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Hutt Valley Flood Management Project Manager's Report - September 2015

1. Purpose

To update the Subcommittee on progress made with various Hutt Valley flood management projects.

2. Background

The Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) is currently implementing a number of flood protection projects in the Hutt Valley. There are separate reports to the Subcommittee providing updates on major projects. This report keeps track of progress on all projects and also provides references to the major project reports.

3. Hutt River City Centre Upgrade Project

Community consultation on two integrated design options for the proposed upgrades from Kennedy Good to Ewen Bridges commenced on 3 August and is progressing. Both options are designed to provide the recommended level of flood protection including the potential changes from currently predicted climate change scenarios. Both options also include a replacement Melling Bridge and opportunities for implementing the components of the HCC's Making Places Project.

The community feedback closed on 14 September. GWRC decision on a preferred option is expected in December 2015.

A separate report providing an update on the feedback received and outlining the process for considering the community feedback is included in Report 2015.453 of this Order Paper.

4. Boulcott/Hutt Project

The boundary surveys are complete and the survey consultants are currently preparing Survey Office plans to be lodged with LINZ. The Golf Club is continuing with the course development works.

Safeway Storage Limited's claims against GWRC remain to be resolved.

5. Waiwhetu Stream Flood Management Plan

Recommencement of work on Waiwhetu Stream FMP had been deferred until 2015/16. With delays and challenges in programmed work completing Pinehaven FMP, Te Kāuru Upper Ruamahanga FMP and Waiohine FMP, staff may not be available to recommence Waiwhetu FMP this year. We will bring a more detailed update to a future HVFM Subcommittee meeting once the resourcing requirements of the above FMPs in 2015/16 are clearer.

6. Pinehaven Floodplain management

Community consultation on the Floodplain Management Plan commenced on the 9th of September. Public open days were held on the 9th and 16th of September that included the Pinehaven Floodplain Management Plan, Upper Hutt City Council Urban Growth Strategy and Protected Trees.

A brief update will be given to the subcommittee at the meeting regarding progress with this consultation. Consultation closes on the 9th of October 2015.

7. Mangaroa FHA and Upper Hutt City Council proposed plan change 15

GWRC consultants have completed the flood hazard remodelling for the Mangaroa River flood hazard to include an allowance for climate change and address the peer reviewer's comments around the Mangaroa River modelling that were raised during the Plan Change 15 process. They are currently completing the report and mapping the flood hazard zones for the draft District Plan maps. UHCC will be holding a Councillors workshop in November to discuss the information before initiating a new plan change to put the flood hazard information into their District Plan.

8. Maintenance and recreation activities

A significant flood event occurred in the western area on 19 & 20 June. In the Hutt River further erosion occurred at a number of sites. Options for the best way to repair these areas, consistent with the draft code of practice, are being considered. Staff are making adjustments to the annual programme to accommodate urgent works.

Last year we experimented with inter planting native plants between willow rows and this has worked out well with most of the native plants having surviving. This approach gives us opportunity to remove the willows once the native plants are established.

Keys have been issued to white-baiters on the Hutt River to allow access for fishermen. The number of keys available is limited and it is unfortunate that

some people have missed out. We will be reviewing how we manage access to the river during white-baiting next year.

9. Communication

Communication initiatives, including newsletters, meetings with residents and other stakeholders, are in place for all projects. The City Centre Upgrade Project has received wide publicity through the local and national press.

10. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report. This report provides an update on implementing the current floodplain management projects and is for information only.

10.1 Engagement

Engagement on the matters contained in this report aligns with the level of significance assessed. Major projects have their own engagement initiatives.

11. Recommendations

That the Subcommittee:

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

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