

Lower Waitaki - South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee

AGENDA

A **MEETING** of the LOWER WAITAKI - SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY
ZONE COMMITTEE will be held as follows:

Date: Wednesday 19 October 2016

Time: 1.00 pm

Venue: Waimate Events Centre, 13 Paul Street
Waimate

Membership

Kate White (Chair)	Suzanne Eddington
Andrew Feierabend	Mark Giles (Deputy Chair)
Sandra Hampstead-Tipene	Andrew Hayes
Mark Kingsbury	Bruce Murphy
Brent Packman	Elizabeth Rollinson
Ranui Ryan	Environment Canterbury (Rep)
Waimate District Council (Rep)	Waitaki District Council (Rep)

Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee

Waimate Events Centre, 13 Paul Street,
Waimate

AGENDA 19 October 2016

1.00 pm – 4.15 pm

	Page No.
Karakia and welcome	
1. Apologies	
2. Minutes – 21 September 2016	3 - 5
3. Permanent Items	
a) Matters Arising	
b) Correspondence	
c) Regional Committee Update (Bruce Murphy)	
d) Declarations of Interest	
e) Facilitator Update	
4. Regional Round-up	
Zone Committee Members (verbal)	
5. Zone Implementation Programme Delivery	
Work Programme Development	6 - 7
Enabling Environmental Enhancement	8 - 9
6. Kaitiakitanga refresher	
Peter Ramsden	
7. Strategic	
Braided River Character update (Nic Newman/Michael Hide – verbal)	
8. Zone Implementation Programme Delivery	
Plan Change 3 Decisions and Next Steps	10
9. General Business	
10. General Public	

Time Table

1.00pm	Karakia and welcome
	Apologies, Minutes, Permanent Items
1.15pm	Regional Round Up
1.30pm	Zone Implementation Programme Delivery
	– Delivery Work Programme
	– Enabling Environmental Enhancement
2.00pm	Kaitiakitanga refresher
2.30pm	Afternoon Tea
2.45pm	Strategic – Braided River Character
3.00pm	Zone Implementation Programme Delivery – Plan Change 3 and next steps
4.00pm	General Business
	General Public
4.15pm	Karakia and meeting close

Lower Waitaki – South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee

Minutes of the Committee meeting held in the Waimate Events Centre, 13 Paul Street, Waimate on Wednesday 21 September 2016, at 1.00pm

Present	Kate White (Chair, Community rep), Suzanne Eddington (Waihao Runanga), Mark Giles (Deputy Chair, Community rep), Mark Kingsbury (Community rep), Cr Bill Kingan (Waitaki District Council), Commissioner Tom Lambie (ECan), Cr Peter McIlraith (Waimate District Council), Bruce Murphy (Community rep), Brent Packman (Community rep) and Liz Rollinson (Community rep), Ranui Ryan (Moeraki Runanga)
Apologies	Andrew Feierabend (Meridian Energy), Sandra Hampstead-Tipene (Arowhenua Runanga), Andrew Hayes (Community rep)
In Attendance	Nic Newman (Zone Facilitator – ECan) Karalyn Reid (Committee Secretary)

The Chair welcomed visitors to the meeting.

1. Apologies

RESOLVED
LWSC16/31

L Rollinson/S Eddington
"That apologies are received from Andrew Feierabend, Sandra Hampstead-Tipene, and Andrew Hayes for absence."

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED
LWSC16/32

B Packman/M Kingsbury
"That the minutes of the Committee meeting dated 24 August 2016 be confirmed."

CARRIED

3. Permanent Items

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

T Lambie advised Plan Change 3 will be going to Council tomorrow. There will be a briefing available at 1pm on Friday afternoon at the ECan office for interested Zone committee members – B Murphy indicated he would like to attend.

Correspondence

Outwards

- Dame Margaret Bazley/Bill Bayfield, Environment Canterbury re Plan Change 5 Hearings in Oamaru
- N Newman tabled a letter sent to LINZ re Hakataramea land should it become freehold

Inwards

- Letter received by the Chair on the types and amount of irrigated land in Canterbury. To be emailed to Zone Committee members.

Regional Committee Update

Bruce Murphy reported there was no Regional Committee meeting but he had attended a meeting for irrigation parties in Timaru on regional infrastructure (RDR to south of Timaru) to start the process to improve efficiency across the whole water body.

Nic Newman updated the Zone Committee on eel management in Canterbury, regarding the protection of long-fin eels.

Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4. Regional Round Up

The Committee members reported on topics from their areas:

Mark reported not much change from last meeting, the community is wanting results.

Bill reported the Waitaki Council has employed a part time Bio Diversity Officer. Stage 2 Irrigation Scheme is getting close to commissioning of some parts soon.

Liz – the Wainono Catchment Group is hosting a free irrigation efficiency field day tomorrow (22 September 2016). The Waihao Box was shut yesterday but now open. There have been issues at the Bradshaws Bridge with White-baiters driving through the riverbed.

