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Committee Landcare  
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## Divisional Manager's Report - Catchment Management

### 1. Purpose

To inform the Committee about Western Flood Protection activities, and progress of matters, since the last meeting.

### 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. Managers report

The Flood Protection Manager's report is attached.

### 4. Comment

#### Staff

Phillip Purves has resigned from Council (last day was 7 March), and will shortly take up a new position with the Otago Regional Council. Phil was with GW for 16 years and made a big contribution to the flood hazard investigation programme, and in providing advice to landowners and developers in Kapiti, Porirua, and the greater Hutt Valley. We wish Phil all the best for the shift south and his new role.

Recruitment for Phil's replacement is underway. In the meantime Sharyn Westlake will manage the advisory service.

#### Flood Protection Managers report

You will see that Graeme Campbell's report covers the whole of the region's flood protection activities and is the same report that was provided to the RS&W Committee. Graeme and I will continue to refine this report as the new Department structure settles in place. In particular you are likely to see the

reporting of the planning, investigation and policy development reflect the new region wide approach being taken for this work.

### **Findlay Street, Tawa**

On 8 March we received a letter from the Tawa Community Board supporting GW proceeding with a modified full realignment option for the stream upgrade adjacent to the three houses owned by Council. The Board has also requested that GW implement this initiative as soon as possible.

The letter from the Tawa Community Board follows a similar letter received in November last year from Wellington City Council.

I have now asked Graeme Campbell to consider what preparatory work, staff resources and further discussions with Wellington City Council may be required before we make a recommendation to the Committee about this project. The project will need to be formally added back into the Departments operating plan before it can proceed. An update to the Committee in May is proposed.

### **Whirinaki Crescent, Upper Hutt**

Following the Hutt River Advisory Committee meeting on 1 March 2007 a letter has been written to Upper Hutt City Council seeking their support for Council to approve the increased budget for the project so that the stopbank upgrade can be completed next financial year – 2007/08. We expect that this matter, including the report from the 1 March meeting will be ready to be considered by the Landcare Committee at the 16 May meeting.

In the mean time work has commenced on Stage 1 of the upgrade, the section of stopbank adjacent to the Wellington Golf Club. A once only opportunity exists to access this site through the as yet undeveloped wineglass subdivision. Adequate budget exists in this year's budget for this work.

The Stage 1 earthworks are being direct managed by our Mabey Road team, after which a contract will be let to construct the new section of floodwall.

### **Chrystalls Extended stopbank**

I am pleased to see the excellent progress made with the statutory and land acquisition matters with this project (see Report 07.125). It looks like the June 2008 target date to complete this project is achievable. The progress report will be forwarded to the Kapiti Coast District Council once considered by the Committee.

### **Outcomes of the Hutt City Council's Community Engagement Workshop – 15 February 2007**

Cr Greig has provided me with an advance copy of the summary of findings of a community engagement workshop run by Hutt City Council in February.

At the workshop the participants rated flood and stormwater protection as the highest priority for the city. Clearly this Council's work on the Hutt River, the Waiwhetu Stream and the maintenance of a number of other smaller streams in the city is important to Hutt City residents and businesses.

I will contact Hutt City to see if an official copy is to be sent to us so that it can be put in the Councillors bulletin.

## **5. Communication**

No communication is required.

## **6. Recommendations**

*That the Committee:*

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

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**Attachment 1:** Flood Protection Manager's report for the period ending  
2 March 2007