

Stockwater Transition Working Group

24 June 2025



Stockwater Transition Working Group – 24/06/25

Minutes of a meeting of the Stockwater Transition Working Group held on Tuesday 24 June 2025, in the Hine Paaka Council Chamber, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton, commencing at 1.30pm.

Present

Mayor Neil Brown; Councillors Richard Wilson (Chair) and Carolyn Cameron, John Wright (Consultant) and Dave Moore (ECan).

Via MS Teams Sally Reihana and Treena Davidson (Aoraki Environmental Consultancy), David Acland (Federated Farmers), Darrell Hydes (Federated Farmers) and Michelle Ingham (ECan).

Also present:

3 members of the public

In attendance

Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure & Open Spaces), Andrew Guthrie (Assets Manager), Crissie Drummond (Infrastructure Services Support Lead), Linda Clarke (Communications Advisor) and Carol McAtamney (Governance Support).

1 Apologies

Marcelo Wibmer (ECan)

Sustained

2 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Stockwater Transition Working Group meeting held on 6 March 2025 be taken as read and confirmed.

Wright/Mayor

Carried

4 Pudding Hill stockwater intake investigation

That the Stockwater Transition Working Group receives the following reports pertaining to the Pudding Hill stockwater network:

1. BECA – “Summary of Findings – Pudding Hill Stockwater Race Network (Ecological Snapshot)” – dated 11 March 2025; and
2. AECL – “Manawhenua Assessment of the Pudding Hill Intake Stockwater Race” – dated 9 June 2025; and
3. Aqualink – “Memorandum – Mt Harding Creek Water Balance Investigation” – dated 14 April 2025.

Cameron/Mayor

Carried

5 Pudding Hill Intake closure – initial investigations update

- BCI discussions still ongoing – expect to have an outcome for the August 2025 meeting
- Ecological assessment complete
- Cultural assessment complete
- Mt Harding Creek Investigations ongoing
 - Phase 1 water balance work complete

- Phase 2 groundwater model development in progress
- Stormwater investigations continuing
- Archaeological investigations – yet to be progressed

6 Methven Auxiliary Intake – initial investigations update

- Stockwater needs analysis completed by Melius
 - Key conclusion that only 27 properties likely require an alternate supply
- Discussions with BCI ongoing
- Ecological assessment is underway with Beca
 - Anticipating lab processing days
- Cultural assessment programmed to follow receipt of ecological assessment
- Stormwater investigations continuing (in conjunction with Pudding Hill)

7 Bushside Intake Closure – initial investigations update

- Consultation has been completed
 - User survey completed mid March to late April
 - Wider stakeholder consultation 12 May to 4 June
 - Drop-in session 28 May
- User survey responses passed to Melius to determine needs
- No work on other assessments as this stage.

8 Stoney Creek Intake Closure – initial investigations update

- Consultation has been completed
 - User survey completed early May to 30 May (3 properties have not responded)
 - Wider stakeholder consultation 10 June to 30 June
 - Drop-in session held 17 June
- No work on other assessments as this stage.

Next areas

- Limestone Creek (above Mayfield) – users survey went out last week
- Currently working on Brothers
- Alford Forest

9 Next meeting

The next meeting of the Stockwater Transition Working Group is scheduled for Thursday 21 August 2025, commencing at 1.30pm.

The meeting concluded at 2.20pm.