

## Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Management Committee

### Minutes of an Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Management Committee Meeting Held in the Council Chamber, Timaru District Council, 2 King George Place, Timaru, on Monday 6 August 2018 at 2pm

**Present** Hamish McFarlane (Chairperson), Clr David Anderson, Phil Driver, Sue Eddington, Ivon Hurst, Clr Anne Munro (until 4pm), Clr Richard Lyon (until 3.50pm), Kylee Galbraith, James Pearse, Glen Smith and Mark Webb

**Apologies** Clr Lan Pham, Ad Sintenie, Herstatt Ullrich, and John Henry

**In Attendance** Clr Peter Scott (until 4pm), Barb Gilchrist (Facilitator), Shirley Hayward (Senior Water Quality Scientist), Craig Davison (Senior Planner), Lyn Carmichael (Senior Planner and Community Lead), Rob Carson-Iles (Biodiversity Officer)(from 2.30pm), Rhys Taylor (Community Engagement Officer), Lochiel McKellar (ECan), Justin McLauchlan (ECan South Canterbury Manager)(until 3pm), Tania Butterfield and Kate Doran (ECan Communications Advisors), Jan Finlayson (until 2.20pm), John Benn (Department of Conservation)  
Opihi Flow and Allocation Working Party representatives – Greg Ryder, Georgia Hamilton, Haidee McCabe, Andrew Mockford

**Karakia** Clr Peter Scott offered a karakia to commence the meeting.

#### 1. Declaration of Interests

There were no conflict of interests declared.

#### 2. Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed Mark Webb  
Seconded Clr Anne Munro

“That the minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee meeting held on 2 July 2018 be confirmed.”

Motion carried

#### 3. Community Forum

Jan Finlayson, Geraldine Community Board Member, Vice President of Federated Mountain Clubs, and member of the newly formed Crown Property High Country Advisory Group reminded the Committee of the low productivity values of the high country but also of its high biodiversity values and water storage ability

through the water sequestration capacity of tussock and the rain forest in lower parts of the high country.

The Committee was strongly encouraged to look after the values of the high country especially as they affect what takes place in the lower country.

The Chairman pointed out there are provisions in the zone's ZIPA that are relevant to her concerns and the committee would be interested in her feedback on these relevant items.

#### **4. Facilitator Update**

##### **New ECan Staff**

Facilitator Barb Gilchrist introduced ECan's South Canterbury Manager Justin McLauchlan who was employed 7 months ago to improve stakeholder engagement and maintain effective communication in the region.

Justin thanked the Committee for the work it does and noted how positively the committee has collaborated in its work, especially with committee members from differing backgrounds and philosophies.

The Facilitator advised that there are other new members in the zone delivery team who will be introduced to the Committee over the next month or two.

##### **Compliance Action**

The meeting was informed that initial letters have been sent to 38 farms that are irrigating more than 50 hectares and that have not applied for land use consent. Follow up warnings will be sent if no action is taken.

There is acknowledgement of the pressure relating to mycoplasma bovis on some farms and in these situations, each case will be treated individually.

##### **Committee Refresh**

The Committee refresh process is approaching, with committee members Ivon Hurst and Hamish McFarlane due to retire by rotation this year. Both members are eligible to seek reappointment if they wish to put themselves forward.

#### **5. Social Media – Telling the OTOP Story**

ECan Communication Advisor Tania Butterfield explained to the Committee how members can be part of promoting the work of OTOP via the social media space. The guide Social Media 101 was distributed, outlining options for how members can be 'citizen journalists', telling their story and promoting what they do as part of their work with the OTOP project. The key to maximising the effectiveness of posting on social media is to share posts with contacts/'friends'.

While most of the meetings are public and are on public record, the committee was reminded that the only person who can speak *on behalf of the Committee* is

the Chairperson. However facebook is a useful tool for members to better connect to the people around them on the work the OTOP Committee is carrying out.

Also there is value in committee members looking at other zones' facebook pages to see what is happening elsewhere.

The Chairperson suggested that it is time to revise OTOP's communications policy. It is important to consider who the Committee is targeting, ensuring the right audience and what the committee wants to achieve with social media, as an additional tool for communication.

The significant differences between the social media channels are briefly summarised as -

- Facebook – main social media
- Twitter – for breaking news
- Instagram – photo based.

## **6. Opihi Flow and Allocation Working Party Update**

Technical advisors from the Opihi Flow and Allocation Working Party provided an update on the work of the working party, following the earlier presentation of the working party's recommendations in early May 2018.

Further assessments, consideration of feedback and review of the regimes have taken place, resulting in a document being presented to the OTOP Committee today including earlier recommendations for the North Opuha, South Opuha and Te Ana Wai and provisional recommendations for the BN regimes.

The next steps are to complete the review of the Upper Opihi partial restriction regime and assessment of implications of provisional BN regimes on existing BN consent holders.

The representatives asked that the committee awaits the completion of the party's current workstreams before deliberating on the flow recommendations for the Upper Opihi and BN regimes. Confirmation was provided that this will fit with the current OTOP workstream timeline.

## **7. Request to Regional Committee**

Phil Driver requested support from the Committee for the earlier information that was gathered as part of the establishment of the CWMS, to be taken into account as valuable information for the Fit for the Future project.

He recommends that the Fit for the Future working party take these earlier documents into consideration because they formed the basis for the CWMS and represent the public wishes of 2008/09.

Proposed Hamish McFarlane  
Seconded Mark Webb

“That it be recommended to the Regional Committee that for the Fit for the Future project, the Regional Committee takes into account the results of the engagement with organisations and the public from 2008/2009 in regard to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy, as valuable information to feed into the project.”

Motion carried

Clr Richard Lyon retired from the meeting.

## **8. Immediate Steps Update and Applications**

Biodiversity Officer Rob Carson-Iles explained his role and the work that he does in the zone. He advised there have been changes to how the Immediate Steps is treated financially within ECan – there will be no carried forward amounts from one year to the next. This will mean greater time pressure to ensure completion of projects funded in a particular year. He suggests approval of projects for the year in advance. This would provide greater flexibility, and timeliness. Some concern was expressed at approving funding every year on this basis, although an allowance could be made for this financial year as a transition stage

John Benn queried the terminology ‘high value’ used – the ZIPA will be checked for this concern.

Clr Munro and Clr Scott retired from the meeting.

Before committing to the request the Committee would like to see more detail on the projects and how the timing issue could be handled, especially as the Immediate Steps programme involves the allocation of \$100,000 of public money and therefore should be subject to careful scrutiny and decision making.

Proposed Phil Driver  
Seconded Mark Webb

“That the Committee approves Immediate Steps funding for the ongoing projects plus the two lower value projects subject to additional information being provided on the balance of the projects.”

Motion carried

The meeting concluded at 4.25pm.

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Chairperson