

An aerial photograph of a wide, calm river flowing through a vast, green agricultural landscape. The river is the central focus, winding slightly through the fields. The surrounding land is divided into large, rectangular plots, some of which appear to be recently plowed or have different vegetation. In the far distance, a range of low mountains or hills is visible under a heavy, overcast sky with grey clouds. The overall scene is rural and expansive.

Waikato Regional Council

Hauraki Scheme Subcommittee

1 September 2026

Silver Fern Farms Event Centre
44 Stanley Ave, Te Aroha



Terms of Reference



Apologies



Confirmation of Agenda



Disclosures of Interest



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Confirmation of Previous Hauraki Scheme Meeting Minutes (2 March 2026)

Recommendation:

THAT the Minutes of the Hauraki Scheme Subcommittee meeting of 2nd March 2026 be received and approved as a true and correct record.



Public Forum

An aerial photograph of a wide river valley. The river flows from the center towards the right, surrounded by lush green fields and scattered trees. In the background, a range of mountains is visible under a cloudy sky. The text "Chair's Report (Verbal)" is overlaid in white on the upper part of the image.

Chair's Report (Verbal)

Issues and Actions

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The following key has been applied to the actions to identify the status.

Key	
	Complete
	On Track / Work in Progress
	Issues Being Addressed
	Not Completed / On Hold / At Risk

Date	Matters arising	Outcome	Status	Responsibility
2 Mar 2026	Staff meet with NZTA to discuss traffic management needs for the Criterion Bridge gates and Kauaeranga River spillway (both of which have had recent examples where the necessary NZTA resourcing hasn't been available).	NZTA has instructed their provider to supply Traffic Management.		Alex
2 Mar 2026	Staff to investigate the need for poplars along the Waihou River in the vicinity of Mill Road and Puke Bridge to be maintained due to the height creating a risk during flood and wind events.	Work in progress.		Alex
2 Mar 2026	Staff to arrange a workshop with subcommittee members to discuss the management of scheme land, with a particular focus on land that is not grazed and instead utilised for cut and carry operations. This will need to inform an ongoing discussion regarding need for a storage shed, as well as how to best approach weed management.	Workshop completed. Scope of works being worked on and once completed will invite contractors to price and advise.		Sarah
2 Mar 2026	Staff to consider future opportunities to expand the current drain planting work into networks managed by Hauraki DC.	Work in process. Early discussions with new HDC drainage committee underway.		Reuben



Flood Protection and Land Drainage Work Programme – Hauraki Zone

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Overview of operational and capital programmes for:

Flood Protection, for the Hauraki (Waihou Valley and Piako River Schemes)

Land Drainage (Thames Valley)



