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1 Executive summary

- Five meetings were held throughout the year.
- Tangata Whenua Members attended workshops before meetings to assist them with understanding technical information and unfamiliar topics.
- The Regional Planning Committee (RPC) provided recommendations to Council on multiple resource management matters including the following:

1. TANK (Tutaekuri, Ahuriri, Ngaruroro, Karamu) Catchment

- Agreed TANK (Tutaekuri Ahuriri Ngaruroro Karamu Catchment) Science Programme and TANK Technical Advisory Group (TAG) continue as a priority.
- Endorsed the draft Iwi/Hapu Engagement Plan.
- Requested a draft “Master Plan” and Relationship Management Framework.
- Endorsed a programme of work for the TANK Group spanning period upto late 2017.
- Recommended several science reports on ground & surface water, nutrient modelling and ecological health be approved for publication.
- Considered the Water Conservation Order (WCO) for the Ngaruroro/Clive and notes the implications on the TANK project process.
- Authored a Letter to the Minister for the Environment requesting the WCO be declined or put on hold while the TANK plan change process (and associated science programme) was completed.
- Received a management plan presented by Nga Hapu o Tutaekuri.

2. Oil & Gas Activities

- Considered a report on the effectiveness of the Regional Resource Management Plan (RRMP) to manage oil & gas activities in the region.
- Requested staff generate a statement of precautionary principles to be presented in August 2016.
- Recommended Council makes provision for oil & gas policy work in the 2018-2028 LTP.
- Considered the Petroleum Exploration Proposed Block Offer 2016 and provides comments for inclusion in Council’s submission to NZ Petroleum and Minerals.

3. Changing Legislation

- Adopted the National Policy Statement-Freshwater Management Progressive Implementation Programme Revision
- Endorsed key milestones for revising RPC Terms of Reference.
- Provided feedback on the Resource Legislation Amendment Bill and recommends to Council that a submission should be lodged that is broadly supportive.
- Recommended that Council support the LGNZ Submission on Marine Protected Areas consultation document.
- Provided feedback and recommended Council lodge a submission on the Next steps for freshwater Discussion Document released by Central Government.

4. Quality of the Environment

- Approved the development of a Clean Air Compliance Strategy.
- Adopted science reports on the state of the Mohaka catchment quality & ecology for publication.

- Recommended Council approves reports on the regional state & trends of river water quality & ecology.
- Considered Forestry Policy Issues in light of the proposed National Environmental Standard-Plantation Forestry.

5. External Presentations

- Matatini 2017.
- Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated presentation on RRMP Change 5.
- Nga Hapu o Tutaekuri Management Plan

6. Miscellaneous

- Presentation and demonstration of Pātaka – An Online Tangata Whenua resource management tool.
- Statutory Advocacy updates.
- Resource Management Planning Project updates.

2 Whakarāpopotonga

- E rima ngā hui i tū i te roanga atu o te tau.
- I whakakorea te hui tuatahi o te tau pūtea i te kore e eke o te tokoiti e mana ai te hui.
- I haere nga Mema Tangata Whenua ki ētahi hui kaupapa whāiti i te ata i mua i ngā hui kia noho mārama ai rātou ki ngā kōrero ā-kaupapa me ngā kaupapa tauhou ki a rātou.
- I tāpaea e te RPC ētahi whakahau ki te Kaunihera e pā ana ki ētahi take whakahaere rauemi, koia nei ētahi:

1. Te Riu o TANK (Tutaekuri, Ahuriri, Ngaruroro, Karamu)

- I whakaaetia te haere tonu me te noho mātāmua mai o te Kaupapa Pūtaiao a TANK me te TANK TAG.
- I whakamanahia te tauira o te Mahere Whakauru Hapū a te Iwi.
- I tonoa tētahi tauira “Mahere Matua” me tētahi Anga Whakahaere Hononga.
- I whakamanahia tētahi raupapa mahi mā TANK.
- I whakahau kia whakaaetia te tā i ngā pūrongo pūtaiao maha tonu mō te wai whenua me te wai huarapa, te whakatauiria taiora me te hauora hauropi.
- I whakaarohia ake te Tono Whāomo Wai (WCO) mō Ngaruroro/Clive me te aro anō ki ōna pānga ki te hātepe kaupapa a TANK.
- Kia tuhia he reta ki te Minita mō te Taiao e tono ana kia whakapekahia te WCO, me waiho rānei kia tārewa kia whakaūhia rawatia te kaupapa taiao a TANK.
- Kia tūtohia te Mahere Whakahaere a Ngā Hapū o Tūtaekuri.
- Kia whakaritea he haere ki te tiro tiro i ngā rākau, i ngā tipu kua tanua ki ngā repo.

