

# 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, 22 June 2017 commencing at 9.30 am.

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## Present:

**Chairman:** P Thompson

**Councillors:** J Cronin, T Marr, L Thurston, D Love, N Bruning, J Nees, Chairman D Leeder, S Crosby, K Winters, M McDonald

**In Attendance:** F McTavish (General Manager Strategy and Science), C Ingle (General Manager Integrated Catchments), E Grogan (General Manager Regulatory Services), C Lewis (Bay of Connections Portfolio Manager), G Kroon (Senior Policy Analyst Water Policy), C Koopu (Senior Advisor Treaty), G Corbett (Biosecurity Manager), H Singh (Marketing and Communications Advisor), J Low (Acting Water Policy Team Leader), J Stevenson (Bay of Plenty Regional Coordinator), K Parcell (Senior Policy Analyst Natural Resources), L Mason (Integrated Catchments Programme Manager), L Goldsmith (Rotorua Catchments Manager), L Power (Senior Planner Water Policy), N Poutasi (Water Policy Manager), N Zaman (Regulatory Compliance Manager), N Moore (Committee Advisor), P Buell (Bay of Plenty Harbourmaster/Manager), P de Monchy (Kaituna Catchments Manager), R Donald (Science Manager), S Omundsen (Tauranga Catchments Manager), S Dean (Environmental Scientist), S Lamb (Natural Resource Policy Manager)

Mr D Kneebone (Property Manager, Port of Tauranga), Ms K Ellis, Mr P Stanley (Ngāi Te Rangi)

**Apologies:** Councillors A von Dadelszen, W Clark, A Tahana

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## 1 Apologies

### Resolved

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

- 1 Accepts apologies from Councillors A von Dadelszen, W Clark and A Tahana.

Thompson/Thurston  
CARRIED

## 2 Tabled Item

1. CNI Iwi Land Management Ltd, Letter dated 21 June 2017.

## **Resolved**

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

- 1 Receives Tabled Document 1 – CNI Iwi Land Management Ltd, Letter dated 21 June 2017 advising that due to a tangi, they wish to postpone their presentation to the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee proposed for 22 June 2017.

Thompson/Marr  
CARRIED

## 3 **Public forum**

There were no items raised for public forum.

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

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## 5 **Regional Direction and Delivery Committee minutes - 18 May 2017**

### **Resolved**

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

- 1 Confirms the minutes of the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee meeting held on 18 May 2017.

Thompson/Marr  
CARRIED

## 6 **Public Excluded Regional Direction and Delivery Committee minutes - 18 May 2017**

### **Resolved**

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

- 1 Confirms the minutes of the Public Excluded Regional Direction and Delivery Committee meeting held on 18 May 2017.

Thompson/Marr  
CARRIED

## 7 **Central North Island Iwi Land Management Limited**

### **Resolved**

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

- 1 Withdraws from the agenda item 7.1 - Central North Island Iwi Land Management Ltd.**

**Thompson/Marr  
CARRIED**

## **8 Order of Business**

The Chairperson advised, with the leave of the Committee, that the items of business to be considered be changed to provide for the attendance of presenters and continuity with reporting matters.

## **9 Presentations**

### **9.1 Youth Jam Presentation**

*Refer Objective ID A2633897*

Bay of Plenty Regional Coordinator Ms Janie Stevenson provided a presentation on the Youth Jam, youth engagement forum with a focus on sustainability issues. The 2017 theme for 2017 was 'Stop the Spread' that considered the Regional Pest Management Plan and the importance of biosecurity in the region.

## **10 Reports**

### **10.1 Proposed Partnership Opportunity with Ngāi Te Rangi**

*Refer Objective ID A2633784*

General Manager Regulatory Services Mr Eddie Grogan outlined the proposed partnership opportunity that encompassed leasing the maritime vessel 'Taniwha' to Ngāi Te Rangi to support activities aligned with their Kaitiaki role.

