



## WWUP Stakeholder Advisory Group

### Meeting Record

WHEN 26 March 2015

WHERE/TIME Carterton Events Centre, Carterton, 5pm

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#### ATTENDEES

##### Members:

Jim Lynch  
Campbell Gillam  
Gary McPhee  
Richard Kershaw  
Bob Tosswill  
Phil Teal  
Don Bell  
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Phil Teal  
David Hopman  
Siobhan Garlick  
Colin Wright  
Jamie Falloon  
Geoff Doring  
Garry Foster

Chair  
Wairarapa DHB  
Wairarapa Constituency Regional Councillor  
Wairarapa Water Users Society  
Wairarapa Regional Irrigation Trust  
Fish & Game NZ  
Sustainable Wairarapa  
Wairarapa Regional Irrigation Trust  
Fish & Game NZ  
Masterton District Council  
Rangitane o Wairarapa  
South Wairarapa District Council  
Federated Farmers  
Forest & Bird  
Department of Conservation

##### Observers

Peta Campbell  
Russell Kawana

Forest & Bird  
Rangitane o Wairarapa

##### Officers and Consultants

Michael Bassett-Foss  
Bruce Geden  
Greg Ordish  
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### 1. Apologies

Kevin Steele, Mike Birch, Mandy Armstrong, Graham Sevicke-Jones, Alastair Smaill, Ra Smith, Hugh Barr and Geoff Copps.

## **2. Matters arising from record of last meeting**

There was nothing arising from the record of the last meeting.

## **3. Project update**

- Taken as read
- Currently exploring cost savings to ensure they realistic
- ‘New’ peak delivery rates table shows how the water can be spread further across the potential command areas – significant potential savings are evident with the details now being work on
- New distribution networks are now being costed and reported back to the next meeting
- It was noted that the findings indicate that there is a fair amount of flexibility appearing through overlapping command areas.

## **4. MCA/Decision making process**

- No additional feedback has been received on terrestrial and aquatic ecology
- Yet to come will be MCAs on, demand, cultural, cost and technical, NPS implications, risks and opportunities
- Final decision as to which schemes will go forward to full Feasibility will be made by the Governance Group on 4 June
- Received a response from Opus following feedback at the last SAG meeting on recreation – this was presented to the meeting
- It was suggested wetland edges could be developed for birds, and fish passes for native species. Details should be considered as broadly indicative. This was supported by others in the meeting
- Pest control would be essential above the reservoirs. Need to make allowances in reservoirs’ designs – will be different for different sites
- Sustainable Wairarapa raised some comments re MCA process, social issues. Don Bell to forward these to the WWUP project team via email. Michael Bassett-Foss said that he would happily speak to Sustainable Wairarapa re MCA.
- Members were reminded that the MCA numbers are a relatively ranking (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> etc.), not an absolute score.

## **5. Response to public concerns – Mangatarere**

Discussion around the effect of the dam and the artificial flow releases on natural flushing flows on fish species e.g. triggering fish movements.

## **6. Communications update**

As tabled.

## **7. Wairarapa Chamber of Commerce presentation – Steph Gundersen-Reid**

- Need the project to happen as there are no other major economic development projects in Wairarapa at present. Both in 2008 and 2014 it was the top priority project - “the Chamber is 110% behind this project”.
- The project will support economic and social growth
- Who pays? Can’t just come from farmers; needs to include industry which also uses water
- Mid and South Canterbury economic and social spin-off evident ie, growth and youth staying in the area. Currently no opportunity for Wairarapa youth if they want to move forward
- Great for recreation, business opportunities. Need to think broader than just dairying – other land uses as well; there used to be horticulture
- Need to consider how will Wairarapa cope with influx of construction, ie, people and machinery? Needs to be planned for – where do they live/family influx
- Food HQ – need to liaise with them
- Water supplies need to be reliable
- How do we make it happen?
- The biggest risk is if it doesn’t happen ie, what happens to the Wairarapa in the future – at present nothing of this scale of significance
- What do we do to stimulate secondary processing in the Wairarapa? Food HQ is a good/obvious link
- Need to ensure a supply chain to get secondary processing
- Need to support extending Wellington Airport runway.

## **8. Feedback/opportunity to comment**

Phil Teal of Fish and Game reported on trout (only) stream field studies. The main points were:

- Based on the Ruamahanga catchment where fish spawn, take in otolith studies – as indicated by indicator chemicals in each stream (yet to be undertaken)
- Tells scientist where they were spawned
- The study is designed around the five schemes

- Sampled water in each stream of the 5 schemes
- Took water samples; chemical makeup of the stream uses gas chromatography
- Most angling is conducted in the main stem of the Ruamahanga
- During the field studies, it was evident that the Mangatarere had plenty of fish
- Native fish generally spawn down in the estuaries and then live upstream – trout do the opposite ie, spawn upstream then move down into the main streams e.g. Ruamahanga River.

## **9. Risks & Opportunities Workshop**

A workshop session was held to obtain members' perceptions on what are the risks and opportunities for each of the schemes and the project as a whole (not distinguishing between the schemes). The workshop outputs are recorded separate from the meeting record.

## **10. Other business**

There was no other business.

Meeting closed: 7.50pm