

Agenda and Minutes

Project	Motu Catchment Plan
Purpose	Community Advisory Group meeting 01
Time	6.00 – 8.30pm, Wed, 18 November 2020
Location	Matawai Firestation
Attendees	GDC: Kerry Worsnop (KW) Janic Slupski (JS), Tee Montgomery (TM), Lois Easton (LE), Kurt Ridling (KR) Advisory Group members: BJ Holdsworth (BJ), Pene Brown (PB), Britney Ford (BF), Pania King (PK), Henry Gaddum (HG), Paul Cornwall (PC)

Agenda

1. Karakia	6.00pm-6.05pm
2. Introductions	6.05pm-6.15pm
3. Election of Chair	6.15pm-6.30pm
4. Overview of process for the Stakeholder Group, timetable and location for meetings. Confirm next meeting date and location.	6.30pm-6.45pm
5. Dinner Break	6.45pm
6. Long Term Vision and Values of the catchment -feedback from community meeting -discussion of values for different parts of the River -discussion on the 30 year vision for the catchment	7.00pm-7.45pm
7. Freshwater management units discussion -what parts of the catchment have common values	7.45pm-8.30pm
8. Close	8.30pm

Attachments:

1. Potential Meeting Dates and Topics
2. Notes from Community Meeting
3. Analysis of potential values and freshwater management units
4. Motu Catchment Plan Background Document

Minutes

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Karakia and Introductions	6.00pm- 6.15pm
Election of Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pene Brown nominated for chair. • All members support nomination. • Pene kindly accepts the role. 	6.15pm- 6.18pm
Overview of process <p>LE – The catchment plan will include provisions for freshwater quality and quantity. Objectives, targets, rules and action plans.</p> <p>Through the next ten months, we will work through these things.</p> <p>Motu catchment shared with Bay of Plenty Regional Council. BOP doesn't see Motu Catchment as priority.</p> <p>Need a 30yr vision for the catchment – quality, quantity, life and how we're going to get there.</p> <p>PK – Why only 30 years? Seems short.</p> <p>LE – Legislative requirements, but nothing to stop it from being longer.</p> <p>JS – Community is central to the catchment plan. The plan can reflect whatever the community aspires it to be.</p> <p>PC – Need smaller steps to get there though.</p> <p>KR – Within the RMA, council will need to come back and review. Action plans can be tweaked. But long term vision is important.</p> <p>KW – Re. RMA, what will happen with the future reforms?</p> <p>LE – There will be transitional provisions, similar to what occurred with the change from Town and Country Planning Act to the RMA in 1991.</p> <p>LE – Motu catchment is unusual in that its upside-down. The landuses affecting water are upstream when its usually downstream.</p> <p>Timeframes</p> <p>LE – Less than a year to develop a plan. Will develop a draft, go out to people with it, sense check before formal notification process.</p> <p>Te mana o te wai (TMOTW).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does it mean? Do we have to build it ourselves? <p>PK – MfE had TMOTW hui last month. Council wasn't there.</p> <p>PB – Would like to work TMOTW from bottom up. See different approaches to TMOTW. Other places not working with water.</p> <p>PK – Agree. Doesn't matter who you are at the catchment level. Applies to everyone.</p> <p>Dates for next meetings</p> <p>LE – Suggest making it a regular feature. Same days? Generally, will need three hours. Where we should we meet? Site visit?</p>	6.30pm- 6.45pm

