Notice of Meeting:
I hereby give notice that an ordinary Meeting of the West Coast Catchments Committee will be held on:

Date: 21 May 2018
Time: 10.00am
Meeting Room: Council Chamber
Venue: Waikato Regional Council, 401 Grey Street, Hamilton East

VRJ Payne
Chief Executive Officer

West Coast Catchments Committee
Open Agenda

Chairman
Weo Maag
Deputy Chairman
Mark Smyth

Members
Waikato Regional Council
Cr Fred Lichtwark
Waikato District Council
Cr Lisa Thomson
Otorohanga District Council
Cr Deborah Pilkington
Cr Annette Williams (alt)
Waitomo District Council
Cr Sue Smith
Department of Conservation
Natasha Hayward

Local Community Representatives
Andrea Hanna
Tom Mandeno
Mark Smyth (Deputy Chair)
Mike Moss
Bill Thomson
Kristel van Houte

Te Tokanganui-a-noho
Weo Maag (Chair)
Wayne Jensen (alt)

Maniapoto Maori Trust Board
Ray Wi
Konui Taylor (alt)

Waikato-Tainui
Maxine Moana-Tuwhangai
Cr Stu Kneebone

Co-Chairman Integrated
Catchment Management
Committee

Chairman of Council, or
Cr Alan Livingston or
Deputy Chairman of Council
Cr Tipa Mahuta

Quorum
Chair or Deputy Chair of the Committee, one Constituent Councillor and 2 Members of the Committee.

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Doc # 12450149
OBJECTIVE

To provide advice to the Integrated Catchment Management Committee and support catchment management activities.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITY:

1. The Catchment Committees each have an assigned geographical area of interest, representing catchment interests in one of Coromandel, Waithou-Piako, Taupō, Upper Waikato, Central, Waipa, West Coast and Lower Waikato catchments.

2. Each Committee has the opportunity to provide advice to the Integrated Catchment Committee and support Council’s catchment management activities related to:
   (a) Asset management
   (b) Flood control programmes
   (c) Biodiversity and natural heritage operations
   (d) Biosecurity operations
   (e) Harbour and catchment management
   (f) Hazard management and community safety activities
   (g) River systems management
   (h) Soil conservation and land management programmes

POWER TO ACT:

1. To consider and approve annual work programmes for catchment management activities within the relevant catchment area, consistent with Council policy, zone plan priorities and approved annual budgets.

2. To monitor progress of catchment management activities, zone plans including asset management plans against current year budgets.

POWER TO RECOMMEND:

1. To develop zone plans, including asset management plans.

2. Input to locally relevant Council plans to advance the catchment zone plan priorities.

3. Assessment of feasibility and development of (flood protection) capital works proposals in response to community need.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE – POWER TO ACT

1. Refer to Section 2.3.3 of the Procedural Delegations Manual
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SECTION A: (UNDER DELEGATION FOR THE INFORMATION OF INTEGRATED CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE)

| 4    | Confirmation of Minutes |
| Doc # 12255358 |
|      | Minutes of the West Coast Catchments Committee meeting held on |
|      | Extract from Integrated Catchment Management Committee meeting held on 11 April 2018. |
| 5    | Issues and Actions Report |
| Doc # 12415287 |
|      | Report to Committee on actions and issues discussed at previous West Coast Catchments Committee meetings. |
| 6    | Chairperson’s Report – March 2018 |
| Doc # 12412533 |
|      | Verbal report to update the Committee on matters of particular relevance to the zone. |
| 7    | West Coast Zone Status Report to 30 April 2018 |
| Doc # 12415302 |
|      | Report to outline the status for West Coast Zone activities and work programmes, covering the period to 30 April 2018. |
| 8    | 2018 -2028 Long Term Plan – Update May 2018 |
| Doc # 12420093 and 12291830 |
|      | Report to provide the Committee with an update regarding the development of the 2018 – 2028 Long Term Plan. |

Doc # 12450149
9  Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora: Proposed Plan Change 1 Update – May 2018
Doc # 12418640

Report to provide the Committee with an update on the Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora: Proposed Plan Change 1 process.

10  West Coast Harbour catchment planning – project update
Doc # 12421292

Report to provide the Committee with an overview of progress to date with the West Coast Harbour catchment planning project.
West Coast Catchments Committee
OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the West Coast Catchments Committee held in Council Chambers, Waikato Regional Council, 401 Grey Street, Hamilton East on 23 March 2018 at 10.00am.

Membership:

- Waikato District Council
  - Cr Lisa Thomson
- Otorohanga District Council
  - Cr Deborah Pilkington
  - Cr Annette Williams
- Waitomo District Council
  - Cr Sue Smith
- Department of Conservation
  - Natasha Hayward
- Local Community Representatives
  - Andrea Hanna
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  - Ray Wi
  - Konui Taylor (alt)
- Waikato-Tainui
  - Maxine Moana-Tuwhangai

Co-Chairman Integrated Catchment Management Committee (South)
- Cr Stu Kneebone

Department of Conservation
- Natasha Hayward

Waikato Regional Councillors
- Cr Alan Livingston
- Cr Tipa Mahuta (alt)

Waikato Regional Council Staff present:
- Matthew Davis (Manager Lower Waikato/Waipa/West Coast Catchments)
- Jolene Francis (West Zone Manager)
- Gavin Dawson (Democracy Advisor)
Apologies

Apologies were received from Cr Alan Livingston and Cr Tipa Mahuta (on Council business), Natasha Hayward, Ray Wi, and Maxine Moana-Tuwhangai.

