



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 15 February 2017

Time: 1.00 pm

Venue: Waimate Events Centre, Paul Street, Waimate

Membership

Kate White (Chair)	Suzanne Eddington
Andrew Feierabend	Mark Giles (Deputy Chair)
Sandra Hampstead-Tipene	Andrew Hayes
Jeremy Holding	Mark Kingsbury
Miriam Morton	Bruce Murphy
Brent Packman	Elizabeth Rollinson
Ranui Ryan	Peter Scott

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1.00pm	Karakia and welcome
	Apologies, Minutes, Permanent Items
1.15pm	Zone Committee
1.45pm	Implementation
2.15pm	Strategic
2.45pm	Afternoon Tea
3.00pm	Zone Committee Election
3.15pm	General Business
3.30pm	Karakia and meeting close

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Minutes of the Committee meeting held in the Waihao Marae, 38 Maori Road, Morven on Wednesday 14 December 2016, at 2.00pm

Present	Kate White (Chair, Community rep), Mark Giles (Deputy Chair, Community rep), Sandra Hampstead-Tipene (Arowhenua Runanga), Andrew Hayes (Community rep), Mark Kingsbury (Community rep), Cr Miriam Morton (Waimate District Council), Bruce Murphy (Community rep), Brent Packman (Community rep), Liz Rollinson (Community rep), Ranui Ryan (Moeraki Runanga) and Cr Peter Scott (Environment Canterbury Representative)
Apologies	Suzanne Eddington (Waihao Runanga), Andrew Feierabend (Meridian Energy), Cr Jeremy Holding (Waitaki District Council representative)
In Attendance	Nic Newman (Zone Facilitator – ECan) Michael Hide (Zone Manager – Ecan) Elly Finnerty (Committee Secretary)

At the invitation of the Chair, Tewera King shared a Karakia

1. Apologies

RESOLVED
LWSC16/47

B Murphy/M Morton

"That apologies for absence be received from Suzanne Eddington, Andrew Feierabend and Jeremy Holding."

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED
LWSC16/48

L Rollinson/A Hayes

"That the minutes of the Committee meeting dated 16 November 2016 be confirmed."

CARRIED

3. Permanent Items

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Nil

Correspondence

Inwards

Environment Canterbury confirming the appointment of Cr Peter Scott to the Committee.

Regional Round Up

Miriam – Waimate District Council have appointed a new Chief Executive Stuart Duncan, he will commence in the New Year. Attended the Wainono Waihao Community Catchment AGM – there was a really good presentation from Jon Harding on Carex growing.

Liz – The Committee for the Wainono Waihao Group are Roger Small Chair, Emily Anderson Secretary, Mick Laming Treasurer.

Mark G - Hakataramea Sustainability Group met last week.

Mark K – Kurow Duntroon Irrigation have given options to the shareholders. Mark also spoke about research into the sustainability of whitebait. The committee discussed how they could support research on this and agreed that an approach to the Regional Committee on this would be a good place to start. Options discussed included; whitebait licencing to fund research into population/pressure and other limits such as catch limits and other means.

Brent –The Rod and Gun Club have been carrying out pest control in the Lower Hook trapping weasels, possums and hedgehogs. He noted there are Swans breeding on Wainono Lagoon.

Bruce – Local rivers and streams are flowing high with all the rain, there is on-going work in the Waitaki River bed. Hunter Downs Irrigation held their AGM last week with approximately 120 people in attendance.

Regional Committee Update

Bruce Murphy circulated with the agenda a copy of his report to update the Regional Committee on progress, current work, challenges and opportunities in the Lower Waitaki. Bruce was unable to attend the meeting.

RESOLVED
LWSC16/49

P Scott/M Kingsbury
"That the committee receives the information."

CARRIED

Declarations of Interest

Nil

Facilitator Update

Nic Newman updated the committee on the work done with Kennedy Lange on the Immediate Steps project later in the agenda.

4. Zone Implementation Programme Delivery

Monthly Update on Actions

Michael Hide, ECan Zone Manager, updated the Committee on:

- Waihao Wainono Group AGM
- Waihao Downs water quality project work that Kennedy Lange and Emily Anderson are doing.
- Work is nearly completed on the waterdata project for the whole region.

Compliance Monitoring Results 2015/16

Michael Hide spoke to this item which provided the Zone Committee with a summary of the monitoring results for the Lower Waitaki Zone for 2015/16. There were more consents monitored in the 2015/16 year than the previous year and the number of enforcement actions taken had also risen.

It was noted that ECan are reviewing their compliant hotline as this is an area in that can be improved.

3.05pm meeting adjourned, 3.11pm meeting reconvened

Plan Change 5 Reply

A report updating the Zone Committee on Plan Change 5 (PC5) Section 42A Reply Report was circulated. The Committee was updated on the principal issues addressed in the Reply Report that were relevant to the Waitaki including:

- Water permits
- Permitted activity rule thresholds and permitted activity rules relating to existing water permits
- Reduce the complexity of the rule framework
- The requirement to reduce to 90% of Good Management Practice Loss Rate in the Hakataramea River Zone and the Great Waikakahi Zone.

The Hearing Commissioners will deliberate and made decisions early in 2017.

RESOLVED
LWSC16/50

L Rollinson/M Giles
"That the committee receives the information."

CARRIED

3.39pm meeting adjourned, 3.58pm meeting reconvened

5. Strategic

Update on Wainono Augmentation

Stacey Scott, Hunter Downs Irrigation Limited Director, was unable to attend the meeting to give this update – item was deferred.

