

Minutes of the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee Meeting held in Mauao Rooms, Bay of Plenty Regional Council Building, 87 First Avenue, Tauranga on Tuesday, 20 February 2018 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman: P Thompson

Deputy Chairman: A von Dadelszen

Councillors: T Marr, L Thurston, N Bruning, A Tahana, J Nees, Chairman D Leeder, W Clark, S Crosby, K Winters, M McDonald.

In Attendance: F McTavish (General Manager, Strategy & Science), C Ingle (General Manager, Integrated Catchments), J Graham (General Manager, Corporate Solutions), S Omundsen (General Manager, Catchment Management), S Hey (Manager, Chief Executive's Office), D Phizacklea (Regional Integrated Planning Manager), S Lamb (Natural Resources Policy Manager), N Poutasi (Water Policy Manager), R Donald (Science Manager), H Creagh (Rotorua Catchments Manager), I Morton (Strategy & Science Manager), L Mason (Integrated Catchments Programme Manager), Y Tatton (Governance Manager), K Knill (Communications Partner), S MacDonald (Senior Community Engagement Advisor), R Garrett (Committee Advisor).

Attendance in part: M Macleod (Chief Executive), N Steed (Programme Leader (Statutory Policy)), D Llewellyn (In-House Legal Counsel), M Townsend (Engineering Manager), A Miller (Compliance Manager – Primary Industry and Enforcement), S Mellor (Compliance Manager – Urban, Industry & Response), P Buell (BOP Harbourmaster/Manager), A Millar (Senior Planner (Water Quantity)), M Boyd (Senior Planner (RIN)), P Doorman (Senior Planner (Natural Resources Policy)), J Laurent (Senior Regulatory Compliance Officer), E Sykes (Community Engagement EEF Coordinator), F Camburn (Policy Analyst (Natural Resources Policy)), R Waltham (Planner).

External presenters: R and R Whalley (Awatarariki Residents Incorporated Society), G Dennis (Matatā Residents Association), J Farrell and C Batchelar (Whakatāne District Council), L Wragg, L Bowles and M Dillon (Envirohub), G Crowther (Sustainable Business Network).

Apologies: Councillors J Cronin and D Love.

1 **Welcome**

The Chair opened the meeting, welcomed the members of the public present, and acknowledged the passing of Ngati Ranginui kaumatua Dr Morehu Ngatoko Rahipere and his contribution to the Tauranga Moana region.

2 **Apologies**

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:

- 1 Accepts the apologies from Councillors Cronin and Love tendered at the meeting.**

**Thompson/Crosby
CARRIED**

3 **Late Items**

Resolved

That pursuant to section 46A of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the following items be considered at this meeting:

- 1 Agenda Item 10.14: Bell Road Mowing Culvert – Update.**

4 **General business**

Nil.

5 **Confidential business to be transferred into the open**

Nil.

6 **Declaration of conflicts of interest**

Chair Thompson declared a conflict of interest with the Envirohub Public Forum presentation, and advised that she would pass the Chair to Deputy Chair von Dadelszen for that agenda item.

7 **Public Forum**

The Chair advised that there were five presentations in Public Forum, and that the order of presenters would be Awatarariki Residents Incorporated Society; Matatā Residents Association, Whakatāne District Council, Envirohub and finally the Sustainable Business Network.

Ms Rachel Whalley, representing Awatarariki Residents Incorporated Society (ARI), objected to this order of presenters as a different order had been previously advised. The Chair noted Ms Whalley's objection, advised that the order was at the discretion of the Chair and confirmed the order announced. The Chair further advised that there was no right of reply in a Public Forum and that members could only ask questions of clarification.

Committee Advisor Robyn Garrett outlined the documents members should have received in support of the Public Forum presentations; being two documents from ARI and one from the Matatā Residents Association and confirmed these documents had been circulated to members.

7.1 **Awatarariki Residents Incorporated Society**

Refer Tabled Documents 1 and 2.

Chairperson Mr Rick Whalley, supported by Ms Rachel Whalley, addressed members on behalf of ARI. Mr Whalley advised that ARI represented the owners of 16 properties in the Awatarariki fanhead area, that ARI opposed the Whakatāne District Council (WDC) private plan change request and asked that Regional Council reject or put on hold the request. ARI considered that WDC should follow a pathway of risk reduction not risk avoidance, that mitigation options to reduce risk existed and that residents should be able to determine for themselves the level of risk they were prepared to live with. Mr Whalley also felt that the WDC process had been mismanaged and that residents had not been fully consulted; and expressed concerns over the accuracy of WDC reports on debris flow risk and the efficacy of various mitigation options. He also advised members that ARI and WDC were in negotiations to form a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which addressed obtaining independent expert assessment of several issues at WDC cost, and suggested that consideration of the private plan change request be delayed while the MOU was finalised.

