



Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 1 October 2015 – 1:00 p.m.

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Present: His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
Cr Dean McManaway
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Angus Gordon
Cr Soraya Peke-Mason
Cr Ruth Rainey
Cr Lynne Sheridan

In attendance: Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mr George McIrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager
Ms Denise Servante, Strategy & Community Planning Manager
Ms Katrina Gray, Policy Analyst
Mrs Priscilla Jeffrey, Governance Administrator
Mr Chris Webby, Audit Manager, Audit NZ

Tabled items:

- Item 7:** Mayor's Report and Mayor's Meetings and Engagements.
- Item 7:** Letter, dated 23 September 2015 from Rangitikei College.
- Item 8:** Memorandum '2014/15 Annual Report – Final Changes'
- Item 9:** Letter, undated, from Mrs Alison Bruce-Duncan regarding the Road Closure Targa car rally 30 October 2015 from Te Moehau Road to Taihape-Napier Road
- Item 15:** Unconfirmed Minutes Ratana Community Board meeting of 18 August 2015

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public forum

Mr Steve Fouhy, Chair of the Turakina Community Committee spoke to the Council on the concerns residents had in respect to the Animal Control Bylaw since Turakina had been rezoned from rural settlement to residential in the recent review of the District Plan. He believed that the Turakina village was a totally different environment to the status given in the District Plan.

Mr Fouhy requested that the Council give due consideration to the request that the Turakina Village be exempted from the restrictions for urban areas under the Animal Control Bylaw. Residents had bought in the area with the understanding that the land was zoned rural and they had the freedom of owning fowls, pigs and other farm animals.

The Turakina Community Committee had looked at the proposed District Plan Change when it went out for consultation. However the Committee was under the impression that the status of Turakina as rural land would not change and there was no mention in the consultation document that Turakina would be affected by the proposed change.

He advised that the situation had come to a head with the complaint by a resident about one rooster. The Turakina community did not want the area over run with roosters; however, common sense should prevail with the area being rural by nature and appropriate the provision of appropriate guidelines.

Mr Fouhy was aware that there were provisions to apply for exemption under the Animal Control Bylaw, however the person who owned the pigs was denied an exemption and told to remove the animals.

Councillor Sheridan left the meeting at 1.18pm/1.19pm

3 Apologies/leave of absence

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/264** **File Ref**

That apologies for absence from Cr Harris, Cr McNeil and Cr Jones, and Cr Sheridan for lateness be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried.

4 Member's conflict of interest

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda

5 Confirmation of agenda

His Worship the Mayor informed Council that there would be no change to the order of business from that set out in the agenda. However, due to time constraints, item 11 was postponed until the next meeting and item 14 was taken before item 13.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/265** **File Ref**

That the Minutes and Public Excluded Minutes of the Council meetings held on 27 August 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham / Cr McManaway. Carried

7 Mayor's report

His Worship the Mayor spoke to his tabled report, highlighting his recent trip to Melbourne (with the Mayor of Palmerston North) to speak with a Chinese delegation and their subsequent visit to the region. This had provided an opportunity to highlight several investment opportunities.

He also acknowledged receipt of a tabled letter from Rangitikei College registering interest in providing a venue to relocate the community hockey turf. He had expected a presentation at Public Forum from Nga Tawa School on this topic.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/266** **File Ref** **3-EP-3-5**

That the Mayor's tabled report to Council's meeting on 27 August 2015 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr McManaway. Carried

8 Adoption of Annual Report for 2014/15 (and Summary Annual Report)

Mr McNeil noted this was a significant milestone for the Council. The year's financial results were very good (although in part this was the result of slower than anticipated progress with major projects such as the Bulls wastewater plants). The non-financial results were not quite so good, but in part this was due to some anomalies with the measures set in the 2012/22 Long Term Plan.

He noted that the tabled memo on changes since the 'audit draft' of the report had been circulated mentioned the transgression at the Mangaweka water treatment plant and would look to see improved processes to ensure such non-compliance did not recur.

