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## **Report on the Catchment Management Committee meeting held on 11 March 2010**

### **1. Purpose**

To inform the Council about the meeting of the Catchment Management Committee meeting that took place on 11 March 2010.

### **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. Reports**

#### **3.1 Wellington Regional Erosion Control Initiative – Implementation Strategy**

This report outlined the implementation strategy for the WRECI programme. This will focus on five priority catchments and isolated hotspots including the development of community partnerships and preparation of 100 new Sustainability Plans in the Wairarapa hill country. The end result over a 10 year period will be the stabilisation of some 3,000 hectares of highly erodible hill country and a significant reduction in the quantity of sediment reaching rivers and streams.

#### **3.2 Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme – Study of Private Structures around Lake Wairarapa**

The Committee was advised of a request by landowners around Lake Wairarapa, following the July 2006 flood event, to gain assistance from the Council to upgrade and maintain their private structures to protect their fertile land from floodwaters or erosion caused by wind driven waves from the lake.

The Committee was also informed of the subsequent investigations undertaken by Eastern Consulting Ltd to identify what assistance options were available.

The Committee was advised that the Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme Advisory Committee had considered the options at its meeting in early March 2010. It was noted that due to individual members of the Advisory Committee having a conflict of interest, no recommendation could be made by the Advisory Committee.

Officers will provide a final report to the April Catchment Management Committee meeting.

### **3.3 Climate Change**

A presentation was given by James Flanagan, Senior Engineer, covering the impacts of potential climate change.

Two key figures, covering sea level rise and increased rainfall, were selected for use in future design criteria. These figures would be reviewed as new data became available from international modelling.

### **3.4 General Manager's Report**

The Committee was advised that some landowners in the Lower Hutt area had raised concerns regarding the recent release of floodplain hazard mapping information. The hazards information was being included in LIM and PIM reports. Landowners were concerned about the potential affects on property values. Staff had responded to all requests and held a number of meetings with affected landowners. Further discussions with residents in the Waiwhetu Stream catchment will occur during development of the Floodplain Management Plan.

The Committee was advised that the first draft of the Wairarapa Moana Wetlands Launch Event Plan had been presented to the Wairarapa Moana Establishment Group.

## **4. Unconfirmed minutes**

Unconfirmed minutes of the Committee meeting are attached as Attachment 1.

## **5. Recommendations**

*That the Council:*

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

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**Attachment 1: Unconfirmed minutes of the Catchment Management Committee held on 11 March 2010**