

**EMERGENCY FLOOD COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD ON 21 NOVEMBER 2011,
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL,
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 4.40 P .M.**

PRESENT:

D. Truman, T. Kokshoorn, T. Bowe (OPUS), Alison Elam, Rodney Beckett , Sgt Barker (Greymouth Police), Alan Wilson (Grey District Council), C. Ingle (WCRC Chief Executive), W. Moen (WCRC River Engineer), M. Meehan (WCRC Planning and Environmental Manager) K. Beams (GDC Property Manager), M. Sutherland (GDC Assets Manager), S. Beaumont (Hydrologist, WCRC), E. Chaney (TO), Nichola Costley (Planner WCRC), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk).

BUSINESS OF MEETING

M. Meehan welcomed those present to the meeting.

The Grey River: The Grey River is now at 6.3 metres above its alarm level and rose to this level pretty quickly. S. Beaumont advised that it is now slowing now and this is a good sign. It is now predicted to peak at around 6.5m – 6.5m at around 1900 hrs.

K. Beams advised river is now dropping at Atarau.

M. Meehan advised the Grey River would not overtop its banks in town.

The Ahaura River peaked at lunchtime at about 8.7m.

Waipuna – The Police advised that levels are dropping now at Totara Flat. Children are stranded at Ahaura School.

Forecast Prediction

S. Beaumont stated that the Grey River is likely to peak at 6 – 6.5m at Dobson. More rain is expected but nothing major. Heavy rain is expected on Wednesday.

The Police asked if the Grey River gets to 7 metres will there be time to evacuate. Evacuation arrangements were discussed but unlikely to be required.

S. Beaumont advised that staff are mindful of sea conditions. High tide is 8pm.

Actions

- Mel – flood protection barriers are now installed.
- An aerial inspection is currently being done with photos being taken.
- Media release – M. Meehan a further media release will be sent out.
- Road Closures – these are the responsibility of the district councils.
- OPUS – state highway closures. Ikamatua, Blackball and Taylorville.

Phone calls to committee will be made at 4.50 pm.

Meeting closed at 11.50