Mr Webby conveyed an apology from Ms Debbie Perera, Audit Director, who had expected to be present as well. He presented the unmodified opinions for both the Annual Report

and Summary Annual Report and acknowledged the good working relationship with Council during the audit process. He explained the way in which damage to the roading network from the 20-21 June rainfall event was handled in the financial statements. It wasn't practical to undertake a revaluation.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/267** **File Ref** **5-FR-1**

That the Mayor and Chief Executive be authorised to sign the letters of representation addressed to the Council's auditor for the year ended 30 June 2015.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/268** **File Ref** **5-FR-1**

That the Annual Report 2014/15 (and the Summary Annual Report 2014/15) be amended by adding the final Audit opinion and that both be adopted as amended.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Belsham. Carried.

9 Administrative matters

Mr McNeil spoke to his report and responded to questions from Elected Members

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/269** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the report 'Administrative matters – September 2015' be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/270** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the Rangitikei District Council endorses the proposed amendments to the Triennial Agreement to help give effect to the Regional Growth Study by emphasising collaboration and co-operation between all councils within the Horizons region as detailed in the letter dated 10 August 2015 from the Group Manager Corporate and Governance.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/271** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That consideration of the applications for rates remission (associated with the June 2015 weather event) be undertaken by a sub-group of Elected Members - being His Worship the Mayor and Councillors McManaway and Peke-Mason, with that consideration to occur after the Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Disaster Relief Trust had` completed its process for the allocation of funding targeted at assisting rural property recovery, and that the sub-group present its recommendations to the Council meeting on 29 October 2015.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/272** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That Council adopts without amendment the interim guideline for flying drones in Council parks.

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Motion

That a scholarship of \$1,000 each be made available to students domiciled in the Rangitikei attending Nga Tawa and Turakina Maori Girls College.

Cr Ash / Cr Belsham. Lost

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/273** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That two scholarships of \$1,000 each be made available to Rangitikei College and two to Taihape Area School, with His Worship the Mayor being invited to participate in the selection process.

Cr McManaway / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/274** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That a report on options for rewarding excellence by the District's young people be provided to Council's meeting on 25 February 2016.

Cr Aslett / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/275** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That any objections to the proposed road closures for the Hunterville Huntaway Festival, Marton Market Day, the Bulls Christmas Parade and the Taihape Christmas Parade be considered and determined by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive.

Cr Sheridan / Cr McManaway. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/276** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the proposed policies on remitting fees for exclusive use of community facilities and for building consents be adopted without amendment.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/277** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the 2015/16 Schedule of Fees and Charges be amended so that the separate hire of supper rooms in Bulls and Taihape, the Council chamber in Taihape, the foyer in Marton (with access to the kitchen) and the upstairs RSA room at Marton is at half the full hall hire rate.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/278** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That Council waives 100% of the internal processing costs for the resource consent needed to secure metal as part of the preparation of the logging operations of the Te Rangi Pai Forest near Inland Road.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr McManaway. Carried

The recently completed crossing by Marton's Centennial Park was discussed. Elected Members expressed concern about pedestrians not understanding that they did not have right-of-way. The signage needs to be clear.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/279** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That delegation be given to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee to address the crossing by Centennial Park so that pedestrians have the right of way.

Cr Belsham / His Worship the Mayor. Carried.

10 Extreme rainfall event, 20-21 June 2015

Mr McNeil made a presentation to the meeting covering a review of Council's response and recovery activities and operations relating to the extreme rainfall during 20-21 June 2015. The purpose of the review was to consider what went well and what opportunities there were for improvement. The review process included meetings with Emergency Operations Centre staff, field/operations staff, public and residents in affected areas. A copy of the presentation is appended to these minutes.

The issues and actions identified in the review will be prioritised and, where appropriate, progressed as part of the Emergency Management work programme.

June 2015 Flood Event "Review of Response and Recovery Activities/Operations" is included at the end of the minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 3.07pm/3.23pm

11 Pre-feasibility study of potential rural water supply scheme between Marton and Hunterville

Mr McNeil advised that an initial draft of the pre-feasibility study of the potential rural water supply scheme between Marton and Hunterville had been circulated to Elected Members. He anticipated knowing by the end of the month whether the project would proceed or not. He welcomed feedback on the document.

12 Animal Control Bylaw Amendment – Turakina

Ms Gray spoke to her report noting that the change in zoning for Turakina was not unique and that other areas in the district previously zoned rural settlement had been rezoned residential as part of the review of the District Plan. Given the size of Turakina it was possible to consult directly with the residents including adjoining rural properties.