Ms Kiamaia Ellis and Mr Paora Stanley from Ngāi Te Rangi provided a presentation on a variety of initiatives undertaken by the Iwi such as environmental-Mātauranga research, monitoring and education programmes (navigation and water safety). Confirmation was provided that the vessel's running costs would be met by the Iwi.

A formal lease agreement for a three year term was proposed. At the conclusion of the term, the vessel could either be returned to Council, or purchased by the Iwi.

Bay of Plenty Harbourmaster/Manager Mr Peter Buell provided an update on recent protest action on the harbour. No adverse effects on ship access or breaches of navigation bylaws resulted from the protest action.

Further opportunity may exist to develop a Memorandum of Understanding between Ngāi Te Rangi and Regional Council.

## **Resolved**

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

- 1 Receives and supports the report, Proposed Partnership Opportunity with Ngai Te Rangī.**

Thompson/Love  
CARRIED

## 10.2 **Findings and Recommendations of the 2016 Dust Audit: Port of Tauranga**

*Refer Objective ID A2634284*

The findings of independent dust audits undertaken in October 2016 at the Port of Tauranga were presented by General Manager Regulatory Services Mr Grogan, Regulatory Compliance Manager Mr Nick Zaman and supported by Senior Policy Analyst Natural Resources Policy Ms Karen Parcell and Senior Regulatory Project Officer Reece Irving.

The audits identified the main sources of fugitive dust emitted was due to a variety of operations undertaken at the port primarily associated with bulk cargo unloading, log handling, large open spaces and vehicle and equipment movements. A number of recommendations and actions were proposed for the port (and associated operators) to reduce dust emissions.

Mr Dan Kneebone, Property Manager Port of Tauranga was in attendance and confirmed that a high level of emphasis were placed on compliance with significant investment being made by the Port to reduce contaminant emissions to air as part of their ongoing capital improvements programme. Monitoring frameworks were being developed by Tonkin and Taylor Ltd and the methodology shared with territorial authorities.

Staff advised the importance of developing an air quality management framework to manage contaminants for the medium and long term to ensure that activities met both regional and national legislative requirements.

An update report was requested on human health issues due to concerns with the potential health effects on local residents from exposure to particulate matter. Staff advised no issues were detected through monitoring, following changes undertaken by Ballance to resolve issues relating to sulphur dioxide complaints. Staff would investigate and report further.

### **Resolved**

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

- 1 Receives the report, Findings and Recommendations of the 2016 Dust Audit: Port of Tauranga;**
- 2 Notes that staff will continue to work with the Port of Tauranga to achieve a reduction in emissions of contaminants to air which result from Port based activities.**
- 3 Notes that staff have requested a management plan with reduction/mitigation implementation timeframes from the Port.**
- 4 Notes that Council has approved new investment to increase monitoring – the Science team is currently in discussion with suppliers and intends to be**

operating an expanded network of air monitoring stations early in the 2017/18 financial year.

- 5 Requests that the relevant Ministers are advised of the importance of limiting air PM<sup>10</sup> and PM 2.5 emissions from shipping vessels to improve air quality in Tauranga;
- 6 Requests that regular updates are provided on progress made with the Port of Tauranga management plan and other actions being undertaken.

Thompson/Love  
CARRIED

## Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11.05 am and reconvened at 11.20 am.

## 11 Operating Environment

### 11.1 Impacts of Climate Change

*Refer Objective ID A2633897*

General Manager Regulatory Services Mr Grogan reported on the high groundwater table as a result of heavy rainfall events in the region. Associated adverse effects such as system failure were outlined. The Katikati Wastewater Treatment Plant system failed resulting in overflows. Very high lake levels were recorded for Lake Okāreka.

Staff advised that 'information' flyers could be developed for affected communities (such as the Okāreka community).

Mitigation of the adverse effects of climate change was highly topical particularly as pressure for significant capital investment to upgrade infrastructure increased.

