

# Minutes of the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee Meeting held in Mauao Rooms, Bay of Plenty Regional Council Building, 87 First Avenue, Tauranga on Thursday, 30 November 2017 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

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## Present:

**Chairman:** P Thompson

**Deputy Chairman:** A von Dadelszen

**Councillors:** J Cronin, T Marr, L Thurston, D Love, N Bruning, 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), E Grogan (General Manager Regulatory Services), J Graham (General Manager Corporate Solutions), M Taylor (General Manager Corporate Performance), S Omundsen (General Manager – Catchment Management), N Poutasi (Water Policy Manager), S Lamb (Natural Resources Policy Manager), A Miller (Regulatory Compliance Manager), L Mason (Integrated Catchments Programme Manager), R Donald (Science Manager), S Grayling (Biosecurity Team Leader), N Newman (Principal Advisor), K Parcell (Senior Policy Analyst), T Briggs (Project Manager – Water Programme), R Garrett (Committee Advisor).

Attendance in part: K Gosling (Community Engagement Team Leader), J Low (Water Policy Team Leader), N Steed (Programme Leader (Statutory Policy)), C Brewer (Regulatory Compliance Team Leader), A Fort (Senior Planner), L Power (Senior Planner), R Irving (Senior Regulatory Project Officer), D Ede (Senior Regulatory Compliance Officer), E Sykes (Community Engagement EEF Coordinator), M Ivamy (Natural Hazards Advisor), J Somerville (Marketing & Communications Advisor).

External presenters: Professor T Baisden (Chair in Lake and Freshwater Science, University of Waikato), D Atkinson and J Gifford (LakesWater Quality Society), B Wasley (Independent Chair, SmartGrowth).

**Apologies:** Councillor A Tahana, M Macleod (Chief Executive).

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## 1 Apologies

### Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:

- 1 **Accepts the apologies from Councillor Tahana and Chief Executive M Macleod tendered at the meeting.**

**Thompson/von Dadelszen  
CARRIED**

## 2 **Waiata**

Members acknowledged the anniversary of the passing of Councillor Awanui Black. A waiata performed recently by Tauranga Intermediate School at the National Kapa Haka competition in honour of Councillor Black was played in his memory.

Refer: <http://www.maoritelevision.com/haka/te-mana-kuratahi/groups/te-whanau-o-te-maro-hauhake/183610#video-player>

## 3 **General Business and Tabled Items**

Nil.

## 4 **Declaration of conflicts of interest**

The Committee agreed that those members who were also Quayside directors did not have a conflict with Agenda Item 8.3, as the approval sought for notification of Proposed Plan Change 13 (Air Quality) was for the plan change in totality and not specific to the Mt Maunganui/Port area.

## 5 **Previous Minutes**

### 5.1 **Regional Direction and Delivery Committee minutes - 26 October 2017**

#### **Resolved**

**That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:**

- 1 **Confirms the minutes from the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee meeting of 26 October 2017 as a true and correct record.**

**Bruning/Winters  
CARRIED**

## 6 **Presentations**

### 6.1 **Operating Environment**

#### **a) Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) update**

- **National Council**  
Councillor Crosby updated members regarding recent LGNZ activities, and noted that roadshows had continued with similar themes recurring throughout the country. Ministers Mahuta and Twyford had addressed various LGNZ meetings with themes of a partnership approach between central and local government, increased investment in multi-modal transit systems and reform of housing policy and infrastructure coming through.
- **Regional Sector Group**
- Chairman Leeder updated members on recent Regional Sector Group activities. Minister Jones had addressed the Group regarding the

Infrastructure Fund and there appeared to be a strong focus on rail and forestry, with specific regions of the country being targeted, including Ōpōtiki. Chair Leeder had also met with Minister Parker who was very interested in the Rotorua Lakes programme, was informed on the issues and had a science-based approach to water quality.

- **Policy Advisory Group**

Councillor Nees advised that the Climate Change work programme should result in a number of deliverables in 2018, including a legal tool kit, webinars and guides for the local government sector including case studies.

**b) Upper North Island Strategic Alliance (UNISA) update**

Councillor Nees informed members of a robust discussion on the port sector at a recent UNISA meeting. The Port of Auckland addressed the meeting, which was also attended by Northport and the Port of Tauranga, and outlined their 30-year strategy, which included the Port being carbon neutral and emission-free. Councillor Nees advised members that the Ministry of Transport had been directed by Associate Minister Jones to develop a Terms of Reference for a nationwide port study; the Terms of Reference process would be open to consultation. The Ministry of Transport had also been party to initial discussions around the issue of emissions from shipping.

