

DATE 15 July 2013

TIME 2:30 pm at The Takaka Fire Station

SUBJECT: Takaka, Anatoki and Waingaro Rivercare Group Meeting

Present:

Tasman District Council: Rick Lowe, Giles Griffith

Taylor's Contracting: Alex Ainley Neil McKay

Fish & Game: Lawson Davey

Rivercare Group Members: 10

DETAIL:

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1.	Apologies – Nil	
2.	<p>Introduction</p> <p>Giles Griffith opened the meeting and introduced Council and Taylor's Contracting staff.</p> <p>He went on to explain that the Tasman District Council had taken back in house all the Rivers Management activities and Rick Lowe, previously with MWH, was now a staff member of Council.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of last meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were available to be viewed on the Tasman District Council's website.</p> <p>There were no issues raised at the meeting in respect to the accuracy of the minutes</p>	
4.	<p>General River Information</p> <p>Giles Griffith gave an overhead presentation outlining the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Staff Changes – Advised that Rick Lowe is now a staff member of Council and has undertaken a similar role as previously at MWH in managing the river maintenance contract. b. Gravel Management – Tasman District Council to set up working team within Council to review gravel extraction policy. Council have extracted gravel out of Matakītaki, Motupiko and Aorere River's during the 2012-2013 financial year. c. Global Resource Consent for River Activities – presently additional information being prepared for consent application. It will then be resubmitted to Council by the end of October 2013. d. New Rivercare Maps – New river maps and work programme are 	

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	to be available on the Council website by next week and will be more user friendly similar to Google maps.	
5.	<p>AOMP 2012 -2013</p> <p>The expenditure on the AOMP programme covering all rivers was approximately \$1.83 million which was approximately \$131,000 over that which was budgeted.</p> <p>The additional expenditure was as a result of responding to urgent repair works in the Riwaka, Dove and Wai-iti catchments.</p>	
5.	<p>2012-2013 Works Completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Rock protection works carried out in the in the Takaka, Anotoki and Waingaro Rivers b. Gravel extraction from Anatoki River c. Spraying of fairway and river berms for woody weeds d. Riparian plant maintenance e. Bitter Willow layering <p>Planned works 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Takaka River – 900 tonnes of rock was allowed to be placed where required. Gravel extraction proposed to take out 12,000m³ from various river beaches. Ground based chemical spraying for woody weed control. Native plantings to be maintained. b. Anatoki River – 800 tonnes of rock to be placed where required. It was proposed that 2000m³ of gravel will be extracted. Ground based chemical spraying of woody weeds, willow planting and layering to continue. Native plantings to be maintained. c. Waingaro River – 1300 tonnes of rock allowed to be placed where required. Ground based chemical control of woody weeds, and planting of natives to be maintained. 	
6.	<p>General Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Rameka Creek – It was explained that after the floods of 2011, work required in Rameka Creek was put forward as a special case to the Civil Defence to consider for special funding assistance. This has resulted in funding assistance confirmed at contribution rates as follows; 60% Civil Defence, 20% Tasman District Council and 20% Landowner. This funding will only be applicable to those landowners initially identified in the original report. b. Gravel for Council Wastewater Project – It was confirmed that there was a demand for river gravel for the Council's wastewater upgrade project. This generated some discussion in that one ratepayer, who considered himself as affected by the project, had not been consulted. It was agreed that his concerns would be passed onto the appropriate staff within Council to for further investigation. 	

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<p>c. Crack Willow Removal – The removal of crack willow was discussed and the meeting attendees were informed that crack willow is only presently removed where it causes an obstruction to the river channel.</p> <p>d. Aerial Spraying Consent – Giles Griffith confirmed that there was no intention to apply for a resource consent to carryout aerial spraying in Golden Bay. Giles Griffith indicated that approximately 10% of the river budget involved chemical spraying. Two ratepayers expressed their strong concern against chemical sprays being used anywhere.</p> <p>They requested information on the types of products used and budgeted figures on spraying. It was explained that the only requirement related to ground based spraying was that the contractor was required to comply with the conditions of the resource consent and comply with labelling on the containers containing the spraying products.</p> <p>They were reminded that this meeting was an opportunity to discuss the rivers programme and associated works.</p> <p>Representatives from Fish and Game noted that they had successfully controlled willow in the past, using the aerial spraying method elsewhere.</p>		
Meeting Concluded at 4:45pm		