

**CHRISTCHURCH WEST MELTON WATER MANAGEMENT ZONE COMMITTEE
25 JULY 2012**

**A meeting of the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee was held at
Wigram Manor, 14 Henry Wigram Drive on Wednesday 25 July 2012 at 6pm**

PRESENT: Ian Fox, Community Representative (Chairperson)
Deidre Francis, Community Representative (Deputy Chairperson)
Jon Harding, Community Representative
Councillor Debra Hasson, Selwyn District Council
Arapata Reuben, Tūāhuriri Rūnanga
Yvette Couch-Lewis, Rāpaki Rūnanga
Hugh Thorpe, Community Representative
Robert Wynn-Williams, Community Representative
Ann Winstanley, Community Representative

APOLOGIES: An apology for absence was received and accepted from Commissioner Rex Williams.

An apology for lateness was received and accepted for Ann Winstanley who arrived at 6.08pm and was absent for clause 1.

Councillor Debra Hasson arrived at 6.16pm, and was absent for clauses 1, 2,3,4, and 5.

The meeting was opened with a karakia from Arapata Reuben.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was **decided** that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting, subject to Herena Stone's name being removed in the list of present members.

2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

Nil.

3. IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT ITEMS

Nil.

4. IDENTIFICATION OF ANY GENERAL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS

Nil.

5. REGIONAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Committee received a verbal report from Jon Harding on the work of the Regional Committee, including reference to the following key areas of work:

- the Regional Committee has produced a social and economic aspiration framework which will come to the Zone Committees in due course aimed at ensuring focus on these issues during the drafting of the ZIP
- the Environment Canterbury's draft Regional River Gravel Management Strategy was open for consultation and submissions
- Canterbury District Health Board highlighted Nitrate toxicity as a key topic relating to health within the CWMS

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- discussion on the regionally significant features in the Orari-Opihi-Pareora, Upper Waitaki, and Lower Waitaki Zones
- update on the draft Land and Water Regional Plan, noting that 10 per cent of farmers in the region would have difficulty reaching these objectives.

6. FLOODING AND FLOOD MANAGEMENT

The Committee received a presentation on flooding and flood management. Matthew Ross outlined the purpose of this item as to enable the Committee to consider the impact of certain activities, specifically relating to flooding, on the implementation and achieving the targets decided by the Committee in the ZIP.

7. PRIORITY ISSUE WORKSHOP – FLOODING AND FLOOD MANAGEMENT

The Committee split into groups to discuss key issues relating to flooding and flood management.

The following key areas were identified:

- considering endorsing existing management plans to ensure consistency with the ZIP
- direct impact on management activities of in-stream fauna etc
- level of flood protection provided.

8. IMMEDIATE STEPS

The Committee discussed proposal on the allocation of the immediate steps funding. The Committee discussed the merits of different approaches to funding, including whether to allocate to a single, large project, or to several smaller projects.

It was **moved** by Hugh Thorpe, seconded by Councillor Debra Hasson, that the Committee refer this issue to a workshop to consider a more refined proposal to be presented to the Committee at its next meeting on 23 August. Following further discussion on the proposal, the motion was **withdrawn** with the consent of the meeting.

It was **decided** that the Committee approve the proposed approach as a working draft to use as a basis to assess applications.

The Committee noted that each project would be assessed on its merit and on its potential outcome.

9. WATERWAY SILT REMOVAL PROGRAMME

The Committee had received a presentation on the Christchurch City Council's waterway silt removal programme at its meeting on 23 February 2012, and had noted that it was comfortable on the overarching approach being taken by the Council.

The Committee received the programme of works for silt clearance in rivers which was requested at the previous meeting. The Committee thanked the staff for the programme, and noted there were no significant points that required further exploration by the Committee at this time.

10. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLANS AND GLOBAL STORMWATER CONSENTS

The Committee received a presentation from the Christchurch City Council on stormwater management plans and global consents.

The Committee noted that it was supportive of the general approach being taken by the Council, and did not identify any significant areas for further exploration by the Committee.

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11. DRAFT LAND AND WATER REGIONAL PLAN

The Committee received a presentation from Peter Constantine on the draft Land and Water Regional Plan.

The Committee noted the following significant areas for further consideration:

- Piling and the impact of further piling.
- Geotechnical bores and drilling practices

12. EARLY ENGAGEMENT WORKING DRAFT ZONE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (ZIP)

The Committee received a working draft of the early engagement ZIP. The Committee noted the information, and were happy for this version to be used for early engagement.

13. WORK PROGRAMME TO ZIP

The Committee considered its upcoming work programme, including details of upcoming meetings and workshops leading up to the ZIP.

The Committee requested that the interaction of the rivers and aquifers be considered by the Committee.

The Committee discussed the intention to hold a meeting with targeted interest groups on 8 August, to be confirmed with the Committee.

The meeting was closed with a karakia from Arapata Reuben.

The meeting concluded at 9.19pm

CONFIRMED THIS 23RD DAY OF AUGUST 2012

IAN FOX
CHAIRPERSON

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ATTACHMENT TO CLAUSE 8

DISCUSSION

Possible approach to Immediate Steps funding?

- Projects related to the following ecosystems are prioritised:
 - Spring heads
 - River mouths / hapua i.e. Brooklands Lagoon, Waimakariri River
 - Avon-Heathcote Estuary/Ihutai
 - Wetlands*
 - Other (projects that score highly on cultural and ecological assessment)
- Projects that are led by, or involve existing community groups are prioritised
- Accrued funds for Years 1 & 2 (\$200,000) are combined and allocated to a single larger scale project as soon as possible
- A new general call for projects for Years 3, 4, 5
- Environment Canterbury identify a package of projects for the zone committee to consider and endorse at the November 2012 public meeting

*The Zone Committee will receive additional information on significant wetland ecosystems at the August 2012 meeting