Scheme Operational Work Programme

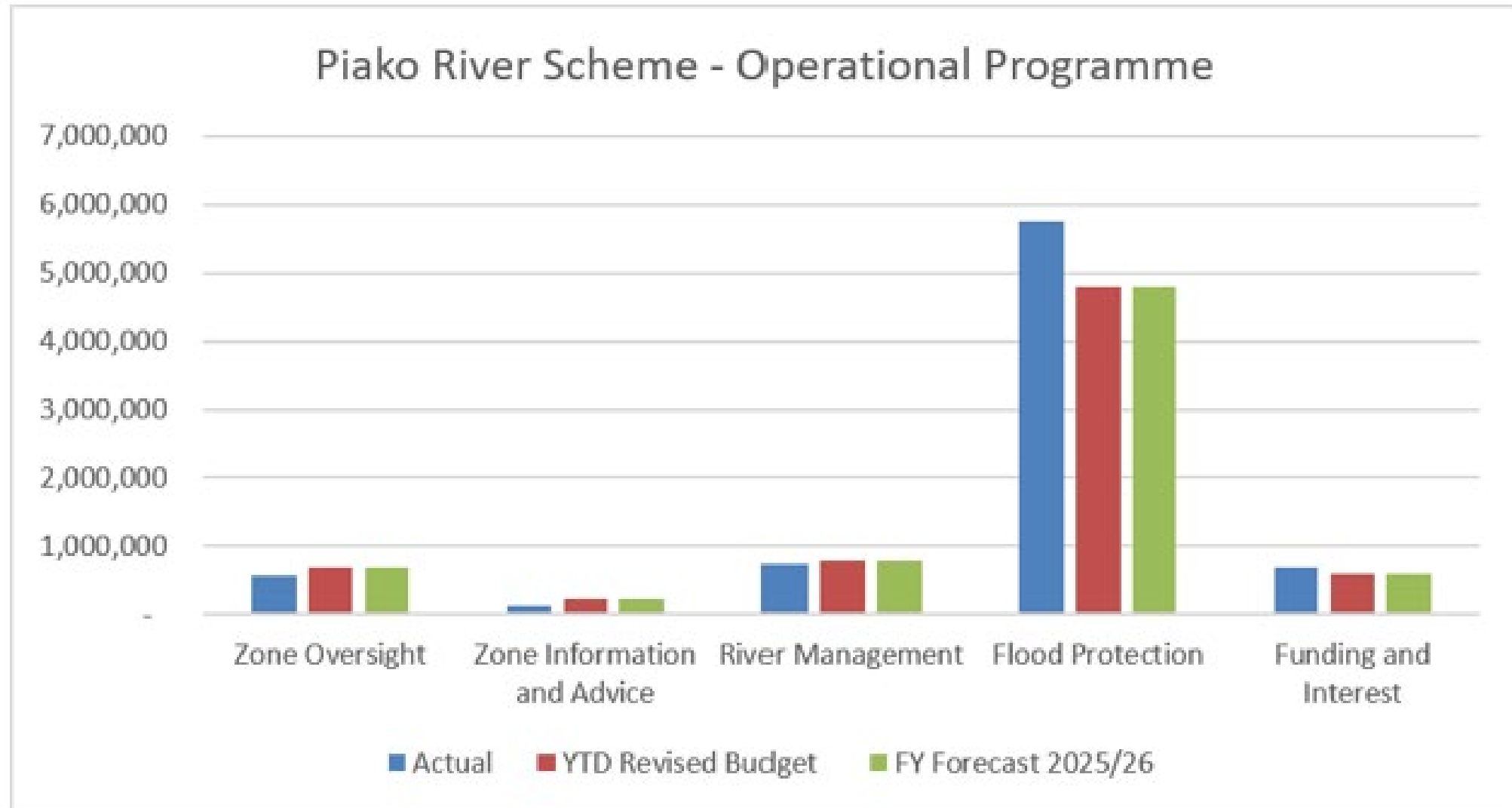
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The Flood Protection activity includes operational work programmes to deliver and maintain Council flood protection infrastructure (stopbanks, floodgates, pumpstations and their required support systems). These tasks include:

- (a) River and stream management (obstruction removal, erosion control).
- (b) Implementation of works from the Annual Asset Condition Inspection Programme.
- (c) Annual Pumpstation Overhaul Programme.
- (d) Annual Desilting Programme (sediment traps, canals and rivers).
- (e) Pumpstation electrical maintenance.
- (f) Stakeholder and iwi relationships.
- (g) Health and Safety compliance.
- (h) Resource Management Act requirements (permitted activity and consent conditions).
- (i) General scheme maintenance (spraying, fencing, plant maintenance).
- (j) Flood response activities up to a 5% AEP.