2. Ngā Mahi e pā ana ki te Hinu & Haurehu

- I whakaarohia ake te pūrongo mō te pai o te Mahere Whakahaere Rauemi ā-Rohe (RRMP) ki te whakahaere i ngā mahi e pā ana ki te Hinu & Haurehu i te rohe.
- I tono kia whakatakotoria e ngā kaimahi tētahi tauaki mātāpono whakatūpato hei tāpae mā rātou ā te Hereturikōkā 2016.
- I whakahau i te Kaunihera kia āta whakaarohia e ia he kaupapa here mō te Hinu & Haurehu i te Mahere Auroa (LTP) o te 2018-2028.
- Kia whakaarohia ake te Tāpaenga Hōpara Hinu Whenua Tōpū 2016 me te tāpae whakaaro anō hei whakauru atu ki te tāpaenga kōrero a te Kaunihera ki a NZ Petroleum and Minerals.

3. Panonitanga Ture

- Kia kawea ake te Whakahounga o te Kaupapa Whakatinanatanga ā-Tūāmahi a te Tauaki Kaupapa Here ā-Motu – Whakahaere Wai Māori (NPS-FM)
- I whakamanahia ngā tūāmahi matua mō te whakapai ake i Ngā Tikanga Whakahaere a RPC.
- Kia takoto he whakaaro mō te Pire Whakahou Ture Rauemi me te whakahau i te Kaunihera tāpaea he kōrero e tautoko whānui ana.
- I whakahau kia tautoko te Kaunihera i te Tāpaenga Kōrero a LGNZ mō ngā Wāhi Moana Rāhui.
- Kia whakahokia he kōrero ka whakahau ai i te Kaunihera kia tukua he tāpaenga kōrero mō ngā takahanga kai whai mai mō te Tānga Whakawhiti Whakaaro e pā ana ki te wai māori kua puta i te Kāwanatanga.

4. Kounga o te Taiao

- I whakaae kia whakatakotohia tētahi Rautaki Tūtohu Hau Takiwā Mā.

- I kawe a ake te pūrongo pūtaiao mō te kounga me te hauropi o te riu ki Mōhaka me te whakaae anō kia tāia.
- I whakahau kia whakaaetia e te Kaunihera ngā pūrongo mō te āhua me te ahunga ā-rohe o te kounga o te wai o te awa me tōna hauropi.
- I whakaarohia ake ngā Take Kaupapa Here Ngahere, ina hoki te Paerewa Taiao ā-Motu mō ngā Pārae Ngahere e whakaarohia ake ana.

5. Tāpaenga Kōrero Tarāwaho

- Matatini 2017.
- Te kauhau a Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated mō te Panonitanga 5 o te RRMP.