Mark attended the Plan Change 5 hearing in Oamaru and is awaiting the decision.

Ranui advised the Department of Geography in Otago University would be open to being approached in relation to river work.

Suzanne attended a restorative justice session preventing a prosecution. She also asked for information on lead in core samples at Wainono Lagoon and Nic will follow this up.

Brent reported Waimate Rod and Gun Cub have laid a trap line down Hook River.

Kate reported frustration at the Plan Change 5 Hearings as this forum did not seem to be a collaborative experience as people not being allowed to speak. There has been an offer by Bill Bayfield to come talk to Zone Committee about collaboration, but any concerns about the PC5 hearing must be directed to the hearing commissioners. .

RESOLVED

LWSC16/33

M Kingsbury / M Giles

"That the Chair write to the Hearing Commissioners on behalf of the Zone Committee highlighting concerns over the Submission Hearings on Plan Change 5 in Oamaru and write to the Environment Canterbury Commissioners."

CARRIED

5. Zone Implementation Programme Delivery

Wastewater and Stormwater Management Update

Waimate District Council's Dan Mitchell (Asset Group Manager) and Paul Roberts (Water and Wastewater Manager) gave a presentation.

Zone Team Update

Michael Hide (ECan – Zone Manager) updated the committee.

RESOLVED

LWSC16/34

B Murphy / M Kingsbury

"That the updates be received."

CARRIED

The Chair thanked retiring Waimate Councillor Peter McIlraith on his work over the years with the Zone Committee. Peter will continue with the Zone Committee until the Waimate District Council appoints a new representative.

6. Strategic – Smart Farming Initiatives

Colin Hurst updated the Committee on the Smart Farming Initiative. Smartfarmer would enable farmers to spend more time running the farm more effectively by 'outsourcing' compliance needs such as health and safety, employment and contractor requirements, environmental and RMA requirements. The Smart Farming initiative is being launched at the Christchurch Show.

The Committee adjourned for 3.00pm and reconvened at 3.18pm.

7. Zone Committee – Ways of Working

Nic Newman spoke to the report circulated with the agenda asking the Committee to discuss and confirms its way of working. The Committee reflected on its role and progress to date at their last meeting.

Meetings are structured around the Committee Regional Round-Up, Zone Implementation Programme Delivery and Strategic Interventions.

RESOLVED
LWSC16/35

L Rollinson / R Ryan
"That the committee confirmed the way it was working (as per the recommendations in the agenda):
Zone Committee Regional Round-Up;
Zone Implementation Programme Delivery; and,
Strategic Interventions."

CARRIED

8. Strategic – Braided River Character

Michael Hide spoke to his report circulated with the agenda asking the Committee for feedback on the options for long-term protection of the braided river character of the Hakataramea River.

Options were presented on Compliance, Consenting, Community agreement, Irrigation scheme and Planning.

RESOLVED
LWSC16/36

M Giles / S Eddington
"That the options for the long-term protection of the braided river character of the Hakataramea, as discussed, be progressed."

CARRIED

9. General Business

Environment Canterbury's representative for the Southern Area (Elect), Peter Scott, spoke to the Zone Committee.

10. Public Excluded Minutes

The public-excluded minutes were circulated to Committee members, there was no discussion on the content. The Zone Committee were informed the content was already public knowledge.

RESOLVED
LWSC16/37

B Murphy / M Giles
"That the Public Excluded minutes of the Committee meeting dated 24 August 2016 be confirmed."

CARRIED

RESOLVED
LWSC 16/38

P McIlraith / M Kingsbury
"That the Public Excluded minutes of 24 August 2016 be taken into open meeting."

CARRIED

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 4.20pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO:	SUBJECT MATTER: Work Programme Development
REPORT BY: Michael Hide, Zone Manager	
DATE OF MEETING: October 19 2016	

Purpose

To provide an overview of the Lower Waitaki 5 Year Work Programme

Action Required

Receive the update and provide feedback. An overview of the work programme will be presented at the meeting.

Update

In 2015 the Zone Committee agreed on the priority implementation outcomes that they would like to see achieved in the zone. These were as follows:

- ▶ *The ecosystem health and mauri of Wainono lagoon and its catchments is improved*
- ▶ *All land is managed at good management practice (GMP) and priority issues/areas are dealt with*
- ▶ *The biodiversity in the priority areas of: Waitaki Mouth, Waitaki riparian wetlands, Northern Fan spring heads, and areas of grey scrub is protected and enhanced*
- ▶ *There is widespread community understanding of and compliance with the Waitaki sub-regional section of the LWRP and WCWARP*
- ▶ *We have increased catchment knowledge in priority areas (science) and we understand the effectiveness of interventions (monitoring)*
- ▶ *There is widespread ownership of catchment health by the community*

The Zone Team is developing a 5 year work programme that focuses on achieving these outcomes. The work programme groups the various projects into three broad categories:

- **Target Catchments:** Specific projects that focus on achieving one or more of the priority outcomes in key catchments.
- **Target Projects:** Specific projects that focus on achieving one or more of the priority outcomes across various areas in the zone.
- **Zone Wide Initiatives:** Projects that have an impact across the zone and support the delivery of the targeted work occurring in the zone.