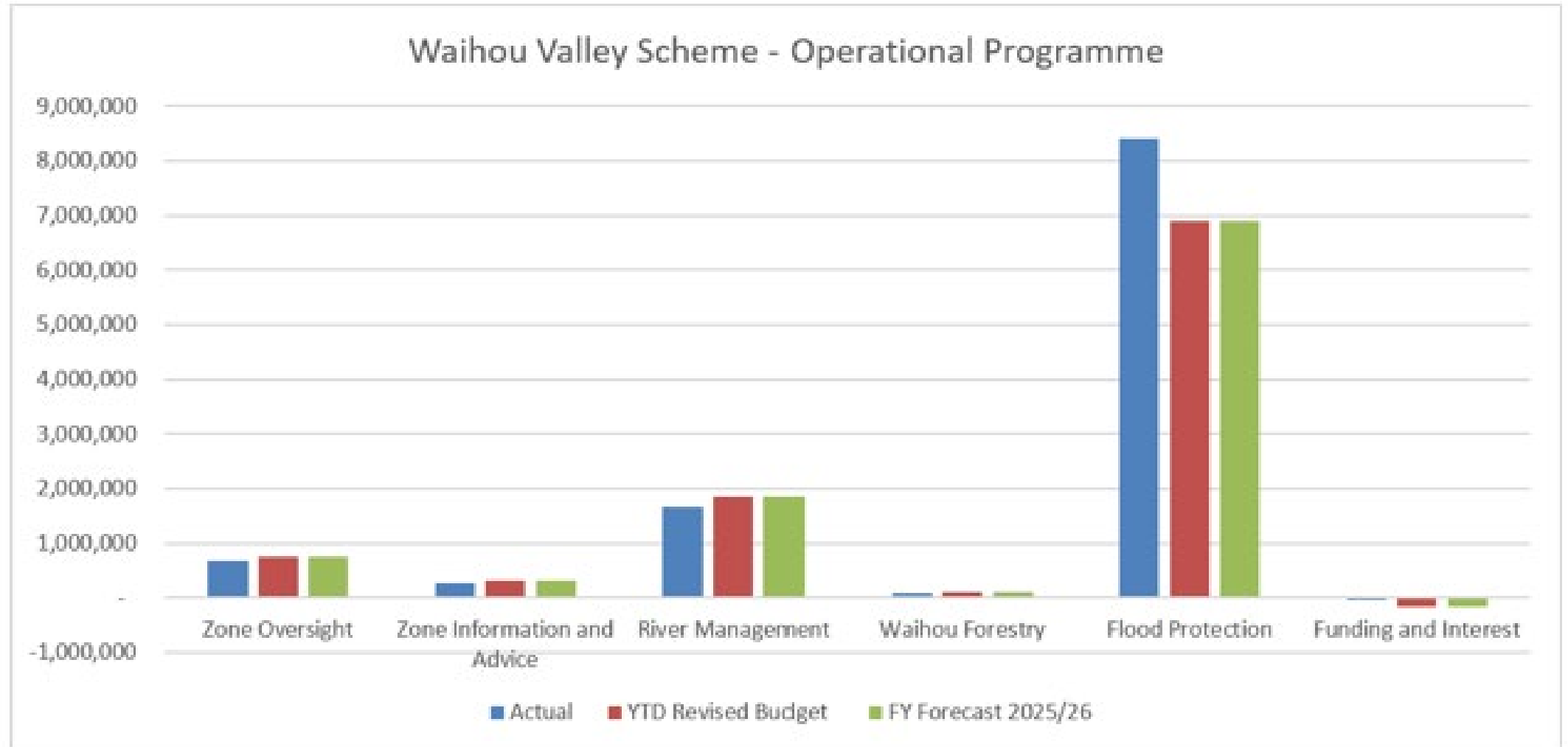
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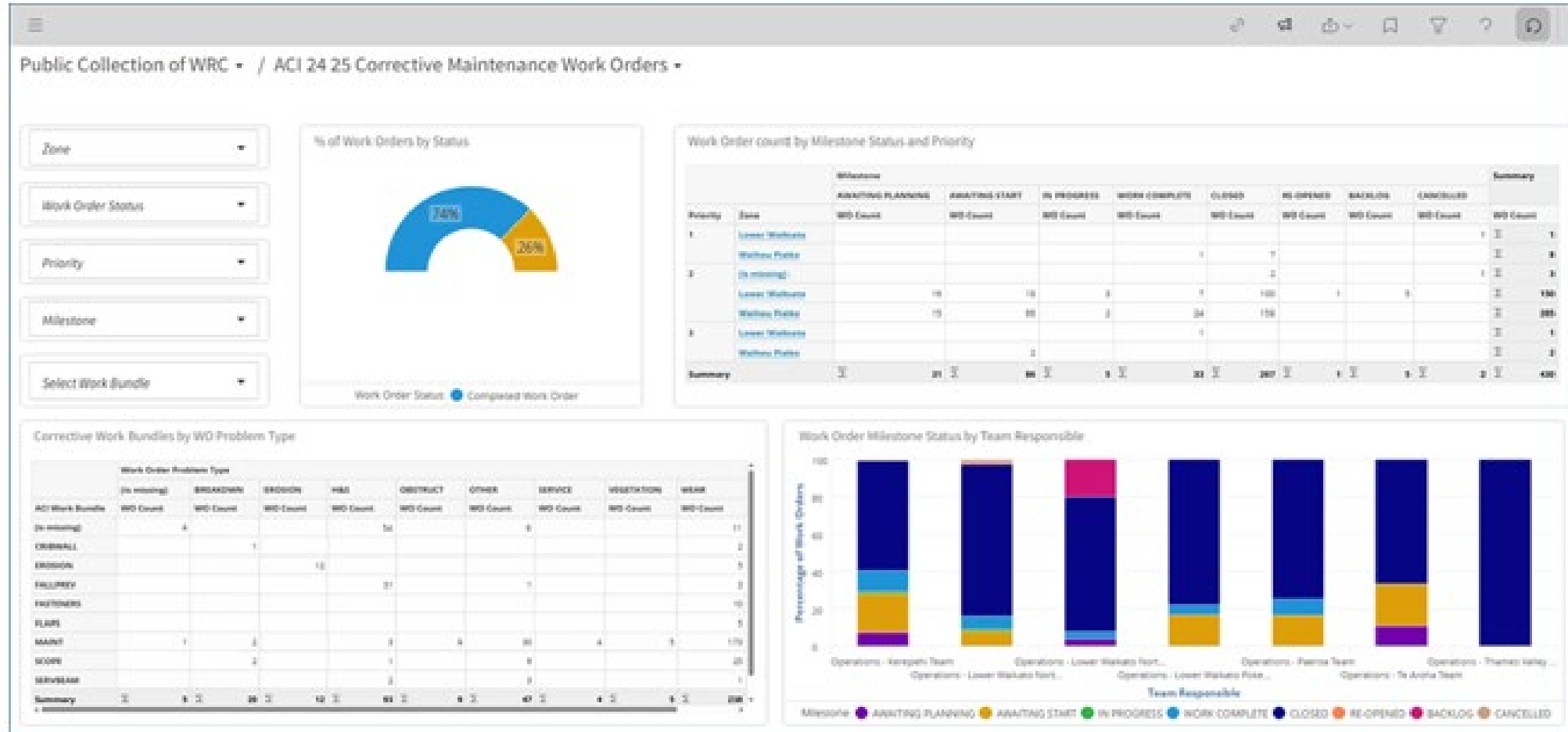
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Work Activities - Annual Condition Inspections

