



WAIMAKARIRI
DISTRICT COUNCIL



**Environment
Canterbury
Regional Council**
Kaunihera Taiao ki Waitaha

Agenda

Canterbury Water Management Strategy Waimakariri Zone Committee meeting

**at 3.30pm.
on Monday 13 February 2012**

to be held in the

**Committee Rooms,
Waimakariri District Council,
215 High Street, Rangiora**

Members

Murray Lang (Chairperson)
Bill Wilson (Deputy Chairperson)
Grant Edge
WDC Councillor Kevin Felstead
Darren Mann
Claire McKay
Bryan Sulzberger
Clare Williams (Te Ngai Tuahuriri Runanga)
Terrianna Smith (Te Taumutu Runanga)
Rex Williams (Environment Canterbury Commissioner)

The Chairman and Members
WAIMAKARIRI ZONE COMMITTEE

A Meeting of the **CANTERBURY WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY: WAIMAKARIRI ZONE COMMITTEE** will be held in the **COMMITTEE ROOMS, WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA** on **MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2012** to commence at **3.30PM.**

Adrienne Smith
COMMITTEE ADVISOR

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Council policy until adopted by the Council**

BUSINESS

1 KARAKIA

2 APOLOGIES

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Conflicts of interest (if any) to be reported for minuting.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**4.1 Minutes of a meeting of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy -
Waimakariri Zone Committee held on Monday 5 December 2011**

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee

- (a) **Confirms** as a true and correct record the minutes of a meeting of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy – Waimakariri Zone Committee held on Monday 5 December 2011.

5 MATTERS ARISING

6 REPORTS BACK ON MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

- Regional Committee update – Clair McKay

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7 **ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY RESPONSE TO THE ZIP**

8 **REPORTS**

8.1 **Nic Newman (Zone Facilitator, Canterbury Water) : Draft Workplan for 2012**

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RECOMENDATION

THAT the Zone Committee:

(a). **Discuss** the Zone Committee Workplan for 2012 and agree:

- Focus for the Year
- Key areas to lead implementation
- Working Groups and their composition.

9 **LAND AND WATER REGIONAL PLAN**

10 **WAIMAKARIRI IRRIGATION LIMITED** – future plans

11 **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Field Trip to Morven Glenavy
- Video
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12 **MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution, are as follows:

Item N°	Minutes/Report of:	General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
14.1	Minutes of the In Committee portion of the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee meeting of 5 December 2011	Confirmation of Minutes	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
14.2	Nic Newman, Zone Facilitator	Water Storage update	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item N°	Reason for protection of interests	Ref NZS 9202:2003 Appendix A
14.1 and 14.2	Protection of privacy of natural persons To carry out commercial activities without prejudice	A2(a) A2(b)ii

CLOSED MEETING

See In Committee Agenda (blue papers)

OPEN MEETING

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CANTERBURY WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY: WAIMAKARIRI ZONE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA AT 3.40pm ON MONDAY 5 DECEMBER 2011

PRESENT

Murray Lang (Chairperson), Bill Wilson (Deputy Chairperson), Environment Canterbury Commissioner Rex Williams (from 4.55pm), Darren Mann, Grant Edge, Claire McKay, Councillor Kevin Felstead, Clare Williams (Te Ngai Tuahuriri Runanga), Bryan Sulzberger, Terrianna Smith (Te Taumutu Runanga)

IN ATTENDANCE

Nic Newman (Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury -Ecan), Ms Jill Atkinson (Director Regional Programmes, Ecan), Rob Gerard (Ecan Joanna Abbot (Biodiversity Team Leader), Jean Tompkins (Ecan Biodiversity Officer) and Mrs Adrienne Smith (Committee Advisor, Waimakariri District Council)

1. KARAKIA

There was no Karakia.

2. APOLOGIES

An apology was received and sustained for lateness from Commissioner Rex Williams.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were recorded.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of a meeting of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy - Waimakariri Zone Committee held on Monday 5 September 2011

Moved Murray Lang seconded Councillor Kevin Felstead

THAT the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee

- (a) **Confirms** as a true and correct record the minutes of a meeting of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy – Waimakariri Zone Committee held on Monday 5 September 2011 with the inclusion of the attendance of Councillor K Felstead.

