

A G E N D A RĀRANGI TAKE

EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Thursday, 04 April 2024, 1.00pm

Council Chamber Ngatea Service Centre 84 Orchard West Road NGATEA



Membership

Committee Members:

His Worship the Mayor, D A Adams

R P Hunter (Chairperson)

K J Reid (Deputy Chairperson)

K R Caddy

P Schouten

R Webster

A Green

T Nicholson

D Coldicutt

Council Representatives:

Councillor P Buckthought Councillor S Crooymans Councillor N Gray

Hauraki District Council staff:

A de Laborde - Group Manager - Service Delivery

B Stephens - Drainage Overseer

D Plom – Operations Engineer – Team Leader

G Russell - Land Drainage Contractor

C Black - Council Secretary

Waikato Regional Council Staff:

S Clark

J Kocian

Delegations: Eastern Plains Drainage Committee (EPDD)

Membership	Land Drainage Advisory Committee consisting of one Councillor (with an alternate) and representation as scheduled from each of the following Drainage Areas within the Drainage District: One representative (or alternative) of Kopuarahi/Orongo One representative (or alternative) of Horahia Two representatives (or alternative) of Wharepoa Two representatives (or alternatives) of Awaiti Two representatives (or alternatives) of Netherton
Quorum	As per Standing Order 11.2, half the members physically present.
Meeting frequency	The first Thursday every alternate month commencing 1.00pm at the Ngatea Service Centre.

The Council delegates to the Drainage Committee the following powers, duties and responsibilities:

- To make recommendations to the Council on all matters relating to Land Drainage within their District.
- The Eastern Plains Drainage Committee can also make recommendations to Council on urban stormwater matters within their district.
- To make recommendations on Council's operational and capital estimates for Council's Draft Long Term Plan and Draft Annual Plans.
- To provide input to Land Drainage asset planning matters and Land Drainage rating reviews in their respective areas.
- To generally oversee and monitor the Council's annual work programmes within the nominated areas and to assist as necessary or as appropriate in the implementation of approved programmes.
- To facilitate the flow of information between ratepayers and staff.



EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Thursday, 04 April 2024 - 1.00pm

Council Chamber, Ngatea Service Centre, 84 Orchard West Road, Ngatea

Order of Business Pages

1. Apologies | Te hunga kāore I tae

Chair will open the meeting and call for apologies.

2. <u>Declarations of Late Items| Whākī pānga</u>

(Late items can only be accepted if the item requires a decision of the Committee)

- 3. <u>Confirmation of Minutes | Te Whakaū i ngā Meneti</u>
- 3.1 Eastern Plains District Drainage Committee Minutes 01-02-2024
- 4. Reporting (for information) | Ngā Pūrongo Whakamārama
- 4.1 Waikato Regional Council Verbal Update on Activities (WRC representatives)
- 4.2 Eastern Plains Drainage Activity and Financial Report Jan and Feb 2024
- 5. <u>Member's Feedback on Drainage Matters in their Respective Areas</u>

 <u>| Ko nga korero a nga mema mo nga take whakaheke wai i o raatau rohe</u>

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EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NGATEA SERVICE CENTRE, 84 ORCHARD WEST ROAD, NGATEA ON THURSDAY, 01 FEBRUARY 2024 COMMENCING AT 1.00PM

PRESENT R Hunter (Chairperson), K J Reid (Deputy Chairperson), K R Caddy, A

Green, P Schouten, R Webster, Cr P Buckthought (Council

Representative) and S Crooymans (Council Representative)

IN ATTENDANCE J Kocian (WRC Zone Manager - Hauraki/Coromandel, Integrated

Catchment Management), G Russell (Land Drainage Contractor), D Plom (Operations Engineer/Team Leader), B Stephens (Drainage

Overseer) and C Black (Council Secretary)

APOLOGIES | Te hunga kāore I tae

RESOLVED

THAT the apology of Cr. N Gray and T Nicholson be received and sustained.

EPDD24/01 Reid/Caddy CARRIED

LATE ITEMS | Whākī Pānga

There were no late items.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES | Te Whakaū i ngā Meneti

EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MINUTES - 02-11-2024 - 3535433

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee held on Thursday, 02 November 2024 are received and confirmed as a true and correct record.

