

MEETING NOTES

SUBJECT	Whaitua Te Whanganui-a-Tara meeting notes
WHEN	Friday 27 November 2020, 2-4pm
WHERE	Zoom
ATTENDEES	Roger, Sean, Sam, Kara, Louise, Tui, Jonny, Quentin, Pete
APOLOGIES	Ros, Wayne, Naomi, Hikitia, Gabriel, Anya, Zoe, Pat
PROJECT TEAM	Tim, Phill, Glen, Emily O., Kat, Mike G., John, James, Vanessa, Aaria, Te Rangimārie, David, Onur

Agenda

1. Te Kāhui Taiao narrative – long-term vision and Te Mana o te Wai statement.
2. Draft FMUs and draft environmental outcomes for Kaiwharawhara – how they were developed and why.
3. Update on Te Pae Kaitiaki and upcoming mana whenua community engagement.

Discussion

Te Kāhui Taiao narrative – led by Kara

Kara welcomed everyone to the ‘marae’ for this Zoom session. He acknowledged Te Kāhui Taiao (TKT) and the honour of sharing the mahi they have been progressing over the past year. The TKT narrative supports the Committee’s kaupapa to protect and enhance Te Mana o te Wai for future generations.

The marae is a place of debate. TKT will put forward their narrative, values and environmental outcomes for all to think and reflect on. The wharanui is a place of peace, hopeful for a good discussion and sustenance through dialogue.

Kara walked through the TKT narrative, highlighting the moemoeā and pūtake (vision), kawa (foundation premises), whāinga (objectives), kaupapa (approach), tikanga (processes), concepts for mai uta ki tai (mountains to sea), and principles of Te Mana o te Wai.

Draft FMUs and environmental outcomes for Kaiwharawhara – led by Sam and Vanessa

Introducing values and environmental outcomes:

- Environmental outcomes need to be set for each value in an FMU.
- They need to be measurable, meet the long term vision and articulate what Te Mana o te Wai means at the catchment scale.
- Mana whenua want to be involved in decision-making, monitoring and implementation.
- There are 8 key mana whenua values in Kaiwharawhara from the PNRP that TKT have added to.

- TKT will be engaging with Te Pae Kaitiaki and the wider mana whenua community to test the draft values and environmental outcomes.

Key values and environmental outcomes in Kaiwharawhara (representative of other urban catchments):

- Water is safe and clean to support natural systems first, and for the health and well-being of people second.
- Mahinga kai and taonga species identified for each place.
- Use for ritual blessing and baptism.
- The ability to get in the water is important, in addition to being able to walk alongside a stream or river.
- The ability for old and young to interact with/access the water.
- The experience is enhanced by indigenous bush rather than exotic forest and the shade/habitat it provides.

Draft FMUs:

- Te Mana o te Wai overlays all steps of the regional plan process.
- TKT started discussing FMUs at their wananga in July based on the stocktake of values and statutory acknowledgements from the PNRP and the TKT rōpū. They considered the following key principles:
 - Ki uta ki tai is applied so that FMUs address the entire length of an awa for integrated management (e.g., headwaters are not cut off from river mouth). It takes a holistic view, including the state of the groundwater and its impacts on the catchment.
 - Small streams need to be protected, give their names and mana back.
 - Additional FMUs for coastal areas.
 - Special sites to mana whenua from the PNRP Schedules will have their own FMUs (e.g., the Parangarahu Lakes and the headlands of Te Awa Kairangi have special values and are important places for protection.)
- Draft FMUs to be shared with the Whaitua Committee.

Reflections and questions from the Committee

- Positively received, the use of senses (i.e., what you can see/smell/feel) make it easy for anyone to relate to.
- Interested in timeframes for achieving vision. To be discussed as part of the decision-making framework.
- The Kaiwharawhara FMU includes the catchment from Zealandia through landfills and parks to the ferry terminal.
- Acknowledge where water quality is good where there are pristine headwaters and work on protecting as you move down the catchment, including where there may be opportunities for daylighting.
- Seeing linkage between the Committee's kawa, Te Mana o te Wai, and the environmental outcomes.
- Consider practicalities of how the hierarchy of obligations under Te Mana o te Wai will be applied, e.g., providing for the mana and mauri of Te Awa Kairangi and natural character values does not align with flood protection and current engineering practices.
- We need to use water differently in the future, provide new employment opportunities and encourage better practices. Need to consider solutions for stormwater treatment, rainwater harvesting, etc.

- Consider the long term vision and change over time – riparian planting of willows can gradually be replaced by natives, create areas for wetlands and restore habitat to enhance Te Awa Kairangi without compromising the need to protect communities from flood waters.
- TKT has prepared an inspiring and incredible platform for the Committee’s work. Community members have a responsibility to consider how communities can add value, complement and strengthen this mahi, join the journey with mana whenua.
- Based on work at the national level on freshwater reforms, this group is ahead of other parts of the country in terms of incorporating Te Mana o te Wai in freshwater planning.
- Specification of Te Mana o te Wai at the catchment scale brings it down to people and place within the environment. Communities need to be included in implementation with support from regulators.
- Te Mana o te Wai hierarchy comes into play through prioritisation and decision-making about what is measured and why.
- Good to see tangible, place-based application of the kawa. Mana whenua values resonate with ideas shared in the Committee’s small group discussions – e.g., catchment scale approach, enabling communities, addressing the lack of connection to water and discouraging ill treatment of awa.
- Need to consider the different perspectives and values, how to bring them all together and share with communities at upcoming engagement events.
- Inspiration for the iwi section and 3 waters chapter of WCC’s draft district plan.
- The TKT narrative is an important framework for the WIP.

Kara said a mihi to TKT and project team and provided an invitation to the Committee to add to the body of work that has been presented. Meeting closed with a karakia.