Community Partnership in Growth and Wellbeing
Committee Membership:
John Faulkner (Chairperson)
Ken Hughey (Deputy Chairperson)
Mayor Winton Dalley (Hurunui District Council)
Cr Vince Daly (Hurunui District Council)
Cr Cynthia Roberts (Canterbury Regional Council)
Josh Dondertman
Michele Hawke
James McCon
Julia McLean
John Preece
Makarini Rupene (Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga)
Nukuroa Tirikatene-Nash (Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura)

Quorum:
The quorum of the meeting consists of:
• half of the members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even; or
• a majority of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is odd.

Committee Secretary – Michelle Stanley

The purpose of local government:
(1) The purpose of local government is—
   (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and
   (b) to meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses.

(2) In this Act, good-quality, in relation to local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions, means infrastructure, services, and performance that are —
   (a) efficient; and
   (b) effective; and
   (c) appropriate to present and anticipated future circumstances.

(Local Government Act 2002 – Amendment Act 2012)
HURUNUI – WAIAU ZONE COMMITTEE
MEETING
Monday, 17 June 2019
Takahanga Marae, Kaikōura

**AGENDA**

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# Register of Interests for the Hurunui-Waiau Zone Committee

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| Cr Vince Daly          | • Farm owner - mixed cropping and livestock farm  
• Water resource consent to take water from unnamed lake in Jed catchment                                                                                                                                   |
| Josh Dondertman        | • Managing Director Pahau Flats Dairy/Caithness Dairy Ltd – Craigmore Farming Ltd                                                                                                                          |
| John Faulkner          | • Dairy farm owner in the Amuri Basin.  
• Irrigation water supplied by Amuri Irrigation Company Ltd (Shareholder).  
• Dairy Support block owner, consent to take water from a gallery.  
• Member of the independent irrigators Group.                                                                                                   |
| Michele Hawke          | Nil                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Ken Hughey             | • Professor of Environmental Management, Lincoln University (2 days per week)  
• Chief Science Advisor, Department of Conservation, Wellington (3 days per week)  
• Board member Waihora Ellesmere Trust  
• Board member Hanmer Springs Conservation Trust  
• Member Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society.  
• Member NZ Geographical Society.  
• Occasional contract water-related research work including for Environment Canterbury.                                                                                                                 |
| James McConne          | • Dry Creek Dairy Ltd- AIC Balmoral scheme  
• Kinloch Dairy Ltd- AIC Waiau Scheme  
• Amuri Irrigation Company Director  
• Committee Member Upper Waiau Independent Irrigators  
• Informal interest in potential emu plains irrigation                                                                                          |
| Julia McLean           | TBA                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| John Preece            | • Consultant wetland ecologist – including occasional contracts for Environment Canterbury  
• Part owner of commercial flower garden at Conway Flat  
• Coordinator Hutton’s Shearwater Charitable Trust                                                                                               |
| Cr Cynthia Roberts     | • Register of Interests is held by Environment Canterbury.                                                                                                                                                |
| Makarini Rupene        | • Cultural Land Management Advisor, Environment Canterbury  
• Tangata Kaitiaki  
• Ngāi Tūāhuriri Representative, Motanau Coastal Guardians  
• Member, Executive, Ngāi Tūāhuriri Runānga                                                                                                     |
| Nukuroa Tirikatene-Nash| • Tangata Kaitiaki  
• Trustee, Te Kōhaka ō Tūhaitara Trust  
• Member, Ngāi Tahu Farms Mana Whenua Working Party  
• President, Gore Bay Board Riders  
• Iwi/environmental management consultant  
• Director, Hui Ngaru ō te Wai Pounamu                                                                                                           |
## Hurunui-Waiau Zone Committee

**Meeting**  
Hurunui-Waiau Zone Committee

**Date and Time**  
20 May 2019, 3.00pm

**Venue**  
Leithfield Community Centre, Leithfield

**Agenda**  

### Members Present

- John Faulkner (Chair), Mayor Winton Dalley, Cr Vince Daly, Josh Dondertman, Ken Hughey, James McCon, Julia McLean, John Preece, Cr Cynthia Roberts, and Nukuroa Tirikatene-Nash.

