

Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee Minutes

Meeting held remotely
on Monday 15 August 2022, commencing at 09.30am

Tuhinga (Present):

Tame Te Rangi (Chair), Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua
Penny Smart (Deputy Chair), Northland Regional Council,
Amy Macdonald, Northland Regional Council,
Daniel Newman, Auckland Council,
Cherie Povey, Ngā Maunga Whakahī o Kaipara,
Greg Sayers, Auckland Council,
Jane Sherard, Ngā Maunga Whakahī o Kaipara,
Malcolm Welsh, Te Uri o Hau,
Joce Yeoman, Northland Regional Council,
Georgina Connelly, Te Uri o Hau

I Tae Mai (In Attendance):

Justine Daw – Pou Tātaki, Kaipara Maurikura	Ben Hope - Ringa-Pārongo Communications Lead, Kaipara Maurikura
Lisette Rawson - Amo-Rauora Kōawa Catchment Remediation Manager, Kaipara Maurikura	William Wright - Ringa-Hononga Mana Whenua Mana Whenua Relations Lead, Kaipara Maurikura
Ilka Pelzer – Ministry for the Environment (Observer)	Robyn Stubbing – Notetaker Kaipara Maurikura
Malcolm Nicolson – NRC CEO	Sandra Harris – KMR Administrator Kaipara Maurikura

The Chair declared the meeting open at 09.38am.

Karakia Tīmatanga and Whakatau

Secretarial note: Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions the meeting was conducted fully remotely. Joint Committee Members were advised and consented to proceedings being livestreamed and recorded in order to be open to the public - <https://youtu.be/kJ2t2kTtkps>.

Ngā whakapahā/Apologies (Item 1.0)

Moved (Sayers / MacDonald)

That the apologies from Virginia Warriner (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua) with, Georgina Connelly (Te Uri o Hau) Malcolm Welsh (Te Uri o Hau) and Daniel Newman (Auckland Councillor) for late connections be received.

Secretarial Note: Malcolm Welsh arrived 09.57am, Daniel Newman arrived 09.59am and Georgina Connelly arrived 10.46am

Carried

Ngā whakapuakanga (Declarations of Conflicts of Interest)

It was advised that members should make declarations item-by-item as the meeting progressed.

Confirmation of Minutes - Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee 13 June 2022 (Item 4.1)

Report from Sandra Harris, Administrator Kaipara Maurikura

Moved (Smart / Povey)

That the minutes of the Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee meeting held on 13 June 2022, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Receipt of Action Sheet - August 2022 (Item 5.1)

Report from Sandra Harris, Administrator Kaipara Maurikura

Moved (Sayers / Yeoman)

That the Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee Action Tracker be received.

Forward Workplan - August 2022 (Item 5.2)

Report from Sandra Harris, Administrator Kaipara Maurikura

Moved (Smart / Sherard)

That the indicative Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee Forward Workplan be received.

Preliminary Year 2 Year-End Results (Item 6.1)

Report from Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki and Stephanie Versteeg, Amo-Rautaki Pākihi | Strategic Business Manager

1. That the report 'Preliminary Year 2 Year-End Results' by Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki and Stephanie Versteeg, Amo-Rautaki Pākihi | Strategic Business Manager and dated 5 August 2022, be received

. Moved (Sherard / Sayers)

2. *Note* that audited year-end results for Year 2 of the Kaipara Moana Remediation (KMR) Programme are due to be submitted to the Ministry for the Environment by 31 October 2022.

3. *Note* there is an opportunity for KMR to use unaudited Year 2 results to demonstrate delivery against Deed of Funding performance targets and the rapid scaling-up of sediment reduction projects on an earlier timeframe.
4. *Note* the preliminary, unaudited Year 2 year-end results presented in this report, which will be communicated to Ministry for the Environment and others, as relevant.

Moved (Sherard / Smart)

Secretarial Note: Member Smart asked whether planting Year 2 was expected to increase in the current year, following last year's focus on fencing. The Maurikura responded that while there was some expectation of an uplift in planting in year 2 of KMR projects, the forthcoming regulatory drivers meant that landowners were likely to continue to prioritise fencing ahead of planting in the current year as well. Joint Committee members were informed the Maurikura will be moving to a regular cycle of marketing and campaigning over spring/summer fencing and site preparation and winter planting. Member Sherard enquired on any engagement with the southern Kaipara and non farming industry engagement around the Kaipara. Joint Committee members were informed discussions have taken place with further conversations required.

Conflict of Interest Management (Grants) (Item 6.2)

Report from Ben Hope, Ringa-Pārongo | Communications and Governance Lead

1. That the report 'Conflict of Interest Management (Grants)' by Ben Hope, Ringa-Pārongo | Communications and Governance Lead and dated 11 August 2022, be received.

