

ORARI-TEMUKA-OPIHI-PAREORA ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF AN ORARI-TEMUKA-OPIHI-PAREORA ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WAIHI LODGE FUNCTION CENTRE, 16 SHAW STREET, GERALDINE, ON MONDAY 6 MARCH 2017 AT 1PM

PRESENT John Talbot (Chairperson), Clr David Anderson, Kylee Galbraith (from 1.10pm), Mandy Home, Ivon Hurst, Clr Richard Lyon, Clr Anne Munro, James Pearse, Lan Pham, Ad Sintenie and Mark Webb (until 4.05pm)

APOLOGY Hamish McFarlane

IN ATTENDANCE Suzanne Eddington (Waihao Marae), Nic Newman (Facilitator), Dan Clark (Senior Hydrology Scientist and Technical Lead), Raymond Ford (Principal Planner), Alexia Foster-Bohm (ECan), Dr Tim Davie (Chief Scientist), Katherine Trought (ECan Director Communications), Barbara Nicholas (Regional Committee Facilitator), Helen Risk (ECan Land Management Advisor), Ian Lyttle (ECan Land Management Advisor), Craig Davison (ECan), Lyn Carmichael (Senior Planner and Community Lead), Shirley Hayward (Senior water Quality Scientist), Tony McCormick (Opuha Water Ltd), Julia Crossman (Opuha Water Ltd), John Benn (Department of Conservation), Chanelle O'Sullivan (Landcare Trust), Rhys Taylor (Community Engagement Coordinator), Grant Hall (Timaru District Council Drainage and Water Manager), Kyle Nelson (Tipa and Associates), Lionel Hume (Federated Farmers), Peter McIlraith (Territorial Authority representative), John Harman (Timaru Rowing Club), Jan Finlayson, Ad Hendriks (farmer), Helen Tatham (media).

1 REGISTER OF INTERESTS

There were no additional interests advised.

2 FACILITATOR UPDATE

The meeting was invited to take a copy of ECan's draft Annual Plan for perusal.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETING 30 JANUARY 2017

Proposed Clr Anne Munro
Seconded Ad Sintenie

“That the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 30 January 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.”

MOTION CARRIED

4 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON, DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON, AND REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

The Committee noted the report by the Facilitator on the need to appoint the Committee Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Regional Committee representative.

The Chairperson stood down from the Chair.

Chairperson

The Facilitator called for nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Committee.

Proposed Mark Webb
Seconded Richard Lyon

“That John Talbot be appointed as Chairperson of the OTOP Committee.”

There being no further nominations, the motion was put and CARRIED and John Talbot was declared Chairperson of the OTOP Committee, and resumed the Chair.

Deputy Chairperson

The Facilitator called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson.

Proposed Lan Pham
Seconded Mandy Home

“That Hamish McFarlane be appointed as Deputy Chairperson of the OTOP Committee.”

There being no further nominations, the motion was put and CARRIED and Hamish McFarlane was declared Deputy Chairperson of the OTOP Committee.

Regional Committee Representative

The Facilitator called for nominations for the position of Regional Committee Representative.

Proposed Ivon Hurst
Seconded Lan Pham

“That John Talbot be appointed as Regional Committee representative for the OTOP Committee.”

There being no further nominations, the motion was put and CARRIED and John Talbot was declared the OTOP Committee’s Regional Committee representative.

Territorial Authority Representative

Peter McIlraith, local territorial representative for the CWMS, introduced himself to the Committee.

Waihao Marae Representative

Suzanne Eddington introduced herself to the Committee as the appointee to represent the Waihao Marae on the OTOP Committee.

5 UPDATE ON THE MINISTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT’S CLEAN WATER ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr Tim Davie (Chief Scientist) gave a brief summary on the recent announcement by the Minister for the Environment involving micro invertebrate monitoring (which ECan is already doing), dissolved organic nitrogen and phosphorus being

considered as part of periphyton, national stock exclusion rules, intermittently closed and open lagoons (ICOLS), tightening up of Te Mana O Te Wai and the announcement of the freshwater improvement fund. The issue which has hit the headlines is the swimmability of rivers – Dr Davie advised that there is some confusion around this proposal, especially in regard to cyanobacteria and ecoli. ECan is seeking clarification on the issue.

