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**Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group
Meeting**

Wednesday, 18 May 2022

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
WAIĀRI KAITIAKI ADVISORY GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM 1, GROUND FLOOR, 306 CAMERON ROAD, TAURANGA
ON WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2022 AT 9.30AM**

PRESENT: Ms Darlene Dinsdale, Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston, Commissioner Bill Wasley, Mayor Garry Webber, Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour, Mr Jo'el Komene

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Mokoera Te Amo, Cr Grant Dally (Western Bay of Plenty District Council), EJ Wentzel (Utilities Operations Manager, Western Bay of Plenty District Council), Reuben Fraser (Consent Manager, Bay of Plenty Regional Council), Reuben Gardiner (Senior Planner Water Policy, Bay of Plenty Regional Council), Carlo Ellis (Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement), Richard Conning (Senior Project Manager), Kelvin Hill (Manager: Water Infrastructure Outcomes), Peter Bahrs (Manager: Water Services), Sam Hema (Tangata Whenua Liaison), Keren Paekau (Team Leader: Takawaenga Māori), Jennifer Pearson (Community Engagement Advisor: Infrastructure Delivery), Rodney Clark (Tauranga City Council Water Treatment Manager), Robyn Garrett (Team Leader: Committee Support), Sarah Drummond (Committee Advisor)

EXTERNAL: Ryan Orr (GHD, Regional Lead Waikato/Bay of Plenty)

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Mr Mokoera Te Amo opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA2/22/1

Moved: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston

Seconded: Mayor Garry Webber

That the apologies for absence received from Mr Manu Pene and Mr Maru Tapsell be accepted.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

6 CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

The meeting agreed to take Agenda Item 10.1 before Agenda Item 9.1 due to staff commitments.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 30 March 2022

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA2/22/2

Moved: Mr Jo'el Komene
Seconded: Mr Mokoera Te Amo

That the minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 30 March 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

With the amendment (page 17) that the Tangata Whenua report was not taken as read as there had not been enough time for the report to be considered properly.

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Ms Darlene Dinsdale noted her employment by Tauranga City Council on contract for three waters engagement and would declare any conflict of interest that arose with any agenda item.

9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

Agenda Item 9.1 was taken later in the meeting.

10 BUSINESS

10.1 Project Update

Staff Richard Conning, Senior Project Manager: Waters

External Ryan Orr, GHD – Regional Lead, Waikato/Bay of Plenty

Key points

- Feedback from Ngati Whakaue and Waitaha that both iwi supported Tapuika. Water supply would move ahead with Tapuika marae and then extend to other iwi/marae as capacity developed.
- Shortlist how to address needs and aspirations of tangata whenua; this would help decisions around projects for implementation.
- Would like to have a Tapuika representative as part of the team rather than as a stakeholder to be consulted.
- Budget quantum would be refined as projects for implementation were defined; this would be included as part of the Waiāri project budget. Clarification was sought regarding a Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC) contribution.

In response to questions

Water Supply Roadmap report

- It was suggested that this report be left to lie on the table at this stage, to allow more time for discussions within and between the joint consent holders and Tapuika.

- The staff report was requested by resolution to report back on options of supplying Waiāri water to Tapuika marae and associated papakainga, including costs and options; this road map report was to provide a plan to move forward to meet the resolution requirements in terms of marae water supply.

Points raised in discussion of the report included:

- Clarification was needed in terms of providing a separate supply from Waiāri to marae, there could be implications in terms of direction and associated costs. Insufficient information on costs of a separate supply from Waiāri to each marae.
- Most marae were already connected to Western Bay water supply; clarification was required around what the project was trying to provide. The resolution was specifically in terms of supply of Waiāri water.
- Noted that water flows were dropping and had been for a sustained period of time.
- Western Bay of Plenty District Council had 25% of the Waiāri take under the resource consent which was not being utilised; this allocation could be given to Tapuika to provide for whanau, marae and future growth and development opportunities and to enable exercise of kaitiakitanga.
- Questioned whether drawing water from the wider Waiāri catchment equated to accessing water supply from the Waiāri scheme.
- WBOPDC was already in discussion with marae about water supply and had made the water connections; the conversation about drinking water/wastewater/stormwater should be left between WBOPDC and the marae.
- Concerns should be addressed between WBOPDC and Tapuika Iwi Authority.

