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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report 03.530

2 September 2003

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 2 September 2003 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Werry (Chairperson), Aitken, Kirton, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Shields and Thomas

Also Present

Councillor Barr

Officers Present

Messrs Benham, Darroch, Kennedy, Laidlow, Leonard, Morrison and Sells

Public Business

Procedural Items

US 90 Apologies

There were no apologies.

US 91 Public Participation

There were no members of the public who wished to participate in the meeting.

US 92 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Aitken)

That the public minutes of the meeting of 17 June 2003, Report 03.345, be confirmed.

Matters for Recommendation

US 93 Electricity Pricing in the Wellington Region

Report 03.512

File: B/06/07/01

Resolved to Recommend to Council

(Cr Aitken/Cr Long)

That Council make a submission to the Commerce Commission on electricity network pricing.

Members noted that while submissions close on 8 September 2003, a pro forma submission will be lodged before that date and the final draft will be considered by the Policy Finance and Strategy Committee on 16 September 2003.

US 94 Wainuiomata-Orongorongo Water Collection Area Access Plan Review

Report 03.511

File: MF/02/01/02

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Kirton)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Resolved to Recommend to the Policy, Finance and Strategy

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Kirton)

That Council:

(1) Agree to the proposals for access for 2003/04 in the Wainuiomata Catchment as follows:

- trips of 60 people*
- guiding ratios of 1:15*
- six 'group tours' and six 'individuals tours'*

- (2) *Agree to the proposals for access for 2003/04 in the Orongorongo Catchment as follows:*
- *6 tours of 15 people*
 - *guiding ratios of 2:15 (one of the guides must be a staff member).*
- (3) *Agree that a public 'roar hunt' continue to operate through a ballot system*
- (4) *That during the review of access next year, officers investigate the possibility of operating on a commercial or franchise basis.*

Next Review

The principles relating to public access to water supply catchments, as set out in Report 00.412 *Public Access to Wainuiomata and Orongorongo Water Supply Catchment*, approved by Utility Services on 12 June 2000, will be used by officers when access arrangements are next reviewed including the options of commercial or franchised access which are now part of the current Water Catchment Management Plan.

Matter for Decision

US 95 Unchlorinated Water Supply to Hutt City

Report 03.405

File: B/15/05/02

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Kirton)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That Hutt City prefers to retain its current water supply arrangements.*
- (3) *That officers be directed to continue supplying unchlorinated water to Hutt City's Rahui, Naenae, Gracefield and Point Howard reservoirs under normal operating conditions.*

Matters for Information

US 96 2003 Drought and Potential Supplementary Water Supply to the Kapiti Coast

Report 03.503

File: B/19/12/01

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Werry)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

US 97 **Annual Review for the Water Group and Plantation Forestry for the 12 Months ended 30 June 2003**

Report 03.504

File: O/03/02/15

Resolved

(Cr Aitken/Cr Kirton)

That the report be received and the information noted.

US 98 **Divisional Report**

Report 03.506

File: O/02/01/10

Laboratory

Members requested a report from the Chief Executive on the *Contracting out Policy* with reference to the present case.

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Laidlaw)

That the report be received and the information noted.

US 99 **Questions**

Councillor Barr said that there were aquifer springs in the harbour and asked whether any thought had been given to capping these outflows to preserve the freshwater flows at Waterloo.

Mr Morrison said the aquifer is managed by the Environment Division. The consequences from capping the outflows are very unclear and may not give the desired outcome.

US 100 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 11.55am.

CR R J WERRY
Chairperson