



WWUP Stakeholder Advisory Group

MEETING RECORD

WHEN 19th November 2015

WHERE/TIME Carterton Events Centre, 5pm – 8pm

ATTENDEES

Members

Jim Lynch	Chair
Vern Brasell	Sustainable Wairarapa
Stephanie Gundersen-Reid	Wairarapa Chamber of Commerce
Horipo Rimene	Rangitane o Wairarapa, Kaitaki
Mike Birch	Whitewater NZ
Richard Kershaw	Wairarapa Water Users Society
Gary McPhee	Wairarapa Constituency Regional Councilor
David Hopman	Masterton District Council
Jamie Fallon	Federated Farmers NZ

Officers and Consultants

Michael Basset-Foss	GWRC, WWUP Project Director
Bruce Geden	GWRC, WWUP Project Manager
Greg Ordish	GWRC, WWUP Technical Officer
Geoff Copps	GROW Wellington
Lisa Sims	Lisa Sims Ltd
Alastair Smaill	GWRC, Whaitua Project Manager
Chris Maggs	GWRC, PMO Programme Manager

Non-Members

Peter Gawith	Chair Ruamahanga Whaitua
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1. Welcome/apologies

The following were recorded as apologies:

Amelia Geary	Forest and Bird
Kathy Houkamau	Department of Conservation
Pim Borren	Masterton District Council

Absent

The following were recorded as absent:

Campbell Gillam	Wairarapa DHB
Ra Smith	Kahungunu ki Wairarapa
Bob Tosswill	Wairarapa Regional Irrigation Trust
Jane Davis	Carterton District Council
Paul Crimp	South Wairarapa District Council
Kevin Steel	Irrigation Acceleration Fund (IAF) / MPI

2. Matters arising from record of last meeting

It was noted that email correspondence was received from Amelia Geary re “without prejudice” and meeting record on website. It was agreed that in future the record of SAG meetings would acknowledge that they are “without prejudice”. The meeting agreed that SAG meeting records would continue to be placed on the project web site so the project was as transparent as possible.

3. Presentation – Peter Gawith, Chair Ruamahanga Whaitua

Peter Gawith presented the slide show “Ruamahanga Whaitua Committee. Our Vision: Wairarapa – Where waters glisten”.

- A Presentation handout was provided (attached).
- The Whaitua is comprised of 8 appointed members, 2 iwi representatives, GWRC representatives and 3 TA representatives.
- It started in 2013 and will probably be finished in 2017.
- The Whaitua is waiting for the base model, after which scenario testing can be done (refer to page 5 of the slide show).
- Modelling only provides some values (refer to page 11 of the slide show) against some attributes (refer to page 12 of the slide show), so the “answers” can be compared with other scenarios. Attributes are the metrics that measure the effect on values, i.e. how you measure values and the effect of various scenarios on them.
- There are economic benefits to having an allocation regime and be able to move them (allocations) around. But what is the best way to transfer an allocation regime, so people have time to get used to a new regime?
- The greatest ‘risk’ to the whole Whaitua process is translating the WIP (Whaitua Implementation Programme) to rules in the regional plan.



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- Whaitua is talking to the local Fishing Club as local representatives of community fishers.
 - As a Whaitua, they haven't considered water storage. Personally, Peter stated, there is no objection to water storage.

4. Project update

Taken as read.

Michael Basset-Foss briefed the committee. Reference was made to the media article: it was pointed out that the Climate Change Strategy is applicable to GRWC's internal day to day operations and immediate responsibilities. It doesn't relate to projects such as WWUP.

5. Farmer case studies and survey work

Taken as read.

Geoff and Greg spoke to the paper.

- The final case study report will be completed by the end of February and the results will be sent out to farmers by March.

6. Communications Update

Taken as read.

7. Feedback/Opportunity to comment (all)

Richard gave a summation of the seed industry constraints, weaknesses etc. A contract is dependent on reliable water.

Next year's meeting schedule will be organised and presented to the committee.

8. Other Business

The meeting closed at 8pm