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Committee Landcare  
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## Divisional Manager's Report - Catchment Management

### 1. Purpose

To inform the Committee about Western Flood Protection activities, and progress of matters since the last meeting.

### 2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

### 3. Managers report

The Flood Protection Manager's report is attached.

### 4. Comment

#### Activity Summary

#### Boulcott/Hutt stopbank

A significant leap forward with this project was made at the Hutt River Advisory Committee meeting on 6 September. The recommendation of the green alignment provides a clear way forward for officers.

Much work remains however to sort out the detail design on the ground, in close consultation with the two Golf Clubs, prior to lodging consent applications and finalising land purchase/compensation arrangements.

Thank you to all Councillors who attended the workshop and the 6 September Advisory Committee meeting. The 6 September meeting was the culmination of a lot of hard work and careful analysis, by both staff and members, and certainly won the respect of most of the parties affected by the proposed works.

## **Chrystalls Extended Stopbank**

Tenders for this project have been received and analysed. All appears to be in place for the contract to be let shortly, and for the project to be completed on time and within budget.

The new stopbank site will be visited as part of the Otaki River walkover on 8 September. There appears to be a very good turnout for the walkover this year.

## **Waiwhetu**

John Eyles and Tim Porteous have commenced the project planning for the removal of contaminated sediments and channel improvement works on the lower Waiwhetu. This is in line with the direction set by the Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Committee at its meeting on 22 August.

The project plan will incorporate a decision point milestone where the three contributing parties – Greater Wellington, Hutt City Council and Ministry for the Environment will have to formally commit to the project for it to proceed. The key decision point includes finalising funding arrangements, and a heads of agreement setting out responsibilities, lead agency and decision making processes for the project.

## **End of an era**

This last meeting of the Landcare Committee marks the end of era which it has been my pleasure to be involved with right from conception in 1995.

The two functional areas of western Flood Protection and Parks & Forests coexisted very happily in the former Landcare Division. I have certainly enjoyed working with the Committee throughout that time and my thanks go to all members, past and present, for their contributions over the last 12 or so years.

## **5. Communication**

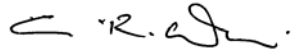
No communication is required.

## **6. Recommendations**

*That the Committee:*

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

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**Attachment 1:** Flood Protection Manager's report for the period ending 20 July 2007