Ms Whalley then drew members' attention to several sections of the accompanying Section 32 Evaluation Report, prepared for WDC for the private plan change request; in particular the scenario testing and risk status given to Matatā in Plan Change 2 to the Regional Policy Statement compared to other high risk areas identified in the region, and that Awatarariki has been "singled out" for this scrutiny and methodology with the option of a regional plan change to address high risk sites on a region-wide basis being excluded by the S32 Report. Ms Whalley considered that notification of the private plan change should be full public notification rather than limited to affected parties only.

Members asked questions of clarification regarding the number of properties represented by ARI and methods available to residents to manage and mitigate risk themselves, and clarified actions taken by Awatarariki residents in the recent Edgecumbe flood event.

7.2 **Matatā Residents Association**

Refer Tabled Document 3.

Chairman Gavin Dennis spoke on behalf of the Matatā Residents Association (the Association) and advised members of the Association's support of ARI, and similarly requested that the WDC private plan change request be rejected or put on hold for six months to allow other mitigation options to be fully investigated. Mr Dennis considered that WDC had focused its efforts on the removal of residential dwellings from the Awatarariki fanhead area without thorough investigation of other mitigation options, such as planting and construction of bunds. Mr Dennis emphasised the right of Awatarariki residents to hold onto their homes and property if possible, and urged that all mitigation options that would enable residents to choose whether to stay or go be independently investigated and evaluated. Mr Dennis also noted the Association's concern about the impact the loss of the Awatarariki residents would have on the wider community, particularly in regards to maintaining community services such as the local school, sports teams and volunteer organisations, and the impact on rates; and

acknowledged the emotional and financial strain that the 13-year process had placed on the affected residents.

Members received clarification from Mr Dennis regarding the status of the substantial residue bank on the western side of the Awatarariki Stream and the impact and reach of the debris flow in relation to the railway line; and clarified that the construction and use of bunds to protect residents was not a current engineering solution but an option that residents wished to be independently investigated. Mr Dennis also clarified that, although the long process to date had been extremely stressful for residents, a further delay of six months would be acceptable if it provided certainty that all options had been properly investigated.

7.3 **Whakatāne District Council**

Refer Tabled Document 4.

Manager Strategic Projects Jeff Farrell and Boffa Miskell consultant Craig Batchelar noted apologies for the Mayor and Chief Executive and then summarised the WDC process around the development of WDC's private plan change request. Mr Farrell noted that WDC had followed direction provided by Regional Council's Audit and Risk committee, that WDC's risk analysis followed Regional Council guidelines and that the proposed private plan change gave effect to the natural hazard provisions in the Regional Policy Statement. Mr Farrell assured members that WDC had not taken the issue lightly, and that other options such as debris deflection bunds, the use of early warning systems and catchment management processes had been thoroughly considered. In WDC's assessment, only two options remained to manage the Awatarariki debris flow risk – voluntary managed retreat or the adoption of planning restrictions. Mr Farrell advised that WDC rejected the residents' assertions of lack of consultation and considered it had consulted extensively, and clarified that the MOU with ARI was still under negotiation. Mr Farrell noted that WDC supported limited notification of the private plan change and preferred Council to adopt their request.

In response to members' questions, Mr Farrell clarified the time line of WDC consideration of all mitigation options and explained the conclusion reached by WDC that early warning systems would be ineffective in the Awatarariki area.

Attendance

Councillor Winters left the meeting at 10.20 am.

7.4 **Envirohub**

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Thompson relinquished the Chair to Deputy Chair von Dadelszen for this presentation.

Refer presentation link: <https://spark.adobe.com/page/L054z7QTIsqIN/>

Laura Wragg and Lindsay Bowles presented to members on the current projects and work being undertaken by Envirohub BOP. Ms Wragg noted Envirohub's vision of a "greener more sustainable Bay of Plenty" and their aim to educate and empower people to make changes in their everyday lives. Ms Bowles outlined key Envirohub projects, which included Sustainable Backyards, the rongoa project, the Speakers Forum with Climate Change experts, a music concert for environmental action, beach and estuary clean-ups, involvement in Predator Free BOP, the Katikati Environmental Expo, the Sustainable Art Challenge and a campaign against single-use plastic. Current funding received from Council was acknowledged.

