

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, 18 September 2018 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman: P Thompson

Deputy Chairman: A von Dadelszen

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

In Attendance: BOPRC: N Poutasi (General Manager, Strategy & Science), C Ingle (General Manager, Integrated Catchments), S Omundsen (General Manager, Regulatory Services), E Grogan (Principal Regulatory Advisor), D Phizacklea (Regional Integrated Planning Manager), S Lamb (Natural Resources Policy Manager), R Fraser (Consents Manager), A Miller (Compliance Manager – Primary Industry & Enforcement), G Corbett (Biosecurity Manager), J Low (Water Policy Team Leader), H Dean (Team Leader, Tauranga Catchments), R Burton (Freshwater Team Leader), S Grayling (Biosecurity Team Leader), H Dean (Team Leader, Tauranga Catchments), G Kroon (Senior Policy Analyst, Water Policy), S Pickles (Regulatory Compliance Specialist), J Durham (Committee Advisor)

External: A Coffin (Chair, Plan Change 9 Hearing Panel), G Marshall (Co-Chair, Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital Initiative), C Bidois (Co-Chair, Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital Initiative)

Apologies: M McDonald (leave of absence), A Tahana

1 Apologies

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:

- 1 Accepts the apologies from Crs McDonald and Tahana tendered at the meeting.

Thompson/Thurston
CARRIED

2 Public Forum

Nil.

3 **Acceptance of Late Items**

Nil.

4 **General Business**

Councillors requested the following matters be considered under General Business:

- Update on freshwater management in iwi forums; and
- Outcomes from recent Rangitāiki River Forum meeting.

5 **Confidential Business to be transferred into the Open**

Nil.

6 **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

Cr Thompson and Cr Nees declared an interest in Agenda Item 10.1, Region-wide Water Quantity Proposed Plan Change 9 Hearing Panel Recommendations.

7 **Previous Minutes**

7.1 **Regional Direction and Delivery Committee Minutes - 9 August 2018**

Resolved

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

- 1 Confirms the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee Minutes - 9 August 2018 as a true and correct record.

Cronin/Thurston
CARRIED

8 **Subcommittee Minutes**

8.1 **Regional Coastal Environment Plan Appeals Subcommittee Minutes - 2 May 2018**

Resolved

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

- 1 Receives the Regional Coastal Environment Plan Appeals Subcommittee Minutes - 2 May 2018.

Thompson/Nees
CARRIED

8.2 Regional Coastal Environment Plan Appeals Subcommittee Minutes - 6 June 2018

Resolved

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

- 1 Receives the Regional Coastal Environment Plan Appeals Subcommittee Minutes - 6 June 2018.

Thompson/Nees
CARRIED

8.3 Regional Coastal Environment Plan Appeals Subcommittee Minutes - 31 August 2018

Resolved

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

- 1 Receives the Regional Coastal Environment Plan Appeals Subcommittee Minutes - 31 August 2018.

Thompson/Nees
CARRIED

9 Operating Environment

9.1 Presentation: Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital Initiative

Refer Objective ID A2968197 for PowerPoint presentation.

Graeme Marshall (Co-Chair, Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital Initiative) and Carlton Bidois (Co-Chair, Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital Initiative) outlined the background and focus of the Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital Initiative.

Key points included:

- The Initiative was looking to increase public awareness of the importance of biosecurity and its connection with conservation.
- A new campaign would be released in September aiming to bring an emotional connection to biosecurity.
- Tangata whenua were involved in the Initiative, kauri dieback was a particular biodiversity threat that could have massive cultural implications.
- The Initiative sought to build relationships with as many stakeholders as possible in order to build a coalition to increase effectiveness and awareness.
- The Initiative was speaking to organisations involved in importing goods and putting contracts in place that would ensure ships were clean of contaminants when entering New Zealand.

Resolved

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

- 1 Receives the presentation, Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital Initiative.

Thompson/von Dadelszen
CARRIED

10 Chair's Announcement

The Chair requested a presentation in the Operating Environment on the 7 September 2018 LGNZ Climate Change Symposium.

11 Operating Environment Continued

11.1 LGNZ Climate Change Symposium – 7 September 2018

Refer Objective ID A2967970 for PowerPoint presentation.