CARRIED

4.2 Minutes of a meeting of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy - Waimakariri Zone Committee held on Monday 7 November 2011

Moved Bryan Sulzberger seconded Councillor Kevin Felstead

THAT the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee

- (b) **Confirms** as a true and correct record the minutes of a meeting of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy – Waimakariri Zone Committee held on Monday 7 November 2011.

CARRIED

5. MATTERS ARISING

6. REPORTS BACK ON MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

- Clair McKay circulated a written report on the Regional Committee meeting of 8 November; which was from the agenda and communication with attendees as she was unable to attend the meeting. A presentation was made at this meeting, outlining the 'Fit' for the Regional Committee forward work programme (working groups) and subsequent engagement, with Ecan with respect to their work, on the Land and Water Regional Plan. A schematic, timeline for Ecans Long Term Plan 2012-22 was also presented as an aid to developing the Regional Implementation Programme.
- A workshop session to redraft the RIP content, related top Regionally Significant Features, for Ashburton, Selwyn/Waihora, and Waimakariri Zones. It was noted at this meeting, the merits or otherwise of discussion, without the benefit of input from relevant zone committees. The Regional Committee has confirmed that feedback will be sought from Zone Committees on relevant matters.
- There were verbal reports from working groups, which had all had at least one meeting, since previous full RC meeting. The Groups are:
 - Infrastructure
 - Kaitiakitanga
 - Ecosystem and Biodiversity
 - Land Use and Water Quality
 - Task and Finish Group
- The Regional Committee membership now totals 27, with the recent formation of two new zone committees.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Joanna Abbot (Biodiversity Team Leader) and Jean Tompkins (Biodiversity Officer) : Immediate Steps Year 2 Funding Decision

Joanna Abbot presented this report, advising there has been a lot of work undertaken to identify groups for funding in Year 2 Projects for the Immediate Steps Programme. The committee has been on a field trip to Tutaepatu Lagoon, a Te Kohaka o Tuhaitara Trust project that was granted funding in Year 1 of Immediate Steps and has applied for further funding to continue the restoration work at the lagoon. The Trust is seeking \$40,000, with \$20,000 self funded and \$20,000 from the Department of Conservation, so the funding grant is for 50% of the project. Joanna advised that it is intended to get the community involved in this restoration work, including school children.

Grant Edge advised that the Biodiversity group had met and there will be an advertisement put in the papers calling for submissions for funding.

Councillor Felstead expressed concern that funding could be granted immediately for projects, but applications could be received in future for further worthwhile projects, and funding may not be available for these. Joanna advised that worthwhile projects such as this one would be approved immediately to get the projects underway.

Moved Terrianna Smith seconded Grant Edge

THAT the Zone Committee:

- (a). **Approve** funding of \$40,000 for the Year 2 project to Te Kohaka o Tuhaitara Trust.

CARRIED

7.2 Nic Newman (Zone facilitator) : Final Zone Implementation Programme

Nick Newman presented his report with the changes to the Draft Zone Implementation Programme, as a result of the committees workshop discussions on the Programme on November 7 and 14. Discussion took place on these amendments, with the following suggestions:

