

5. OWAKA POND UPDATE

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The purpose of this report is to update the Community Board on progress with the formation of the Owaka Pond.

BACKGROUND

In March last the Board received a report outlining the possibility of the creation of a new pond next to the Owaka Road pond currently being filled by Envirowaste. A 9.6 ha parcel of land (Pt RS 4872) on the north western side of Owaka Road Pond, bounded on the north-east by the SPCA and on the south-west by Meadow Mushrooms is owned by the Christchurch City Council and is being set aside for reserve. This land occupies an old Waimakariri flood channel and still retains distinctive watercourse landscape features including a scarp and river terrace. The land presently lies undeveloped, used only for horse grazing.

Negotiations with Works Operations then Citycare, as the Council's contracting business is known, have been concluded and the agreement to construct the pond signed.

CURRENT SITUATION

This agreement allows for an extended period of five years instead of three years to complete the pond. In order to meet the time limit of five years Citycare have joined with Works Infrastructure to complete the pond. Citycare advises that work on excavation will begin soon. The agreement gives priority to digging down below the water table in one dig. This is will provide a pond next to the existing Envirowaste pond early on in the contract period. Some topsoil from the site is to be stockpiled for later surfacing of the new pond edges.

It is intended to purchase some of the neighbouring land, already excavated, from Meadow Mushrooms but that company is awaiting the decision of the Awatea variation before they consider sale of this land.

A plan showing the location and extent of the pond is attached.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairman's Recommendation: That the information be received.