Minutes of the Monitoring and Operations Committee Meeting held in Mauao Rooms, Bay of Plenty Regional Council Building, 87 First Avenue, Tauranga on Tuesday, 10 March 2020 commencing at 9.32 am.

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**Present:**

**Chairman:** CrKevin Winters

**Deputy Chairman:** Cr Norm Bruning

**Councillors:** Cr Jane Nees, Cr Lyall Thurston, Cr Paula Thompson, Cr Stuart Crosby, Cr Andrew von Dadelszen, Cr Matemoana McDonald, Cr Stacey Rose, Cr Toi Kai Rākau Iti

**Via Video Link:** Cr Te Taru White

**In Attendance:** Sarah Omundsen - General Manager, Regulatory Services, Chris Ingle - General Manager, Integrated Catchments, Namouta Poutasi - General Manager, Strategy & Science, Mat Taylor - General Manager, Corporate, Reuben Fraser – Consents Manager, Annabel Chappell - Te Tuara Manager, Stephen Mellor - Compliance Manager, Urban, Industry & Response, Pim de Monchy - Coastal Catchments Manager, Greg Corbett - Biosecurity Manager, Laverne Mason - Rotorua Catchments Manager, Ange Foster - Communications Manager, Shane Grayling - Biosecurity Team Leader, Alex Miller – Compliance Manager, Primary Industries and Enforcement, Reece Irving - Senior Regulatory Project Officer, Shay Dean - Environmental Scientist, Trudy Richards - Regulatory Compliance Officer, Dale Williams - Biosecurity Officer, Amanda Namana - Committee Advisor

**External:** Dr Jim Miller, Toi Te Ora Public Health - Medical Officer of Health and Environmental Health Manager; James Scarfe – Toi Te Ora – Public Health Analyst, John Gifford, Gifford Consulting, Don Atkinson – Chair, Lakes Water Quality Society

**Apologies:** Cr David Love, Chairman Doug Leeder, Cr Bill Clark

# 9.32 am – The meeting adjourned.

# 9.48 am - The meeting reconvened.

# Apologies

Resolved

That the Monitoring and Operations Committee:

1. Accepts the apologies from Cr David Love, Chairman Doug Leeder, Cr Bill Clark tendered at the meeting.

Thurston/von Dadelszen

CARRIED

# Public Forum

Nil

# Acceptance of Late Items

Nil

# General Business

Nil

# Confidential Business to be Transferred into the Open

Nil

# Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Cr Winters declared an interest in Agenda Item 12.1 - Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Programme 2019/20 Six Month Report and Rotorua Catchment Status Report.

# Order of Business

The Committee agreed to a change in the order of business.

Agenda Item 7.1, Committee Chair’s Report would be considered following the presentations of Agenda Items 8.1 and 8.2, Smart Seeds Challenge and Mount Maunganui Air Quality Update.

Agenda Item 9.6, Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Programme 2019/20 Six Month Report and Rotorua Catchment Status Report would be considered following the presentation of Agenda Item 11.1, LWQS Symposium Proceedings and Outcomes.

Agenda Item 10.1, Meeting Procedures – Councillors’ Feedback would be considered after Agenda Items 9.6 and 11.1.

# Presentations

## Smart Seeds Challenge

*Refer YouTube Video Objective ID A3498591* [Presentation: Smart Seeds Challenge](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6orIrrS_lGA&feature=youtu.be)

Regulatory Compliance Officer Trudy Richards presented this item.

In Response to Questions

* Would like to see Bay of Plenty Regional Council supporting Tauranga City Council’s initiative to improve community buy in
* It was hoped that the situation would improve with time through better education programmes and consumers being supplied with the bins to sort their waste correctly
* Pay by weight option had been investigated but was found to be administratively heavy, but proven to be successful overseas in areas including those with high density living.

## Mount Maunganui Air Quality Update

*Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A399330* [Presentation: Mount Maunganui Air Quality Update](https://atlas.boprc.govt.nz/api/v1/edms/document/A3499330/content)

Toi Te Ora Public Health Medical Officer of Health and Environmental Health Manager Dr Jim Miller and Public Health Analyst James Scarfe presented this item.

Members’ Comments

* The impact of ongoing air pollution in communities like Whareroa needed to be considered
* Gaining comparative monitoring data for Whareroa Marae from other similarly situated marae could be beneficial.

In Response to Questions

* Reliable air quality monitoring had been occurring in the area for just over a year
* There were strong links between pollution and health effects
* The airshed was chosen to encompass the industrial area in order to manage the source of pollution
* The airshed had no barriers therefore air quality would vary throughout and it was a reasonable assumption that air quality issues could be experienced throughout the Ōmanu area
* Whareroa Marae had specific air quality issues that were monitored separately
* PM10 readings could include naturally occurring particles such as salt spray, and it was the size of the particle that mattered more than the source
* The type of air pollution most dangerous to human health was that which you could see, smell or taste
* Emphasis had to be on environmental monitoring as the only health statistics from people in the community would come from people reporting to their doctors that their symptoms were suspected to be due to poor air quality.