A member advised that the Predator Free BOP rat traps degraded quickly in the coastal environment.

7.5 Sustainable Business Network

Chair

Councillor Thompson resumed the Chair.

Refer PowerPoint Obj. ID: A2812303

Glen Crowther presented to members on the vision and current projects of the Sustainable Business Network (SBN). Mr Crowther explained the background, structure and membership of SBN, noted its nationwide presence and outlined the current use of Council's Community Initiatives Funding in the Bay of Plenty. Mr Crowther highlighted key areas of SBN focus: smart transport, the circular economy, smart procurement solutions, million metres streams, the good food network and sustainable tourism. Mr Crowther also outlined a Climate Change Action Plan and considered Council should take an active leadership role in this area.

The Chair thanked all Public Forum speakers for their presentations.

Order of Business

The Chair advised that, to accommodate presenters and members of the public, Public Excluded Agenda Item 9.1 would be considered next, followed by Agenda Item 10.1.

8 Public Excluded Section

Resolved

Resolution to exclude the public

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:

General Subject of Matter to be Considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to this matter	Grounds under Section 48(1) LGOIMA 1987 for passing this resolution
9.1 Request for Plan Change: Awatarariki Fanhead, Matatā	To maintain legal professional privilege.	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7.

Thompson/von Dadelszen
CARRIED

9 Reports

9.1 Request for Plan Change: Debris Flow Risk Management on the Awatarariki Fanhead, Matatā

The Chair outlined key points of the decision-making process on the plan change request for members and noted:

- It was a private plan change request from WDC;
- Regional Council had 30 days to respond;
- Staff had advised that there were no grounds to reject or hold the request;
- Legal advice received was that the decision had to be made at this meeting and could not be delayed;
- Members must approach the decision with an open mind and have regard to the information presented to them, particularly the Section 32 Evaluation Report;
- The proposed plan change would proceed through a full hearings process with independent Commissioners;
- WDC would separately notify a district plan change and both plan changes would be considered jointly.

Regional Integrated Planning Manager David Phizacklea and In-House Legal Counsel Donna Llewellyn summarised the report for the members and noted that the purpose of the report was to enable the Committee to consider whether to adopt, accept, or (if specific grounds were met) reject a request from Whakatāne District Council to change the Bay of Plenty Regional Natural Resources Plan by inserting provisions for debris flow risk management on the Awatarariki fanhead, Matatā.

Ms Llewellyn noted that, as the request for the plan change had been formally received on 22 December 2017, a decision must be made by 23 February 2018. Ms Llewellyn outlined the legislative grounds required to be met for a plan change request to be rejected (for example that the request is frivolous or vexatious or inconsistent with a policy statement or plan) and noted that staff advice was that this request did not meet these grounds and therefore there was no option for members to reject the request. Ms Llewellyn distinguished between the options of “adopt” or “accept”, and explained that if the private plan change was adopted it would in effect become a Regional Council plan change, with costs and responsibilities sitting with Council; while if the private plan change was accepted Council’s role would be arm’s length and process-based with costs shared.

A member queried whether either the “adopt” or “accept” options would have any impact on the WDC/ARI MOU process; Ms Llewellyn clarified that the MOU negotiations were an entirely separate process, and that either accepting or adopting the private plan change request would have no effect on that process. The timing of when the plan changes went to hearing might afford opportunity for further input of any outcomes from the MOU process.

A member requested clarification regarding limited notification of the private plan change. Mr Phizacklea noted the staff recommendation supported limited notification on the basis that it was not appropriate to open a discrete regional community issue up to a national audience for discussion and input, and that limited notification expedites the process in order to give certainty to residents. Members noted that the community interest was wider than the immediately directly affected properties, and that limited notification should include the wider Matatā community and iwi interest.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Change: Debris Flow Risk Management on the Awatarariki Fanhead, Matata;**