**c) Professor Troy Baisden**

*Refer PowerPoint Obj ID: A2753240*

Newly appointed University of Waikato Chair in Lake and Freshwater Science Professor Troy Baisden addressed the members. Professor Baisden outlined his personal and professional background, both in the United States and in New Zealand, and noted highlights in his work in science administration and policy and in environmental science with the development of isotope tools. Professor Baisden explained his understanding of “post-normal science” and the importance of science communication, and discussed some of the key challenges he faced in his new role.

Members thanked him for his presentation and noted their interest in future reports from Professor Baisden.

## 6.2 **LakesWater Quality Society Trouble Makers Symposium**

*Refer PowerPoint Obj ID: A2752939*

Mr Don Atkinson and Mr John Gifford from the LakesWater Quality Society (LWQS) spoke to members regarding the recently held LWQS Trouble Makers Symposium. Mr Atkinson thanked Council for the financial and staff support provided, and noted that the success of the Symposium was that it forced scientists to simplify and communicate at a level the public could understand. Mr Gifford noted that most papers contained strong scientific content and summarised the key points from each presenter. A full copy of the Symposium Proceedings was provided for members. Mr Atkinson noted that the key areas the LWQS identified for Council involvement were monitoring, catfish, lake weed and the Tarawera Lakes restoration.

In response to a member’s question, Mr Gifford clarified that the LWQS position on catfish was to support full eradication of the pest.

## **Adjournment and attendance**

The meeting adjourned at 11.10am and reconvened at 11.25am. Chair Leader rejoined the meeting at 11.38am.

## **7 Reports**

### **7.1 Collaborative Engagement - Hands on Water Expo 2017**

*Refer PowerPoint Obj ID: A2747091*

Community Engagement Coordinator Eddie Sykes provided an overview of the success and outcomes of the recent 5<sup>th</sup> annual Hands on Water Expo. Mr Sykes noted that Hands on Water is part of a wider programme of events for young people led by the Community Engagement team and has been attended by over 45 schools since its inception. This year over 200 students from 21 schools attended. Council hosted the Expo with support from the Enviroschools programme, Tauranga City Council, Western Bay of Plenty District Council, NZ Landcare Trust and Department of Conservation.

Members discussed the implications for the Expo of the Enviroschools programme funding in the Long Term Plan.

## **Resolved**

**That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:**

- 1 Receives the report, Collaborative Engagement - Hands on Water Expo 2017;**
- 2 Endorses Community Engagement team to continue to engage with young people in opportunities aligned with Council's outcomes.**

**Bruning/Thurston  
CARRIED**

### **7.2 SmartGrowth Work Programme and Budget - 2018-2021**

*Refer PowerPoint Obj ID: A2769907*

SmartGrowth Chairperson Bill Wasley outlined the proposed 2018-2021 SmartGrowth budget and work programme, and identified three key strategic sub-regional issues facing the Partnership: smart housing and urban design/form, smart infrastructure and smart transport. Mr Wasley summarised the benefits of the collaborative Partnership approach; and noted the changes in operating environment since the last Long Term Plan funding round, particularly the impacts of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity and its categorisation of the SmartGrowth area as a high growth area.

Members discussed the proposed work programme and budget, noted the recommended budget increase and expressed some reservation around sufficiency of information provided, particularly the lack of detail in budget figures and in relation to the development, consultative process and possible costs of the Future Development Strategy.

Mr Wasley clarified that the proposed budget had yet to be reviewed and signed off by the SmartGrowth Leadership Group (SLG), and advised that an updated report could be brought back to the Committee after consideration by the SLG.

A member asked for clarification regarding development at Te Tumu and possible climate change mitigation measures; staff undertook to provide relevant information on Te Tumu natural hazards management to members.

### **Attendance**

Chairman Leeder left the meeting at midday.

