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Committee Catchment Management
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Wairarapa Hill Country Advisory Committee - meeting update

1. Purpose

To provide a summary of the Wairarapa Hill Country Advisory Committee meeting held on 1 February 2010.

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. Background

The Wairarapa Hill Country Advisory Committee (WHCAC) met on 1 February 2010 to consider matters relating to the WRECI implementation strategy, Natural Resource Management review and meeting schedules.

Minutes from the meeting are attached.

4. Comment

Key outcomes from the 1 February meeting were:

- David Cameron and Andrew Stewart presented a draft version of the Wellington Regional Erosion Control Initiative (WRECI) implementation strategy. WRECI is due to be presented to the first of many community meetings at Tinui on Thursday 4th March 2010. The draft implementation document was presented to the Committee, seeking feedback on its content. In addition a draft WRECI Sustainability Plan was presented.

Members were invited to present ideas on the engagement process with particular reference as to who should be consulted and how this consultation should be managed. Details of comments are contained in the minutes.

- Cr Buchanan gave an update on the process for the review and development of the new regional Natural Resource Management Plan. The update included feedback from the first two meetings of the Te Upoku

Taiao Committee. David Cameron provided background to the formation of a NRM Staff Steering Group which will support the Committee and provide advice and information on the Plan review.

- Peter Gawith sought feedback from members on extending meeting invitations to key people involved with various national and regional resource management issues. Of particular interest at present is the formation of Horizon's One Plan. An invitation will be forwarded to Horizon's for a senior staff member to present background information and provide an update on progress towards the adoption of the One Plan.

5. Communication

Communication issues noted were;

- The recently completed document 'Stock in Waterways' will be forwarded to members for comment prior to going to print
- Information on the Landscape Evaluation document to be forwarded to landowners prior to any landowner or community meetings.
- Information on possum numbers to be presented to the Committee.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

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

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Attachment 1 – WHCAC Minutes 1 February 2010