Accepted

SECTION A: (UNDER DELEGATION FOR THE INFORMATION OF INTEGRATED CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE)

Confirmation of Agenda
(Agenda Item 2)

Cr D Pilkington moved/ Cr S Smith seconded.

WCCC18/01

THAT the agenda of the meeting of the West Coast Catchments Committee of 23 March 2018, as circulated, be confirmed as the business for the meeting.

The motion was put and carried (WCCC18/01)

Disclosures of Interest
(Agenda Item 3)

There were no disclosures of interest.

Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting
(Agenda Item 4, Doc 11414590)

Insert apologies from Mike Moss as an apology

The following discussion points were raised:

It was noted that staff attended a workshop with Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) in Wellington recently. Future funding rounds for the Hill Country Erosion programme and the Afforestation Grant Scheme (AGS) were discussed, with MPI advising they had put a recommendation to cabinet that any additional funding that may become available would preferably go to the Hill Country Erosion Fund. The AGS would continue as per the current round however, MPI would be likely to conduct a complete review of the scheme after this point. The level of any change or developments will not be known until the appropriations process is completed by Central Government.

Cr D Pilkington moved/ Cr S Smith seconded.

WCCC18/02

RESOLVED

1. THAT the Minutes of the West Coast Catchments Committee meeting of 23 November 2017 be received and confirmed as a true and correct record; and

2. THAT the extract from the Integrated Catchment Management Committee meeting held on 7 December 2017 be received.

The motion was put and carried (WCCC18/02)
Issues and Actions Report
(Agenda Item 5, Doc 11518607)

This item reported back to the Committee on actions and issues discussed at previous West Coast Catchments Committee meetings. The item was taken as read.

Cr S Kneebone moved/ Cr S Smith seconded.

WCCC18/03 THAT the report “Issues and Actions Report” (Doc 11518607 dated 9 March 2018) be received.

The motion was put and carried (WCCC18/03)

Chairperson’s Report March 2018
(Agenda Item 6, Doc 11916066)

Presented by West Coast Catchments Committee Chair (Weo Maag), this item provided a verbal update on matters of particular relevance to the West Coast Zone.

The following discussion points were raised:

• The combined meeting of the Waikato Regional Council and Waitomo District Council at Mokau was a great success. It was noted that the ongoing issues at the boat ramp were still be being looked into and a solution will hopefully be close.
• The relevance of the Waikato Plan to the development of West Coast Zone were explained. The Chair encouraged all members of the committee to look at the document and see how the zone could benefit from the plan. It was agreed the Democracy Advisor will email the plan out to committee members.

Cr S Kneebone moved/ Cr S Smith seconded.

WCCC18/04 THAT the report “Chairperson’s Report November 2017” (Doc 11916066 March 2018) dated and verbal update from the Chair be received.

The motion was put and carried (WCCC18/04)

West Coast Zone Status Report
(Agenda Item 7, Doc 11912248)

Zone Manager West Coast (Jolene Francis) provided an update on West Coast Zone financials, activities and work programmes since the last Committee meeting. A presentation was provided

The following discussion points were raised

• The spraying project on the Waitetuna River was highlighted, along with the need to allow the banks and other sediment to settle after clearing has occurred.
• The need for improved land management and use practices was noted. The matter was raised in the context of illegal draining of wetlands and other damaging practices that is
having a negative impact on the environment. The matter of how these issues are tracked and enforced followed through the use of satellite imagery was explained and how this method has led to positive outcomes to date even though there are some financial and other resourcing constraints that impact on the outcomes.

- The matter of land owners damaging riparian planting zones and other reserves through their own actions or that of stock they own was discussed. It was noted that everyone needs to be more proactive in ensuring that these are protected and offenders are being dealt with in the most appropriate and timely way.
- The need to work with all stakeholders in the community was highlighted. The positive results of the collaborative approach at the Waingaro Catchment and the Marokopa area were used as examples of where collaboration, consultation, and compromise between all stakeholders have worked well in achieving positive outcomes in challenging circumstances.
- The need for clear and measured approaches to dealing with land management and use issues is needed and all stakeholders must recognise and accept the responsibilities that they have as a land owner.
- Biosecurity matters related to Velvet Leaf and Yellow Bristle Grass were discussed. Communication plans and response to the threats. It was acknowledged that resourcing arrangements and constraints have had an impact on the effectiveness of the response. The current collaboration between central and local government is addressing any gaps where they occur.

A Hanna moved/M Moss seconded.

