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Subcommittee  
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## Project Manager's Report – September 2015

### 1. Purpose

This report outlines the general progress of Te Kāuru Floodplain Management Plan (FMP), as well as outlining other flood protection activities being undertaken within the catchment area by Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC).

### 2. Progress

The project is progressing well against the programme. There have been no additional delays to the programme.

### 3. Masterton Flood Hazard

A request for proposal has been sent out to a shortlist of consultancies to carry out further work on the questions around the hydrology raised by MDC. The brief for these proposals was reviewed by MDC prior to inviting proposals.

### 4. Kopuaranga Scheme Meeting

A meeting was held with the members of the Kopuaranga Scheme and wider community. This meeting raised the question about scheme extension on the Kopuaranga and an increase in the level of service. This question was put to attendees with general support for the proposal given. This matter will be further investigated and considered as part of the outcomes of the Te Kauru FMP.

### 5. River Management Scheme Meetings

The scheme chairs meeting was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September. A verbal update will be given to the subcommittee at the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> September.

## 5.1 Future Governance

The Scheme Meetings provided an opportunity to initiate discussion around future governance of the schemes following development of the FMP and for its subsequent implementation.

A new governance framework will be investigated to ensure that river management activities have wider representation across the community, reflect a wider range of values, incorporate requirement for FMP implementation and in general improve operational efficiency.

The current FMP subcommittee was established to facilitate development of the FMP; however, at this time its role does not extend into delivery of the FMP. An outcome of the FMP will be to recommend the governance structure for delivery.

A timetable was presented outlining the process to be followed;

June 2015	Initiate discussion
August 2015 - March 2016	Development of options for governance
June 2016	Selection of preferred governance option
June 2017	Earliest implementation date for new governance structure

## 5.2 Apportionment of the Local Share of Scheme Rates

The scheme chairs have been prompted to think about ideas for changes to the rating structure for the collection of the local share of funding the floodplain management and its operational activities. This discussion will be led by GWRC and MDC, and consider options for different methods of rating to fund the local share portion of flood protection within the project area.

## 6. Regional Plan

No update has been sought about the regional plan for this report

## 7. Whaitua

No update has been sought from Whaitua for this project

## 8. Wairarapa Water Use Project

An update on the WWUP will be given by the WWUP project manager at the meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> September.

## 9. Te Kāuru Area Scheme Operations

A verbal summary of progress with planting plans will be given at the meeting by Section Leader, Ops Delivery Wairarapa.

## **10. Communications**

Further communication will be undertaken in accordance with the Te Kauru FMP Communications Plan.

## **11. The decision-making process and significance**

No decision is being sought in this report.

### **11.1 Engagement**

Engagement on this matter is unnecessary.

## **12. Recommendations**

*That the Subcommittee:*

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

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