

**DATE:** 27 March 2012  
 4:00 p.m. at Tasman District Council Service  
**TIME:** Centre

**SUBJECT: Lower Motueka Rivercare Group Meeting**
**Present:**

**TDC:** Giles Griffith (Chairman) , Philip Drummond, Eric Verstappen, Andrew Burton  
 Taylors Contracting Co Ltd: Arnie Richards, Neil McKay, Neil Donaldson,  
**MWH:** Rick Lowe  
**Fish & Game :** Alister Webber, Rhys Barrier  
**DoC :** Rudy Tetteroo  
**Rivercare Group Members:** Jim Girvin, Arthur Walker, Terry Johnston, Robert Young, Bill McKenzie, John Craze, Peter Besier, David Oglvie  
**Apologies:** Nil

**DETAIL:**

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<b>1. Introduction</b> Giles Griffith opened the meeting and introduction Tasman District Council staff, MWH consultants and Taylors the River Maintenance Contractor.		
<b>2. Minutes of Last Meeting</b> The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated to all that attended the previous meeting.  No discussion was held on the minutes of the previous meeting.		
<b>3. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting</b> There were no matters raised from the previous meeting minutes.		
<b>4. Overall Objectives 2012</b> Giles Griffith gave a verbal presentation outlining the overall objectives for 2012, current issues, annual operation and maintenance programmes for 2011/12 and 2012/13 financial years. Overall Objective 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete 2010 flood repair work in Aorere, Murchison and Wangapeka areas.</li> <li>• Get 2012 flood repair work underway (Motupipi to Wainui Bay areas)</li> <li>• Crack willow mapping and riparian management plan.</li> <li>• Strong focus on revegetation work and move towards soft options.</li> <li>• Gain consent to aerial spray in selected rivers.</li> <li>• Possible formation of interagency group with LINZ and DoC</li> <li>• Post regular information on website.</li> </ul>		
<b>5. Annual Maintenance Operating Programme 2012</b> Rivers are dynamic high proportion of unscheduled work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40% of all maintenance tasked completed to date not originally in AOMP</li> <li>• Unscheduled tasks make up 34% of AOMP budget for 2011/2012.</li> </ul> Unscheduled tasks include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of dumped rubbish in river channels.</li> <li>• High river flow damage requiring additional bank protection work and removal trees and other vegetation.</li> </ul> AOMP is regularly revised and task re-prioritised as flood events occur. An aerial photograph was shown as part of the power point presentation with the proposed work sites for the Motueka River for the 2011/2012 financial year.		

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<p><b>6. Other Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited scope for gravel removal now due to resource consent limitations, most rivers degrading (although individual reaches may be aggrading)</li> <li>• Challenges to part 4 of District Plan being worked through by our policy team</li> <li>• Ability for farmers to perform emergency works themselves in a defined period following a high event</li> <li>• Rights of iwi to own or extract gravel</li> <li>• The two recent extreme rain events, effects on livelihoods, prioritising and funding repairs and effect on existing resources.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>7. General Comments from presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A question was raised as to why iwi get to own or extract gravel from the river system.</li> <li>• Giles Griffith replied that iwi have land ownership as well as other rights under the Treaty of Waitangi.</li> <li>• A ratepayer asked as to how gravel extraction impacted on flood flows and what the risk was to adjacent land from a recently granted consent for gravel extraction at the Jim Wall site. A photograph was presented at the meeting showing flood waters of a large flood at the site recently approved for gravel extraction.</li> <li>• Philip Drummond answered that the site had been reviewed prior to the granting of the consent and that council are trying to manage gravel extraction in the Lower Motueka area.</li> <li>• A ratepayer claimed that Council do not have to remove crack willow as stated in Council Plans.</li> <li>• Philip Drummond confirmed it was not the Council's intension to remove all crack willow from the rivers and will leave sites considered to be at high risk of eroding.</li> <li>• DoC – Creating wetland in Lower Motueka on Bill Stevens's property.</li> <li>• Upper Riwaka area is being re-vegetated where crack willow removed. Council have already done a lot of planting out river stream group formed to continue planting and maintaining.</li> <li>• Philip Drummond confirmed that he fully maintained area of the Riwaka River stopped at Chris Drummond's property or at approximately the bottom of the Takaka Hill.</li> <li>• Philip Drummond informed the meeting that resource consent was presently being applied for the aerial spraying of chemical for vegetation control.</li> <li>• Philip Drummond also stated that there is some fencing subsidy available where areas adjacent to rivers are retired for native riparian plantings.</li> </ul>		
<b>Meeting concluded at 5:00 pm</b>		