### **Resolved**

**That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:**

- 1 Receives the report, SmartGrowth Work Programme and Budget - 2018-2021;**
- 3 Notes that further information is required particularly in regards to budgets and the Future Development Strategy;**
- 4 Notes that Bay of Plenty Regional Council will further consider the proposed budget and work programme before the Smartgrowth Strategic Leadership Group meet in February 2018.**

Thompson/von Dadelszen  
CARRIED

## **7.3 Approval for notification of Proposed Plan Change 13 (Air Quality) to the Operative Bay of Plenty Regional Natural Resources Plan**

*Refer PowerPoint Obj ID: A2753123*

Natural Resources Policy Manager Stephen Lamb and Senior Policy Analyst Karen Parcell updated members on the final stages of development of Proposed Plan Change 13 (Air Quality) drew members' attention to the s32 report and supporting technical documents provided, and sought approval for public notification of the Proposed Plan Change.

Ms Parcell outlined the core principles and objectives of Proposed Plan Change 13 (PC13) and summarised the impact of PC13 on five significant topic areas: open burning, Rotorua burners, agrichemical spraying, fumigation and the use of methyl bromide, and contaminants in the Mount Maunganui area.

Members discussed the interaction between PC13 and the Rotorua Air Quality Bylaw 2017 and the practicalities of the offset provision included in PC13, and emphasised the need for linkages between the regional and district council processes. Mr Lamb clarified that the proposed rules for Rotorua woodburners did not create a direct conflict with the bylaw or compromise the overall rule structure of PC13.

### **Attendance**

Councillor Marr left the meeting at 12.20pm and returned at 12.25pm.

Members discussed the issue of spray drift from agrichemical spraying, consideration of wind speed as a factor and the appropriate threshold to apply to adverse effects beyond property boundaries. Staff advised that consideration of wind speed could be addressed in the notification regime required by PC13 and through the agreed Code of Practice that supports the proposed rules; and noted the primary requirement imposed to avoid adverse effects where there are actual adverse effects on human health.

Ms Parcell explained the two-tiered approach proposed for methyl bromide and other fumigants, with use with recapture being discretionary and without recapture being non-complying; and noted the ability to introduce a specific variation to the Plan for the Mount Maunganui area when monitoring data became available if needed.

The issue of reverse sensitivity was raised as the s32 analysis had indicated that it was not effective to address this topic via the regulatory function of PC13 and that the Regional Policy Statement implementation plan was the appropriate process to address air quality reverse sensitivity concerns. Members requested that a report on Council's ability to manage this issue be provided by staff to a future Committee meeting.

### **Attendance**

Councillor Thurston left the meeting at 12.45pm.

### **Resolved**

**That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:**

- 1 Receives the report, Approval for notification of Proposed Plan Change 13 (Air Quality) to the Operative Bay of Plenty Regional Natural Resources Plan;**
- 2 Confirms it is satisfied that the requirements of the Resource Management Act 1991, relating to the preparation of Proposed Plan Change 13 to the Operative Bay of Plenty Regional Council Regional Natural Resources Plan, up to its public notification stage, have been met.**
- 3 Confirms it is satisfied that the requirements of Section 32 of the Resource Management Act 1991 have been met and adopts the Section 32 Report for Proposed Plan Change 13 to the Operative Bay of Plenty Regional Natural Resources Plan.**
- 4 Confirms the 'Consequential Amendments to the Operative Regional Natural Resources Plan' forms part of Proposed Plan Change 13 (Air Quality).**
- 5 Confirms for public notification the following documents to be incorporated by reference under Part 3 Schedule 1 Resource Management Act 1991 to Proposed Plan Change 13 subject to any changes resulting from the public notification:**
  - National Environmental Standards for Air Quality (2004)**
  - Ambient Air Quality Guidelines (2002).**
  - AS/NZS 4014.6:2007 Domestic solid fuel burning appliances - Test fuels - Wood pellets**
  - AS/NZS 4013:2014, Domestic solid fuel burning appliances – Method for determination of flue gas emission**
  - AS/NZS 4012:2014, Domestic solid fuel burning appliances – Method for determination of power output and efficiency.**
- 6 Approves Proposed Plan Change 13 (Air Quality) to the Operative Bay of Plenty Regional Natural Resources Plan for public notification to commence on 27 February 2018 pursuant to the requirements of Schedule One of the Resource Management Act 1991.**

- 7 Requests staff report back on amending Rule AQR9 to include “unless the fire is for recreational and cultural purposes only”;
- 8 Notes that the provisions of the Plan Change will have immediate legal effect upon notification.
- 9 Delegates to the General Manager, Strategy and Science the authority to approve any minor changes, including grammatical and formatting, to Proposed Plan Change 13 and the Section 32 Report prior to notification.
- 10 Notes that the period for submissions is to be extended to 30 working days.
- 11 Confirms that the decision has a low level of significance.

