

MINUTES

SUBJECT	WATERCARE SERVICES BOARD MEETING
VENUE	Boardroom, Level 2, Watercare Services Limited, 73 Remuera Road, Remuera, Auckland
DATE	31 July 2014
TIME	09:00
STATUS	Open Session

	Present:	In Attendance:	Public in Attendance:
	M Allen D Clarke (Chairman) N Crauford P Drummond C Harland J Hoare S Huria A Delany (Board Observer)	R Chenery R Fisher D Hawkins R Jaduram T Langridge B Monk D Worsnop	Two members of the public
1.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M Ford T Lanigan 		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board resolved that the Minutes of the public section of the Board meeting held on 27 June 2014 at 09:00, be confirmed as correct. 		
3.	Directors Corporate Governance Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Planner 2014 <p>The Corporate Planner for 2014 was noted. A list of 2015 dates to be suggested at the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disclosure of Interests <p>Nicola Crawford advised that she had been appointed to the Board of Orion New Zealand Limited.</p>		
4.	Chief Executive's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operations <p>David Worsnop advised that the storage levels are now just under 80%. As such, storage is following the mean curve. He said even in a 1 in 100 year low rainfall situation, service requirements could be met.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance <p>Brian Monk spoke to the report. He said there were no surprises for the full year results. There is a deficit for the year of \$8.39m; this largely results from the unfavourable movement in deferred tax expense of \$38.23m. It was agreed that media responses be prepared and available for the August board meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that the net debt was \$28.3m beneath budget.</p> <p>The board also noted that the average debt per customer is small, approximately one month's average billing.</p>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Correspondence Trish Langridge advised that Watercare works to assist landlords by copying bills to tenants when requested to do so. She advised that there were restrictions with the legacy Hansen system which meant Watercare was unable to split the bill and charge the fixed component of the bill to the landlord and the volumetric charges to the tenant. • Working with Local Boards The Chairman reported on a meeting he chaired with the members of the Franklin Local Board. The condition of the Manukau Harbour was discussed and a Study of the Harbour report tabled which said the causes of contamination of the harbour were not from discharges from the Mangere WWTP. Raveen Jaduram reported on a recent hui attended by numerous iwi and the Mayor, which he and Garry Maskill attended. He said iwi raised the issue of the effects of stormwater on the Manukau Harbour. • Statutory Planning Rob Fisher advised that the Mana Whenua Kaitiaki Forum continued to work well for both iwi and Watercare. The Forum is considering whether it should widen its functions to include Auckland Council in addition to Watercare.
5.	<p>Rural Water and Wastewater Upgrade Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graham Wood spoke to the paper. He said the original spend was expected to be in the order of \$150m to bring inherited water and wastewater plants up to full compliance. That figure was now more likely to be \$175m of which about 41% had been spent to date on upgrades. Watercare remains broadly on track with the timetable for upgrades.
6.	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting closed at 10:10.

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Chairman