- 2 Records that it has had particular regard to the Section 32 Evaluation Report that accompanied the request for a regional plan change;
- 3 Accepts the proposed regional plan change under clause 25(2)(b) of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991;
- 4 Agrees to limited notification of the proposed regional plan change under clause 5A of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991; and directs that the limited notification includes Awatarariki Fanhead residents, the wider Matatā community, tāngata whenua, Department of Conservation and relevant utility operators;
- 5 Delegates to the Chief Executive to make decisions about:
 - i. the timing of notification;
 - ii. whether to hear submissions on the regional plan change and the district plan change jointly with Whakatāne District Council;
 - iii. the establishment of a hearing panel and its terms of reference including the authority to make decisions on submissions; and
 - iv. the appointment of hearing commissioners.
- 6 Reserves to itself the authority to approve the final regional plan change under clause 29(4) of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991.

von Dadelszen/Crosby
CARRIED

Abstention: T Marr

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12.10 pm and reconvened at 12.40 pm.

Attendance

Councillor Winters rejoined the meeting during the adjournment.

10 Previous Minutes

10.1 Regional Direction and Delivery Committee minutes - 30 November 2017

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Confirms the minutes, Regional Direction and Delivery Committee minutes - 30 November 2017 as a true and correct record.

Thompson/Nees
CARRIED

10.2 **Public Excluded Regional Direction and Delivery Committee minutes - 30 November 2017**

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 **Confirms the minutes, Public Excluded Regional Direction and Delivery Committee minutes - 30 November 2017 as a true and correct record.**

Thompson/Nees
CARRIED

10.3 **Regional Coastal Environment Plan Appeals Subcommittee minutes - 20 November 2017**

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 **Receives the Regional Coastal Environment Plan Appeals Subcommittee minutes - 20 November 2017.**

Nees/Thompson
CARRIED

11 **Presentations**

11.1 **Operating Environment**

Chairman Leeder updated members on recent Regional Sector Group activities. The Chairman noted that there had been two Ministerial visits, from Ministers O'Connor and Parker; with emphasis placed on biosecurity by Minister O'Connor and on the Land and Water Forum report *Better Freshwater Management* by Minister Parker; Minister Parker also showed interest in water allocation issues and the impact and management of sediment. Both Ministers appeared willing to listen to local government.

Councillor Crosby outlined recent work undertaken by LGNZ; key points included the adoption of the draft Business Plan; Ministerial emphasis on regional development; costs of Treaty settlements for local authorities; online voting trial in 2019; the reintroduction on the four wellbeings into the Local Government Act; rating and valuation of Māori land; issue of a living wage and the freedom camping issue.

Councillor Nees advised members that the day's Parliamentary Order Paper listed the second reading of both the Tauranga Moana and Ngāti Ranginui Settlement Acts.

General Manager Strategy and Science, Fiona McTavish, tabled a document summarising potential areas of central government change for members' information.

12 **Reports continued**

12.1 **Kawerau Geothermal System Management Plan Approval**

Refer PowerPoint Obj. ID: A2809710

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Marr declared his position as a trustee of the Ngāti Tūwharetoa Settlement Trust but did not anticipate a conflict with this agenda item.

Natural Resources Policy Manager Stephen Lamb, Senior Planner Penny Doorman and Mercury Energy Environmental Manager Mark Henry updated members on progress with the Kawerau Geothermal System Management Plan and sought the Committee's approval of the Management Plan.

Mr Henry summarised the development of the Plan, explained the major features of the Kawerau geothermal resource and noted the challenges faced to bring together different commercial entities. Ms Doorman noted Council's role in administering the major resource consents and advised members that the Management Plan, while taking a whole system perspective, was based around the four major consents granted for the geothermal resource and clarified that the Management Plan was not an RMA "plan" and did not rewrite existing consents. Ms Doorman also advised that there was a need for a kaitiaki perspective on the overall sustainability of the system but that this would be implemented outside of the System Management Plan.

Attendance

Councillor Clark left the meeting at 1.10 pm and returned at 1.15 pm.

Members sought and received clarification around the different extractive uses and the generation capacity of the resource; and were advised that not all consented take was currently used as the uptake of consented take was managed through staged development and that there was still some availability for future users.