**WCCC18/05** THAT the report “West Coast Zone Status Report” (Doc 11912248 dated 1 March 2018) be received.

The motion was put and carried (WCCC18/05)

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**Waikato Regional Council 2018-2028 Long Term Plan Update**

(Agenda Item 8, Doc 11944257)

The Zone Manager (Jolene Francis) presented this report that provided the Committee with an update on development of the Waikato Regional Council 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

The following discussion points were raised:

- The overview of the proposals being put forward was raised, including initial proposals (as discussed at earlier committee meetings) and what Council has agreed to include.
- An overview of the draft change in zone revenue over the life of this Long Term Plan (2018 to 2028) was raised, including a breakdown of the targeted and general rate component.
- A focus on the year 1 (2018/2019) change in Zone revenue, including a breakdown of the different element that are changing was discussed.
- It provided an overview of the various reserves relating to the Zone and the reasons for predicted changes in reserve levels.
- The public consultation process for the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan was explained.
- It was agreed that staff would assist in the facilitation and development of a submission on matters related to the Long Term Plan with the Chair of the Committee, specifically to support the rate increase proposed for the catchment/river work within the West Coast Catchment and in regards to proposed region wide biosecurity work.
• It was noted that the proportion of work going into large projects in priority areas needs to be weighed against smaller amounts of funding going into non-priority areas as it is important to maintain landowner engagement throughout the catchment.

• The importance of making submissions and getting increased public engagement was emphasised.

T Mandeno moved/M Smyth seconded

WCCC18/06 THAT the report “Waikato Regional Council 2018-2028 Long Term Plan Update” (Doc 11944257 dated 9 March 2018) be received.

The motion was put and carried (WCCC18/06)

Catchment Committee Appointment Process
(Agenda Item 9, Doc 11828001)

The Business Support Team Leader (Adele Bird) presented this report and took it as read. The report provided the Committee with an update on the appointment of community appointees to catchment committees and land drainage advisory sub committees.

The following discussion points were raised:

• The new appointment process would reflect that point and make effort to get the most effective and qualified members in the future.

• It was reiterated that membership of the nomination panel is the chair (or deputy chair) of council, the co-chairs of iCMC and the director of ICM.

M Moss moved/Cr F Lichtwark seconded.

WCCC18/07 THAT the report “Catchment Committee Effectiveness Review” (Doc 11828001 dated 8 March 2018) be received.

The motion was put and carried (WCCC18/07)

Fresh water Strategy
(Agenda Item 10, Doc 11929071)

The Principal Economist (Blair Keenan) spoke to this report and it was taken as read.

The following discussion points were raised:

• There is a need to co-ordinate plans, programmes, and other evidence based intervention in order that the strategy is successful.

• Meaningful collaboration and quality relationships with catchment and sub-catchment areas was raised as an important factor that will drive the success of the strategy.

• The need for community involvement on the front line was noted. It was noted that this can be achieved by training local communities in the various tasks or roles that are needed.

• The need for improved planning and increased riparian planting was raised as a gap that exists and needs to be addressed.
W Maag moved/ Cr S Smith seconded.

WCCC18/08 THAT the report “Draft Climate Change Guidelines – Integrated Catchment Management” (Doc 11929071 dated 9 March 2018) be received.

The motion was put and carried (WCCC18/08)

Meeting closed at 12.30
West Coast Catchments Committee
Agenda Item 10.6 Doc 12255358

West Coast Catchments Committee (WCCC) Chair (W Maag) outlined the WCCC meeting of 23 March 2018. Points to note were:

- The WCCC Chair referred the Integrated Catchment Management Committee to the last bullet point on page 4 of the WCCC minutes, where a correction would be made so that it would change the following sentence “...for the catchment/river work within the Waipa catchment...” to instead read “...for the catchment/river work within the West Coast catchment...”.
- It was understood that WCCC would look to adopt the Waikato river freshwater strategy approach.

During discussion the following was noted:
- A member asked that the discussion of agenda item 9 of the WCCC be corrected as it gave conflicting advice.
- The Committee agreed to accept the verbal report. The WCCC minutes would be accepted in the next meeting subject to the above corrections made.

Cr Hodge moved/Cr Kneebone seconded

**RESOLVED THAT**

1. The verbal report of the West Coast Catchments Committee meeting held on 23 March 2018 be received.

The motion was put and carried (ICM18/12)
Report to West Coast Catchments Committee

May 2018

Date: 4 May 2018

Authors: Jolene Francis, Zone Manager - West Coast and Central Waikato
Matthew Davis, Manager - Lower Waikato/Waipa/West Coast Catchments

Authoriser: Clare Crickett, Director - Integrated Catchment Management

Subject: Issues and Actions Report

Section: A (Committee has delegated authority to make a decision)

Purpose
1. The purpose is to report back on actions and issues discussed at previous West Coast Catchments Committee meetings.

Staff Recommendation:
2. That the report “Issues and Actions Report” (Doc#12415287, dated 4 May 2018) be received.

Report Back
3. Table 1a list both resolutions and matters arising and issues raised from previous meetings that are tracked over time.

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### Matters Arising

3. Table 1 below is a summary of the key matters which were raised at the last catchments committee meeting and the actions that followed.

