

**MINUTES OF CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
HELD AT THE CARTERTON EVENTS CENTRE, 50 HOLLOWAY ST, CARTERTON
ON WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH 2025 AT 11:00 AM**

PRESENT: Mayor Ron Mark, Deputy Mayor Steve Cretney, Cr Brian Deller, Cr Robyn Cherry-Campbell, Cr Grace Ayling, Cr Lou Newman, Cr Steve Laurence, Cr Steve Gallon

IN ATTENDANCE: Geoff Hamilton (Chief Executive), Karon Ashforth (Corporate Services Manager), Johannes Ferreira (Infrastructure Services Manager), Solitaire Robertson (Planning and Regulatory Services Manager), Geri Brooking (People and Wellbeing Manager), Glenda Seville (Community Services and Facilities Manager), Marcus Anselm (Communications and Engagement Manager), Sara Renall (Communications and Engagement Advisor), Robyn Blue (Democratic Services Officer), Katrina King (Democratic Services Officer)

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0.0 WORKSHOP - WAINGAWA WATER STORAGE PROJECT

1. PURPOSE

To provide feedback on the Waingawa Water Storage Project.

- On Thursday 27 February 2025, Mayor Mark, and Deputy Mayor Cretney hosted a site visit with the Hon Mark Patterson, Mike Butterick MP, Shane Wratt – Kānoa, and Karen Williams – CEO Irrigation NZ to the Waingawa Process Water Storage site.
- A report has been commissioned from Vitruvius to assess whether water storage is possible on land at Waingawa, and to determine high-level cost estimates. Options eligible for the Regional Infrastructure Fund were preferred, as co-investment will be necessary.
- The optimum size of water storage was also assessed by considering the land area, topography, and water “take” available under existing resource consents.
- The following water storage options were considered for the site:
 - Option 1: Taratahi Water Race Scheme Irrigation Water Storage
 - Option 2: Waingawa Industrial Estate Process Water Storage
 - Option 3: Combined Purpose Water Storage
 - Option 4: Carterton municipal drinking water and fire water supply.
 - Option 5: Masterton municipal drinking water and fire water supply.
- A 1,200,000m³ seasonal irrigation water storage to supplement the Taratahi Water Race Scheme in summer (Option 1)
- A 28,800m³ process water storage to supply the remaining 120ha of undeveloped industrial zone land at the Waingawa Industrial Estate to a level that would support very heavy water use industries (Option 2)
- A 270,000 m³ combination of the above two water systems (options 3)

- Municipal water storage to support the Carterton (option 4) and Masterton (options 5) urban networks.

The preferred option identified was **Option 3**.

The next step is for CDC to approve an operational budget and progress an application to the Regional Infrastructure Fund, and engage a provider to support the development of the business case and other actions required. The application needs to be finalised by May 2025, with allocations made by July 2025.

CDC already has consent to take water from the Water Race. The project would be beneficial to the water race, by increased water being available in summer. The project also has the potential to benefit the whole of the Wairairapa.

CDC will need to progress a lease agreement / MOU with the landowner.

Robin Potangaroa from Ngāti Kahungunu-ki – Wairarapa has identified that on behalf of his iwi there was support for the water storage project, as did Jo Hayes from Rangitāne o Wairarapa.