

**ORARI-OPIHI-PAREORA ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Commencing at 1pm**

**on**

**Thursday 19 January 2012**

**Meeting Room  
Fish and Game Council  
32 Richard Pearse Drive  
Temuka**

## **ORARI-OPIHI-PAREORA ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Orari-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Management Committee will be held in the meeting room, Fish and Game Council, 32 Richard Pearse Drive Temuka, on Thursday 19 January 2012, at 1pm.**

### **LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MEMBERS' INTERESTS) ACT 1968**

Committee members are reminded that if you have a pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda, then you must declare this interest and refrain from discussing or voting on this item, and are advised to withdraw from the meeting table.

**ORARI-OPIHI-PAREORA ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**19 JANUARY 2012**

**AGENDA**

**Item No** **Formal Meeting**

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| <b>1</b> |                                    | <b>Apologies</b>                                       |
| <b>2</b> | <i>Page 1</i>                      | <b>Confirmation of Minutes 9 December 2011 Meeting</b> |
| <b>3</b> |                                    | <b>Update on Orari Flow Plan – Joanne Stapleton</b>    |
| <b>4</b> | To be circulated on Monday 16/1/12 | <b>Finalise draft Zone Implementation Programme</b>    |
| <b>5</b> | <b>3pm</b>                         | <b>Close of meeting</b>                                |

**Wetland Field Trip**

- 3-6pm** **Bring suitable footwear for walking along the beach and to wetlands**
- Transport for the field trip will be in a minivan**

**ORARI-OPIHI-PAREORA ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
FOR THE MEETING OF 19 JANUARY 2012**

**Report for Agenda Item No 2**

**Prepared by Joanne Brownie  
Secretary**

**Confirmation of Minutes – Committee Meeting 9 December 2011**

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Minutes of the 9 December 2011 Committee meeting.

**Recommendation**

**That the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 9 December 2011 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

## ORARI-OPIHI-PAREORA ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE ORARI-OPIHI-PAREORA ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN MEETING ROOM 1, TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL, 2 KING GEORGE PLACE, TIMARU ON FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER 2011 AT 1PM

**PRESENT** Dermott O’Sullivan (Chairman), David Henshaw, Tom Lambie, Michael Oliver (until 6pm), John O’Neill, Mokai Reihana, John Talbot, and Evan Williams

**APOLOGIES** Ad Sintenie, Tony Howey, and Mark Webb

**IN ATTENDANCE** Barbara Nicholas (OOPs facilitator), Jo Stapleton (ECan), John Glennie (ECan) (until 3pm), Peter Kloosterman (Timaru District Council District Planner)(until 3.50pm), Toni Morrison (Senior Policy Planner Mackenzie District Council), Nathan Hole (Manager Planning and Regulations Mackenzie District Council), Justin Cope (ECan Environmental Quality and Hazards), and Hannah Murphy (ECan)

#### 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Proposed M Oliver  
Seconded J Talbot

“That the minutes of the Orari-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Management Committee meeting held on 18 November 2011 be confirmed as a true and correct record.”

MOTION CARRIED

#### 2 REGIONAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

John O’Neill updated the Committee on Regional Committee issues, noting there has been no formal Regional Committee meeting since the last OOP Committee meeting.

#### 3 REGIONAL COUNCIL POLICY

John Glennie, Principal Planning Advisor – NRRP, gave a presentation on the Regional Council planning framework as it pertains to water – including a broad overview of key legislation affecting water planning activities, National and Regional Policy Statements, National Environmental Standards, Resource Management Regulations and planning instruments, and more detailed information on the National Resource Regional Plan (NRRP), in particular managing the effect of vegetation change on low water flows, riparian vegetation clearance, earthworks/cultivation in the riparian zone and disturbance from livestock in riverbeds.

Mr Glennie made the point that there are less restrictions on land use (a consent is required only in certain circumstances) than activities associated with water use (where you need a consent for most things).

#### **4 MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Toni Morrison and Nathan Hole gave a presentation on planning for changes in land use and vegetation cover in the Mackenzie District;

- setting out the different responsibilities of regional and district councils
- noting the various plan rules in the Mackenzie District Plan (with higher levels of control in high value areas)
- explaining planning aspects associated with developments such as pastoral intensification, (ie subdivisational fencing, topdressing, oversowing), vegetation clearance and forestry.