She also outlined the approach which would be taken to ensure other similar communities were aware of the proposed Amendment to the Animal Control Bylaw. If any of these communities expressed an interest, a consultation process similar to that proposed for Turakina would be used.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/280** **File Ref** **1-DB-1-9**

That the report 'Animal Control Bylaw amendment – Turakina' be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/281** **File Ref** **1-DB-1-9**

That Council adopts for consultation the amendments to the Animal Control Bylaw 2013 for Turakina and endorses the engagement plan for that specific consultation and for seeking expressions of interest for similar consultations in other small communities within the District.

Cr McManaway / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

13 Contract 1000 – Cleaning of Council Properties

Ms Prince spoke to her report, and responded to questions from Elected Members. Mr McIrvine outlined the analysis of costings provided by the tenderers.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/282** **File Ref** **5-CM-1: C1000**

That the report 'Award of contract 1000 – District-wide cleaning of Council buildings' be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/283** **File Ref** **5-CM-1: C1000**

That contract 1000 – District-wide cleaning of Council buildings – be awarded to PPCS (Professional Property and Cleaning Services) for a term of two years (1 November 2015 to 31 October 2017) for a sum of \$181,404.47 (inclusive of consumables) per annum, exclusive of GST.

Cr Aslett / Cr Rainey. Carried

14 Receipt of Committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/284** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the following meetings be received:

- Turakina Reserve Management Committee, 6 August 2015
- Turakina Community Committee, 6 August 2015
- Marton Community Committee, 12 August 2015
- Omatane Rural Water Supply Management Subcommittee, 12 August 2015
- Ratana Community Board, 18 August 2015 *tabled*
- Finance/Performance Committee, 27 August 2015
- Audit/Risk Committee, 1 September 2015
- Bulls Community Committee, 8 September 2015
- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 10 September 2015
- Planning/Policy Committee, 10 September 2015

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/285** **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee meeting of 8 September 2015 be confirmed:

15/BCC/039

That the Council investigate the feasibility of placing dog poo bags beside street side rubbish bins.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/286** **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from the Audit/Risk Committee meeting of 1 September 2015 be confirmed:

15/ARK/001

That the Audit/Risk Committee recommends to Council that the Committee's approved terms of reference be adopted subject to the addition of an annual review of its terms of reference and delegations.

Cr Belsham / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

15 Public excluded

Resolved minute number **15/RDC 287** **File Ref**

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

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Item 1: Process in finalising tender for District-wide roading contract

Item 2: Annual performance review of the Chief Executive

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to this matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of the matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing of this resolution
Item 1 Process in finalising tender for District-wide roading contract	Briefing contains information which if released would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it or who is the subject of the information and to enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) – <i>sections 7(2)(c) and (i)</i> .	Section 48(1)(a)(i)
Item 2 Annual review of the Chief Executive's performance	Briefing contains information where the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons, and also to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of members, officers or employees of any local authority for improper pressure or harassment – <i>section 7(2)(a) and (f)</i> .	Section 48(1)(a)(i)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or

Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding or the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/288** **File Ref**

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/289** **File Ref**

That Council move back into open meeting.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr McManaway. Carried

16 Late items

Nil

17 Future items for the agenda

Nil

18 Next meeting

Thursday, 29 October 2015, 1.00 pm

19 Meeting closed

5.15 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date:



June 2015 Flood Event

Review of Response and Recovery Activities/Operations



Overview

- Background
- Response – focus, activities and issues
- Impacts
- Recovery – focus, activities and issues
- Key Findings



