

Agenda and Minutes

Project	Motu Catchment Plan
Purpose	Community Advisory Group meeting 03
Time	5.30pm – 7.30pm, Wed, 17 February 2021
Location	Zoom meeting
Attendees	GDC: Kerry Worsnop (KW) Janic Slupski (JS), Kurt Ridling (KR), Lois Easton (LE), Tee Montgomery (TM), Gene Takurua (GT) Advisory Group members: Pene Brown (PB), Britney Ford (BF), Pania King (PK), Henry Gaddum (HG), Paul Cornwall (PC)
Apologies	BJ Holdsworth

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1. Karakia	5.30pm – 5.35pm
2. Quick summary of last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of logs from Motu River • Update of sediment source tracking research • Update on Matawai quarry 	5.35pm – 5.50pm
3. Environmental Outcomes and attributes	5.50pm – 6.15pm
4. Grab a cuppa	6.15pm
5. Environmental Outcomes and attributes (cont.)	6.25pm – 6.50pm
6. Special Sites and Features	6.50pm-7.10pm
7. Microbial source tracking – discuss possible sample locations	7.10pm – 7.20pm
8. Confirm next meeting date and location.	7.20pm
9. Close	7.30pm

Attachments:

1. Minutes from previous CAG Meeting
2. Potential Meeting Dates
3. Environmental Outcomes, attributes and special sites

Minutes

Items	Time
<p>Karakia</p>	<p>5.35pm-5.40pm</p>
<p>Updates Logs taken out of Motu river. Compliance officers have been in touch with the landowner. Permission informally given to the first instance of removal but likely to require consent for subsequent removal. Sediment source tracking. Work underway, draft report due end of February. Matawai quarry. Fulton Hogan working with GDC compliance officers to improve stormwater runoff through improved sedimentation traps.</p>	<p>6.18pm-6.22pm</p>
<p>Environmental Outcomes Focus of Environmental Outcomes is to think about where we want to get to with the river. Most issues in the Motu relate to E.coli and sediment and their effects on ecosystem health values.</p> <p><u>Mahinga kai and waahi tapu.</u> Tuna a key food source but further work to do with whanau on these values. Kai and waahi tapu values and sites not related. Te Whanau a Apaunui stopped gathering kai during certain times. Discussion around whether mahinga kai is still plentiful. Locals setting hinaki – still happens but to a lesser degree. Tuna numbers still appear quite healthy but possibly declined. Possibly not enough food for trout and tuna to eat. Sediment problem not so bad but trout and tuna cant see their food. In tuna gut samples, tuna were eating snails which are of lower food value. Trout – its possible that numbers have declined – don't see as many out feeding. Would often see trout under bridge – less so now.</p> <p><u>Natural form and character.</u> Discussion around how farming and settlement activities might have an effect on the naturalness of the awa. Need to have flexibility in rules to allow for development – the protection of this value suggests anything not natural may end up being prohibited. Possibly look at provisions for existing infrastructure. Bridge approaches not included in insurance – only the bridge itself. So provisions could be handy.</p> <p><u>Ecosystem health.</u> Does the farmlands and settlements FMU need to be more aspirational? Emphasis on “continue” to support and abundant range of...</p> <p><u>Human contact.</u> Discussion around swimming season dates. General agreement that December to March was a reasonable window for most swimming to take place. School pool stops getting used halfway through March. The Motu River is definitely at low flow during that period.</p> <p><u>Drinking water.</u> Not all creeks used for drinking water. Maybe the fresh ones that come out of the ngahere.</p> <p><u>Fishing.</u> Discussion around native species. If the awa is being looked after then species shouldn't be regarded as threatened. Aren't a lot of small native fish in the river. Addressing ecosystem health could be a way forward. The Motu Falls are a natural barrier. Species cant complete their lifecycle and number of species is low. Species number below falls is higher. Its possible to relocate bullies from below falls to above – they were there once. Possibly affected by the same drought that affected trout.</p>	<p>6.22pm-7.21pm</p>

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<p><u>Animal drinking water.</u> General agreement over the proposed environmental outcome.</p> <p><u>Transport and Tauranga waka.</u> A part of a small 1-2 person waka was found some time ago in Alcuin. Likely historic use with maori settlement. Doesn't necessarily relate to voyaging but point of access for safe passage across river. There was a river crossing before the falls.</p> <p>Recreation. Rafting starts at our boundary and goes into BOP. Value to be reflected in Ngahere FMU.</p> <p><u>Commercial use for Motu.</u> Could view previous quarry under this. Rules need to be applied fairly, especially sediment. There is high interest in the quarry. Discussion around whether FMUs will have an impact on farmers. Need to think of the impacts of this catchment plan on the livelihoods of farmers. Farming isn't a value that has been included. Particularly important to Townships and Settlements FMU.</p>	
<p>Special sites and features TRMP schedules provide a starting point for special sites and features. More opportunities to do a stocktake and potentially identify additional sites. Some concerns around the land that farmers may have to concede to stock exclusion as well as the cost of fencing etc. may require incentives otherwise rules could make people fear losing their autonomy. Question around the impact of the township on water quality. We don't know exactly what that impact might be.</p>	7.21pm-7.25pm
Close	7.30pm

Potential Meeting Dates

Potential Date	Topic
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