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| 23/03/18   | **West Coast Zone Status Report**  
Scorecard – it would be also be good to identify the completed works on the ground since inception of the zone in 2010 | Completed works are reported in the status report within this agenda report. Waikato Regional Council is developing a pilot graphic display of catchment works that can be presented by zone, which can be shown to the committee at a future committee meeting. | Complete                    | Zone Manager                |
| 23/11/2017 | **Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting**  
- On Page 6 Ray Wi should have only one “i” in his surname.  
- It had been suggested that a Disclosures of Interest document be prepared and available at future meetings. | The correct spelling of the surname has been noted.  
The new disclosure document will be provided to catchment committee members upon induction in the new financial year. | Complete / To be picked up mid-2018 | Zone Manager/ Democracy Services |
| 23/11/2017 | **Chairperson’s Report November 2017**  
- The Chair hoped that in future the meeting dates would not clash with Waikato River Authority meetings.  
- The Chair suggested that a ‘scorecard’ be kept for all projects in the zone, keeping an overall running total of fencing, planting and costs, as well as identifying if the plants were sourced locally.  
- Committee members would be provided with a copy of the poster on prioritising possum control work across the region. | Meeting dates are set for 2018 and best endeavours were undertaken to avoid clashes with known Waikato River Authority meetings.  
For scorecard see the first entry above. | Work in progress | Zone Manager/ Democracy Services |
| 23/11/2017 | **West Coast Zone Status Report**  
- Whilst staff reported on the Council budget, it would be good to identify other funding that was contributing to work in the zone, such as from Nga Whenua Rahui.  
- The information contained in the presentation would be distributed after the meeting. | Funding for projects from other agencies will be incorporated into future reporting when relevant. Note that within the “West Coast Zone status report” (this agenda) a table footnote has been included to clarify other funding contributing directly to the West Coast Zone budgets (i.e. ‘government grants’ includes Hill Country Erosion Fund and Department of Conservation funds).  
The presentation was distributed after the meeting to committee members. | Work in progress | Zone Manager                |
| 23/11/2017 | **Catchment Committee Effectiveness Review**  
- The Catchment Committee quorum of two members could be reviewed.  
- It was suggested that all members should receive a copy of the Standing Orders. | The quorum for the catchment committees was reviewed by Council in February 2018 and updated.  
An email has been sent to committee members with a link to the standing orders. Committee members will be provided with a | Completed                  | Democracy Services          |
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<td>23/11/2017</td>
<td><strong>Waikato Region Pest Management Plan Annual Report and Operational Plan</strong></td>
<td>Just going through sign off process - to be brought to August meeting.</td>
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<td>A management agreement for Pirongia and Karioi would be brought to the Committee in the new year.</td>
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<td>30/8/2016</td>
<td>A joint study was underway with Waikato Tainui and NIWA on whitebait. Once results were available these would be made available to the Committee, but no substantial findings were available yet. The Committee requested a presentation on whitebait management from the Department of Conservation (DOC) at their next meeting.</td>
<td>No results are available yet from the Waikato Tainui/NIWA whitebait study. Information will be made available to the committee once results are available.</td>
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Report to West Coast Catchments Committee -
May 2018

**Date:** 4 May 2018

**Authors:** Jolene Francis, Zone Manager – West Coast and Central Waikato
Matthew Davis, Manager – Lower Waikato/Waipa/West Coast Catchments

**Authoriser:** Clare Crickett, Director – Integrated Catchment Management

**Subject:** Chairperson’s Report - May 2018

**Section:** A (Committee has delegated authority to make a decision)

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**Purpose**

1. A verbal update for the information of the committee will be provided by the West Coast Catchments Committee Chairperson. The update will include any matters of particular relevance to the zone.
2. Members are asked to pre-read the minutes from the previous Integrated Catchment Management Committee meetings, and raise questions as required during the Chairperson’s Report.
3. Minutes and Agendas can be found on Waikato Regional Council’s website at [Agendas and minutes](#).

**Staff Recommendation:**

4. That the verbal report ‘Chairperson’s Report – May 2018’ (Doc #12412533, dated 4 May 2018) be received.
Report to West Coast Catchments Committee

May 2018

Date: 1 May 2018

Authors: Jolene Francis, Zone Manager – West Coast and Central Waikato
         Matthew Davis, Manager – Lower Waikato/Waipa/West Coast Catchments

Authoriser: Clare Crickett – Integrated Catchment Management

Subject: West Coast Zone Status Report to 30 April 2018

Section: A (Committee has delegated authority to make a decision)

Purpose

1. This report outlines the status for West Coast Zone activities and work programmes, covering the period to 30 April 2018, including:
   - Financial performance (River, Catchment and Zone Management) to 30 April 2018.
   - Key project updates.
   - Non-financial status to 30 April 2018:
     a. Long Term Plan (LTP) measures and
     b. Zone based measures (Catchment Management).

Executive Summary

1. This report outlines the status for West Coast Zone activities, work programmes and financials covering the period to 30 April 2018. Expenditure through 30 April 2018 is slightly below the budget forecast. However, the bulk of the on ground works are carried out January – May 2018. Long Term Plan and Zone based measures are progressing in accordance to plan. It is expected that the full annual plan budget and activities will be completed by the end of the financial year.

