

# **MINUTES**

**Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone  
Committee Meeting  
Monday, 1 July 2019**

**Minutes of Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting  
Held in Meeting Room 1, Council Building, King George Place, Timaru  
on Monday, 1 July 2019 at 1pm**

**Present:** Hamish McFarlane (Chairperson), David Anderson, Phil Driver, Suzanne Eddington, Clr Richard Lyon, Lucy Millar, Clr Lan Pham, Luke Reihana, Herstatt Ulrich, Mark Webb, and Karl Russell (deputising for Arowhenua representative)

**In Attendance:** Lesley Woudberg (Facilitator), Lyn Carmichael (Senior Planner and Community Lead), Rob Carson-Iles and Helen Risk (Land Management/Biodiversity Officers), Brian Reeves (Zone Delivery Lead), John Benn (Department of Conservation), Peter Shutt, Tom Henderson, John DeWit

Luke Reihana opened the meeting with a karakia.

## **1 Apologies**

### **Committee Resolution 2019/4**

Moved: Mr Phil Driver

Seconded: Mr Mark Webb

That apologies from Clr Anne Munro, Glen Smith and Mr John Henry be received and accepted.

**Carried**

## **2 Identification of Items of Urgent Business**

There were no urgent business items.

## **3 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature**

There were no items of a minor nature.

## **4 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

There were no items of interest declared.

## **5 Confirmation of Minutes**

### **5.1 Minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting held on 10 June 2019**

### **Committee Resolution 2019/5**

Moved: Mr Herstatt Ulrich

Seconded: Mr Phil Driver

That the Minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting held on 10 June 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting, subject to a minor

alteration to clause 6.4 Regional Committee Report – the second sentence to read ‘*The Regional Committee is unclear as to what the Regional Committee is achieving*’, rather than ‘He feels still somewhat unclear as to what the Regional Committee is achieving.’

**Carried**

## **5.2 Matters Arising**

**Temuka River Stopbank** ECan Councillor Lan Pham advised that in regard to John Henry’s concerns at the lack of a stopbank on the southbank of the Temuka River, the matter has been raised with ECan’s South Canterbury Manager, who will respond to John Henry in due course.

**Terms of Reference** – Sue Eddington noted that the Terms of Reference recently circulated did not include the correct runanga representation as there was no mention of Waihao. The Terms of reference was meant to be updated to reflect both Arowhenua and Waihao representation. The Facilitator will follow this matter up.

## **6 Community Forum**

Tom Henderson referred to an issue he had raised at a previous OTOP community forum in regard to reviewing efficiency of hydro operation on the larger rivers in the district. Reference was made to the response advised at the 6 May OTOP meeting and the Committee again noted there is an opportunity for Meridian to address the Committee. As the matter is more for the Upper Waitaki water zone committee, or possibly for discussion at a joint upper and lower Waitaki water zone meeting, it was suggested that OTOP write to these Committees supporting discussion being held on the issue.

## **7 Reports**

### **7.1 Immediate Steps Biodiversity Funding Project Proposals**

The Committee considered six Immediate Steps funding proposals. Land Management/Biodiversity Officers Helen Risk and Rob Carson-Isles presented the applications. All applications align with the ZIP and ZIPA.

With a budget of \$105,000, and the applications presented totally \$104,633, the committee has the ability, if it deems the projects meet the criteria, of approving all the projects presented. A number of enquiries are fielded for Immediate Steps funding, but applications need to have additional value other than riparian plantings - such as protecting native fish habitat, protecting at-risk landforms, supporting coastal wetlands, pest control, or protecting bat habitats - in order to receive maximum value from the limited funding. Biodiversity officers work with landowners and agencies (such as DOC, QE II National Trust) on an ongoing basis.

Rob explained the accountability process for recipients of IMS funding.

### **Committee Resolution 2019/6**

Moved: Mr Hamish McFarlane

Seconded: Mr Mark Webb

That the Immediate Steps Funding projects be approved as presented.

**Carried**

## 7.2 Regional Committee Report

Phil Driver, OTOP's representative on the Regional Committee, gave a verbal report on that Committee noting his concern at the lack of measurable outputs. He had written to the Chief Executive of ECan regarding his concerns and received a reply, which was tabled and circulated at the meeting. The reply confirmed there are no criteria for objectively measuring the success of the Zone committees. However the Canterbury Water Management Strategy is measured by its achievement of the targets and goals. The collaborative approach has been recently reaffirmed by the Canterbury Mayoral Forum.

## 7.3 Facilitator's Update

The Committee considered the Facilitator's report. The main item outstanding is work on the OTOP Committee strategy, which is planned for after this meeting. This will assist in where the Committee wants to focus its activities over the next 12 months and will drive ongoing actions.

The Facilitator's report was received and noted.

## 7.4 Matters for the Media

The Committee reflected on matters discussed at the meeting to check if any may be suitable for a media story.

### Rangitata River

John Benn, Department of Conservation referred to an article on Stuff regarding DOC allocating money to Rangitata River restoration. Restoration work is planned for 14 rivers with the Rangitata one of those rivers. DOC has employed a consultant to prepare a report on what is known and what is not yet known about the river and what work needs to be done. It is planned to recruit a River Restoration ranger based at Geraldine, who will work across the Rangitata and Lower Waitaki catchments. The role will have quite a wide brief. One of the first jobs of the new ranger will be to make contact with the zone committees.

It was suggested that OTOP could hold meeting at the DOC Geraldine office sometime, potentially around a field trip in the area.

### Immediate Steps

The Committee agreed that all Immediate Steps projects are worthy of media coverage especially the Rockburn bat habitat fencing project. Promotion of these types of projects make people more aware of the significance of the natural habitat in their area.

**Pareora Incorporated Society** – the activities of this society could be a useful media story also. As a catchment, the society hopes to look at an integrated package including wetlands, tussocks and predator control to manage and improve the catchment.

The Committee agreed that the Immediate Steps Projects and the Rangitata River restoration announcement are suitable for sharing in the media at the appropriate time.

**8 Consideration of Urgent Business Items**

There were no urgent business items to consider.

**9 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters**

There were no minor items to consider.

**The Meeting closed at 2.35pm.**

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**Chairperson**

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