

November 2011 newsletter



Developing ZIPs - the process

Each zone committee is going through a process to develop a zone implementation programme for water management.

This process includes regular zone committee meetings, workshops and field trips; briefings and updates on water issues from council staff and other experts; meetings with stakeholders, as well as community meetings to inform people of the issues and listen to feedback and suggestions.

Committee members are also reading numerous reports and other documents to better understand water issues.

For more information visit

ecan.govt.nz/canterburywater

Regional Committee meeting in Tekapo

The CWMS Regional Committee is meeting in Tekapo on Tuesday November 8.

The meeting - at the Godley Hotel - will start at 3pm and is open to members of the public.

The full agenda is available on the Environment Canterbury website.

Topics to be covered include:

- South Canterbury zone priorities, synergies and the draft Regional Implementation Programme
- Regionally significant features in Ashburton, Selwyn-Waihora, and Waimakariri
- Regionally significant issues for:
 - Infrastructure
 - Kaitiakitanga
 - Ecosystems and biodiversity
 - Land use and water quality
- The draft Regional Implementation Programme

South Canterbury committees talking to their communities

The three zone committees in South Canterbury have been busy over the past month talking with stakeholders and community members about water priorities as they work to develop recommendations for water management.

The Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury's draft zone implementation programme has been released for review which needs to be provided by Friday November 25. The committee is meeting next on November 17 - check the website for details.

The Upper Waitaki zone committee is holding meetings on November 15 (Twizel) and 16 (Tekapo) to discuss the priorities for water management in the zone. People with an interest in water are warmly invited to come along and join in the discussion which will feed into the draft zone implementation programme for Upper Waitaki.

The Orari-Opihi-Pareora zone committee held community meetings in mid-October to talk to local people about the priorities for water management. The committee is now working on its draft zone implementation programme which is expected to be ready for review early next year.

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Ashburton, Selwyn-Waihora, and Waimakariri

The Selwyn-Waihora zone committee held community meetings in late October on its draft zone implementation programme. It also has a session on November 16 at the Living Lake Te Waihora Symposium. The session is free but members of the public are asked to register at www.wet.org.nz. Feedback on the Selwyn-Waihora draft ZIP needs to be provided by Friday November 18.

Feedback on Ashburton's draft zone implementation programme closed on October 21. More than 60 people attended the meetings on the draft ZIP (held in late September) and around 40 people have provided written feedback. The committee is now considering the details of the final ZIP which is due to go to Ashburton District Council and Environment Canterbury in late November.

For Waimakariri zone feedback on the draft zone implementation programme also closed on October 21. A series of well-attended public meetings were held in early October and 33 people provided written feedback. The committee is now working on its final set of recommendations and the ZIP is expected to be ready for council review in late November.

Kaikōura and Hurunui

The Kaikōura zone committee meets on November 8 and is expected to elect a chair and a Regional Committee representative. The committee will also be looking at the priority areas for Immediate Steps biodiversity funding.

The Hurunui-Waiou committee meets on November 14 for more discussions on the nutrient load limits in the Hurunui-Waiou River Regional Plan. Environment Canterbury held several community meetings on the Hurunui-Waiou River Regional Plan in mid-October with another meeting in Cheviot scheduled for November 15.

Christchurch-West Melton and Banks Peninsula

The final two CWMS committees were launched in September and October and have begun their work to understand the water issues in their zones.

The Banks Peninsula committee is holding community meetings in late November/early December to give people the chance to meet committee members, ask questions, and begin discussing water issues in the zone.



Hakatere/ Ashburton River Lagoon