Thompson/Crosby  
CARRIED

## Order of Business

With the leave of the Committee, the Chair advised that the following items would be received next on the agenda:

- Agenda item 8.5, Tauranga City Council Environment Committee;
- Agenda item 8.6, Tauriko West Urban Development Update;
- Agenda item 8.7, Whakatāne Ki Mua MOU; and
- Agenda item 8.8, National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management – Implementation Progress Report for 2017.

### 7.4 Tauranga City Council Environment Committee

Members noted Council representation as a non-voting member of the Tauranga City Council Environment Committee and that Committee reports would be made available to councillors via Stellar library.

## Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Tauranga City Council Environment Committee;
- 2 Notes that Councillor Thompson is representing the Bay of Plenty Regional Council as a non-voting member on the Tauranga City Council Environment Committee;
- 3 Notes the forward schedule of topics to be presented to the Tauranga City Council Environment Committee.
- 4 Notes that relevant Bay of Plenty Regional Council Regional Direction and Delivery Committee papers will be provided to the Tauranga City Council Environment Committee.

Thompson/Love  
CARRIED

## 7.5 Tauriko West Urban Development Update

Natural Resources Policy Manager Stephen Lamb updated members on the draft Partnership Engagement Agreement: Te Kauae a Roopu, and the streamlined planning process for Proposed Change 4 to the Regional Policy Statement - Tauriko West Urban Limits.

Members expressed concern around the ability of the New Zealand Transport Authority to ensure adequate roading infrastructure was in place and to keep up with the rate of urban development.

### Resolved

**That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:**

- 1 **Receives the report, Tauriko West Urban Development Update.**

Thompson/Crosby  
CARRIED

## 7.6 Whakatane Ki Mua Memorandum of Understanding

Natural Resources Policy Manager Stephen Lamb summarised the contents of the Whakatāne Ki Mua Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and outlined the community –driven visioning process being facilitated by the Whakatāne District Council. Key partner organisations were being identified and asked to sign the MOU in support of the process.

Members queried whether signing the MOU created an expectation of commitment of resources or funding from Council; Mr Lamb clarified that any expectations would have to fit within current work programmes or come back to Council for approval. Members agreed to participate on the basis that signing the MOU was not seen as a commitment of resourcing or funding above what was within Council's existing work programme.

### Resolved

**That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:**

- 1 **Receives the report, Whakatane Ki Mua MOU;**
- 2 **Endorses the intention to sign the Memorandum of Understanding connecting Council to the Whakatane Ki Mua process.**

Marr/Bruning  
CARRIED

## 7.7 National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management - Implementation Progress Report for 2017

*Refer PowerPoint Obj ID: A2753056*

Water Policy Manager Namouta Poutasi and Water Programme Project Manager Toni Briggs reported on the extent to which Council's programme of staged implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014 (NPS-FM) had been implemented in 2017, and sought approval for an interim extension to the NPS-FM implementation timeframe.



Ms Poutasi explained to members that some areas of implementation had proven more complicated than initially anticipated, particularly the need to ensure accurate calibration of scenario modelling; and advised that a further analysis paper on the feasibility of a region-wide framework/plan change would be brought to Council in March.

## Resolved

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

- 1 Receives the report, National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM) - Implementation Progress Report for 2017.**
- 2 Approves the amended timeline contained in Figure 2 and the associated interim extension to the NPS-FM implementation timeline.**
- 3 Notes that Council's NPS-FM implementation progress in Figure 2 and Appendix 2 will be posted publicly on its website to meet the NPS-FM annual reporting requirements (Policy E1(e)).**
- 4 Notes that staff will continue to review the NPS-FM implementation timeline following potential Central Government direction and the analysis of whether a region-wide/framework plan change is needed. RDD direction will be sought on this matter at its meeting in March 2018. Staff will then seek RDD approval for the notification of a new time (if required) in August 2018 pursuant to Policy E1(c) and (f) of the NPS-FM.**

Thompson/Love  
CARRIED

## Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1.15pm and reconvened at 1.40pm.

### 7.8 **Update on progress to mitigate dust and other discharges to air from the Port of Tauranga and Mount Maunganui industrial area**

*Refer PowerPoint Obj ID: A2769917*

General Manager Regulatory Services Eddie Grogan, Regulatory Compliance Manager Alex Miller, Senior Regulatory Project Officer Reece Irving and Senior Regulatory Compliance Officer David Ede updated members on progress made in the Port of Tauranga and nearby industrial land to reduce dust emissions and contaminant discharge, and provided an overview of consent compliance on those sites. Mr Grogan advised that a proposal for additional air quality monitoring in the area had recently gone out for tender.

