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Report on the Environmental Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 16 April 2013

1. Purpose

To inform the Council about the meeting of the Environmental Wellbeing Committee that took place on 16 April 2013.

2. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

3. Report on meeting

3.1 Public participation

John Harding gave a presentation on managing the effects of sea level rise at the Waimeha Stream Inlet, including concerns about the accuracy of the proposed hazard line and its potential effects on property values.

3.2 Process for communication of flood hazard information

The Committee was presented with a report outlining a proposed process relating to the communication of flood hazard information, following lessons learnt from the dissemination of flood hazard information for the Mangaroa and Wainuiomata Rivers.

The Committee noted that when “draft” documents are being consulted on there needs to be clarity so that members of the public are aware what can and cannot be changed in the document.

The Committee commented on the importance of there being good public understanding of terms used in flood hazard information documents.

The Committee noted the importance of having both officers and politicians from Territorial Authorities involved early in the process before any material is issued to affected landowners.

3.3 General Manager's report

The Committee discussed the General Manager's report and in particular noted that there was an increasing reliance on volunteers to undertake pest control in ecosystems that fall outside of this Council's Biodiversity Management Areas.

The Committee discussed the River Management Resource Consent Project. It was noted that some iwi had concerns regarding the proposed 35 year approval term.

4. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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