

MEETING NOTES OF THE RCA FORUM STORMWATER GROUP
at
CHAPMAN TRIPP OFFICES

9.00 am Thursday 3 April 2008

Present:

Graeme Tong	Convenor, Palmerston North City Council	
Dale Nicholls	Transit NZ Operations, Napier	
Carl Reller	Transit NZ, National Office	
Bruce Geden	Greater Wellington Regional Council	[until 1:30]
Russell Hawkes	Southland District Council	
Nicci Wood	Wellington City Council	[until 1:10]
Balt Gregorius	Land Transport NZ	
Wayne Newman	Secretary	

Attending:

Laurie Gardiner	MWH
Fiona Knight	

Apologies:

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.Welcome and apologies	There were no apologies. Bruce Geden was welcomed as the Regional Council representative on the group. The absence of representatives of the Ministry of Transport or Ministry for the Environment was noted with regret.	

<p>2. Meeting Notes/Matters Arising</p>	<p>The notes of the meeting on 1 November 2007 were taken as read. The meeting noted that case studies have now been supplied by Nicci and by Carl.</p> <p>Balt sought clarification of point five of item 3, that VEF is independent of traffic volume, and Laurie confirmed that VEF expressed in terms of mass of pollutant per unit traffic volume is independent of traffic volume.</p> <p>Agreed that notes are a true record.</p>	<p>[Russell/Nicci]</p>
<p>3. March road-shows report.</p>	<p>Fiona reported on the six stormwater workshops held in Gore, Christchurch, Wellington, Palmerston North, Auckland and Rotorua during March 2008.</p> <p>Noted that, although the logistical requirements of these workshops were greater than for the 2007 seminars, the evaluation of the feedback on the workshops revealed higher satisfaction ratings, with an overall rating of 78% "Good" or "Very Good".</p> <p>Noted that attendance by roading managers was low. Russell and Graeme reported that they received very positive feedback from junior staff that attended, and regretted that more roading managers did not encourage junior staff to attend.</p> <p>Noted that attendance by regional councils was low and agreed that increased contact with regional councils is necessary in recognition of the increased responsibilities of regional councils for roading decisions under the UNZTS.</p> <p>Noted the provisional financial statement for the workshops series indicated that the workshops had achieved a surplus over expenditure.</p>	<p>[Balt/Dale]</p>
<p>4. Stormwater standard or guidelines</p>	<p>Carl reported on development of a Stormwater Treatment Standard for Road Infrastructure for state highways, expected to be in place in June 2008. Transit NZ is currently developing templates for existing sites.</p> <p>Agreed to pursue stronger liaison with MoT and MfE and to achieve active involvement of MoT and MfE in the group.</p>	<p>Wayne</p>

<p>5. Sensitive receiving environments research</p>	<p>Laurie presented a draft Stormwater Environmental Risk Assessment Guide that allows the roading manager to establish a qualitative relationship between traffic and receiving environments to identify sites needing greater care.</p> <p>Agreed that the Guide is an excellent first draft that should now be assessed in a trial period in different situations.</p> <p>Noted the group's appreciation of the efforts and achievements of Laurie in his contribution to the group's work.</p>	<p>[Graeme/Carl]</p>
<p>6. RCA Forum web-site</p>	<p>Wayne reported on a survey of use made of the web-site over a six month period that can provide a basis for continued monitoring.</p> <p>Agreed that group members will routinely monitor the web-site and provide comments to Wayne, and Wayne will undertake a more extensive survey of the use made of the web-site and provide regular reports to the group.</p> <p>Agreed that greater awareness of the web-site by roading managers might be obtained from increasing references to "road run-off" on the site.</p>	<p>All Wayne Wayne</p>
<p>7. New products, devices, issues</p>	<p>Russell proposed that information on devices should be sought from suppliers and a short-form survey should be sent to a RCA that has used the device, in order to obtain information on the performance of products and devices.</p> <p>Agreed to survey suppliers, sample users and maintenance contractors to obtain data to be put on the web-site.</p> <p>Fiona reported on suggestions for future work for the group arising from the workshops.</p> <p>Agreed to progress development of FAQ section of web-site, with links to appropriate pages.</p>	<p>Wayne Wayne</p>
<p>8. Terms of reference and Budget</p>	<p>Agreed that the group had achieved its action plans for its Year 1 targets for almost every key result area and was ready to commence meeting Year 2 targets.</p>	<p>[Graeme/Russell]</p>

9. General Business	<p>The group discussed the implications for the group and RCA Forum of the Updated NZ Transport Strategy, with the likelihood of targets being developed for air quality, noise, emissions, water quality, public transport and traffic demand management.</p> <p>Agreed that these wider issues of sustainability could be a subject for a Forum session and that the question should be referred to Research and Guidelines Group convenor.</p>	Graeme
10. Next Meeting	Agreed to meet again at 9:00 on 17 July 2008.	