### In Attendance

- **Environment Canterbury (ECan)** – Ian Whitehouse (Zone Facilitator), Cr Claire McKay, Stephen Bragg, Marco Cataloni, Andrew Arps, Andrew Parrish, Heath Melville, Zipporah Ploeg, Angus McLeod and Nadeine Dommisse
- **Hurunui District Council** – Hamish Dobbie, Cr Michael Ward
- **Department of Conservation** – John Benn and Daniel Kimber
- **Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRONT)** – Lisa Mackenzie
- Amuri Irrigation – David Croft
- **Member of Public** – Jamie McFadden
- **Committee Secretary** – Michelle Stanley

**Recording Device**  
A recording device was in use for the accuracy of the minutes.

### Karakia

John Faulkner opened the meeting with a karakia.

### Te Reo Māori – Place names in the zone

Nukuroa Tirikatene-Nash spoke on the history of the Leithfield area. He noted that whilst there would have been a small settlement in this area, it was more of a transient area and would have been on the trail to other bigger settlements.

### Apologies

- Michele Hawke and Makarini Rupene.
- Mayor Winton Dalley for lateness.

**That the apologies be accepted.**

Faulkner/McLean  
CARRIED

- Andrew Barton sent his apologies

### Conflict of Interest Declarations

Nil.

### Urgent Business

- Forest and Bird New Zealand have registered a challenge to the Auditor-General’s declaration regarding conflict of interest for Zone Committee members. ECan were notified of this challenge on Friday and are still looking into it. Further information to be provided at a future meeting.
Minutes

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE HURUNUI-WAIAU ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 APRIL 2019 ARE CONFIRMED, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

- Page 7, second heading, second paragraph, change first sentence to “...stated that the cost for the Hurunui District Council...”
- Page 8, Item 1, first bullet point, change first sentence to read “It was agreed that the following be added to the scope...”

Faulkner/Roberts CARRIED

Matters Arising/Action List:

Zone Deliver Update (Matters Arising page 7)

The monitoring water quality data from the hapua of the Hurunui and Waiau Rivers is yet to be published on the LAWA website due to ongoing issues. The chlorophyll a monitoring results will be provided in the briefing on the current state of the zone’s water resource as part of the Zone Committee’s work program.

Item 3. Identifying and protecting wetlands in the zone. (Page 8)

Further information into carbon credits and wetlands was sought and it was noted that at this point there are no carbon credits available for wetlands.

Action Sheet Updates

See action sheet for all updates.

Correspondence

Reply to Hurunui District Landcare Group (Outgoing)

Taken as read.

Letter to HDC and ECan requesting a review of the Zone Committee. (Outgoing)

Taken as read.

Email Replies to letter from Zone Committee (Incoming)

Taken as read.

Response to Federation of Freshwater Anglers (Outgoing)

The letter was received by the Federation of Freshwater Anglers. It was noted that their response was discouraging. They felt that the fishing concerns were not addressed in the Hurunui-Waiau Zone Committee’s letter.

1. Public Contribution

David Croft updated the Zone Committee noting that the AIC has lodged its Draft Product Disclosure Statement with the Financial Markets Authority. They expect the feedback in a week’s time. Once received they will take it to the Hurunui Farmers Association.

2. Wetland Mapping in the Hurunui Zone

Andrew Arps presented to the committee on action-on-the-ground: ‘getting (wetlands) stuff done’.

Development of Canterbury Maps

Discussion was held on the presented wetlands map and the following noted:

- There is a process in place for people to challenge ECan as to where they think wetlands are or not.
- ECan have acknowledged that communication on the mapping could have been better.
• The map is not yet complete and would not have been published as early if the information request from Rural Advisory Network had not been received. It was discussed that this work should have been clearly communicated to the community as they could have assisted with better accuracy of the maps. In order to have the communities’ confidence, the Zone Committee needs to have the correct and appropriate information available.
• There is a concern that this map is being used for statutory purposes in the consenting process when it is not correct and whilst there is a process to contest it, this can be expensive for landowners to prove. Officers noted that this map is a draft. In a consenting compliance situation, the conversation is held on what values are on the property. If a landowner suspects there might be a wetland on their property, ECan officers will investigate free of charge.
• ECan officers noted that wetlands are one of the main priorities as noted in the ECan Council’s 10 year plan.
• It was discussed that the consenting process that the Hurunui District Council follow is one of engagement and bottom up. It was felt that ECan seem to work from an executive decision down type process. Zone Committee members feel that it is continuously being put in a difficult position between statutory processes and on-the-ground works. It was asked that the Hurunui District Council be a stronger party in this process and work with ECan to resolve these issues for the benefit of the community.
• ECan officers noted the Zone Committee’s concerns. The concerns that have been raised today has been raised be others and officers are giving it their attention. It was asked that if there are any current instances of the concerns already discussed to please let Nadeine Dommisse know.
• The Zone Committee agreed that it was in support for protecting wetlands but not the statutory process currently in place.
• Andrew Arps noted that the learnings from this is that there is an opportunity to have a work stream to feed into the Zone Committee to inform it of what projects and data collection is currently being undertaken or planned.
• Andrew noted that going forward the focus will be on the ground actions with clear agreed upon outcomes and working in a respectful manner with landowners.

