



**I give notice that  
a Taupō District Water Services Committee Meeting will be held on:**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Thursday, 11 June 2026</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Council Chamber Level 1, 67 Horomātangi Street Taupō</b>

# **AGENDA**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**Chairperson** Mr Brian Hanna

**Deputy Chairperson** Cr Kevin Taylor

**Members**

- Cr Rachel Cameron
- Cr Duncan Campbell
- Cr Ngāhuia Foreman
- Mayor John Funnell
- Cr Sandra Greenslade
- Cr Steve Manunui

**Quorum** 4

**Julie Gardyne  
Chief Executive**

### **Auditory Announcement**

Please note that one of today's meeting participants has hearing loss. To support clear communication, please use the microphones, speak clearly, and keep your mouth visible to assist with lip-reading.

### **Reports Not Council Policy**

The reports included in this agenda are provided for consideration only and do not represent Council policy unless or until they are formally adopted. If you require further information about any report, please contact the Chief Executive, the Chairperson, or the Deputy Chairperson.

### **Public Forum**

Members of the public are welcome to address the Council or committee during the public forum at the start of the meeting. To participate, please complete the public forum request form available on Council's website by 4.00pm on the day prior to the meeting.

### **Livestreaming and Recording**

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**Karakia Timatanga** – opening prayer gifted by Iraia Bailey of Ngāti Tūwharetoa to Taupō District Council

Tuia ki te mauri o te whenua	Connect to the life essence of the land
Tuia ki te mana o te tangata	Connect and respect to all
Tuia ki te pono, te aroha	Be honest and compassionate
Kia piki, kia eke	(As we seek) to improve, to exceed
Ki te taumata	Expectations
Hui e, Tāiki e	To aim/reach for the summit
	(As we) come together

**Karakia Whakamutunga** – closing prayer gifted by Iraia Bailey of Ngāti Tūwharetoa to Taupō District Council

Unuhia te rito o tēnei hui	Remove any angst/stress that may have arisen during this gathering
Kia wātea i runga	To be free of anything that impacts your wellbeing
Kia wātea i raro	
Aro ki te tika	That we will act with integrity
Aro ki te pae	As we pursue our goals
Hui e, Tāiki e!	(As we) come together

## Order Of Business

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**4.1 TAUPŌ DISTRICT WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING - 14 MAY 2026**

**Author:** Dana Periam, Committee Advisor

**Authorised by:** Sarah Lealand, Three Waters Manager

**NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the minutes of the Taupō District Water Services Committee meeting held on Thursday 14 May 2026 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

**NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS**

1. Taupō District Water Services Committee Meeting Minutes - 14 May 2026 [↓](#)

Taupō District Water Services Committee Meeting Minutes

14 May 2026

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE TAUPŌ DISTRICT WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, LEVEL 1, 67 HOROMĀTANGI STREET, TAUPŌ  
ON THURSDAY, 14 MAY 2026 AT 1.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Mr Brian Hanna (in the Chair), Cr Rachel Cameron, Cr Duncan Campbell, Cr Ngāhuia Foreman, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Cr Steve Manunui

**IN ATTENDANCE:** General Manager Community Infrastructure and Services (T Hale), Three Waters Manager (S Lealand), Finance Manager (J Paenga), Asset Manager Water (T Swindells), Compliance and Monitoring Lead (N Hancock), Asset Manager Stormwater (P Burt), Programme Manager (J Walton), Communications Specialist (A Taylor), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** One member of the public

Notes: (i) *This meeting was livestreamed and is available to view on Taupō District Council's YouTube channel.*

(ii) *All present recited Taupō District Council's opening karakia.*

**1 KARAKIA**

**2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES**

**TDWSC202605/01 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Cr Steve Manunui

That apologies from Mayor John Funnell and Cr Kevin Taylor be received and accepted.

**CARRIED**

Note: *All members present at the Taupō District Water Services Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TDWSC202605/01 above.*

**3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 TAUPŌ DISTRICT WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING - 9 APRIL 2026**

**TDWSC202605/02 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Duncan Campbell

Seconded: Cr Rachel Cameron

That the minutes of the Taupō District Water Services Committee meeting held on Thursday 9 April 2026 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

Note: *All members present at the Taupō District Water Services Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TDWSC202605/02 above.*

**5 NGĀ RIPOATA | REPORTS****5.1 PUBLIC FORUM**

Item **withdrawn**.