EPDD24/02 Buckthought/Webster **CARRIED**

WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE ON OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES - February 2024

Jodie Kocian provided an overview of operational activities to date.

- Regional Coastal Plan Council submissions are on WRC website. Jodie will send out link.
- LTP process workshop held this week over 5 days. Infrastructure Strategy 50-year outlook of flood protection and land drainage assets has been thoroughly revised. Holistic view to bring in some of the carbon emissions and climate change and peat subsidence, how WRC propose to deal with it. Once Council has approved the document for public consultation, it will be released with the LTP documentation. Suggested HDC and landowners review and submit on the strategy.

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 Capital projects – asset rationalisation is continuing. All earthworks carried out over Xmas are on track. Inlet pond is completed. Issue found with one of the cofferdams that has delayed work schedule. This issue has been resolved now so contractors can continue. Timeline for completion is for this winter. Decommissioning of old floodgates will be undertaken next summer.

- Rainfall over Xmas resulted in a pump being required at O'Carroll's.
- Issue related to traffic management plans for paper roads or unformed roads HDC
 Transport dept. has requested corridor access requests and traffic management
 plans to be submitted before any work can be undertaken. Both HDC and WRC
 need to align to the same requirements. The work is on a paper road but nowhere
 near a formed road. There is a need to review where these roads actually are and
 to tailor programmes to meet the requirements.

RESOLVED

THAT the Waikato Regional Council update on operations for February 2204 be received.

EPDD24/03 Hunter/Green <u>CARRIED</u>

<u>DRAINAGE REPORT - OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2023 AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 6 MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2023 - 3561134</u>

The Land Drainage Contractor and Drainage Overseer presented the land drainage activity report for the period October – December 2023 and Financial Report for the six months to 31 December.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

EPDD24/04 Caddy/Reid CARRIED

Drainage Overseer

- Spray programme commenced in November.
- Digger required in lower H-drain to remove Parrot Feather weed.
- Helicopter spraying should commence next week.
- All floodgates have currently been inspected. Culverts identified as an issue have been added for inspection to check for blockages.

Drainage Contractor

- Dry period, less than average rain to end of December. Paeroa experienced a significant localised event at the end of October so pump operation increased in November.
- Financial statement to end of December 2023 spraying and machine cleaning is well within budget and expenditure for the area for this time of the year is also within budget.
- Depreciation has been phased.

Member's feedback on drainage matters in their areas:

The members were invited to raise any matters requiring consideration within their designated drainage areas.

- Kim Reid cleaned H drain lower reaches. Helicopter will being spraying Thursday,
 8 February weather permitting. Awaiti sprayed Nov/Dec and was a good kill.
 Parrot Feather weed floats on the surface.
- Andrew Green Hamilton Road drain blocking up so water is not moving even after spraying. Arlidge's ongoing matter – details of a solution have been progressed and discussion be held with Land Drainage Contractor following the meeting. Drain has been changed by planting along drain.
- Richard Webster no issues of significance.
- Cr. Crooymans Kerepehi Extension asked why the high pump hours. Drainage Overseer advised probe levels are as per design and pump acts as duty pump for the entire Reservoir catchment.
- Peter Schouten south catchment needs spraying as weed growth is dense outside his farmhouse. Requested that the drain be mechanically cleaned every year.
- Roger Hunter Cox's floodgate not draining well after rain. In addition, Tony Way has put in three service requests regarding the Piako Road where there has been significant ponding but has not received any feedback from Council to date.

The meeting closed at 1.44pm.

CONFIRMED

R Hunter Chairperson

4 April 2024

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FOR INFORMATION NGĀ MŌHIOTANGA



To Eastern Plains Drainage Committee

Author Guy Russell

Land Drainage Engineer

Meeting date 04 April 2024

File reference Document: 3586837

Appendix A: Ngatea rainfall figures

Appendix B: Pump running hours for 2023/24
Appendix C: Financial statements to February 2024

Subject Eastern Plains land drainage activity report, January and February

2024

1 TE WHAIKUPU | RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the Committee

a) Receives the report titled "Eastern Plains land drainage activity report, January and February 2024", (document number 3586837).

