

Emergency management projects update January 2004

Project 1: Landslide investigation and contingency planning (primarily in Upper Hutt)

Project Leader: UHCC

Greater Wellington has provided UHCC with landslide information that is being assessed to see if there are any scenarios that could cause flooding effects.

UHCC are identifying possible landslide areas that may affect the river.

UHCC is planning a meeting with GWRC Flood Protection in February to discuss possible scenarios.

Project 2: Sand supplies in the lower Hutt Valley

Project Leader: HCC

Sources of sand have been identified and sandbags stored. Approximately 60 personnel are trained to carry out sandbagging. Arrangements are being made with the sand suppliers, and with Greater Wellington's Mabey Road depot.

An additional training course is scheduled for May 2004 for final sandbagging training.

Project 3: Investigation of siren alerting system for Upper Hutt

Project Leader: UHCC

An investigation has been carried out to identify systems suitable for implementation in Upper Hutt. A proposal for funding this system was considered as part of the UHCC LTCCP process. A decision on implementation has been deferred. Investigation continues into the detailed costing of the preferred system.

Project 4: Evaluate response procedures

Project Leader: UHCC

UHCC and HCC staff worked together during an emergency response at HCC on 3 October 2003. The HCC response flow diagram has been provided to UHCC and will be amended to fit UHCC conditions. Consequently the two councils will have a similar response pattern.

Project 5: Document contingency plans for specific high risk areas

Project Leader: HCC

High risk areas have been identified. HCC are meeting early in the year to document their plans for these areas. UHCC commissioned a consultant to carry out this work and this has not yet been completed.

Project 6: Evaluation of school packages

Project Leader: UHCC

This project fits within the wider education and information strategy being developed by the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group. A meeting was held on 8 December with all Councils to look at programmes delivered in early childhood centres and schools. Programmes and resources used were identified. HCC and UHCC are reviewing the flood specific information needed in the Hutt Valley in addition to the generic information used throughout the region.

UHCC and HCC staff are also reviewing systems for getting information to schools during events including fax and web based information sources.