**5.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - STRENGTHENING DECISION-MAKING FRAMEWORK FOR WATER SERVICES INVESTMENTS**

The Chair explained the process to be followed regarding the notice of motion.

Cr Campbell shared a powerpoint presentation (A3941199) and stressed that the intent of the motion was to ensure savings were made and that the public was being communicated the affordability of water. He drew attention to how costs had escalated in traffic management over time with safety compliance standards added to again and again resulting in a new industry of road cones.

Members agreed with the intent of the motion and noted that a lot of it was already evident in the Water Services Delivery Plan. It would also be overseen by the Department of Internal Affairs and the Commerce Commission. However they were concerned that unnecessary extra work and reporting should not be added to council officers which would also come at an additional cost. It was also important that the committee operated in the correct manner as governor and observed the boundary between governance and management.

**TDWSC202605/03 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Duncan Campbell

Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That the Water Services Committee:

1. Requests that future reports relating to significant water services capital or strategic investment decisions include, where appropriate, a consistent options analysis framework; and
2. Notes that such a framework should, where practicable, include:
  - i. Identification of a minimum compliance option and any alternative or enhanced options;
  - ii. Estimated capital and whole-of-life costs for each option;
  - iii. Indicative cost per household or ratepayer impact, where relevant;
  - iv. A description of the level of service, risk reduction, and regulatory compliance outcomes associated with each option; and
  - v. An explanation of how the preferred option represents the most cost-effective solution over the life of the asset, consistent with legislative requirements.
3. Requests that this approach be applied, where appropriate, to work informing the Water Services Strategy and Long-Term Plan.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Taupō District Water Services Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TDWSC202605/03 above except for Cr Ngāhuia Foreman who voted against the resolution.*

**5.3 PRESENTATION FROM COMPLIANCE AND MONITORING LEAD**

The Three Waters Manager and Compliance and Monitoring Lead shared a powerpoint presentation (A3941268).

The Three Waters Manager explained that Council officers needed to be across a significant amount of data and were legally required to comply with standards. This was to protect public health, Council's reputation, and long-term affordability. Governance accountability had increased and Council was required to disclose

all of its performance against legislative requirements to Taumata Arowai.

The Compliance and Monitoring Lead explained that compliance was a tool for governance of three waters because by regularly reporting, there was early visibility of issues. The legislative requirements, resource consents and national standards were aligned to one goal which was not to cause harm to people or the environment.

She went through the Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules and how they related to Taupō District Council's 15 schemes. She explained the non-compliance levels and advised that level 1 was fairly common whereas level 3 was very serious. Most failures started small and escalated which is why it was important to constantly monitor and report.

In answer to questions, the following was clarified:

- Granny flats with a toilet and shower would be monitored for compliance by the building team and was not led by the Three Waters teams. When Water Treatment Plants were being built, growth of communities was considered and resource consents required these plants to accommodate growth in population.
- Council's focus was on community water schemes. Taumata Arowai were working through regulations for private water schemes.
- Taupō District Council held consents for bore water for Atiamuri, Whakamaru and Whareroa.
- The trout on stormwater drains was a great visual to remind people to think about what is going down the drain. The communications team was also working on videos and other online education content to help people to understand.
- If any issues were found regarding the drinking water, they would be found on the same day of sampling and dealt with.
- Each water treatment plant had their own Business Continuity Plan so in a Civil Defence incident, these would be followed and escalated appropriately. Included in these plans were processes for communicating with the community e.g. a boil water notice.

#### **TDWSC202605/04 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman  
Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That the Taupō District Water Services Committee receives the information presented by Taupō District Council's Compliance and Monitoring Lead.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Taupō District Water Services Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TDWSC202605/04 above.*

#### **5.4 PRESENTATION FROM ASSET MANAGER WATER**

The Asset Manager Water shared a presentation (A3941210) covering two key areas which were drinking water compliance and the water conservation plan.

The drinking water compliance slides showed the journey that Taupō District Council had taken to upgrade the 15 schemes across the district.

In response to questions, the following was clarified:

- The longer networks of pipes were monitored to check if additional chlorine treatments were required. Funding had been allowed for in the Long-term Plan (LTP) for additional dosing of chlorine but had not been required to date.
- Water treatment plants were designed to a high seismic standard to last 50-100 years and beyond. However, renewals were required for some of the equipment over time.