Members congratulated staff for the work done on this issue and for the close working relationship established with the Port, and suggested that this report be provided to Quayside Holdings Ltd for their information.

Mr Ede reported to members on the use of methyl bromide as a fumigant, explained the fumigation process for logs at the port and outlined the monitoring undertaken by Council staff. Mr Ede advised members of the key requirements of the current General Ltd resource consents to use and discharge methyl bromide, and outlined the conditions imposed to mitigate the risks created by that use, including the use of buffer zones, exposure limits, signage and recapture. Members noted that the consents

required Genera to implement full recapture of methyl bromide by April 2019, and also noted that dedicated fumigation zones at the Port were yet to be established.

Members discussed use of methyl bromide in other ports in New Zealand and overseas and possible alternatives, including debarking of logs, emphasised the importance of ensuring total recapture and highlighted the need for development of specific facilities for methyl bromide treatment and recapture.

## **Resolved**

**That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:**

- 1 Receives the report, Update on progress to mitigate dust and other discharges to air from the Port of Tauranga and Mount Maunganui industrial area;**

**Bruning/von Dadelszen  
CARRIED**

## **7.9 Regional Pest Management Plan: Strategic Direction**

*Refer PowerPoint Obj ID: A2748863*

Natural Resources Policy Manager Stephen Lamb, Biosecurity Team Leader Shane Grayling and Senior Planner Lisa Power sought approval for Council's strategic approach to pest management that will be reflected in the next Regional Pest Management Plan (RPMP). Mr Lamb explained the development and key features of the pest management strategic direction proposed and noted that, due to the regulatory tests now imposed, not all pests currently identified will be able to be included in the RPMP. A two category approach has been developed – those pests that meet the regulatory tests will be included in the RPMP (and funded); those pests that do not meet the regulatory tests will still be identified as part of the strategic direction but not included in the RPMP (not funded).

Mr Lamb explained the varying approaches and actions available to manage different pests, outlined the key changes for particular pests proposed in Council pest management service delivery, and noted that for some pest species management through an RPMP rule was not an appropriate method. Mr Lamb also noted Council's inability to control Crown agencies such as NZTA or the Department of Conservation by regulatory methods.

### **Attendance**

Councillor Cronin left the meeting at 2.20pm and returned at 2.30pm.

Members expressed concern that removing pests from the RPMP would be construed as giving up on that pest; staff clarified that these pests would still be included under Council's strategic approach but would not be subject to rules or formal management programmes but likely addressed by a site-led approach. Mr Lamb clarified that the full statutory process for the RPMP review would commence mid-2018.

## **Resolved**

**That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:**

- 1 Receives the report, *Regional Pest Management Plan: Strategic Direction*;**

- 2 Approves the Regional Pest Management: Strategic Direction, as provided in Table 1 of this Report, to be reflected in the next RPMP by:**
  - **Including Table 1 in the next RPMP and other Council biosecurity policy**
  - **Ensuring a site-led approach is an underpinning principle for determining Council's priority pest management effort**
  - **Furthering an agreed understanding with Crown Agencies as an alternative to good neighbour rules**
  - **Continuing joint pest management with other lead agencies.**
- 3 Notes the proposed programmes for high profile pests listed in section 4.1 acknowledging that Long Term Planning processes and decisions will determine final programmes in the next RPMP.**

Thompson/Nees  
CARRIED

### **Attendance**

Councillor von Dadelszen left the meeting at 2.45pm.

## **7.10 Rangitaiki and Kaituna-Pongakawa Waitahanui Water Management Areas (Plan Change 12) Update**

Water Policy Manager Namouta Poutasi, Water Policy Team Leader James Low and Science Manager Rob Donald updated members on progress with Plan Change 12 and sought and received direction from members regarding an upcoming Committee workshop on modelling outputs and implications. Members acknowledged that this was a challenging but critical topic.