2 TE WHAKARĀPOPOTANGA | SUMMARY

This Report covers drainage activities in the Eastern Plains drainage area for the period of January and February 2024.

Rainfall over the last two months has been about average, so the spray programme continues to keep on top of summer growth.

3 TE ARONGA | PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee an update on the operations and capital work pertaining to the Land Drainage and Flood Protection activities in the Eastern Plains drainage area for the months of January and February 2024.

4 WHAKAPAPA | BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

Hauraki District Council provides infrastructure for the land drainage and flood protection activity in four constituted drainage areas within its district in conjunction with Waikato Regional Council. The land drainage service is provided to over 47,000 ha of highly productive pastoral land and the activity aims primarily to ensure the productive capability of the land.

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The land drainage and flood protection network is comprised of stopbanks, floodgates, pump stations and land drains.

In general assets are classified as flood protection (primary) or drainage (secondary) assets. The Eastern Plains drainage area consists of both flood protection assets and drainage assets that are the responsibility of Hauraki District Council, plus flood protection assets that are the responsibility of Waikato Regional Council.

The continuous maintenance of the assets is critical for their ability to perform as expected and the maintenance and capital activities are reported to Council through these information reports.

5 OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY

Vegetation Control

Spraying continues as weather allows and 156.5km of drains have been sprayed so far, about 56% of the total length of drains in the Eastern Plains area.

Mechanical Cleaning

No drain cleaning work has occurred in January or February 2024.

Other works

Routine maintenance and inspections of stopbanks, floodgates and culverts have been undertaken. Pumpstations have continued to be checked to keep them operationally ready.

Bylaw Approvals

Bylaw approvals were granted in the period as follows:

Culverts: Nil Other: Nil

Subdivisions Commented On

Subdivisions commented on during the period as follows:

Nil

Rainfall

Rainfall figures for Ngatea are attached as Appendix A. The information includes the year to date rainfall to the end of February 2024.

January had 75mm (119% of average), and February had 56mm (81% of average). The total rainfall since July 2023 is running at 86% of average and is continuing to look like another year of less than average rainfall.

The highest depth of rainfall recorded in 24 hours was 42mm on 15 January 2024, and as a consequence there has been no flooding issues and no days when water has not been cleared from the surface of the land within 3 days.

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Pump Operation

The pumps have done little or no operating in January and February. The pump metres were read in mid-January when staff returned from leave, so the December hours may be a bit high and January hours may be low.

January recorded 68 hours when the average is 200 hours, some 34% of average. February's running saw 42 hours when the average is 167 hours, some 25% of average.

Details so far this year are shown in Appendix B.

Financials

Financial reports for the 2023/24 financial year to the end of February 2024 are attached as Appendix C. Current expenditure remains less than the phased budget due to the amount of spraying, mechanical cleaning and pump running that has occurred to date being less than the phased budget. Expenditure at year's end is also expected to remain within budget

Landowner enquiries

Staff have received a service request from a landowner, in the Reservoir canal area, for the landowners to be notified by a letterbox drop prior to the helicopter spraying. The request explained that the smaller blocks have some expensive livestock and they would appreciate better notification.

Notification of HDC's intention to undertake a spray programme from land and a helicopter is undertaken every year in October or November through the newspaper, prior to the spray programme commencing. No specific notification has previously been provided for the helicopter spray.

Staff would appreciate the Committee members feedback on the issue raised.

Diversion of Price Drain

The Price drain (C57) is located north of Kerepehi and drains an area of land east of SH2, beneath the highway and down to the Piako River through Price's floodgate. Immediately upstream of SH2 the drain passes through a 2.4 hectare lifestyle block, created in 1999, and serves two upstream farm properties.

The lifestyle block is intensively used with driveways, vehicle parking areas, a house and other buildings that support a small business, all adjacent to the Price drain. The area of the property in pasture is subdivided into small paddocks with trees planted along fence lines and along the Price drain. The adjacent farm property also has trees along their side of the Price drain.

Access to the drain within the lifestyle block, and the ability to deposit cleanings is limited due to the property developments and the trees. Spraying is currently undertaken with hand held equipment.