Flagship Project

The following updates were provided by Zipporah Ploeg, Biodiversity Officer ECan.

• Black-backed gull control – The control work was largely successful and planning for next season has already begun including working with Department of Conservation to get the permit earlier. There were 1926 birds retrieved and they are confident that it was very close to the amount poisoned. Next year they will look at any eggs left over to be donated to Rūnanga, but the plan is that the poisoning will be undertaken earlier before nesting begins.
• Island Enhancement – Planned for 16 islands but only seven suitable sites were found. It was found that the enhanced island had the highest nesting success.
• Bird surveys and monitoring – Two large floods severely impacted nesting success.

Hurunui Splash

Marco Cataloni reported that the new sites for the 2019 summer are the Waitohi River near camp site and Dog Stream in Hanmer. Any maintenance work (i.e. gravel removal, deepening) to be carried out at Waiau and Hurunui Rivers in November/December.

SCAR Project

The Soil Conservation and Revegetation Programme (SCAR) is a $3 million project to be undertaken over 4 and a bit years targeting erosion-prone land. Eligible landowners will have a minimum of 5 hectares of land to plant poplar poles, undertake farm mapping, and fencing etc. The target for the first year is planting 3,000 poplar poles.

Michael Bennett is working on identifying the various groups for this project.

Billion Trees Project

It was noted that the Regional Plan outlines and identifies water sensitive areas so trees will not be planted in the wrong spot.

Community Catchment Project - Waiau Uwha Reach

This community catchment project is about reaching out and engaging stakeholders and manawhenua in the values and complex issues surrounding the Waiau Uwha River. They are focused on a short reach of this braided river near Spotswood. The programme, once launched, will be designed to inspire meaningful change and on the ground action that embraces water stewardship, respect and protection of the values of the river and its surrounds. All values of braided rivers and their immediate environs, protection and enhancement of springs and tributaries, weed control, recreation, mahinga kai gathering, farming and other land uses, and education will all play a part in this community led project. The aim of this project is to inspire broad community respect for the diverse range of values and support for actions consistent with the principles of the CWMS – the ultimate aim will lead to “inspiration to be replicated”.

This is being led by the community, with support from ECan. There is interest and ownership in the project. More updates to come in the future once the community has worked through the parameters. It is dependent on people understanding what needs to be achieved.

It was noted that comfort needs to be given to the community and ECan that the Zone Committee can do it this way, so timeframes need to be set.

It was suggested that it would be good to do some of the public areas first.

Communication will be an important part of this project.

It was noted that Rūnanga will be interested in being involved.

Kaikōura (and Lees Valley) Wetlands Presentation

Heath Melville, biodiversity officer from the Kaikōura zone, introduced himself. Heath presented an example of a landowner working with ECan to re-establish a significant wetland, Nagari Wetlands.
It was noted that they worked closely with River Protection for this project and the River Protection issued a river wide consent to cover the works to remove the willows in the river.

Heath noted that having the ECan collective information is helpful with projects like these.

The other example shown to the Zone Committee was the Hapuku Wetlands which is largely under a QEII Covenant. This has been identified as a wahi tapu site which was notified by the owner.

A lot of volunteer work has been utilised in this project to help with weed control.

It was recommended to read Johns Preece’s paper on wetlands.

Programme Development – Wetlands

Andrew Arps asked the Zone Committee as to how it wishes to progress the wetlands management and protection project. The following was discussed:

- It was noted that an inventory of the current wetlands is a good starting point. The ECan wetlands map could be used as a base and an area picked to assess.
- The AIC mitigation package could be tied into this process.
- The potential to develop artificial wetlands to help with nutrient treatment was discussed as a viable option.
- Asked if it would be worth identifying the willing first. Maybe with the help of AIC a landowner could be identified who might be willing to participate. ECan Officers noted that they have had 12 farmers come forward across Canterbury asking for help to restore their wetlands.
- Incentive might be to cover the cost of consenting for people.
- Needs further information, training, and advice services for landowners wanting to restore wetlands.
- It was asked if Jason Butt could present at a future Zone Committee meeting.

