

MINUTES

SUBJECT	WATERCARE SERVICES BOARD MEETING
VENUE	Boardroom Level 2, Watercare Services Limited, 73 Remuera Road, Remuera, Auckland
DATE	29 May 2015
TIME	10:30
STATUS	Open Session

	Present:	In Attendance:	Public in Attendance:
	M Allen D Clarke (Chairman) N Crauford C Harland J Hoare T Lanigan D Thomas	M Bridge R Chenery S Cunis R Fisher D Hawkins R Jaduram B Monk T Munro B Taplin J van Brink S Vitas S Webster	5 Members of the public
1.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> P Drummond 		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board resolved that the Minutes of the public section of the Board meeting held on 30 April 2015 be confirmed as correct. 		
3.	Directors Corporate Governance Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Planner 2015 The Corporate Planner for 2015 was noted. The Board was advised that the August meeting would be held at the Ardmore WTP and the November meeting at the Rosedale WWTP. Disclosure of Interests The Disclosure of Interests was noted. Organisation Chart The organisation chart was noted. 		
4.	Chief Executive's Report and Scorecard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service Delivery The Board noted the position of water levels in the water storage lakes which are below the average storage levels for the end of April. Abstraction from the Waikato River and Onehunga aquifer continue to be maximised to reduce drawdown in the storage lakes. The Board was advised of a trial, using smart meters, to be undertaken at Waiuku which is a good size for a pilot trial. There are also high unaccounted water losses occurring at Waiuku and it is hoped that the pilot trial will assist in sorting that issue also. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance <p>Brian Monk spoke to the paper. He said that the recent trends continue with water and wastewater revenues close to budget; IGC revenue is ahead of budget due to increased construction activity; costs are down across the business; interest costs are lower; and debt levels are less than budget.</p> <p>He sees those trends continuing until financial year end.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications <p>The Watercare publications “Tapped In” and “Your Source” are to be provided to Board members by electronic means.</p>
5.	<p>2015 – 2018 Statement of Intent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebecca Chenery spoke to the paper and reminded the Board of the process which had been followed to date. <p>The Board made a number of amendments to the draft document and approved the SOI and the proposed approach to the shareholders comments on the 2015-16 SOI subject to the amendments recommended in the paper and those raised at the meeting.</p>
6.	<p>Strategic Direction for Providing Services to Support Urban Growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John van Brink spoke to the paper which had been amended following comments made by the Board at the April meeting. <p>In particular, the Board’s attention was drawn to new Section 4 dealing with IGCs and that the amendments give greater clarity to the development community.</p> <p>The Chair noted, with approval, the assistance being given by Watercare to Special Housing Areas. The Board resolved to reconfirm the importance and urgency for the strategic direction for providing services to support growth within the rural urban boundary.</p>
7.	<p>Proposed Water Supply and Wastewater Network Bylaw 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board received a presentation from Jim Gladwin and another from Penny Bright in respect to the proposed new bylaw. <p>Rob Fisher then spoke to the paper reminding the Board that the new bylaw was to replace the eight legacy bylaws which Watercare inherited from the former Councils. These bylaws were often contradictory and were outdated.</p> <p>The proposed new bylaw is a vital tool to enable Watercare to protect the important public water and wastewater assets.</p> <p>Catherine Harland was the Chairperson of the joint Auckland Council/Watercare Hearings Panel. She addressed the extensive pre-consultation which had been undertaken with Local Boards, iwi and the general public. Consultation followed the special consultative procedures of Auckland Council. The matter was publicly notified and 14 submissions were received from private persons and large corporations representing a range of views. Mr Fisher explained each of the nine resolutions following which the Board resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Note that the joint Watercare-Auckland Council Hearings Panel had heard submissions and deliberated on the Proposed Water Supply and Wastewater Network Bylaw 2015 and the proposal to revoke the legacy water supply and wastewater bylaws (with the exception of the onsite wastewater disposal provisions); B. Receive and accept the Hearings Panel’s recommended amendments to the Proposed Water Supply and Wastewater Network Bylaw 2015, subject to the Hearings Panel Chair’s suggested corrections to clause 4(b) and the definition of “water supply” in clause 5, as set out in the report to the Board; C. Receive and accept the Hearings Panel’s recommendation that the legacy water supply and wastewater bylaws be revoked with effect from 1 July 2015 (with the exception of the onsite wastewater disposal provisions);

	<p>D. Amend clause 14(2)(a) of the Proposed Water Supply and Wastewater Network Bylaw 2015 by adding, for greater clarity, the words “as a resource consent authority or building consent authority” after the words “council approval”;</p> <p>E. Confirm the Proposed Water Supply and Wastewater Network Bylaw 2015 as modified and set out in Attachment A of the report to the Board;</p> <p>F. Recommend to Auckland Council that it adopt the Proposed Water Supply and Wastewater Network Bylaw 2015 as modified and set out in Attachment A of the report to the Board, subject to the further amendment in resolution D above.</p> <p>G. Recommend to Auckland Council that it revoke the legacy water supply and wastewater bylaws of Auckland's former city and district councils (with the exception of the onsite wastewater disposal provisions);</p> <p>H. Give notice of its decisions to the Governing Body of Auckland Council, and to that end approves the Chairman writing to the Mayor of Auckland to communicate resolutions A to G above;</p> <p>I. Thank the members of the Hearings Panel, submitters and stakeholders for their contribution.</p> <p>The Board commended the work of Catherine Harland as Chair of the Hearings Panel, Mr Drummond for his membership of the panel as well as the management team of Ilze Gotelli, Daniel Newman and Jared Boow.</p>
8.	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The public section of the meeting closed at 11:30.

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Chairman