

SUBJECT: Takaka, Waingaro & Anotoki Rivercare Group Meeting
Present:

TDC: Giles Griffith (Chairman) , Philip Drummond, Eric Verstappen, Mary-Anne Baker
Taylor's Contracting Co Ltd: Neil McKay, Neil Donaldson,
MWH: Rick Lowe
Fish & Game : Nil
DoC : Nigel Mountfort
Rivercare Group Members: Lindsay Maclean, Ross Lindsay, Felicity Fitz-William, Iona Jeff, Martineo Maverick, Fiona Cameron, Sue Brown (Federated Farmers), Mik Symmons (GB Community Board), Joy James, Helen Bracefield, Aaron Griffith, Duncan McKenzie, Terry Langford, David Rose, Brent Page, Scott Petterson

Apologies: Nil

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1. Introduction Giles Griffith opened the meeting and introduction Tasman District Council staff, MWH consultants and Taylor's the River Maintenance Contractor.		
2. Minutes of Last Meeting The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated to all that attended the previous meeting. No discussion was held on the minutes of the previous meeting.		
3. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting There were no matters raised from the previous meeting minutes.		
4. Overall Objectives 2012 Giles Griffith gave a verbal presentation outlining the overall objectives for 2012, current issues, annual operation and maintenance programmes for 2011/12 and 2012/13 financial years. Overall Objective 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete 2010 flood repair work in Aorere, Murchison and Wangapeka areas. • Get 2012 flood repair work underway (Motupipi to Wainui Bay areas) • Crack willow mapping and riparian management plan. • Strong focus on revegetation work and move towards soft options. • Gain consent to aerial spray in selected rivers. • Possible formation of interagency group with LINZ and DoC. • Post regular information on website. 		
5. Annual Maintenance Operating Programme 2012 Rivers are dynamic high proportion of unscheduled work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40% of all maintenance tasked completed to date not originally in AOMP • Unscheduled tasks make up 34% of AOMP budget for 2011/2012. Unscheduled tasks include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of dumped rubbish in river channels. • High river flow damage requiring additional bank protection work and removal trees and other vegetation. AOMP is regularly revised and task re-prioritised as flood events occur. An aerial photograph was shown as part of the power point presentation with the proposed work sites for the Takaka River for the 2011/2012 financial year.		

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<p>6. Other Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited scope for gravel removal now due to resource consent limitations, most rivers degrading (although individual reaches may be aggrading) Challenges to part 4 of the District Plan being worked through by our policy team Ability for farmers to perform emergency works themselves in a defined period following a high event Rights of iwi to own or extract gravel The two recent extreme rain events, effects on livelihoods, prioritising and funding repairs and effect on existing resources The control of crack willow not generally an issue in Golden Bay Rivers. 		
<p>7. General Comments from presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A question was asked where the boundaries were between the fully maintained areas in the Waingaro River. Giles Griffith replied that the fully maintained area for the Waingaro River was approximately 5.9 kilometres upstream from the confluence with the Takaka River. Giles went onto explain the difference between the Classified rivers maintenance areas of X, Y and Z. Giles Griffith stated that the iwi wanted more planting of native trees along the river frontages where possible. He explained that the exotic trees would be placed in the front adjacent to the top of river banks with the natives planted in behind. However this was reliant on the area being fenced off by the landowner. Tasman District Council will not direct landowner's to remove crack willow on land if not supported by the landowner. He also confirmed that wattle trees are not planted for protection purposes. Giles Griffith confirmed that Council were in the process of applying for resource consent to carryout aerial chemical spraying for vegetation control. He confirmed that aerial spraying can be carried out more accurately due to new spray nozzles developed to give better accurately. The application for consent would be processed as non notified. There was a general discussion regarding the proposed spraying programme in Golden Bay. Some ratepayers were opposed to spraying and believed spray drift would be a problem. It was also asked as to why aerial spraying had been included in the public notification for this year's spraying programme. Giles Griffith stated that it had been intended to use aerial methods but the timeframe for obtaining resource consent did not allow this to happen this spray season. Tasman District Council have accepted that there are concerns in the community regarding the use of chemical sprays. Giles Griffith stated that more information would be placed on the website regarding river activities and hoped to have this available in approximately four weeks. A question was raised as to why iwi get to own or extract gravel from the river system. Giles Griffith replied that iwi have land ownership as well as other rights under the Treaty of Waitangi. The crown general own the gravel unless under private ownership. Giles Griffith gave an overview of the proposed works for the 2011/2012 financial year and explained what the maps captions meant in relation to the maintenance programme. There was a general discussion around gravel extraction and the ratepayer support to take more out. Concern was expressed that more gravel was not 		

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<p>taken out near Solly's crushing plant that the river may change course and direct pressure onto the left bank. This is the same area where recent bank erosion has occurred and recently repaired by the maintenance contractor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally ratepayers present supported more gravel extraction from all Golden Bay Rivers. • Eric Verstappen (TDC) stated that Tasman District Council have modelled the Motueka River and had proved that the bed has degraded by 300mmm over the last 40 years from the mouth to North's bridge. Tasman District Council wanted to maintain a stable riverbed and did not generally support gravel extraction. Council supported more gravel relocation within the river channel that is pushing gravel from one side to the other. He also explained that they did not have all LIDAR information for all rivers and that there may be a build up of gravel in some areas where information is not currently available. • Cost of LIDAR survey for measuring ground levels is approximately \$1000 per square kilometre of coverage. • Rameka Creek – Philip Drummond confirmed that he had spoken to each landowner involved and was in the process of writing a report on the recommended works. • Didimo – a question was asked about didimo spread. Council confirmed that contractors have a process to go through when moving machinery from one river to another. • River maintenance contractor confirmed that ground based spraying would commence next week and extend over a three week period through to the end of April. 		
<i>Meeting concluded at 12:15 pm</i>		