The Committee will be presented with an overview of the key projects in each of these categories that are scheduled to be delivered over the coming 5 years. The projects identified seek to achieve the priority outcomes while also implementing as many of the recommendations made in the Zone Implementation Programme and ZIP addenda as is possible.

Where these recommendations are not included in the work programme it is due to either the recommendation no longer being relevant, the issue being addressed through other means or resourcing constraints resulting in other initiatives taking a higher priority..

Feedback is sought from the committee on the following aspects of the work programme:

- The timing of the various activities across the 5 year period
- Any gaps that exist in the programme.

Next Steps:

- Feedback from the committee will be incorporated into the programme.
- Further project planning will be undertaken where this has not already been completed.
- The final plan together with a revised set of suggested milestones will be presented to the committee.

AGENDA ITEM NO:	SUBJECT MATTER: Process for environmental enhancement projects that require resource consent
REPORT BY: Michael Hide, Zone Manager	
DATE OF MEETING: October 19 2016	

Purpose

The purpose of this paper is for information purposes for the Zone Committee to:

1. Note this process is available for enhancement projects
2. Identify to the zone team projects that would be appropriate

Background

With the establishment of zone teams, Environment Canterbury is better placed to provide support to individual landowners who wish to undertake projects that will have positive environmental outcomes. Many landowners wish to undertake such projects, however, the cost of obtaining resource consents "the paper work" has been identified as being the barrier to these projects proceeding.

This is a new initiative to remove that financial barrier to enable on-the-ground enhancement projects to proceed. If a project meets the criteria provided below and approved by a panel of zone managers, the zone team will assist landowners to prepare the resource consent application. This process would allow resource consent process to be cost neutral to the landowner.

Examples of enhancement projects

For a proposal to be successful it has to be demonstrated that there is a direct positive effect on the environment. At this time there are two potential projects that are currently being considered by zone teams, firstly the construction of three sediment traps on a property that is in a catchment with high phosphorus in South Canterbury.

It's worth noting that zone team members are now gauging the interest of other farmers in the catchment to apply for a global consent to cover several properties to build a network of sediment traps at a catchment scale. A simpler example is the construction of a bird roosting site in the Heathcote Estuary.

Project Criteria:

<p>The works proposed are not required to be undertaken to meet a rule in a plan or a condition of consent.</p>	<p>This process is developed to encourage environmental enhancement initiatives over and above regulatory requirements.</p>
<p>The proposal must contribute to achieving zone outcomes.</p>	<p>To ensure projects are specific to achieving desired outcomes set by the community through the zone committee.</p>
<p>The consent should be minor in scale.</p>	<p>The amount of time staff spend providing support to such projects will be a key consideration when determining whether a project is appropriate.</p> <p>Zone team managers have discretion in terms of the time allocated to assisting the proposal.</p> <p>It is expected that applications that are put forward are not complex - if a proposal needs to be limited or publicly notified it is not minor in scale.</p>
<p>Applicant understands the role of being the applicant and consent holder.</p>	<p>It is important to this process that the applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledge and understand they are the consent holder and the obligations of it, including their liability under the RMA for any breaches. • Other than staff time, agree that all costs will be borne by the applicant. This may include additional reports if required, completing the works and meeting conditions of consent and monitoring fees. • This information is publicly retrievable.

AGENDA ITEM NO:	SUBJECT MATTER: Plan Change 3 Decisions and Next Steps
REPORT BY: Angela Fenemor, Nic Newman	
DATE OF MEETING: October 19th 2016	

Purpose: to update the Zone Committee on the key features of the independent hearing commissioners decision on Plan Change 3, South Coastal Canterbury.

Action: The Zone Committee will receive a presentation on the key features of the decision and alignment with ZIP Addendum, and discuss next steps.

Public meetings are scheduled for the 18th and 19th of October at the Waimate Events Centre from 7:00pm, to inform community members of the decision and next steps.

Background:

The Zone Committee ZIP Addendum was published in 2014¹ following the committee led community process in South Coastal Canterbury to develop solutions to implement the CWMS in the Zone.

The Plan Change was notified in April 2015 and hearings held between November 2015 and May 2016. The recommendations from the Hearing Panel were adopted by council on the 22nd of September 2016 and the decision notified on the 1st of October.

The Plan Change is only one method of meeting community outcomes under the CWMS in the area, other work led by the community, industry, and councils, such as the Wainono Project and Good Management Practice initiatives, are critical to achieving these outcomes. Plan implementation will need to complement these activities.

¹ <http://ecan.govt.nz/publications/Council/scc-zip-addendum.pdf>