

DATE 16 July 2013

TIME 4:00 pm at Motueka Service Centre

SUBJECT: Lower Motueka, Riwaka and Moutere Rivercare Meeting

Present:

Tasman District Council: Rick Lowe, Giles Griffith, Cr Jack Inglis

Taylor's Contracting: Arnie Richards, Alex Ainley

Fish & Game: Rhys Barrier

Motueka Community Board: David Ogilvie

Local Residents: 5

DETAIL:

Item / Task	Action	By
1. Apologies – Nil		
2. Introduction Giles Griffith opened the meeting and introduced Council and Taylor's Contracting staff.		
3. General River Information Giles gave an overhead presentation outlining the following: <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 relocated gravel in Motueka River, Aorere River, and Ferntown Bridge 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. New Rivercare Maps – New river maps are to be made available on the Council website by next week and will be more user friendly with a similar interface to Google maps. 		
4. AOMP 2012-2013 The expenditure on the AOMP programme covering all rivers was approximately \$1.83 million which was approximately \$131,000 over that which was budgeted. It was noted that 40% of work carried out was not scheduled in the original AOMP programme.		

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<p>5. AOMP 2013-2014 Work programme Based mainly on knowledge that not all areas are inspected</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Stop bank maintenance: rock work, mowing, spraying b. Gravel management c. Riwaka stop bank upgrade d. Removal of Broom on Motueka River 		
<p>6. General Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Gravel Extraction – The riverworks consent allows for 40,000m³ of gravel to be extracted annually. It has been found that the Motueka River bed has degraded 0.3m over the last 40 years. This level of degrading parallels the reported gravel extraction during that time. b. Stopbanks – Maintenance work at the Riwaka River stopbank is currently underway. Rockwork is in place at the Motueka River which assists in preventing any undermining. This stop bank will require widening in the long term. c. Flap Gates – These structures are maintained on a regular basis. d. Spraying – It was requested that landowners be provided with early notification of when spraying will be carried out. e. Engineering Service Reports – The idea for the need for more detailed, specific information to be included in this report was raised. It was acknowledged that the provision of more detailed information was a good way of improving communication with residents. Giles emphasised the Council website as an excellent source of up-to-date information. f. Flood Events – The meeting attendees were reminded of the importance of the Lower Motueka, Riwaka and Moutere areas to local residents. The recent flood event highlighted the need for protection and security to be maintained in these areas. 		
Meeting Concluded at 5:30pm		