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To: Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Committee
From: Project Sponsor
Subject: **Project Sponsor report to Collaborative Stakeholder Group, April 2015**

The following overviews monthly activity to date that may be of interest to CSG. The monthly update includes:

- Feedback from the recent Te Roopuu Hautuu meeting
- Feedback from the recent Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Committee meeting
- Other matters of project interest

TRH overview

Notes of matters discussed by TRH are attached to this memo. The Independent Chair of the CSG was in attendance at the TRH meeting. In the absence of the Independent Chair of the TLG Dr Tony Petch spoke to the TLG update report. The following represent those key matters of discussion that were asked to be conveyed to CSG:

- TRH Iwi partners have had conversations around 'what success looks like' for the project, this was in response to a facilitated sessions held with river Iwi and Helen Richie
- TRH Iwi partner input into Policy Selection Criteria (paper circulated to CSG with agenda for their consideration) has been provided, noting that this is part of an ongoing and iterative conversation
- The discussions on FMU's highlighted the need for a number of workshops to ensure TRH and Governors are aware of the decision making process that CSG has worked through, and are privy to the same information as CSG
- CSG awareness of the many parts of the project where TRH and river Iwi are inputting
- TRH look forward to next steps conversations around the Policy Selection Criteria, particularly those that will focus on weightings and/or trade-offs that may need to be made
- Appreciate the CSG's desire to progress development of plan change documentation in parallel and TRH willingness to engage in discussions around the templates and development of the documents
- Need to document key learnings of the project thus far and adapt project to account for these if needed
- TRH endorsement of the revised timeline date

HRWO Committee overview

At the time of writing this report the minutes of the HRWO Committee had not been drafted. Michelle Archer represented the CSG at the Committee meeting. The Committee meeting

was also attended by the Independent Chair of the TLG. The following are notes taken of key discussion points relevant to CSG:

- River Iwi partners of HRWO confirmed that the amended project timeline was achievable
- HRWO Committee endorsed the amended timeline and recommended this to Council for adoption.
- Swift progress needs to be made with the Iwi Secretariat/Support role in order to ensure co-ordination of the 5 river Iwi response is achieved
- Governors raised similar questions to TRH Iwi members with respect to FMU's. Governors have requested a workshop in May to understand FMU's better, the technical evidence base and their practical application
- HRWO Committee support for Iwi led tangata whenua engagement processes. An understanding that once Iwi partners have shared their work programmes a more co-ordinated approach to engagement support by the project team will be able to be achieved.
- Support for the work of the TLG, however the HRWO Committee wanted a greater understanding of how maatauranga Maori is being conveyed from the TLG to the CSG

Other matters

Proposed further evening engagement session for the Lower Waikato - Tuakau location

In response to feedback received from the Lower Waikato community it is suggested to CSG that an additional evening drop-in session be held at Tuakau. Whilst a meeting was held at Huntly this location proved not to be convenient for the Lower Waikato community. This proposed drop in session would enable more input to be sought from the Lower Waikato community in regard to the Healthy Rivers project. It is understood that the success of the evening sessions to date has been attributable to the presence of members from TLG and CSG. The CSG had agreed to the four evening sessions, the suggestion of an additional meeting at Tuakau would place additional responsibility for CSG and TLG resourcing. Some tentative dates that have been suggested are, Thursday 30 April, Tuesday 5 May and Thursday 7 May for the Tuakau Memorial Hall.

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Te Roopuu Hautuu, 15 April

Item	Discussion points of note
Collaborative Stakeholder Group Workshop briefing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRH believing that the needed a better appreciation of the application of FMU's • Discussion around whether the Upper Waikato FMU is too large an area • Should there be differentiation between the tributaries and main stem of the river
Policy Selection Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRH provided feedback on the Policy Selection Criteria. The feedback from the Iwi members of TRH has already been circulated to CSG members, this was included in the agenda pack that was sent out. • Reiteration that the Vision and Strategy has primacy • Question of how do the policy selection criteria assist the CSG to make decisions of trade-offs, is there likely to be weighting ascribed to the criteria at some date • TRH look forward to next steps with respect to weightings and/or trade-off discussions
Tangata whenua engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project to be mindful that different Iwi have different approaches to engagement, this needs to be accounted for • Tangata whenua engagement always intended to be lead by Iwi partners, and that the project will provide support • May be an issue of timing re alignment of community and tangata whenua engagement, may be opportune to check-in that this is travelling in tandem
General form and content of plan change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good for CSG and governors to understand what a plan change needs to look like • Good starting point for framing the response
Technical Leaders Group Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRH supportive of TLG programme, approved Workbrief for steady-state groundwater flow and transient transport model for Waipa catchment
Timeline amendment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation provided that Iwi partners support revised timeline
Monthly project status report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of status and key risks, including movement of project timeline and need to review project plan to ensure achievement • Loss of key Iwi project members of TRH
Documentation of key learnings throughout the process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRH noted that the CSG has the most knowledge of FMU's and there is a need to ensure that other project groups are aware of the evidence base • TRH thankful for opportunity to input early into the discussions of CSG
Update on Iwi partners hui 9 and 15 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key matters identified, does CSG have visibility of the spaces in the project where Iwi staff are inputting • Will be regular hui bringing all Iwi governors and TRH staff together, good opportunity for workshops and presentations • Iwi to share workplans with each other so there is shared understanding • Iwi secretariat/support role fully endorsed • What does success look like for the plan change. Each river Iwi provided Helen Richie with a document of 'what success looks like' for the plan change, this will be presented to CSG in due course