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Report on the Catchment Management Committee meeting held on 24 November 2009

1. Purpose

To inform the Council about the meeting of the Catchment Management Committee meeting that took place on 24 November 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 Hutt River Advisory Subcommittee

This report presented the minutes of the Subcommittee meeting held on 12 November with a recommendation to Council that it approves amendments to the 2009/10 programme of works for parts of the Hutt River, as follows:

The Subcommittee endorsed bringing forward \$140,000 from 2013/14 to 2009/10 to complete the urgent works at the Maoribank bend. The proposed works involve placing large rocks to prevent further erosion of bedrock at the bend until long term mitigation measures are undertaken.

The total estimated cost of the Whirinaki Crescent stopbank upgrade project has increased by \$38,000 to \$955,000 mainly due to additional works involved in developing options, consultation and the resource consent process to obtain approval to remove trees in the fill area.

It was noted that the Ebdentown edge protection project will now be completed over a two year period with \$685,000 of proposed expenditure deferred until the 2010/11 financial year.

3.2 Greater Wellington Submission – Proposed amended National Bovine Tb Strategy

This report presented the draft GW submission to the proposed amended National Bovine Tb Pest Management Strategy.

The draft submission focused on a number of bottom line principles that GW believes should be satisfied before an agreement with the Animal Health Board can be finalised.

A number of minor amendments were made to the submission.

3.3 Divisional Manager's Report

The Committee was updated on the recent meeting of landowners adjacent to Lakes Wairarapa and Onoke to discuss the Wairarapa Moana concept and to discuss opportunities for input into the proposed Natural Resource Management Plan. It was pleasing to note that a dozen landowners had agreed to become part of an advisory/consultation group on behalf of all lakeside landowners. Positive feedback had been received on the presentations provided by Councillors Wilde and Buchanan at the meeting.

The Committee was updated on the Boulcott/Hutt stopbank project and noted that both golf clubs had now given their approval to the merger proposal. Negotiations were expected to commence in mid-November 2009 to renegotiate land entry agreements on the basis of one entity. It was expected that the proposed merger would reduce disruption to golf during stopbank construction and lead to faster completion of the Hutt/Boulcott stopbank with reduced risks to GW.

The Committee was updated on progress with the Waiwhetu cleanup project. Unsettled weather in October had delayed clean up works. It was proposed that a site visit for Committee members would be held in early 2010.

4. Unconfirmed Minutes

The 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 24 November 2009