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Report to Environment Committee
from Jon Marks, Section Leader, Resource Information

Publication of Hydroline Pamphlet

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee of the completion of the Hydroline Pamphlet.

2. Background

In June 1998, the Council installed a new riverflow and rainfall data acquisition system called Hydrotel. One of the many improvements of this system was the ability to provide a voice mailbox based service that enables interested parties to access current rainfall and flow information. This facility has been named the Hydroline.

The Resource Information Section and the Resource Investigations Section (Wairarapa) have published a pamphlet promoting the Hydroline service. This pamphlet shows the location of monitoring sites and provides instructions about how to use the voice mailbox system. Summaries of maxima, minima and averages for data gathered from these stations are also provided as an insert with this pamphlet.

The provision of the Hydroline service enhances the public's ability to access information gathered by the WRC.

3. Communications

Copies of the pamphlet will be distributed to recreational groups (e.g. kayak clubs and rafting companies) and further copies will be available at Regional Council depots.

Newspapers have published the release of the Hydroline facility and it will be promoted in the next issue of Elements.

4. Recommendation

That this report be accepted by the Committee.

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