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Hutt Valley Floodplain Management

Project Manager's Report

1. Purpose

To update the Subcommittee on progressing the various Hutt Valley flood management projects.

2. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report. This report provides an update on implementing the floodplain management projects, and is for information only.

3. Background

Greater Wellington (GW) is currently implementing a number of flood protection projects in the Hutt Valley. There are separate reports to the Subcommittee providing updates on major projects and other special projects. This report keeps track of progress on all key projects and also provides references to special reports.

4. Boulcott/Hutt project

The stopbank construction project is currently progressing to the shortened construction programme to complete the project by June 2013, one year ahead of schedule. Report 12.244 provides details.

5. City Centre project

The planning and design phase of the City Centre stopbank project is scheduled to commence in 2012/13. This project includes the reconstruction of the eastern stopbank from Mills Street to Ewen Bridge and river channel improvements from Kennedy Good Bridge to the Ewen Bridge. This phase of the project involving the design, consultation, and planning approvals extends over four years to 2015/16.

The proposed programme is to commence construction in 2016/17, complete the stopbank by 2019 and the river channel improvements by 2021. Works will be completed progressively over this period. However, this is a complex and major construction project. The timing for commencement and completion of different phases of the project may be altered for reasons identified through the consultation, land purchase, and planning approval process.

A number of properties have been identified as being required for project works. GW approved an alignment change at the end of Mills Street in 2009. Two properties required at the end of Mills Street have been purchased. Negotiations are currently progressing with four land owners who have offered to sell their properties at the end of Mills Street to GW. As agreed with affected land owners in 2009, our current proposal is to build the Mills Street section of the stopbank at the end of the project, providing more time for the affected land owners to reside on their land. Staff will confirm the Mills Street residents desired timing for the works during the design phase. We understand some residents may want the works completed earlier.

6. Waiwhetu Stream Floodplain Management Plan

The Waiwhetu Stream FMP investigations are progressing in the options development phase. Environmental works planned as part of the remediation works are scheduled for completion by August 2013. Reports 12.267 and 12.268 respectively provide details of FMP investigations and stream remediation works.

7. Wainuiomata flood hazard

The flood and erosion hazard information sheets for the Wainuiomata River have been updated following an extensive consultation process. Report 12.245 provides details and seeks endorsement of this work.

8. Upper Hutt City Plan change 15

Notification of the proposed plan change 15 (PC15) is waiting on the resolution of UHCC's appeal to the Regional Policy Statement (RPS). The proposed plan change is to update the Hutt River and the Mangaroa flood hazard information in the Upper Hutt City district plan and must be consistent with the RPS. Mediation on the RPS is continuing.

9. Pinehaven floodplain management

The Pinehaven stream floodplain management plan investigations are progressing in the option development phase. Community workshops are planned for July 2012. Report 12.266 provides details.

10. Gravel extraction

Hutt River Mouth

Resource consents are expected to be formally issued by the end of June 2012, once the processing officer has finalised their report.

Hutt River

Extraction is progressing with approximately 40,000m³ extracted for placement in the Boulcott Hutt project works. Staff are in dialogue with Environmental Regulation regarding the renewal of the wet extraction consent. This consent will be required for the extraction of the remainder of the material necessary for stopbank construction.

11. Communication

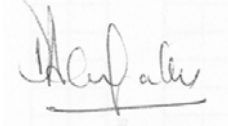
Communication initiatives including newsletters and resident meetings and other stakeholders are in place for all projects. Most of the major projects receive wide publicity through the local press.

12. Recommendations

That the SubCommittee:

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

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