Staff Recommendation

2. That this report ‘West Coast Zone Status Report to 30 April 2018’ (Doc #12415302, 4 May 2018) be received.

Zone Overview

3. This report outlines the status for West Coast Zone activities and work programmes covering the period to 30 April 2018.

4. The focus for the West Coast Zone in the 2017/18 year continued in the following areas:
   - Increased work within the northern part of the zone in the priority harbour catchments of Aotea, Kawhia and Whaingaroa, targeting particular properties with significant value to maximise external funding opportunities. This work includes continuation of high value projects: Lake Harihari, Toreparu wetland, Oparau and Okapu Stations.
• Continued support and implementation of the Hill Country Erosion Fund Programme in the southern part of the zone, focusing on raising awareness with landowners and implementation of soil conservation, water quality and biodiversity projects within the Awakino, Lower Mokau and Mangaotaki priority catchments.

• Continuation of ‘business as usual’ work within the wider West Coast catchments.

• Continued collaboration with key stakeholders including Department of Conservation, Ministry for Primary Industries, Iwi, Nga Whenua Rahui, QEII Trust, Local Territorial Authorities, and Beef+Lamb New Zealand.

5. Strategic initiatives to increase the uptake of work within the West Coast catchments have included:

• Raising the Waikato Regional Council contribution threshold from $10K to $35K before an encumbrance binding future landowners to the current landowner agreements is required.

• Completion of the West Coast Zone Plan to guide internal work programmes and external collaboration.

• Establishing a good track record for the Hill Country Erosion Fund to facilitate future funding and raising community awareness through advertising, newsletter, drop-in days, presentations and field days, as well as the one-on-one farm visits.

6. The general work areas and priorities for 2017/18 are a continuation of existing priority catchment work in the harbour and hill country catchments. Catchment planning for the West Coast Harbours began this financial year, and an update on progress will be provided at this meeting.

7. Planning of hill country erosion and catchment new works has advanced to the point where the 2017/18 budgets for both of these programmes are now fully allocated.

Expenditure to 30 April 2018

8. Summarised budget information is presented in Figure 1 and Table 1. Expenditure of 61% through 30 April 2018 is slightly below the budget forecast off 66%. However, the bulk of the on ground works are carried out January – May 2018, and it is expected that the full annual plan budget and activities will be completed by the end of the financial year.
Table 1: West Coast Zone Financial Summary through April 2018 - by activity

Notes to Table: MPI Hill Country Erosion Fund (HCEF) and Department of Conservation (DOC) partnership funding are displayed in the “government grant” line.
Key Project Update

9. A summary of the key projects for the West Coast Zone is provided below.

10. In the northern half of the zone, a range of catchment new works have been agreed to under Environmental Programme Agreements. These new works are spread across the three priority harbour catchments: Kawhia, Aotea, and Whaingaroa, with the majority of new works occurring in the Waitetuna sub-catchment of the Whaingaroa (Raglan). Works include riparian retirement and planting, stream bank erosion control, bush retirement, harbour edge retirement and wetland protection. Wetland protection and enhancement projects are also ongoing at Toreparu wetland and Lake Hari Hari.

11. Other catchment work (outside of priority catchments) is being undertaken on numerous properties throughout the wider West Coast catchments, involving channel spraying, riparian retirement and planting, and also land retirement. Routine maintenance activities include blockage/tree removal and weed spraying, while erosion control using tree laying was also undertaken.

12. The hill country erosion fund (HCEF) programme is fully subscribed and landowners are on track to complete works by the end of the financial year. Works include bush retirement, pole planting soil conservation, riparian retirement and planting and wetland protection works.

Field Days:
- A successful field day was held at Onetai station that was led by Beef+Lamb New Zealand and co-funded by Waikato Regional Council. Over 110 people attended. Topics included fertiliser trial and greenhouse gases, Manuka production, wetlands, West Coast water quality, the role of forestry in hill country systems and environment plans and HCEF funding.
- A second successful field day was held at Waitangaruru Hall in the priority HCEF Mangaotaki catchment in April, with over 70 landowners attending. Topics included covered HCEF funding, farm soil/geology and wetlands and sediment traps.

Regional project – Waikato Stormwater Management Guidelines

14. Two draft guidelines have been prepared: “Waikato Stormwater Management Guideline” and “Waikato Stormwater Runoff Modelling Guideline”. The target audience for these guidelines comprises developers, consultants, territorial authorities and council staff. The guidelines will help inform the design of stormwater management systems for existing developed areas and for proposed new growth areas to avoid, remedy and mitigate potential downstream effects. They reflect the local land and conditions in the Waikato (e.g. local soils). The Waikato Stormwater Management Guideline also includes a chapter on managing the effects of urban stormwater discharges to Waikato Regional Council managed drainage areas.

15. Two workshops on the guidelines were held in May 2018 with the target audience. The guidelines will then be finalised and released later in 2018.
Performance Measures

13. Progress toward the performance measures against the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan and the West Coast Zone Plan Measures are presented in Tables 2 and 3.

