NOTES OF THE RCA FORUM STORMWATER GROUP MEETING

NZTA offices, 44 Victoria Street

9.00 am Thursday 25 March 2010

Present: Wayne Newman Chair

Nicci Wood Wellington City Council
Craig Redmond NZTA, National Office
Dale Nicholls NZTA Operations, Napier

Balt Gregorius NZTA, National Office (from 9:30)
Hayden Easton Auckland Regional Council (from 9:30)
Jonathan Moores NIWA (from 11:30)

Steve Wright WCC roading engineer (from 12:00)

Apologies: Ted Taylor Greater Wellington Regional Council

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.Welcome and apologies	Noted resignation and past contribution of Graeme Tong. Agreed that letter of thanks to Graeme be sent.	Wayne
	Nicci/Dale	
2. Meeting Notes/Matters Arising	Agreed the notes of the meeting on 5 November 2009 are a true record. Agreed that the decision not to present at the Stormwater 2010 Conference was correct. Noted again, with concern, MfE does not accept that there is a threshold in AADT below which an RCA does not need to treat road run-off, despite the extensive research suggesting minimal benefit from the cost of treatment on most NZ roads. Hayden/Craig	

3. Developments since last meeting	Noted the resignation of Graeme Tong as both convener and a member of the group. Agreed to appointment of Wayne Newman as convener, while continuing to act as administrator. Balt/Nicci	
4. Terms of Reference	Noted that group now lacks representation for urban, rural, NI or SI TA road asset managers, as well as a TA stormwater practitioner. Agreed to appointment of Balt and Nicci to provide approvals of invoices relating to the group for authorisation for payment. Balt/Nicci Agreed to retain three meetings per annum. Dale/Hayden	
5. Report from NZTA.	Received a report from Craig. Noted the Stormwater Treatment Standard for Roading Infrastructure is currently with the Project Delivery Team before being signed off as part of the Environmental Policy Manual, and there is interest already from a regional council in incorporating the Standard into the regional policy; an erosion and sediment control standard is being developed, with the first draft expected to be ready by June; a biannual sampling programme is being undertaken that could support an indicator framework for sensitivity of streams to road run-off; standard operating procedures for routine maintenance activities have been developed for NZTA contractors to provide guidance on the appropriate treatment of waterways and to give effect to standards and regulatory requirements. Agreed to refer a copy of the SOPs to RCA road asset managers for comment on whether these guidelines might become used or copied by other RCAs. Balt/Nicci	Wayne
6. Report from ARC	Received a report from Hayden. Noted ARC is working towards the 1 November 2010 amalgamation date and the review of technical papers will extend beyond that date; TP10 will become Guidance Doc. 01, released as volumes 1, 2a, 2b, 3, 4 and 5; each topic area within these volumes is being released as a technical report; new technical reports are being released on wetlands, green rooves, rain-gardens, permeable paving and swales; GD01 is expected to be released in late 2010; TP108 will become GD02 and is due for release in July 2010; the	

	Proprietary Device Evaluation Protocol updates chapter 15 of TP10 and will be released at the end of June as GD03 with the aim of providing transparency for both suppliers and regulators; TP124 will become GD04 and two reports have been completed: TR2008.020 on application of LID to brownfield development, and TR2008.83 on integration of LID, urban design and urban form principles; three new chapters on existing policies, applicable methods and available case studies are in preparation; as well, ARC is assessing floating vegetative treatment in ponds, use of crushed mussel-shells in sand filters, reviewing upper tidal-creek modelling and updating the contaminant load model. Balt/Craig	
7. Development of Guidelines on Stormwater Treatment by MoT and MfE	Received a report from Nicci. Noted that there has been no circulation of a revised draft since the meeting of the reference group on 5 November. Agreed that any guidelines need to do more than duplicate existing material and need to be sufficiently robust to provide genuine guidance. Nicci to continue to liaise. Hayden/Craig	Nicci
8. Comments on DZ4404	Received a report seeking comment on comments provided to SNZ in submissions on DZ4404 relating to stormwater and run-off treatment issues in general. Agreed to respond to SNZ as follows: Comment 371 on clause 3.3.11.4: Agree – add to document Comment 386 on clause 3.3.16.2: Disagree – no action Comment 398 on clause 3.3.19.5: Agree – add to document Comment 402 on figure 3.5: Disagree – no action Comment 403 on figure 3.5: Agree- add to document Comment 406 on clause 3.3.19.5: Agree – add to document Comment 407 on clause 3.3.19.5: Dealt with above Comment 411 on clause 3.3.19.5: Noted Comment 416 on clause 3.3.19.6: Disagree – no action Comment 417 on clause 3.3.19.7: Agree – add to document Comment 1200 on clause 3.3.1: Agree – add to document (with amendment) Comment 1418 on clause 3.3.19.5: Disagree – no action	Wayne

Contamination of Tauranga City water supply by sediment	Noted report on progress on this issue. Balt/Dale	
10. Research update	Received a report from Jonathan. Noted that there has been a satisfactory interest in the lunch-time presentation on the findings and conclusions from the evaluation of road run-off research, and that the new research project evaluating proprietary treatment devices is progressing towards field trials of three devices. Dale/Nicci	
11. Web-site use	Received a report on the web-site. Agreed that there is a need for continuing advocacy in the Executive Group for further investment in the web-site. Balt/Dale	Wayne
12. General business	Noted that Craig and Nicci will attend the NZHI Paving the way for greener roads conference and Hayden and Craig will attend Stormwater 2010. Agreed that time should be requested for a Stormwater Group presentation to the Forum meeting on 23 April 2010. Dale/Nicci	Wayne
	Meeting concluded at 1:24.	