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Divisional report for period ended 31 August 2009

This report includes the financial information to 31 August 2009.

It also includes activities that occurred in September 2009.

1. Divisional performance

1.1 Strategic

A Committee report outlines the options for compliance with the Dam Safety Regulations for the Stuart Macaskill Lakes and the seismic enhancement work to ensure water is available for treating for several weeks after a major seismic event. As there are some interdependencies of this project on other projects, the recommendation at this stage is for only part of the work to proceed. It was always intended that the work would be undertaken over two summers, so only one lake is empty at a time. The decision about the amount of enhancement work for Lake 1 can be made in about a year's time when further information is available on other water supply projects.

Statistics New Zealand released their provisional population figures in August for New Zealand for the year ended 30 June 2009. The national increase was 1.1 percent. Details for the cities and districts will be released in November and, based on past figures, it would be reasonable to expect that the population in metropolitan Wellington will have also increased by a similar figure to the national population increase.

1.2 Parks

A draft Parks Network Strategy has been completed and this is attached to a separate Committee report. The timetable is tight in order to complete the review of the parks' plans by the end of September next year.

Results from the 1080 pest control operation in the Hutt Water Collection Area are mentioned in the Manager, Parks' report. Zero and 1 percent residual trap catch results for the Hutt Catchment and Akatarawa Saddle respectively are an extremely good result.

A separate report covers the changes to the draft *Battle Hill Farm Forest Park Management Plan* that were decided by the Committee at its last meeting. This is now ready to go to Council for approval.

A lease to the Kapiti Pony Club at Queen Elizabeth Park was considered by the Committee some months ago but has been on hold, as the extent of land filling in the area was unknown. This fill, that will enhance the area, is being obtained from the double tracking of the railway line between McKay's Crossing and Paraparaumu. Greater Wellington Regional Council receives a small royalty for accepting the fill. Details are outlined in a separate report.

1.3 Marketing and Design

Council approved the Water Supply and Parks' Annual Reports at the end of September, and these are now being printed and distributed.

Several planting events at various parks are mentioned in the manager's report and these are now coming to an end for this year as we move through the spring period.

Each year we have reported on water usage over the June to August period. This removes the vagaries of summer garden watering and any other outdoor activities that are more usually undertaken during the other nine months of the year. In this way we are more able to report on what could be considered is a base flow. It is pleasing to note that the per capita trend over the last 10 years has been downward and averaging about 1 percent a year. It is proposed to review the consumption data used in our sustainable yield model for water supply.

1.4 Water Supply

A pipe failure in Motuhara Road in Plimmerton is mentioned in the manager's report. This is the first significant incident of this type for some time. While the pipe has been repaired, a retaining wall needs to be built and the remaining part of the road reinstated. All up the cost is expected to be well in excess of \$100,000.

A small number of staff attended the Water New Zealand annual conference in September. This conference was well attended and it provided an opportunity to meet with other water industry staff and hear a number of presentations that are relevant to our work. Tony Shaw, the Manager, Development and Strategy, presented a paper on multi-criteria analysis selection for new water sources and several staff were invited to chair sessions. There was also an extensive exhibition by various suppliers to the industry.

1.5 Development and Strategy

Further interest has been expressed in using one of the Water Supply communications ducts for a fibre optic cable. These enquiries come and go but over a period several licences have been entered into. Not only does this provide revenue, it also means that roadways do not have to be disturbed to put a new duct in.

2. Financial results for the period ended 31 August 2009

Last year		This year		
Year to date		Year to date	Full year	Full year
Actual		Actual	Forecast	Budget
\$000s		\$000s	\$000s	\$000s
Water Supply				
4,471	Income	4,525	28,332	28,332
(4,389)	Expenditure	(4,622)	(28,977)	(28,977)
82	Operating surplus (deficit)	(97)	(645)	(645)
Parks				
150	Operations	169	61	61
167	Assets and Compliance	(248)	(723)	(723)
(235)	Support	(18)	17	17
82	Operating surplus (deficit)	(97)	(645)	(645)
Parks				
1,085	Income	1,076	6,508	6,508
(996)	Expenditure	(861)	(6,317)	(6,317)
89	Operating surplus (deficit)	215	191	191

3. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. **Receives the report.**
2. **Notes the content of the report.**

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Attachment 1

Parks', Marketing and Design, Water Supply, and Development and Strategy reports for the period ended 31 August 2009