

TAKAKA FRESHWATER AND LAND ADVISORY GROUP

AGENDA

9.30AM – 3.00PM / FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2015 / TAKAKA FIRE STATION

Purpose of meeting:

To clarify the approach to decision-making – seeking agreement across FLAG on *how* you go about setting limits and making allocation decisions, and *why* you are doing it that way.

- Agree a consistent approach to limit setting and allocation decisions
- To clarify the language (and/or measurement) used to:
 - rate ecological values and assess levels of protection/risk to those values
 - talk about security of supply.
- To consider how differing 'world views' can be accommodated in RMA planning

To trial different approaches to presenting scientific and resource management information and assess whether they assist in the decision-making

For the Upper Takaka River - decide key elements of the management regime, including minimum flows, allocation and management approaches.

This workshop will allow FLAG to

- Consider and discuss approaches to resource management decision-making
 - receive expert advice and recommendations on environmental flow and allocation limits
 - work collaboratively toward making decisions, based on that advice, and identify where members have divergent and convergent thinking
 - consider management regimes to manage flows, allocation and security of supply.
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9.30 AM **Welcome & Karakia**
Outline of the day
Change from original plan- why the morning session is needed (RSN)

9.40 **Check-in**
Anyone can share once, on anything 'going on' for them

9.50 **Updates**

- Process – 'completing conversations' (RSN, 5 mins)
- Presentation of information (LM/RSN, 5 mins)

Session 1: An agreed approach to setting limits

10.00 **How the process and decision-making approach can reflect different resource management philosophies.**
Presentation – Mary-Anne (15 mins)
Discussion & determine level of agreement (30 mins)

10.45 **Kapu ti**

11.00 **The method/approach used as basis for recommendations presented at 24-25 September meeting**

- Why this method was chosen as the approach to apply in the Takaka Catchments.
Presentation – Mary-Anne Baker/ Joseph Thomas/ Dr Roger Young (10 mins)
Discussion (15 mins)
- How values are accounted for when making decisions using the limit setting methodology
- Creating shared understanding of the language used to classify ecological values and levels of protection
Presentation – Mary-Anne/ Dr Roger Young (10 -15 mins)
Discuss & determine level of comfort with approach (30 mins)

NOTE: If there is not a high degree of "buy-in" to the approach, then 2 options:

1. Decide it is OK to proceed in applying approach suggested by TDC for the Upper Takaka, then reconsider comfort levels. Amend ('tweak') approach to get an agreement (During the week & at the next meeting). Then redo all rivers/zones consistently with whatever approach agreed to.
2. FLAG brainstorm their needs w.r.t. approach, then design the approach to meet requirements of RMA/NPSFW/Values and Management Objectives etc...[This will become the afternoon session & ongoing work until resolved].

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Session 2 **The Upper Takaka River (AMA Recharge Zone)**

12.00 **Upper Takaka – recommended options for flow regime & allocation limit**
Presentation, Dr Roger Young, Joseph T & Lisa McG (15 mins)
Q&A (15 mins)

12.30 **Upper Takaka – Flow regime and allocation limit**
Discuss the flow limit options provided

- agree values and levels of significance
- agree protection standard for key value/s
- agree preferred flow limit

Whole group – but if needed will change to break out groups x3 (30 mins)

1.00 pm **LUNCH**

1.30 **Upper Takaka – Allocation limit & security of supply**
Discuss the recommend allocation limit options for the Upper Takaka River:

- Brainstorm security of supply considerations (*5mins*)
- Brainstorm management regime options. Agree on viable options (*10 mins*)
- Review the SOS considerations and management options - revise allocation limit and management of ‘takes’ – agree on one or two preferred options (*15 mins*)
- Discuss process for involving irrigators and land owners in making decisions around security of supply (*5-10 mins*)
- Consider what the chosen regime/allocation limit does to the Te Waikoropupu Springs flow. *Presentation – Joseph T (5 Mins) (discussion 10 mins)*

Whole group facilitated sessions (or break out groups x3) (1hr)

2.30 **Upper Takaka – Management**

Put it all back together – do you have a preferred quantity management regime:
A flow limit?
An allocation limit?
A regime for managing takes?
[Note if differing views in FLAG, could agree two acceptable options, which you can consult on...]
Whole group 30 mins

3.00 **Summary & Finish**
Where to from here?
Motupipi at next meeting – Friday 6 November 2015