

AGENDA

Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting Monday, 9 June 2025

Date Monday, 9 June 2025

Time 1:00 pm

Location Council Chamber, Council Building, King George
Place, Timaru

File Reference 1762654

Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Building, King George Place, Timaru, on Monday 9 June 2025, at 1:00 pm.

Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Members

Glen Smith (Chairperson), Chris Konings (Deputy Chairperson), Michelle Pye, Suzanne Eddington, John Henry, Bailey Lissington, Deon Swiggs, Phillipa Guerin Trudie Heath and Sharyn Cain

Quorum – no less than 5 members

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- 7 Chairperson's Report**

8 Confirmation of Minutes

8.1 Minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting held on 7 April 2025

Author: Jessica Kavanaugh, Team Leader Governance

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting held on 7 April 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

Attachments

- 1. Minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting held on 7 April 2025**

MINUTES

Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting Monday, 7 April 2025

**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting
Held in the Council Chamber, Council Building, King George Place, Timaru
on Monday, 7 April 2025 at 1:00 pm**

Present: Glen Smith (Chairperson), Chris Konings (Deputy Chairperson), John Henry, Michelle Pye, Deon Swiggs, Bailey Lissington (online), Sharyn Cain (online)

In Attendance: Dave Moore (Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury), Paul Cooper (Group Manager Environmental Services), Mayor Nigel Bowen, John Benn (Department of Conservation (DOC), Courtenay Bremner (Senior Science Analyst, Environment Canterbury), Suz Gabites (Team Leader Surface Water Resources, Environment Canterbury), Zella Smith (Principle Planning Advisor, Environment Canterbury), Shirley Haywood (Team Leader Water Ecology, Environment Canterbury) Jessica Kavanaugh (Team Leader Governance)

1 Opening Karakia

John Henry conducted the opening Karakia

2 Apologies

2.1 Apologies Received

Resolution 2025/6

Moved: Glen Smith

Seconded: Cllr Michelle Pye

That the apology of Phillipa Guerin is received and accepted.

Carried

3 Public Forum

There were no public forum items.

4 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

No items of urgent business were received.

5 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

The following matters of a Minor Nature were raised:

- Additional feedback to the Mayoral Forum on the future form of Zone Committees from the Orari Temuka Opihi Pareora Water Zone Committee

6 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

7 Chairperson's Report**7.1 Presentation of Chairperson's Report****Resolution 2025/7**

Moved: Glen Smith

Seconded: Chris Konings

The Chairperson attended a field trip with the Orari Temuka Opihi Pareora Water Zone Committee in March.

Carried

8 Confirmation of Minutes**8.1 Minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting held on 4 November 2024**

The following amendments were noted:

- Item 9.1 (*Clr Michelle Pye noted that the Agenda stated that the Recommendation references the "Ashburton Zone Committee" and that they should reference the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee*)
This should state Clr Michelle Pye noted that the Agenda stated that the Recommendation references the "Ashburton Zone Committee" and that they should reference the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee.
- John Henry is noted in attendance and an apology, and needs to be removed from the in-attendance section.

Resolution 2025/8

Moved: Chris Konings

Seconded: Clr Michelle Pye

That the Minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting held on 4 November 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

Carried

8.2 Minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting held on 3 February 2025**Resolution 2025/9**

Moved: Clr Deon Swiggs

Seconded: Glen Smith

That the Minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting held on 3 February 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

Carried

9 Reports

9.1 OTOP Water Abstraction Data

The Senior Science Analyst, Environmental Canterbury, and Team Leader Surface Water Resources spoke to the report and gave a presentation to update the Committee on Water Abstraction from the Opihi Catchment.

The presentation of water abstraction points, data management and use, data issues, catchment complexities, catchment abstraction, and allocation.

Discussion included mechanisms for unused allocation that are not surrendered. The process of allocation from the Opuha dam company, the struggling water levels in the rivers, and the process of changing the allocation amount.

It was highlighted the importance of this data and its use for future decision-making. The effect of water restrictions on water allocation and abstraction. The data limitations and calculations for monthly allocations were clarified.

Further discussion included the charging from Opuha Dam company to farmers, water storage, unused allocation, use of other irrigation schemes and other water sources by farmers, and the impact of Resource Management Reforms.

Resolution 2025/10

Moved: Chris Konings

Seconded: John Henry

That the Orari Temuka Opihi Pareora Zone Committee receives this report.