The issue has previously been discussed by this committee and a proposal to divert the drain along the boundary between the two properties has been developed. Staff have held discussions with the two landowners involved and agreement on the details of the physical work required has been reached. The approach taken includes that the landowners would undertake identified tasks at their cost and HDC would excavate the new drain and supply and install the two new culverts. The work tasks involve:

Removing and disposal of existing fences
 Removing and disposing of trees from existing Price drain
 Removing and disposal of trees from new drain alignment

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• Providing access to the areas of work Landowners

• Excavating spoil from the new drain alignment and loading trailers **HDC**

• Carting and filling the redundant drain alignment Landowners

• Supply and installation of two new culverts **HDC**

• Supply and erection of new fences

Landowners Spreading filled drain area and re-grassing Landowner

The locality of the existing Price drain and the proposed new work is detailed in Figure 1 below.

Figure 1: Proposed Price drain re-alignment details



The estimated cost of the work is:

Landowners work tasks \$17,500 HDC drain excavation and culverts \$20,600 Total project value \$38,100

The existing mechanical cleaning budget for the Eastern Plains drainage area is \$109,000 and the current committed work totals \$55,000, so there is adequate budget to allow the work to happen.

The catchment upstream of the proposed diversion is approximately 70 hectares so the activity of diversion of water is permitted under the Waikato Regional Plan.

Discussion on the proposal and Committee members' feedback is sought.

WHAKAPAI | APPROVAL 6

Prepared by	Guy Russell Land Drainage Engineer
Reviewed by	David Plom Operations Engineer Team Leader, Service Delivery
Approved by	Adrian de Laborde Service Delivery Manager

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APPENDIX A

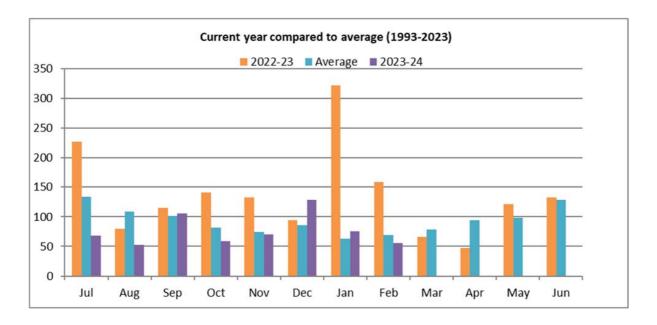
Ngatea Rainfall Figures; 1993 to present