- Under the heading Economy, page 17 of the agenda, change small-holdings to Medium to small-holdings.
- Include a list of abbreviations as an appendix to this document.
- Add under Waimakariri River heading, page 15 of the agenda, "The Waimakariri River is also recognised regionally as an outstanding landscape feature".
- Some grammatical corrections required in The Eyre and Cust Rivers added section, on pages 15 and 16. Change the word "authorised" to consented, second paragraph, page 16.
- Under Areas of Responsibility, page 17 of agenda, change Cust Main Drain, to Cust River (line 5)
- Under Drainage, page 17, The natural waterways include numerous small unnamed springfed lowland waterways including parts of the Cust Main Drain..... etc. Last line in paragraph, "...they have minimal *adverse* impact...".
- Under Drinking Water, page 18, need to state that the Tuahiwi township water supply is not a Council water scheme, but the water is sourced from wells.
- Under Zone Committee Process, page 19 of agenda, correct Loburn Irrigation Limited, to Loburn Irrigation Company.
- Page 23 addition of the words "where required" in section 1.5 – Existing floodgates on lowland waterways are modified where required.....
- Page 24 of the agenda, in added text final paragraph, update date to June 2012, and alter words "bed of all rivers" to "bed of identified springfed rivers".
- Page 25 of the agenda, in added text second paragraph, amend wording to read ".....which are not directly addressed under Lowland Waterways Protection and Enhancement....."; and at the end of that paragraph, amend wording to read "and will address the above waterways in the future".
- Page 25 of the agenda, under 2.Braided Rivers, 2.3 Recommendation; replace the words "weed control" with the words "plant pest management".
- Under 3.4 Recommendation, page 29 of the agenda, after the words "Audited Self Management in the Zone" Nic to add appropriate words "...to cover....."
- Inclusion of the wording in 3.6, page 30 of the agenda "Further investigate and understand the role that micro-fauna.". Too high a level of contaminants and pollutants (i.e. from dairy farms), kills these micro-fauna. Bill Wilson suggests it would be wise to include this in the ZIP. It was also suggested that a briefing be made to the Committee in 2012 on micro-fauna.
- Page 32, 3rd paragraph, in the list of Waimakariri District Council sewer schemes, include Oxford and Fernside, for completeness.
- Item 4.8, page 35 of agenda, Clare McKay suggests this item be removed from the ZIP and added to the Committees forward work programme. It would be beneficial to have a presentation to the Committee from Ecan staff in the New Year on the background of the issue of augmentation of Eyre River and Eyre groundwater zone. This was a submission received, but Clare believes this matter should be withdrawn from this programme.

- Under Rationale on page 35 of the agenda, added text in 2nd paragraph should read “.....reservoir inundating part of Lees Valley”.
- Rationale, on page 35 of agenda, last paragraph, to follow on from “.....flow augmentation”, include the words “to achieve year round surface flows”.
- Grant Edge suggests, and it was agreed, on the addition in page 38 of agenda, an item 5.9 as follows:

“Supports the Waimakariri District Council’s adoption of the Biodiversity Strategy for Canterbury as outlined in the Charter of Adoption February 2008.

Encourages the Council to actively promote the relevant targets and actions outlined in the charter and provide for appropriate levels of funding and support to achieve them.”

- Under Implementation Programme, 3. Kaitiakitanga, Commissioner Williams suggests that items e) to i) have confused the issue and it is not necessary for inclusion in the Programme.

Terriana Smith suggested these were included for clarity and that the values are the same for all.

Murray Lang supports that items e) to i) remain in the document.

Clare McKay suggested, and it was agreed by the Committee, that these items remain in the Programme, but could be included as and paraphrased under a subtitle/heading “Commentary”.

As part of the discussion, Jill Atkinson suggested it would be beneficial to the Committee to have a presentation on the Natural Resources Regional Plan (NRRP) and other legislation relevant to the Zone Implementation Programme. Nic Newman is to arrange this.

Moved Clare McKay seconded Darren Mann

THAT the Zone Committee:

- (a) **Agree and confirm** the changes to the draft Zone Implementation Programme to enable it to become final.

CARRIED

8. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Moved Councillor Felstead seconded Brian Sulzberger

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8.1	Infrastructure – Update and discussion	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	Section 48(1)(a)

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CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING

See In Committee minutes

OPEN MEETING

Moved Councillor Kevin Felstead seconded Claire McKay

THAT open meeting resumes and the business discussed with the public excluded remains public excluded.

CARRIED

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Report back from the Upper Waimakariri field trip

Bill Wilson spoke on this field trip, which because of adverse weather on the day, was held as a virtual trip in the West Melton Community Hall. A presentation was made from Fish and Game, and Bill commended the group on the work they are doing, including a major fencing programme around Craigeburn Station, to improve the water quality before it leaves the Waimakariri basin. The Wilding Pine problem was highlighted in this area and another potential problem is the Russell Lupen threat in the Waimakariri basin.