A member queried if there were any inherent risks to Council in approving the Management Plan; staff clarified that there was no further risk than that already held by Council in its administering of the resource consents.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Kawerau Geothermal System Management Plan Approval.**
- 2 Approves the Kawerau Geothermal System Management Plan.**
- 3 Delegates to the General Manager Strategy and Science the authority to approve any minor changes, including grammatical and formatting, to the Kawerau Geothermal System Management Plan.**

**Leeder/Nees
CARRIED**

12.2 Giving effect to the National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry - Policy Implementation

Natural Resources Policy Manager Stephen Lamb and Policy Analyst Freya Camburn provided members with an overview of the National Environmental Standards (NES) for Plantation Forestry and consequent changes required to Council's plans to meet legislative requirements for implementation and to ensure Council plans are consistent with the NES. Ms Camburn explained that any resource consent required for

plantation forestry activities would be regulated under the NES requirements not Council plans and noted that there were only limited areas where Council requirements could be more stringent than the Standard. Ms Camburn also noted that the NES did not provide for any cultural effects assessment and advised that Council could address this gap through its own rules.

Members expressed concern about the scale of environmental effects of forestry and queried whether implementation of the NES strengthened Council's role in consenting and compliance monitoring of forestry activities; staff clarified that the NES did not necessarily provide stronger rules but different rules.

Attendance

The Chair left the meeting at 1.22 pm and Deputy Chair von Dadelszen assumed the Chair; Councillor Thompson rejoined the meeting at 1.25 pm and resumed the Chair.

Clarification was provided that the NES did include a provision that would allow Council to charge for certain monitoring activities and staff were investigating the process to amend current charging rules.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Giving effect to the NES for Plantation Forestry - Policy Implementation.**
- 2 Approves under section 44A(5) and (6) of the Resource Management Act the required changes to the Regional Natural Resources Plan (Appendix 1 to this Report) to align regional plan provisions with the National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry.**
- 3 Notes that these changes will be implemented without the use of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act.**
- 4 Notes that staff will report back on options for the consideration of effects on cultural heritage as part of forestry activities in the Bay of Plenty region.**

von Dadelszen/Clark
CARRIED

12.3 Plan Change 13 (Air Quality) - Technical Documents

Natural Resources Policy Manager Stephen Lamb updated members on the status of feedback received from the public on the technical documents to be incorporated into Plan Change 13.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Plan Change 13 (Air Quality) – Technical Documents.**
- 2 Notes that there is no community feedback on the technical documents to consider.**

- 3 Approves the incorporation by reference of the following technical documents into Plan Change 13 (Air Quality) of the Regional Natural Resources Plan:**
- a. **Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Air Quality) Regulations 2004;**
 - b. **Ambient Air Quality Guidelines 2002;**
 - c. **AS/NZS 4014.6:2007 Domestic solid fuel burning appliances – Test fuels – Wood pellets;**
 - d. **AS/NZS 4013:2014 Domestic solid fuel burning appliances – Method for determination of flue gas emission;**
 - e. **AS/NZS 4012:2014 Domestic solid fuel burning appliances – Method for determination of power output and efficiency.**

**Thurston/Marr
CARRIED**

12.4 Appeals to Proposed Change 3 (Rangitaiki River) to the Bay of Plenty Regional Policy Statement

Regional Integrated Planning Manager David Phizacklea and Programme Leader (Statutory Policy) Nassah Steed updated members on the status of appeals received on Proposed Change 3 (Rangitaiki River) to the Bay of Plenty Regional Policy Statement, and outlined the process moving forward.

Members sought clarification around the difference in staff delegation between this process and the Regional Coastal Environmental Plan (RCEP) appeals process. Mr Phizacklea explained that the substance and number of appeals received were such that it was appropriate that they be resolved at staff level, whereas more numerous appeals made the involvement of elected members through a sub-committee appropriate for the RCEP.

A member noted that there was some sensitivities in the process and requested that staff keep elected members informed.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Appeals to Proposed Change 3 (Rangitaiki River) to the Bay of Plenty Regional Policy Statement;**
- 2 Notes the delegation to staff to resolve appeals received against Council's decisions and that final approval of Change 3 following resolution of appeals lies with full Council.**

**Bruning/Thurston
CARRIED**

12.5 **Understanding our Chemical Signature - Response to the requests of Jodie Bruning**

Councillor Bruning advised members of a possible conflict of interest in that Jodie Bruning was his daughter-in-law.

