

Whakapapa Stakeholder Meeting – April 2017

Date: 28 April 2017

Time: 9.30am – 11.30am

Location: Whakapapa Fire Station – Meeting Room

Project Advisory Group: Attendees		
Paul Carr	DOC	Project Manager
Dawn Smith	DOC	Business Account
Tamzin Moore	DOC	Project Manager
Terry Slee	DOC	Regional Planning Manager
Bhrent Guy	DOC	Operations Manager
Bubs Smith	Ngati Hikairo	Iwi
Anne-Marie Westcott (AM)	Ruapehu District Council	Environmental Manager
Wayne Termaat	Veolia	Contract Manager 3 waters
Stakeholders		
John Streven	Skotel	Manager of lease
Terry Stevens	Whakapapa Holiday Park	Managers of lease
Bradley McLynn	Chateau	Manager at the Chateau
Jo Bouchier	RMCA	RMCA President
Cathy Guy	Chateau	Chateau
James McKenzie	RMCA	RMCA Member
Neil Walbran	Scripture Union	Lodge President
Steve McGill	RAL	Operations Manager
John Vincent	RMCA	RMCA Member – Matamata
Robbie	RMCA	RMCA Member - Boomerang

Topic	Include	Who
Welcome	Introductions Health and Safety	All Paul
Resource Consent Update for the Wastewater Treatment Plant	<p>The resource consent application was formally and completely lodged on 20 March 2017. The application was notified on 17 May and submissions on the application are open until 16 June. The link to the application and the submission form can be found here.</p> <p>http://www.horizons.govt.nz/managing-natural-resources/consents/departments-of-conservation-whakapapa-wastewater-tr</p> <p>As part of the RMA process you are able to put in a submission in support or opposition to the proposal.</p>	Tamzin Moore

	<p>If you choose to support the application, we encourage you to lodge a submission in support so that the Council and the Commissioners at the hearing fully understand the importance of the application and what we are trying to achieve for Whakapapa and Iwikau Villages.</p>	
Wetland Development	<p>Paul showed the wetland design concept plan which is included as an Appendix 7 in the AEE application including a photo montage. We need approximately 90,000 plants with construction starting in spring 17/18 with an approximate cost of \$1.3M.</p>	Paul Carr
Capital Projects	<p>The sand filter upgrade has been completed at a cost of \$190K – it is an important part of the operation of the WWTP which has been overhauled and back wash tank provided.</p> <p>Wayne discussed the buffer tank improvements (\$200K) has helped with the performance of the WWTP. There has also been a major reduction of stormwater inflows during high rainfall events into the effluent pipes and the plant which helps the good bacteria to grow. Stabilising the system creates better water quality, less quantity and with these improvements decrease costs.</p> <p>The filtration system is now automated with SCADA with alerts/alarms sent remotely to a computer system which helps in the day to day management of the WWTP.</p> <p>There have also been significant safety upgrades onsite at the plant with safety rails and barriers to meet minimum standards.</p>	Paul Carr/Wayne Termaat
Capital Cost Current 16/17	<p>Dawn provided a break down of each asset, cost, life expectancy and how it is split between all the stakeholders. (Note capital Charges as set by the government have moved down from 8% down to 6%). This is based on the 2004 MOA. In the future we need to consider do we pay as you go which spreads the cost of the life of the asset.</p> <p>Note \$400K has been spent to date on the sand filters and buffer tank which will be recovered from all of the stakeholders through the existing MOA at some stage later this year.</p> <p>John Streven stated that he doesn't support the current MOA split based on the numbers of beds. Paul stated that we will be reviewing the Local Body Cost Apportionate Model in the next 6 months through Price Waterhouse Cooper (PwC). We would</p>	Dawn Smith

	<p>be reviewing what was done at Mt Cook consider the scope of works and terms of reference and apply it to Whakapapa and Iwikau Village.</p> <p>Working forward we will be finalising the AMP including the additional chapters and costs associated with that for roading, telco, power, amenity areas, Lahar Eruption Detection System etc.</p> <p>We will also be starting work on the Long Term Community Plan (LTCP) which will involve a lot of input from the stakeholders and we develop a long term vision for Whakapapa Village. This will align with the AMP and support securing funding going forward.</p>	
Treaty Settlement - Tongariro	<p>Jo Bouchier discussed the Dr Wood summary paper on Treaty Negotiations including a way of managing park by all in co-management together.</p> <p>Bubs stated that Ngāti Tūwharetoa are currently about to sign the Deed of Settlement (DoS) for the comprehensive claim which is essentially everything else but Tongariro National Park.</p> <p>Part of the DoS requires that within 12 months of signing, both the Crown and Ngāti Tūwharetoa will initiate the National Park settlement by agreeing to an “agreement in principle” (AiP).</p> <p>The AiP will set the principles and terms of what will be negotiated in regards to the National Park. These discussions will initially be at a high end strategic level. Ngāti Tūwharetoa will be straight up, that this is not about ownership.</p> <p>Jo Bouchier confirmed that this is the same message that she had received from Dr Wood.</p>	
Stakeholder Contributions	<p>Need to agree on (1) how do we split the cost recovery (2) how do we recover cost.</p> <p>As part of the existing MOA the % splits there are 3 options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Pay up front (2) Pay over 20 years (3) Pay as you go including depreciation and capital charges. 	

	<p>DOC proposes to engage Price Waterhouse Cooper (PwC) to undertake a review and assessment report on the local body cost recovery model.</p> <p>All stakeholders at the meeting agreed to undertake a review of the current model and contribute to the cost. Paul has established a terms of reference (building on the work that John Strevens had done and sent by email) and provided it to PwC.</p> <p>The current MOA 2004 model relies on the number beds and % split between all the stakeholders as it relates 3 areas (A,B or C) on the mountain. How does it take account of visitor numbers using the infrastructure who do not stay in the village(s).</p> <p>How will the costs be divided in the future and will the government contribute funds?</p> <p>Paul discussed Accelerate 25 and DOC's involvement with tourism in the District/Region. All the documents we have produced and are currently working on will help support our planning for the future this includes the AMP, LTCP and Destination Management Plan (DMP).</p> <p>How will we plan for future tourism and the growth in project numbers and the impact that will have on infrastructure. Is the tourism experience about quality rather than quantity? All things we need to plan for in the future and how we manage this.</p>	
Thank you	<p>Thank you for attending the meeting and for all your contributions and feedback. The next meeting is planned following the PwC report on the local bodies cost recovery model. We will be in contact. We are here to help – if you have any questions please come back to us.</p>	

Task	Who	When 2017
Tamzin to send link or copies of the consent/submission Form	TM	24/5
Send out power point presentation	TM	2/6
Paul to engage PwC to review current local body cost recovery model. Report date to be confirmed with PwC	PC	1/6

Stakeholder Comms Plan required	TM	13/6
Submissions on the Whakapapa WWTP resource consent application close 16 June – prepare and submit a submission	All	16/6