

Agenda and Minutes

Project	Motu Catchment Plan
Purpose	Community Advisory Group meeting 04
Time	5.30pm – 7.30pm, Wed, 18 March 2021
Location	Matawai Firestation
Attendees	GDC: Janic Slupski (JS), Kurt Ridling (KR), Lois Easton (LE), Tee Montgomery (TM), Gene Takurua (GT) Advisory Group members: Pene Brown (PB), BJ Holdsworth, Britney Ford (BF), Henry Gaddum (HG), Jo Barbarich (JB)
Apologies	Kerry Worsnop, Pania King, Paul Cornwall

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1. Karakia	5.30pm – 5.35pm
2. Recap of catchment planning process	5.35pm – 5.45pm
3. Update of Environmental Outcomes	5.45pm – 6.15pm
4. Action Plans	6.15pm – 6.30
5. Supper	6.30pm – 6.45pm
6. Action plans (continued)	6.45pm-7.15pm
7. Outstanding Water bodies	7.15pm – 7.25pm
8. Other items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public meeting • Matawai quarry update • Sediment source study • Confirm next meeting and venue 	7.25pm – 7.30pm
9. Close	7.30pm

Attachments:

1. FMU Factsheets
2. Updated Environmental Outcome Statements
3. Action Plans and Targets
4. Action Plan Toolbox
5. Outstanding water bodies
6. Potential Meeting Dates and topics

Minutes

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Karakia	5.35pm- 5.40pm
Recap of catchment planning process Freshwater values drive process Environmental outcomes express aspirations for each value Actions are tools for improving water quality and/or quantity to better provide for freshwater values	
Environmental Outcomes - update Updated environmental outcomes reflect the discussion around them at the last hui. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General support for outcome statements. <u>Ecosystem health</u> – no comments. <u>Swimming.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited opportunities for swimming. Motu passes through a productive, working landscape. Wouldn't expect people to be sitting on the river banks. Not the same as Rere. • However, NPS outlines water quality standards for swimming (human contact). <u>Threatened species</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterway has changed over time. Overflows may have allowed species movement beyond the falls in the past. • Bullies could be physically transported from below the falls to above. Could consider in action plan. <u>Mahinga kai</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to think about other species than tuna. Not just about middle of stream. Its about all of the waterbody. East-west traverse along Motu. Huts are sites of maori settlement. Mahinga kai is about the whole environment. <u>Natural form and character</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General agreement that the statement provides flexibility for landuse activities. <u>Drinking water.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a big priority for this FMU. No comments. <u>Trout fishing.</u> No comments. <u>Animal drinking.</u> No comments <u>Irrigation.</u> No comments <u>Transport and Tauranga waka.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question around whether it needs retaining. Focus on crossing points, more by foot than waka. <u>Recreation.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May not need it for farmlands. Too shallow 	

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<p><u>Commercial.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow for future dvpt as well. Remove "continue" <p><u>Farming.</u> No comments</p> <p>Suggestion of Cycle stops on Motu trail – collection point for waste to avoid it going into the awa</p>	
<p>Action plans and targets</p> <p>Can be a wide suite of tools</p> <p><u>Stock exclusion</u></p> <p>LE - Stock exclusion from riverbanks. Regulations will kick in. Any further stock exclusion from what is already required?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trout spawning streams? Maybe partial fencing rather than permanent? ○ Stock exclusion from wetlands? Maybe a better bang for your buck. <p>Some concerns around Impacts of stock exclusion on farming productivity.</p> <p>BJ – doing a lot of fencing. Extremely expensive. Water troughs – need to check water. Didn't need to do that with streams. Added stress. Fencing in flood zone.</p> <p>HG – some farmers will have significant costs, others will have less, depending on slope. Lot easier to do if there's support.</p> <p>PB – needs to be specific</p> <p>LE – fencing best when its targeted. Worth a mapping exercise.</p> <p><u>Wider setbacks.</u></p> <p>LE – can use long grass can catch sediment. Most useful in this catchment where intensive grazing</p> <p>LE – combo planting. Use of willows to stabilise.</p> <p><u>Max fert limits.</u></p> <p>Not much nitrogen problem but phosphorus. Probably don't need fertiliser limit in the Motu Catchment.</p> <p>Dicalcic phosphate and option – its not as easily soluble.</p> <p><u>FEPs.</u></p> <p>HG – FEPs probably not as useful. We know what we're doing – maybe more helpful to others who don't know their farm as well.</p> <p>Action: group to review action plan toolbox and provide thoughts and comments for next hui.</p>	
<p>Outstanding freshwater bodies</p> <p>Quick update. Desktop assessment confirms Motu River Conservation area (below falls) as outstanding. This section is already identified and scheduled as an Outstanding Freshwater Body in the TRMP.</p> <p>Upper reach of the Motu (above falls) does not score as highly as below falls. Not likely to be regarded as outstanding.</p>	
<p>Other items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public meeting • Matawai quarry update 	

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Potential Meeting Dates

Potential Date	Topic
Thursday December 17	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