

Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee Minutes

Meeting held remotely
on Monday 11 April 2022, commencing at 09.30am

Tuhinga (Present):

Tame Te Rangi (Chair), Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua
Penny Smart (Deputy Chair), Northland Regional Council,
Amy Macdonald, Northland Regional Council,
Daniel Newman, Auckland Council,
Cherie Povey, Ngā Maunga Whakahī o Kaipara,
Greg Sayers, Auckland Council,
Virginia Warriner, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua,
Malcolm Welsh, Te Uri o Hau,
Joce Yeoman, Northland Regional Council,
Georgina Connelly, Te Uri o Hau

I Tae Mai (In Attendance):

Justine Daw – Pou Tātaki, Kaipara Maurikura	John Hutton – Interim Strategic Business Manager, Kaipara Maurikura
Duncan Kervell - Land and Catchments Projects Contractor, Kaipara Maurikura	Stephanie Versteeg - Amo-Rautaki Pākihi Strategic Business Manager, Kaipara Maurikura
William Wright - Ringa-Hononga Mana Whenua Mana Whenua Relations Lead, Kaipara Maurikura	Lisette Rawson - Amo-Rauora Kōawa Catchment Remediation Manager, Kaipara Maurikura
Ilka Pelzer – Ministry for the Environment (Observer)	Ben Hope - Ringa-Pārongo Communications Lead, Kaipara Maurikura
Robyn Stubbing – Notetaker Kaipara Maurikura	Griffin Hope - Pūtohu – Hononga Hapū and Hāpori
David McDermott – Land Project Consultant Planting Specialist	Darren van Beek - Pūtahi – Tira Mahi, Whanake, Auaha Workforce, Business Growth, and Innovation Advisor

Secretarial Note: Committee members were introduced to Robyn Stubbing, note taker. Condolences to acknowledge the passing of Joint Committee member Greg Sayers's mother.

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.30am.

Karakia Tīmatanga and Whakatau

Secretarial note: Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions and the meeting being conducted fully remotely, proceedings were livestreamed - <https://youtu.be/avwnDDqg7cM>

Ngā whakapahā / Apologies (Item 1.0)

Moved (Smart / MacDonald)

That the apologies from Councillor Danielle Hancock (Auckland Council) and Jane Sherard (Ngā Maunga Whakahī o Kaipara) for non-attendance be received.

Carried

Ngā whakapuakanga (Declarations of Conflicts of Interest)

It was advised that members should make declarations item-by-item as the meeting progressed.

Confirmation of Minutes - Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee 21 February 2022 (Item 4.1)

Report from Sandra Harris, Administrator Kaipara Maurikura

Moved (Sayers / Macdonald)

That the minutes of the Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee meeting held on 21 February 2022, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

Action Tracker - April 2022 (Item 5.1)

Report from Sandra Harris, Administrator Kaipara Maurikura

Moved (Connelly / Povey)

That the Action Tracker be received.

Carried

Forward Workplan - 2022 (Item 5.2)

Report from Sandra Harris, Administrator Kaipara Maurikura

Moved (Warriner / Yeoman)

That the Forward Workplan be received.

Carried

Year 3 Annual Work Plan (Draft) (Item 6.1)

Report from Stephanie Versteeg, Amo-Rautaki Pākihi | Strategic Business Manager and John Hutton, Interim Strategic Business Manager

1. That the report 'Year 3 Annual Work Plan (Draft)' by Stephanie Versteeg, Amo-Rautaki Pākihi | Strategic Business Manager and John Hutton, Interim Strategic Business Manager and dated 6 April 2022, be received (*Attachment 1*).

Moved (Macdonald / Yeoman)

2. *Note* the KMR work programme is now structured across six key areas and, while many Year 2 projects are continuing in Year 3, budget project codes now align to the new work programme structure (refer Table 5 in this report).
3. *Note* the draft Year 3 Work Plan budget totals \$16.584 million (total programme value excluding GST).
4. *Note* the Year 3 Annual Work Plan budget and KPIs will continue to change as modelling is refined and it becomes clearer what Year 2 budget needs to carry over into Year 3.

5. *Note* there are inherent challenges in modelling uptake of remediation activity, as KMR is a voluntary programme, and uptake can be highly variable depending on human capacity, economic settings and weather.
6. *Note* that given the uncertainties in KMR's operating environment, we have taken a moderate approach to estimating uptake in Year 3, which can be revised as the year progresses, if required.
7. *Note* a draft Year 3 Annual Work Plan needs to be submitted to the Ministry for the Environment by 30 April, and the Ministry can request any reasonable modifications within 20 working days.
8. *Agree* to delegate approval of a revised draft Year 3 Annual Work Plan for submission to the Ministry for the Environment to the Joint Committee Chair and Deputy Chair.
9. *Note* the Joint Committee will receive a progress update on the Year 3 Annual Work Plan in May and a final draft for approval in June.

