

Natural Resources Working Party Record of Actions

Meeting held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Wednesday 18 September 2024, commencing at 10.00am

Tuhinga/Present:

(Acting chair) Councillor Rick Stolwerk
Chairperson, NRC (Deputy Chair) Tui Shortland (online)
Ex-Officio Geoff Crawford (Ex-Officio)
TTMAC Representative, Mira Norris (online)
TTMAC Representative, Geraldine Baker (online)
Councillor Marty Robinson (online)
Councillor Amy Macdonald (online)

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

Councillor Jack Craw (online)
Councillor John Blackwell (online)
Councillor Joe Carr
Jonathon Gibbard, Tāhūhū Rangapū - Chief Executive Officer
Ruben Wylie, Pou Tiaki Taiao | GM Environmental Services
Tami Woods, Policy and Planning Manager
Collin Dall, Pou Whakaritenga - GM Regulatory Services
Lisa Forester, Biodiversity Manager
Jason Donaghy, Monitoring Manager
Michael Payne, Policy Specialist
Personal Assistant Pou Tiaki Taiao
Obi Khanal, Resource Scientist – Air
Clark Ehlers, Natural Resources Science Manager
Alison Newell, Policy Specialist (online)
Lorna Douglas, Southern Land Manager (online)
Kirsten Blake, Land Team Administrator (online)
James Griffin, Policy Specialist – Biodiversity (online)
Megha Sethi, Freshwater Policy Analyst (online)

The meeting commenced at 10am with a karakia by Acting Chair Cr Stolwerk.

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Ngā Whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

TTMAC Representative, Nora Rameka & Lynette Whararau

Record of Actions – 20 March 2024 (Item 4.1)

- Working Party members agreed that the record of actions was an accurate reflection of the meeting.

Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 4.2)

- Staff spoke to the relevant matters raised.

Matters raised:

- Noted Algae bloom work is in progress.
- Noted the partnership agreement has been signed with Lake Ōmāpere Trust (LOT) who is now taking the lead in directing the project. Funding support of \$50k contribution from NRC via grant agreement is underway.

Action: Lake Ōmāpere Trust – Staff to send an email update regarding the recent developments.

Freshwater Plan Change Work Programme (Item 4.4)

Presented by: Tami Woods, Policy and Planning Manager

Recommended Actions:

1. Note the proposed work programme.
2. Provide feedback on the proposed work programme.

Note that work programme progress will continue to be reported to the Natural Resources Working Party over the next 12-18 months

Secretarial notes: agenda item moved to item 4.3.

Matters raised:

- Working party endorsed the work programme as presented.
- Attendees raised prospect of bringing members of the Primary Sector Liaison Group (PSLG) to future meetings.
- Action: staff to arrange for PSLG members to attend to discuss workstreams they are working on with staff.
- Discussion held around supporting councillors to meet with their constituents to discuss status of freshwater plan change, the current work programme and land management support package.
- Action: Staff to put together information pack for councillors.

'Tidy up' and 'Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe' Plan Changes (Item 4.6)

Presented by: Alison Newell, Policy Specialist; and Tami Woods, Policy and Planning Manager

Recommended Actions:

1. That the Natural Resources Working Party endorse the development of the plan changes outlined in this report.

2. The Natural Resources Working Party recommend to council that:
 - a) The draft minor tidy up plan change is endorsed by the Natural Resources Working Party before it is brought to council for adoption.
 - b) The draft Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Plan Change is endorsed by Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board before it is brought to council for adoption.
3. That staff seek approval from council to proceed with the plan changes as outlined in this report and as per the recommendations of the Natural Resources Working Party

Secretarial notes: agenda item moved to item 4.4.

Matters raised:

- Working party members endorsed the recommendation.

Land Management Review (Item 4.7)

Presented by: Ruben Wylie, Pou Tiaki Taiao

Recommended Action:

1. That the Natural Resource Working Party recommend to council that delivery of the Environment Fund is taken off hold for the 2024-2025 financial year.

Secretarial notes: agenda item moved to item 4.5.

Matters raised:

- Noted: The Working Party endorsed the recommended action
- Discussion held regarding land team deliverables over past year.
- Action: Staff to provide overview of deliverables from previous financial year and an outline of anticipated approach and deliverables for current financial year.

Resource Management Update (Item 4.5)

Presented by: Tami Woods, Policy and Planning Manager

Secretarial notes: agenda item moved to item 4.6.

Matters raised:

- Members noted resource management changes highlighted via the presentations.
- Emphasised support to staff, and empathised on priorities on what matters.
- Action: presentation to be sent to all members and councillors.

Presentation - Air Quality In Northland (Item 4.8)

Presented by: Obi Khanal, Resource Scientist - Air

Secretarial notes: agenda item moved to item 4.7.

Matters raised:

- Discussed dusty roads monitoring has a band aid approach with weighing down the dust. Discussed the health risks are accumulative on sediment to water, dust, pest plants etc.
- Discussed the concerns around pollutants and understanding the bigger awareness of pollutants in the area. Discussed availability of maps for councillors to share with constituents on awareness.

Natural Resources Mahi: 2024 Highlights (Item 4.3)

Presented by: Ruben Wylie, Pou Tiaki Taiao

Secretarial note: agenda item moved to item 4.8

Matters raised:

- Noted and acknowledgment was given for the team's mahi and the progress they have made. An update will continue to be provided to the Working Party.
- Emphasised members are very appreciative of the team's efforts and thanks them for their hard work, encouraging them to keep it up.
- Action: Natural Resources Mahi Highlights to be provided as a paper for future meetings.

Catchment Management Planning (Item 4.9)

Presented by:

Secretarial note: Item deferred to a future meeting.

Karakia closed by Ruben Wylie.

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 12.16pm.