Break

The meeting adjourned for a break at 5.00pm and reconvened at 5.25pm.

3. Update on Mahaanui Kurataiao Limited

Andrew Parrish updated the Zone Committee on the Mahaanui Kurataiao Limited (MKT) paper. The following was noted:

- Andrew Parrish had a meeting with MKT representatives. Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura have considered the paper and have invited the Zone Committee to attend a hui at Takahanga Marae to voice their thoughts on the paper and build a relationship with the Zone Committee. It was suggested that this take place on Monday, 17 June. The Zone Committee agreed that this would be a good opportunity and that a formal meeting should still be undertaken after the hui with Rūnanga.
- Nukuroa Tirikatene-Nash, Steven Bragg, Andrew Parrish and Ian Whitehouse to make the necessary arrangements for the 17 June visit to the Marae.
4. **Zone Committee 2019 Work Programme**
   Ian Whitehouse, ECan.

The Zone Committee members considered the draft work programme for 2019. Ian Whitehouse asked the Zone Committee to consider priorities and avoid adding too many topics in order to mitigate the risk of incomplete projects. Discussion was held and the following was noted:

- It was agreed that a letter be written to the Rural Advocacy Network group asking that they reconsider pulling their support of the Zone Committee as the Committee has always valued their input.
- An additional report from Stephanie Chin, Planner HDC, is to be scheduled for the July meeting.
- The Zone Committee agreed that future discussions and reports are more focused on outcome driven decisions.
- It was noted that there is opportunity for the Zone Committee to look at on-the-ground projects on the rivers. ECan Officers noted that if the Zone Committee can identify projects that would make a big difference to the health of the river then there might be a way to fund it.
- Te Tiriti o Waitangi two day training is designed to be a refresher for some and new for others. Ian Whitehouse will notify Zone Committee members when the courses are being run. It was encouraged that members also undergo their own training in order to get up to speed especially before attending the hui at Takahunga Marae.
- The Zone Committee is asked to feed back to Ian Whitehouse, via email, ideas on the schedule.
- It was discussed and agreed that a working group be formed to work on a communications action plan for the Zone Committee. This group would form a plan, structure and key points to cover. Julia McLean, Ken Hughey and John Faulkner to work with HDC and ECan. Andrew Arps offered to help.
- It was agreed that regular group and project updates (Amuri Irrigation, Hurunui District Landcare Group, Cheviot Irrigators) are undertaken and that they are done at the same time.
- The Zone Committee noted that would prefer that differing, outside of ECan and HDC, experts be brought in to provide feedback on data. They felt that the issue is not the gathering of data but rather the interpretation.
- The Zone Committee agreed to prioritise implementing the HWRRP minimum flows and the Review of the Zone Committee.
- It was asked that a report be provided by HDC officers on the state of drinking water. It was advised that this information is readily available on the HDC website under Infrastructure Committee agenda papers and is updated monthly.

5. **Rhythm and Pines Youth**
   Marco Cataloni

Due to a copyright issue, the event has been renamed Vision and Pines Youth Restoration event.

Marco Cataloni will be doing a talk and will circulate the latest updates or link to the Zone Committee.
6. **Update on Regional Committee**
Mayor Winton Dalley and John Preece

John Preece provided an update on the latest Regional Committee meeting. The Committee visited a dairy farm to look at a Farm Environment Plan (FEP) audit of a dairy farm. John noted that he felt the FMP was useful to stop the environment from getting worse but there is no mechanism to make improvements.

It was also noted that the Regional Committee wishes to provide more structured reporting back to the various Zone Committee and they are working on this.

7. **Update from Zone Committee members on other activities and meetings attended that relate to the Committee’s outcomes for the Zone.**
Nil.

8. **Update from organisations wishing to speak**
Nil.