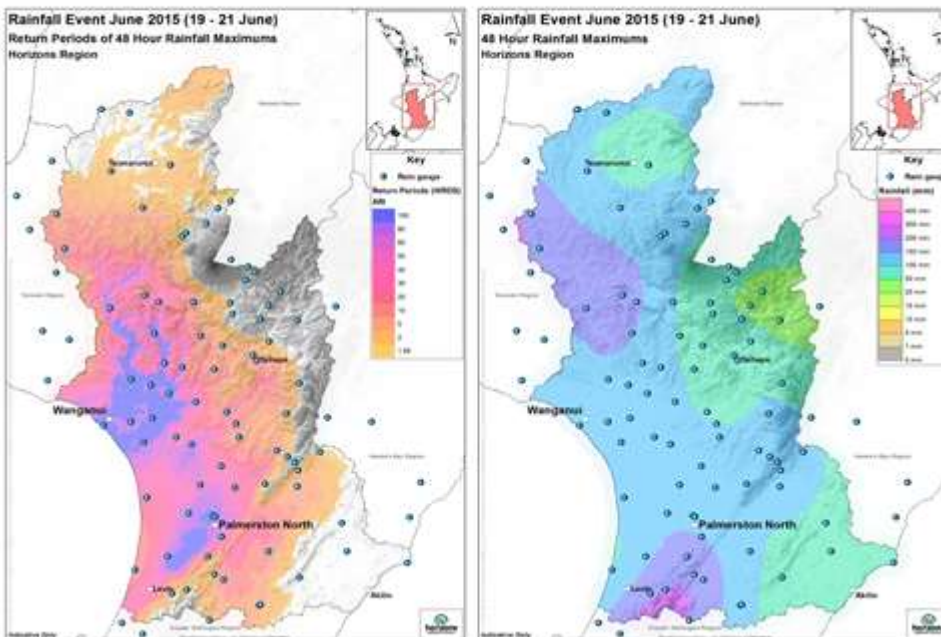
Weather Warnings - MetService

- Heavy Rain Warnings received during Thurs 19 - Fri 20 June
 - Tararua Range – Northern Hills of Wellington – Horowhenua Kapiti Coast
 - Mount Taranaki – & Stratford
 - Central Hill Country – Tongariro National Park – Kaimanawa Range

Rangitikei/Wanganui?



Rainfall Return Intervals & Amounts



Lower Whangaehu Valley



Whangaehu Village



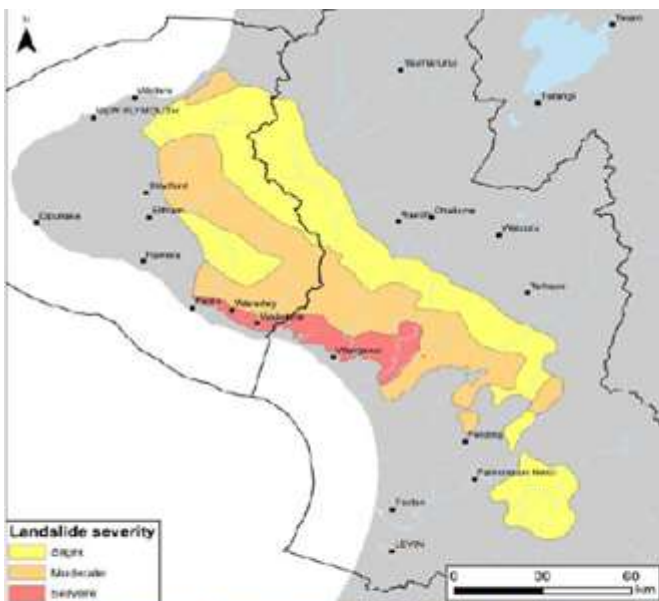
Whangaehu Village



Scotts Ferry - Tangimoana



Stopbank Damage



Land Slip Assessment (%/km²)

- Slight < 1%
- Moderate 1 – 10%
- Severe > 10%

Landslide severity

- Slight
- Moderate
- Severe



Regional Impact Assessment

- As at 21 August 2015
 - Social - \$1.6M
 - Economic – incl Primary Sector - \$86 M
 - Built - \$82M
 - Natural - \$1.5M
- **Total - \$171M**



Response - 20 June

- **Early Morning** (lots of rain)
 - Wide-spread localised surface flooding/minor slips
 - RDC/Community response – property/access focus (sand-bagging, clearing stormwater blockages, road/slip clearing)
- **Mid-Morning** (still raining)
 - RDC EOC fully activated
 - Rapid rise in river levels predicted (Whangaehu/Turakina)



Response - 20 June (2)

- **Late-Morning** (still raining)
 - Community Flood Response Plan activated – Whangaehu/Turakina – direct contact with residents
 - Loss of communications (phones/internet) central Marton – relocate EOC to Council Chambers
 - Self evacuations – Marton, Hunterville (Welfare centre)
- **Early-Afternoon** (still raining)
 - State Highway closures - flooding
 - RDC roads - widespread damage/slips
 - Tutaenui Stream over-topping