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14. **Table 2. 2015 – 2025 Long Term Plan measures and performance through 31 January 2018**

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<td>River management</td>
<td>To achieve a balance between maintaining channel capacity, channel stability, and environmental values in the management of priority rivers and streams in each management zone.</td>
<td>Proactive monitoring (inspections, surveys and scheme reviews) of priority rivers and streams on a cyclical basis as per the agreed work programme.</td>
<td>Achieved</td>
<td>Desk-top/field inspections and forward planning for Waitetuna and Marokopa completed. Ground and aerial surveying completed for the Waikawau River to inform future management approach.</td>
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<td>Integrated Catchment Management</td>
<td>Biosecurity</td>
<td>To control plant and animal pests within the Waikato region to maintain and enhance biodiversity and protect agricultural productivity and community health.</td>
<td>Average number of possums caught for every 100 traps set for possum operations - aerial control.</td>
<td>Less than 5% residual trap catch (RTC) for ground control Less than 3% RTC aerial control.</td>
<td>The 2014-2024 Regional Pest Management Plan, Annual Report and the 2017/18 Operational Plan, were presented at the November 2017 meeting. Oparau PPCA completed 3.18% RTC. Nukuhakari farmland 1 PPCA completed 3.36% RTC Whareorino PPCA and Pirongia West PPCA have been started and on track for completion by end financial year. NW Waikato Central and South sectors</td>
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<td>Feral goats are maintained at low numbers in priority catchments.</td>
<td>Regeneration of sensitive understory vegetation.</td>
<td>Council has continued to work collaboratively with DOC undertaking feral goat control at high value sites across the region. DOC focuses control on public conservation land and Council on private land.</td>
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<td>Reducing trend in the number of known sites for each species of eradication pest plant pests with limited distribution or density.</td>
<td>Eradication</td>
<td>Integrated Catchment Services Pest Plant Officers undertake passive and active surveillance to find and destroy Regional Pest Management Plan eradication species. Any eradication pest plant species found is surveyed and destroyed.</td>
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<td>Biodiversity</td>
<td>Work with partners, stakeholders and community to maintain and enhance indigenous biodiversity.</td>
<td>Level of service</td>
<td>Improving trend in the habitat condition score of sites under active management.</td>
<td>Achieved</td>
<td>In the absence of national agreement about appropriate Tier 2 monitoring methods, a regional impact monitoring plan is being prepared. This plan will outline methods to be trialled for measuring the changes in habitat condition resulting from active management. Specific site management undertaken includes:</td>
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<td>Toreparu Wetland</td>
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<td>Financial support for fencing, provision of technical advice, liaison with community, and repeat vegetation monitoring. More fencing is planned for the next two years, and a willow control management plan has been endorsed by the community and formed the basis of a Ministry for the Environment Freshwater Improvement Fund application that unfortunately was unsuccessful. Ongoing discussions will determine alternative funding options going forward.</td>
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<td>Beachcare projects</td>
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<td>Ongoing planting and pest plant control planned for all Beachcare sites. The 2018 plant order has been completed for all West Coast Beachcare sites, with planting to commence in April. This year Council is working with groups to develop restoration plans.</td>
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<td>Lake Harihari</td>
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<td>Following the placement of a fish-friendly culvert and planting of 7500 natives, further agreement in place with landowner to fence off flax wetland and outlet stream. A further 1800 plants have been planted around the culvert outlet. A maintenance programme is currently being implemented for all plantings.</td>
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<td>Taharoa lakes</td>
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<td>Management plan (which primarily involves weed control, planting and fencing) ratified with Taharoa Trust and has attracted DOC funding of $70k. Currently in the planning phase to start works this year.</td>
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<td>Te Kopua marae</td>
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<td>A Site Restoration Plan is being developed with project partners; Tainui hapu, Whaingaroa ki te Whenua, WDC and Waikato Regional Council. The intention is to develop an environmentally</td>
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<td>Catchment planning and management</td>
<td>Work with partners, stakeholders and community to improve soil conservation and water quality.</td>
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<td>Identify priority sub-catchments and sites for soil conservation and remediation</td>
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<td>A prioritisation report was presented to the Committee and informed the West Coast Zone Plan. Further catchment planning effort and identification of priority sub-catchments for the West Coast harbours commenced will be presented at the May Catchment committee meeting.</td>
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15. Table 3. Zone based measures and performance through 31 March 2018