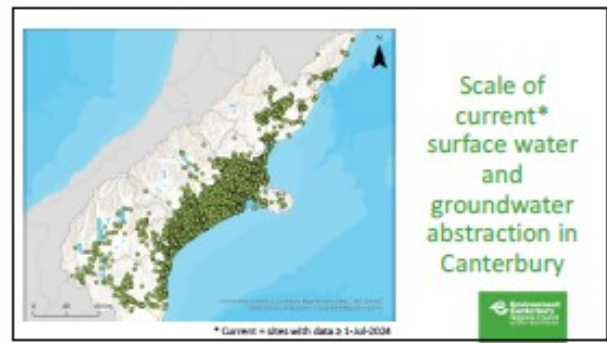
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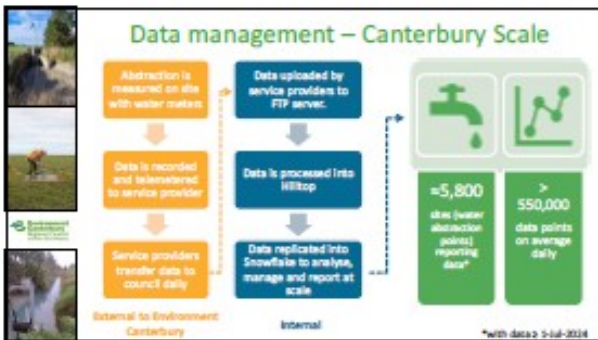
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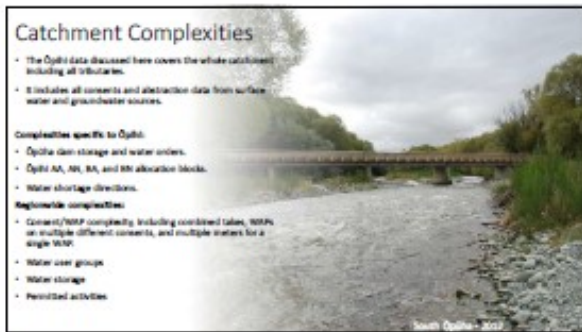
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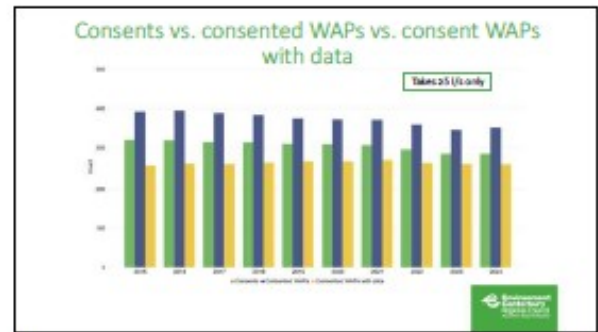
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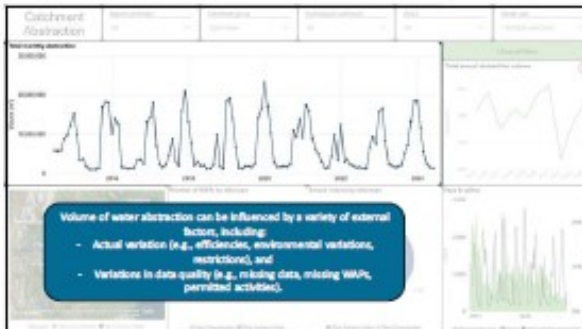
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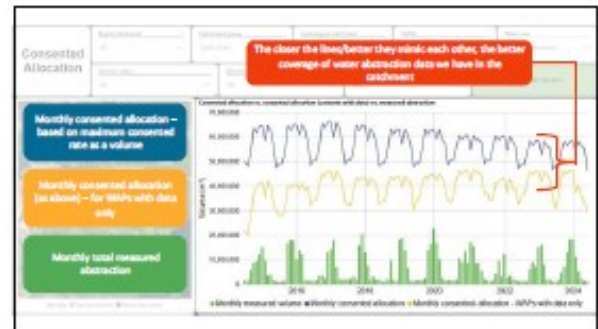
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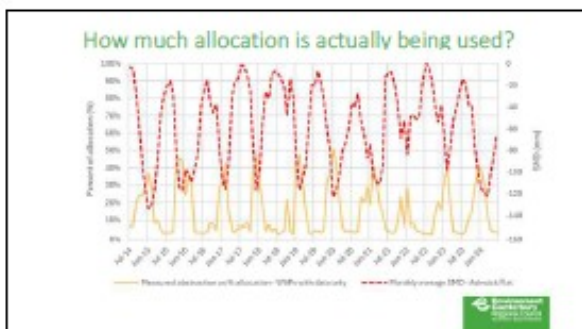
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9.2 Committee Update

The Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury spoke to the report to update the Committee on actions from the previous meeting, relevant information, and upcoming engagement opportunities.

