

# 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, 30 October 2018 commencing at 9.33 a.m.

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## Present:

**Chairman:** P Thompson

**Deputy Chairman:** A von Dadelszen

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

**In Attendance:** N Poutasi (General Manager, Strategy & Science); C Ingle (General Manager, Integrated Catchments); S Omundsen (General Manager, Regulatory Services); R Donald (Science Manager); R Fraser (Consents Manager); D Phizacklea (Regional Integrated Planning Manager); S Lamb (Natural Resources Policy Manager); G Corbett (Biosecurity Manager); P de Monchy (Kaituna Catchments Manager); D Smith (Consents Team Leader); R Burton (Freshwater Team Leader); J Low (Water Policy Team Leader); P Doorman (Programme Leader, Geothermal); N Steed (Programme Leader, Statutory Policy); M Akurangi (Senior Planner); H Fraser (Programme Coordinator, Integrated Catchments); L Baty (Planning Coordinator); J Durham (Committee Advisor)

External: J Moir and G Cook (Carbon Reduction Group)

**Apologies:** J Cronin (Leave of Absence), T Marr, and A Tahana for absence  
Chairman D Leeder, S Crosby and M McDonald for lateness

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## 1 Apologies

### Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:

- 1 Accepts the apologies of; Chairman Leeder, Cr Crosby and Cr McDonald for lateness, and Cr Cronin, Cr Marr and Cr Tahana for absence tendered at the meeting.

Thompson/Thurston  
CARRIED

## 2 Public Forum

### 2.1 Joy Moir and Gillian Cook, Carbon Reduction Group

9.34am - Cr Crosby joined the meeting.

Ms Moir and Ms Cook outlined the background, objectives, and activities of the Tauranga Carbon Reduction Group and its efforts to reduce carbon emissions and climate change within the Bay of Plenty.

Key points included:

- Requested consideration be given to the establishment of mitigation targets to reduce emissions within the region.
- Suggested public engagement include more extensive community involvement and education to ensure the community was on board to reduce emissions and counteract climate change, and that Council collaborate with businesses and organisations throughout the region.
- Southland Regional Council set a goal to become a carbon neutral region and Central Government had provided \$190,000 in support.
- Support for community lead climate change initiatives.
- In response to a question raised, it was suggested the message to the public reiterate the collective impact of each person and the combined efforts of each small country making positive changes.

## 3 Acceptance of Late Items

Nil.

## 4 General Business

**Resolved**

**That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee discuss the following Items under General Business:**

- 1 Proposed Special Housing Areas.

Thompson/Nees  
CARRIED

## 5 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Nil.

## 6 Previous Minutes

### 6.1 Regional Direction and Delivery Committee Minutes - 18 September 2018

#### Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:

- 1 Confirms the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee Minutes - 18 September 2018 as a true and correct record.

Von Dadelszen/Thurston  
CARRIED

### 6.2 Public Excluded Regional Direction and Delivery Committee Minutes - 18 September 2018

#### Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:

- 1 Confirms the Public Excluded Regional Direction and Delivery Committee Minutes - 18 September 2018 as a true and correct record.

Thompson/Love  
CARRIED

## 7 Operating Environment

### 7.1 New Zealand Resource Management Conference

9.52am – Cr McDonald joined the meeting.

Chris Ingle (General Manager, Integrated Catchments) provided highlights of the recent New Zealand Association of Resource Management Conference, "Getting it Done; Catchments, Partnerships and Implementation", which received positive feedback on the presentations, workshops and fieldtrips provided.

### 7.2 Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital Launch and Symposium

*Refer Objective ID A3027854 for PowerPoint presentation.*

Greg Corbett (Biosecurity Manager) summarised the successful Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital Launch and Symposium. It was well received, supported and had provided an opportunity to hear iwi perspectives and values.

#### Staff follow up:

- Provide a report on Myrtle Rust to the next meeting.
- Consider a similarly formatted event focussed on climate change.

## 8 Reports

### 8.1 Making the Proposed Regional Coastal Environment Plan Operative

*Refer Objective ID A3028291 for PowerPoint presentation.*

David Phizacklea (Regional Integrated Planning Manager) and Michal Akurangi (Senior Planner) outlined the next steps and potential enforcement requirements to make the Regional Coastal Environment Plan (RCEP) operative (less the parts under appeal).

