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Report on the Regulatory Committee meeting held on 21 October 2009

1. Purpose

To inform council about the meeting of the Regulatory Committee that took place on 21 October 2009.

2. Presentations

Two presentations were presented to the Committee.

Miranda Robinson spoke on the Resource Management Simplifying and Streamlining Amendment Act 2009.

Dr Iain Dawe spoke on the Wellington Fault Project and Harbour seabed mapping.

3. Reports

3.1 Status of groundwater and surface water takes in the Wellington region

A report was prepared on the status and trends of groundwater and surface water takes within the Wellington region (the Region) over the last 10 years and related issues and initiatives being taken by Greater Wellington's Environment Regulation Department to manage water resources.

3.2 Review of minimum flows for Wairarapa rivers

This report provided an update of progress with investigations into minimum flows for Wairarapa rivers, specifically the Waiohine and Ruamahanga rivers.

This research has primarily focused on determining flow requirements for sustaining ecological values. The results will be taken into consideration when reviewing the current policies of the Regional Freshwater Plan over the next 12 to 18 months.

3.3 Release of selected land use information

Greater Wellington holds records of properties where certain activities have taken place or industries have been located where there is the potential for the land to be contaminated. These records are held on our Selected Land Use Register (SLUR).

Consistent with the recent Ombudsman's decision, we released the information on 12 October to approximately 1,600 property owners. From this number we have received around 70 queries.

4. Appointment of enforcement officers and honorary enforcement officers

This report sought the appointment of three Enforcement Officers to enforce the Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws 2003 and three Honorary Enforcement Officers to enforce matters concerning pleasure craft for the purpose of navigational safety.

5. Regular reporting

Regular summary reports on decisions on non-notified resource consent applications, pollution control incidents, and the council's input into city and district planning were also provided. This information is readily available on the Council's website to ensure accessibility of the information.

6. Unconfirmed minutes

The unconfirmed minutes of the committee meeting are attached as Attachment 1.

7. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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Attachment 1: Unconfirmed minutes