The remainder of the slides were regarding the Water Conservation Programme. Taupō District Council needed to improve water use by reducing consumption and leaks. Ten times the size of the recent water

reservoir built at the Taupō Botanical Gardens would be required in the future.

Part of this project was looking into water meters so that customers paid more if they used over a certain amount. Currently all ratepayers paid the same targeted rate for water so the meters were intended to balance usage and hopefully reduce the targeted water rate. The Asset Manager Water showed examples of different water meters:

- Drive by water meter
- Manual meter
- Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)

The drive by meter allowed data to be read from the vehicle within a close range and saved time for the monitoring person who did not need to exit their vehicle.

The manual meter was as it sounded, a meter that was required to be read manually.

The AMI talked to radio or cell networks.

The team was going to tender an AMI meter to trial it across Acacia Bay and Mapara. This would be a trial period for a year to test which meter worked better out of the three.

Following discussion, the following was clarified:

- Communications would include the word “treated” when informing the public so that they were aware it was treated water that needed to be conserved.
- The committee and Council would be required to decide on the targeted rate for water going forward, even if meters were in place.
- Meters varied in cost, a typical AMI meter was valued at \$230 but there were also software charges on top of that.
- The water conservation programme would include multiple benefits including reducing wastewater if people were taking shorter showers as an example.
- Mechanisms for those facing hardships would be used so that they still had access to water.

#### **TDWSC202605/05 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Rachel Cameron

Seconded: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

That the Taupō District Water Services Committee receives the information presented by Taupō District Council’s Asset Manager Water.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Taupō District Water Services Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TDWSC202605/05 above.*

#### **5.5 WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Programme Manager highlighted the following from the report:

- The workplan had been updated and all was tracking well for financial separation by 1 July 2026.
- The Asset Management Policy was adopted by Council at the April meeting with some changes. A tracked changes version was attached to the agenda for the committee to see.
- The report noted what had been before Council and what had not.
- The report included an infographic of a snapshot of the current state.

In answer to questions, the following was clarified:

- The water scheme for the Motutere campground did not currently meet the drinking water standards so Council officers were working with Taumata Arowai. The Property team was working on the lease and part of this would ensure that the water supply was compliant.
- The emerging issues identified regarding the economic regulation preparation were being managed.

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The budgeting system could be corrected for the Annual Plan and would not be an issue in the future. Staff capacity was an ongoing risk that was being monitored and managed.

**TDWSC202605/06 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

That the Taupō District Water Services Committee receives the attached Water Services Performance Report.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Taupō District Water Services Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TDWSC202605/06 above.*

**6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**The meeting closed at 2.53pm with a karakia from all present.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Taupō District Water Services Committee Meeting held on 11 June 2026.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**

**5.1 PUBLIC FORUM**

**Author:** Dana Periam, Committee Advisor

**Authorised by:** Nigel McAdie, Legal and Governance Manager

**TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE**

To receive comments from members of the public on matters specified on this agenda or, if time permits, on other Committee matters.

**NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION**

Standing Orders provide for a period of up to 30 minutes to be made available at the start of meetings for members of the public to bring matters to the attention of the Taupō District Water Services Committee. Any issue, idea or matter raised in public forum must fall within the Group's terms of reference.

Speakers can speak for up to 5 minutes. Where the number of speakers presenting in the public forum exceeds 6 in total, the chairperson has discretion to restrict the speaking time permitted for all presenters. Members of the public wishing to address the Group during public forum should register at least one clear day before the meeting by emailing [publicforum@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:publicforum@taupo.govt.nz).

No debate or decisions will be made at the meeting on issues raised during the forum unless related to items already on the agenda. Items not on the agenda may only be discussed if the matter is minor in nature and the procedures set out in Standing Order 9.13 are followed. A meeting may deal with (i.e. make a resolution in respect of) an item of business not on the agenda only if the procedures set out in Standing Order 9.12 are followed.

The relevant extracts from Standing Orders are **attached**.

**WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that the Taupō District Water Services Committee receives comments from members of the public.

**NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Taupō District Water Services Committee receives comments from members of the public.

**NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS**

1. Extracts from Standing Orders [↓](#)

Extracts from Standing Orders 2022-2025

## **15. Public Forums | Ngā Matapakinga a te Marea**

Public forums are a defined period of time, usually at the start of an ordinary meeting, which, at the discretion of a meeting, is put aside for the purpose of public input. Public forums are designed to enable members of the public to bring matters of their choice, not necessarily on the meeting's agenda, to the attention of the local authority.