Moved (Yeoman / MacDonald)

2. *Note* that as Kaipara Moana Remediation provides grant funding for sediment remediation projects across the Kaipara Moana catchment, various perceived or actual financial interests may arise for Joint Committee members.
3. *Note* that Section 3 of the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968 (LAMIA) effectively sets a total annual cap for each Joint Committee member or related party of NZ\$25,000 (inclusive of GST) in grant funding from any local government source.
4. *Direct* the Kaipara Maurikura to seek a dispensation from the Office of the Auditor General in respect of Section 3 of LAMIA, given the nature of KMR and the intent and terms of its founding Memorandum of Understanding.
5. *Note* that in the meantime the Kaipara Maurikura will apply additional conflict of interest management protocols for grant funding applications to meet LAMIA requirements.

Moved (Yeoman / MacDonald)

Secretarial Note: Member Smart and Welsh abstained from voting and discussion.

Joint Committee members welcomed the conversation with the Auditor General to discuss the unique characteristics of the KMR programme. Member Sherard requested the report require more directive approach to this issue with an amendment to resolution 4 made.

Te Paiaka Preliminary Results (Item 6.3)

Report from Sarah Nolan, Technical Specialist Advisor

Moved (Smart / Connelly)

That the report 'Te Paiaka Preliminary Results' by Sarah Nolan, Technical Specialist Advisor and dated 9 August 2022, be received.

Secretarial Note: Member MacDonald asked if there had been any data collection on different species and their response to disturbance events, with the Auckland Council lead signalling this was one of several directions for potential future investigation. Joint Committee members were informed that the Maurikura is working with other parties to pilot on estuarine restoration project with similar aims and benefits. The Maurikura is also engaging with a national indigenous research provider with links back to the Kaipara. Member Smart queried if species that were effective in stabilising riverbanks would similarly stabilise hill country, and also what the impact of varying soil types had on stabilisation potential, with the response being that more work was needed in these areas to better understand these correlations. Member Povey acknowledged the mahi that has been undertaken. Joint Committee members were informed that while KMR was taking learnings from exotics trialled in America and Australia, root architecture and tensile strength for natives with potential to stabilise hill country was still to be examined.

Kōrero Tuku Iho (Item 6.4)

Report from William Wright, Ringa-Hononga Mana Whenua | Mana Whenua Relations Lead and Fiona Kemp, Environs Holdings Ltd Manager

1. That the report 'Kōrero Tuku Iho' by William Wright, Ringa-Hononga Mana Whenua | Mana Whenua Relations Lead and Fiona Kemp, Environs Holdings Ltd Manager and dated 9 August 2022, be received.

Moved (Povey / Smart)

2. Note that this report is an update on the Kōrero Tuku project and indicates the pathway and timeline for the programme.
3. Note that it is intended that a project manager to lead Kōrero Tuku Iho will be contracted by the end of August 2022, with a Reference Group to support the project initiated by end of September 2022.
4. Note that Kōrero Tuku Iho project development scoping is proposed to conclude in the first quarter of 2023.
5. That a further progress report on Kōrero Tuku Iho be provided to the Joint Committee by November 2022.

Moved (Smart / Connelly)

Secretarial Note: Apologies acknowledged for the absence of Fiona Kemp. Chair Te Rangi queried the timelines for the collection of data and integrity of each individual Uri Hapū, Iwi or Incorporation intellectual property of taonga species, and how provisions for this will take place. Following Joint Committee discussions, an amendment to resolution 4 was endorsed.

Soil Conservation Reference Group (Item 6.5)

Report from Stephanie Versteeg, Amo-Rautaki Pākihi | Strategic Business Manager

1. That the report 'Soil Conservation Reference Group' by Stephanie Versteeg, Amo-Rautaki Pākihi | Strategic Business Manager and dated 9 August 2022, be received.

Moved (Sherard / Connelly)

2. That the Terms of Reference for a Soil Conservation Reference Group (Attachment 1) be approved.
3. That the Maurikura be endorsed to establish a Soil Conservation Reference Group.

Moved (Smart / Malcolm)

Secretarial Note: Apologies acknowledged for the absence of Stephanie Versteeg.

Following Joint Committee discussions, an amendment to resolutions 3 and 4 was made to empower the Kaipara Maurikura to establish the Soil Reference Group.

Pou Tātaki Update (Item 6.6)

Report from Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki

1. That the report 'Pou Tātaki Update' by Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki and dated 5 August 2022, be received.

Karakia Mutunga

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 12.31pm.