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<td>Financial management</td>
<td>Manage operational and capital activities within budget. Demonstrated by monthly financial reports and end of year full result.</td>
<td>Target equal or less than 102% variance from budget.</td>
<td>The 2017/18 work programme budget is on track to be fully expended - currently at 61% spent. The 2016/17 work programme budget was fully expended (106%). This reflects the significant increase</td>
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<td>Catchment oversight</td>
<td>To provide a high standard of support and servicing to the catchments committee.</td>
<td>4 effective Catchments Committee meetings per year.</td>
<td>Meetings were held on 16 August, 23 November 2017 and 23 March 2018. The last meeting of this financial year is on 21 May 2018.</td>
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<td>Information and advice</td>
<td>Respond effectively to zone enquiries and information requests. Report on the outcomes of the annual zone environmental monitoring programme.</td>
<td>Enquiries received are recorded in asset management system and are responded to appropriately.</td>
<td>Enquiries are predominantly related to the management of streams/rivers and request for assistance in dealing with erosion or the protection/enhancement of areas with high biodiversity values. The second edition of the West Coast Zone Newsletter containing topical information was distributed to all West Coast ratepayers in December 2017 with the next edition due May 2018.</td>
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<td>Catchment maintenance</td>
<td>Continue to develop three year maintenance works programmes with property owners within the zone.</td>
<td>Maintenance plans in place for prioritised sites/work.</td>
<td>A zone-wide maintenance programme has been initiated, with the first stages of the discovery, and inspection programmes underway. A maintenance works programme has been undertaken at Lake Harihari, and a maintenance plan developed for Waitetuna catchment works, with some works undertaken this year.</td>
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<td>Catchment new and river management works</td>
<td>Promote new catchment works and river management according to the agreed zone priorities of;</td>
<td>Complete agreed works in partnership with landowners, constructed to a high standard within budget estimates.</td>
<td>Catchment new works and river management has been actively promoted through newsletters, presentations and field days, and agreed works have been completed in partnership with landowners in the following areas: • Awakino, Lower Mokau, Mangaotaki (Hill Country Erosion Fund) programme has completed 14 farm plans, on-ground works on</td>
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- **Priority Catchments**
  - Awakino, Lower Mokau, Mangaotaki
  - Kawhia, Aotea, Whaingaroa
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| plans and within budget estimates. | c. Dunmore/Ruakiwi area  
d. Waitetuna, Marokopa, Waikawau |                  | farms across the three priority sub-catchments in the programme’s first two years. This being the third year of the programme, further works are planned this financial year and the budget is now fully allocated. Works are being carried out in the January –May period.  
- Kawhia and Whaingaroa harbour catchment water quality, biodiversity and soil conservation projects undertaken.  
- Dunmore/Ruakiwi catchment works are yet to be targeted.  
- Waitetuna and Marokopa works completed as planned.  
- Projects of high priority (but not in priority areas) underway or completed: Toreparu, Hari Hari and Mt Duthie. |            |        |
Report to West Coast Catchments Committee
May 2018

Date: 1 May 2018

Author: Jolene Francis, Zone Manager – West Coast and Central Waikato
Matthew Davis, Manager – Lower Waikato/Waipa/West Coast Catchments

Authoriser: Clare Crickett, Director – Integrated Catchment Management

Subject: 2018-2028 Long Term Plan Update – May 2018

Section: A (Committee has delegated authority to make decision)

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with an update regarding the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan (LTP) process.

Executive Summary

2. Since the last West Coast Catchment Committee meeting a submission was submitted and the consultative period has closed. During the consultative period, ratepayers were communicated with. A hearing for submissions were held in May, Council makes final decisions in late May and the plan will be adopted at the Council meeting on 26 June 2018.

Staff Recommendations:

3. That the report “2018-2028 Long Term Plan Update – May 2018” (Doc #12420093 dated 1 May 2018) be received.

Update on Activities

Overall LTP Process
4. Since the last committee meeting, the development of the 2018-2028 LTP has continued, including a draft submission distributed to the Committee sub group for comment on 17th April, and submitted on the 19th April 2018 (after receiving an extension). The LTP Consultation Process closed on the 16th April 2018 (Attachment 1).

5. The next step in the process is for the Council to hear and discuss feedback. Hearings are scheduled from 7 – 11 May 2018. The West Coast Catchment Committee have indicated that it does not wish to speak to the feedback. Meeting details, including agendas, are available online at waikatoregion.govt.nz/agendas. West Coast Catchment Committee members and the public are welcome to attend the submission presentations and LTP deliberations.

6. Copies of all written submissions are available for viewing online and at Waikato Regional Council's offices in Hamilton East, Taupo, Paeroa and Whitianga from late April 2018.

7. Councillors will meet to discuss the feedback and make final decisions on the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan from 28 May – 1 June 2018. The final plan will be adopted at the council meeting on 26 June 2018. A copy will then be available online at waikatoregion.govt.nz/ltp-fwd10.

Attachment 1: West Coast Committee Submission on LTP 2017-2018 Doc#12291830
Submission Form | He pānui tuku kōrero

Waikato Regional Council 2018-2028 Long Term Plan

Submitter

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I/we wish to receive all information via email..........................................................Yes

I wish to present these comments to the council in person at the hearings...... Yes

Signed on behalf of the West Coast Catchment Committee:

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Dated: 19 April 2018

Our Submission

That having considered the proposed Waikato Regional Council 2018-2028 Long Term Plan (LTP) at its meeting on 3 April 2018, the West Coast Catchment Committee (WCCC) have the following submission. In preparing this submission both the LTP 2018-2028 Consultative Document and paper ‘Report to West Coast Catchment Committee - LTP update, 9 March 2018’ DOC # 11945754 have been considered.

