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Report on the Catchment Management Committee meeting held on 22 April 2010

1. Purpose

To inform the Council about the meeting of the Catchment Management Committee that took place on 22 April 2010.

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

3.1 Boulcott/Hutt stopbank

Two members of the public addressed the Committee in public participation concerning the impact on local residents in opening up the end of Allen Street to allow large vehicle access to deposit fill for the construction of the Boulcott/Hutt stopbank.

Some earth works and removal of established trees would be required to get access through Allen Street. Alternative access for the trucks was being sought by local residents.

Officers advised that the Boulcott/Hutt project's Notice of Requirement/Consent applications had now entered a statutory process. Public concerns needed to be raised through the submissions process which closes on 5 May 2010.

3.2 Homebush Nursery - Masterton District Council

The Committee noted that advice had been received from David Hopman, Manager, Assets and Operations Manager, Masterton District Council (MDC), indicating that a decision around the method of wastewater disposal to land was now expected to be delayed until August. MDC had earlier indicated that decisions on irrigation methods were expected to be made by 14 April. This delay now causes timeline issues for Akura as shelter planting for the proposed Homebush expansion was programmed to occur in early winter.

A report outlining options for Akura expansion is to be prepared for the June Committee meeting.

3.3 Key Native Ecosystem Programme Review

The Committee were advised that a review of the Key Native Ecosystem (KNE) programme had been completed. The KNE programme has been in existence since 1995. It focused on managing pests in remnant native ecosystems of high biodiversity value within the region.

A report on the review, including future options for the KNE programme, will be presented to the Committee later this year.

4. Unconfirmed minutes

Unconfirmed minutes of the Committee meeting are attached as Attachment 1.

5. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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Attachment 1: Unconfirmed minutes of the Catchment Management Committee held on 22 April 2010