

**Upper Motueka, Motupiko, Sherry and Tadmor Rivercare Group Meeting
Held at Tapawera Community Centre
On 17 July 2013 at 2.00pm**

Present

TDC – Stuart Bryant (Councillor), Rick Lowe, Giles Griffith, (staff) Gary Clark (staff -late)

Taylors Contracting – Alex Ainley, Arnie Richards

Fish & Game – Lawson Davey

Ratepayers - 9

Apologies – Nil

Introduction

Councillor Bryant opened the meeting and introduced Tasman District Council and Taylors Contracting staff.

Giles Griffith explained the roles of council staff and gave an overview of the council's structures.

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were available to be viewed on the Tasman District Council's website.

There were no issues raised at the meeting in respect to the accuracy of the minutes.

General River Information

Giles gave an overhead presentation outlining

- Staff Changes - Rick Lowe now a staff member of council and undertaken a similar role as previously in managing the river maintenance contract.
- Gravel Management – Tasman District Council to set up working team within council to review gravel extraction policy.
- Gravel had been recently extracted from the Upper Motueka and Motupiko Rivers. There has also been a substantial river protection works carried out on the Matakītaki River at Murchison involving the relocation and extraction of approximately 100,000m³ of gravel and rock bank protection works.
- **Global Resource Consent for River Activities**– presently additional information being prepared for consent application that will be resubmitted to Council by the end of October 2013.
- **New Rivercare Maps**
New river maps are to be available on the website by next week and will be more user friendly similar to Google maps.

- **AOMP 2012 -2013**

The expenditure on the AOMP programme covering all rivers was approximately \$1.83 million which was approximately \$131,000 over that budgeted. Approximately 40% of the work carried in the AOMP programme was unscheduled flood damaged works.

The additional over budgeted expenditure was a result of responding to recent urgent repair work in the Riwaka, Dove and Wai-iti catchments.

Outstanding lower priority works have been rescheduled in the 2013/2014 AOMP proposed works.

Completed

- Relocation and gravel extraction in Motupiko River
- Majority of flood damage repairs in Tadmor River.
- Riparian native plant maintenance in Motueka and Sherry Rivers
- Aerial chemical spraying for vegetation control in fairway areas in Motupiko and Upper Motueka Rivers.
- Ground based spraying in Upper Motueka, Motupiko, Tadmor and Sherry Rivers
- All other priority 1 programmed river protection work completed.

Planned works 2013

- Further gravel extraction and relocation planned
- Aerial spraying to continue where required to maintain clear fairways.
- Ground based spraying in areas not suitable for aerial operation.
- Rock bank protection works where required.
- Willow planting
- Riparian plant management.

General Items

Council posed a question to the meeting whether they were any views on whether council should manage the stopbank that provides flood protection to Tapawera.

Presently the existing stopbank is not a council controlled structure and any support to maintain it would require a funding agreement with council.

No comments were received from those at the meeting.

Giles confirmed that there would be natives and willow trees planted along the banks of the Sherry River.

Gary Clark – TDC Transportation Manager commented:

- That it was councils focus to use less rock and more willow plantings
- Preference to relocate gravel within channel and not extract.
- Paper on gravel extraction being forwarded to council in August 2013.

A ratepayer commented that it was good to see at least council considering gravel extraction and believed that a lot of silt is moving down the river and ends up in Golden Bay causing a problem.

A ratepayer asked as to what information is available about gravel in Motueka River. Council responded that a LIDAR survey had been done but we would need to wait for 3- 4 years until it was done again before a comparison could be made between surveys

Council stated that there were two processes for applying for gravel extraction. The first would be to apply for separate resource consent to extract gravel from the site required or have a site approved by the TDC River's Engineer to extract gravel under the River Global Consent.

A ratepayer thought that landowners should be paid a royalty when gravel is washed away from their river frontage.

Meeting concluded at 3.15 pm.