6. Take Whānui

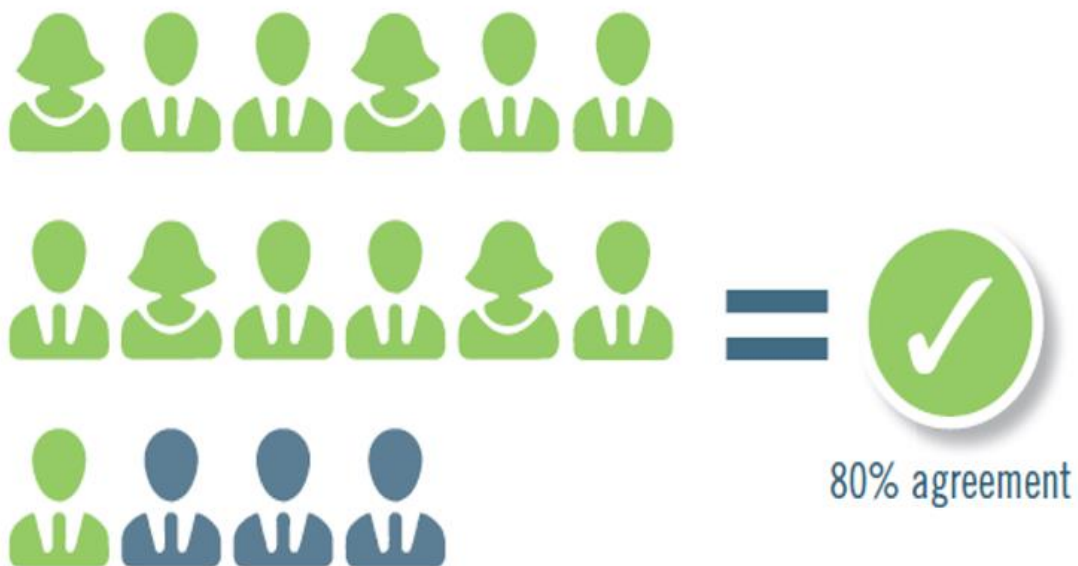
- Pātaka – He taputapu ā-rorohiko hei whakahaere rauemi tangata whenua.
- Ngā kōrero hou mō te Kaitautoko ā-Ture.
- Ngā kōrero hou mō te Kaupapa Mahere a RM.

3 How the Committee Works

To make a recommendation at least 14 of the 17 current* Committee members must be in the room.

This is the quorum for this Committee. Individuals can then vote either for or against a motion. The Committee aims for consensus. If consensus is not possible at least 80% of those in attendance at the meeting must agree for a motion to pass.

Once the Committee has made its recommendation to Council on any Regional Plans, if Council wants to make changes this must be referred back to the Committee. Council can only agree or refer the recommendation back to the Committee for further discussion. This means the Committee has a very strong influence on decisions made by the Council on all Resource Management plans.



* The number of Committee Members has increased from 16 to 17 over the 2015-2016 year.

4 Who are the Committee Members?

4.1 Tāngata Whenua Representatives

Toro Waaka, Ngāti Pahauwera Development Trust and Tiaki Trust (Committee co-chair)
Karauna Brown, Te Kōpere o te iwi o Hineuru
Nicky Kirikiri, Te Toi Kura o Waikaremoana
Nigel Baker, Ngāti Tuwharetoa Hapu Forum
Peter Paku, He Toa Takitini (Heretaunga)
Rangi Spooner, Mana Ahuriri Incorporated
Tania Hopmans, Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust
Walter Wilson, Te Tira Whakaemi o Te Wairoa (Retired)
Allen Smith, Te Tira Whakaemi o Te Wairoa
Seat Vacant – Tūhoe
Seat Vacant – He Toa Takitini (Tamatea)

