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Minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group (Joint Committee) meeting held in the Council Chamber, Upper Hutt City Council, 838 Fergusson Drive Upper Hutt, on Friday 28 August 2015 at 9.04am

Present

Mayor Leggett (Chair)	(Porirua City Council)
Mayor Booth	(Carterton District Council)
Mayor Church	(Kapiti Coast District Council)
Mayor Guppy	(Upper Hutt City Council)
Councillor Laidlaw (from 9.07am)	(Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Mayor Patterson	(Masterton District Council)
Mayor Staples	(South Wairarapa District Council)
Mayor Wade-Brown	(Wellington City Council)
Mayor Wallace	(Hutt City Council)

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Public participation

There was no public participation.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved

(Mayor Leggett/ Mayor Patterson)

That the CDEM Group confirms the minutes of the meeting of 26 June 2015, Report 15.313.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

4 Presentation on the Joint Centre for Disaster research

Jon Mitchell, from the Joint Centre for Disaster Research, Massey University, gave a presentation to the Committee on the Joint Centre for Disaster Research. It was noted that the Centre, the first of its kind, provides professional development on disaster management, with undergraduate and post graduate courses on offer. The Centre has partnered with WREMO to create the International Centre of Excellence in Community Resilience and aims to cater for international students, not simply those from New Zealand.

5 Sea level rise and the effects of El Nino

Dr Andrew Tait, from NIWA, presented to the Committee and provided an updated projection of the effects of climate and sea level change on the region's environment.

International guidance indicates that El Nino will certainly (97% chance) continue in the period August to October 2015 while it is extremely likely (above 90%) that it will persist into the 2015/16 summer. This means climate that is wetter in the west, drier in the east, while near normal for the Wellington region.

The long term forecast for New Zealand (2080-2099) is a 2 degree Celsius increase in temperature, while a present-day 24-hour extreme rainfall with a 100-year average will be twice as frequent by 2080-2099.

El Nino weather patterns will also increase the likelihood of drought if weather followed typical El Nino predictions.

6 The Regional Natural Hazards Strategy

Iain Dawe, Senior Policy Analyst, GWRC, gave a brief introduction to the Regional Natural Hazards Strategy which is currently under development. While the strategy will not commit councils to any particular course of action, it will provide guidance so that regional consistency and alignment is possible. Further developments would continue to be managed through the CEG.

7 Tsunami planning

Bruce Pepperell, Regional Manager, Wellington CDEM, Group Controller, gave a brief overview of the tsunami planning initiative currently underway in the region, with particular mention of the additional modelling of the Wellington inner harbour currently

being undertaken by GNS Science. At present, all tsunami maps are available on both the Group's website and Facebook page.

8 CDEM training

Teresa Simcox, Emergency Management Advisor, CDEM, gave an update on Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) training. Under the new training regime, training was shorter (generally one hour long sessions), sharper and more interactive. Mention was made of the high training attendance level being achieved by Upper Hutt.

Next year, a set of more addressed training modules would be added to the current training programme.

9 New Zealand Shakeout - 15th October 2015

The Committee noted that New Zealand 'Shakeout' day would occur on 15 October 2015. The importance of raising widespread public awareness throughout the Wellington Region was once again highlighted; more specifically the campaign should reach as many businesses, schools and organisations as possible. The Committee noted that Shakeout had to appeal to everyone, although the on line registration system may limit the number of people registered as participating. The participation rate in Wellington City and the region at the last Shakeout event was the best in the country, and the Committee noted the region should aim to achieve this outcome again.

10 WREMO Annual Report (1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015)

Report 15.425

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Bruce Pepperell spoke to the report and described what had been a busy and successful year. It was noted that the group continued to receive national and international recognition, along with strong support via social media, but as always there is room for improvement.

The Committee discussed the Annual Report with the Chair, Mayor Leggett thanking the WREMO Team for their performance throughout the year

Mayor Staples raised the matter of community response planning and it was noted that it will take a couple of years to achieve full coverage across the region.

Moved

(Mayor Leggett/ Mayor Church)

That the CDEM Group:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The meeting closed at 10.36 am.

Mayor Nick Leggett
Chair, Wellington Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

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