Resolution 2025/11

Moved: Glen Smith

Seconded: Clr Michelle Pye

That the Orari Temuka Opihi Pareora Zone Committee receives this report and provides feedback

Carried

10 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

No items of urgent business were received.

11 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

Additional feedback to the Mayoral Forum on the future form of Zone Committees from the Orari Temuka Opihi Pareora Water Zone Committee.

Glen Smith was questioned by a member of the community on whether the Zone Committee would be making further submissions to the Mayoral Forum to include community engagement within the proposed new structure.

Discussion included the impact of the Resource Management Reforms, Central Government, and how to keep the community voice and communities engaged. The potential make-up of the Zone Committees, where the process is at the Mayoral Forum, and if this is the last chance to provide feedback.

It was advised there is a Timaru District Council workshop on the 15 April 2025 with the Councillors and Environment Canterbury and suggested that members watch this online.

Concerns were raised regarding the refreshment process with new members and councillors sitting on the Zone Committee which makes it hard to get a continuation of what the Zone Committee is working towards.

The committee requested a review of the feedback that has been provided in the past and ensure the community is emphasised. The meeting for the 05 May 2025 is currently scheduled and will remain until after the workshop next week where more clarity might be given

12 Closure Karakia

John Henry conducted the closing Karakia

The Meeting closed at 2.31pm.

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Glen Smith
Chairperson

9 Reports

9.1 Funding Reports

Author: Dave Moore, Zone Facilitator

Authoriser:

Recommendation

That the Orari Temuka Opihi Pareora Water Zone Committee receives and notes the report.

Purpose of Report

To present the Committee with project completion reports from previous Action Plan grants.

Discussion

1 Te Kete Tipuranga o Huirapa Ltd (Arowhenua Native Nursery)

Felicity McMillan, General Manager Arowhenua Native Nursery and Restoration, will present an update on the Ōpihi Lagoon plant maintenance activities (2022/23 AP Grant - \$15,000) and a general update on the activities of the Nursery.

2 Te Kopi-O-Te Opihi (Burkes Pass) Heritage Trust

Funding Report for OTOP Grants to Te Kopi o Te Opihi Restoration Group

1) Grant Agreement Number: 1191-112, date 01 July 2023 (\$5,728.60)

Deliverables – to continue to focus on:

- fencing
- willow control
- planting and plant production
- mulching and releasing of plants
- predator control
- water quality monitoring

2) Grant Agreement Number: 118, date 29 Jan 2024 (\$12,340)

Deliverables

Supplementary planting of grasses stage 1 and 2 (\$7,720) - completed

Release and mulch stage 0 and 1(\$4,620) – completed

The financial summary contains more detail of the multiple transactions which have been extracted from the accounts of BPHT for this project.

Notes on Progress and Outcomes

- Fencing was maintained at status quo until 2025 when major progress was made with installing rabbit proof netting which also excludes wallabies – still to be completed.
- Willow control was a major expense but completed 2/3 of the river segment and mulch of the slash became a significant resource for survival of new plantings in significant drought 2023-24, however watering was also required for a limited time period for new plant survival.
- Planting and plant production has enabled coverage of stage 0- stage 2 with plants purchased from Arowhenua Native Nursery Ltd, and also BPHT nursery greatly increased its production. OTOP funding has enabled significant supplementary planting, however this will be an ongoing process over years as biodiversity is enhanced with propagation of more diverse and rare slow growing species.
- There have been many hundreds of hours of voluntary work in mulching and releasing of plantings (both with scrub cutter, spray and hand weeding), tending to the BPHT native nursery, planting and tree work.
- Predator control has continued in a limited form, is planned to be extended in 2025 and an additional 3 x live capture cages used with success particularly for feral cats.
- Water Quality monitoring – planning and monitoring commenced in 2024 with assessment and advice from EOS Ecology Ltd and Wai Connection, and eDNA from Living Landscapes Trust.

Other initiatives have included:

- A community event, River Wildlife Day, was held on 1st March 2025.
- Wildlife camera purchased and used to record predators.
- Drone footage of the project has been recorded with monitoring points that will be used for repeated image capture over time.
- Still photo points installed and images recorded.