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Scheme Licenced Land Programme Update

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- Land Licences
- Fencing Renewals/Maintenance Work Programme
- Mowing and Maintenance on non-licenced land
- 2026-27 Licence Land Programme focus



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Capital Work Programme

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- 2025/26 Waihou Zone Capital Budget
- 2025/26 Major Projects

Waihou Capital Programme

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Waihou	LTP + CO (2025/26)	Q1 Forecast	Q2 Forecast	Q3 Forecast	YTD Actuals at 30/06/2026	Committed	Remainder to spend 2025/26
Total Renewals	\$3,480,000	\$3,480,000	\$3,480,000	\$3,480,000	\$2,087,134	\$1,623,286	\$1,392,866
Total New Works	\$150,000	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$210,000	\$152,633	\$44,371	\$57,367
TOTAL	\$3,630,000	\$3,670,000	\$3,670,000	\$3,690,000	\$2,239,767	\$1,667,656	\$1,450,233

Piako Capital Programme

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Piako	LTP + CO (2025/26)	Q1 Forecast	Q2 Forecast	Q3 Forecast	YTD Actuals at 30/06/2026	Committed	Remainder to spend 2025/26
Total Renewals	\$2,680,000	\$3,180,000	\$3,180,000	\$3,290,000	\$3,204,525	\$795,270	\$85,475
Total New Works	\$920,000	\$920,000	\$920,000	\$650,000	\$152,840	\$64,121	\$497,160
TOTAL	\$3,600,000	\$4,100,000	\$4,100,000	\$3,940,000	\$3,357,365	\$859,391	\$582,635

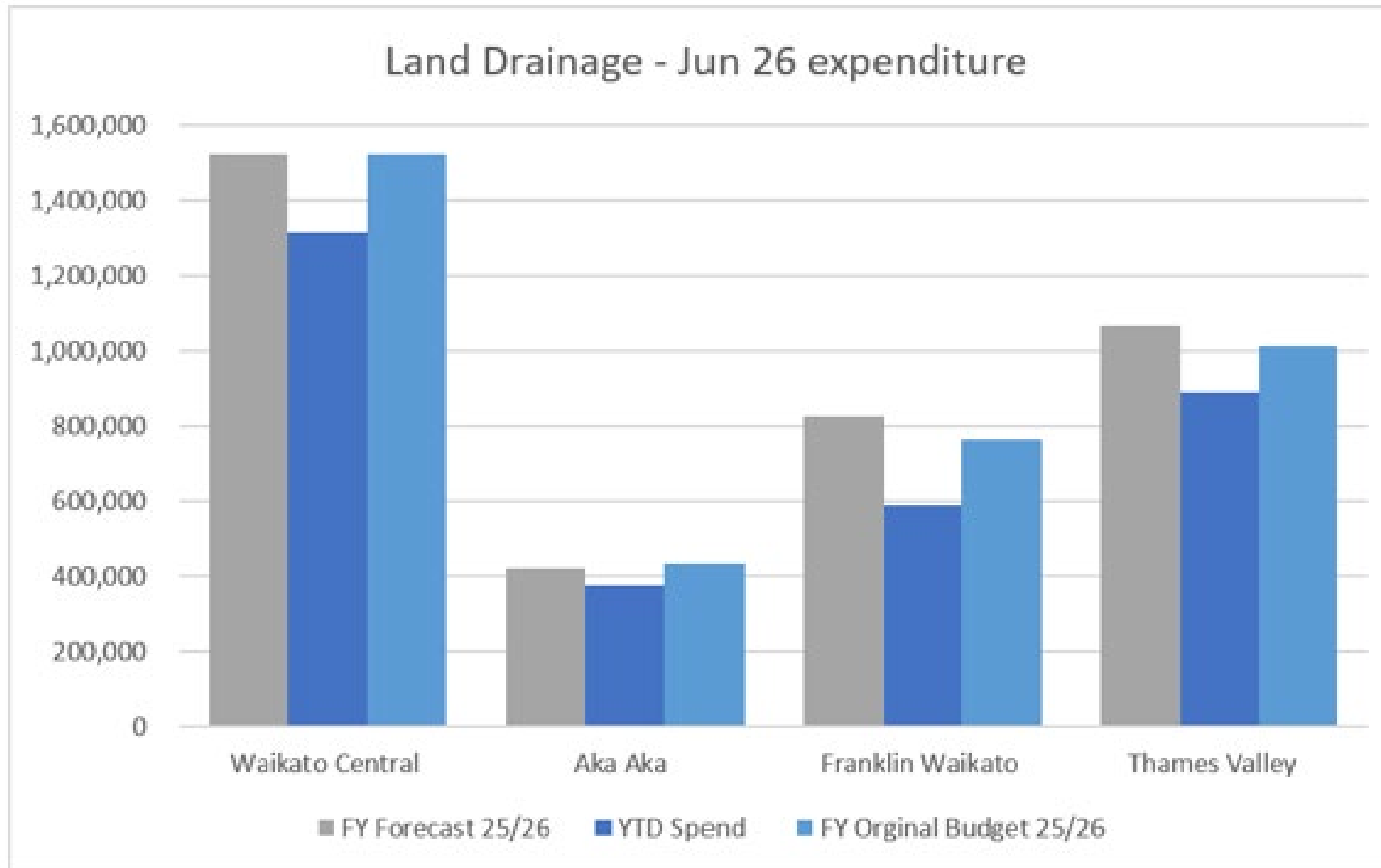
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		YTD Spend	FY Forecast 25/26	FY Original Budget 25/26	% Spent
	Waikato Central	1,316,753	1,525,290	1,522,267	86%
50906	Aka Aka	377,203	422,650	433,335	89%
	Franklin Waikato	588,235	824,409	764,677	71%
	Thames Valley	893,283	1,067,881	1,013,403	84%
50978	Project Management Plan	327,722	426,600	466,860	77%
	Drainage Consents	8,156	3,000	-0	
		<u>3,511,352</u>	<u>4,269,829</u>	<u>4,200,543</u>	