Overall statement

The West Coast Zone has worked hard to leverage additional external funding for zone catchment management works. This was due to funding of work programmes being limited when the zone was newly created, as the initial priority was on building relationships with landowners. However, demand within the zone has increased to the point where catchment management funding has been fully allocated in the last two financial years. To maintain momentum within the zone, and continue to progress implementation of zone plan objectives,
it has been recognised within the proposed 2018-28 Long Term Plan that an increase in resourcing would be required. Within the planning and catchment management business cases in the 2018-28 LTP, the following are noted for the West Coast Zone:

1. Catchment new works increases by $50,000 year on year for the term of the plan
2. The creation of a CMA works and service budget (for implementation of harbour sub-catchment plans)
3. New Harbour and Catchment Advisor position (with initial focus in the West Coast)

The overall budget for the zone increases by $317,000 (25.2%) when compared to the 2017/18 financial year.

The WCCC has therefore reviewed the proposals in the LTP and fully support the additional funding provided for harbour catchment planning for the West Coast Harbours of Aotea, Kawhia and Whaingaroa (Raglan), and for general catchment management.
We also commend council for recognising the need for funding equitability with other zones (i.e. Coromandel) in funding catchment planning for significant harbour catchments.
Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on the Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora: Proposed Plan Change 1 process.

Executive Summary

2. The information posted on the Waikato Regional Council is currently up to date and attached to this report (Attachment 1 – Waikato Regional Council website - Healthy Rivers Update (19 February 2018)).

3. The consultation process with Hauraki iwi is now complete, and a variation has been notified.

4. In terms of implementation, the following few points are noted:
   - Farm Environment Plan Template and Guide – Waikato Regional Council are currently working with key stakeholders to develop these which are currently being trialled by rural professionals and soft launch is expected towards the end of May.
   - Certification of Farm Nutrient Advisors is expected to start in the next month. (terms of agreement have been drafted)
   - Certified Industry Schemes – Waikato Regional Council are currently working with key stakeholders to develop these.
   - Website for registration – Waikato Regional Council is working on a website and portal to capture registration and Nitrogen Reference Point information (required by 1st May 2020).
- Online tools to help with registration are currently being developed like Stock Unit calculators to help small block owners with property registration.
- Similar regulation in the West Coast is still some time away, however discussions are being held with community groups in preparation for this.

**Staff Recommendation:**

That this report ‘Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora: Proposed Plan Change Update – May 2018’ (Doc #12418640 dated 30 April 2018) be received.
One year after notification - where are we now?

It’s been one year since Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora: Proposed Plan Change 1 was notified and we’ve been busy working on the summary of submissions. Water quality is a complex issue and the plan had the highest number of submissions on a plan change – 1023 submissions to be exact.

Over the past year, the council has also been working with the Hauraki iwi on the withdrawn portion of the proposed plan. The consultation process is now complete and council is reviewing the recommendations with a plan to re-notify the withdrawn area in early 2018.

Notification, a call for further submissions and hearings are all expected to take place in 2018, but how does it all come together? Here’s an overview of the process and key dates:
How is the council preparing for the Proposed Plan Change?

While the proposed plan is subject to change through the submission process, the council has started developing plans and processes to ensure we’re prepared for registration and other key dates.

Here are some of the things the council is doing;

- Designing a web portal to capture registration and nitrogen reference points.
- Working with industries and community members to develop a Farm Environment Plan template and guide for farm environment planners. (*this is near completion*)

Once complete, we’ll hold workshops with rural professionals who intend to become Certified Farm Environment Planners (CFEP) to introduce them to the guide and how to use it. The guide and template will also be available online.

Working with industries to develop Certified Industry Schemes. This is expected in early 2018.

Developing a certification program by early 2018. These include:

- Certified Farm Nutrient Advisors (CFNA) who will work with landowners to gather their nitrogen reference point
- Certified Farm Environment Planners (CFEP) who will work with landowners to identify and manage risks on farm as part of their Farm Environment Plan
- Once complete, we’ll let landowners know how to find CFNAs and CFEPs in their area.

We know people have questions about how the proposed plan change will impact them and what they’ll need to do. Workshops and meetings will be held in all sub-catchments to make sure everyone understands the rules and has the right information to prepare for registration, nitrogen reference points and Farm Environment Plans.

The first workshops are already underway (more than 6 have been conducted across a few sub-catchments) with Beef + Lamb NZ to help farmers understand the requirements and ensure a smooth process for Farm Environment Planning and approval. More workshops are planned for 2018 so keep an eye out for invites in your area.

What can landowners do now?

While plans are being developed, landowners should keep all their records and start thinking about good management practices and actions to reduce contaminant loss on their properties. Visit [farmmenus.org.nz](http://farmmenus.org.nz) for more information.

Want to stay informed about key dates and information about Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora? Subscribe to the [WRC newsletter](http://wrc.org.nz) (via WRC website).
Report to West Coast Catchments Committee

May 2018

Date: 7 May 2018

Authors: Jolene Francis, Zone Manager – West Coast and Central Waikato
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Authoriser: Clare Crickett, Director – Integrated Catchment Management

Subject: West Coast Harbour catchment planning – project update

Section: A (Committee has delegated authority to make decision)

Purpose and Executive Summary
1. An overview of progress to date with the West Coast Harbour catchment planning project will be presented.

Staff Recommendation:
2. That the report ‘West Coast Harbour catchment planning – project update’ (Doc #12421292, dated 7 May 2018) be received for information.