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Divisional Manager's Report

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee about the activities and progress and any matters that have arisen since the previous meeting held on 11 June 2009/

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. Background

The Department Managers' reports are attached.

4. Divisional matters

4.1 2008/09 Financial Year

The Division achieved an excellent financial result for the 2008/09 year – see Attachment 3 – which provides a list of major highlights for the Division. The majority of Business Plan objectives were achieved under budget. Some timing delays occurred in a few Flood Protection capital items. However, all delayed projects are scheduled to make significant progress this year.

Looking ahead, the Division has some significant projects to progress this year, notably:

- The Boulcott/Hutt stopbank
- Waiwhetu Stream flood protection and environmental cleanup works
- Finalising land purchases at Chrystalls Bend stopbank

- Commencing the new Wellington Regional Erosion Control Initiative
- Implementing the first year of works under the revised Regional Pest Management Strategy
- Completing the irrigation upgrade at the Akura Conservation Centre and progressing talks with the Masterton District Council regarding the proposed Homebush nursery expansion
- BioWorks securing and completing sufficient AHB Tb vector control contracts within budget
- Progressing our health and safety systems to ensure the Division is able to meet secondary accreditation under the ACC scheme
- Assisting the Environment Division with development of the new Natural Resource Management Plan.

There are increased pressures on management and operational staff to ensure the Division operates under budget in 2009/10.

5. Communications (Jim Flack)

Newspaper articles placed in Wairarapa papers:

- Millions confirmed for Wairarapa in regional 10 year plan
- In depth look at the decline of freshwater mussels and the links to water quality and catchment management
- Community band together to plant Makoura Stream in Masterton
- Sixty people attend wetland planting on northern shores of Lake Wairarapa

Newspaper articles placed in some Wellington community papers:

- Kaitoke, Hutt Water Collection Area, Akatarawa Saddle 1080 drop
- Please look out for pest plants - eel grass and woolly nightshade

Catchment Management Division is leading the community engagement planning for the Wairarapa Moana wetland park project and has been working with iwi and DoC on a paper that was presented to the Wairarapa Moana Establishment Group in late August.

Catchment Management Division is working closely with the Environment Division on an engagement plan for GW's thinking on a new approach for Natural Resource Management that will combine the regional plans for air, water, soil and coast into one document to improve environmental performance in the region.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

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

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Attachment 1: Departmental Managers' reports

Attachment 2: Financial Report

Attachment 3: CM Division Achievements for 2008/09

Attachments 4 – 12: Supercatchment maps