

Taumarere Flood Management Working Group Record of Actions

Meeting held in the Te Rito Marae, Otiria
on Saturday 15 April 2023, commencing at 10.00am - 2.00pm

Tuhinga/Present:

Chairperson, Councillor Geoff Crawford
Deputy Chair, Far North District Council, Councillor Kelly Stratford
Opahi / Miria Marae Representative Riki Ngakoti
Waiōmio Representative, Nisha Marsh
Motatau/Matawaia Representative, Rowena Tana
Taumatamakuku & Kawakawa/Moerewa subdivision representative
Roddy Pihema

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

Full Meeting

NRC General Manager Community Resilience, Louisa Gritt
NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joseph Camuso
NRC Kai Whiri Iwituna, Chantez Connor-Kingi
NRC Rivers Project Manager, Meg Tyler
NRC Secretariat, Erica Wade
Audra Cooper
Miriama Pihema
Peter Woods
Murray Armstrong
Perry Hati
Dennis Te Kuru
Davey Ngawati
Murray Ngawati
Mylie George
Huhana Henare
Pamela -Anne Ngohe-Simon
Hone Townsend
Patsy Wynyard
Maria Ngawati (*online*)
Keta Tirikatene (*online*)
Colin Ngawati (*online*)
Brigid Ngawati (*online*)
Louise (*online*)

Part Meeting

Huhana Henare

The meeting commenced at 10.20am.

Secretarial Note: The deputy Chair, Kelly Stratford chaired the meeting and opened with a karakia.

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Ngā Whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

NRC CEO Jonathan Gibbard
NRC Councillor Joe Carr
Peter Wilson, Affco plant Engineer
Lily Bird
Troy Packer, Ventia
Jody Kelly
Wiremu Keretene

Secretarial note: Due to absences, item 3.3, 3.5 and 3.6 on the agenda will not be presented.

Record of Actions – 30 April 2022 (Item 3.1)

Presented by: NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joseph Camuso

Agreed action points:

Moved: Connor-Kingi / Meg Tyler

That the minutes of the Taumarere Flood Management Working Group meeting held on 30 April 2022, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 3.2)

Presented by: NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joseph Camuso

Agreed action points:

Moved: Connor-Kingi / Riki Ngakoti

That the action sheet be received

Carried

Water tank fund - update from Pamela-Anne Ngohe-Simon (Item 3.4)

Presented by: Pamela-Anne Ngohe-Simon

- Presentation given
- Funding for water tanks was successful and the project is coming to completion.
- Cup-links were installed on the water tanks to assist the community with fire readiness. These were purchased in bulk to bring the cost down.
- FENZ wont retrieve water from anything over 1 meter in height by law.

- The working group would like to applaud Pamela-Ann and everyone else that was part of this project.
- Rowena Tana - Ngati Hine applied for 80 tanks to be funded over the next three years. Funding was approved for 30 tanks in the first year starting July 2023.
- Once this project has come to completion, Pamela-Ann will focus on funding for solar power, aiming to roll on to the mare first then bring it out into the community.

Agreed action points:

- Rowena to engage with Pamela-Anne regarding the first lot of water tanks for her Rohe.

Otiria Spillway and Pokapu Bridge project update (Item 3.7)

Presented by: NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joseph Camuso

- Stage one completed.
- The new bridge will be 60m wide (it's currently 18m wide) and will be 1metre above flood level which will eliminate/reduce the chances of debris getting stuck and causing damage.
- Stage two started pre-Christmas.
- Spillway has been grass seeded with the aim for growth before winter to reduce any loose sediment flowing into the river.
- The new spillway will take up to 400cubic meters per second compared to its current 200cubic meters per second.
- If any slash/felling is seen report it to NRC as it's their responsibility to monitor. They can be contacted on the **24/7 Environmental Hotline: 0800 504 639**
- We are currently outside the road sealing season so for a few months the road will be unsealed.
- Existing bridge is scheduled for removal in October 2023.
- Cyclone Gabrielle caused minimal damage due to preparedness.
- Stage three: Currently in negotiation with whanau regarding the alignment of Ngapipito Road. Unfortunately if the works are not completed by Dec 2023 the funding will be returned to Kanoa and the project will not be completed.
- Te Rito Marae Trustees sent a letter to NRC and FNDC. NRC have replied and Maria Ngawati has been given mandate from the trustees to respond; *The land the road is to sit on is under whenua raupatu. The Trustees are supportive of the project but do not support the realignment of the road and will continue to oppose until an alternative is found. We see the funding being taken back as a scare tactic so this is not a factor. We ask council to be supportive of this decision.*
- Both Murray Ngawati and Pamela-Anne Ngohe-Simon are in favour for the project to continue as planned with the realignment to go ahead to ensure future flooding is minimal and the funding is not taken back.
- Flooding will continue as is if the realignment doesn't happen.

Agreed action points:

- NRC to send PowerPoint presentation through 'drop box' for the group to access.
- Affco's dam and resource consent to be an agenda item for the next working group meeting.
- FNDC have not yet responded to Te Rito Marae's letter. A hui is to be arranged between FNDC staff and the Te Rito Marae trustees

Secretarial note: Chair asked if there was any objection to the filming of this meeting; no objection received. Dennis Te Kuru continued filming.

Budget (Item 3.8)

Presented by: NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joseph Camuso

Agreed action points:

- \$316k overspend however, with negotiation with FNDC, removing the box culverts has cut costs along with extra funding from Kanoa (this funding was from a Waikato project that did not reach completion)

Secretarial note: meeting adjourned for lunch at 11.58. Appreciation to Whaea May and her team for putting on a delicious kai.

Meeting reconvened at 12.38pm.

Turntable Hill upstream works (Item 3.9)

Presented by: NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joseph Camuso

Agreed action points:

- Extra funding has been granted from Waka Kotahi to complete works upstream; tidy up the gravel deposition under the bridge. This work is scheduled to start 19 April and will take approximately 2-3 weeks.
- These works have decreased localised flooding and the community is seeing a difference.

Any other business (Item 3.10)

Presented by: Tangata Whenua Representatives

Agreed action points:

- Nisha Marsh: Thanks to NRC and FNDC, the mahi has made a huge difference to our community. There are four remaining boulders NRC can use. As a community we are taking action against the Willows around the river with help from the Ngati Hine Trust.

Kaitiaki have a great passion for this and the work already completed by the drill and fill and ring barking methods.

- Riki Ngakoti: Moving forward Opahi community to be more included in project development phases.
- Roddy: community waiting to see the results from the spillway.
- Murray: Cyclone Gabrielle saw more issues from the high winds than from flooding
- Pamela-Anne: Waiting for spillway to be completed. Happy with progress.
- Rowena: Motatau wanting to proceed with a hui with NRC and FNDC, will send date through. Looking for funding to work on a 30year plan; working with various communities to clean up water ways, plant, fence etc. Funding has been received for Civil Defence Containers for each of our marae, some looking for funding to put equipment into the containers.

Secretarial note: Chair opened up the floor

Mylie: Civil Defence container and equipment has been purchased and is stored next to Waipapa at the moment.

Chantez: Wishlist has been sent to Kanoa. Including better access to marae and school and for their methodology to be revised when looking at inland population compared to towns.

Agreed action points:

- NRC, FNDC to have hui with Opahi

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

Kelly Stratford concluded the meeting with a karakia

The meeting concluded at 12.24pm.

Secretarial note: Site visit occurred after meeting