

**NOTES OF THE RCA FORUM STORMWATER GROUP MEETING**

**NZTA offices, 44 Victoria Street**

**1.30 pm Monday 28 June 2010**

**Present:** Wayne Newman Chair  
 Nicci Wood Wellington City Council (from 2:00)  
 Craig Redmond NZTA, National Office  
 Dale Nicholls NZTA Operations, Napier  
 Balt Gregorius NZTA, National Office  
 Hayden Easton Auckland Regional Council  
 Ted Taylor Greater Wellington Regional Council  
 Ross Nicholson Horowhenua District Council (to 4:30)  
 Jon Schwass Napier City Council  
 Hamish McGillivray Ministry for the Environment (to 2:30)

**Apologies:** Nicci Wood (for lateness only)

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome and apologies	<u>Noted</u> apology and welcomed Ross Nicholson and Jon Schwass on to the group. Dale/Balt	
2. Meeting Notes/Matters Arising	<u>Amended</u> the notes of the meeting on 25 March 2010 to record apologies from Ted Taylor. <u>Agreed</u> that the letter of thanks to Graeme Tong be sent as signed by all members of the group. <u>Noted</u> that responses received from Horowhenua, Kaipara and Gore District Councils identified several areas for improvement in the NZTA SOPs for routine maintenance activities before they would be taken up as a model for local use	<b>Wayne</b> <b>Craig</b>

	<p>(responses passed to Craig for analysis). <u>Noted</u> continuing concerns regarding the draft Planning Guidelines (discussed under item 6). <u>Noted</u> acceptance by SNZ review team of comments on several submissions on DZ4404. <u>Noted</u> that call for further investment in the web-site has been passed to Peter Bailey to present to the Executive. <u>Noted</u> that request for time for a working group presentation to the Forum on 23 April 2010 was unsuccessful.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Craig /Hayden</p>	
3. Work-plan for next twelve months	<p><u>Noted</u> that the current regulatory focus on vehicle emissions as the source of stormwater contamination from road run-off was not addressing significant sources of contaminants, while imposing an extra cost on roading projects. <u>Agreed</u> that there is a clear need for robust and credible guidance for a wider audience than has been reached to date, particularly regional councils and TA planners. <u>Agreed</u> that the group has data that could provide such guidance. <u>Agreed</u> to review the current FAQ series and material already assembled for the Stormwater Standard as a basis for developing better guidance. <u>Agreed</u> to seek presentation time at the regional council's forum and to investigate other presentation opportunities.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ross/Jon</p>	<b>Craig/Wayne</b>
4. Web-site development	<p><u>Noted</u> that the FAQs have been extensively reviewed and continue to be developed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Balt/Nicci</p>	<b>Wayne</b>
5. Report from NZTA on new erosion and sediment control standard.	<p><u>Received</u> a report from Craig. <u>Noted</u> the drafting is nearly completed for a national standard that will meet all regional council criteria and will operate beside the Stormwater Standard, with the release for feedback from the industry through a series of two-day workshops in as many regions as possible expected from late August.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Balt/Dale</p>	
6. Development of Guidelines for Stormwater Treatment for Planners by MoT and MfE	<p><u>Received</u> a report from Hamish (under item 2). <u>Noted</u> that there has been little progress on the draft Guidelines since the meeting of the group on 5 November as a result of a lack of resources, but concerns regarding the robustness of the draft have been noted and there will be a thorough internal review before the draft is released for peer review or technical edit, with this internal review being within three to six months. <u>Agreed</u> that guidelines are needed, but the present draft might be inadequate. Nicci to continue to liaise.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Balt/Craig</p>	<b>Nicci/Hamish</b>

7. Stormwater Seminars	<p><u>Received</u> a report from Hayden. <u>Noted</u> ARC is expecting about 250 practitioners to attend the 21 July seminars on the state of the environment, climate change, LID and associated issues. <u>Noted</u> ARC is still working on the review of technical papers, assessing floating vegetative treatment in ponds in a three-year study, use of crushed mussel-shells in sand filters, and planning a study to define and characterise the “first flush” in road run-off.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Craig/Dale</p>	
8. Research	<p><u>Received</u> a report on the progress of the NIWA project to evaluate innovative stormwater treatment devices. <u>Noted</u> that the study protocols are finalised and the potential devices and sites have been identified.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Balt/Nicci</p>	
9. Web-site use	<p><u>Received</u> a report on the web-site. <u>Noted</u> that the group’s pages and resource were continuing to receive a significant share of the visits to the RCAF web-site. <u>Agreed</u> on the need to keep the web-site current.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Balt/Dale</p>	
10. General business	<p><u>Received</u> a report from Craig and Nicci on the NZIHT ‘Paving the way for greener roads’ conference and from Hayden and Craig on ‘Stormwater 2010’. <u>Noted</u> that, while the ‘greener roads’ conference offered new issues and solutions, the Stormwater 2010 conference seemed to offer nothing new.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Craig/Nicci</p>	
11. Next meeting	<p><u>Agreed</u> that next meeting should be called about the end of August.</p>	<b>Wayne</b>
	<b>Meeting concluded at 4:45.</b>	