Ngate	a Mon	thly Ra	ainfall		Haywar	ds Roa	d (to 19	99). HD	C Depo	t (2000	on)		
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
1993	36.0	28.5	95.0	50.0	123.0	181.5	8.0	111.0	58.0	37.0	100.0	28.5	857
1994	81.0	47.5	51.5	64.0	78.0	116.0	155.0	100.5	153.0	112.5	30.0	26.5	1016
1995	37.0	71.0	196.5	245.5	88.5	181.0	203.5	74.0	73.0	94.0	136.5	128.5	1529
1996	29.5	89.5	88.5	227.5	82.0	166.5	137.5	147.0	149.0	34.0	72.5	222.0	1446
1997	4.5	51.0	195.0	58.0	97.5	138.5	64.5	65.5	221.5	61.0	39.0	49.0	1045
1998	12.0	97.0	67.0	48.0	56.5	97.0	299.0	104.0	48.0	100.0	85.0	89.0	1103
1999	81.0	28.0	81.0	91.0	45.0	94.5	142.0	132.0	88.0	53.0	206.5	109.5	1152
2000	60.0	11.5	52.5	171.0	85.0	75.5	154.5	114.0	97.5	48.0	96.5	79.0	1045
2001	16.5	156.5	49.0	169.0	165.5	50.0	74.5	121.0	47.5	134.0	114.0	177.0	1275
2002	117.0	39.5	50.5	62.0	61.0	168.5	135.0	79.0	75.5	73.0	34.5	54.0	950
2003	110.0	105.0	102.0	134.0	73.0	124.5	101.5	58.5	155.0	107.0	36.5	111.5	1219
2004	98.5	230.0	11.5	21.0	175.5	106.5	120.5	112.0	119.0	80.0	56.0	130.5	1261
2005	30.5	32.0	32.5	7.0	147.5	118.0	152.5	59.0	87.0	145.5	65.5	107.0	984
2006	37.0	47.5	34.5	120.0	82.0	86.0	76.0	108.0	57.0	90.5	64.0	36.0	839
2007	56.0	27.0	146.0	45.0	41.0	92.0	281.0	95.0	68.5	76.0	40.0	53.0	1021
2008	2.0	35.0	40.5	146.5	71.0	152.5	253.0	166.0	52.0	94.0	47.0	61.0	1121
2009	59.0	120.0	30.0	72.0	91.0	150.0	124.0	91.0	85.0	119.0	35.0	81.0	1057
2010	63.0	4.0	13.0	44.0	139.0	230.5	90.0	229.0	146.0	18.0	28.0	62.0	1067
2011	270.0	9.0	172.0	85.0	101.0	110.0	127.0	57.0	74.0	76.0	15.0	157.0	1253
2012	63.0	82.0	130.0	39.0	111.0	52.0	179.0	130.0	85.0	69.0	71.0	64.0	1075
2013	2.0	17.0	23.0	128.0	162.0	117.0	48.0	122.0	133.0	41.0	104.0	96.0	993
2014	41.0	8.0	35.0	98.0	42.0	237.0	109.0	110.0	137.0	73.0	50.0	72.0	1012
2015	10.0	44.0	79.0	114.0	136.0	59.0	121.0	185.0	96.0	51.0	125.0	19.0	1039
2016	103.0	167.0	39.0	51.0	96.0	137.0	152.0	100.0	162.0	82.0	66.0	50.0	1205
2017	24.0	107.0	341.0	255.0	142.0	63.0	131.0	98.0	127.0	117.0	50.0	9.0	1464
2018	100.0	213.0	49.0	127.0	106.0	175.0	116.0	119.0	46.0	134.0	93.0	228.0	1506
2019	21.0	15.0	40.0	98.0	52.0	59.0	128.0	157.0	105.0	84.0	40.0	54.0	853
2020	10.0	15.0	43.0	25.0	83.0	264.0	85.0	116.0	43.0	23.0	114.0	30.0	851
2021	47.0	33.0	50.0	39.0	94.0	104.0	83.0	71.0	132.0	116.0	84.0	67.0	920
2022	18.0	57.0	29.0	21.0	99.0	144.0	227.0	80.0	115.0	141.0	133.0	94.0	1158
2023	322.0	159.0	66.0	47.0	121.0	133.0	68.0	53.0	106.0	59.0	70.0	128.0	1332
2024	75.0	56.0											
Ave.	63	69	78	94	98	128	134	109	101	82	74	86	1110
Max	322	230	341	255	176	264	299	229	222	146	207	228	1529
Min.	2	4	12	7	41	50	8	53	43	18	15	9	839

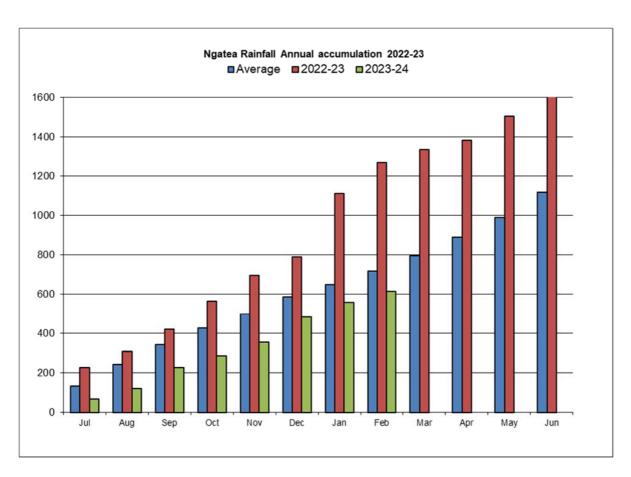
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Ngatea Rainfall; Current year compared to last year & average, by month

Monthly totals for 2023 – 2024 year so far



Ngatea Rainfall; Monthly accumulation compared to last year & average Monthly accumulation for 2023 – 2024 year so far