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<p>PK – Happy to have every second meeting in town.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group supports Wednesdays as alternative. <p>PK – Te Puni Kokiri for the 16 december. Across rd from KFC. 6pm. All in support.</p> <p>Iwi participation</p> <p>PB – Iwi invitation to sit around table. Dec 6 marae meeting. PB will discuss. Trying to screen stuff down from the top.</p> <p>KW – Apanui involvement?</p> <p>TM – 4 reps from BOPRC at community hui. We asked to connect with iwi. Will meet with BOPRC in Whakatane in next few weeks to discuss.</p> <p>PB- Can go through him for invites?</p> <p>Wider consultation</p> <p>KR – Organisational stakeholders. For Waipaoa Catchment Plan, advisory group was heavily weighted to organisational interests and national positions. Will be talking to them separately.</p> <p>LE – We can also get people to talk to the group. Plenty of scope in our timetable to do this.</p> <p>KW – This is a good approach. No one will argue with community process.</p>	
<p>Dinner break</p>	<p>6.45pm– 7.05pm</p>
<p>Long Term Vision and Values, Freshwater Management Units (FMUs)</p> <p>LE – Take on board longer vision. Also need to know how we get there. Need to identify the good things are still around. Could be spatially different. Different views for different parts of the catchment. Different parts may have different values.</p> <p>PK – Need consultation with community.</p> <p>LE – This group can work through details and then go back to community. How do we make the work more tangible? Unpicking the details as a small group is useful - its harder with a community hui.</p> <p>PK – Group reps can go to their representative people. Will council support?</p> <p>LE – Can attend meetings where needed.</p> <p>PC – Maybe need to share sentiment with people. We are in a retrievable space – our water quality issues can be improved. Next question – so where’s the problem, what is it?</p> <p>LE – Sediment and ecoli the two main problems in this catchment. Want to make an action plan out of this. Where the sediment is coming from is the big question.</p> <p>HG – Suggest it's the riverbank.</p>	<p>7.05pm- 8.38pm</p>

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<p>LE – Want to make sure that we're making a difference. Evidence base to make firm decisions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion around how values relate to national bottom lines, phormidium. • Ecoli in the Wharekopae, rere, 10 year process to turn around. • Relationship between erosion and riverbank treatment. Keeping long grass to berm to catch sediment may be better than native. • Values discussion – confirmation of spreadsheet with group. <p>Water quantity</p> <p>KW – Has there been a conversation about water quantity in the Motu catchment?</p> <p>HG and BJH – Seen big changes over 20 years.</p> <p>PC – Runs consistently lower than it was.</p> <p>LE – Could be part of the problem. Lower water levels mean more concentrated sediment and ecoli.</p> <p>PC – Can we tap into Waitangirua data?</p> <p>LE – NIWA pulled out about 4 yrs ago. More important to be further up catchment. We moved water quality site there. Can access historic record at Waitangirua though. Good indication of flows.</p> <p>ACTION: JS to access historic Waitangirua flow data</p> <p>KR – Also data from Kotare but only monthly.</p> <p>KW – Trend is definitely different.</p> <p>BJ – Looking at temperature and flow correlating with trout fishing. Went up to 22 deg, fish had it tough.</p> <p>LE - Water in waipaoa river can get up to 28-30deg in summer. Fish move into tributaries where it is cooler.</p> <p>BJ – Matawai stream a culprit in water quality. Stream probably a lot warmer compared to other streams. Also goes through some intensive farming area. Low gradient, slow moving. Downstream, there is a slight change in that river. Fish levels improve at Motuhora and Whakarau confluences.</p> <p>PC – Spawning up Motuhora.</p> <p>PK and HG – Spawning up our creek too.</p> <p>HG – Riverbanks with significant erosion. Couldn't fence because flooding would take the fences out..</p> <p>KW – Ecologist talked about importance of oxbows taking energy out of freshes to prevent erosion and stop taking fences out.</p> <p>PC – That's what motu reserve is. In the old days, they used to punt on it.</p> <p>PB – Could treat DoC land as FMU?</p> <p>LE – Agree, support the idea</p> <p>KW – Wetlands – this catchment has more than most. General interest in doing more here.</p>	

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PB – Wetlands are impt. Not here just to fence Motu off and plant a few plants. PK – Don't also want to be creating a band aid. LE – External funding available to support. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion around how to leverage ext funding. 	
Close KW – public access points to the river? BJ – access all the way from Kims place to the reserve. PK – Walking access no vehicle. BJ – Will talk to fish and game officer about this group. END	8.38pm

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