11.10 am – The meeting **adjourned.**

11.10 am – Cr von Dadelszen **withdrew** from the meeting.

11.23 am – The meeting **resumed.**

# Chair’s Report

## Committee Chair's Report

The Chair and General Manager, Regulatory Services Sarah Omundsen presented this item.

Members’ Comments

* Requested the following reporting to the Monitoring and Operations Committee:
* Quarterly reporting on climate change
* Annual state of the environment report
* University of Waikato Chairs reports
* Sub-regional overview on issues of focus
* Specific areas of work in the region: aquifers, water allocation, pest management, contaminated sites, hazardous waste, enhancement fund, supporting volunteers, On-site Effluent Treatment (OSET), marae wastewater
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In Response to Questions

* Processing times for resource consents were measured through discounts issued, and the KPI of 5% was being met
* Data was recorded from the customer satisfaction survey regarding sources of dissatisfaction but only if the customer chose to respond.

Items for Staff Follow-Up

* Report back in detail regarding which areas were highlighted as requiring improvement from customer satisfaction survey feedback.

Resolved

That the Monitoring and Operations Committee:

1. Receives the report, Committee Chair's Report.
2. Approves the Monitoring and Operations Committee work programme for 2020.

**Rose/McDonald**

**CARRIED**

# Reports

## Mount Maunganui Industrial Area and Airshed update

Consents Manager Reuben Fraser, Senior Regulatory Project Officer Reece Irving and Compliance Manager – Urban, Industry & Response Stephen Mellor presented this item.

11.38 am - Cr von Dadelszen **entered** the meeting.

Members’ Comments

* Would like to increase the pace and to include Tauranga City Council
* Annual Plan discussion to include air quality monitoring in other areas, including Tauriko and the Mount residential area
* Increased awareness of high risk sites needed
* Relocation of some industries should be considered
* Illness within the Whareroa community signalled the urgency with which air quality needed to be addressed.

In Response to Questions

* Sulphur Point acted as a baseline for comparison against the more industrial sites
* Pillans Point could be included in the review looking at other potential sites and their value in monitoring PM10
* Discussions about an app for people to log pollution events were underway
* Land use rights (consents) had been issued in perpetuity from the District Council
* There had been no PM10 exceedance for 38 days.

Items for Staff Follow-Up

* Members request to be included as recipients of the Mount Industrial Network newsletter and to be invited to community meetings
* Methyl Bromide update to be included in the next Chair’s Report, along with long-term ongoing monitoring options and funding.

Resolved

That the Monitoring and Operations Committee:

1. Receives the report, Mount Maunganui Industrial Area and Airshed update;

MOTION

1. Requests a site visit to the Mount Airshed for interested Councillors to view the monitoring station network;
2. Initiates discussion with Tauranga City Council and other parties about a proposed Clean Air Working Party for Mount Maunganui.

Thurston/Nees

The additional motion was put and CARRIED.

**von Dadelszen/Thurston**

The substantive motion was **put** and **CARRIED.**

## Te Tini a Tuna - Kaituna Action Plan

*Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A3499200* [Presentation: Te Tini a Tuna - Kaituna Action Plan](https://atlas.boprc.govt.nz/api/v1/edms/document/A3499200/content) *and* ***Tabled Item 1*** *– Objective ID zA290521.* [Tabled Item 1](https://atlas.boprc.govt.nz/api/v1/edms/document/A3492902/content)

Coastal Catchments Manager Pim de Monchy and Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Chairperson Dean Flavell outlined the Action Plan and described the differences between fully funded, partially funded and unfunded projects.

Members’ Comments

* Suggested adding an appendix for indication of aspirations and costs
* It was important to balance cost against value
* The current state of kai awa across the Bay of Plenty region was critical to freshwater quality in the future.

Resolved

That the Monitoring and Operations Committee:

1. Receives the report, Te Tini a Tuna - Kaituna Action Plan.
2. Requests the Action Plan be discussed at a Long Term Plan workshop in order to determine whether and how to resource the actions.

**von Dadelszen/Rose**

**CARRIED**

12.20 pm - Cr Te Taru White **withdrew** from the meeting (via video link).

## Wallaby Control Trial Results

*Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A3498992* [Presentation: Wallaby Control](https://atlas.boprc.govt.nz/api/v1/edms/document/A3498992/content)

Biosecurity Officer Dale Williams, Biosecurity Team Leader Shane Grayling, and General Manager, Integrated Catchments Chris Ingle presented this item.

