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Minutes of the seventeenth meeting of the tenth triennium of the Catchment Operations Committee held at 9.00am on Wednesday 11 September 2019, in the Tararua Room, Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

- PRESENT Crs DB Cotton (Chair), LR Burnell QSM (from 9.05am), EB Gordon JP (ex officio), RJ Keedwell, GM McKellar, JM Naylor, NJ Patrick (via audio-visual link), PW Rieger QSO JP, BE Rollinson (via audio-visual link), and WK Te Awe Awe (from 9.03am).
- IN ATTENDANCE
 Chief Executive
 Mr M McCartney

 Committee Secretary
 Mrs JA Kennedy
- **ALSO PRESENT** At various times during the meeting:

Mr R Strong (Group Manager River Management), Dr J Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships), Mr G Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services & Information), Mr J Bell (Manager Investigations & Design), Mr G Cooper (Manager Land & Partnerships), Mr W Spencer (Area Engineer), Ms E Whale (River Management Analyst), Mrs C Hesselin (Senior Communications Advisor), Mr W Spencer (Area Engineer), and Mr T Hoang (Tonkin & Taylor).

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Cr Te Awe Awe to say a Karakia.

APOLOGIES

The Committee noted an apology from Cr Barrow.

PUBLIC FORUMS / DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS

There were no requests for public speaking rights.

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

There were no supplementary items to be considered.

MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COP 19-122 Moved Naylor/Gordon

That the Committee:

confirms the minutes of the Catchment Operations Committee meeting held on 11 June 2019 as a correct record, and notes that the recommendations were adopted by the Council on 25 June 2019.

CARRIED



PRESENTATION: THE APPLICATION OF THE DAM SAFETY GUIDELINES TO THE STOPBANKS PROTECTING PALMERSTON NORTH

Report No 19-135

River Management staff and Mr Hoang (Tonkin & Taylor) reported on the findings of the work associated with applying the 2015 Dam Safety Guidelines to parts of the stopbank network that had a high level of criticality.

Mr Strong (Group Manager River Management) depicted an indicative Palmerston North Flood Hazard Zone map and highlighted the areas in the city that were potentially at risk of flooding. Mr Hoang (Tonkin & Taylor) presented the findings of the preliminary condition and risk assessment project for the stopbanks around Palmerston North and clarified Members' questions. He acknowledged and thanked Horizons Regional Council staff who contributed to the project.

COP 19-123 Moved Keedwell/Gordon

That the Committee recommends that Council:

a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-135.

CARRIED

OROUA GRAVEL RESOURCE STUDY

Report No 19-135

Ms Whale (Graduate River Management Analyst) informed Members of the findings of an updated assessment of the gravel resource in the lower reach (from Feilding to Manawatu River confluence) of the Oroua River. Mr Bell (Manager Investigations & Design) and Mr Strong (Group Manager River Management) responded to Members' questions about the challenges associated with sedimentation of the berms and the narrowing of the river channel.

COP 19-124 Moved Te Awe Awe/Keedwell

That the Committee recommends that Council:

a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-135.

CARRIED

RIVER AND DRAINAGE ENGINEERING REPORT

Report No 19-133

This item reported on progress with river and drainage activities for the months of June, July and August 2019. Mr Strong (Group Manager River Management) introduced his report, provided updates on the various activities, and showed a series of photographs in support of some of the activities. His highlights included the environmental enhancement projects and developmental opportunities in and around Foxton, progress with negotiations around land purchases for the Oroua River stopbank alignment project, the work being undertaken around river alignment issues to protect the Ashhurst Domain, and the diversion of river flow away from the Rata rubbish dump on the Rangitikei River. Mr Strong clarified Members' questions.

COP 19-125 Moved Keedwell/Te Awe Awe

That the Committee recommends that Council:

a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-133.

CARRIED



The meeting adjourned at 10.35am.

The meeting reconvened at 10.44am.

LAND MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT AND PROGRESS UPDATE

Report No 19-136

This report covered work carried out by the Natural Resources and Partnership Land Management team for the 2018-19 financial year. It included the activity areas of the Sustainable Land Use Initiative, Regional Land and Coast, and Nursery. Dr Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships) summarised achievements towards the operational targets of the Annual Plan 2018-19 and the contract targets with the Ministry for Primary Industries, and updated Members on the Sustainable Land Use Initiative programme. Mr Cooper (Environmental Manager Land) presented the activities and progress associated with the Regional Coast, Land and Nursery Management report and the Sustainable Land Use Initiative progress report. Members' questions relating to nursery sites, sourcing of various tree varieties, and engagement with landowners were responded to by Dr Roygard and Mr Cooper.

COP 19-126 Moved Burnell/Te Awe Awe

That the Committee recommends that Council:

a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-136 and Annexes.

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

COP 19-127 Moved Keedwell/Gordon

THAT the public be excluded from the following part(s) 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 follows.

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 and section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

CARRIED



General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
PX1 Whanganui Update (PRD 05 36)	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person. s7(2)(c)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to damage the public interest.	The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.
	The reason for this report being heard in public excluded is because it contains potentially sensitive information.	
PX2 Council / Committee to consider whether any item in the Public Excluded minutes can be moved into the public domain and define the extent of the release		
PX3 Members' Questions		

The meeting adjourned to the Public Excluded part of the meeting at 11.33am and resumed at 12.29pm.

The Chair thanked Members and staff for their input and efforts associated with the Catchment Operations Committee meeting over the past triennium.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm.

Confirmed

CHAIR

GROUP MANAGER RIVER MANAGEMENT

GROUP MANAGER NATURAL RESOURCES AND PARTNERSHIP