**Urgent Business**
Nil

**Meeting concluded**
The meeting concluded at 6.44pm with a whakamoemiti from Nukuroa Tirikatene-Nash.

**Next meeting**
## Hurunui-Waiau Zone Committee Action Sheet *(updated for 17 June zone committee meeting)*

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<td>Communications Plan</td>
<td>Get together a group to prepare a draft Communication Plan to bring to 15 July HWZC meeting. Group members: Julia, John Faulkner, Ken, ECan Comms (Angus), HDC Comms (Holly)</td>
<td>Whit &amp; Angus</td>
<td>Work in progress. Meeting scheduled 19 June</td>
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<td>Wetlands</td>
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<td>Work in progress. Schedule briefing from HDC. Suggest October meeting alongside briefings from ECan on state of water resource. Or in August if committee consider it needs to be sooner</td>
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<td>Chatterton River Project</td>
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<td>New ECan monitoring &amp; investigations</td>
<td>ECan provide HWZC with information on new or planned work in zone relating to collecting water- or land related information</td>
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<td>Work in progress. Nadeine to progress for all ten zone committees</td>
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<td>HDLG field trips</td>
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<td>RAN</td>
<td>HWZC encouraging RAN to stay involved</td>
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<td>Monitoring Data on LAWA</td>
<td>Andrew Arps to check to see if the information on the Hurunui and Waiau hapua is up on the LAWA Website</td>
<td>Andrew Arps</td>
<td>Work in progress. It is not up on the website due to technical difficulties with the data translation. ECan is looking into transferring the HDC consent for the monitoring site onto ECan.</td>
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<td>Cultural Impact Assessment</td>
<td>Report back to the Zone Committee on the status of report from MKT.</td>
<td>Andrew Parrish</td>
<td>Work in progress. Briefing on report from MKT on 17 June</td>
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<td>Monitoring of the Hurunui hapua</td>
<td>Requested that monitoring of the Hurunui hapua is undertaken.</td>
<td>Ian Whitehouse</td>
<td>Work in progress. Some monitoring is done at hapua – see above. Results of monitoring will be presented at a future meeting.</td>
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<td>18 March 2019</td>
<td>Cultural Discussion of identifying grades of the Rivers</td>
<td>That a cultural discussion of the rivers be undertaken to identify and recognise Māori values versus A and B grades used by ECan.</td>
<td>Nukuroa Tirikatene-Nash/Ian Whitehouse</td>
<td>Work in progress. Māori look at the river in terms of reliability of the water and grade via state of the river: Drinking water, baptism, wai tapu. Further discussion to be held.</td>
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05 June 2019

Rural Advocacy Network
24 Mina Road
RD 2
Cheviot

Dear Jamie

The Zone Committee regrets the decision of the Advocacy Network to withdraw from involvement in the Zone Committee and Canterbury Water Management Strategy. The Hurunui Zone has multiple issues confronting it that are contentious to stakeholders. The Committee does not see groups walking away as being helpful for resolving community tension.

Many of the issues raised by organisations such as Rural Advocacy Network can be dealt with by the Hurunui Waiau Zone Committee if it is operating from a position of strength.

On behalf of the Zone Committee I ask the Rural Advocacy Network reconsider their position to stay outside the process.

The Zone Committee is undergoing a review of their operation and the District Council and ECan are having the hard conversations required to make the Zone Committee more effective.

Nga mihi

John Faulkner

Hurunui Waiau Zone Committee Chair
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AGENDA ITEM NO: 3
SUBJECT MATTER:
Advancing HWZC’s wetlands discussions and decisions

REPORT BY:
Ian Whitehouse, Environment Canterbury

DATE OF MEETING:
17 June 2019

1 Purpose
To provide the committee with information to assist with decisions on how the committee will advance its wetland discussions and recommendations.

2 Staff Recommendation
   a) The committee agrees the wetland topics it wishes to make recommendations on are:
      i. Working with the willing
      ii. Removing barriers and providing incentives for landowners to protect and improve
           wetlands
      iii. Creating or enhancing wetlands to help with nutrient management
      iv. Education and communication to help farmers value and manage wetlands
      v. Developing a “flagship” wetland project.
   b) The zone committee agrees that, in the first instance, wetland protection should be
      progressed through “collectives” identifying and supporting willing farmers to improve
      wetlands.
   c) The committee forms a subcommittee to progress discussion and recommendations (on the
      matters in a) above) with the subcommittee’s Terms of Reference to be confirmed at the
      July zone meeting.

3 Background
Committee member John Preece briefed the April meeting on the need for a wetland inventory and for better wetland protection. At the May meeting Environment Canterbury staff provided information on the release of an updated wetland GIS layer and on wetland projects in adjacent zones. At the meeting zone committee members identified wetland topics that could be progressed by the committee but did not agree how this would be done.

