

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WAIPARA RIVER WORKING PARTY HELD ON MONDAY 3 MAY 2010 AT 7.00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 66 CARTERS ROAD, AMBERLEY.

PRESENT

Garry Jackson (Chair), Mark Jones, Greg Bennett, David Beer, Tony Fitzsimmonds, Douschka Saunders, Leigh Love, Ross Williams, Ross Little, Brian Jensen, Richard Goord, Paul Williams, Gareth Renowden, Rob Gerard

APOLOGIES

Julie Coster, Fred Murray, Brent Maguire, Norton Hiller, Sarah Hughes-Games

IN ATTENDANCE

Amelia Dalley (Minutes), Helga Rigg, Chris Rhodes, Steve Palmer, Matthew McCallum-Clark, Ian Turnbull, David Rodgers

MINUTES

THAT THE PREVIOUS MINUTES BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD

Goord/Saunders

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING

Issues with the phrasing of the paragraph about Te Marino's comment on vehicles being used in the riverbed were raised. It was felt that Te Marino's position had been clarified in an email sent to the working party from him.

PRESENTATION ON RABBIT CONTROL

Steve Palmer, contracted to facilitate rabbit eradication operations, presented to the Waipara River an update on the land owners decisions on a control exercise to be done in the Waipara River.

Pindone poison with carrot bait will be used in May-June. The riverbed should be safe by the start of summer.

PRESENTATION ON MINIMUM FLOW ALLOCATIONS

Matthew Macullam-Clark gave a presentation on the proposed minimum flows. It was notified a couple of weeks ago. The proposal is mostly status quo and it is unlikely that there will be more extraction.

GENERAL COMMENT

Ross Little raised issue of no longer being an Environment Canterbury Councillor and does not expect to have a vote on the working party given that he was appointed as an ECan representative. Garry clarified that he is still considered a member of the working party should he wish to remain.

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Dogs

Currently must be under effective control in the Waipara River, except the mouth where they are banned. Major issue for farmers and adjoining landowners is dogs spreading sheep measles, which is transmitted through dog faeces. Treatment is not given through standard vet vaccinations put through a pill, similar to worming a dog.

Action Point: Look at strategy for dealing with sheep measles

Issue is around Barnetts Road and Swimming Hole areas. Dogs need to be controlled or prohibited. Suggested a seasonal prohibition on dogs could be considered.

THAT THE WORKING PARTY RECOMMEND TO THE HURUNUI DISTRICT COUNCIL A REVIEW OF THE DOG CONTROL BYLAW TO CREATE DOG PROHIBITED AREAS IN HIGH RECREATIONAL USE AROUND THE BOYS BRIGADE CAMP AND CAMPING AREA ABUTTING BARNETTS ROAD

Jackson/Jones

CARRIED

Fishing

THAT THE WORKING PARTY ACCEPTS THE STATUS QUO WITH RESPECT TO FISHING IN THE RIVER

Jones/Williams

CARRIED

Shooting

Action Point: Need to get legal opinion on firearms in the riverbed

Frustrated at the lack of willingness to attend by the Police and little response to the concerns of landowners.

Next meeting confirmed for 31 May 2010

Meeting closed 9.10pm