

# MINUTES

SUBJECT WATERCARE SERVICES BOARD MEETING

VENUE Mangere Wastewater Treatment Plant, Island Road, Mangere

DATE 19 March 2015

TIME 10:30

STATUS Open Session

	<b>Present:</b> M Allen D Clarke (Chairman) P Drummond C Harland T Lanigan D Thomas	<b>In Attendance:</b> M Bourne R Chenery S Cunis R Fisher R Jaduram T Langridge B Monk T Munro B Taplin S Vitas	<b>Public in Attendance:</b> One member of the public
1.	<b>Apologies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N Crauford</li> <li>J Hoare</li> </ul>		
2.	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Board <b>resolved</b> that the Minutes of the public section of the Board meeting held on 4 February 2015 be confirmed as correct.</li> </ul>		
3.	<b>Matters Arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shayne Cunis advised that repairs to the Upper Huia Road would be completed in late May/early June. There has been only minor spilling from the dam and no issues raised to date. The local board have been kept informed as to progress.</li> <li>Shayne Cunis advised that all our water treatment plants are DWSNZ compliant. In June 2015, he expected all plants would qualify for Grade A status.</li> <li>Herbicide and Pest control in the Hunua Ranges</li> </ul> <p>The Board were advised that the Chairman had written to the Mayor, the Chief Executive and Shayne Cunis had met with Dean Kimpton, the Chief Operating Officer for the Auckland Council, and the Chief Executive had also met with Stephen Town, the Chief Executive of Auckland Council, to express concern that protocols for the proposed drop of 1080 on the Council land, leased to Waytemore be undertaken in strict accordance with protocols which are being developed.</p> <p>Shayne Cunis advised that some Council Officers want to undertake a single drop of 1080 rather than on a catchment by catchment basis. Watercare has pushed back and said that no more than two catchments should receive the drop at any one time.</p> <p>It is expected that once the protocol for the application of 1080 is completed, the Council will have to approve the protocol.</p> <p>Shayne Cunis said that management would make more frequent inspections of the lakes and would pick up any carcasses near the lakes.</p>		
4.	<b>Directors Corporate Governance Items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corporate Planner 2015</li> </ul> <p>The Corporate Planner for 2015 was noted.</p>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disclosure of Interests The Disclosure of Interests was noted.</li> <li>• Organisational Chart The Organisational Chart was noted.</li> </ul>
5.	<p><b>Chief Executive's Report and Scorecard</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infrastructure and Planning The Chief Executive reported on the engagement with Auckland Council on Special Housing Areas. Of the more than 80 SHAs, there are only 3 where Watercare has issues with providing service. SHA status was granted notwithstanding those issues being drawn to the attention of the decision makers.</li> <li>• Operations Shayne Cunis advised that lake levels are 7 – 8 % below average for the time of year. Water is being pumped from the Waikato River at the maximum rate.  The Mahurangi River levels have recovered with the recent rain, so no restrictions on supply were required at Warkworth.  He advised that water losses were 13.66% just above the target of 13%. In dry summers, more water is taken illegally from fire hydrants which increases losses.</li> <li>• Finance Brian Monk advised that year-to-date revenue is favourable to budget by \$27m approximately. A significant contributor to that position is from IGCs which are ahead of budget as a result of a lift in residential construction.  Debt levels are approximately \$49m below budget.  It was agreed that low interest rates would be the norm for some time yet.  Looking ahead to the 2015/16 budget, allowance would be made for growth in population. IGC income is difficult to predict. He said work was being undertaken with demand management from the 100 target customers.</li> <li>• Communications The Chief Executive advised that a communications strategy would be presented to the Board at the April meeting.  The Chairman requested the strategy refer to the newsletters sent to customers with the bills.</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>Negative Pledge Deed Reporting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following discussions, the Board approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ the compliance report prepared as at 31 December 2014, and</li> <li>➢ authorising a director and the CFO to sign the report.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7.	<p><b>Servicing Greenfield Special Housing Areas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Blow spoke to the paper. Four more SHAs have just been approved by the Government.</li> <li>• Construction in the housing sector is beginning to accelerate.</li> <li>• The Redhills SHA was discussed. The SHA is located adjacent to the new Westgate Shopping Centre. When the mains were designed and constructed, Redhills was not on the horizon. There is capacity at present because the Westgate Shopping Centre is not fully developed, once it is, there is no capacity to service the population of 4500 predicted for Redhills.</li> </ul>

8.	<b>Mangere Wastewater Treatment Plant</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mark Bourne gave a presentation on the operation of the Mangere Wastewater Treatment Plant.</li></ul>
9.	<b>General Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Chairman commended management for the excellent response to the main breaks at Albany.</li><li>• The Chairman noted this was the last meeting for Trish Langridge and he thanked her for her excellent work with Customer Services over the past four years.</li><li>• The public section of the meeting closed at 12 noon.</li></ul>

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Chairman