Discussion was held with Alison Johnston, from Silverfern Farms, on the issue of pollutants.

- Council meetings to receive the final ZIP. – Canterbury Regional Council meeting on Thursday 15th December at Selwyn District Council Chambers at 10am. Jill Atkinson suggested that other Zones have presented their Programmes, with some members presenting each section. The Programme will be presented to Waimakariri District Council at its February 2012 meeting.
- 2012 meeting dates – it was agreed that the first two meetings for 2012 be scheduled for 13th February and 5th March, and following meetings be the first Monday each month.
- Re presentation from Shirley and James from DairyNZ/Fonterra, Clare has had a response back and the representatives are happy to speak to a public forum and Nic will coordinate this.

- Robyn Murphy from Morven/Glenavy Irrigation has been approached about a visit by the Committee. Nic will do a work programme.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.23pm.

Confirmed

Unconfirmed

Chairman

Date

Report for Waimakariri Zone - Regional Committee meeting 13/12/11.

1) **Work Programme** for 1st 6 months of 2012 was outlined.

Working groups need to have draft chapters ready to present to full regional committee on 7th Feb

- Draft RIP engagement and consultation period will be last two weeks of February.
- Need to agree and finalize RIP by 3/4/2012 meeting.

2) **Cross Zone approach to Braided Rivers.** Selwyn Waihora (SW) and Ashburton Zone have formed a combined committee to cover issues where rivers form Zone boundaries, and suggested a process that could be used to ensure the braided rivers responsibility is shared. It is intended that Waimakariri Zone and West Melton Christchurch Zones, also be involved in the process. The following process has been proposed

- Community meetings on each of the rivers to identify local initiatives and issues of concern-2012
- Workshop of Zone reps and RC with Stakeholders to identify common issues, and work streams/responsibilities for specific management that needs to be addressed.
- Individual working groups for each river, of relevant Zone members establish 2012, will identify actions, tactics and strategies to meet CWMS principles and targets on river

The RC endorsed the proposal, and made two nominations to the group that will engage on the Rangitata, Raikaia, and Waimakariri Rivers. It was felt that Zones were organizing this well and RC was supportive of their lead in this matter.

3) **Verbal updates given by all Working Groups-** Infrastructure, Land Use and Water Quality, Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity, Kiatiakitanga

4) **Regional Immediate Steps and Biodiversity Funding.** RC had identified Te waihora/Lake Ellsemere as flagship project. With the Whakaora Te Waihora Joint programme, now established, the RC was asked to consider adding their ISB funding (\$432,000) to same pot, with the majority of expenditure to occur on willow control. Further information is being requested, mainly points of clarification, before the recommendation is approved. Members also felt a need to see a visual result of expenditure, e.g. riparian planting, development etc.

5) **The Regionally Significant Features** content for Ashburton, Selwyn Waihora, and Waimakariri zones were finalized and agreed to with several minor changes.

6) **Verbal reports** only from Zone members to RC.

Workshop Collaboration

The Regional committee Land use and water Quality working group, invited Zones which did not have representation on the working group to attend a workshop meeting on 23/1/12. The intent was to

- Provide an initial briefing for Zone Committees on proposed regional approach
- Seek a local perspective from Zone Committees on proposed regional approach.

The proposed Regional approach for managing land use and water quality is through the new Land and Water Regional Plan, and the roll out of the “Preferred Approach”.

The new Land and Water Regional Plan is currently being developed and will be an important tool for implementing the Canterbury Water Management Strategy. Peter Constantine briefed the meeting on the current thinking of planners and updated the Working Group of developments subsequent to his last presentation in mid December.

The Plan will include provisions and mechanisms for setting nutrient limits and management regimes at a regional level. The “Preferred Approach” to setting limits at a Zone/local level would be a component of this approach.