### **Resolved**

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

- 1 Receives the report, Rangitaiki and Kaituna- Pongakawa Waitahanui Water Management Areas (Plan Change 12) Update ;**

Thompson/Nees  
CARRIED

## **7.11 Triennial Meeting Report on Climate Change**

Natural Resources Policy Manager Stephen Lamb updated members on a report written on climate change action planning for the Bay of Plenty Triennial meeting. Mr Lamb explained that the report stemmed from the Local Government Leaders' Declaration on Climate Change and aimed to facilitate region-wide discussion on collective action and the development of a regional approach and co-ordination of actions.

Members noted that a climate change report from the Ministry for the Environment was due to be released shortly which would provide an indication of central government thinking around the management of the effects of climate change. Members

acknowledged the difficulty and unaffordability of territorial local authorities acting on their own in this area.

## **Resolved**

**That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:**

- 1 Receives the report, Triennial Meeting Report on Climate Change;**
- 2 Notes the content and recommendations of the attached Triennial Meeting report – *Climate Change: Action Planning within the Bay of Plenty* (Appendix 1).**

**Thompson/Marr  
CARRIED**

### **7.12 Regional Policy Statement Implementation Strategy - Water Quantity Work Stream**

Statutory Policy Programme Leader Nassah Steed provided members with an overview on progress with implementation of the Regional Policy Statement Water Quantity policies and methods and achievement of the Objective 30.

Mr Steed assured members that, although issues with data availability had been encountered in the implementation of this workstream, good progress was being made. Members complemented Mr Steed on the quality of this agenda report.

## **Resolved**

**That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:**

- 1 Receives the report, Regional Policy Statement Implementation Strategy - Water Quantity Work Stream;**
- 2 Notes the Water Quantity provisions in the operative Regional Policy Statement are well on-track to be implemented prior to the review of the second generation Regional Policy Statement in 2024.**

**Thompson/Crosby  
CARRIED**

### **7.13 Western Bay of Plenty District Tsunami Inundation Mapping**

*Refer Video Obj ID: A2769922*

Natural Hazards Advisor Mark Ivamy updated members with the results of recently completed tsunami inundation mapping work completed for the Western Bay of Plenty District. This work included modelling the maximum credible event scenario for selected coastal areas, and this information would be used to inform risk assessment under the Regional Policy Statement and to update evacuation planning and maps.

## **Resolved**

**That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:**

- 1 Receives the report, Western Bay of Plenty District Tsunami Inundation Mapping;**

**Thompson/Clark  
CARRIED**

#### 7.14 **Freshwater Futures Update**

Water Policy Manager Namouta Poutasi updated members on key work undertaken by the Freshwater Futures Programme and advised members of progress with Proposed Plan Change 10 (PC10), Proposed Plan Change 9 (PC9) and Plan Change 12 (PC12).

Members noted the increase in the Ministry for the Environment swimmability rates for Bay of Plenty large lakes and rivers from 93% to 95.5%.

#### **Resolved**

**That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:**

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

**Thompson/Nees  
CARRIED**

#### 7.15 **2016/2017 Regulatory Compliance Report**

*Refer PowerPoint Obj ID: A2747724*

Regulatory Compliance Team Leader Chris Brewer provided members with an overview of the 2016/17 Regulatory Compliance Report. The report provided findings from compliance monitoring, complaints response, and enforcement activity undertaken from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, and discussed work undertaken by the Regulatory Compliance team to improve environmental management.

Mr Brewer noted that the key areas of compliance and enforcement activity were dairy effluent discharges, earthworks, agricultural and horticultural water take and use, and industrial discharges; and advised that there had been a substantial decrease in the amount of significant non-compliance between the 15/16 and 16/17 periods. Mr Brewer also noted that the 16/17 period had been a record year for number of complaints received, with an increase of 15% from the previous year. 60% of all complaints received related to air quality.

Members discussed the implications of increased urban development within the Tauranga area on compliance rates, and acknowledged the challenges faced by the compliance and enforcement team and their achievement of an 85% rate of customer satisfaction.

#### **Resolved**

**That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:**

- 1 Receives the report, 2016/2017 Regulatory Compliance Report.**

**Thompson/Nees  
CARRIED**

## Extension of Time

### Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:

- 1 Under Standing Order 4.2: Meeting Duration, resolves to continue the meeting over the time limit of six hours;

Thompson/Nees  
CARRIED

## 7.16 Operations and Monitoring News

Nil.

## 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
Public Excluded Regional Direction and Delivery Committee minutes – 26 October 2017	Please refer to the relevant clause in the meeting minutes.	That the public conduct of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.

Thompson/Crosby  
CARRIED

The meeting closed at 3.47 pm.