Science Manager Rob Donald advised members regarding recommended responses to requests received by full Council from Jodie Bruning at the Council meeting of 14 December 2017. Mr Donald clarified that the Freshwater Rescue Plan created obligations on central rather than local government. In response to a member's question regarding chemical monitoring, Mr Donald further clarified that while Council itself did not always monitor for specific chemicals in discharges, discharge consent holders were generally required to monitor for specific chemicals as necessary.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Understanding our Chemical Signature - Response to the requests of Jodie Bruning;**
- 2 Agrees that BOPRC will participate in the 2018 National Survey of Pesticides in Groundwater;**
- 3 Agrees that BOPRC will not proceed at this time with the requests related to the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Programme and 'degraded hotspots' but will reconsider when the results from the groundwater survey are available;**
- 4 Notes that Council has included \$100,000 in the draft LTP 2018-2028 under the Science Activity to investigate EOCs (emerging organic contaminants) in Tauranga Harbour.**

**Thompson/Nees
CARRIED**

12.6 **Current State and Management of Rotorua Urban Streams**

Science Manager Rob Donald and Rotorua Catchments Manager Helen Creagh noted that this report, which provided members with information on the state and management of streams that flow through the Rotorua urban area, had been requested by Komiti Māori, and advised that the report would also be presented to Komiti Māori and the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group. Ms Creagh outlined various projects undertaken under the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Programme that impacted on various streams and noted that the aim of the Programme was based around improving land-use to improve water quality. Ms Creagh also highlighted the importance of engaging local voluntary groups in these issues and noted that there were various funds available to support landowners and community groups to undertake initiatives to improve waterway quality.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 **Receives the report, Current State and Management of Rotorua Urban Streams;**
- 2 **Notes that staff will continue to work with community-led initiatives to improve the health of urban streams in Rotorua.**

**Thurston/Winters
CARRIED**

13 **Public Excluded Section**

Resolved

Resolution to exclude the public

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General Subject of Matter to be Considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to this matter	Grounds under Section 48(1) LGOIMA 1987 for passing this resolution
Landowner support mechanisms in Lake Rotorua Catchment.	To protect the privacy of natural persons.	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7.

**Thompson/Thurston
CARRIED**

14 **Reports continued**

14.1 **Proposed Amendments to the Community Initiatives Fund Framework**

Community Engagement EEF Coordinator Eddie Sykes updated members regarding the development of criteria for Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) requests and explained the different criteria proposed for organisations applying for funding under \$20,000 and over \$20,000. Mr Sykes informed members that the criteria had been updated and changed to ensure consistent evaluation of project applications for funding, and that a template had been developed to help provide consistency of applications.

In response to a member's query, Mr Sykes clarified that the template was at this stage available as a hardcopy but that an online template would be investigated. A member also suggested that the definition of amounts of funding per term could be further clarified as the information required for a multi-term application was different from that required for a single year application.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Community Initiatives Fund Framework;**
- 2 Approves the amended Community Initiatives Fund Assessment Framework.**
- 3 Confirms that the decision has a low level of significance as determined by Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.**

**Marr/von Dadelszen
CARRIED**

14.2 **Combined Irrigation / Flood Control Storage in Upper Rangitaiki**

General Manager Integrated Catchments Chris Ingle, Engineering Manager Mark Townsend and Strategy and Science Manager Ian Morton updated members regarding discussions held with the Galatea Irrigation Society on next steps to take to progress a community irrigation scheme following the outcome of the Cullen report. Mr Townsend advised that a follow-up report to Council on proposals around this issue would be provided in the second half of 2018.

Members acknowledged the frustration of residents at the perceived lack of action and prioritisation of work by Council; but also noted that the situation was complicated by the impacts of the Aniwhenua Dam on Galatea landowners.

Mr Ingle advised members that staff would bring a specific item to the next Committee meeting regarding the possibility of review of the Aniwhenua Dam resource consent.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Combined Irrigation / Flood Control Storage in Upper Rangitaiki;**
- 2 Notes that a follow-up report on the River Scheme Sustainability project work is to be prepared in the second half of 2018;**

**Leeder/Clark
CARRIED**

Order of Business

The Chair advised that Agenda Item 10.14 would be considered next.

14.3 **Bell Road Culvert Update**

Engineering Manager Mark Townsend updated members on progress made regarding the Bell Road Mowing Culvert and its effect on peak flows during rainfall events. Mr Townsend advised that Council was working in a joint project team with NZTA, Beca and Tauranga City Council to provide a solution and was assisting with the provision of a model for assessment purposes. Issues with calibration of the model had resulted in delays with the model build.

