Workshop Notes of Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Workshop held in Council Chambers, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Regional House, 1 Elizabeth Street, Tauranga and via Zoom (Audio Visual Meeting) on Friday, 26 June 2020 commencing at 10.00 am

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**Present:**

**Chairperson:** Dean Flavell - Tapuika Iwi Authority Trust

**Deputy Chairperson:** Cr Matemoana McDonald - Bay of Plenty Regional Council (via Zoom)

**Appointed Members:** Cr Grant Dally - Western Bay of Plenty District Council, Cr Heidi Hughes - Tauranga City Council, Cr Jane Nees - Alternate, Bay of Plenty Regional Council (via Zoom), Piki Thomas - Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa (via Zoom), Nicki Douglas - Te Tāhuhu o Tawakeheimoa Trust (via Zoom), Rawiri Kingi - Alternate , Te Pumautanga a Te Arawa Trust, Geoff Rice - Alternate, Tapuika Iwi Authority Trust (via Zoom), Cr Te Taru White – Bay of Plenty Regional Council (via Zoom)

**In Attendance:** Maru Tapsell - Waitaha, Nassah Rolleston-Steed – Principal Advisor, Policy and Planning, Pim de Monchy – Coastal Catchments Manager, Jo Watts – Senior Planner, Water Policy (via Zoom), Amanda Namana – Note Taker

External: David Marshall - Consultant

**Apologies:** Nick Chater - Alternate, Lakes Community Board, Vincent Brown – Alternate, Te Tāhuhu o Tawakeheimoa Trust

*Refer full Zoom video recording of Workshop Objective ID: A3577202*

1. Feedback on draft Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) to the Regional Policy Statement

*Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID: A3563839*

Consultant Dave Marshall outlined his initial independent review of draft Proposed Change 5 (PC5) and comparison against *Kaituna, he taonga tuku iho* – The Kaituna River Document (KRD).

*Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID: zA301822*

Principal Advisor, Policy and Planning Nassah Rolleston-Steed presented this item.

Key Points/ In Response to Questions

* Feedback provided at this workshop would be reported to the Strategy & Policy Committee meeting scheduled for 11 August 2020 and members were encouraged to continue to supply further feedback up until this date
* Any changes to draft Proposed Change 5 had to be approved by the Strategy and Policy Committee
* Nassah would provide an update on progress at the next available meeting of Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority, scheduled for 28 August 2020
* Policies were linked to the Kaituna Action Plan
* Policy KR 7B was about promoting economic development opportunities, looking at the economic benefits of proposals.

Direction Provided

* Discussed use of the word ‘protected’ at length and noted it was originally used in KRD Objective 1 through the strength of the Tapuika Claims Settlement Act 2014. Members requested it be reintroduced to PC5 Objective 40 to read ‘The traditional and contemporary relationships that iwi and hapū have with the Kaituna River are recognised, provided for and protected in accordance with Te Mana o te Wai’ and to PC5 Objective 42, to read ‘ There is sufficient water quantity in the Kaituna River to support the mauri of rivers and streams and provide for and protect tangata whenua, ecological and recreational values
* Policy KR 1B (d) amended wording to read: ‘Develop, share and apply traditional knowledge, environmental research and monitoring information’
* Policy KR 5B (a) – remove ‘consented’ to read ‘Ensuring activities are managed to maintain or enhance the River’s ecological and cultural health’.

**The workshop closed at 12.24 pm.**