

Chairperson and Committee Members
REGULATORY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Purpose of Report: For Information

NOVEMBER 2015 UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report summarises activities carried out since the last update provided to the Regulatory Management Committee on 6 October 2015.

DELEGATION

- 2 This report is for information purposes and does not seek a decision.

BACKGROUND

- 3 On 24 July 2014, the Council chose Option 4 recommended by the Independent Review of the Proposed District Plan (PDP). This option continues with a modified PDP process which addresses the Plan as a whole using the 'basket of tools' available to the Council.

EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

- 4 The following table lists the external engagement activities that have taken place since the last update which recorded activities up to 23 September 2015. Meeting notes and actions are recorded at each of these meetings and will inform the officers' Section 42A reports to be written for the hearings.

Date	Who	Chapter / topic
13 October	Transpower and Federated Farmers	11 - Infrastructure
14 October	Kapiti-Mana Forest & Bird	3 - Natural environment 7 - Rural environment
15 October	Landlink	5 - Living zones 12 - General provisions
19 October	Ecological Open Day - multiple submitters	3 - Natural environment
4 November	Submitter reference group - ecological sites	3 - Natural environment

- 5 Figure 1 below shows the number of submitter meetings per chapter that have occurred, or are scheduled to occur, since the release of the SEV on 15 June 2015. Some meetings cover more than one chapter.

