

## Urban Whangārei Rivers Working Group Record of Actions

Meeting held in the NRC Council Chamber  
36 Water Street, Whangārei  
on Thursday 18 April 2024, commencing at 1.00pm

### Tuhinga/Present:

Chairperson, Councillor Jack Craw  
WDC Mayor Vincent Cocurullo (*online*)  
Iwi representative, Mira Norris (*online*)

### I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

**Full Meeting**  
NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joseph Camuso  
NRC Senior River Management Engineer, Barney Brotherhood  
NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Advisor, Matthew Jolly  
Natural Hazards Specialist, Sarah Gauden-Ing  
WDC Representative, Andrew Carvell

The meeting commenced at 1.00pm.

### Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

### Ngā Whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

NRC CE, Jonathan Gibbard, NRC GM-Community Resilience, Louisa Gritt

### Record of Actions – 3 August 2023 (Item 3.1)

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

#### Agreed action points:

- No actions

### Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 3.2)

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

#### Agreed action points:

- No actions

### **Budget (Item 3.3)**

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

Joe presented the budget, it was received and noted that currently about 2 years ahead of repaying the 11Million dollar load now forecasted approximately 6.5 million outstanding. The budget was received by the committee – Jack asked Joe to find out what interest rate we are paying on the debt.

#### **Agreed action points:**

- NRC Rivers Manager to find out from Finance what interest rate and term the 6.5 million deficit we are carrying for the dam.

### **Works update**

#### **Annual Dam Review / Dam Failure Workshop / High PIC Dam Guidelines from NZSOLD (Item 3.4)**

**Presented by:** NRC Senior River Management Engineer, Barney Brotherhood

Vandalism at the dam, with Gabion Baskets opened and rocks thrown in energy dissipation basin. Team to get repaired and will install a CCT camera to monitor the area.

#### **Terms of Reference - Recommendations following 3 Waters review (Item 3.5)**

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

Consensus from the group is that we continue BAU with WDC and NRC sharing drainage and flood protection functions in Whangarei.

#### **Any other business (Item 3.6)**

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

**Discussion on Master Plan for the Dam** – Question was raised on why a Solar Farm located at the dam, the proposal for the solar farm will be located above flood level.

#### **Agreed action points:**

- Master Plan should include a road link between SH-1 and SH-14 and should capture infrastructure needs of Whangarei.

Andrew Carvell tabled newly released Central Government Proposed bills regarding 3 Waters Reform.

**WDC proposing a Targeted Stormwater Rate in Draft LTP** – This may cause confusion as Whangarei rate payers paying Stormwater and Flood Targeted rates.

**WDC secured 3 million DIA funding for Morning Stormwater relief.** Currently investigation storage and pressurised system driven by head further up the catchment and pumpstation in the low-lying areas.

**Whareora Road** – Low-lying homes will be at flood risk, but team has cleared section of willows, and this section is clear of debris.

**River clearance work** – NRC presented tree removal work completed on the Kirikiri Stream and around the bridges. NRC noted that if we keep on top of the trees, they tend to be smaller, and we have located a good contractor that is willing to do physical work. Most only want to work with a digger.

### **Whakamutunga (Conclusion)**

**The meeting concluded at 2.15pm.**

Unconfirmed