

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

NOTES OF A SEMINAR OF THE COUNCIL

Held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices
on Thursday 14 June 2007 at 1.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillor Carole Evans (Chair),
Councillors Sally Buck, Graham Condon, Barry Corbett,
David Cox, Bob Parker, Bob Shearing, Gail Sheriff,
Sue Wells, and Norm Withers.

IN ATTENDANCE: Council Officers: Graham Harrington, John McEwing and
Mike Theelen.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from
Mayor Garry Moore and Councillor Pat Harrow.

1. INTEGRATED CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SOUTH WEST CATCHMENT CONSENT

ACTION

John McEwing introduced Graham Harrington who proceeded to speak to a power
point presentation (hard copy on file) which covered the following:

- CCC / ECan Surface Water Management Protocol
- ICMP for South West
- Facilities Design
- Where to From Here

Questions and points raised during the seminar included:

- The term "Surface water" includes what? Officers clarified the following
were included; stormwater, ponds, run-off, drainage, and manmade lakes.
- Who monitors the Storm Detention Basin?
- Safety regulations – we have the Fencing of Swimming Pools Act – need
public cautionary notices to indicate purpose of land and associated safety
restrictions?
- Retention basins are not zoned as ponding basins. Is it made clear to
residents which properties are near a retention basin – need to be easily
recognisable – overlay of planning framework?
- Increase of insect life is affecting quality of life in some areas. Influx of
sandflies from ponds associated with flaxes? – shift of temperatures could
also affect population. Midges? Mozzies? Predisposed to certain types of
vegetation?
- Retention basins are designed to retain how much water?
- Grasses and toitois – fire risk - increase in number of incidents of being
set alight.
- Is there a time frame to provide overall water system/strategy for
Christchurch public information?

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- Swale – grass needs to be kept 50mm long to enable filtration of pollutants etc. Do contractors cut and leave lying, or where does grass go? Status of soil monitored?
- Miln Estate system during August 2006 – people need to understand there is a maintenance content to water storage, and potential for issues with ducks and insects.
- Are we planting enough broad leaf grasses and clovers on swales? Appropriate planting can speed up aspiration and assist land to dry out quickly.
- How do potential residents know what the land is destined for e.g. water drainage system? When subdivision ready for settlement, need to explain and educate property owners.
- Residents become concerned when accumulates and water sits for days.
- Consider using mosses in place of grass to cut down mowing?
- Can children safely cross roads with swales in the middle? How deep are they?
- Purpose of MoU power point frame - wording “deployment/budget” queried?
- “Phasing in” purely on budget grounds? Why not say “agreed implementation subject to budget”?
- Does infrastructure on the ground for which the CCC is responsible meet ECan requirements? Do we need more or are we close to meeting ECan’s expectations?
- Transit NZ is a big player in this area and subject to same process – are we working in conjunction?
- Will the council need to do an AEE for each consent?
- Community Education - Who is responsible for community education, and the planning of same? Time frame? Is there budget provision? Use council media column to inform? Existing facilities? Preliminary education to be investigated further by staff.
- How keen is ECan to progress this – timeframe?
- Draft MoU to council?
- “Next Planning Steps” – check wording re SWAP/ICMP Consultation (June – August) and CCC ICMP Approval (Late July 07) – how can something be approved when still out for consultation?
- Nothing being held up while waiting for this particular process?
- Has this been run past the city solicitors? ECan locked into MoU, but can it make a decision on a resource consent?

OUTCOME:

The information was received. Council officers were asked to take into account the matters raised during the seminar and provide the additional information as sought by elected members.

The seminar concluded at 2.15 pm.

John McEwing and te