



MATATA UPDATE

WEEKLY MATATA PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the weekly project newsletter.

Question

What is the risk of debris flows from the Waimea catchment?

Answer

Like all catchments along the Matata escarpment there is a hazard due to the topography and geology of the catchment, and a risk of future debris flows.

In 2005 Institute of Geology and Nuclear Science (IGNS) identified that the sediment supply of the Waimea catchment was not depleted in the May 2005 event, and that it is possible for debris to flow out onto its fan.

It is noted that the other catchments also still represent debris flow hazards even after the May 2005 event.

The fact that the Waimea catchment did not experience a debris flow in May 2005 was in part due to the path of the most intense rainfall, which did not cross the Waimea catchment.

The Waimea catchment is smaller than the Waitepuru and Awatarariki. The Waimea stream is equivalent to 25% of the Waitepuru and 10% of the Awatarariki stream, therefore the potential scale of any future event is significantly less than those generated from the other larger catchments.

Hearing—Resource consent application for Awatarariki Stream and Te Awa o te Atua Lagoon Restoration Works and Debris Disposal Area

A reminder that the first resource consent application hearing will be held on Wednesday 1 August 2007 commencing at 10am.

If further hearing days are required the hearing will resume at 9am on Thursday 2 and if necessary Friday 3 August 2007.

Annual Plan 2007/08

The 2007/08 Annual Plan was adopted on 29 June 2007. Rates across the District will increase on

average by 11.60%. This rate increase is not uniform across the District, individual rates will differ depending upon where you live and the services you receive.

The key information relating to the 2007/08 Annual Plan will be summarised in an edition of Byways which will be circulated shortly.

Community response to the draft Annual Plan was encouraging, nearly 300 submissions were received. Residents that made submissions will receive a response to their individual submissions within the next few weeks.

Hazard Mitigation Policy Review

The Council received a number of submissions to the draft Annual Plan regarding the apportionment of costs for the Otarawairere/West End Stormwater/Wastewater disposal project.

The Council has decided to review this policy in the 2007/08 year. While the initial focus will be on the policy as it applies to Otarawairere/West End, reviews are also planned in regard to mitigation projects in other areas over the 2007/08 financial year.

You will have an opportunity to participate in this review, further details will be circulated at the time of the review.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

IMPORTANT DATES

01 August 2007

Hearing date for the Lagoon
Restoration and Debris Disposal
resource consent
applications

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