Mark Ivamy (Natural Hazard Advisor) outlined key points from the recent LGNZ Climate Change Symposium, these included:

- A focus on adaptation and mitigation. LGNZ was advocating two key items; Climate Change Adaptation Fund and Local Government Risk Agency. No timeline was given on the initiatives.
- Christchurch City Council sold their fleet of cars and joined a community initiative to share the use of 100 electric vehicles with other local organisations and the community.
- Key takeaways from the symposium included collaboration and engagement going forward.

Staff follow up:

- An update on Climate Change to be provided at the next Regional Direction & Delivery Committee (RDD) meeting, with particular focus on Council's work and targets (linked in with Public Transport targets, other Territorial Local Authorities' (TLA) targets, and strategies in place).

Resolved

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

- 1 Receives the presentation, LGNZ Climate Change Symposium – 7 September 2018.

Thompson/Crosby
CARRIED

12 Reports

12.1 Region-wide Water Quantity Proposed Plan Change 9 Hearing Panel Recommendations

Refer Objective ID A2967772 for PowerPoint presentation.

Given their declared interests, Cr Thompson and Cr Nees abstained from discussion and voting on the Item.

10.10am – Cr Thompson **vacated** the Chair and Cr von Dadelszen **assumed** the Chair.

Antoine Coffin (Chair, Plan Change 9 Hearing Panel), David Phizacklea (Regional Integrated Planning Manager), James Low (Water Policy Team Leader), Glenys Kroon (Senior Policy Analyst, Water Policy), and Steve Pickles (Regulatory Compliance Specialist) presented the process and background to Plan Change 9.

Key points included:

- Comprehensive community engagement and pre-hearing meetings occurred as part of the process.
- The Panel noted that interim limits would likely be in place for a prolonged period of time while the WMA processes occurred.
- Existing unauthorised dairy takes retained a controlled activity status with 12 months for users to apply for consent.
- A generally decline policy would apply where a catchment was over-allocated.
- Existing municipal supplies would be granted a renewed consent for the same volume of water to allow for infrastructure investment. However, new or changed municipal takes would not necessarily be approved.
- Permitted activity users would need to register with Council.
- Metering requirements would increase (measured daily, submitted monthly) for dairy shed wash down and cooling.
- Groundwater limits would decrease.
- Implementation of Plan Change 9 would be a large body of work involving teams across Council. Staff would ensure tools were available to make the process easier.
- Consents were being reviewed for efficient use and altered according to actual need when they were renewed.
- The additional staff required to operationalise Plan Change 9 were budgeted for in the LTP.

Key Points – Members

- Staff and the hearing panel were congratulated on their effort on Plan Change 9.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:

- 1 Receives the report Region-wide Water Quantity Proposed Plan Change 9 Hearing Panel Recommendations.**
- 2 Receives the report and recommendations of the Independent Hearing Panel on Proposed Plan Change 9 (Region-wide Water Quantity) to the Bay of Plenty Regional Natural Resources Plan as set out in the document “Report**

and Recommendations of the Hearing Commissioners”, attached as a supporting document to the agenda.

- 3 Adopts the recommendations of the Independent Hearing Panel on Proposed Plan Change 9 (Region-wide Water Quantity) to the Bay of Plenty Regional Natural Resources Plan as set out in the document “Report and Recommendations of the Hearing Commissioners” and the “Region-wide Water Quantity – Proposed Plan Change 9 to the Bay of Plenty Regional Natural Resources Plan”, attached as supporting documents to the agenda, as Council’s decisions on submissions on Proposed Plan Change 9 Region-wide Water Quantity under clause 10(1) of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991.
- 4 Approves public notification of its decisions on submissions on Proposed Plan Change 9 to the Bay of Plenty Regional Natural Resources Plan in accordance with clauses 10 and 11 of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991.
- 5 Receives, adopts and records that it has had particular regard to the report entitled “Further evaluation report for Bay of Plenty Regional Council Proposed Plan Change 9 (Region-wide Water Quantity)” under s32AA of the Resource Management Act 1991 as part of the Council’s decisions on submissions on Proposed Change 9 to the Bay of Plenty Regional Natural Resources Plan.
- 6 Notes that on and from the date the decisions are publicly notified, the Bay of Plenty Regional Natural Resources Plan is amended in accordance with the decisions.
- 7 Acknowledges the hard work of staff and colleagues involved in Proposed Plan Change 9.

