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**Lake Taupō Protection Project Joint Committee**  
**OPEN MINUTES**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Lake Taupō Protection Project Joint Committee held in Taupō District Council Interim Chambers on 15 December 2017 at 10.30am.

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| <b>Waikato Regional Council</b>       | <b>Present:</b>   |                                 |
|                                       | Cr Kathy White  |                                 |
|                                       | Cr Kataraina Hodge  |                                 |
| <b>Taupō District Council</b>         | Cr Rosanne Jollands   |                                 |
|                                       | Cr John Williamson  |                                 |
| <b>Crown Representatives</b>          | Shaun Lewis   | Ministry for the Environment    |
|                                       | Laura-Kate Petersen   | Ministry for Primary Industries |
| <b>Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board</b>   | Tangonui Kingi (Chair)  |                                 |
|                                       | Maria Nepia   |                                 |
|                                       | <b>In Attendance:</b>   |                                 |
| <b>Lake Taupō Protection Trust</b>    | Marion Peck – Lake Taupō Protection Trust Manager                 |                                 |
|                                       | Clayton Stent – Chairman Lake Taupō Protection Trust              |                                 |
|                                       | Sue Yerex – Deputy Chair Lake Taupō Protection Trust              |                                 |
| <b>Taupō District Council</b>         | Nick Carol – Policy Manager                                       |                                 |
| <b>Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board</b>   | Alice Barnett – Senior Consultant to Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board |                                 |
| <b>Ministry of Primary Industries</b> | Gwyn Morgan - Senior Policy Analyst                               |                                 |
| <b>Ministry for the Environment</b>   | Heather Penny – Senior Advisor                                    |                                 |
| <b>Waikato Regional Council Staff</b> | Anne McLeod – Section Manager Upper Waikato/Taupō                 |                                 |
|                                       | Neville Williams – Director Community and Services                |                                 |
|                                       | Karen Bennett – Manager Chief Executive Office                    |                                 |
|                                       | Bill Vant – Senior Scientist Science and Strategy                 |                                 |
|                                       | Wendy Valois – Communications Advisor                             |                                 |
|                                       | Tau Bio – Democracy Advisor                                       |                                 |

**Apologies**

No apologies.

**Accepted**

**Confirmation of Agenda**

Agenda Item 2

Cr Hodge moved/M Nepia seconded

LTJC17/25

**THAT the agenda of the meeting of the Lake Taupō Protection Project Joint Committee of 15 December 2017, as circulated, be confirmed as the business for the meeting.**

**The motion was put and carried LTJC17/25**

**Disclosures of Interest**

Agenda Item 3

There were no disclosures of interest.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Agenda Item 4 Doc 11106999

Taken as read.

Cr White moved/L-K Peterson seconded.

LTJC17/26

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the Minutes of the Lake Taupō Protection Project Joint Committee meeting of the 21 September 2017 be received and approved as a correct record.**

**The motion was put and carried LTJC17/26**

**Water quality of Lake Taupō – current state and recent trends**

Agenda Item 5 Doc 11254496

Bill Vant – Senior Scientist, Water, Science and Strategy provided a written report to the Committee which described the water quality of Lake Taupō and its inflows – both the current state, and recent “trends” or changes that have been observed in the records of water quality. A power point presentation assisted report and a summary of the December algal boom for the Committee meeting was distributed.

During discussion on the summary of December algal boom document the following was noted:

- Taupō District Council were acknowledged for their efforts thus far especially in response to managing the potential effects on drinking water.

- Members were concerned about the economy which was mostly generated from the Lake itself. Taupō District Council were interested in research to map and model the effects so that they are prepared for a recurrence of a similar weather pattern. Waikato Regional Council scientists would be happy to help with further research.

There was a PowerPoint presentation which assisted the report of the Water quality of Lake Taupō. During discussion, the following was noted:

- A member asked for an explanation regarding the levels of ecoli around bathing beaches. The response was the Waikato Regional Council monitors nine beaches around the lake. Three beaches at northern end of lake have generated results which show that from time to time there are high ecoli levels. It was speculated that this could be due to urban storm water.
- A member questioned how often should phosphorus levels be monitored. The response was that there was regular monitoring of phosphorus levels and that Waikato Regional Council were of the opinion that there would not be a major rise as levels were broadly stable. Furthermore the Waikato Regional Council had plans to replicate a 2001-02 study done by NIWA in conjunction with the late Dr E White titled the “Nutrient bioassays on phytoplankton from Lake Taupō”.