Key points included:

- The RCEP would go to the Minister of Conservation for consideration and then be made operative within four to six months.
- Acknowledged the efforts of staff, Commissioners and Councillors to get the RCEP to the implementation stage.

Staff follow up:

- Share this achievement more widely through a media/communications plan.

### Resolved

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

- 1 Receives the report, Making the Proposed Regional Coastal Environment Plan Operative.**
- 2 Adopts the Proposed Bay of Plenty Regional Coastal Environment Plan for reference to the Minister of Conservation for approval.**
- 3 Delegates to the Chief Executive the authority when approval has been given by the Minister of Conservation to set the date to make the Bay of Plenty Regional Coastal Environment Plan operative.**
- 4 Acknowledges the significant contribution of staff, Commissioners, and Subcommittee Members in making the Plan Operative.**

**Thompson/Nees  
CARRIED**

### 8.2 Bounties for Wallaby Control

*Refer Objective ID zA233872 for PowerPoint presentation.*

Greg Corbett (Biosecurity Manager) gave a history of wallabies in the region and work undertaken to prevent spread.

Key points included:

- Based on the current rate of spread it was forecasted over the next 50 years, wallabies would spread across a third of New Zealand and cost \$84m.
- Staff proposed a three stage approach; detect and control wallaby disbursement, prevent further dispersal through a buffer zone around a

containment area, and suppressing the core population. The approach was forecasted to cost \$21.3m over 10 years.

- There was a potential funding overlap with Predator Free 2050.

Staff follow up:

- Identify sites where suppression would be most effective.
- Rather than bounties, staff to investigate regulated approach to contract hunting in specific areas on a trial basis.

## **Resolved**

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

- 1 Receives the report, Bounties for Wallaby Control.**
- 2 Requests that a further report be referred to RDD on the approach to wallaby management including a regulated approach to contract hunting in specific areas with a view to achieving sustained control.**
- 3 Endorses Council partnering with communities planning 'pest hunt' fund-raising events to raise awareness of the wallaby problem.**

Clark/Thurston  
CARRIED

**11am - the meeting adjourned.**

**11.15am - the meeting reconvened.**

### **8.3 Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) to the Regional Policy Statement Project Timing and Steps**

Nassah Steed (Programme Leader, Statutory Policy) advised Plan Change 5 would align with the Regional Natural Resource Plan Change, in order to comply with the Tapuika Claims Settlement Act 2014. The effect of changes to National Planning Standards and the Resource Management Act 1991 would likely remain unknown until April 2019.

Staff follow up:

- Provide a summary of RPS changes, plan changes and the way forward to the next meeting.

## **Resolved**

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

- 1 Receives the report, Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) to the Regional Policy Statement Project Timing and Steps.**
- 2 Approves the general timeframes and process for developing Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) to the Regional Policy Statement up to the point of public notification for submissions, set out in section 5 of this report.**

- 3 Notes the Draft Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) policy framework will be reported to the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee for consideration prior to commencing external stakeholder consultation.
- 4 Notes the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority will be closely consulted and their support sought at key project stages.

Nees/Leeder  
CARRIED

## 8.4 Freshwater Futures Update

*Refer Objective ID zA233883 for PowerPoint presentation.*

## 9 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	Grounds under Section 48(1) LGOIMA 1987 for passing this resolution
8.4 Freshwater Futures Update – Verbal Update on Lake Rotorua Nutrient Management Plan Change 10	Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a)	To maintain legal professional privilege

Thurston/von Dadelszen  
CARRIED

## 9.1 Freshwater Futures Update Continued

David Phizacklea (Regional Integrated Planning Manager), Rob Donald (Science Manager), Rebecca Morton (Freshwater Team Leader), and James Low (Water Policy Team Leader) outlined freshwater workstreams underway including; implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, plan changes, identification of at-risk catchments, Land Air Water Aotearoa (LAWA) data and tools, and monitoring.

### Staff follow up:

- Session with Councillors to be arranged to demonstrate the LAWA site.
- Provide an update on the Three Waters Review developments to the next meeting.
- A paper on the Regional Growth Study Opportunities and Barriers be presented to the Committee in December.

## Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Freshwater Futures Update.

Thompson/Nees  
CARRIED

## 9.2 Government Blueprint - Essential Freshwater

*Refer Objective ID zA233883 for PowerPoint presentation.*

David Phizacklea (Regional Integrated Planning Manager) and Rebecca Burton (Freshwater Team Leader) discussed Central Government's progress on freshwater and the potential impact on Council. Councillors noted the potential implication of changes as a result of Essential Freshwater and requested Annual Plan funds be considered for implementation.

## Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Government Blueprint - Essential Freshwater.

Thompson/Love  
CARRIED

12.17pm - Cr Crosby left the meeting.

## 9.3 Update on Work under the Geothermal Programme

*Refer Objective ID zA233883 for PowerPoint presentation.*

12.20pm – Cr Thompson vacated the Chair and left the room and Cr von Dadelszen assumed the Chair

Stephen Lamb (Natural Resources Policy Manager) and Penny Doorman (Programme Leader, Geothermal) summarised work and engagement underway in Rotorua, Tauranga, and Kawerau in relation to the geothermal programme.

12.27pm –Cr Thompson entered the room and resumed the Chair

Key points included:

- Data availability varied between areas.
- Engagement with Maori in Rotorua had brought challenges but resulted in building trust and a better management plan.
- Concern was raised regarding differences in modelling between geothermal activities and freshwater activities.

Staff follow up:

- Provide a report on the differences in modelling to a future Committee meeting.

**Resolved**

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Update on Work under the Geothermal Programme;

Thompson/von Dadelszen  
CARRIED

9.4 **Regional Policy Statement Implementation Strategy - Geothermal Resources Workstream**

Nassah Steed (Programme Leader, Statutory Policy) and Michal Akurangi (Senior Planner) outlined the implementation strategy for the Geothermal Resources Workstream.

**Resolved**

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Regional Policy Statement Implementation Strategy - Geothermal Resources Workstream.

Thompson/Bruning  
CARRIED

9.5 **Integrated Catchment Management Update**

*Refer Objective ID A3028748 for Video presentation.*

Chris Ingle (General Manager, Integrated Catchments), Sarah Omundsen (General Manager, Regulatory Services), and Pim de Monchy (Kaituna Catchments Manager) provided a detailed overview of integrated catchment workstreams, including the Kaituna diversion project.

12.50pm - Cr Crosby joined the meeting.

**Resolved**

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Integrated Catchment Management Update.

Thompson/von Dadelszen  
CARRIED

9.6 **Consents Update 1 July – 8 October 2018**

Sarah Omundsen (General Manager, Regulatory Services), Reuben Fraser (Consents Manager), and Dan Smith (Consents Team Leader) answered questions in relation to the consents backlog and work underway.

Key points included:

- The majority of the backlog was caused by applicants not providing further details to progress their applications, causing them to be placed on hold until it



was provided. Applicants were being contacted and asked if they wanted to proceed with their applications, most had not.

- Where consents were delayed due to awaiting cultural impact assessments, limited notification was being used to progress them.

Staff follow up:

- Future reports to include three year trend analysis data.

## **Resolved**

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

- 1 Receives the report, Consents Update 1 July – 8 October 2018.**

**Thompson/Bruning  
CARRIED**

## **9.7 Update on Climate Change Activities**

Stephen Lamb (Natural Resources Policy Manager) responded to questions regarding climate change activities.

Key points included:

- Community outreach and engagement needed to be considered.
- Noted that setting emission targets would be assisted by Central Government adopting national targets.
- A climate change symposium along the lines of the biosecurity one was suggested.
- Staff regularly looked to other national and international work underway addressing climate change.

Staff follow up:

- Provide information regarding funding received by Venture Southland (joint councils agency) for their carbon neutral goal.

## **Resolved**

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

- 1 Receives the report, Update on Climate Change Activities.**

**Thompson/Nees  
CARRIED**

## **10 Consideration of General Business**

## **11 Public Excluded Section**

### **Resolved**

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General Business Item 1: Consideration of Regional Policy Statement Change	Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a)	To prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage

Crosby/Thompson  
CARRIED

The meeting closed at 1.12pm

TO BE CONFIRMED 11 DECEMBER 2018:

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson