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Committee Catchment Management Committee
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CM Group - General Manager's Report

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee about CM Group activities and progress on matters that have arisen since the previous meeting held 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

The Department Managers' reports are attached.

4. Group matters

4.1 Wairarapa Moana

The Wairarapa Moana Exhibition project is to be publically launched in mid June.

The Catchment Management Group has been invited to contribute to a "Wairarapa Moana Exhibition" to be mounted at the Aratoi Museum in Masterton from October 2010. It is proposed that a DVD on the Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme will be prepared. It is hoped to thread commentary from individuals who have seen or been part of the development of the scheme into the DVD showing the actual development works.

5. Communications (Jim Flack)

Catchment Management communications staff met with Wairarapa Moana farmers and DoC to discuss issues around Lake Wairarapa and Lake Onoke in late May. Regulations around drain-cleaning was the hot topic and farmers came up with several ideas to ease the confusion around this issue, including a landowner meeting with Environmental Regulation (Consents) staff and a

single point of contact for farmers inquiring about drain cleaning. Global consents were also raised. Catchment Management will liaise with Environment staff to investigate these ideas. As drain cleaning regulations apply across the region, this is a good opportunity for GW and farmers to work together on this issue to establish best practice.

There has been plenty of activity getting ready for the Wairarapa Moana project launch. Communications staff have been working with farmers to include farming history and examples of fencing waterways for display material at the open day in Featherston on 19 June.

From a media perspective there have been several articles in the DomPost and community papers about the Waiwhetu Stream now flowing clean and the Wairarapa Landscape Project.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

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

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Attachment 1: Department Managers' reports
Attachment 2: Financial report