

DATE 17 July 2013

TIME 7pm at the Dovedale Hall

SUBJECT: Dove Rivercare Group Meeting

Present:

Tasman District Council: Rick Lowe, Giles Griffith

Taylor's Contracting: Arnie Richards

Fish & Game: Lawson Davey

Rivercare Group Members: 9

DETAIL:

Item / Task	Action	By
1.	Apologies – Nil	
2.	<p>Introduction</p> <p>Giles Griffith opened the meeting and introduced Council and Taylor's Contracting staff.</p> <p>He went on to explain that the Tasman District Council had taken back in house all the Rivers Management activities and Rick Lowe, previously with MWH, was now a staff member of Council.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of last meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were available to be viewed on the Tasman District Council's website.</p> <p>There were no issues raised at the meeting in respect to the accuracy of the minutes</p>	
4.	<p>General River Information</p> <p>Giles Griffith gave an overhead presentation outlining the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Staff Changes – Advised that Rick Lowe is now a staff member of Council and has undertaken a similar role as previously at MWH in managing the river maintenance contract. b. Gravel Management – Tasman District Council to set up working team within Council to review gravel extraction policy. Council have extracted gravel out of Matakitaiki, Motupiko and Aorere River's during the 2012-2013 financial year. Giles acknowledged that there appeared to be a bit of a gap in the TRMP Plan allowing response to extreme events. c. Global Resource Consent for River Activities – presently additional information being prepared for consent application. It will then be resubmitted to Council by the end of October 2013. 	

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	<p>New Rivercare Maps – New river maps are to be available on the Council website by next week and will be more user friendly with a similar interface to Google maps. The work schedule should be available from next week.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>AOMP 2012 -2013</p> <p>The expenditure on the AOMP programme covering all rivers was approximately \$1.83 million which was approximately \$131,000 over that which was budgeted.</p> <p>The additional expenditure was as a result of responding to urgent repair works in the Riwaka, Dove and Wai-iti catchments.</p> <p>Rock work makes up approximately 50% of budget.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>2012-2013 Works</p> <p>Completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Rock protection works b. Gravel relocation c. Spraying of fairway and stream banks for woody weed control d. Riparian plant maintenance e. Bitter willow layering f. Mechanical clearing <p>Planned works 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Rock bank protection in progress from recent flood damage b. Mechanical clearing of trees c. Chemical sprays of weeds follow up from last year d. Gravel relocation and extraction to realign channel e. Layering of bitter willow where required 	
<p>6.</p>	<p>General Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Riverside Spraying – A ratepayer raised the issue of spraying undertaken along the river banks which he believed had caused erosion to his property. He added that the previous crack willow removal had resulted in a tree stump being washed downstream to his frontage. He also suggested that the river had degraded through his section of river. <p>Another ratepayer believed the channel was aggrading downstream and he believed that gravel needed to be extracted. He also said that there were trees across the channel downstream of the bridge which needed to be removed. It was agreed to inspect the area as soon as possible.</p>	

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b. Erosion – Meeting attendees were advised that recent bank erosion had occurred where there had been no crack willow control or where spraying had not previously been undertaken. It was explained that in a significant flood event, erosion can be expected to occur.		
Meeting Concluded at 8:15pm		