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Report on Regulatory Committee meeting held on 4 August 2010

1. Purpose

To inform council about the meeting of the Regulatory Committee that took place on 4 August 2010.

2. Reports

2.1 Mangatarere Stream catchment water quality

Juliet Milne, Team Leader, Environmental Science, presented a report on the findings of a water quality investigation on the Mangatarere Stream in the Wairarapa.

Greater Wellington spent 13 months on an intensive environmental monitoring programme and also reviewed long-term water quality and resource consent data from within the Mangatarere catchment.

The key findings showed that while water quality is excellent at the Mangatarere Gorge, it gradually gets worse as the stream flows across intensively farmed plains, particularly in the lower reaches.

While the investigation was specific to the Mangatarere catchment, it is likely that other catchments with intensive land uses also have similarly degraded water quality. The findings from this investigation therefore have significant relevance in informing the wider regional plan review process.

3. Regular reports

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.

4. Unconfirmed minutes

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

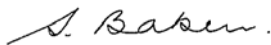
5. Recommendations

That Council:

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

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Attachment 1: Unconfirmed minutes