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Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

Thank you for your email of **8 December 2025** requesting the following information:

Please provide

1. *how KCDC defines (legal definition and technical) the Stormwater Districtwide charge*

The purpose of the Districtwide Stormwater Rate is to fund the operating and loan servicing costs of stormwater in the district's stormwater drainage areas. Maps showing the district's stormwater rating areas are available on the Council's website¹.

The districtwide targeted rate for stormwater is set under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on all rateable rating units in the district's stormwater rating areas as per the Council's stormwater rating area maps².

To view these maps online go to [Kāpiti Coast Maps](#) on the Council's website, select the 'Rating Areas' maps, select 'Layer list', select the 'Rating_Areas_2023' drop down option, and then tick the 'Stormwater Rating Area' option. This will then display the stormwater rating area on the map (in green).

¹ See page 79 of the [KCDC Annual Plan 2025/26](#)

² See page 34 (2 of 5) of the [KCDC rates setting paper 2025/26](#)

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

2. *what components of the stormwater network are included in the capital valuation of the network*

Page 26 of the [KCDC Annual Plan 2025/26](#) details the stormwater network is comprised of pipes, manholes, pump stations, open waterways, retention/treatment systems, and other assets. The key facts are 216 kilometres of pipes, 18 pumps stations, 52.7 kilometres of open waterways, 10,383 nodes and 3,029 service lines.

3. *what are the operating costs per annum of the network*

For the 2024/25 rating year, see [KCDC Annual Report 2024/25](#) pages 46 to 49.

For the current rating year, 2025/26, see [KCDC Annual Plan 2025/26](#) pages 26 and 27. An annual report on this rating year will be released in due course.

4. *do all properties in the district get assessed for the Stormwater Districtwide charge*

No, only those properties within the district's stormwater rating area.

5. *if no to 4), what reasons qualify for not being assessed*

Rating units that fall outside the district's stormwater rating area are not assessed for the districtwide stormwater rate. See response to question 6.

6. *if a property has its own stormwater system within its own boundaries, what is KCDCs reason for charging a Districtwide stormwater fee*

If the rating unit is within the district's stormwater rating area, it is assessed for the districtwide stormwater rate.

What drives this decision is [section 101\(3\)\(ii\)](#) of the Local Government Act 2002 where the Council needs to determine "the distribution of benefits between the community as a whole, any identifiable part of the community, and individuals".

Everyone in the community benefits from the stormwater services in the district – for example it keeps our roads clear of stormwater and minimises other flood related damage.

Identifiable parts of the community, specifically those within the stormwater rating area (typically urban areas), benefit more from the stormwater network than those that are outside of it (typically rural areas).

The benefits of the stormwater network are identified beyond the individual impact on a rating unit. For this reason, a rating unit is classified as being within the stormwater rating area even if it has its own stormwater system.

All rateable rating units are assessed for the Districtwide General Rate which includes "districtwide strategic flood protection". Rating units are assessed on a differential basis primarily based on their location.

7. are there any other stormwater charges that are applied to rates for properties that pipe to the urban network? (le do not have their own stormwater system within their boundaries).

The Council assesses rates funding for the stormwater network, including districtwide strategic flood protection, via the Districtwide General Rate and Districtwide Stormwater Rate³.

Funding from these rating types allows for the upkeep of the stormwater network to manage water run-off from Kāpiti's urban catchments, while protecting the receiving environment, ensuring water quality and reducing risks to human life, health and property from flooding. The Council carries out a range of activities daily to keep our network in good condition.

Ngā mihi,



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³ Clause E1 of the [Building Code](#) requires that buildings and siteworks are designed to dispose of surface water – including stormwater runoff – in a way that protects people and other property from damage or nuisance. This would be included in a building consent but isn't charged for as part of rates.