In the case of a committee, subcommittee, local or community board, any issue, idea, or matter raised in a public forum, must fall within the terms of reference of that body.

### **15.1 Time limits | Ngā tepenga wā**

A period of up to 30 minutes, or such longer time as the meeting may determine, will be available for the public forum at each scheduled local authority meeting. Requests must be made to the chief executive (or their delegate) at least one clear day before the meeting; however this requirement may be waived by the chairperson. Requests should also outline the matters that will be addressed by the speaker(s).

Speakers can speak for up to 5 minutes. Where the number of speakers presenting in the public forum exceeds 6 in total, the chairperson has discretion to restrict the speaking time permitted for all presenters.

### **15.2 Restrictions | Ngā Herenga**

The chairperson has the discretion to decline to hear a speaker or to terminate a presentation at any time where:

- A speaker is repeating views presented by an earlier speaker at the same public forum;
- The speaker is criticising elected members and/or staff;
- The speaker is being repetitious, disrespectful or offensive;
- The speaker has previously spoken on the same issue;
- The matter is subject to legal proceedings; and
- The matter is subject to a hearing, including the hearing of submissions where the local authority or committee sits in a quasi-judicial capacity.

### **15.3 Questions at public forums | Ngā pātai i ngā matapakinga a te marea**

At the conclusion of the presentation, with the permission of the chairperson, elected members may ask questions of speakers. Questions are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by a speaker.

### **15.4 No resolutions | Kāore he tatūnga**

Following the public forum, no debate or decisions will be made at the meeting on issues raised during the forum unless related to items already on the agenda. (See the LGNZ Guide to Standing Orders for suggestions of good practice in dealing with issues raised during a forum).

Extracts from Standing Orders 2022-2025**9.1 Items of business not on the agenda which cannot be delayed | Ngā take kāore i runga i te rārangi take e kore e taea te whakaroa**

A meeting may deal with an item of business that is not on the agenda where the meeting resolves to deal with that item and the chairperson provides the following information during the public part of the meeting:

- (a) The reason the item is not on the agenda; and
- (b) The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

*LGOIMA, s 46A(7).*

Items not on the agenda may be brought before the meeting through a report from either the chief executive or the chairperson.

**Please note**, that nothing in this standing order removes the requirement to meet the provisions of Part 6 of the LGA 2002 with regard to consultation and decision-making.

**9.2 Discussion of minor matters not on the agenda | Te kōrerorero i ngā take iti kāore i runga i te rārangi take**

A meeting may discuss an item that is not on the agenda only if it is a minor matter relating to the general business of the meeting and the chairperson explains at the beginning of the public part of the meeting that the item will be discussed. However, the meeting may not make a resolution, decision, or recommendation about the item, except to refer it to a subsequent meeting for further discussion.

*LGOIMA, s 46A(7A).*

**5.2 PRESENTATION - UNISON NETWORKS LIMITED**

**Author:** Dana Periam, Committee Advisor

**Authorised by:** Nigel McAdie, Legal and Governance Manager

**TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE**

To receive a presentation from Unison Networks Limited.

**NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION**

Mr Jason Larkin, Group Manager Customer, Commercial and Regulatory, Unison Networks Limited will address the Committee; provide information about working within a regulated industry; and answer members' questions.

**WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that the Committee receives the information.

**NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Taupō District Water Services Committee receives the information presented by Mr Jason Larkin from Unison Networks Limited.

**NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**5.3 PRESENTATION FROM ASSET MANAGER STORMWATER**

**Author:** Philip Burt, Asset Manager Stormwater

**Authorised by:** Sarah Lealand, Three Waters Manager

**TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE**

To receive a presentation from Taupō District Council's Asset Manager – Stormwater.

**NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION**

The Asset Manager Stormwater will present an overview on Stormwater, including the current priority projects, key risks and drivers.

**WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that the Committee receives the information.

**NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Taupō District Water Services Committee receives the information presented by Taupō District Council's Asset Manager Stormwater.

**NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**5.4 PRESENTATION ON SCADA CONTROL SYSTEMS**

**Author:** Michael Cordell, Asset Manager Wastewater & SCADA

**Authorised by:** Sarah Lealand, Three Waters Manager

**TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE**

To receive a presentation from Taupō District Council officers on SCADA Control Systems.

**NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION**

The Asset Manager Wastewater & SCADA and the Automation and Electrical Engineer will provide an overview of the Council's SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) Systems, and how these systems are a critical part of Council's water services infrastructure.

**WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that the Committee receives the information.

**NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Taupō District Water Services Committee receives the information presented on SCADA Control Systems.

**NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**5.5 THE AUDIT OF THE WATER SERVICES STRATEGY**

**Author:** Kendall Goode, Senior Policy Advisor

**Authorised by:** Sarah Lealand, Three Waters Manager

**TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE**

This report was not complete at the time of agenda production.

Pursuant to s46A(6) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, this report will be made publicly available as soon as is reasonable in the circumstances.

**NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**5.6 WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT**

**Author:** Joanne Walton, Programme Manager

**Authorised by:** Sarah Lealand, Three Waters Manager

**TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE**

This report provides the Committee with an overview of the performance of Taupō District water services, including progress and risks on key strategic priorities.

In order to accommodate Council timeframes, some information was gathered or reported to Council in the prior month. Council officers are available to provide verbal updates.

**NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Taupō District Water Services Committee receives the attached Water Services Performance Report.

**NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS**

1. Monthly Performance Report [↓](#)

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT**  
*Apr/May 2026*

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- There are no major new updates for the committee this month.

**1. Regulatory Updates**

- There were a number of announcements from central Government relating to Local Government reform, however nothing specific to water services.

**2. Strategic Priorities**

**2.1 Water Services Strategy (WSS)**

Development of the Water Services Strategy is continuing with the Long-term Plan.

**2.2 Water Services Delivery Plan Implementation**

Financial separation is the next major milestone and is on track to be ready for transactional activities 1 July 2026. Note although 1 July is the system functional date, there will be ongoing activities through until December 2026 to finalise financial separation.

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### 3. Performance Reporting

#### 3.1 Operational Matters

##### Three Waters Maintenance Contract Procurement

The Three Waters Maintenance Contract is an outsourced operational contract for the delivery of three waters network operations and maintenance services, a critical component of Council's water services delivery. The Contract has an approximate value of \$5 million annually and is currently held by Downer, with an end date of 30 June 2027.

Council has begun the procurement process to award a new contract effective from 1 July 2027. The future contract will be a long-term maintenance contract of up to ten years. The contract will have a proposed initial term of four years, to support any significant mobilisation investment needed by the successful contractor, followed by up to three x two-year extensions. The contract will be a traditional measure and value model.

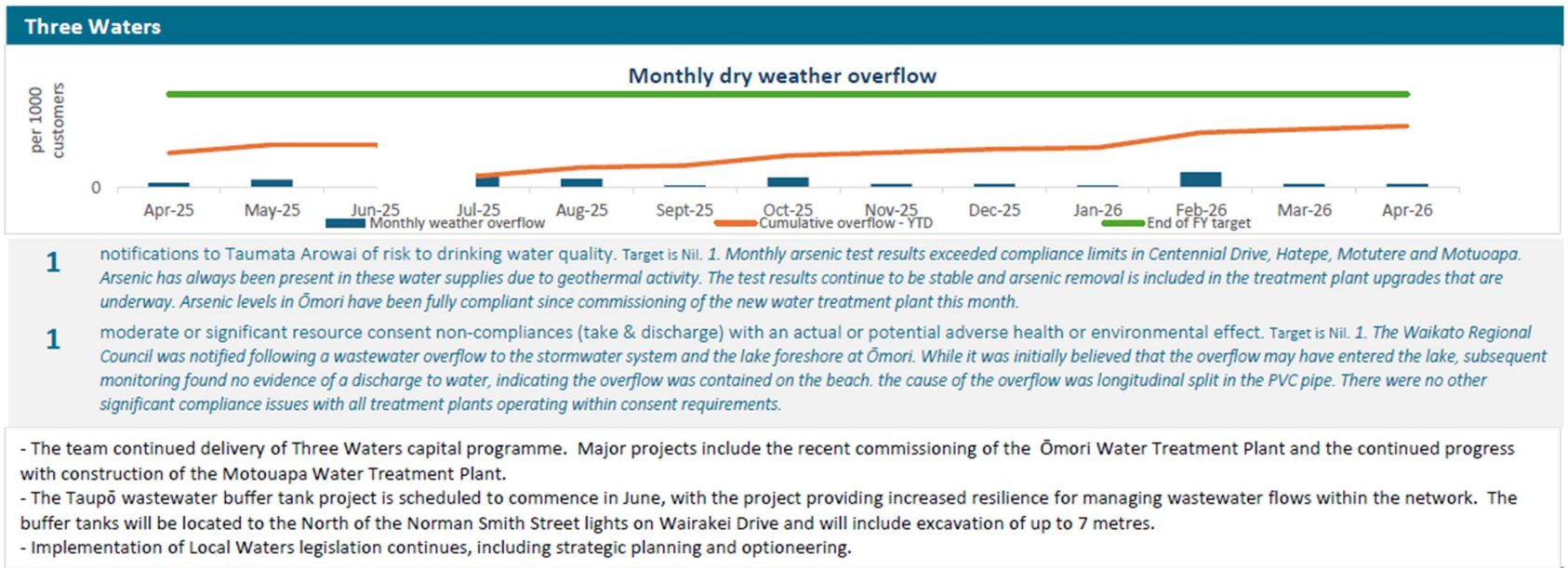
The initial stage of the procurement process (registration of interest) has been completed, with four parties shortlisted to take forward into the tender phase - Citycare, Downer, Fulton Hogan, and Ventia. The formal tender is planned to be released in June 2026 and run for three months. Tender award is expected in late 2026.

