

## StAG Subcommittee, 26 March 2014

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**BORPC, 1125 Arawa St. Rotorua, 10:10 am**

**Present:** Collective Reps Stuart Morrison and Wendy Roe; Dairy NZ: Ollie Parsons (on Phone); Tanira Kingi StAG Chairman (on phone in-part); BOPRC: Sarah Omundsen, Stephen Lamb, Sandra Barns, Anna Grayling; Simon Park (Subcommittee Chair) and Gloria Zamora.

### Previous Minutes, actions

- General Business Items:
  - Update Status of Oturoa Agreement
  - Update on Science Review process
- Previous Action List (11 March) – all completed or on today's agenda

### ACTION LIST:

1. Sarah Omundsen: Invite Councillors to StAG meetings
2. Ollie Parsons: Send DairyNZ economic value assessment for Rotorua District
3. Sandra Barns: Set up meeting with RDC and Robin around the economics of TDRs and aligning with N trading and Incentives.
4. Tanira: Speak with John Green on StAG - Grow Rotorua interaction.
5. Anna Grayling: to set up meeting before next StAG with GR, BOPRC and StAG subcommittee
6. StAG members to provide feedback to Simon on Draft Land TAG ToR
7. Sarah Omundsen: Discuss science review timing with David Hamilton and Andy Bruere, report to late April StAG subcommittee.
8. Lisa Power: Lead rules discussion at April StAG with support from Simon and Sarah.
9. Sarah to initiate a project looking at the science review process

### Agenda items

#### **Item 1: Feedback from BOPRC workshop and field trip on 25 March 2014**

1. Councillors got into detail around rules, nutrient trading and managed reduction. Further workshops and briefings for Councillors will be scheduled prior to June 24 Council meeting.
2. Concern that StAG understanding not extended to wider community
3. Need to find synergies between incentives and nutrient trading so targets are met.
4. Government asking about farmer costs and investments to meet their NDA, noting NDA impact work is underway now and due early May, with subsequent catchment-scale modelling.
5. N trading discussion on merits and timing.

#### **Item 2: Validation/Calibration of Overseer: Tanira Kingi**

1. Sarah progressing discussion on calibration issues with AgResearch management with input from Tanira and Overseer GM – expect a meeting in next 3 weeks.
2. BORPC looking at bringing regional councils together to look at the collective needs for Overseer.

#### **Item 3: Grow Rotorua Liaison - Tanira Kingi**

1. Mutual acknowledgement on the need for better alignment between GR and StAG/BOPRC on common interests. Need to avoid getting ahead of draft policy development.

**ACTION:** Tanira to speak with John Green

2. See item 5 for further GR discussion

#### **Item 4: Report back on \$5.5 million from 11 March StAG discussion - Barns/Grayling**

1. The StAG feedback on how the \$5.5m could be split were mainly yes/no, not % splits.
2. High level support around funding consents, farm nutrient plans and direct farm costs
3. Business plan option - mixed responses
4. Concern about funding research and possible duplication of research efforts elsewhere

#### **Item 5: Visit from Grow Rotorua's Francis Pauwels and Mark Smith**

1. Need for alignment with different agencies to understand what each is doing.
2. GR currently looking at agriculture sector
3. Press release tomorrow (28 March) with Comvita on Manuka honey
4. A February coordination meeting was held with TPK, TAPS, TTP ("joining the dots")
5. Current GR work includes: what sort of crops, channels to market, processing opportunities, what areas to look at further. No financial analysis at this point
6. It would have been useful to know about Jon Manhire's work. Francis will make this available when it has been finalised.

**ACTION:** Anna Grayling to set up meeting before next StAG with GR, BOPRC and StAG subcommittee

#### **Item 6: Land TAG ToR - Simon Park**

1. Draft was pre-circulated to subcommittee members – modest but positive feedback so far.
2. BOPRC management to advise on reporting lines to cover both lakes and regional issues
3. Paper to next RTALSG group even though it will be a "regional" Land TAG.

**ACTION:** Members to provide feedback to Simon plus discuss at April 10 StAG.

#### **Item 7-10**

Insufficient time to discuss but key points noted by Simon:

1. Farm Nutrient Plan internal BOPRC meeting held 24 March and FNP working group will be set up. External input is needed and will be raised at StAG 10 April.
2. Scope of rules workshop at April StAG, building on "managed reduction" options

**ACTION:** Lisa to lead rules discussion at April StAG with support from Simon and Sarah.

3. Need to look at costs around consents and FNPs so some decisions are to be made e.g. StAG endorsement on preferred approach.

#### **Item 11: General Business – science review**

1. The ongoing science "rolling review" is understood at a high level, but the process needs to be stepped out so the community is clear what will happen and by when. Also need specific dates in regard to the 5 year reviews anticipated by the Oturoa Agreement
2. Farmers still question the role of N relative to P and if new science shows other N and P combinations meeting the TLI, they want to know that reduction targets could be reviewed
3. Request that science information be made more available to farmers.

**ACTION:** Sarah to discuss science review timing with David Hamilton and Andy Bruere, report to late April StAG subcommittee

**ACTION:** Sarah to initiate a project looking at the science review process

Meeting closed: 12:40pm