

## StAG Subcommittee, 21 January 2014

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RDC, 1061 Haupapa Street, Rotorua, 1:00 PM

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### Present:

- Federated Farmers- Gwyn Morgan, Farmers Collective- Wendy Roe, LWQS- Warren Webber, Stuart Morrison
- Secretariat- Simon Park
- RDC-Paulina Wilhelm
- BOPRC: Sarah Omundsen, Lisa Power, Anna Grayling, Gloria Zamora, Alastair MacCormick

### On Phone:

- StAG Chair- Tanira Kingi

### Apologies:

- Ollie Parsons
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## ACTION LIST:

1. Simon Park to call/email those inadvertently not invited to 21 January 2014 Meeting.
2. Simon Park/Gloria Zamora to add additional invitees to 2014 subcommittee meetings.
3. Alastair MacCormick, Lisa Power and Simon Park to meet on clarifying the number of land titles which are less than 40 hectares.
4. Farmer's Collective will send to Anna Grayling project brief for the comms requirement for funding.
5. Alastair MacCormick will do a breakdown of Rule 11 data on the 40 dry stock farms already completed and their current systems so a consultant can make a judgment call on them.
6. StAG to decide on which option for CCO or Hybrid by February.
7. Anna Grayling will write scope of CCO or Hybrid so that the criteria on how the \$5million can be defined. This scope will be written by March 2014.
8. Paulina Wilhelm will have Mark Rawson call Anna Grayling.
9. Invite Mark Rawson to the next meeting.
10. Simon Park and Andy Bruere will develop draft ToR for Land TAG by March meeting.

## ACTION UPDATE FROM LAST MEETING

1. ToR Land TAG
  - a. Warwick has asked Simon Park & Andy Bruere to develop Land AG draft ToR
  - b. Simon Park & Andy Bruere have met – next step is internal BOPRC meeting in February
2. Clarifying # of land titles under 40 hectares to assist the rule writing for Lisa Power
  - a. Lisa Power sent it to GIS team given that there are a lot of technical issues
  - b. Further needs a joint discussion between Alastair MacCormick, Lisa Power & Simon Park
3. Collective writing to Anna Grayling on farmer support

- a. Farmer's Collective trying to improve communication to farmers a bit wider than collective farmers.
  - b. Farmers Collective have now drafted a job description, with estimated wages of 30K.
    - i. Need help to finance that person. Next meeting in 2 weeks.
  - c. Anna Grayling requested Farmer's Collective to provide a proposal for 30K also will need to include any other funding agencies being sought after to aid in contributing to the 30K.
4. Iwi Engagement-
- a. Anna Grayling reported that many people have been away, no progress since Christmas
  - b. Tanira Kingi recommended for Anna Grayling to contact Hera Smith & Arapeta Tahana to see if there are any Te Arawa meetings in the next month.
  - c. Need to utilize John Fenwick, Neville Nepia and Te Taru White as well
5. Governance & Economic Impact Analysis
- a. Will be covered with next agenda

## AGENDA ITEMS

### Item 1: Methodology for assessing NDA \$ impacts on dairy and drystock farms

- a. Meeting was held 17 January 2014 attended by the following:
  - BOPRC: Alastair MacCormick , Lisa Power , Gloria Zamora
  - Mark Macintosh , AGFirst Consultants Central Ltd
  - Stuart Morrison, Simon Park, Tanira Kingi, Ollie Parsons

**On Phone:**

  - Erica Van Reenen, Sam Howard, Gwyn Morgan

**Apologies:** Neil Heather, Sarah Omundsen
- b. Methodology will be using Farmax & Overseer concurrently
  - Go beyond the NDA and advise what can be funded by incentive fund, noting uncertainty between Overseer version 5 &6
  - Drystock - Alastair needs to do breakdown of Rule 11 data on 40 farms already done and their currents systems Sarah Omundsen a consultant can make a judgment call on them
  - Dairy farm different- lots of info already completed

**Key questions:** How do we take advantage of the information already completed on dairy farms?

- Mark McIntosh to write a project brief which will define further the Project Scope after which will be then sent out for RFP
  - Project brief to be approved by group
- Catchment extrapolation will be Phase 2
- To what degree should we revisit the farm solutions project in the upcoming interviews with farmers?

- Simon Park-If we do, we need to do it in a modest way to optimize the meetings
  - Suggestion to run the numbers on the surplus & then when consultants are in front of farmers the answers are there
- When is Section 32 analysis needed?
  - At Notification phase, and it would need to incorporate catchment extrapolation as well as farm scale analysis
- At what point do we guide decision making process? We have a responsibility to guide the overall package.
- Sarah Omundsen- Mark needs enough guidance on to what Project is...we need to be clear with him (*Sarah Omundsen's idea of what brief should include below*)
  - “The work should be for a project brief rather than an RFP –We may not need to go out for tender depending on the scale of the work. For the project brief I would anticipate Something like:
    - Scope
    - Key questions
    - Objectives
    - Approach and methods
    - Timeframes
  - I would like the project to explore different options for scale – the meeting notes talk about 10 & 10 (dairy & drystock), but I would like to know how many farms you actually need to answer the questions. It might be 3 & 8”
- We should scope farms that are large enough to cover most of the scenarios Sarah Omundsen average farmer can read outcome & get outcomes within reason.
- The # will come out of the work done by Alastair MacCormick
- We need to make sure to look at little farms as well, ex. farms below 40 hectares
  - The bigger the system the more apt to change
  - There are lots of categories, that use their current systems for a certain reason
- Simon Park- Mark will have draft by 24<sup>th</sup> January 2014.
- Analysis needs to also inform the way forward in addition to influence the process, ranges & #'s and how they are used.
- Simon Park- Timeframe – Will be started mid-February and will take approximately take 2 months