Hakataramea Braided River Weed Control

Nic Newman spoke to the report in the agenda which followed up on discussion at the Zone Committee meeting in November. The report presented a 5 year programme seeking approval for Immediate Steps Funding for Hakataramea Braided River Weed Control.

The project is to build on initial investment in the control of willows in the upper river areas by securing ongoing funding over a five year period. This work will include dead spar removal in priority areas and the control of lupins, gorse and broom where infestations fall outside the requirements of RPMS control and are strategically important to maintaining a braided river bed free of woody weed species.

RESOLVED
LWSC16/51

M Giles/A Hayes

“That funding of \$160,000 be approved to protect braided river (Hakataramea) and wetland habitats and the species they support from degradation and inevitable loss due to the invasion of willows, as put forward in the report.”

CARRIED

6. Zone Committee

Feedback on Draft Committee Annual Report

Nic Newman circulated a copy of the Draft Annual Report and sought feedback from the Committee on this. The Committee will email any suggestions to Nic and he will bring back to the committee in the New Year for finalisation.

First Meeting 2017

The first Committee meeting is scheduled for 15 February at the Waimate Events Centre. Meetings will be on the third Wednesday of each month at 1pm, Elly will forward to the members a list of meeting dates.

7. General Business

Immediate Steps Funding

The Committee discussed the possibility of putting a limit on the time for projects approved for funding through immediate steps. Approved projects could be reviewed annually by the Committee.

Thank you

The Committee noted special thanks to Devon Christensen for all the work she has done for the Zone it is really appreciated.

Also thanks noted to the Waihao Marae for hosting our committee today and providing a superb luncheon.

At the invitation of the Chair, Tewera King shared a Karakia

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 4.23pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO:	SUBJECT MATTER: Focus for 2017
REPORT BY: Nic Newman	
DATE OF MEETING: 15 th February, 2017	

Purpose: to enable the Zone Committee to confirm its focus for 2017 and meeting details

Action required: the committee discusses its focus for the year and confirms meeting details

A – Focus for upcoming year

Committee members are encouraged to share their own views on focus for the year and agree on a small number of focus areas.

Some of the context for 2017 includes:

- ZIP implementation is underway from a range of parties,
- Decisions on Plan Change 5 are expected by mid-year,
- Plan change 3 implementation will begin (note appeal),
- Progress with the Wainono project, Hunter Downs Irrigation, and lagoon augmentation,
- Community led action in a number of catchments,
- Science investigations are ongoing, and lessons from the integrated monitoring network pilot catchment will be forthcoming

B – Proposed meeting details

Committee meetings:

- Start with a short workshop with lunch to share a regional roundup and any issues arising
- Often replace workshop with a field trip (see below)
- Structure meetings around updates on ZIP Implementation from a range of parties and discussion on the areas of focus

Field Trips:

- Regular field trips, followed by a shorter monthly meeting
- Opportunity to see work going on in the zone and connect with community
- Proposed field trips and meeting locations
 - Wainono Lagoon / Studholme
 - Northern Streams / Otai
 - Upper Waihao / Waihao Forks
 - Hakatamea Valley / Cattle Creek
 - Braided River islands / Waitaki Bridge

AGENDA ITEM NO:	SUBJECT MATTER: Tracking ZIP Implementation
REPORT BY: Nic Newman	
DATE OF MEETING: 15 th February, 2017	

Purpose: To provide an overview of ZIP Implementation in the zone and to receive feedback on a format for tracking implementation. Format will be tabled at the Zone Committee meeting.

Context

The **role** of the Zone Committee is to develop actions and tactics, with its community to deliver on the CWMS in the zone, and to oversee the implementation of these actions and tactics. The Zone committee has now **produced** a Zone Implementation Programme and 3 addenda, which contain recommended actions and tactics.

The **purpose** of the format (to be tabled) is to **assist the zone committee** to oversee the delivery of key implementation work-streams across a number of agencies. Some of these workstreams may require committee leadership and problem solving.

AGENDA ITEM NO:	SUBJECT MATTER: Investigation into nutrient pathways in groundwater in Elephant Hill/Waihuna
REPORT BY: Nic Newman/Martha Scott	
DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday February 15th, 2017	

Purpose: to update the committee on the preliminary results of an investigation that responds to committee recommendations.

Action required: the committee receive a presentation of the work done and results and discuss the findings and any subsequent action.

Background:

During the sub regional planning process in Lower Waitaki, uncertainty was expressed and accepted in the groundwater flow paths in the Elephant Hill and Waihuna catchments. Assumptions were made that these catchments contributed (to some extent) to the Waikakahi stream, for the purpose of managing cumulative effects.

The committee subsequently recommended that an investigation be carried out into nutrient pathways in groundwater in this area, that could then help inform plan review and help with the identification and management of hot spots.

AGENDA ITEM NO:	SUBJECT MATTER: Election of Chair, Deputy, and Regional Committee Representative
REPORT BY: Nic Newman	
DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday February 15th, 2017	

Actions required

The committee elects its chair, deputy, and regional committee representative

Background

The role of the chair is to: chair zone committee meetings, liaise with the facilitator on zone committee work planning, speak for the zone committee outside of meetings, and liaise with the media.

The role of the deputy is to fill the above roles when the chair is absent.

The role of the regional committee representative is to represent the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee at and contribute to the working of, the regional committee. The regional committee provides a regional perspective on the CWMS and meets every second month, progressing work through its working groups (e.g. Biodiversity, Infrastructure).

All positions are elected annually, with no limit on re-election.