The announcement relates to proposals which are currently out for consultation, with the closing date being 28 April. Environment Canterbury will be submitting on the proposals once it has received further clarification.

6 EMERGING ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS (EOCS)

The Committee considered a report by Dr Tim Davie, Chief ECan Scientist, on issues around emerging organic contaminants and the monitoring being done for emerging contaminants by Environment Canterbury. He explained that if ECan is to monitor some EOC's, the suggested approach would be to choose individual markers of different types of EOC's then do a broadscale survey across the region to see if there are any hotspots and then consider how to address these. However this work would be beyond what can be achieved within the normal budget and it would need to be included in ECan's Long Term Plan in order to be budgeted for.

The Committee agreed that it does have concerns about this issue and would like to see funding included in ECan's Long Term Plan to enable more broadscale surveying across the region for EOCs.

In order to progress this in the right way, the Committee decided to include in the OTOP Solutions Package, a recommendation that provision be made in the ECan Long Term Plan for Emerging Organic Contaminants surveying and analysis based on a risk assessment, and including identification of hotspots.

7 ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP (AMWG): INTRODUCTION AND UPDATE

The Committee considered a report by Opuha Water Ltd introducing the Adaptive Management Working Group (AMWG) and its work in developing an adaptive river management regime for the Opihi River, for consideration as part of the Healthy Catchments Project. OWL's Chief Executive Tony McCormick and Environmental Manager Julia Crossman further explained the proposal and answered questions from the Committee. The proposal is seen as a way to establish a process that is adaptive and flexible to achieve 2 key outcomes – to preserve lake storage for the purpose of retaining continuity and reliability of supply, and to improve river health. The regime proposes to move from a 2 tiered approach to a 3 tiered regime i.e. full availability, conservative low flow and extreme low flow, to meet the desired outcomes for the river and its users. It is hoped that the regime will improve on the current management in that it would be more adaptive.

The group's work will help to provide data to feed into the modelling being undertaken, this will be tested through the project and will assist the committee with its recommendations in regard to the river's management/operation. Dan Clark advised that he is in the process of modelling these regimes and will report back to the Committee at its May meeting.

Proposed Kylee Galbraith

Seconded Lan Pham

“That the Committee endorses the Adaptive Management Working Group (AMWG) to continue work to develop an adaptive river management regime to be modelled as part of the Healthy Catchments Project.”

MOTION CARRIED

Mandy Home abstained from voting.

8 WAITARAKAO WASHDYKE TASKFORCE REPORT

The Committee considered a report updating the Committee on the actions of the Waitarakao Washdyke Taskforce.

The Committee noted that the actions will need to be included in the Healthy Catchments Project solution package.

Proposed Anne Munro
Seconded Mark Webb

“That the report be received and noted and the action plan be endorsed.”

MOTION CARRIED

9 SALTWATER CREEK WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT

The Committee considered an update from the Senior Hydrology Scientist and Technical Lead on the water level management issues in Saltwater Creek. John Harman spoke on behalf of the Timaru Rowing Club, further explaining the problems the club has with the creek being unsuitable for rowing training at times. He favoured option 2 – setting up a working group - as the preferred option for addressing the problems. The Committee said the timeline and brief for the working group would need to be clear. The meeting was advised that there is information already available to help the group work towards a recommendation by August.

Proposed Mark Webb
Seconded Ad Sintenie

- a “The Committee recommends Option 2 – establish a working group to investigate Saltwater Creek issues and how to integrate these into the wider project.
- b The working group to comprise representatives of the Timaru District Council, local runanga, Timaru Rowing Club, Environment Canterbury Engineering, Water Quality Scientist, Hydrologist, Fish and Game/Department of Conservation, Otipua Wetland Trust and the consent holder.
- c Noting that the establishment of the group is subject to adequate resources being available.”

MOTION CARRIED

10 MANAGING RISKS IN COMMUNITY DRINKING WATER PROTECTION ZONES

The Committee considered a report on managing risks in Community Drinking Water Supplies (CDWS). Ian Lyttle, Land Management Advisor, spoke to the report to further explain the risks and proposed actions.

The Zone Committee endorsed the practical actions outlined in the table in the report and sought further information on potential statutory actions that could strengthen the effectiveness of community drinking water protection.

The meeting concluded at 4.45pm.

Chairperson

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