Although there is uncertainty in terms of Council's long-term delivery of water services, a network maintenance contract for our district will be required regardless of any future delivery model. The proposed initial term of four years followed by a review, will provide opportunities to review the contract suitability on an ongoing basis.

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**3.2 Operational Performance**

The below Operational performance report for Waters has been previously reported to Council on 26 May 2026.



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**WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT**  
 Apr/May 2026

**3.3 Major Projects**

A copy of the monthly portfolio report for water, wastewater and stormwater major projects is attached.

This report has been previously reported to Council on 26 May 2026.

Activity Area	OVERALL	TIME	COST	SCOPE	KEY UPDATES	UPCOMING MILESTONES	% COMPLETE (Life Budget)	LIFE BUDGET
<b>3W All</b>								
<b>SCADA FTView Upgrade</b> Programme of upgrades to convert legacy 3W network SCADA control systems technology to FTView.	▲	▲	●	●	Weather and staffing availability delays have hindered installation. Continued delay with weather and staffing availability		90%	\$4.6M
<b>Water Services Delivery Plan Implementation</b> Programme of work required to comply with central government reform Local Water Done Well.	▲	▲	▲	●	Planning for go live for financial separation is in progress. Asset Management Policy was adopted by Council. Asset Information Improvement Plan development.	Continue with pre-work for 30 June separation.	87%	\$1.2M
<b>Stormwater</b>								
<b>Stormwater Discharge Consents Renewal</b> District wide Stormwater consent expires June 2027, a significant amount of work will be required to renew this consent.	▲	●	▲	●	Final info gathering to support Stage 2 reports.	Site visits in Tūrangi and Tokaanu with hapū will wrap up the ecological inputs for Stage 2 to be finalised	66%	\$0.8M
<b>Wastewater</b>								
<b>Taupō WW Control gates bridge buffer storage tanks</b> To enable continued growth in the Nukuhau area and increase resiliency to the control gates bridge pipe, we will install buffer tanks and pump station at Control Gates bridge to manage peak flows.	●	●	●	●	Tenders have been evaluated, contract to be awarded.	Send out communications and plan for construction.	25%	\$0.8M
<b>Turangi WW Consent</b> Renewal of Tūrangi Wastewater discharge consent	◆	◆	●	●	Met in Turangi to go over proposed consent conditions. Updated draft conditions and have provided this back to Ngāti Tūrangitukua. Following receipt of feedback we will be submitting to Waikato Regional Council to progress the consent process.	Receive feedback and updated application. Proceed with consent process.	32%	\$0.2M
<b>Wastewater Taupō Wastewater Treatment Plant Programme</b> Programme of works to increase capacity and improve treatment at Taupō Wastewater Treatment Plant, including installation of a third primary clarifier, pump station upgrades, and new processes to increase nitrogen removal at the plant.	◆	◆	▲	◆	Long-term works (Primary Clarifier, side-stream solids filtrate) are still on hold pending Wastewater Treatment Plant Strategic Review (considering new Wastewater performance standards).	Strategic planning for Waste Water Treatment Plant following Water Environmental Performance Standards.	36%	\$2.0M

## TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT Apr/May 2026

Activity Area	OVERALL	TIME	COST	SCOPE	KEY UPDATES	UPCOMING MILESTONES	% COMPLETE (Life Budget)	LIFE BUDGET
<b>Water</b>								
<b>Centennial - Treatment Compliance Upgrade</b>	▲	▲	▲	●	New pipeline drawing set, pumpstation design and electrical design received and reviewed. Minor tweaks required. Draft tender docs received and being reviewed. Still not clear if Council will move to tender this financial with uncertainty of cost fluctuations. Still being reviewed.		35%	\$2.6M
<b>District - Universal Smart Water Metering</b>	▲	▲	▲	▲	Procurement plan and comms plan signed off. Tender planned for release mid May.	Tender.	22%	\$1.0M
<b>DWSNZ Drinking Water Membrane Plant Upgrades</b>	▲	▲	▲	●	Hatepe: Geotech is complete, detailed design underway. Kinloch: Project has achieved practical completion. Motuoapa: Works are progressing well - on track to start commissioning next month. Omori: Project has achieved practical completion.	Hatepe: Detailed design submission due in late June. Kinloch: Close-out of minor defects. Omori: Opening ceremony and close-out of minor defects. Motuoapa: Commencement of commissioning – late May/early June.	92%	\$40.5M
<b>Kinloch Low Zone Reservoir</b>	▲	▲	●	●	Cut/fill modelling underway for regional consent requirements. Site designation underway. Tender documents in development. Hydraulic modelling to confirm reservoir details nearing completion.	Reservoir tender.	32%	\$0.8M
<b>Tauhara Ridge Reservoir &amp; Airport Connection</b>	▲	▲	●	●	All major works are completed with reservoir and pumpstations currently in full operational mode. Small works still continuing with decommissioning of the Airport reservoir and pumpstation. This project has reached Practical Completion and will no longer appear on the report.	Signing off snag list for pumpstation and awarding small works tender for the decommissioning of the Airport reservoir and pumpstation.	100%	\$4.2M

**KEY**

●	Low Risk	↓	Risk Decreased (Amber/Red to Green)
▲	Medium Risk	↘	Risk Decreased (Red to Amber)
◆	High Risk	↗	Risk Increased (Green to Amber)
⊖	On Hold (waiting LTP)	↑	Risk Increased (Amber/Green to Red)
■ 85%	Almost Complete	■ \$1.0M	Smaller Value Project
■ 12%	Low Spend to Date	■ \$4.2M	High Value Project
% Complete = \$ Spend to Date / Life Budget		\$ Life Budget	

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**3.4 Risks**

There are no changes to the reported risks from last month. The risks reported below were included in the report to Risk and Assurance Committee 2 June 2026.