Response - 20 June (3)

- **Mid-Afternoon** (still raining)
 - Hunterville stabilised but isolated. Marton self-evacuations continuing
- **Late-Afternoon** (still raining)
 - SH1/SH3 closed (Marton) – no detours available
- **Evening** (still raining)
 - Major flood prediction Whangaehu valley; Marton flooding escalating – people safety paramount
 - State of Emergency Declared



Response – 20/21 June

- **Evening/Night** (Rain easing)
 - Army engaged to facilitate evacuation of Koitiata
 - Facilitated evacuations in Marton
 - Hunterville alert reduced - welfare centre closed
 - SH 3 closed at Whangaehu (Village flooded – people 'stuck' in vehicles)
- **Sunday 21 June**
 - Welfare assessment/support commenced
 - Road opening focus
 - Assessment of water/wastewater systems
 - People safety issues dealt with - State of Emergency lifted



Response/Recovery – 22 June

- Welfare assessment/support coordination – local/Rural Support/MSD. Isolated communities.
- Disaster Relief Trust activation
- Road opening continues
- Assessment of water/wastewater systems
- Skip bins/free dumping – Whangaehu/Marton
- Property assessment process started
- Overall assessment of impact – Government



Recovery Phase

- Welfare support
- Rehoming evacuees
- Road opening
- Clean up
- Property assessments
- Overall assessment of impact – Government coordinated
- Recovery Phase is ongoing



Review – Response/Recovery

- EOC staff
- Community Meetings – Koitiata, Makuhou, Marton, Hunterville, Whangaehu residents
- Council

What went well?

Issues/opportunities for improvement?



Review – What went well

- Volunteers – Fire and community (sand-bagging, welfare, evacuations, etc)
- Alternate EOC availability
- Social media connectedness
- Police presence in EOC
- Roading contractor responsiveness
- Staff engagement/responsiveness



Review – Issues

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VHF System – some community radios not functional; no/location of radios; repeater damaged • Loss of Internet/Mobile service • River Level monitoring system – crash/incomplete • Timeliness of information | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly checks/Routine monitoring • 2nd Repeater option • VHF at RDC HQ • Redundancy of comms part of UFB proposal • Separate access/system for EOC use - add Tutaenui? • Field capture/Immediate notification/update |
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Review – Issues

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional EMC members not available • EOC resourcing limited • Inconsistent use of/access to resources (maps, plans, forms, etc) • Insufficient sand-bags • Staff Identification • No updated local directory of contacts (business) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review membership • Increase staff involvement/secondment arrangements • EOC upgrade (systems/equipment) • Greater use of EMIS • Increase stores of sandbags • Marked Hi-Viz vests • Create/maintain contact directory (EMIS) |
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Review – Issues

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welfare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Get Ready, Get Thru' message not as widely known • Better coordination of cross-boundary matters (e.g. notice of self-evacuations) • Ability to manage Marton welfare centre • Extent of 'self-help' resources in small communities • No local welfare committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local/regional promotion of 'self-help' message • More formal briefings with Wanganui DC • Review resourcing arrangements • Develop local 'tool-kit' (e.g. Koitiata) • Formalise local welfare committee/support agencies |
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Review – Issues

- **Other Issues**
 - Consistency/timing of Building assessments/notifications
 - Community liaison reps
 - Few silt/debris dump sites
 - Risk mitigation Whangaehu/Kauangaroa
 - Government agency communications
 - Tutaenui flood protection performance + Marton stormwater system
- **Solutions**
 - Standard forms, maps, calling cards, start earlier
 - Formalise as part of EMC/EOC activities
 - Identify new sites
 - Convene working group – all of Government approach
 - Liaison officers appointed to each affected area?
 - Review of Tutaenui scheme (HRC) & Marton S/water LOS



Other Matters

- **Increased Government Funding - \$2.6M**
 - \$1.28M (farmers) - Regional Disaster Relief Trust
 - \$400K – resilience
 - \$457K – Rural Recovery Co-ord/Rural Support Trusts
 - \$500k – Enhanced Taskforce Green
- **NZTA Enhanced Emergency FAR**
 - Revised damage estimate = \$12 Million
 - Estimated local share = \$2.6M (over 2 years)
- **Rates Remission – 2015/16 >\$530k rates revenue from affected areas**