There was good discussion around perception of /and expectation of limits, which at this stage will solely be for nitrate. The Plan will set a *Place holder* limit until zones (or sub regions) set limits as a result of the Preferred Approach process.(reflective of community requirements). Concern was expressed where a sub regional limit may be more *generous* than that set in the Plan, and how that would be perceived. The current table 5 in water quality section of NRRP will be the initial basis for deciding load limits for Nitrate. Its limitations were acknowledged, but the WG accepted the Table as the base at this point in time. Sub regions will be identified as

- Under allocated/limit
- Over allocated/limit-these areas will be controlled by regulations
- Fully allocated/limit (80-100% of Table 5) - resource consent needed.
Allocation regime will rely on
 - 1) Good practice
 - 2) Nutrient Discharge Allowance (NDA)-based on soil type, lookup tables for N leaching and Overseer modelling. This will be part of the Sub regional plans to be phased in over 5 year period.

Claire Mckay

AGENDA ITEM NO: 1	SUBJECT MATTER: Draft Workplan for 2012
REPORT BY: Nic Newman Zone Facilitator, Canterbury Water	
DATE OF MEETING: 13 th February 2012	

RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss the Zone Committee Workplan for 2012 and agree:

- Focus for the Year
- Key areas to lead implementation
- Working Groups and their composition

BACKGROUND

The Zone Committee has now completed its Zone Implementation Programme. 2012 will involve the Zone Committee overseeing the implementation of its recommendations and leading the implementation of key areas, if desired. The working group structure could be used to provide progress in the key strategic areas. It is recommended that the committee discuss the draft workplan and agree the focus for the year, the key strategic areas for further involvement, and the working groups and their membership.

	January / February 13th / March 5th	April 2nd/ May 7th/ June 11th	July / August / September	October / November / December
General	Workplan Land and Water Regional Plan / Limits Waimakariri River Regional Plan	Dairy NZ Briefing – audited nutrient management Workshop with CWM ZC	Briefing on micro-fauna in groundwater Ashley Waimakariri Water Balance	Report on Implementation of the ZIP
Water Storage	Update / Options vs ZIP Feasibility	Field Trip MAR / Eyre Groundwater Zone Briefing	Continued	Continued
River Rating Waimakariri	Work with Regional / District Council / Landowners Identify industrial discharges	Work with Regional / District Council / Landowners Meet with Industry / Councils	Work with Regional / District Council / Landowners Explore and Timetable Alternatives	Work with Regional / District Council / Landowners Explore and Timetable Alternatives
Audited Self Management	Field trip to Morven Glenavy Irrigation Company	Work with WIL / Regional Council	Work with WIL / Regional Council Scope new water / land management groups	Scope new water / land management groups
Biodiversity	ISB Year Two Projects / Bioiversity on the plains / Lowland Waterways / Global Consent	ISB Year Two Projects / Biodiversity on the Plains / Pegasus Bay Wetlands / Lowland Waterways	ISB Year Two Projects / Biodiversity on the Plains / Pegasus Bay Wetlands / Lowland Waterways	ISB Year Two Projects / Biodiversity on the Plains / Pegasus Bay Wetlands / Lowland Waterways
Oversee	Regional Council response to the ZIP District Council response to the ZIP	Report on ZIP Implementation: Regional Council / District Council	Report on ZIP Implementation: Regional Council / District Council	Report on ZIP Implementation: Regional Council / District Council
Field	Morven Glenavy	Lees Valley		

Key Strategic Areas to lead implementation:

Water Storage: Assesment of options vs ZIP, Feasibility, Field Trip, Landowner relationships, Managed Aquifer Recharge

Ashley / Rakahuri River Rating: Work with Councils and Landowners
Waimakariri River Industrial Discharges: Work with Industry

Audited Self Management and Management Groups: Work with WIL / Regional Council / Scope new Land or Water Management Groups

Biodiversity/Lowland Streams: ISB Year Two Projects / Biodiversity on the Plains / Lowland Waterways Programme / Global Consent

Working Groups

Water Supply

Braided Rivers

Water and Nutrient Management

Biodiversity / Lowlands

Keep informed / involved / oversee implementation of:

Science recommendations

Urban Water recommendations

Drainage recommendations

Extension recommendations

Drinking Water recommendations