Project	Risk Title	Risk Causes	Risk Consequences	Current Likelihood	Current Consequence	Current Risk Rating	Risk Controls / Treatments	Control / Treatment Owner	Residual Likelihood	Residual Consequence	Residual Risk Rating
<b>Taupō Wastewater Treatment Plant Programme</b>	Scope / Price / Time	The side stream nutrient removal and the primary tank projects have been cancelled. National wastewater standards are now released and reassessment of the treatment strategy is required.	The upgrade plan for the Taupo WWTP will need to be reviewed and significant change in the treatment strategy will be required. The cost of additional treatment processes will likely be very significant.	Almost Certain	Severe	Very High	Projects are on hold while we review the new WW standards which will be reflected in the treatment plant upgrade plan. Inlet Works upgrade continues.	Asset Manager	Almost Certain	Severe	Very High
<b>Centennial - Treatment Compliance Upgrade</b>	Project delay and price overrun due to Iran war	The Iran war has had an impact on the availability and cost of PE pipe products which are a needed in large quantity for successful delivery of this project.	Delay of the project due to lack of supply and/or increased cost to deliver (current PE pipe price increases are +30%)	Almost Certain	Moderate	High	Currently monitoring situation which is evolving daily. Risk treatment will be considered when project reaches ready to tender stage. Options could be to reduce some elements of scope to reduce price impacts. Material availability risk is difficult to manage at this stage.	Asset Manager	Almost Certain	Moderate	High
<b>Drinking Water Standards NZ Upgrade - Hatepe</b>	Project delivery uncertainties	Due to challenges with land acquisition, there has been significant delays and additional challenges that the project team need to manage	The project could face additional costs due to delays and the site relocation, increased technical complexity arising from the DOC concession and geotechnical hazards, greater contract complexity resulting from significant changes to the original requirements, and overall timeline uncertainty as a consequence of these factors.	Possible	Major	High	The project team is working closely with the contractor and key consultants to understand the best way to manage these risks. The intent is to package the changes into a single variation, so we can reset the contract position and project baselines in a clear and coordinated way. Once we've got a well-informed direction, this will be presented to the project sponsor for review and to confirm the way forward. On the contractual side, we've also sought legal advice to help guide the approach.	Sponsor	Possible	Moderate	Medium
<b>Stormwater Discharge Consents Renewal</b>	Regulatory - failure to renew consent.	Lack of key stakeholder support for renewing the consent.	A hearing may be required, extending the project timeline and resulting in additional costs.	Unlikely	Severe	High	Working with the consultant to understand the consenting plan. Early engagement with wider stakeholders. Iwi/hapū engagement underway.	Project Manager	Unlikely	Major	Medium
<b>Turangi WW Consent</b>	Regulatory - Resource consent application is challenged incurring time and cost.	There is a risk that the consent sought for the discharge to stay at the current site may receive submissions in opposition.	A hearing may be required, extending the project timeline and resulting in additional costs.	Almost Certain	Minor	Medium	We will continue to work with hapū to address as many issues as possible.	Project Manager	Almost Certain	Minor	Medium
<b>SCADA FTview Upgrade</b>	Time - delays with project delivery	Insufficient resource to complete FT View conversion across all 3W assets.	Continued utilisation of multiple SCADA platforms which can be challenging to manage operationally.	Possible	Major	High	The project team and Sponsor are currently working with an external specialist consultant. Several high priority water sites are in the process of being upgraded to FT View. The conversion of other sites will be reviewed as part of the wider SCADA programme.	Sponsor	Possible	Minor	Low
<b>Waters Reform Activities</b>	Resourcing - insufficient internal resources to complete the Water Services Delivery Plan implementation activities by the due date.	Competing priorities for resources, implementation activities are on top of BAU, Annual Plan and Long-term Plan processes.	Our ability to comply with LGWSA and Commerce Commission requirements will be impacted.	Likely	Moderate	High	Manage the components as a programme, ensure there is organisational awareness of the priority. Work with PCG to ensure adequate resourcing.	Sponsor	Unlikely	Moderate	Low
<b>District - Universal Smart Water Metering</b>	Reputation - public perception of metering and transition to user pays.	Public misinterpreting the longer plan and project outcomes. This project has been included in our LTP/WSDP and is currently in the investigation phase. Rollout of this demand management system will occur incrementally, site by site.	Lack of support for overall project goals and roll out plan.	Almost Certain	Minor	Medium	The asset manager is working through communication and engagement work. Present to Waters Committee May.	Project Manager	Possible	Minor	Low
<b>Kinloch Low Zone Reservoir</b>	Budget overrun.	Design development and/or tender market conditions	Forced to make design alterations to create savings. This would have reputational issues as the location is highly visible and prominent in the community.	Possible	Moderate	Medium	Continuous cost estimation, well developed drawings and tender documents.	Sponsor	Possible	Minor	Low
<b>View Road land disposal Stage 2</b>	Regulatory - not adhering to resource consent for WW disposal.	Challenges with the integration of Stage 2 into SCADA has resulted in the stage 2 pivots only being able to be run manually, this may increase the risk of breaching consent conditions.  <b>Update:</b> The hardware issue that was causing the communication issue has been resolved and commissioning has resumed.	TDC may incur penalties and/or abatement notices from Waikato Regional Council if we breach our consent conditions.	Possible	Moderate	Medium	Operators continue to operate manually and irrigation volumes are tracked.  Now a path to completing commissioning.	Sponsor	Possible	Minor	Low
<b>Taupō WW Control gates bridge buffer storage tanks</b>	Time	May not be completed by end of the financial year.	Later delivery means risks of overflow remains (however this is a low risk).	Likely	Insignificant	Low	Manage design and tender deliverables to reduce slippage.	Project Manager	Likely	Insignificant	Low

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**3.5 Other reporting**

The new Water Governance - Directors Handbook, produced by Water NZ has been shared with Committee members.