Members sought clarification around liability and were advised that legal advice received put liability with NZTA and their consultant. Members acknowledged the frustration of local landowners with the length of time being taken to develop a solution.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Bell Road Mowing Culvert – Update.**

**Nees/Clark
CARRIED**

14.4 Freshwater Futures Update

Strategy and Science Manager Ian Morton and Water Policy Manager Namouta Poutasi provided members with an update on recent activities in the freshwater area at both regional and national level, including progress with draft Regional swimmability targets and various plan change processes, and drew members' attention to the various documents appended to the report. Ms Poutasi noted that Tauranga Moana Advisory Group was to receive a presentation from Tina Porou regarding giving effect to Te Mana o Te Wai, and that the report would be circulated to members.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Freshwater Futures Update;**

**Thompson/Leeder
CARRIED**

14.5 Catchment and Water Models Used in Council

Science Manager Rob Donald and Senior Planner Andrew Millar updated members on the use of catchment and water models across the Council and within the Rangitaiki and Kaituna-Pongakawa-Waitahanui Water Management Areas in support of the Plan Change 12 process in particular. Mr Donald advised members that models are used as tools to inform policy development and directed members' attention to the diagram on pg. 281 of the agenda as a useful summary to explain the various models used across Council and their different purposes.

Attendance

Councillor von Dadelszen left the meeting at 2.37 pm and rejoined it at 2.45 pm.

A member queried whether the extra time taken to calibrate the Pongakawa Catchment modelling indicated the model would be less reliable; Mr Donald clarified that the delay was largely due to the involvement of other stakeholders and the model should end up more robust. Mr Donald also clarified that the climate change scenarios used in the models were provided by NIWA as benchmark scenarios.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

1 Receives the report, Catchment and Water Models Used in Council.

Thompson/Leeder
CARRIED

14.6 Tauriko West Urban Development Update

Regional Integrated Planning Manager David Phizacklea and Planner Rebekah Waltham updated members on the status of the Partnership Engagement Agreement: Te Kauae A Roopu, and the Streamlined RMA Planning Process for Proposed Change 4 to the Regional Policy Statement - Tauriko West Urban Limits. Mr Phizacklea advised members that the final direction from the Minister regarding the streamlined planning process should be gazetted by the end of February. Mr Phizacklea noted that consultation was not required with Hauraki iwi, and that Tauranga City Council had offered to present directly to Council on structure planning in Tauriko West and Te Tumu.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

1 Receives the report, Tauriko West Urban Development Update.

Crosby/Nees
CARRIED

14.7 Update on actions undertaken by the Port of Tauranga to mitigate dust discharges and establishing the Mount Industrial Environment Group

Compliance Managers Stephen Mellor and Alex Miller updated members on actions taken by the Port to mitigate dust discharges and other activities which impact on the surrounding environment. Mr Mellor advised members that he was happy with the progress being made by the Port to address these issues and that the Port was moving in the right direction. Members emphasised the need for Port compliance to be regularly monitored and of a consistently high standard, and noted the concern expressed by Minister Parker regarding Council compliance and enforcement functions and a possible role for the Ministry for the Environment in this space.

Mr Mellor advised members that the first meeting of the Mount Industrial Environment Group was scheduled for 22 February.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

1 Receives the report, Update on actions undertaken by the Port of Tauranga to mitigate dust discharges and establishing the Mount Industrial Environment Group;

Thompson/Crosby
CARRIED

14.8 Update on Regulatory Services Activity during 2017/2018 Summer

Refer PowerPoint Obj. ID: A2812376

Compliance Manager Alex Miller and Harbourmaster Peter Buell updated members on the activities undertaken by the Regulatory Service Group over the 2017/2018 summer period. Mr Miller outlined compliance and monitoring statistics for that period, and noted the number of abatement and infringement notices given.

Members requested that a comparison be provided with previous 12-month figures over the appropriate period. A member asked several questions of clarification regarding the application of the new bylaw regarding naming and registration of jet skis, and the number of speed infringements issued.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Update on Regulatory Services Activity during 2017/2018 Summer;

Von Dadelszen/Crosby
CARRIED

15 Public Excluded Section

Resolved

Resolution to exclude the public

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:

General Subject of Matter to be Considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to this matter	Grounds under Section 48(1) LGOIMA 1987 for passing this resolution
11.1 Public Excluded Regional Coastal Environment Plan Appeals Subcommittee minutes – 20 November 2017	To maintain legal professional privilege.	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7.

Thompson/Thurston
CARRIED

The meeting closed at 3.08 pm.