The matters the committee identified at the May meeting were:
   a) Working with the willing
   b) Removing barriers and providing incentives for landowners to protect and improve
      wetlands
   c) Creating or enhancing wetlands to help with nutrient management
   d) Education and communication to:
      ▪ Help farmers understand wetland values and what they can do to protect/enhance
        them.
      ▪ Help people understand best wetland management practice
   e) Developing a “flagship” wetland project.
Further discussion has indicated there is support for the idea that “working with the willing” is done through “collectives” (such as Amuri Irrigation, Hurunui District Landcare Group).

The table below outlines the possible role for the committee in relation to the matters above and the likely information needed to make recommendations on these matters.

**TABLE 1**

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<td>Work with the willing</td>
<td>Recommend that irrigation collectives and Landcare Group identify farmers willing to protect/enhance wetlands; Work to get irrigation collectives to support farmers doing wetland protection/enhancement.</td>
<td>No further information required, just do it</td>
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<td>Removing barriers &amp; providing incentives</td>
<td>Recommendations to:</td>
<td>Hear from farmers and others who have protected or enhanced wetlands (or wanted to). Other information that may assist in identifying incentives/barriers.</td>
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<td>Creating or enhancing wetlands to help with nutrient management</td>
<td>Recommendation on how to make this happen.</td>
<td>Understand what created/enhanced wetlands can do to reduce nutrients (and what they can’t do).</td>
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<td>Understand options – creation, enhancement</td>
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<td>Understand costs and efficacy.</td>
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<td>Understand the “best” location for created/enhanced wetlands.</td>
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<td>Education and communication:</td>
<td>Recommendations in relation to education and communication. Zone Committee members understand the value of wetlands and encourage others to protect/enhance wetlands.</td>
<td>Understand wetland values.</td>
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<td>Understand what can be done to protect/enhance wetlands and best practice for this.</td>
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<td>Understand current resources (advisors) for wetland advice.</td>
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<td>Understand education resources available now &amp; in development</td>
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<td>Develop a “flagship” wetland project</td>
<td>Agree criteria/objectives in relation to a “flagship” wetland; Recommend XXX wetland be a “flagship” wetland for the zone. Help get funding and resources for developing the flagship wetland.</td>
<td>Ecological priorities in relation to HW wetlands.</td>
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<td>Potential funding sources.</td>
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Establishing a Wetlands subcommittee

There are differing views on whether a subcommittee should be established to progress the wetland discussions and recommendations (as outlined above). The tables below outline the advantages and disadvantages of the two options: establishing a subcommittee, or not.

Option: establish a HWZC Wetlands subcommittee

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<td>▪ Speed up committee’s decision-making process.</td>
<td>▪ Some committee members will not be as involved or as informed as others. Most of the committee appears to be interested in wetlands and so may want to be fully involved in all wetland-related work of the committee.</td>
<td>▪ Regular updates to committee including indication of likely recommendations.</td>
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<td>▪ Allows committee to also address its other priorities: implementing minimum flows and its review.</td>
<td>▪ Less opportunities for interested parties to hear and engage with committee (as interested parties can easily engage at HWZC public meetings).</td>
<td>▪ Subcmtee members talk informally with members not on the Subcmtee.</td>
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<td>▪ More work for the committee members on the subcommittee (particularly for face-to-face meetings and field trips)</td>
<td>▪ All material provided to Subcmtee is provided to all committee and put on HWZC website.</td>
<td>▪ Some Subcmtee meetings done using video- or tele-conferencing (e.g. Skype).</td>
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Option: do not establish a HWZC wetlands subcommittee

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<td>▪ All committee members and interested parties are engaged in the wetlands discussions and so fully part of decision-making.</td>
<td>▪ Takes more time for committee to make decisions.</td>
<td>▪ Zone Committee members come well-prepared to every meeting and workshop so material can be taken “as read”.</td>
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<td>▪ No additional meetings for committee members.</td>
<td>▪ Long meetings with full agendas and workshops before every meeting.</td>
<td>▪ Remove lower priority items from agenda, postponing these until after wetlands decisions made.</td>
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<td>▪ Advance wetland discussions in stages, for example make recommendations on “working with the willing” immediately; defer committee’s work on created wetlands until early 2020.</td>
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Should the committee establish a subcommittee at the meeting it could do so with the proviso that the Terms of Reference (TOR) be confirmed at the 15 July meeting. This would enable the Subcommittee to meet before the July meeting. The committee could recommend that the description of scope in the Subcommittee’s TOR reflect the description of the committee’s role in Table 1 above.
Action required

That the Zone Committee notes the information in this report

Plan Change update

1. Plan Change 1 to the Hurunui and Waiau River Regional Plan was notified on 4 May, and submissions closed on 31 May.

2. We have received 13 submissions. All but one of the submissions have come from businesses or stakeholder groups. There is one submission by an individual.