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## Item 2: Incentive Update by Anna Grayling (Powerpoint)

1. Option 1 Hybrid Subcommittee- Any name can be chosen
  - a. Have only 1 elected official.
  - b. BOPRC cannot overturn decisions made by the entity as long as decision made within their delegations
  - c. Would be a sub-committee of BOPRC, not RTALSG

- d. Can contract in management team
- 2. Option 2 CCO- Any name can be chosen
  - a. No elected official required
  - b. Independent to an extent. Majority shareholder is BOPRC. All finances & reporting through council.
    - o Will need to renegotiate Deed, could take up to year & half
    - o Key- perception that it's more durable & perceived standalone from Council
    - o Could be more costly with amount of auditing
    - o Can contract or employ management team

**Action:** Group needs to decide on which type by February

- 3. Feedback
  - a. Opinion
    - o Hybrid system is beneficial dovetails councils systems, CCO can do whatever they want
    - o Option to have 1 elected official & 1 member from RTALSG Sarah Omundsen they do not feel like decision making power has been away
  - b. Transparency
  - c. Can subcommittee Spend \$40 million with own discretion?
    - o No limit is set on whatever is delegated to the group
  - d. Simon Park-
    - o Establishing statement of intent is time consuming. In Taupo, this took a long time as there were difference between Regional Council & District Council
    - o Has BOPRC written the outline of what the \$5million will be used for?
      - Anna Grayling - not written because scope isn't developed yet
    - o Scope shouldn't bear any weight on decision on entity
      - Scope needs to be brought up with StAG soon, we need clarity on what \$5 million will be used for (by March)
  - e. Subcommittee should have 3 representatives, RDC, RC, & TALT
  - f. Anna Grayling- Mark Rawson should come to next meeting- Paulina to have Mark Rawson to call Anna Grayling

### Item 3: Rule Development Update- Sarah Omundsen

- 1. Timeframe for draft rules- what can we deliver
  - a. Detailed framework will be delivered to to Council in June. It was intended for the end of March. The additional time is to look at NDA Impact Analysis, Alistair MacCormick data & Warren Webber's data.
    - o Extension will need approval by Warwick Murray
  - b. Farmers most concern is how quickly it is happening...best to really look closely at information. They support the extension
  - c. StAG will really need to understand the draft rules as they will be the ones asked questions by farmers

- d. Sarah Omundsen-Need to get our messaging clear, also in June it's not actual rules...just draft rules.
- e. Major comms engagement beginning in July, major undertaking, need to derive new ways to bring people into this.

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**Item 4: Land TAG Progress Update**

1. Simon Park- Met with Andy B, & had discussions with Tanira. Have received endorsement from Strategy group. Decision was made to look at the options. Request is to have a draft ToR done for March meeting.
  - a. 1st step to get internal BOPRC staff on board
  - b. Land TAG will meet 3-4 times per year & give collective advice on land issues science, iwi knowledge etc... around land stuff.
  - c. Will be looking for a Dr. David Hamilton equivalent in land science to chair group
2. Will there be any StAG input?
  - a. Answer: Not directly but joint StAG – Land TAG sessions possible
3. Andy Bruere will report on Land TAG (and Water TAG) to RTALSG

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**Item 6: StAG Next Agenda for 11 February**

1. Heads up on NDA impact Analysis
2. Land TAG - seek a broad Agreement from StAG in principle to give it momentum
3. Anna's Incentives Entity to be presented
4. Timeline and key milestones

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**Item 7: Additions to Agenda**

1. Addition by Warren Webber - LWQS October symposium discussed options for future. Project Steering Committee (PSC) set up and met last week.
  - a. Very encouraged by the progress of RDC staff's engagement in the process.
  - b. Request for overview of nutrient inputs to lake & what StAG is doing?
  - c. There is some overlap with PSC & the StAG subcommittee.
2. Fertilizer and Lime Research Center conference next month.
  - a. Warren Webber will be presenting a paper- "Evolving to NDA allocations for the Rotorua catchment" Wants to work with StAG to get consensus. Great to have co-author from Collective. Need answer to have abstract in by Friday.
  - b. Gynn Morgan and Wendy Roe have agreed to be co-authors
  - c. Warren Webber will not be speaking on behalf of council or StAG.
  - d. Anna Grayling- given Jon Patterson, Simon Park, and Warren Webber will be doing abstracts for conference...should cross papers so there will be no overlap
3. Tanira Kingi will be speaking at Biological Farming Conference 20/21 February
  - a. Will send abstract through.
  - b. Tanira Kingi will only be speaking, no powerpoint or paper being presented.
4. NZ Herald Journalist-
  - a. Wants to meet with TK NZ Herald
  - b. Journalist has already spoken to Stuart Morrison and Wendy Roe
- c. Simon Park to check with Rachael on this.