration (SCAR) programme. The programme is near the completion of its fourth year and has secured funding from the Ministry for Primary Industries for a further four years.

Resolved WLC/2023/21

Staff recommendation adopted without change.

That the Water and Land Committee:

1. Receive the update on the Soil Conservation and Regeneration programme.

Cr McKay/Cr Edge
CARRIED

8.5 Sediment Control Roles Within Christchurch District

Refer to pages 192-199 of the agenda.

On 3 May 2023 the Committee resolved 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.”

Staff provided the Committee with an overview of the role and responsibilities of Environment Canterbury in relation to reducing sediment runoff within the Christchurch district and described key effort and opportunities to improve the management of erosion and sediment control.

Resolved WLC/2023/22

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Water and Land Committee:

1. Receive the paper explaining the role and responsibilities of Environment Canterbury regarding sediment control in the Christchurch district.
2. Notes future resourcing needs for Environment Canterbury’s erosion and sediment control activities can be considered through the development of the next Long-Term Plan.

Cr Robinson/Cr Sunckell
CARRIED

Cr Davies left the meeting at 2.02pm during discussion on item 8.6.

Cr Pauling left the meeting at 2.09pm during discussion on item 8.6.

Cr Sunckell left the meeting at 2.17pm during discussion on item 8.6.

8.6 Intensive Winter Grazing in Canterbury

Refer to pages 200-205 of the agenda.

Staff updated the Committee on Environment Canterbury’s management of intensive winter grazing.

Resolved WLC/2023/23

Staff recommendation adopted without change.

That the Water and Land Committee:

1. Receive the update on Environment Canterbury's management of intensive winter grazing.

Cr East/Cr Mackenzie
CARRIED

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Water and Land Committee is scheduled to be held on 30 August 2023.

10. Mihi/Karakia Whakamutunga - Closing

A karakia was provided by Cr Robinson.

The meeting concluded at 2.18pm.

CONFIRMED 30 AUGUST 2023

Committee Chair Iaeen Cranwell
Councillor, Environment Canterbury