Thurston/Cronin
CARRIED

10.49am – Cr von Dadelszen vacated the Chair and Cr Thompson resumed the Chair.

12.2 Confirmation of Direction from August 2018 Freshwater Workshop

Staff follow-up:

- Investigate the extension of invitations to elected members of other TLAs to attend Community Group meetings.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Confirmation of Direction from August 2018 Freshwater Workshop.
- 2 Approves presenting and discussing the freshwater catchment modelling results for the Kaituna-Pongakawa-Waitahanui and Rangitaiki Water Management Areas with community groups, iwi and hapu, industry organisations, and other key stakeholders.

- 3 Notes the freshwater catchment modelling results will be presented at an appropriate level for those audiences.**

**Crosby/Leeder
CARRIED**

10.49am – the meeting **adjourned**.

11.10am – the meeting **reconvened**.

12.3 Comprehensive Stormwater Management in the Bay of Plenty

Sarah Omundsen (General Manager, Regulatory Services), Eddie Grogan (Principal Regulatory Advisor), Reuben Fraser (Consents Manager), and Alex Miller (Compliance Manager, Primary Industry & Enforcement) outlined the legislative framework, delays and complexities of the issues surrounding comprehensive stormwater consents in the Bay of Plenty.

Key points included:

- Staff sought agreement to notify comprehensive stormwater consents where TLAs were not meeting timeframes.

11.15am Chairman Leeder and Cr Love **joined** the meeting.

- The Three Waters Review would impact matters going forward.

11.20am – Cr Cronin **joined** the meeting.

- Staff confirmed the catchment modelling TLAs had available was sufficient to progress consents.
- Councillors supported a firm but fair approach, noting issues had dragged on too long and needed progressing.
- The Port of Tauranga stormwater consent had been limited notified and was in the statutory process, with clear timeframes.

Staff follow up:

- Consider the history of a consent leading up to the delay, before notifying.
- Provide details to Councillors of dates when extensions were sought and action since then.
- Keep Councillors updated with progress.
- Communication with TLAs to occur at all levels throughout the organisation; between staff, leadership, and Chief Executives, before notification in order to ensure the importance and prioritisation of the process is thoroughly understood.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Comprehensive Stormwater Management in the Bay of Plenty.**
- 2 Notes that staff will be providing Territorial Local Authorities with specific timeframes for completing their applications.**

- 3 Agrees that, where timeframes are not met, Regional Council will notify the applications and proceed through the statutory process.**

Von Dadelszen/Bruning
CARRIED

12.4 Integrated Catchment Management Update

Chris Ingle (General Manager, Integrated Catchments) responded to questions in relation to the Integrated Catchment Management Update.

Key points included:

- In response to concerns over properties downstream from the Kaituna wetlands, Councillors were advised the LTP budget had not included funds to acquire properties at risk to climate change.
- Councillors commended staff on the thorough report.

Staff follow up:

- Staff to pursue the Billion Dollar Tree Fund and its potential for offsetting regional emissions.
- Staff to undertake communication and engagement with Lake Rotoiti users regarding the purpose of the catfish monitoring buoys.
- A draft fact sheet of what can and cannot be done in response to a flood to be placed on the Council website.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Integrated Catchment Management Update.**
- 2 Requests staff to pursue the Billion Dollar Tree Fund with urgency.**

Nees/Thompson
CARRIED

12.5 Freshwater Futures

David Phizacklea (Regional Integrated Planning Manager) and Rebecca Burton (Freshwater Team Leader) provided context to the identified Catchments at Risk (CAR) in the Bay of Plenty.

Key points included:

- The CAR were identified based on the Ministry for the Environment (MFE) criteria.
- MFE's criteria was broad and did not define the size of the catchments to be included. Queries were raised why Waihi Beach, Tauranga Harbour and Ōhiwa Harbour were not included. Staff noted that while harbours weren't defined as freshwater bodies, Council's response had included a request to discuss identified CAR further.
- MFE would clarify the definition of rivers and streams.
- Workshops would follow with a core group of Central Government stakeholders and several Council representatives. Council nominated Rebecca Burton to be on this group. Workshops would involve the identification of CAR to prioritise

the national list, discuss how to address the identified high risk catchments, and examine potential additional funding.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Freshwater Futures.