Moved (Warriner / Yeoman)

Carried

Secretarial Note: Member Welsh asked if the 2022/2023 budget provides for soil conservation and afforestation initiatives such as carbon-storing forests. Joint Committee members were informed that while the budget makes some provision for soil conservation remediation activities, the specific elements are dependent on policy settings which are still under development. A workshop may be held to discuss this matter later in the year. Joint Committee Members acknowledged the work done and progress made.

Kaipara Moana Remediation COVID-19 Settings (Item 6.2)

Report from Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki

1. That the report 'Kaipara Moana Remediation COVID-19 Settings' by Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki and dated 6 April 2022, be received.

Moved (Connelly / Smart)

2. Note that Kaipara Maurikura staff, secondees and contractors working directly for Kaipara Moana Remediation remain subject to the Northland Regional Council's COVID-19 policy, and that this is evolving in line with changes to Government COVID-19 settings
3. That the the recommended approach for applying the Traffic Light system to Kaipara Moana Remediation activities as set out in Attachment 1 be adopted from Tuesday 26 April, subject to any additional Northland Regional Council requirements
4. That a further report on KMR COVID-19 policy settings be provided to the Joint Committee by August 2021.

Moved (Welsh / Warriner)

Carried

Secretarial Note: Joint Committee members were informed the proposed policy settings are aligned with the NRC and central government settings. Masks are to be worn at external meetings, and the guidance remains to consider the use of online meetings for external meetings.

Review of Members' Allowance Policy (Item 6.3)

Report from Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki

Moved (Povey / Smart)

1. That the report 'Review of Members' Allowance Policy' by Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki and dated 31 March 2022, be received.
2. Note that the present Members' Allowance Policy continues to mirror current settings for mileage rates, local government committees, and the Fees Framework for members appointed to bodies in which the Crown has an interest
3. That the the recommended minor modification to the Members' Allowance Policy review set out in Attachment 1 be approved with immediate application

Carried

Secretarial Note: Following Joint Committee discussions an amendment to resolution 3 will be made to include the requirement that both the KMR Joint Committee Chair and Pou Tātaki will sign off members' claims, with the Deputy Chair and Pou Tātaki to sign off claims by the KMR Chair.

A Spatial View of the Kaipara Moana Remediation Programme (Presentation) (Item 6.4)

Report from Duncan Kervell, Kaipara Maurikura Land Management Specialist; Lisette Rawson, Amo - Rauora Kōawa | Catchment Remediation Manager; Griffin Hope, Pūtohu – Hononga Hapū and Hāpori | Community and Hapū Engagement Advisor and David McDermott, Land project consultant - planting specialist

A presentation was presented to Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee.

Secretarial Note: Joint Committee members welcomed the spatial view of the Kaipara Moana Remediation programme, and acknowledged that the programme was operational and working with landowners, businesses, iwi/hapū and other groups across the full catchment. In response to a question, the Kaipara Maurikura confirmed that the KMR programme was in discussions with Reconnecting Northland to identify how its expertise in Job for Nature delivery might support the KMR programme. The Chair informed referral to Joint Committee is welcome under support of current Treaty Settlement negotiations.

Kaipara Moana Remediation Pricing Review (Item 6.5)

Report from Lisette Rawson, Amo - Rauora Kōawa | Catchment Remediation Manager and Darren van Beek, Pūtahi – Tira Mahi, Whanake, Auaha | Workforce, Business Growth, and Innovation Advisor

Moved (Smart / Warriner)

1. That the report 'Kaipara Moana Remediation Pricing Review' by Lisette Rawson, Amo - Rauora Kōawa | Catchment Remediation Manager and Darren van Beek, Pūtahi – Tira Mahi, Whanake, Auaha | Workforce, Business Growth, and Innovation Advisor and dated 6 April 2022, be received.
2. Note that the Joint Committee has previously agreed to an annual review of contractor prices to keep up with changing market conditions.

3. Note that fair price points are key to scaling up Kaipara Moana Remediation (KMR) activities, including to support the imminent Foundation Planting campaign in winter 2022.
4. Note the recommended revisions to 2021 price points will be operationalised through the 2022 KMR schedule of prices, and inform revised KMR programme modelling.

Carried

Secretarial Note: The Joint Committee was informed that once the Soil Conservation Strategy was finalised, the scope of funded activities would be developed, including associated operational policy settings. It was possible that for some of these activities a different KMR contribution rate may apply (currently, this sits at a 50/50 contribution).

Pou Tātaki Update (Item 6.6)

Report from Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki

Secretarial Note: An update from the Pou Tātaki was provided to the Joint Committee members.

Correspondence (Item 6.7)

Report from Sandra Harris, Administrator Kaipara Maurikura

Secretarial Note: The Auckland Council vacancy made available by the resignation of Member Hancock, will go through the usual Council nomination process. Due to the local body elections later in the year, it is possible that this position may be replaced after the election.

Karakia Mutunga

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 12.03pm.