

River Managers' SIG Champions Group

TEAMS Meeting Follow Up Action Notes

Friday 9 September 2022

2.00pm – 3.00 pm

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Present (via MS Teams): Graeme Campbell (Convenor), Leigh Griffiths, Gavin Palmer, Mark Townsend, Chris Dolley, Ghassan Basheer, Michelle Mifflin, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Apologies: Greg Ryan

1. River Managers' SIG Champions 8 July Meeting Notes

Flood Warning Workshop that was to be hosted at Waikato 25 & 26 August has now been re-scheduled to be held in Feb/March.

2. Regional SIGs Plenary 7 & 8 September

Graeme Campbell, Gavin Palmer and [REDACTED] gave an update on the helpful insights from the Plenary. Including insights on what ideal operating models for SIGs could look like and proposed changes to strengthen and grow the strategic support resourcing for Te Uru Kahika through Regional Software Holdings Ltd (RSHL).

Rina Douglas returning from leave with Liz Lambert continuing plus recent appointment of a Science Advisor thus ensuring increased resource.

Resilience to Climate Change and SIG Partnerships were two key going forward themes, including increased Maori/Iwi Nga Kairapu SIG engagement.

Action: Mark Townsend will provide followup liaison for the River Managers' SIG with Maori SIG Nga Kairapu Convenor Kataraina O'Brien of BOPRC.

RCEOs considering future development strategy for the Regional Sector as focus of their RCEOs Meeting 10 November.

3. Co-investment Business Case

Graeme Campbell led discussion on progressing the roadmap, including selection of Maven and Tonkin+Taylor consultants to assist with the preparation of the business case.

Workshops planned for 19 & 20 September including with participation from DIA, MfE, Kanoa, NEMA, Maven and Tonkin+Taylor.

Discussion included the need for very good collateral and planned meeting with new Minister Kieran McAnulty.

[REDACTED] preparing a response memo on the DIA Vulnerability Report.

4. Communications & Engagement Update

Gavin Palmer gave an update on progress with finalising the Communications Plan for the next 12 months, with this due to be ready for the 29 & 30 September River Managers' SIG Forum meetings.

5. Year 5 – Other Key Strategies/Priorities

Policy & legislative reforms:

Leigh Griffiths spoke of latest 3 Waters Stormwater presentation briefing by Phillip Eyles and getting him to provide an update for the River Managers' Forum 30 September.

Practices, Methodologies & Standards:

Mark Townsend working on an update for the 30 September Forum.

Discussion of David Bouma ICOLD report back for the Forum, including need to set out clearly what is expected from support provided for NZCOLD ICOLD representation including reporting back. Ghassan Basheer following up.

Quality People:

Chris Dolley reported on the recent successful launch of the new Professional Development Programme that has been organised by [REDACTED] who will be providing an update for the 30 September Forum while Chris is attending the Lifelines Conference in Queenstown.

Shovel Ready/Climate Resilience Programme:

Graeme Campbell provided a brief update, encouraging everyone to keep an eye out and provide early alert if any issues appearing anywhere, noting the extra assistance to the West Coast and Southland to assist them deliver.

6. Agenda for 29 & 30 September Forum Meetings

Discussed draft Agenda and confirmation of planned speakers.

Need for about six selected council Leads to speak in more depth of their experiences with 3 slides with key deep dive messages on the learnings.

7. Next Meeting Dates

RM Champions Meeting – date tbc

RM Climate Resilience Programme Leads Workshop – 29 September, at Engineering NZ

RM River Managers' SIG Forum – Friday 30 September, at Engineering NZ

Otago hosted RM SIG Forum – 9 & 10 March 2023