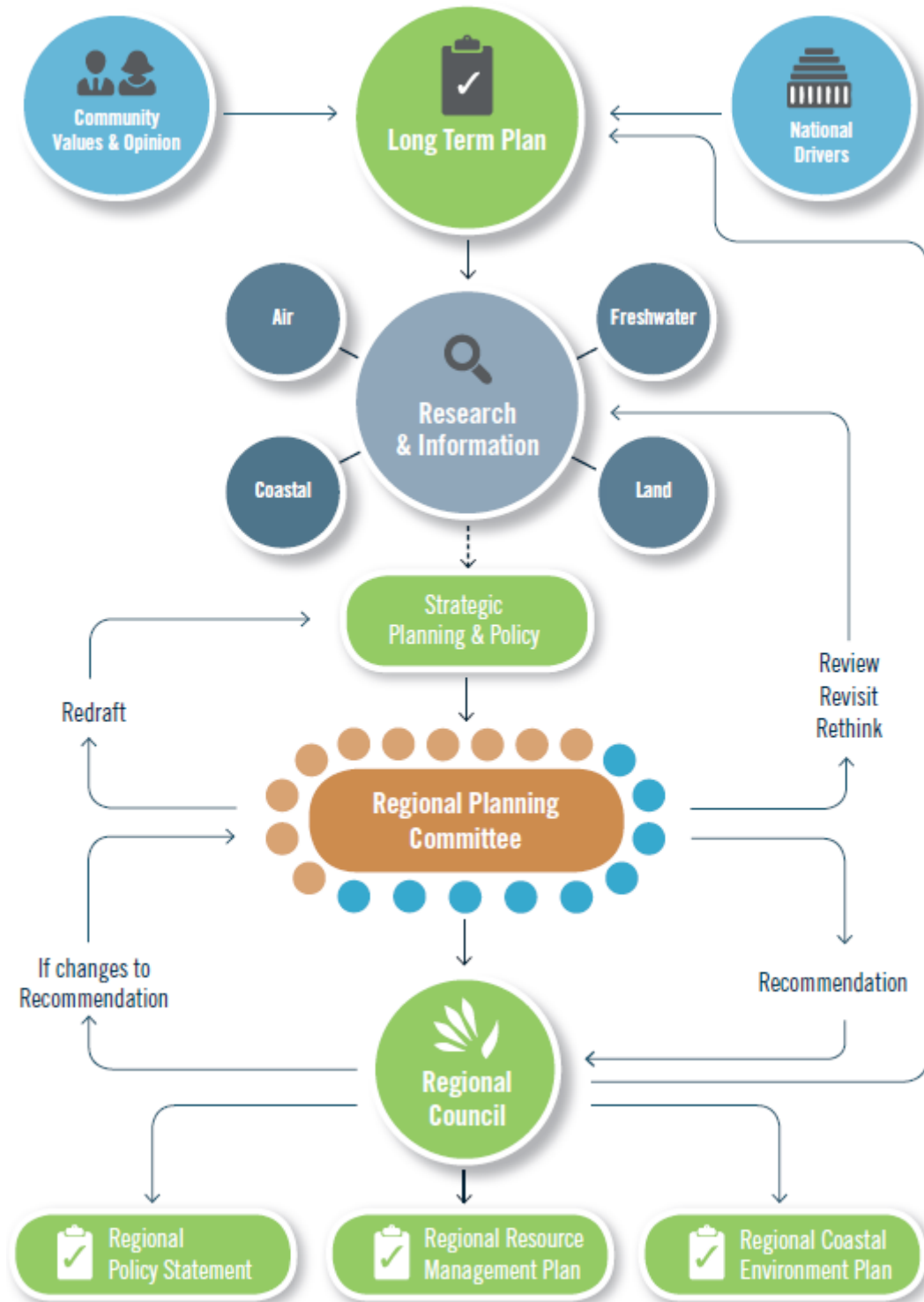
4.2 Hawke’s Bay Regional Councillors

Fenton Wilson, Wairoa (Committee co-chair)
Alan Dick, Napier
Christine Scott, Napier
Dave Pipe, Napier
Debbie Hewitt, Central Hawke’s Bay
Peter Beaven, Ngaruroro
Rex Graham, Hastings
Rick Barker, Hastings
Tom Belford, Hastings

4.3 Ex-officio Member






Mike Mohi, Chair of the Māori Committee

5 How does the Committee influence regional policy and community outcomes?



6 The work programme going forward

Long Term Plan Strategy and Planning Activity	Calendar year						
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Energy Strategy	●	●					
Hill Country Strategy	●						
Outstanding Freshwater Bodies Plan Change	●						
Mōhaka Plan Change	●	●					
Tūtaekurī Ahuriri Ngaruroro Karamu (TANK) Plan Change	●	●					
Review of Regional Resource Management Plan (RRMP) Review							
Other Catchment Plan Change(s) (Tūtira, Wairoa)							
Coastal Hazard Zone Plan Change if required							
Regional Coastal Environment Plan (RCEP) Review/Plan Change							

-  Policy development
-  Notification to decision (assumes 2 years)
-  Appeals on decisions (assumes 2 years)
-  Non-statutory policy/strategy completion
-  Work has commenced and is ongoing

7 List of Acronyms

HB	Hawke's Bay
HDC	Hastings District Council
HPUDS	Heretaunga Plains Urban Development Strategy
LTP	Long Term Plan
NCC	Napier City Council
NES-AQ	National Environmental Standard – Air Quality
NKII	Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated
NPS-FM	National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management
PC	Plan Change
PCE	Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment
RPC	Regional Planning Committee
RRMP	Regional Resource Management Plan
TAG	Technical Advisory Group
TANK	Tutaekuri River, Ahuriri Estuary, Ngaruroro River, Karamu Stream – Plan Change
TOR	Terms of Reference
WCO	Water Conservation Order

