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Committee Council  
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## **Report on the Catchment Management Committee held on 10 June 2010**

### **1. Purpose**

To inform the Council about the meeting of the Catchment Management Committee that took place on 10 June 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. Report**

#### **3.1 Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme (LWVDS) – private structures around Lake Wairarapa**

At its meeting in March the Committee had considered a report on the construction work and maintenance of private flood and erosion protection works around Lake Wairarapa following the floods in 2004 and 2006. The report was subsequently presented to the Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme Advisory Committee in March. The LWVDS was advised that the intention was to take a recommendation back to the Catchment Management Committee to seek approval to use the isolated works funding formula for flood and erosion protection works around Lake Wairarapa.

The Committee agreed to recommend to Council that it approves extra isolated work funding. Report 10.356 in this order paper seeks the approval of Council for this addition to the 2011/12 Annual Plan.

Committee members discussed the additional \$35,000 per annum general rate contribution being sought to the annual isolated works budget. The increase will commence in 2011/12 for a period of 10 years to assist landowners around Lake Wairarapa to upgrade flood and erosion protection works.

### 3.2 Drought declaration

The Committee noted that recently a drought situation had been declared for the Wairarapa. The declaration was on the basis of soil moisture deficits during March and April. Whilst significant rain has since fallen, stock feed remains in short supply and many farmers are in difficult financial positions.

Cr Wilde is working with Environment Waikato and the Northland Regional Council to get a regional government perspective on the accumulative effects of droughts since 2006 to present to the Prime Minister in mid-June.

### 3.3 Wairarapa Moana Project Launch

Committee members were informed of the Wairarapa Moana Wetlands Project launch at the Kohunui Marae at Pirinoa, south Wairarapa, on 19 June. The project focuses on improving ecosystem health on public land around Lakes Wairarapa and Onoke. An invitation to the opening was extended to all Councillors and appointed members of the Committee.

Other public events to celebrate the launch of the Wairarapa Moana Project are scheduled for 16 June to launch an eel conservation booklet, 19 June for the open day in Featherston, and 20 June for the planting day at the Lake Domain Reserve.

## 4. Unconfirmed minutes

The 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 10 June 2010**