



DRAFT MINUTES

**Water Organisation Joint Committee
meeting**

Friday, 28 August 2026

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
WATER ORGANISATION JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
L1, 90 DEVONPORT ROAD, TAURANGA
ON FRIDAY, 28 AUGUST 2026 AT 9:30 AM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cr Marten Rozeboom (Chair), Mayor James Denyer (Deputy Chair), Cr Rick Curach, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Graeme Elvin, Cr Margaret Murray-Benge, Tangata Whenua Representative Mr Hakopa Tapiata, Tangata Whenua Representative Hon Kiritapu Allan, Tangata Whenua Representative Ms Kylie Smallman.

IN ATTENDANCE: **Tauranga City Council**

Christine Jones (General Manager: Strategy, Partnerships & Growth), Caroline Irvin (Governance Advisor), Quinn Tawaka (Governance Advisor)

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Adele Henderson (Director – Water Programme).

Water Organisation

Kevin Lavery (Establishment Chief Executive), Ariell King (Workstream Lead Strategy, Policy and Bylaws)

Timestamps are included at the start of each item and signal where the agenda item can be found in the recording of the Water Organisation Joint Committee meeting held on 28 August 2026 on [Council's YouTube channel](#).

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Tangata Whenua Representative Mr Hakopa Tapiata opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WO1CC/26/4/1

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom

Seconded: Cr Rick Curach

That the apology for absence received from Cr Kevin Schuler 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

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the Water Organisation Joint Committee meeting held on 7 August 2026

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WO1CC/26/4/2

Moved: Cr Margaret Murray Bengé

Seconded: Tangata Whenua Representative Mr Hakopa Tapiata

That the Minutes of the Water Organisation Joint Committee meeting held on 7 August 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 BUSINESS

Timestamp: 11 minutes and 56 seconds.

9.1 Review of draft Water Organisation Significance and Engagement Policy

Staff Ariell King, LWDW - Workstream Lead Strategy, Policy and Bylaws

PowerPoint Presentation (attached)

Tangata Whenua Representative Mr Hakopa Tapiata provided the committee with tabled item 1 – Draft Water Organisation Significance and Engagement Policy – Tangata Whenua Feedback (attached)

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WO1CC/26/4/3

Moved: Tangata Whenua Representative Hon Kiritapu Allan

Seconded: Cr Margaret Murray Bengé

That the Water Organisation Joint Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Review of draft Water Organisation Significance and Engagement Policy".
- (b) Provides feedback on the draft Significance and Engagement Policy for consideration by the Water Organisation Board of Directors.

CARRIED**Attachments**

- 1 Presentation: Water Organisation Draft Significance and Engagement Policy
- 2 Handout - SEP Feedback - Mana Whenua Amendments 28 August 2026

10 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

11 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

The Chair advised that, due to there being no discussion on, or corrections to, the publicly excluded minutes, they would be taken in the open section of the meeting.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WO1CC/26/4/4

Moved: Mayor James Denyer

Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the public excluded Minutes of the Water Organisation Joint Committee meeting held on 7 August 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED**12 CLOSING KARAKIA**

Tangata Whenua Representative Mr Hakopa Tapiata closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 10:44am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Water Organisation Joint Committee meeting held on 23 October 2026.