OTOP Grants 2023 2024

BPHT Opihi Project

Num	Memo	Amount	totals
OTOP Grant 1 July 2023 (Received 21 7 23)			
grant	Ref=08:45-853431,Part=Otop,Code=TRANSFER	5728.60	5728.60
fuel	tractor and chainsaw	-85.47	-155.81
	tractor fuel	-70.34	
nursery	irrigation valves and fittings	-75.10	-947.27
	M10 propagation media	-32.96	
	pots Egmont Commercial	-69.69	
	Pots Egmont commercial	-354.20	
	Intellegro	-275.31	
	Potting mix Canterbury Landscapes	-140.01	
plantings : protectors	emguards	-592.00	-6475.90
	emguards	-311.65	
	emguards	-296.00	
	bamboo stakes x500	-105.22	
	emguards x 2500	-4410.25	
	Egmont Commercial canes	-760.78	
Predator control	Trapinator	-79.34	-95.52
	batteries for trail camera	-16.18	

Tree work	Tree work and chipping MJSHire	-3910.00	
	Tree work and chipping MJSHire	-2333.00	
	MJSHire chipping	-3128.00	
	chain bar oil	-39.98	
	ply for mulch distribution	-116.96	
	Xtree willow poison	-280.03	
			-9807.97

Totals 1 July 2023 grant

Total Expenses	-17482.47
Total Grant	5728.60
Balance	-11753.87

OTOP Supplementary planting of grasses stage 1 and 2 (received 26 3 24)

Grant	supplementary planting of grasses stage 1 and 2	7720.00	7720.00
fuel	tractor fuel	-121.39	
	Tractor fuel for planting etc.	-105.83	
			-227.22
nursery	pumice M10	-34.16	
	root hormone M10	-16.98	
	seed raising mix Tui M10 FL	-11.51	
	Seed raising mix Black Magic M10 FL	-12.58	
	2 sprinklers FL	-16.42	
	hose fitting	-5.52	
	2 sprinkler heads	-20.38	
	tap adaptor	-5.07	
	tap fitting 12mm M10	-22.08	
	pumice 15L M10	-19.53	
	potting mix gardenmakers	-124.20	
	egmont commercial trays etc.	-196.27	
	potting mix	-180.00	
			-664.70
plantings	planting spade (FL)	-73.09	
	refund for pots Arowhenua Nursery	531.88	
	Arowhenua Nursery for plants	-4936.38	
	bayonet netting plant protectors FL	-23.10	
	bayonet netting plant protectors FL	-23.10	
	Egmont Corn Canes	-324.35	
	emgards	-1236.25	
	wire netting for plant protectors	-56.01	
	emgards	-563.50	
	Egmont commercial canes	-156.40	
			-6860.30

Total OTO Supplementary planting of grasses stage 1 and 2

Total Expenses	-7752.22
Total Grant	7720.00
Balance	-32.22

OTOP Release Mulch Water stage 0 and 1 (received 26 3 24)

grants : OTO	Release and Mulch stage 0 and 1	4620.00	4620.00
fuel	tractor petrol	-79.35	
	tractor fuel	-301.94	
	tractor (Caltex FL)	-84.47	
	Tractor fuel	-61.40	
			-527.16
watering	pump plug	-23.51	
	reducing coupler 40 to 32	-43.61	
	Plugs and tape M10 FL	-27.00	
	40mm pipe and fittings Irrigation warehouse pipe	-527.95	
	refund for pipe Irrigation warehouse	467.41	
	40mm pipe 100m Irrigation warehouse	-407.00	
	refund for fittings plus fitting for two more sprinklers (Irrigation Warehouse FL)	-7.12	
	water gauge (water force FL)	-50.00	
	pump pipe fitting	-11.83	
	water pump petrol	-205.11	

	replacement water controller (irrig warehouse)	-342.06	
	32mm fittings Irrigation warehouse	-25.17	
	Contact energy for irrigation	-116.00	
	2 Hansen 32mm couplers	-32.21	
	Electricity for irrigation Feb	-100.00	
			-1451.16
plantings: weed control	grass cutter blades	-16.18	
	Loop mount for scrub cutter	-25.28	
	Stihl discount on scrub cutter	57.50	
	Stihl blade mount kit	-26.00	
	spray dye FL	-52.73	
	Agritone FL	-239.96	
	spray solo trigger replacement	-48.58	
	repair scrub cutter	-168.03	
	Stihl brush cutter replacement	-494.99	
	Stihl grass blade	-59.00	
			-1073.25
Chipping/ mulching	MJSHire chipping	-1638.75	
	MJSHire chipping	-2754.25	
			-4393.00
Total OTOP Release Mulch Water stage 0 and 1			
total expenses			-7444.57
total grant			4620.00
Balance			-2824.57

Summary of Grants and expenditure			
Total Grants			18068.60
Total Expenses			-32679.26
Grants less expenses			-14610.66

Here are some picture of the project.
 You can also see a drone video by clicking [here](#).