3. A summary of the decisions requested in the submissions will be made available within the next few weeks and further submissions will be called for.

4. A two-person independent hearings panel has been appointed. The hearing panel are Sharon McGarry (Chair) and Yvette Couch-Lewis.

5. We expect the hearing to begin in late October / early November.

Nitrogen offset

6. On May 30, a deed of undertaking by the Board of Amuri Irrigation was signed by Environment Canterbury. The deed of undertaking commits Amuri Irrigation and Hurunui Water Project to the surrender of up to 38t of nitrogen load once the Plan Change is beyond challenge. The timing of the surrender has been a conscious decision to ensure the surrendered load is not available for use by a third-party applicant.
AGENDA ITEM NO: 4(b)  SUBJECT MATTER: Zone Facilitator’s Report

REPORT BY: Ian Whitehouse, Environment Canterbury  DATE OF MEETING: 17 June, 2019

Action required:

1. Note that the Hurunui District Council and Environment Canterbury have agreed to the committee’s request for an independent review.
2. Note that the committee will have a new Zone Facilitator, Lyn Carmichael, in September.

1 Review of Hurunui Waiau Zone Committee
Hurunui District and Environment Canterbury councillors agreed, at meetings on 30 May and 06 June respectively, to the committee’s request for an independent review of the operations and role of the Hurunui Waiau Zone Committee. Hurunui District and Environment Canterbury will now commission this review.

2 Update on legal challenges
Forest and Bird has lodged a legal challenge to the exemptions that the Auditor-General has previously issued for Zone Committee members. These exemptions allow members who have conflicts of interest to discuss and if necessary vote on matters related to the development of implementation programmes designed to achieve the targets and goals set out in the Canterbury Water Management Strategy. The High Court has set a timetable that gives Environment Canterbury and the Office of the Auditor General until 21 June to file a statement of defence; and sets the same timeframe for the other parties who were served (AIC and two committee members) to apply to be joined to the proceedings if they so wish.

Forest and Bird sought a declaration from the Environment Court on the lawfulness of the “Advice Note” relating to the implementation of the “10% rule”. The Court ruled in December 2018 that the Advice Note was lawful to the extent that it expresses a compliance, monitoring and enforcement policy but deemed two sentences in the Advice Note to be unlawful. Forest and Bird appealed this decision. The hearing on this matter is set for the Christchurch High Court on 17 June in front of Justice Rachel Dunningham.

3 New Zone Facilitator
Lyn Carmichael will be the Hurunui Waiau Zone Facilitator from September. Lyn has an earth science and planning background. She is currently the lead planner for the sub-regional plan for the OTOP (Orari, Opihi, Temuka and Pareora) zone.
Terms of Reference
The area of the Hurunui Waiau Water Management Zone is shown on the attached map.

Establishment
The Committee is established under the auspices of the Local Government Act 2002 in accordance with the Canterbury Water Management Strategy 2009.

The Committee is a joint Committee of Environment Canterbury (the Regional Council) and Hurunui District Council (the Territorial Authority).

Purpose and Functions
The purpose and function of the Committee is to:

• Facilitate community involvement in the development, implementation, review and updating of a Zone Implementation Programme that gives effect to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy in the Hurunui Waiau area; and
• Monitor progress of the implementation of the Zone Implementation Programme.

Objectives
1) Develop a Zone Implementation Programme that seeks to advance the CWMS vision, principles, and targets in the Hurunui Waiau Zone.
2) Oversee the delivery of the Zone Implementation Programme.
3) Support other Zone Implementation Programmes and the Regional Implementation Programme to the extent they have common areas of interest or interface.
4) Ensure that the community of the Zone are informed, have opportunity for input, and are involved in the development and delivery of the Hurunui Waiau Implementation Programme.
5) Consult with other Zone Water Management Committees throughout the development and implementation of the Hurunui Waiau Implementation Programme on matters impacting on other zone areas.
6) Engage with relevant stakeholders throughout the development of the Hurunui Waiau Implementation Programme.
7) Recommend the Hurunui Waiau Implementation Programme to their respective Councils.
8) Review the Implementation Programme on a three yearly cycle and recommend any changes to the respective Councils.
9) Monitor the performance of Environment Canterbury, Hurunui District Council, and other agencies in relation to the implementation of the Hurunui Waiau Implementation Programme.
10) Provide Environment Canterbury and Hurunui District Council with updates on progress against the Zone Implementation Programme.
Limitation of Powers
The Committee does not have the authority to commit any Council to any path or expenditure and its recommendations do not compromise the Councils’ freedom to deliberate and make decisions.

