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Committee Landcare  
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## Divisional Manager's Report - Catchment Management

### 1. Purpose

To inform the Committee about western Flood Protection activities, and progress of matters, since the last meeting.

### 2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

### 3. Managers report

The Flood Protection Manager's report is attached.

### 4. Comment

The immediate challenges for the western flood protection activity remain the progressing of the various capital projects and investigations.

I will continue to sit in on the various technical workshops to progress the option selection work for the new Hutt/Boulcott stopbank. It is now apparent that more detailed design work will be required on both the red (riverside) and blue (landward) options before a final options recommendation can be made. An updated process from here will be put to the March meeting of the Hutt River Advisory Committee.

Following the Landcare budget workshop on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February I asked John Eyles, Waiwhetu project manager, to have a first look at the feasibility and costs of raising some or all of the houses that were flooded in February 2004. House raising would provide an immediate benefit to a significant number of property owners and may delay the need for costly structural works along the lower Waiwhetu.

Good progress is being made with the Chrystals Extended and Whirinaki Crescent land ownership issues; however we have not been able to advance the landowner agreement to construct the South Waitohu stopbank. We will continue to try and engage the Trust Board over this matter.

## **5. Communication**

No communication is required.

## **6. Recommendations**

*That the Committee:*

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***

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**Attachment 1: Flood Protection Manager's report for the period ending  
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