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**Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group  
meeting**

**Wednesday, 8 March 2023**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL  
WAIĀRI KAITIAKI ADVISORY GROUP MEETING  
HELD AT THE GROUND FLOOR MEETING ROOM 1, 306 CAMERON ROAD, TAURANGA  
ON WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH 2023 AT 9.30AM**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston (Chairperson), Ms Darlene Dinsdale, Commissioner Bill Wasley, Mr Jo'el Komene, Mr Manu Pene, Mr Maru Tapsell

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Nic Johansson (General Manager: Infrastructure), Steve Wiggill (Team Leader: Project Management Office), Peter Bahrs (Team Leader: Water Services), Kelvin Hill (Manager: Water Infrastructure Outcomes), Jennifer Pearson (Community Engagement Advisor: Infrastructure Delivery), Robyn Garrett (Team Leader: Governance Services), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor), Sam Hema, Keren Paekau (Team Leader: Te Pou Takawaenga), Carlo Ellis (Manager: Māori Strategic), Helen Biel, Yolande Gallagher (Kaiarahi Māori), Tuana Kuka (Kaiarahi Māori), Wally Potts (Director of City Waters), Chris Nepia (Western Bay of Plenty District Council), Reuben Fraser (Consent Manager, Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

## 1 OPENING KARAKIA

Mr Jo'el Komene opened the meeting with a karakia.

## 2 APOLOGIES

### Apology

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA1/23/1

Moved: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston

Seconded: Mr Jo'el Komene

That the apologies for absence received from Mayor James Denyer and Mr Liam Tapsell be accepted.

That the apologies for lateness received by Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour and Mr Mokoera Te Amo be accepted.

**CARRIED**

At 9:42a.m, Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour entered the meeting.

At 9:45a.m, Mr Mokoera Te Amo entered the meeting.

## 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

Nil

## 7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 7.1 Minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 10 August 2022

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA1/23/2

Moved: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston

Seconded: Mr Jo'el Komene

That the minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 10 August 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

Resolution WA3/22/3 (c) - Reuben Fraser to follow up request for Bay of Plenty Regional Council funding for the development of a Te Mana o Te Wai statement for the catchment.

## 8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

## 9 BUSINESS

### 9.1 Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group Update March 2023

**Staff** Nic Johansson, General Manager: Infrastructure Services  
Kelvin Hill, Manager: Water Infrastructure Outcomes

#### Key points

- Normal flow graph in the report was used for average minimum flows for each month. Second graph in report was for December 2022 to February 2023 abstraction rates.
- During December 2022 to March 2023, the Waiāri stream experienced flooding and the river rose by five metres. One water pump needed repairing due to silt damage. The pump was originally designed to handle flooding.
- Annual water monitoring rescheduled to March 2023.
- Silt and flooding wiped out planting on the banks of Waiāri stream by the Waiāri water intake site.
- A cultural recognition workshop was to be held at conclusion of Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting to discuss and suggest ideas, particularly by iwi members.
- 22 March 2023 was the scheduled formal opening ceremony for the Waiāri Water Treatment Plant with Tauranga City Council Commissioners.
- The Mauri model was in full operation and would indicate the Mauri/health of Waiāri Stream from a Māori world view. Staff mentioned this would be useful and the Mauri model would be reported on each month in the future.
- Waiāri Water Treatment Plant was in operation. Beautification component was still to be completed e.g. tar seal and landscaping around the building.

**In response to questions**

- The Te Puke Wastewater Treatment Plant reported no issues or effects caused by summer 2022-2023 weather events.
- Possibility there was a blockage upstream which could have caused Waiāri Stream to rise; the stream had risen five metres within 30 minutes. There was no monitoring upstream by Tauranga City Council staff. Catchment specialists had surveyed upstream following the weather events of December 2022 to March 2023 and found six slips upstream of the Waiāri water intake site, but were unsure if the slips caused the Waiāri to dam during weather event.
- The staff would unpack information and video footage and report back to Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group regarding any possible blockages.
- It was challenging to mitigate the risks of weather events and land slips. Was difficult to do remedial work with silt and settlement shedding every rain event.
- No evidence on whether the slips occurred on Whataroa Gorge. Once staff had all known information compiled, staff would share findings with wider audience.

**Discussion points raised**

- Thanked staff for information provided to Waiāri kaitiaki regarding consent conditions and notification water level.
- Tapuika iwi members had visited the Waiāri water intake site.
- TCC needed to engage in discussion with WBOPDC and BOPRC once more information on slips/weather event was available to staff.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA1/23/3**

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley

Seconded: Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the report "Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group Update March 2023".

**CARRIED**

**10 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS**

Mr Fraser from BOPRC introduced Ms Ella Tennant, the new BOPRC Regional Consents Manager. Mr Fraser had moved to another job role within BOPRC. The members of Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group opted that there be a transition phase from Mr Fraser to Ms Tennant as Mr Fraser had been involved in Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group for many years. Mr Fraser and Ms Tennant both agreed.

**11 CLOSING KARAKIA**

Mr Manu Pene closed the meeting with a karakia.

**The meeting closed at 9:56am.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 7 June 2023.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**