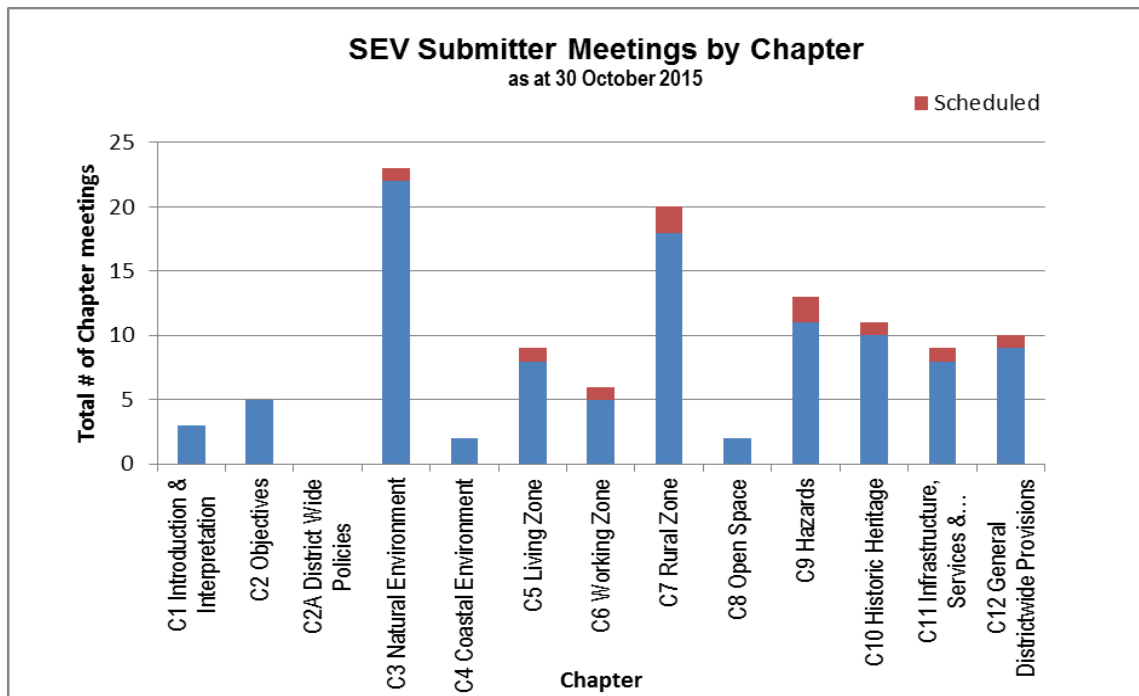


Figure 1

6 Figure 2 below shows the total number of submitter meetings that have occurred per month since the release of the SEV.

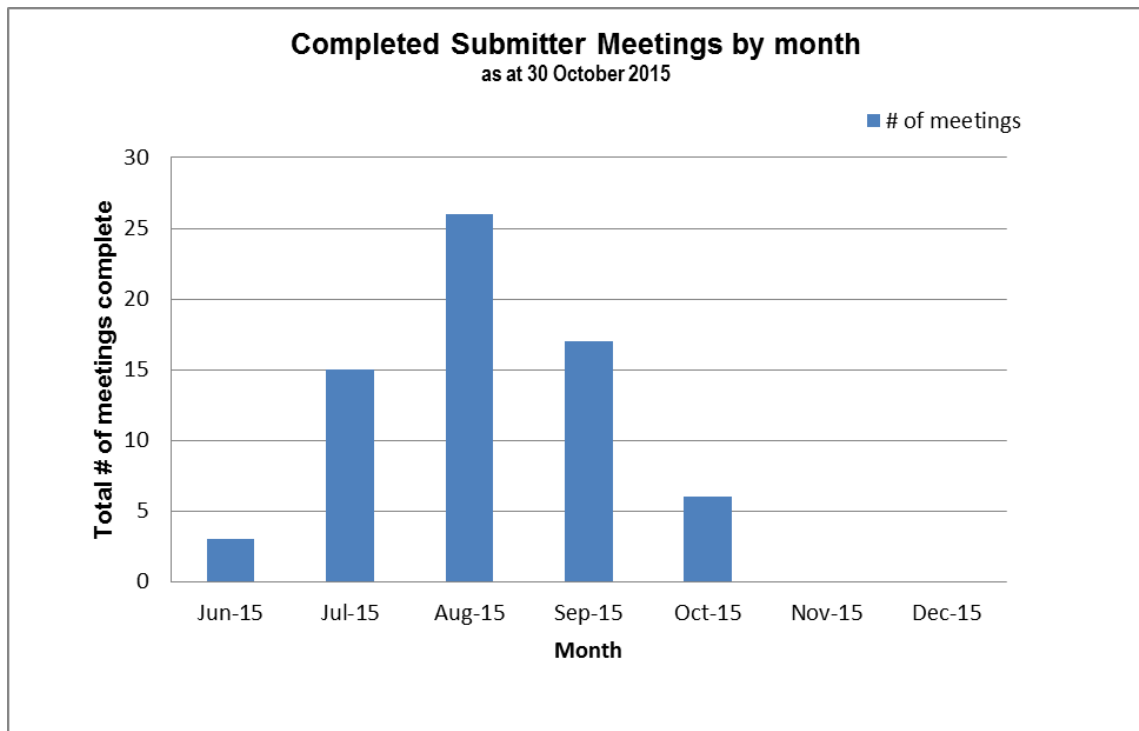


Figure 2

TE OHU TAI AO

7 On 25 August, Te Whakaminenga O Kāpiti appointed Te Ohu Taiao to provide iwi input into the PDP. Since its appointment Te Ohu Taiao have had a series of

workshops with Chapter Leads to understand and provide comments on changes made in the Submitter Engagement Version (SEV) of the PDP.

8 Workshops on the following topics have already taken place:

- Chapter 2 - Objectives
- Chapter 3 - Natural Environment
- Chapter 3 (Chapter 4 in PDP) - Coastal Environment
- Chapter 7 - Rural Zones
- Chapter 8 - Open Space
- Chapter 9 - Hazards
- Chapter 10 - Historic Heritage
- Chapter 11 - Infrastructure
- Chapter 12 - General Plan Provisions
- Airport Plan Change - Briefing only

9 In addition to the above, Te Ohu Taiao attended the PDP prehearing meeting on Outstanding Natural Landscapes on 14 September, and are also being briefed on upcoming areas of work that may be of interest to iwi, some of which will feed into the PDP process.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

10 Other activities undertaken by the PDP team since the last update include:

- The Proposed Urban Tree Variation closed for submissions on 30 October and 34 submissions were received.
- Report to 15 October meeting of Council recommending appointment of the final three commissioners (including the appointment of Miria Pomare as Iwi Commissioner) for the PDP hearings panel. The Council appointed Councillor Diane Ammundsen, Councillor Mike Cardiff, and Miria Pomare.

CONSIDERATIONS

Policy considerations

11 There are no policy considerations that need to be referenced.

Legal considerations

12 There are no legal considerations that need to be referenced. Simpson Grierson provided legal input into the preparation of the Submitter Engagement Version of the PDP and will continue to do so as required.

Financial considerations

13 Costs are within budget for the 2015/16 financial year.

Implementation plan update

14 The implementation plan is appended as Appendix 1.

Tāngata whenua considerations

15 As identified above at its meeting on 25 August, Te Whakaminenga O Kāpiti appointed Te Ohu Taiao to provide iwi input into the PDP, and an update on progress is provided in this report.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

Degree of significance

16 The PDP is subject to Resource Management Act processes and, therefore, the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy does not apply.

Engagement

17 The PDP implementation plan (refer to Appendix 1) provided for additional submitter engagement, facilitated and prehearing meetings between June and November. In addition to the Te Ohu Taiao workshops, a total of 23 planner drop ins, 44 strategic meetings and 1 prehearing have been held during this period. With the Hearings planned to start in April next year, the submitter engagement phase ends in November and work is shifting to get ready for the hearings. The implementation plan allows for further facilitated meetings and prehearings prior to the hearings as required. However given the time constraints the need for these will need to be carefully assessed.

Publicity and communications

18 There is a Communications Plan for the PDP. In line with this, Edition 11 of the PDP Update Newsletter was provided to submitters on 5 November 2015. The update focussed on the appointment of the final three members and shifting to hearings early next year.

19 Following the end of the submission period for the Urban Tree Variation a media release was issued. The media release gave brief information about the number of submissions, the effect of the variation, and the next steps in the process.

RECOMMENDATIONS

20 That the Regulatory Management Committee notes report SP-15-1763.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix 1 PDP Implementation Plan

APPENDIX 1 – PDP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