Council workshops would be held on freshwater, resource consents and compliance during August 2017.

## Resolved

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

- 1 Receives the presentation, Impacts of Climate Change.

Thompson/Crosby  
CARRIED

## 12 Freshwater Futures Update

*Refer Objective ID zA183090*

General Manager Regulatory Services Mr Grogan, Water Policy Manager Ms Namouta Poutasi, Regulatory Compliance Manager Mr Zaman and Science Manager Mr Rob Donald gave an update on Freshwater Future activities within the region and nationally.

A workshop would be held on water, including the Havelock North Drinking Water Inquiry, regional water availability and water table levels.

Hydrological integrated catchment modelling had been undertaken as part of Plan Change 12. Science Manager Mr Donald advised that the modelling approach would assess hydrology in the catchment using a simplistic groundwater platform. This would enable an understanding of the effects of future changes that may impact on groundwater and surface water in the catchment. The modelling would provide a scientific methodology for any proposed rule changes.

Submissions on the Te Maru o Kaituna – River document close on 24 July 2017. Hearings were proposed for August-October 2017.

## **Resolved**

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

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

Thompson/Crosby  
CARRIED

## 13 **National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management - Implementation Timeline**

*Refer Objective ID A2635723*

Water Policy Manager Ms Poutasi outlined amendments to the timeline for implementing the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management Areas to progress implementation of Tauranga and Rotorua Lakes Water Management Areas and to investigate a Region-wide Water Quality Plan Change.

## **Resolved**

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

- 1 **Receives the report, NPS Freshwater Management - Implementation Timeline;**
- 2 **Approves the start of the Tauranga and Rotorua Water Management Areas and notes that the processes will start with information collection and key stakeholder discussions; and**
- 3 **Approves the investigation into a Region-wide Water Quality plan change to be reported to the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee in February 2018.**

Thompson/Bruning  
CARRIED

## 14 **Region-wide Water Quantity - Proposed Plan Change 9 Hearing Panel**

Water Policy Manager Ms Poutasi, Water Policy Team Leader Mr James Low and Senior Policy Analyst Ms Glenys Kroon reported on the Region-wide Water Quantity proposed Plan Change 9 Hearing.

The composition and attributes for hearing panel members were discussed. An understanding of Tikanga Māori and the perspectives of local iwi or hapū were acknowledged. Interest was received from Councillors Nees, Thompson, von Dadelszen and Tahana, all of whom were confirmed as being accredited hearing commissioners, and Councillors Nees and von Dadelszen confirmed as holding chair certification.

Staff advised that there were no potential conflicts of interest arising for elected member appointments as they were “acting in the public interest”.

### **Resolved**

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

- 1 Receives the report, Region-wide Water Quantity - Proposed Plan Change 9 Hearing Panel;**
- 2 Establishes a Hearing Committee under section 34 of the Resource Management Act 1991 and delegates authority to it to hold and conduct the hearings process (including any interlocutory matters, consideration of written submissions and hearing of oral submissions) on Region-wide Water Quantity Proposed Plan Change 9 to the Regional Water and Land Plan;**
- 3 Delegates authority to the Hearing Committee to provide a written report and recommendations on those submissions back to the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee;**
- 4 Appoints independent commissioners Andrew Fenemor, Antoine Coffin and Councillors Nees, Thompson and Tahana to the Hearing Committee for Region-wide Water Quantity Proposed Plan Change 9 to the Regional Water and Land Plan;**
- 5 Delegates to the Chair of the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee authority to appoint a replacement member should a panel member be unavailable or conflicted; and**
- 6 Confirms the decision has a low level of significance.**

Thurston/Crosby  
CARRIED

## 15 **Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Programme - Annual Work Programme 2017-2018**

Rotorua Catchments Manager Ms Linda Goldsmith presented the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes annual work programme 2017/18 for endorsement. The programme would also be presented to the Rotorua Te Arawa Strategy Group and once approved it would be submitted to the Minister for the Environment as required by the Deed of Funding Agreement.

