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## Hutt Valley Flood Management Project Manager's Report - June 2014

### 1. Purpose

To update the Subcommittee on progress made with various Hutt Valley flood management projects.

### 2. Background

The Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) is currently implementing a number of flood protection projects in the Hutt Valley. There are separate reports to the Subcommittee providing updates on major projects. This report keeps track of progress on all projects, and also provides references to the major project reports.

### 3. Boulcott/Hutt project

The Boulcott/Hutt stopbank works are complete and currently under the contractor's maintenance period. Site work to identify the extent of stopbank within the golf course and the boundary surveys required for land transfers are progressing.

Safeway has filed written evidence on their injurious affection claim with the Land Valuation Tribunal. GWRC lawyers will prepare the GWRC evidence. A hearing will follow.

### 4. City Centre Project

Consultation with the community on Integrated Concept Design (ICD) options could not commence in mid May, as originally programmed, because more work was necessary to refine the river corridor options before consultation commences. The adjacent landowners were advised of the changes to the programme.

Officers expect to discuss the Options and the consultation programme in the Subcommittee Workshop programmed for 24 June 2014.

## **5. Waiwhetu Stream Flood Management Plan**

The 2014 house raising investigations have been completed. Investigations are now focussed on identifying sustainable flood management approaches for the Waiwhetu floodplain. Report 2014.316 of this Order Paper provides more details.

## **6. Pinehaven Floodplain Management**

The project team is preparing for a final consultation round on the draft Floodplain Management Plan and Preferred Option Combination, signed off by the subcommittee in February 2014. This is programmed to run between July and September.

## **7. Upper Hutt Plan Change 15**

Consultants Jacobs SKM have been engaged to carry out further work to satisfy the peer reviewer's comments around the Mangaroa River hydraulic modelling. GWRC and UHCC Officers will meet again in August 2014 to discuss the outcomes from further work, and to agree on a programme for the proposed Plan Change 15.

## **8. Maintenance and recreation activities**

Maintenance works programmes are progressing as planned. Flood gate maintenance is underway and access track maintenance has been carried out in the Belmont area, in conjunction with the removal of five large pine trees from the motorway embankment. Beach ripping has been undertaken in the Kennedy Good Bridge area to help correct alignment issues, where there has been undermining of the edge protection planting.

Annual asset inspections in the Hutt were completed.

The Hutt River trail has been well patronised with a number of events held. Track maintenance was undertaken at Manor Park and Silverstream, and general vegetation has been cut back at various places along the river. On Sunday 27 April a compliance exercise was carried out, with assistance from other park rangers, and a number of people were spoken to. Follow up letters have subsequently been sent out. The emphasis was on education and offering alternatives so the river trail isn't compromised by activities which are inappropriate.

## **9. River Management Resource Consent Project**

Work has continued on the draft Code of Practice and the proposed review framework which forms part of the resource consent application. Officers' discussions are continuing with the Environmental Regulation department about options for notification and the hearing of consent applications. The application for Wainuiomata is programmed for lodgement in June 2014.

## **10. The decision-making process and significance**

No decision is being sought in this report. This report provides an update on implementing the current floodplain management projects, and is for information only.

## **11. Recommendations**

*That the Subcommittee:*

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

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