The Plan provisions are due for review in 2014 and will include further integration with the Regional Council's function of controlling land use for water quality and quantity. The review will be influenced by the new RPS and any NPS on indigenous biodiversity. It is likely that high value areas will continue to be protected under the new regimes, while land use changes in remaining areas are likely to continue to be permissive.

#### **5 TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL**

The Timaru District Council Planner, Peter Kloosterman, spoke to the committee about the Timaru District Plan in terms of water yield and water quality. He explained the Timaru District Plan zone rules that affect vegetation cover and outlined the assessment procedure Council is following to identify Significant Natural Areas in the district. An ecologist has been engaged in the field to record the ecological values in the District, the context of each area and its relationship with the surroundings, and the future ecological value of the area. Mr Kloosterman pointed out that at this stage however, the SNA's don't yet have a status in the District Plan. Once the Council has identified the important ecological areas in the Timaru district, land users can then be educated on the sustainability of areas of significance on their properties.

#### **6 SCIENCE OF COASTAL PROCESSES**

Justin Cope, of ECan's Environmental Quality and Hazards section, gave a presentation on the effect of coastal processes on our beaches, coastline and lagoons – eg erosion of the Washdyke/Seadown coastline, decreases in the Washdkiye and Milford lagoons, loss of wetlands and farmlands. The Washdyke Lagoon shoreline has retreated over 400m in the last 140 years, the Opihi River mouth has eroded 300m and the Opihi Lagoon has decreased by 51ha in that time.

Mr Cope explained the movement of shingle along the coast from the Waitaki River northwards, the effect of storm damage and how these effects have been managed, the effects of stopbanks on the land and coast, etc. ECan closely monitors the coastal situation and it is hoped that the ZIP will provide for adaptation to reverse the reduction in habitat as a result of these coastal processes.

#### **7 COASTAL POLICY**

Hannah Murphy, of ECan's Strategies and Programmes section, gave a presentation on ECan's work to define and map Canterbury's coastal environment. The work is required in accordance with the NZ Coastal Policy Statement (NZCPS) and will provide a framework for coastal policy making at regional and district levels. ECan is working with territorial authorities and stakeholders as part of this process.

The Coastal Policy Statement will feed into the Regional Policy Statement and the Regional Coastal Environment Plan and will also be taken into account in district plans for coastal policy making. It is hoped that the Coastal Policy Statement will become operative in 2012/13.

The OOP Committee advised that it would like to be identified as a stakeholder in order to have input into the process.

#### **8 ORARI RIVER PLAN**

Jo Stapleton, ECan, updated the committee on progress with the Orari River Plan. The first steering group meeting was held on 23 November to discuss ecological and economic reports. Unfortunately the hydrology flow model had not been finalised. A technical meeting will be held on 12 December to discuss changes in the hydrology report and reach agreement (or not) on the hydrology, before proceeding to the next step. A workshop for the steering group will be held on 20 December to discuss the outcome of the 12 December discussions, consider a presentation from Timaru District Council Utility Operations Engineer Judy Blakemore on stockwater races and the Timaru water take, and a presentation on Rangitata South Irrigation. A working paper is being prepared on the planning framework and how it fits with the CWMS and NRRP.

#### **9 ZONE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (ZIP)**

The Committee reviewed the draft ZIP and made some suggestions, further amendments and additions. After the alterations are made, the Committee will finalise the draft on 19 January. The ZIP will be launched on 30 January followed by public and stakeholder meetings. Comments close on 9 March and the Committee will review and finalise the ZIP by early April.

#### **10 WATER RESOURCES WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee considered a report from the Water Resources Working Group and accepted its recommendation for the next step in the process to secure adequate water for the zone into the future.

Proposed Evan Williams  
Seconded David Henshaw

“That the Orari-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Management Committee agrees to request a pre feasibility study on the options for bringing water into the zone including consideration of cultural issues.”

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting closed at 6.30pm.

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Chairman