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APPENDIX C

Eastern Plains Drainage District							
inancial Report for 8 month to 29 February 2024							
	Total	Budget	AIVTD	Verience	YTD	Total	Note
tem	Budget	YTD	Actual YTD	Variance	Budget	Budget	Note
PRAINAGE OPERATIONS (egetation Control							
rea 1	72,380	48,253	7,761	40,492			
Area 2	0	0	4,427	(4,427)			
Area 3	0	0	6,806	(6,806)			
Area 4	0	0	5,702	(5,702)			
rea 5 OTAL	72,380	0 48,253	3,067 27,76 4	(3,067) 20,490	58%	38%	
	/2,300	40,233	2/,/04	20,490	50/0	3070	
Mechanical Cleaning			- 0				
Area 1 Area 2	109,000	72 , 667 0	538 2,518	72,129 (2,518)			
Area 3	0	0	2,510	(2,510)			
rea 4	0	0	0	0			
rea 5	0	0	12,928	(12,928)			
OTAL	109,000	72,667	15,983	56,684	22%	15%	
Maintenance/Fencing/Culverts							
Area 1	7,755	5,170	0	5,170			
Area 2	0	0	440	(440)			
Area 3	0	0	385	(385)			
Area 4	0	0	0	0			
Area 5	0	0	0	0			
OTAL DRAIN MAINTENANCE	7,755	5,170	825	4,345	16%	11%	
OTAL DRAIN MAINTENANCE	189,135	126,090	44,571	81,519	35%	24%	
umps							
General	23,700	15,800	29,711	(13,911)	188%	125%	
PDD Pumps	84,020	56,013	21,181	34,833	38%	25%	
OTAL	107,720	71,813	50,892	20,922	71%	47%	
loodgates							
loodgates	4,715	3,143	8,993	(5,849)	286%	191%	
TOTAL	4,715	3,143	8,993	(5,849)	286%	191%	
Stopbanks							
Fributary Banks				0			
OTAL	0	0	0	0			
Other	0-			- (-04	-04	
Veather Events Asset Liaison	2,585 3,900	1,723 2,600	90 1,155	1,633 1,445	5% 44%	3% 30%	
Consent Monitoring	0	0	0	0	44/0	3070	
Pata Collection	2,000	1,333	1,614	(281)	121%	81%	
Pata Maintenenance	3,265	2,177	0	2,177	0%	0%	
Poutine Inspection	0	0	0	0			
Orain Inspection	5,000	3,333	3,770	(437)	113%	75%	
lates	0	0	0	0			
Pump Operation	0	0	0	0	04	04	
Meeting Expenses	2,660	1,773	1,980	(207)	112%	74% 9%	
OTAL	5,572 24,982	3,7 ¹ 5 16,655	494 9,10 3	3,220 7,55 1	55%	36%	
OTAL OPERATING	326,552	217,701	113,559	104,142	52%	35%	
	- 133		2,333		-		
Overheads Overheads	02.711	61,807	61,808	(1)	100%	67%	
OTAL	92,711 92,711	61,807	61,808	(1) (1)	100%	67%	
	321/11	51,007	31,000	(-)	10070	5,75	
Depreciation	-0				07	C-04	
Depreciation OTAL	38,206 38,206	25,471	25,471 25,471	0	100%	67% 67%	
	30,200	25,471	25,471	J	10070	0/70	
nterest							
nterest	(17,450)	(11,633)	0	(11,633)	0%	0%	
OTAL	(17,450)	(11,633)	0	(11,633)	o%	0%	
OTAL EXPENDITURE	440,019	293,346	200,838	92,508	68%	46%	
tates Funding - EPDD	(430,845)	(287,230)	(287,230)	0	100%	67%	
Opening Balance as at 01/07/2023	(506,035)		(506,035)	D-1		the second	
Operating movement	9,174 (28,206)			Rates at budg	ecea value at	riis point	
Add back Depreciation Capital Movement: Drainage - Eastern Plains	(38,206) o		(25,471) 0				
and the contract of the contra		_					
Projected Closing Balance	(535,067)		(617,898)				