Thompson/Crosby
CARRIED

12.6 Tauranga Moana Programme: 2017/18 Annual Report and 2018/19 Annual Work Plan

Chris Ingle (General Manager, Integrated Catchments) and Hamish Dean (Team Leader, Tauranga Catchments) answered Councillors' questions on the item.

Key points included:

- The TLA Freshwater Collaboration Group had restarted the wastewater overflows working group to provide a tailored response to issues.
- Oversight of the \$5.8m Tauranga Harbour expenditure was the responsibility of RDD.
- Concern was raised over the need to manage gorse across the Bay of Plenty.

Staff follow up:

- Include data on the number of wastewater overflows into Tauranga Harbour in future reports.
- Investigate what initiatives were underway targeting litter in the Bay of Plenty.
- Investigate installation of a mechanism to catch litter at stormwater outlets.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Tauranga Moana Programme: 2017/18 Annual Report and 2018/19 Annual Work Plan.

Thompson/von Dadelszen
CARRIED

12.7 2017/2018 Annual Report and 2018/2019 Operational Plan for the Regional Pest Management Plan

Chris Ingle (General Manager, Integrated Catchments), Greg Corbett (Biosecurity Manager), and Shane Grayling (Biosecurity Team Leader) summarised the annual report and gave a brief overview of the operational plan.

Key points included:

- It was a statutory requirement under the Biosecurity Act 1993 to report on the annual report and operational plan.
- Given the budget increase in the LTP, the operational plan had changed accordingly.

Staff follow up:

- An integrated overview of action underway against predators such as; possums, rats, and stoats, as well as pests set out in the Regional Pest Management Plan.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:

- 1 Receives the 2017/2018 Annual Report and the 2018/2019 Operational Plan for the Regional Pest Management Plan.**
- 2 Notes that staff have reviewed the Regional Pest Management Plan Operational Plan to take into account the new Long Term Plan.**

**Thurston/Clark
CARRIED**

12.8 District Consent Applications Annual Report 2017/18

David Phizacklea (Regional Integrated Planning Manager) confirmed different TLAs had specific criteria for consents Council would like to review for comment, and commended Pam Crabbe's work on the report.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, District Consent Applications Annual Report 2017/18.**

**Thompson/Thurston
CARRIED**

13 Consideration of General Business**1 Update on freshwater management in iwi forums**

Chairman Leeder provided an update on the work iwi forums were undertaking on freshwater management following meetings he had attended. Te Arawa wanted to continue working with Council and develop a relationship protocol addressing matters such as; funding, capacity for response, and partnering on work programmes.

2 Outcomes from recent Rangitāiki River Forum meeting.

Cr Winters outlined discussions at a recent Rangitāiki River Forum (RRF) meeting.

Key points included:

- Questions had been posed by the Chair, Maramena Vercoe, to RRF Members for consideration regarding next steps for RRF and roles and responsibilities given Regional Policy Statement Change 4 was in place.
- Concern was raised over fish passage at the Trustpower Matahina dam and Aniwhenua dam.
- Significant concern was raised over Southern Generation's lack of communication or action on sediment and gravel build up at the Kopuriki Bridge causing farms to flood.

- Suggested the Chairman or CE meet with Southern Generation to discuss the issue.

Staff follow up:

- Staff to circulate the RRF Chair's questions to Councillors prior to the next RDD meeting, and a report be brought back for discussion and consideration.
- Report on a potential way forward with Kopuriki Bridge flooding to be provided to the next meeting.

14 Public Excluded Section

Resolved

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	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
12.1 Public Excluded Regional Direction and Delivery Committee Minutes - 9 August 2018	Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a)	Please refer to the relevant clause in the open meeting minutes.
13.1 Public Excluded Regional Coastal Environment Plan Appeals Subcommittee Minutes - 2 May 2018	Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a)	Please refer to the relevant clause in the open meeting minutes.
13.2 Public Excluded Regional Coastal Environment Plan Appeals Subcommittee Minutes - 6 June 2018	Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a)	Please refer to the relevant clause in the open meeting minutes.
13.3 Public Excluded Regional Coastal Environment Plan Appeals Subcommittee Minutes - 31 August 2018	Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a)	Please refer to the relevant clause in the open meeting minutes.

Thompson/Thurston
CARRIED

The meeting closed at 1pm

CONFIRMED:

Chairperson