Appendix A Detailed Table of Activity 2015-2016

Meeting One - 15/07/15	Meeting Two – 16/09/15	Meeting Three - 04/11/15	Meeting Four – 03/02/16	Meeting Five – 20/04/16	Meeting Six – 01/06/16
Cancelled No Quorum	<p>RPC Annual Report 2014-2015 Receives & instructs Staff to publish and distribute the Report. Resolution RPC10/15</p>	<p>Ngaruroro & Clive Water Conservation Order (WCO) Proposal – Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lag effects of nutrient leaching • Minimum flows • WCO Relationship with TANK <p>Receives & takes note Resolution RPC19/15</p>	<p>Heretaunga Plains Groundwater Science Investigations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs, benefits & risks • Estimated costs & timeframes <p>Receives & takes note of report. Recommends that Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Continues to develop the water model with urgency. ❖ Request staff provide cost/benefit for staged deep drilling of the Heretaunga Aquifer for 2018 LTP <p>Resolution RPC5/16</p>	<p>Revised RPC Terms of Reference Receives & takes note Endorses key milestones for revised TOR Agrees members provide feedback Resolution RPC17/16</p>	<p>Iwi/Hapū Engagement Plan for TANK Plan Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrating Maori values into TANK process <p>Receives & takes note Recommends that Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Endorses the Plan for the TANK PC subject to finalisation by staff and inclusion of amendments from iwi/hapu feedback
	<p>Clean Air Compliance Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HBRC Heat Smart programme effectiveness in meeting the NES-AQ. • Staff proposed a strategy to encourage compliance with RRMP Rules. <p>Notes progress to meet NES-AQ</p>	<p>NPS-FM Progressive Implementation Programme Revision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catchments • Wetlands • Outstanding Waterbodies • RiVAS valuation tool • How Māori values are taken into account <p>Adopts updated Programme</p>	<p>NKII presentation on RRMP Change 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantial # of issues resolved by mediation. <p>Receives & takes note. Resolution RPC4/16</p> <p>Ngaruroro & Clive Water Conservation Order Application</p>	<p>Riparian Assessment for Tukituki and TANK Catchments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fieldtrip suggested on riparian planting. <p>Receives & takes note of report. Recommends Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Approves the report for publication & release. <p>Resolution RPC18/16</p>	<p>Effectiveness of Regional Plans for managing Oil & Gas Activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed the RRMP against PCE report. • Protection/prohibition of exploration in sensitive areas <p>Receives & takes note of reports. Recommends Council:</p>

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	Approves proposed Clean Air Strategy Resolution RPC11/15	Resolution RPC21/15	Receives & Notes the report. The co-chairs write to the Minister for the Environment to: ❖ Request the Minister decline the WCO application. ❖ Note potential for future WCO after the PC has been completed ❖ Raise RPC's concerns including: ▪ Impact of the WCO on existing HBRC-led initiatives i.e. TANK ▪ Risks & Benefits Recommends that Council: ❖ Notes the RPC concerns & supports them. Resolution RPC6/16		❖ Requests a statement of precautionary principles re oil & gas development in HB ❖ Makes provision for work on a PC in the 2018-2028 LTP. Resolution RPC28/16
	Matatini 2017 – Presentation Received. Council contribution 200,000k.	Mōhaka Water Quality & Ecology • Mōhaka River “Catchment State & Trends of River Water Quality and Ecology Report” • “Influence of the Taharua River on the Upper Mōhaka River	Future of the TANK Collaborative Stakeholder Group Update on the TANK Group and Project Receives and notes the report. Recommends to Council: ❖ Agrees TANK Science Programme	Groundwater Level Changes in the Heretaunga & Ruataniwha Basin from 1994-2014 Receives & takes note of report. Recommends Council: ❖ Approves the report for publication. Resolution RPC19/16	Tukituki Implementation Principles • Report outlines approach to implement PC6 • Concern over stream depletion & impacts • Questioned why no principle regarding

