

Water and Land Working Party Record of Actions

Meeting held as a Virtual Meeting
on Wednesday 29 April 2020, commencing at 1:00pm

Present:

Chairperson, Councillor Justin Blaikie
Councillor Jack Crow
Councillor Amy Macdonald
Councillor Marty Robinson
Councillor Joce Yeoman
Ex-Officio Penny Smart
Mira Norris, Te Parawhau Hapū Authority Charitable Trust
Janelle Beazley, Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi

In Attendance:

Full Meeting

Group Manager – Regulatory Services
Group Manager – Environmental Services
Policy Specialist
Land Manager
Eastern Coast Land Manager
Far North Land Manager
Kaipara Land Manager

Part Meeting

Victor Holloway, Ngāti Tara
Policy Specialist
Resource Scientist – Freshwater

The meeting commenced at 1.00 p.m.

Apologies (Item 1.0)

There were no apologies.

Conflicts of Interest (Item 2.0)

Presented by: Chair Justin Blaikie

Agreed action points:

- Addressed as they arise.

Terms of Reference (Item 3.0)

Presented by: Group Manager – Environmental Services

An overview of the terms of reference were provided to the group.

Agreed action points:

- Terms of Reference to be circulated to the members – Regulatory Services Admin/PA.

Overview of Work Programmes – Wetland Mapping Project (Item 4.0a)

Presented by: Policy Specialist

Overview of mapping project and an update was provided.

MFE working through the tender process, with Northland looking to participate in the trial.

The mapping will allow greater protection for wetlands and establish a baseline.

Questions arose regarding: Historical Mapping; Criteria for Significant wetlands; Saltmarsh's; Biodiversity and Freshwater policies.

Agreed action points:

- No actions required.

Water Quality Modelling (Item 4.0b)

Presented by: Policy Specialist

An update on water quality modelling was provided.

NIWA and Land and Water Science have been commissioned to provide water quality modelling. The modelling will be used to provide predictions and generate reports.

Questions arose regarding: CLUES model; Modelling scenarios; Range of uses for this modelling;

Agreed action points:

- A presentation to be organised with NIWA and Land and Water to update the working party – Policy Specialist.

Operational Programmes – FIF Projects/SHARP (Item 4.0c)

Presented by: Land Manager

An update on FIF projects/SHARP was provided.

Questions arose regarding: Assessment of critical work; Ecological outcomes; Fencing; Fish surveys.

Agreed action points:

- Provide fish survey/ecological information regarding the upper Parapara Stream – Group Manager – Regulatory Services.

GIS Presentation – Physiographics & Erosion in Relation to NESPF Erosion Classification (Item 5.0)

Presented by: Land Manager

Technical presentation deferred to the next meeting due to technical difficulties.

An overview of erosion and erosion controls provided compared to NES controls.

Questions arose regarding: Revisiting of regulations; PF standards.

Agreed action points:

- MPI/Government to be advised that NESPF erosion classification is not a good reflection of erosion risk in Northland and asking that the NESPF be reviewed in this regard – Group Manager – Environmental Services.
- To create a strategic roadmap and provide an update to the Policy and Regulatory Working Party – Group Manager – Environmental Services/Land Manager/Strategy Policy and Planning Manager.

Non-Regulatory Land & Water Programmes – Future Thinking (Item 6.0)

Presented by: Land Manager/Group Manager – Environmental Services

Presentation covered options for different ways to integrate and deliver programmes.

Questions arose regarding: Governance involvement, support systems and regulations.

Agreed action points:

- A glossary of acronyms to be made available to the working party members – Land Manager.

Taranaki Riparian Planting (Item 7.0)

Presented by: Resource Scientist – Freshwater

An overview of the NIWA report was provided.

A brief overview of the Taranaki/Northland comparison was provided.

Questions arose regarding: Water ecology in lakes; E.coli levels in rivers and streams; Minimum riparian strip for fencing.

Agreed action points:

- A copy of the memo and report to be provided to Victor Holloway – Resource Scientist – Freshwater.

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 3.49 p.m.