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Committee Catchment Management Committee  
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## Hutt River Advisory Subcommittee – meeting update

### 1. Purpose

To provide a summary of the Hutt River Advisory Subcommittee meeting held on 12 November 2009, and to recommend to Council that it approves amendments to the 2009/10 programme of works for parts of the Hutt River.

### 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 Hutt River Advisory Subcommittee (HRAS) met on 12 November 2009 and considered five reports.

#### 1. Hutt River: Proposed improvements from Kennedy Good Bridge to Ewen Bridge (Report 09.683)

The purpose of the report was to obtain the HRAS endorsement of the process and programme for implementing the proposed flood protection improvements from the Kennedy Good Bridge (KGB) to Ewen Bridge. The report was prepared to clarify the programme and land requirements for the proposed works in response to a number of queries from HCC and the local residents.

At the meeting the Subcommittee received submissions from Robin Maud and Glen Evans. Robin Maud commented on the Hutt River Trail user survey and made some suggestions to the proposed channel widening works. Glen Evans requested GW to consider other funding options for enhancement works above those normally provided with the flood protection works.

At the meeting, the Subcommittee endorsed the proposed process and programme for completing the proposed upgrade works from KGB to Ewen. The project will be implemented in 4 stages.

### Stage 1: Boulcott/Hutt stopbank project

The Boulcott/Hutt stopbank project is now separated from the channel works to expedite the designation process for the stopbank and provide more time to consult on the proposed channel works from KGB to Ewen. The stopbank project is scheduled for completion by 2013.

### Stage 2: City Centre Project.

This project involves upgrading the existing stopbank from Ewen Bridge to Safeway. The Mills Street section forms part of this stopbank project. The project is scheduled to commence in 2012 and be complete by 2019.

### Stage 3: KGB to Ewen channel improvements

This project involves improving the river channel from KGB to Ewen Bridge to the required standard. Consultation with stakeholders on the proposed channel widening from KGB to the Melling sub station is progressing. The detailed design will commence in 2012 and the project is scheduled for completion by 2019.

### Stage 4: Melling Bridge replacement

The Melling Bridge waterway improvements to pass a 2800 cumec discharge as recommended in the HRFMP will be taken up at a time when HCC/NZTA decides to replace the bridge. In the mean time the Stage 3 works will maximise the waterway capacity with the existing bridge.

## **2. HRFMP: Maoribank rock work and Ebdentown erosion protection work (Report 09.692)**

The purpose of the report was to advise the Subcommittee on the process and programme for completing the urgent rock works at Maoribank and the Ebdentown edge protection works. The Flood Protection 2009-2019 Operating plan provides \$1.69 million in 2013/14 and 2014/15 to complete the mitigation measures at Maoribank bend. The proposed urgent works costing \$140,000 involve placing large rock to prevent further erosion of bedrock at the bend until the proposed mitigation measures are undertaken. It is proposed to bring forward \$140,000 from the 2013/14 budget to complete the urgent works in 2009/10. This can be accommodated without exceeding the total Hutt River budget for 2009/10.

The Ebdentown edge protection project will be jointly funded by NZTA/GW under the River Works Agreement. The Flood Protection Operating Plan provides \$735,000 as GW share to complete the project in 2009/10. The project will now be completed over a two year period and the expenditure forecast for 2009/10 is \$50,000.

The Subcommittee endorsed bringing forward of \$140,000 from 2013/14 to 2009/10 to complete the urgent works at the Maoribank bend.

### **3. Hutt River Gravel Analysis Report (Report 09.687)**

The purpose of the report was to advise the Subcommittee of the outcomes from the analysis of 2008/09 Hutt River cross section survey and to obtain endorsement of the gravel management policies for the period 2009 – 2014.

The recommended policies include continued extraction at an average rate of 70,000 m<sup>3</sup> per year from the KGB to Ava reach and 50,000 m<sup>3</sup> per year from the river mouth. The Subcommittee endorsed the proposed gravel management policies for the Hutt River.

### **4. HRFMP: Whirinaki Crescent stopbank upgrade (Report 09.691)**

The purpose of the report was to update the Subcommittee with the progress made with the Whirinaki Crescent stopbank project and to obtain the Subcommittee recommendation to increase the project budget by \$38,000 to \$955,000. The total estimated cost of the project has gone up by \$38,000 mainly due to the additional works involved in developing options, consultation and the resource consent process to obtain approval to remove trees in the fill area. The Subcommittee recommended the total budget increase for consideration by the Catchment Committee.

### **5. HRFMP: Project Manager's Report (Report 09.684)**

This report provided an update on progress made with all HRFMP projects. Of particular note was the update on the golf clubs merger and progress made with the detailed design of the Boulcott/Hutt stopbank in developing options at Connolly Street and Hathaway Avenue to reduce impacts on the residential properties.

## **4. Unconfirmed minutes**

The unconfirmed minutes of the Subcommittee meeting held on 12 November 2009 are contained in Attachment 1.

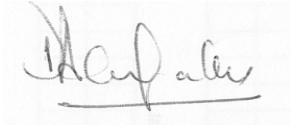
## **5. Recommendations**

*That the Committee recommends that Council:*

- 1. **Receives** the report.*
- 2. **Notes** the content of the report.*
- 3. **Approves** bringing forward of \$140,000 from 2013/14 to 2009/10 to complete urgent works at Maoribank bend, noting that the total Hutt River capital work budget for 2009/10 will not be exceeded.*
- 4. **Approves** the budget for the upgrade of the Whirinaki Crescent stopbank be increased from \$917,000 to \$955,000.*

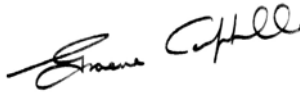
5. *Approves the deferral of \$685,000 of proposed expenditure on the Ebdentown edge protection works until the 2010/11 financial year.*

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**Attachment 1: Unconfirmed minutes of the Hutt River Advisory Subcommittee meeting held on 12 November 2009**