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## **Report on the Catchment Management Committee meeting held on 11 June 2009**

### **1. Purpose**

To inform the Council about the meeting of the Catchment Management Committee meeting that took place on 11 June 2009.

### **2. Significance of the decision**

The matters for decision in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

### **3. Reports**

#### **3.1 Review of the Regional Plans**

This was a joint report prepared for the Catchment Management and Regulatory Committees. The report outlined the intended process to review the various regional plans and the development of a second generation regional plan. The report heralded the introduction of a radically new review process whereby all five current Plans will be considered collectively with the intent of developing a single regional plan.

The new plan will be developed recognising the need for its provisions to integrate with other GW programmes and responsibilities. A draft Regional Plan is intended to be produced by June 2011.

#### **3.2 Waikanae Floodplain Management Plan Review**

This report provided an update on the 10 year review of the Waikanae FMP. Stage 1 of the review has been substantially completed. This involved reviewing the hydrology and hydraulics of the River and evaluating the

effectiveness of the completed structural and non-structural river management measures. Stage 2 involves detailed analysis of the outcomes from Stage 1 to determine if any changes to current methods and procedures are required.

The review has revealed that the FMP is on track to meet the target completion date of 2040. However, issues such as climate change planning and property development on the floodplain will be complex matters which need to be considered.

### **3.3 Waiwhetu Project Update**

The Committee were advised that the Waiwhetu tendering process had been concluded and a preferred tenderer, Brian Perry Civil (BPC) Ltd, identified.

The re-tender process has been worthwhile with considerable savings made over the original tender process. Negotiations with the BPC are continuing but there appears to be no serious impediments to signing a contract within the approved project budget. The contractor will be responsible for both flood protection works and contaminant cleanup operations.

A number of risks are still present. They include the lack of expertise in contaminated site management; bad weather and flooding during the project; and the need to maximise sludge dewatering before disposal.

### **3.4 Divisional Manager's Report**

The Committee was advised that no appeals had been received against the proposed Regional Pest Management Strategy. The Strategy can now be formally made under the Biosecurity Act 1993 by affixing the Council seal to the document.

The Committee were advised that the total number of Tb infected cattle / deer herds was at six, the lowest recorded for the region in many decades. The regional target for June 2009 is nine infected herds.

The Afforestation Grant Scheme – Regional Council pool – recently completed its second application round for 2009/10. GW has been particularly successful, receiving 27% of the 2008/09 grants and 19% of the 2009/10 grants.

Further discussions have been held with Masterton District Council regarding the availability of suitable land at the Homebush Wastewater Treatment plant for expansion of GW nursery operations. GW has declared an interest in securing a minimum of 8 hectares with access to treated wastewater in summer.

## **4. Unconfirmed minutes**

Unconfirmed minutes of the Committee meeting are in Attachment 1.

## 5. Recommendations

*That the Committee:*

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***

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**Attachment 1: Unconfirmed minutes of the Catchment Management Committee  
held on 11 June 2009**