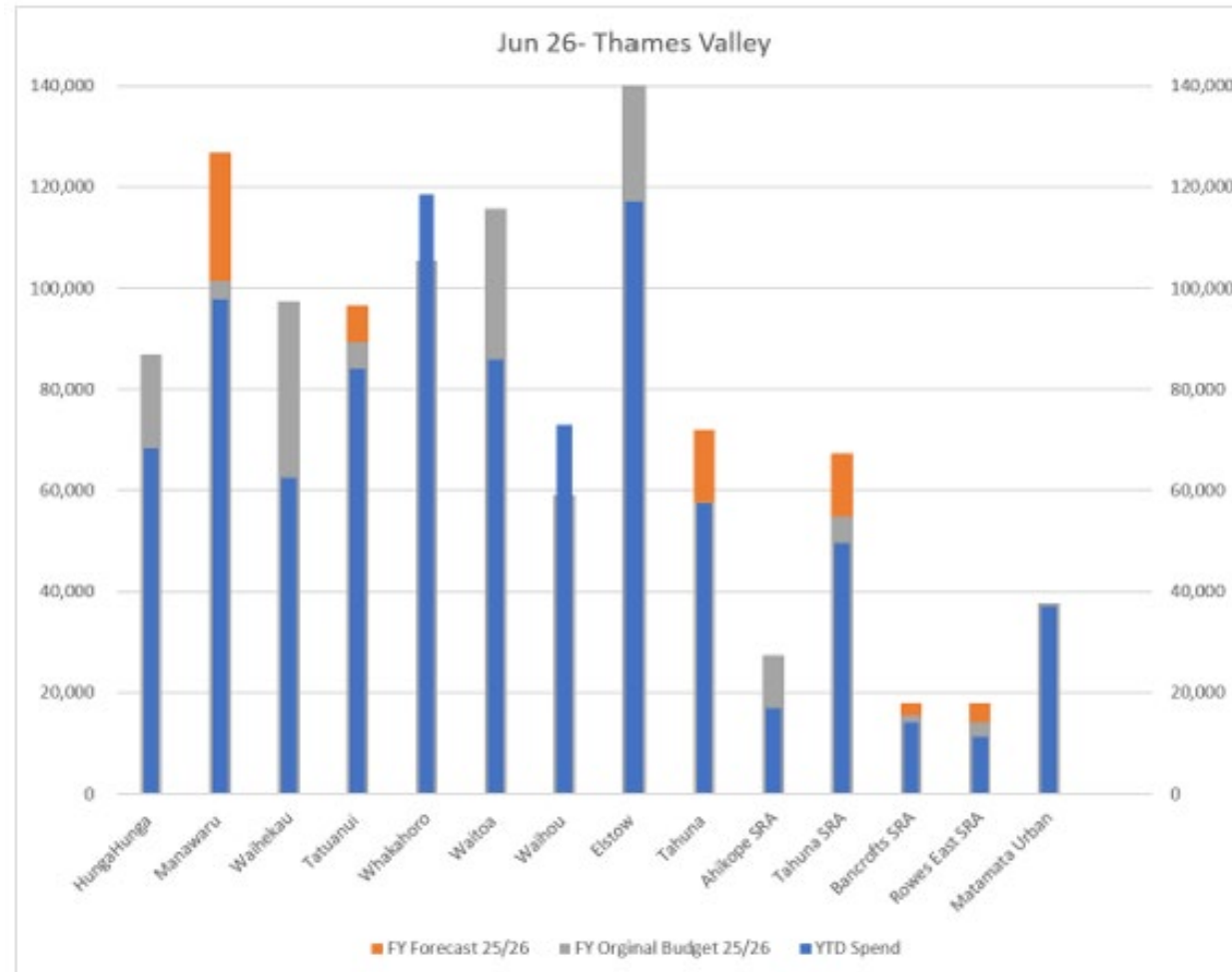
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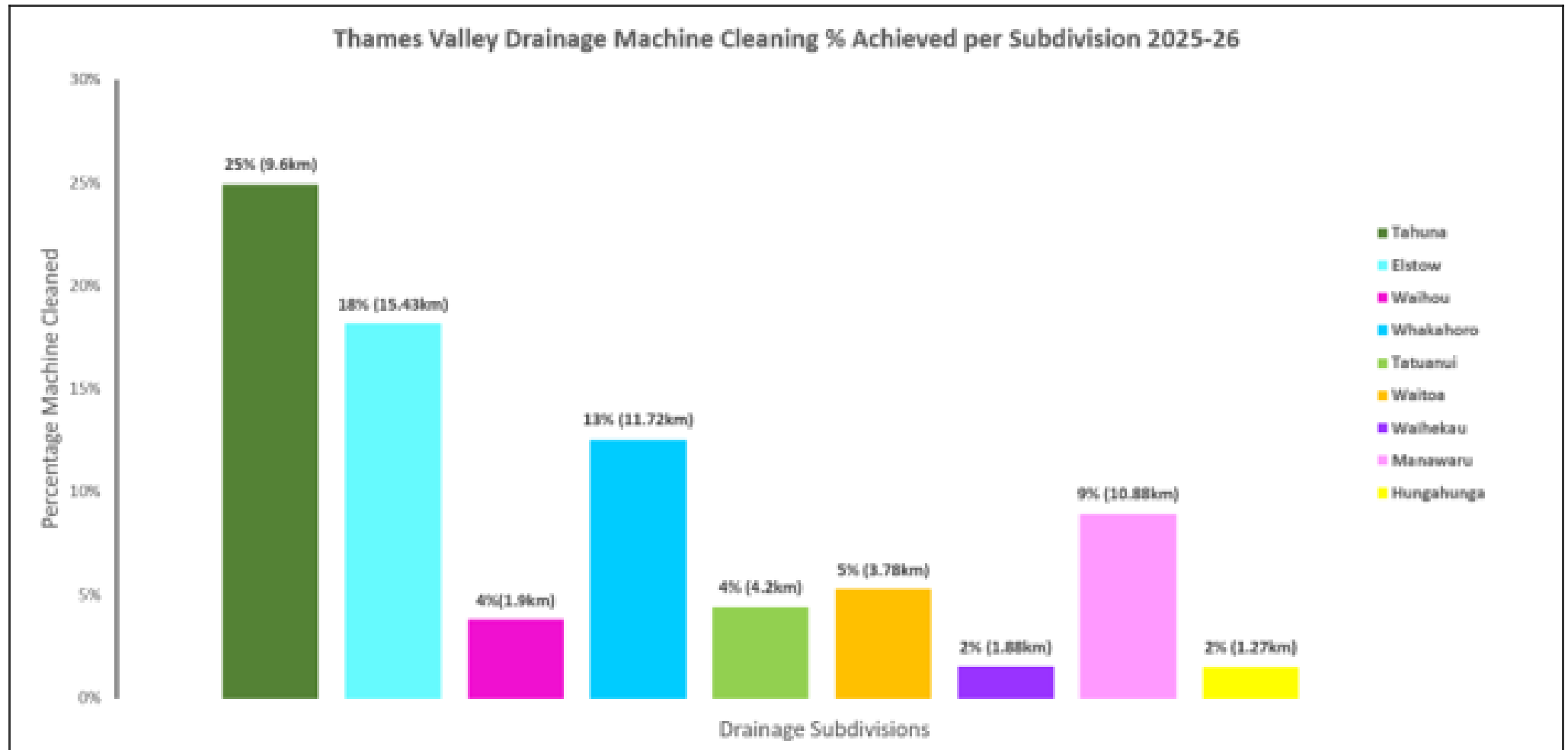
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Land Drainage – Thames Valley Machine Cleaning Percentage Achieved per Subdivision 2025/26

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Development of 2027-37 Long Term Plan

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The development of Council's 2027-37 Long Term Plan

- consideration is given to the level of service provided by Council's flood protection and land drainage activities, as well as the resources that are necessary to meet this commitment.
- At earlier subcommittee meetings concerns were raised that some drainage subdivisions were trending into debt.

As part of an earlier Annual Plan process the reserve position of all subdivisions was reviewed. This identified that there were several subdivisions the required further consideration to ensure the level of funding was aligned to the work programme that was necessary. In this regard, the following subdivisions are noted as requiring adjustments:

1. Waihou

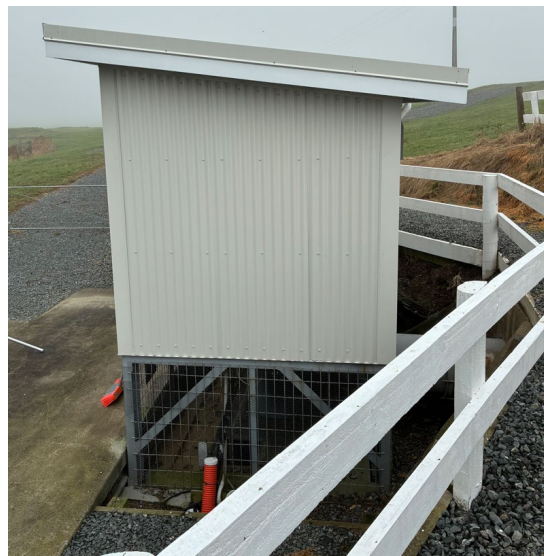
Reserve position is forecast to be -\$94,330 1 July 2027. This balance is a result of a decreased rate take in 2022/27 and increased works.

Recommendation is to increase rate take by \$40,000 to \$100,000. Operations increase to \$80,000 per year and \$20,000 to be paid down to reduce debt over a 5-year timeframe and restore reserve balance in 7 years.

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- The remaining subdivisions are subject to a further review as part of the development of the 2027-37 Long Term Plan to cover increased costs.

Scheme Photos





















Alexanders Pumpstation





Te Aroha Solar Farm



Tatuanui School Planting day of Carex Secta along WRC board drain

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Questions