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		Food Base for Adult Trout Report” Adopts Reports for publication. Resolution RPC22/15	& TANK TAG continue as a matter of priority. Requests that the Group Manager Strat-Dev reports back on: ❖ A draft 'master plan' ❖ Relationship framework ❖ Proposed approach to TANK Groups operations Resolution RPC7/16		protecting the environment. Receives & takes note of report. Identifies principles that are missing or need improvement Recommends Council: ❖ Adopts the report subject to raised matters for development of the PC6 implementation plan. Resolution RPC29/16
	Petroleum Exploration Proposed Block Offer 2016 • Councils to comment on proposed block offer 2016 • Draft comments presented • Dissatisfaction with the proximity of the proposed exploration blocks to shoreline. Receives as a draft for amendment for referral to Council. Recommends that revised comments are lodged following further circulation to RPC Members.	Statutory Advocacy • Harmonisation of HDC & NCC Plans. • HPUDS Receives Report Resolution RPC23/15 November 2015 Resource Management Planning Project Update Receives & takes note Resolution RPC24/15	Tutaekuri & Ngaruroro Catchments – Nutrient Limitation of Algal Growth • Summary of study to inform nutrient management strategies for TANK. Recommends that Council: ❖ Approves report for publication Resolution RPC8/16 Karamu Catchment – Ecological Health of Lowland Streams Receives the Report Recommends that Council: ❖ Approves report for publication	TANK Stakeholder Group: Terms of Reference & Master Plan • Info portal setup for TANK & RPC members Receives & takes note of report. Recommends Council: ❖ Agrees changes to TANK TOR ❖ Agrees in principle to appointed hearings commissioner-Accredited Panel equal numbers councillor and Tāngata Whenua	Ngaruroro & Clive Water Conservation Proposal • Concerns from Feb still unresolved • Issues and options paper presented. Receives & takes note of report. Resolution RPC30/16 Regional State & Trends of River Water Quality & Ecology • Presented three technical reports Receives the reports Recommends that Council:

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			Resolution RPC9/16	members to hear submissions. Resolution RPC20/16	❖ Approves reports for publication Resolution RPC31/16
	Nga Hapu o Tutaekuri Hapu Management Plan Recommends that Council acknowledges the HMP in the TANK policy development process. Resolution RPC13/15	Petroleum Exploration Proposed Block Offer 2016 • NCC submitted in support of HBRC submission Receives and takes note. Resolution RPC25/15	Resource Legislation Amendment Bill • Submissions received until 14 March 16 Receives & Takes Note ❖ Provides feedback for submission Recommends that Council: ❖ Makes a submission that is broadly supportive Resolution RPC10/16	Next steps for FW Discussion Document • Govt issued discussion doc. • Feedback from RPC included into draft submission Receives & provides feedback to staff on submission. Recommends that Council: ❖ Lodges submission Resolution RPC21/16	Verbal Update on TANK Receives and takes note. Resolution RPC32/16

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	<p>Forestry Policy Issues Receives and notes the report. Resolution RPC14/15</p> <p>RM Planning Project Update Receives and notes the report. Resolution RPC15/15</p>	<p>Minor Items Not on the Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hill Country Seminar • Waimarama stream diversion • Frequency of meetings (too far apart) • Meeting conduct Matatini 	<p>Marine Protected Areas Consultation Document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Govt consulting on new MPA <p>Receives & takes note Recommends that Council: ❖ Supports LGANZ submission Resolution RPC11/16</p>	<p>April RM Planning Project Update Receives & takes note Resolution RPC22/16</p> <p>Statutory Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetation Clearance Mahia. <p>Receives the report. Resolution RPC23/16</p>	<p>Verbal Update on TANK portal Receives and takes note. Resolution RPC33/16</p> <p>June 2016 Resource Management Planning Project Update Receives and takes note Resolution RPC34/16</p>
	<p>Statutory Advocacy Receives and notes the report. Resolution RPC16/15</p>		<p>February 2016 Resource Management Planning Project Update Receives & takes note Resolution RPC 12/16</p>	<p>Minor Items Not on the Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PanPac – MTT appeal • Waihi Dam 	<p>Statutory Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests a summary of HPUDS TAG <p>Receives and notes the report. Resolution RPC35/16</p>
			<p>Statutory Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harmonisation of NCC & HDC Plans. <p>Receives and notes the report. Resolution RPC13/16</p>	<p>Pātaka Presentation – A Tāngata Whenua Resource Management Tool Receives Resolution RPC36/16</p>	