3 Tenawai River Plantings Project Completion Report

Project Profile

Title of Project: Tengawai River Plantings
 Name of Grant Recipient: Kathryn Fortescue
 Date of Funding Year: 2024/25
 Grant Agreement Number: 1395
 Name of author of report: Katheryn Fortescue
 Agreed End Date of Project: 30 June 2025

Other Partners: In-kind and Funding Summary

Name of Funder	In Kind or Funding	Value (hours/dollar amounts)
	Pleasant Point Lions	
	Pleasant Pont Scouts	
	Local community volunteers	

Agreed Grant Deliverables

Deliverable	Status	Comment
To purchase plants and to plant native habitat into a section of (mainly) Department of Conservation land to improve the biodiversity of the area.	Achieved	Plants purchased and delivered (Purchased from Opihi Environmental Services Ltd directly from Environment Canterbury) Planted 12 April 2025

Project Activities

Activities/outputs for the project for the grant period (13/12/2024-30/06/2025).

Activity	Number of items/actions	Location and/or # sites	Number of people engaged	Volunteer days (1 day= 6 hrs)
<i>Planting</i>	<i>Approx 1300 (511 supplied by OTOP) Plants</i>	<i>1278 Pleasant Point-Cave Highway - DOC land beside Tengawai (Te Ana a Wai) River. X (East): 1438106 Y (North): 5092427</i>	<i>50 volunteers. Groundwork completed by Pleasant Point Lions Club</i>	<i>1 days 2 days</i>
<i>Weeding</i>	<i>Targeted species</i>		<i>Pleasant Point Lions Club</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>

Final Project Comments – Overview

It is my opinion that the OTOP funding enabled stakeholder synergies and involvement. Phil Brownie was an outstanding project manager, with the ability to leverage support and resources for what has become a substantial planting.

Key milestones beyond the OTOP application have been:

- DOC's decision to mulch all the slash generated from the felling of nuisance poplars and pines. A small area of ground was also cleared of tree trunks and noxious weeds (blackberry, old man's beard and elder). This opened-up the entire area and will facilitate on-going weed management.
- Provision of a large quantity of mulch from the Timaru District Council to support the establishment of the young plants.
- Mulch was spread and holes for plants dug by Tony Brady of the Pleasant Point Lions Club. The club has also provided and erected posts to take two 1000 litre IBC containers for storage of water. The tanks to be filled using daily Downlands stock water supply from my property and will be used during the establishment phase.
- An extension to the number of plants provided by the Central South Trail – started at 380, extended to 500. 130 plants donated by Opihi Environmental Services and approximately 100 additional plants donated by me, with an additional 50 from friends, neighbours and family.
- Community response was excellent, with over 50 people turning out for the planting day. These included members of the Pleasant Point Scouts, Pleasant Point Lions Club, Central South Cycleway, pupils from Craighead, Mackenzie and Roncalli Colleges, neighbours and Cave residents.

On-going care and maintenance of the area is to be undertaken by members of the Pleasant Point Lions Club. This will require a community agreement with the Department of Conservation. Specific details are yet to be supplied to me and will include the two post planting sprays approved under the OTOP funding.

Kathryn Fortescue

Project Photos



Photos supplied by Phil Brownie



Photo supplied by Kathryn Fortescue



Some of those taking part in the planting day

Photo supplied by John Bisset / The Timaru Herald



Eleanor Emsley, 7, left, and Gus, 5, and Pip Bedford, 8, help to plant natives

Photo supplied by John Bisset / The Timaru Herald

Attachments

Nil

9.2 Committee Update

Author: Dave Moore, Zone Facilitator

Authoriser:

Recommendation

That the Orari Temuka Opihi Pareora Water Zone Committee receives this report and provides feedback.

Purpose of Report

- 1 To update the Committee on actions from the previous meeting and other relevant information.

Discussion

- 2 The Facilitator will present a verbal report on any relevant information for the committee.

Attachments

Nil

10 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

11 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

12 Closing Karakia