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Committee Catchment Management  
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## Divisional Manager's Report

### 1. Purpose

To inform the Committee about the activities and progress any matters that have arisen since the previous meeting held on 15 October 2009.

### 2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

### 3. Background

The Department Managers' reports are attached.

### 4. Divisional matters

As this is the last Committee meeting for the year I would like to wish Committee members a safe and pleasant time over the Christmas holiday period on behalf of Catchment Management Division staff.

A number of GW staff recently attended a meeting with landowners adjacent to Lakes Wairarapa and Onoke to discuss the Wairarapa Moana concept and to consider opportunities for input into the proposed Natural Resource Management Plan. Approximately 50 landowners attended, along with representatives from Ngati Kahungunu and Rangitane and the Department of Conservation.

Presentations were provided by Councillors Wilde and Buchanan, and explanations regarding future Treaty claims concerning the lakes were given by the iwi representatives. Around a dozen landowners agreed to become part of a consultative / advisory group on behalf of all lakeside landowners. This group will be the conduit for future discussions on both Wairarapa Moana issues and development of the Natural Resource Management Plan.

## 5. Communications (Jim Flack)

The Communications Advisor has undertaken the following major activities since the October meeting:

- Liaised with the media and covered the Otaki River Walkover for the Flood Protection Department where the Minister for the Environment, Nick Smith, was guest speaker. Over 100 people attended the event, including the local MP and Mayor.
- Provided support for a meeting of landowners adjacent to Lakes Wairarapa and Onoke where the Wairarapa Moana Wetlands project and the proposed Natural Resource Management planning process were discussed.
- Provided communications support for the Wairarapa Landscape Assessment Project (Environment Division) where "outstanding" and "significant amenity" landscapes will be identified and planning rules written for inclusion in the Wairarapa Combined District Plan. GW and the three Wairarapa District Councils are working jointly on this project.
- Wrote the feature article for October's Our Region on the work of our Land Management Department and how it supports a sustainable regional economy.

## 6. Recommendations

*That the Committee:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

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Attachment 1: Department Manager's reports  
Attachment 2: Financial report