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**BANKS PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT ZONE COMMITTEE  
15 November 2011**

**A meeting of the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee was held in Akaroa Sports Complex on Tuesday 15 November 2011 at 4pm**

**PRESENT:** Steve Lowndes, Community Representative  
Yvette Couch-Lewis, Community Representative  
Pam Richardson, Community Representative  
Iaeen Cranwell, Te Rūnanga o Wairewa  
June Swindells, Te Hapu o Ngāti Wheke/Rapaki  
Pere Tainui, Te Rūnanga o Ōnuku  
Claudia Reid, Christchurch City Council  
Wade Wereta-Osborn, Te Rūnanga o Koukourarata  
Kevin Simcock, Community Representative

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence was received and accepted from Donald Couch and Richard Simpson.

**1. CONFIRMATION CHAIRPERSON**

It was **decided** that the Committee appoint Steve Lowndes as Chairperson for this meeting.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 18 OCTOBER 2011**

It was decided that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting, subject to the following alterations:

Alteration to clause 15 (Appointment of Regional Representative), to read:

*'The Committee discussed the request to replace Claudia Reid as the Committees Representative on the Regional Committee, who has been unable to attend ~~these~~ recent meetings due to a number of other commitments.'*

Alteration to clause 16.1 (Next Meeting – Tuesday 15 November 2011) to read:

*'The Committee were advised of the next meeting of the Committee to be held on Tuesday 15 November, at 3 4pm in Akaroa Sports Complex. Chairperson Donald Couch tendered his apologies for this meeting.'*

Alteration to clause 14 (Proposed Akaroa and Fishermans Bay field trip (daytime and evening) – Sunday 20 November 2011) to read:

*'The Committee were advised of the proposed date for the field trip to Akaroa and Fishermans Bay on Sunday 20 November 2011. The purpose of this trip is to consider topics such as waste water and water supply, and to visit key locations such as Misty Peak Reserve. The Committee suggested that other areas of interest could be monitoring Community water supply and minimum flows, and ~~Almond~~ Alymers Valley Stream'*

**3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT**

Nil.

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**4. IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT ITEMS**

Nil.

**5. IDENTIFICATION OF ANY GENERAL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS**

Nil.

**6. REGIONAL COMMITTEE UPDATES**

The Committee were updated on the relevant work of the Regional Committee, including:

- Primary focus on water quality and developing regional parameters and methods, and include the surface water quality.
- Update on the Regional Implementation programme.
- Work undertaken by the Hurunui-Waiiau Zone Committee on the Hurunui River, with scientific input from Environment Canterbury staff and other professionals and stakeholders.

**7. UPDATE ON WORK PLAN**

Shelley Washington, Zone Facilitator, updated the Committee on the work programme for the coming months. It was suggested that the Committee may wish to consider setting up working parties to look at specific areas in depth and report back to the Committee.

It was **requested** that a coastal perspective be included in a future session, including consideration of the fresh water barrier with the sea, and the importance of this for fish migration and supporting other marine life.

**8. PLANNING 101**

The Committee received a presentation from Peter Skelton in relation to relevant statutory framework including the relationship between the framework and Resource Management Act Planning, and the implications for both the Regional Committee and the local Zone Committees.

**9. ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY PLANS**

The Committee received a presentation from Peter Constantine regarding how the Canterbury Water Management Strategy fits in with redeveloping the regional plan. The proposed Regional Planning framework is split into three key areas - Air, Land and Water, and Coast, to simplify planning for the region. The Committee discussed the need to define the Coastal environment and the landward boundary before the elections in 2013.

The Committee were advised of the following key issues being raised by submitters to the plans:

- Water allocation;
- Water quality and the need to manage the land;
- The need for the consenting process to be simplified;
- Concerns over the effect of larger irrigation schemes.

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## 10. CLIMATE SMART STRATEGY

The Committee received a presentation from Tony Moore in relation to the Climate Smart Strategy, specifically in relation to the role of the strategy in preparing for climate change, coastal change and expected sea level rises.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned from 6pm to 6.30pm.

## 12. BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY

Liz Garson briefed the Committee on the Biodiversity strategy, outlining the main areas of work:

- Biodiversity Partnerships;
- Funding for five Banks Peninsula groups, which means they will no longer need to apply for grants as part of the operational budgets;
- Operational Pest management programme;
- Ecological data Management Systems.

The Committee also received a presentation on Eco Data Management Systems. (*Amendment made at the 20 December 2011 Committee meeting, during the confirmation of minutes item, clause 2.*)

## 13. BIODIVERSITY

Robyn Russ, Biodiversity Officer, briefed the Committee on the Immediate Steps funding programme, which aims to protect and restore freshwater biodiversity and water use affected terrestrial biodiversity in Canterbury. The Committee noted the different options for allocating funds to projects, and **decided** to use option 1, fund year one projects straight away based on merit, and decide on priority areas for remaining funding at a later date.

## 14. OTHER MATTERS

### 14.1 PROPOSED ZONE COMMITTEE FIELD TRIP - SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2011

The Committee confirmed the arrangements for the field trip to be held on Sunday 20 November 2011.

### 14.2 UPCOMING PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

The Committee were updated on the progress with the public workshops, and were advised that newsletters will be sent to letterboxes and that adverts have been circulated to the Akaroa Mail, Lyttelton Harbour News and that emails have been sent to all those that signed up to receive information. The format for the public workshops will be to begin with an overview of the role of the Committee and the Canterbury Water Management Strategy, and then break off into smaller groups to identifying key issues and possible solutions, which would be facilitated by staff and Committee Members. Iaeen Cranwell, Councillor Claudia Reid and Yvette Couch-Lewis indicated that they were available to help facilitate.

### 14.3 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 4pm on Tuesday 20 December 2011, in the Lyttelton Recreation Centre.

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**14.4 OPTIONAL ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING IN JANUARY**

The Committee **decided** not to hold a meeting in January 2012.

**14.5 CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Committee received copies of the proposed Code of Conduct for consideration and will adopt this with any changes at the December meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm

**CONFIRMED THIS 20TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2011**

**DONALD COUCH**  
**INTERIM CHAIRPERSON**