In Response to Questions

* The trial site land was mostly privately owned although it included a small area of Department of Conservation land
* There was a collaborative programme underway with Waikato Regional Council and Department of Conservation
* South Island regional councils were taking wallaby control seriously and considered it a national issue
* Wallabies were not included in the predator-free strategy as they were not classified as a predator due to being grazers which did not predate anything
* Many options were being investigated to achieve success in wallaby control.

Resolved

That the Monitoring and Operations Committee:

1. Receives the report, Wallaby Control Trial Results.

**Nees/Bruning**

**CARRIED**

## Aniwaniwa Gravel Extraction Proposal

General Manager, Integrated Catchments Chris Ingle provided a brief verbal update about managing the effects of flooding on the landowners upstream of the Kopuriki Road Bridge. The Opus report would be available within the week.

Resolved

That the Monitoring and Operations Committee:

1. Receives the verbal update, Aniwaniwa Gravel Extraction Proposal.

**von Dadelszen/Crosby**

**CARRIED**

## Regional Biodiversity Monitoring Report

*Refer PowerPoint Map Objective ID A3498831* [Map: Regional Biodiversity](https://atlas.boprc.govt.nz/api/v1/edms/document/A3498831/content)

General Manager, Integrated Catchments Chris Ingle and Environmental Scientist Shay Dean presented this item.

In Response to Questions

* Coast Care was a separate programme but was also producing biodiversity benefits in some of the same sites
* Priority Biodiversity Sites included a number of offshore islands
* Land Management Officers would be speaking with the owners of the 46 highest priority sites, to discuss using any non-regulatory options available for protecting the biodiversity values at those sites.

Resolved

That the Monitoring and Operations Committee:

1. Receives the report, Regional Biodiversity Monitoring Report.

**Bruning/Rose**

**CARRIED**

## Customer Service Performance and Organisational Profile Improvements

*Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A3499298* [The Customer Experience](https://atlas.boprc.govt.nz/api/v1/edms/document/A3499298/content)

Communications Manager Angela Foster and Te Tuara Manager Annabel Chappell presented this item.

In Response to Questions

* Work was underway around better connecting the governing body with communities by transforming the connection and considering all the new ways in which people communicate
* The web-based rating tool was now live but accurate data from it was not yet available
* Customer wait times for calls were being monitored and had shown a reduction.

Resolved

That the Monitoring and Operations Committee:

1. Receives the report, Customer Service Performance and Organisational Profile Improvements.
2. Notes the actions taken as set out in the report.

**Thurston/Crosby**

**CARRIED**

1.11 pm – The meeting **adjourned.**

1.30 pm – The meeting **resumed.**

# Presentations Continued

## LWQS Symposium Proceedings and Outcomes

*Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A3499135* [Presentation: Lakes Water Quality Society](https://atlas.boprc.govt.nz/api/v1/edms/document/A3499135/content) *and* ***Tabled Item 2*** *– Objective ID A3508002* [Tabled Item 2](https://atlas.boprc.govt.nz/api/v1/edms/document/A3508002/content)

John Gifford, Gifford Consulting and Chairperson of Lakes Water Quality Society (LWQS) Don Atkinson presented this item.

# Reports Continued

## Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Programme 2019/20 Six Month Report and Rotorua Catchment Status Report

*Refer* ***Tabled Item 3*** *- Objective ID A3502643* [Tabled Item 3](https://atlas.boprc.govt.nz/api/v1/edms/document/A3502643/content)

 **Conflict of Interest**

Cr Winters **declared an interest** in this itemand did not participate in the discussion or voting.

 Cr Bruning **assumed** the Chair.

Rotorua Catchments Manager Laverne Mason presented this item.

In Response to Questions

* Until Plan Change 10 decision was released, staff did not anticipate a higher incentives scheme nitrogen uptake
* Implications from rainfall was an annual measure.

Items for Staff Follow-Up

* Once the Officer’s Report was available it would be circulated to councillors via email.

Resolved

That the Monitoring and Operations Committee:

1. Receives the report, Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Programme 2019/20 Six Month Report and Rotorua Catchment Status Report.
2. Requests a refresh, involving Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group, Lakes Water Quality Society, Rotorua Lakes Council, Te Arawa Lakes Trust and other partners, of the strategic approach to managing water quality within the Rotorua Te Arawa lakes, including climate change considerations.
3. Refers the refresh set out at resolution 2 above to the Strategy and Policy Committee for action.

**Thurston/Nees**

**CARRIED**

# Cr Bruning vacated the Chair and Cr Winters resumed the Chair.

# Meeting Procedures

## Councillors’ Feedback

The Chair and General Manager, Regulatory Services Sarah Omundsen received feedback from councillors about the process and content of the first Monitoring and Operations Committee.

**The meeting closed at 2.16 p.m.**

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 Chairperson – Monitoring and Operations Committee
 Councillor Kevin Winters