

RECORD OF MEETING

SUBJECT	Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee meeting
WHEN	Monday 16 June 2014 at 4.00pm
WHERE	Frank Cody Lounge, Masterton District Council, Masterton
ATTENDEES	Peter Gawith, Esther Dijkstra, Mike Birch, Andy Duncan, Rebecca Fox, Vanessa Tipoki, David Holmes, Mike Ashby, Siobhan Garlick, Rawiri Smith, Colin Olds Sixteen members of the public were also present.
APOLOGIES	Chris Laidlaw, Philip Palmer, Aidan Bichan

1. Landuse and water quality

Andrew Stewart, Ruamāhanga Whaitua Project Team, presented a history of landuse in the Ruamāhanga whaitua and gave a snapshot of current landuse in the catchment. The background report and presentation also looked at the environmental and social impacts of landuse change.

The background report and presentation are available online:

<http://www.gw.govt.nz/ruamahanga-whaitua-committee-agendas-and-papers/>

2. Implementing the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2011

A background paper by Emily Greenberg, Ruamāhanga Whaitua Project Team, was prepared to assist the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee members in understanding how the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2011 will direct the recommendations they include in the Whaitua Implementation Plan.

Alastair Small, Whaitua Project Manager, gave a presentation on this topic at the meeting which included a short video (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbxrIYrWe0Q>)

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3. Water allocation

Mike Thompson and Laura Keenan (GWRC Environmental Science) along with Tessa Bunny, Ruamāhanga Whaitua Project Team, prepared a background paper for the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee to assist their understanding of the current water allocation regime across the catchment. Mike Thompson gave an accompanying presentation at the meeting.

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4. Community engagement plan

A paper on community engagement for the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee was written by Terry Parminter (GWRC policy advisor - public engagement) and Alastair Smaill, Whaitua Project Manager. This was presented at the meeting by Alastair Smaill.

The Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee members discussed ideas they have for getting the community engaged in the whaitua process.

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The meeting closed at 6.50pm.