

R E P O R T	TO	WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE
	FROM	DRAINAGE MANAGER
	FILE REF	45.499.002 – RE246284.rtf
	DATE	19 APRIL 2006
	SUBJECT	REPORT FOR MARCH 2006

RECOMMENDATION

THAT The report be received

1.0 OPERATIONS

1.1 Spraying (45.499.006)

The drains sprayed in the current financial year are shown in the attached tables.

1.2 Mechanical Cleaning (45.499.005)

The drains machine cleaned in the current financial year are shown in the attached tables.

1.3 Maintenance/Fencing/Culverts (45.499.999)

No significant work was undertaken in the month.

1.4 Pump Operation (45.492.999)

Regular inspection runs were undertaken in this period. A summary of pump hours operation for the current year to date is attached. Total running for all pumps in March was 6 hours. No hours were spent on pump grille cleaning.

1.5 Floodgates (45.491.999)

Regular inspection checks were undertaken. The Ngatea Town gate was cleared twice.

Staff have been unable to arrange a meeting with the landowners on the right bank of the Maukoro Canal whose properties are currently served by floodgates through the stopbank. The ownership and future maintenance responsibilities of these gates is to be confirmed.

1.6 Stopbank Maintenance (45.499.999)

No works were undertaken in the period.

2.0 BYLAW APPROVALS (45.499.999)

Application for a culvert in the Judd Drain (A06) on Front Miranda Road has been requested. The owner is considering his options for the location and type of entrance.

3.0 SUBDIVISIONS COMMENTED ON (45.499.999)

Subdivisions were commented on by the Drainage Manager during the period were as follows:

None.

A report and recommendation on the proposal to take over drains serving individual lots is being developed, and will be discussed with all the drainage committees prior to being reported to Council.

4.0 MIRANDA-WAITAKARURU FORESHORE SB CONSTRUCTION (45.608.001)

4.1 Hot Springs to District Boundary

Some shaping work has been undertaken. There are two wet areas too wet to finish. Grassing will take place next season.

4.2 Hot Springs Canal

Contract documentation is being prepared for the reconstruction of the left bank stopbank of the canal.

4.3 Waitakaruru Stream, Maukoro Canal to SH 25 bridge

Documentation has been delivered to selected contractors with suitable plant and experience to undertake the transport, dumping, compaction and shaping of approximately 6,000 cubic metres of fill to reconstruct the right bank of the Waitakaruru Stream from the Maukoro Canal bridge to the SH 25 bridge over the stream. Material has been arranged with Council's quarry on a free-on-truck basis.

4.4 Karito Canal

Shaping of the material dumped on the left bank may be able to be completed in the late summer.

5.0 NGATEA URBAN DEVELOPMENT (45.A55.999)

5.1 Paul Leonard Drain

Some further land level information has been requested by Council's consultant.

5.2 Ngatea Town Drain - Hauraki Engineering

The proprietor has confirmed that he will be proceeding with the purchase, and will require the work to be done in the next financial year.

5.3 Miller Place Open Drain

The length of open drain north of Miller Place, parallel to Haywards Road will be piped following the cleaning of the drain. Materials have been delivered to the site.

5.4 Ngatea Town Drain Piping, Ngatea Church, Darlington Street

Staff and members met with a representative of the church following the March meeting. It was agreed that a survey of the drain from McDuff Lane to Kohunui Street would be required to confirm the size and level of proposed culverts/piping. The church will be advised of the

estimated cost and cost-sharing options for piping the section of drain immediately downstream of Darlington Street.

6.0 RAINFALL (45.499.999)

A plot of the Ngatea Monthly Rainfall depths since 1993 is attached. The rainfall total for March was 34.5mm. Graphs of the telemetered rain gauge sites operated by Council in Paeroa and the Plains are also attached.

7.0 DRAINAGE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

There were sufficient nominations for the WPDD Committee, so no election will be necessary. The Committee will need to elect a Chairman and Deputy Chairman prior to the April meeting.

Ian McLeod
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