Cr Hodge moved/Cr White seconded

LTJC17/27

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the report “Water quality of Lake Taupō – current state and recent trends” (doc 11254496 dated 14 November 2017) be received for information.**

**The motion was put and carried LTJC17/27**

**2017 Monitoring Deed Review – Key Findings**

Agenda Item 6 Doc 11532590 and 11523441

Heather Penny, Senior Advisor for Ministry of Environment, presented the key findings of the annual review of the Monitoring Deed signed by the Lake Taupō Protection Project funding partner and the Lake Taupō Protection Trust (LTPT) in 2015 to safeguard legacy of project in the future.

During discussion the following was noted:

- Members were supportive of the officials working group bringing back options of how suggestions made in the review would be implemented. In response to a question on how long the working group needed, Ms Penny stated that they would be aiming to be reporting to the March 2018 meeting of the Joint Committee.
- In response to a question concerning the Crown’s long term commitment to the project it was noted that the Monitoring Deed was signed in perpetuity so regardless

of its role in the future governance the Crown will always have an ongoing interest in protecting the public's investment in the lake.

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- The committee also agreed to merge recommendation 3 into recommendation 2.

Cr Hodge moved/S Lewis seconded

LTJC17/28

**RESOLVED**

1. **THAT that report "2017 Monitoring Deed Review – Key Findings" (doc 11532590 dated 4 December 2017) be received.**
2. **THAT the Lake Taupō Protection Project Joint Committee note that overall the Monitoring Deed is achieving the agreed objectives, and that the Officials Working Group investigate and report back on the areas for improvement as identified through the review, including exploring the TMTB becoming a signatory to the Deed.**

**The motion was put and carried LTJC17/28**

**Lake Taupō Protection Project communications plan review**

Agenda Item 7 Doc 11415727

Wendy Valois – Communications Advisor, provided the Joint Committee with suggested changes to the communications plan tactics. The Committee took report as read.

During discussion the following was noted:

- While supportive of education as a tactic, a member suggested that it would be better to approach other agencies who are funded to develop curriculum based programmes rather than attempting to develop this ourselves.
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- A member noted that farmers in the catchment have given up a lot to comply with the nitrogen reductions and asked how are we communicating with them? Council had talked to landowners and farmers about issuing a regular newsletter but there was already one being distributed via the Taupō Lake Care group.
- It was noted that the Crown would not be contributing any additional funds for communications .

Cr R Jollands moved/Cr J Williamson seconded.

LTJC17/29

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the report "Lake Taupō Protection Project communications plan review" (doc 11415727 dated 1 September 2017) be received.**

**THAT the recommendations A-H in 'Table 1: Communications Plan recommendations' be adopted and that the communications plan be updated to reflect the decisions.**

The motion was put and carried LTJC17/29

LTJC17/30

**Resolutions to Exclude the Public**

Agenda item 8

M Nepia moved/Cr R Jollands seconded

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|  | <p><b>Recommended that the public be excluded from the following part/s of the meeting:</b></p> <p><b>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 are as follows:</b></p> |  |
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|    | General subject of each matter to be considered  | Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter | Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution   |
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| 9  | <i>PEX – Potential Future Governance and Management Options for the Lake Taupō Protection Project.</i> | Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7.               | That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists. Section 48(1)(a) |
| 10 | <i>PEX – Update on status of Lake Taupō Protection Trust contract breaches.</i>                        | Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7.               | That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists. Section 48(1)(a) |

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

| Item No | Interest  |
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| 9       | (ii) would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information (Schedule 7(2)(b)) |

| Item No | Interest  |
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| 10      | Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (Schedule 7(2)(a))   |
| 10      | Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) (Schedule 7(2)(i)) |

**Return to Open Meeting at 12.19pm**

Meeting closed at 12.21pm with a karakia.

Doc 11566523