Key deliverables were noted. Members acknowledged that the Rotoma-Rotoiti Wastewater Treatment Plant and Land Disposal System incorporated Mātauranga Māori concepts within the design. Members requested an update presentation.

## **Resolved**

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

- 1 Receives the report, Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Programme - Annual Work Programme 2017-2018;**
- 2 Endorses the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Programme – Annual Work Programme 2017-2018;**
- 3 Confirms that the decision has a low level of significance.**

**Thompson/Winters  
CARRIED**

## **16 The next Regional Pest Management Plan**

*Refer Objective ID A2634802*

Natural Resource Policy Manager Mr Stephen Lamb, Senior Planner Ms Lisa Power and Biosecurity Manager Mr Greg Corbett reported on the first phase of public consultation on the next Regional Pest Management Plan. Public feedback would inform the development of the Plan.

An outline of the policy development process was provided. It was unknown if the final target date would be achievable, noting that the current Plan expired on 30 September 2017. Members supported an extension to timeframes to further develop and workshop the Plan, and to obtain legal advice.

An update on myrtle rust was provided. There were 57 confirmed sties in New Zealand with seven located in Te Puke. Staff were monitoring the situation.

## **Resolved**

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

- 1 Receives the report, The next Regional Pest Management Plan;**
- 2 Notes that consultation on the Regional Pest Management Plan: Discussion Document has closed and feedback received is being used to inform development of the next RPMP;**
- 3 Approves the recommended option of developing a RPMP focussed on core provisions (strategic direction and species-led rules) noting that staff:**



- a. **Request an extension to the 30 September 2017 timeframe to further develop and workshop the Regional Pest Management Plan; and**
  - b. **Obtain legal advice if required;**
- 4 **Notes that staff will continue to work with other pest agencies to better understand how site-led, good neighbour and pathway management rules could be implemented in our region.**

Thompson/Nees  
CARRIED

## 17 **Updated Integrated Catchments Biodiversity Grants Policy**

*Refer Objective ID A2635726*

General Manager Integrated Catchments Mr Chris Ingle, Kaituna Catchments Manager Mr Pim de Monchy and Environmental Scientist Ms Shay Dean advised on the updated Integrated Catchments Biodiversity Grants Policy. Shared priority sites for the Regional Council and Department of Conservation highlighted high value ecological sites from 2012, were revised in 2017 to provide improved coverage of the full range of ecosystem types. The Eastern catchments contained the largest area of new shared priority sites followed by Rangitaiki and Tauranga Harbour.

Periodic reviews of biodiversity management activities for catchments were supported to enable members to determine the effectiveness of biodiversity investment at a regional level.

### **Resolved**

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

- 1 **Receives the report Updated Integrated Catchments Biodiversity Grants Policy;**
- 2 **Approves the updated Biodiversity Grants Policy subject to review of the implementation;**
- 3 **Report back to Regional Direction and Delivery Committee in six months;**
- 4 **Approves adoption of a new set of priority sites to direct efforts under the updated Biodiversity Grants Policy.**

Thompson/Nees  
CARRIED

## 18 **Bay of Connections and Regional Growth Study update**

*Refer Objective ID A2637158*

Bay of Connections Portfolio Manager Cheryl Lewis provided an update on the Bay of Connections and Regional Growth Study (biosecurity).

**Resolved**

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

- 1 Receives the report, Bay of Connections and Regional Growth Study update.

Thompson/Leeder  
CARRIED

19 **Regional Direction and Delivery Work Programme 2017  
- June**

**Resolved**

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

- 1 Receives the report, Regional Direction and Delivery Work Programme 2017 – June 2017.

Thompson/Nees  
CARRIED

**The meeting closed at 1.40 pm.**