



Meeting: Rangitāiki River Forum

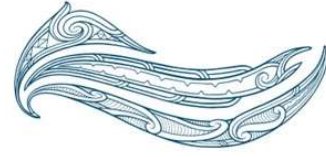
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Meeting Date: 15 November 2024
Report Authoriser: Terewai Kalman

Chairperson’s Report

Executive Summary

This report sets out the meetings and engagements that I have attended, outside of the Forum meetings, and highlights potential matters of interest that I wish to bring to members’ attention for information.

Recommendations

That the Rangitāiki River Forum:

1. **Receives the report, Chairperson’s Report.**

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update the Forum on meetings and engagements outside of Forum meetings that I have attended and participated in my capacity as the Forum’s Chair.

The following section summarises these meetings and engagements. I will provide further detail at the meeting in response to any questions that members may have.

2. Meetings and Engagements

Date	Meeting / Engagement	Comment
11 September 2024	River Document Review Workshop	Starting point to begin the review process. Nassah has provided opportunity to give individual feedback on the document. Potentially further workshops

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		depending on the outcome of the review
26 September 2024	Charles Harley – Ngati Manawa’s position on chemical spray on Lake Aniwanuiwa	Galatea community requested Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC) to start a spray programme on the Lake. BOPRC and have requested Ngati Manawa change their stance on the use of chemical spray
11 October – 6 November 2024	Follow up meetings/emails with Galatea community members and Murupara Community Board regarding the same chemical spray issue	
27 October 2024	Kopuriki Rd Affected Landowners Hui – Iwi and private landowner’s hui (separate to affected farmers)	Regarding flooding potentially caused by the Dam
7 November 2024	Scotty Muir/Colin Holmes – Affected Farmers	Follow-up hui regarding issues with Pioneer Energy. Potentially to set up a group to deal with the effects of flooding (in terms of consenting process)
11 November 2024	Meeting with Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Manawa	Follow up on matters that arose at the last Forum meeting including gravel extraction

3. Meeting with Pioneer Energy

A meeting with Pioneer Energy staff has been arranged. It will be held directly after the Forum meeting on 15 November. An online meeting link has been sent out (issues with flooding and build-up of gravel above the dam). Craig Rowe from Pioneer Energy will attend in person. Peter McLean will join online.

4. Matters of Potential Interest

4.1 Farmers/Pioneer Energy Collaborative Hui

Have offered to arrange a meeting between the affected farmers and Pioneer Energy regarding the build-up of gravel above the dam. We are still on this.

4.1.1 Field Trips for 2025

Next year we hope to schedule a series of field trips along the Rangitaiki River starting from the headwaters and working our way down. This is an opportunity for Councils/Iwi to showcase projects that are helping to achieve our vision as well as discuss any issues. A draft schedule (without timeframes) is provided below:

1. Field trip to the headwaters of the Rangitaiki (Ngāti Hineuru, Ngāti Tūwharetoa (Taupo) and Taupo District Council combined)
2. Field trip to upper Rangitaiki (Ngāti Manawa/Ngāti Whare)
3. Field trip from Waiōhau to the sea (Ngāti Awa/Tūhoe/Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau to host)
4. Field trip to view Council assets/works/enhancements for Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Whakatane District Council

Discussions with members around potentially scheduling these in will be undertaken once the Council Calendar for 2025 has been finalised. As next year is local elections, there will be a shorter timeframe available for hui so scheduling will be difficult.