The Committee does not have the authority to submit on proposed Resource Management or Local Government Plans.

The Committee does not have the authority to submit on resource consent matters.

Committee Membership
The Zone Committee will comprise:

1) One elected member or Commissioner appointed by Environment Canterbury;
2) One elected member appointed by each Territorial Authority operating within the Zone Boundary;
3) One member from each of Tūāhuriri and Kaikōura Rūnanga;
4) Between 4-7 members appointed from the community and who come from a range of backgrounds and interests within the community;
5) Environment Canterbury and Hurunui District Council will appoint their own representatives on the Committee. Tūāhuriri and Kaikōura Rūnanga will nominate their representatives and the appointments will be confirmed by Environment Canterbury and Hurunui District Council.

Selection of Community Members
To be eligible for appointment to a Zone Committee the candidate must either live in or have a significant relationship with the zone. Recommendations on Community Members for the Hurunui Waiau Zone Committee will be made to Environment Canterbury and Hurunui District Council by a working group of representatives from Environment Canterbury, Hurunui District Council, Tūāhuriri and Kaikōura Rūnanga. The recommendations will take into account the balance of interests required for Hurunui Waiau, geographic spread of members and the ability of the applicants to work in a collaborative, consensus-seeking manner. Environment Canterbury and Hurunui District Council will receive the recommendations and make the appointments.

Quorum
The quorum at a meeting consists of:

(i) Half of the members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even; or
(ii) A majority of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is odd.

Chair and Deputy Chair
Each year, the Committee shall appoint the Chair and Deputy Chair from the membership by simple majority. There is no limit on how long a person can be in either of these positions.

Term of Appointment
Members of Committees are appointed for a term of three years. To coincide with Local Government Election processes terms shall commence from January each year, with each Committee requiring confirmation of membership by the incoming Council. The term for community members will be staggered so that one third of the community members is appointed (or reappointed) each year. There is no limit on the number of consecutive terms.
Financial Delegations
None

Operating Philosophy
The Committees will at all times operate in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and will observe the following principles:

1) Give effect to the Fundamental Principles, Targets and goals of the CWMS;
2) Be culturally sensitive observing tikanga Maori;
3) Apply a Ki uta ki tai (from the mountains to the sea) approach;
4) Work with the CWMS Regional Committee to support the implementation of the CWMS across the region as a whole;
5) Give consideration to and balance the interests of all water interests in the region in debate and decision-making;
6) Work in a collaborative and co-operative manner using best endeavours to reach solutions that take account of the interests of all sectors of the community;
7) Contribute their knowledge and perspective but not promote the views or positions of any particular interest or stakeholder group;
8) Promote a philosophy of integrated water management to achieve the multiple objectives of the range of interests in water;
9) Seek consensus in decision-making where at all possible. In the event that neither unanimous agreement is able to be reached nor a significant majority view formed, in the first instance seek assistance from an external facilitator to further Committee discussions and deliberations. Where the Committee encounters fundamental disagreements, despite having sought assistance and exhausted all avenues to resolve matters, recommend that the respective Councils disband them and appoint a new Committee.

Meeting and Remuneration Guidelines
1) The Committee will meet at least eight times per annum and with workshops and additional meetings as required. At times, the workload will be substantially higher. Proxies or alternates are not permitted.
2) Any Committee may co-opt such other expert or advisory members as it deems necessary to ensure it is able to achieve its purpose. Any such co-option will be on a non-voting basis.
3) Remuneration for members will be paid in the form of an honorarium currently set at the following levels:
   a. Appointed members - $4,000 pa
   b. Deputy Chair - $5,000 pa
   c. Chair - $6,000 pa.
   Staff or elected members of Territorial Authorities or the Environment Canterbury shall not be eligible for remuneration.
   Mileage will be reimbursed.

Committee Support
The Committee shall be supported staff from the Territorial Councils and Environment Canterbury, primarily through the Committee Secretary and the Zone Facilitator.
Map showing Hurunui Waiau Water Management