

# Agenda and Minutes

Project	Motu Catchment Plan
Purpose	Community Advisory Group meeting 02
Time	6.00 – 8.30pm, Wed, 16 December 2020
Location	Te Puni Kokiri Boardroom (Gisborne)
Attendees	GDC: Kerry Worsnop (KW) Janic Slupski (JS), Kurt Ridling (KR) Advisory Group members: BJ Holdsworth (BJ), Pene Brown (PB), Britney Ford (BF), Pania King (PK), Henry Gaddum (HG), Paul Cornwall (PC), Jo Barbarich (JB)
Apologies	Tee Montgomery Lois Easton

## Agenda

1. Karakia	6.00pm - 6.05pm
2. Quick summary of last meeting	6.05pm – 6.15pm
3. Freshwater Management Units, Values, Environmental outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion around options</li> <li>• Alignment with values</li> <li>• Key questions</li> <li>• Significance</li> <li>• Outcomes</li> </ul>	6.15pm – 6.45pm
4. Dinner Break	6.45pm
5. Freshwater Management Units, Values, Environmental outcomes – cont.	7.00pm-7.50pm
6. Confirm next meeting date and location.	7.50pm
7. Close	8.00pm

### Attachments:

1. Potential Meeting Dates and Topics
2. Minutes from previous CAG Meeting
3. Freshwater Management Units, Values, Environmental Outcomes

## Minutes

Items	Time
<p><b>Karakia</b>  <b>Introduction – Jo Barbarich</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representative of Matawai Marae</li> <li>• Working across various programmes of work – including relocation of Tuatara</li> </ul>	6.13pm-6.18pm
<p><b>Quick summary of last meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on values, FMUs</li> </ul>	6.18pm-6.22pm
<p><b>Freshwater Management units</b>            KR – FMUs have a spatial and temporal variation – need to think about these things. The goal of this process is to work towards environmental outcomes – what we want to achieve in the final plan.            Can be determined how the community feels fit</p> <p>BJ – both options look quite broad. Is it possible to break down to smaller units? Important to control problem waterways such as Matawai Stream, tailor funding applications to specific areas.            General consensus that Option 2 is the preferable option.</p> <p>PB – the conservation order is a benchmark for consideration</p> <p><b>Mahinga Kai, Wai Tapu, Transport and Tauranga Waka.</b>            Pene and Jo indicated they would consult with their wider iwi/hapu contacts and get back to the group on these aspects.            Pene and Jo discussed Te Kowhai trail which was an important connection to the Bay of Plenty and Waipaoa catchments from this area.</p> <p><b>Drinking water supply</b>            This did not seem to be an important value for the modified parts of the catchment but there was a general consensus that people will be accessing spring water from more natural/hill country areas for domestic supplies.            Pene mentioned a bore taking water for domestic supply but there wasn't a lot of certainty about the extent of bores in the catchment.</p> <p>General agreement that tributaries may be more important for taking water for domestic supply. Most people would take their water from bush and natural areas.</p> <p><b>Fishing</b>            BJ raised the issue of limited access for fishing. Always been told it is a private river. Can be locked out. Motu is a beautiful river – if you can't get at it you cant reap the rewards from a 30 yr. plan.</p> <p>Applies to swimming as well. If a river is electric fenced in its entirety, not easy to access.</p> <p>There was a discussion about whether there is a “queens chain” along the river for access. To be followed up. Also a concern about ongoing fencing (especially electric fencing) of the river and the further restrictions this may result in.</p> <p>There was a general feeling that access should be available but concerns raised about open access and the risk for land owners.</p>	6.22pm-7.21pm

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<p>In terms of the current state of the river, BJ thought that the fishery was compromised by a couple of very dry summers that resulted in 95% of the trout population disappearing. Water temperature was a critical factor and BJ has done his own research around this.</p> <p>In terms of the importance of this value, the general consensus it was important and that the water quality requirements might be similar to swimming and mahinga kai.</p>	
<p><b>Dinner break</b></p>	<p>7.21pm-7.45pm</p>
<p><b>Natural Form and Character</b>  This came across as an important value throughout the catchment. Seems to be something that the community is proud of and feel the catchment stands out in this regard. Recognition that there would be room for improvement in some areas.</p> <p>JS agreed to provide a landscape perspective on the current state.</p> <p><b>Hydro-electric Power</b>  Consensus that this wasn't a necessary value for the catchment.</p> <p><b>Irrigation</b>  Not an important value at this point in time but some recognition that this should be provided for if we are considering a long-term approach. Would apply to the modified areas.</p> <p><b>Animal Drinking Water</b>  Important value throughout – even in the higher country where stocking rates are low and there is generally no stock exclusion from the waterways.</p> <p><b>Ecosystem Health and Threatened Species</b>  A general consensus that both of these were important values throughout the catchment and that there was improvement needed in the modified areas.</p> <p><b>Human Contact</b>  There does not seem to be a significant swimming spot that the whole community would recognise. However, it was clear that many locals swim in the river which should be given some recognition.</p> <p>Kurt will look into the national requirements and report back on what contribution and implications of these.</p> <p><b>Commercial and Industrial Use</b>  Not a lot of discussion on this so possibly something to clarify for future meetings.</p> <p><b>Quarry</b>  The issue of the Fulton Hogan quarry and discharges coming from the culverts was raised again. This should be monitored during a rain event (or several rain events) to better understand what is happening and whether any enforcement/consent issues need to be followed up.</p>	

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<b>Actions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KR to put together a presentation on scheduled areas at next meeting. Include scheduled waterbodies, archaeological and waahi tapu areas identified in the plan.</li> <li>• KR to review national swimmability requirements and report back to group.</li> <li>• KR/JS to confirm legal status of waterway with regard to public access</li> <li>• JS to provide landscape perspective on catchment</li> </ul>	
<b>Close</b>	8.45pm

## Potential Meeting Dates

Potential Date	Topic
Wednesday December 16	Freshwater Management Unit Values Environmental Outcomes for Values Objectives for the Catchment Plan
Thursday February 18	Environmental Outcomes and Objectives Outstanding water bodies and wetlands Water quantity – flows and limits
Thursday March 18	Water quality – potential attributes and how they relate to values and objectives Outstanding waterbodies and wetlands
Thursday April 22	Water quality – current state and trends for attributes. Implications for Limits and Action Plan
Thursday May 20	Discussion on where Objectives are not met. Potential targets Action Plan to achieve Long Term Vision and Objectives
Thursday June 24	Further discussion on Action Plan Monitoring requirements Primary contact sites
Thursday July 22	Further discussion on Action Plan Start recommendations to Council
Thursday August 19	Complete recommendations. Group wraps up