Project report

- Noted the downward trend in stream flow illustrated in the graph on pg. 37. Questioned what would happen if the minimum flow level for water take in the consent was reached. If current trends continued, flow could be below 1000 cumecs within two years.
- The same issue was facing other existing source water streams as well. TCC was working on a city-wide water conservation scheme; modelling indicated recovery time was over a year dependent on rainfall. There had been three years of significantly lower rainfall, 30% lower than average. As warning levels were approached, more stringent water conservation measures would be implemented. The trend was levelling out in the other two water source streams but had not seen any stabilisation with the Waiāri. TCC was having fortnightly meetings with Tapuika.
- If minimum flow point was reached, TCC would engage with Tapuika and BOPRC, and the water take would be reduced; however, would be trying to put plans in place before that point was reached so the requirements of city water supply would still be met.
- The consent holders must comply with the resource consent conditions – if the minimum trigger point was reached then the pumps would be turned off.
- Was absolutely urgent that the stream flow decreases were addressed.
- Flow rates were already at an alarming level without provision for any further planned growth and infrastructure.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA2/22/3

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley

Seconded: Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the Waiāri Water Supply Scheme: Project Update report; and
- (b) Leaves the Water Supply Road Map Report to lie on the table until the next Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting, to enable discussions with Tauranga City Council Commissioners and the joint consent holders.

CARRIED

9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

9.1 Bay of Plenty Regional Council - Implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS:FM)

External Reuben Gardiner, Senior Planner Water Policy, Bay of Plenty Regional Council

PowerPoint presentation

Key points

- The National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPSFM) required the Bay of Plenty Regional Council to implement its provisions, the Te Mana o te Wai framework and the National Objectives Framework at a regional level through a Regional Policy Statement (RPS), and to engage with tangata whenua in the development of the RPS and the planning documents included in the RPS.
- Other parties, non-Māori, needed to understand Te Mana o te Wai. Te Mana o te Wai was to be applied through every step of the National Objectives Framework.
- Te Hononga: Regional Māori Engagement Plan for Implementing the NPSFM (2020) was being developed by the BOPRC to build relationships with Māori and to enable direct involvement in the implementation of the NPSFM 2020. Tangata whenua would be able to participate in and co-design key decision papers. Recognised that no iwi had the capacity to participate as fully as required or as was possible for a council; Te Hononga included resourcing for iwi participation. Expectations on how BOPRC engaged with iwi were different now, there were a range of options available for engagement across the region.
- Worked with Rotorua Lakes Council and directly affected hapū and iwi around municipal takes and what was an acceptable cultural flow. This needed to be catchment-based.
- Provided overview of timeframes for development of implementation of the NPSFM and regional plan change. Final decisions would be made by the National Freshwater Commissioner.

Discussion points raised

- Very important piece of work to refocus priorities and embed mātauranga Māori concepts. Economic development had previously been the main driver. Resetting the framework was critical as were the discussions around Three Waters Reform.
- Need to be looking at impact on the waterways as the first step under Three Waters Reform; consideration of the health and wellbeing of the water bodies must be the first priority.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA2/22/4

Moved: Mayor Garry Webber

Seconded: Mr Jo'el Komene

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the Bay of Plenty Regional Council - Implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS:FM) presentation.

CARRIED

10 BUSINESS

Item - 10.1 Project Update - has been moved to another part of the document.

11 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Ms Darlene Dinsdale noted the succession planning for Mokopuna Tia me Hei. Mr Hanita Dinsdale was formally named as alternate for Ms Dinsdale and would be attending meetings from now on when possible.

12 CLOSING KARAKIA

Mr Mokoera Te Amo closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 11.05am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group Meeting held on 10 August 2022.

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CHAIRPERSON