

JOBS FOR NATURE

Horowhenua Freshwater Management Unit Water Quality Interventions Governance Group Meeting

Thursday 31st March 2022, Zoom, 1735

MINUTES

In Attendance

Governance Group: Clinton Hemana (Co-Chair), Rachel Keedwell (Co-Chair), Di Rump, Jon Procter, Dean Wilson, Sam Ferguson, Bernie Wanden, Bryan Smith, Eva Weatherall, Jo Mason.

Support Team: Shannon Johnston, Jon Roygard, Staci Boyte, Logan Brown, Siobhan Karaitiana, and Lisa Gooch.

1 Welcome

Dean Wilson opened the meeting with a karakia, Rachel welcomed everyone to the meeting and round table of introductions were made.

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Rārite Mātaki.

3 Conflicts of interest

No new conflicts of interest added.

Action:

Logan to circulate COI table to Jon Procter for completion and inclusion in the minutes.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting

Dean Wilson's name has been included in the attendance list twice, one of them is to be removed.

Action:

Logan to make changes to the attendance list so Dean Wilson is only in them once.

RESOLVED:

Previous meeting minutes subject to the change above were accepted by the Governance Group.

Rachel/Bernie
CARRIED

5 Project Update

The project update was taken as read.

Sam and Dean provided feedback on the Community Stakeholder Group meeting held in February 2022 with both a site visit and meeting afterwards. Dean thanked Sam for chairing the February meeting. It was noted that the site visit went really well. At both the site visit and the meeting there were some members of the public who attended but who are not members of Community Stakeholder Group. Sam noted that attendance in future is to be restricted to those people/organizations who are members of the Community Stakeholder Group or who are officially invited to the meeting.

There was a general discussion around the timing of the wetland complex design and when feedback from the Community Stakeholder Group will be sought and fed into the process. There was also a general discussion in terms of what concerns the Community Stakeholder Group had around the project.

RESOLVED:

The Governance Group received the project update.

Clinton/Jo
CARRIED

7 Vision, values and project objectives

Staci led the initial introduction and background information around the vision, values and project objectives.

There was a general discussion around the vision, values and project objectives to be used to inform the evaluation criteria for the wetland complex. This discussion included comment on the need to develop what is considered fatal flaws for any of the wetland complex options to proceed.

During this discussion, direction was provided that as part of the evaluation criteria and initial assessments of the wetland options, the project team are to provide an information pack to the Governance Group, which will assess each of the options that are available.

Actions:

1. Project team are to provide an information pack to the Governance Group, which will assess each of the options that are available prior to the Governance Group making decisions on the preferred option/s.

RESOLVED:

The Governance Group supports the approach of the project team to use the draft goals and objectives to provide an evaluation criteria. The Governance Group agrees that the lake is paramount and that Te Mana o Te Wai (including the natural landscape) should be at the forefront of how we deliver the project. The Governance Group instructs the project team to proceed using the objectives framework to progress the design process and to bring back the next iteration with options.

CARRIED

8 Science presentation

Staci provided a science presentation to the group.

There were a range of questions from the Governance Group around the parameters that are being monitored at the monitoring sites. This information will be provided through to the Governance Group.

There was also discussion around:

- other monitoring programmes that are either occurring (Waka kotahi, HDC), and may occur in the future and alignment with this project and the ability to be able to access to that data;
- Groundwater levels in the catchment; and
- Landuse within the catchment.

Actions:

A copy of the presentation is to be provided to the Governance Group. Provide the Governance Group with a list of sites and parameters being monitored for the sites listed 1 to 9 in the presentation.

8 Project risk register

Action:

There was a request to add the potential rising groundwater levels as a risk to the project.

9 Health and safety

Nothing to report.

12 Other Business

Jo Mason provided an update on the request by the Levin Riding for the Disabled to use some of the farm purchased as a temporary venue. An area off Makomako Road is to be temporarily used by the Levin Riding for the Disabled for Riding (HDC land being used for grazing of the horses). The use of the land falls within the lease agreement that is held and therefore can occur as long as it is consistent with those terms (including the expiry date).

Update on actions from previous meeting:

- Project name - is in development.
- Raukawa CIA - Jon and Rārite have meet. A brief for the CIA has been sent through to Rārite. The project team will continue working with Rārite to progress this further.
- Ahu Whenua landowners within the Horowhenua catchment and representation on the Community Stakeholder Group. Siobhan will take on this coordination working with Clinton. Representative/s from Muaupoko will join the Community Stakeholder Group.

Dean Wilson closed the meeting at 2003 with a karakia.

Action Summary

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Logan to make changes to the attendance list so Dean Wilson is only in them once.	Logan
A copy of the presentation is to be provided to the Governance Group.	Staci
Provide the Governance Group with a list of sites and parameters being monitored for the sites listed 1 to 9 in the presentation.	Staci
Dean to follow up with MTA on the naming of the project.	Dean
Project team are to provide an information pack to the Governance Group which assess each of the options that are available prior to the Governance Group making decisions on the preferred option/s.	Project team
An addition to the risk register to note potential groundwater level rise	Staci


Appendix 1 - Register of Interests

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Horowhenua Freshwater Management Unit Water Quality Interventions Governance Group

Register of Interests

Rachel Keedwell	
Position	Horizons Regional Council Chair
Responsibilities	Co-chairperson and voting member
Interests	NA

Sam Ferguson	
Position	Horizons Regional Council Councillor
Responsibilities	Voting member
Interests	Private home – [REDACTED] Levin 

Bernie Wanden	
Position	Horowhenua Mayor
Responsibilities	Voting member
Interests	Fellow Rotarian with Geoff Kane

Jo Mason	
Position	Horowhenua Deputy Mayor
Responsibilities	Voting member
Interests	Geoff has been in contact with Jo and is known to her.

Eva Weatherall	
Position	Ministry for the Environment lead contact
Responsibilities	Non-voting member
Interests	

Di Rump	
Position	Muaūpoko Tribal Authority CE
Responsibilities	Voting member
Interests	NA

Clinton Hemana	
Position	Lake Horowhenua Trust Chair
Responsibilities	Co-chairperson and voting member
Interests	NA

Dean Wilson	
Position	Lake Horowhenua Trustee
Responsibilities	Voting member
Interests	NA

Rārite Mātaki

Position	Interim Chief Executive Te Runanga o Raukawa
Responsibilities	Voting member
Interests	NA

Bryan Smith

Position	Ministry for the Environment
Responsibilities	Non-voting member
Interests	NA