



Manawatu Water Services

Meeting of 13 May 2026

Business Unit: Infrastructure

Date Created: 05 May 2026

Stanway Halcombe Rural Water Scheme

Purpose Te Aronga o te Pūrongo

To accept the Reserves Policy recommendation of the Stanway Halcombe Rural Water Scheme Committee (SHRWS) adopted at their meeting on 7 May 2026.

Recommendations Ngā Tūtohinga

That the Manawātū Water Services Committee accept the SHRWS recommendation to:

1. Retain \$150,000 of reserves to fund the resource consent renewal process.
2. Retain \$100 per unit (\$150,400 - 2026-2027 year) as an operational buffer to cover unplanned expenditure.
3. Pay down the reserves amount less point one and two as above off the debt loan of approximately \$180,000 this to be actioned as at the end of June 2026.
4. The proposed SHRWS annual water delivery charge (water rate) for the 2026/2027 year be set at \$460.00 incl GST per unit.

Policy to be reviewed yearly to comply with the Manawātū Water Services budgeting period.

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1 Background Ngā Kōrero o Muri

- 1.1 The scheme has approximately \$480,000 of reserves.
- 1.2 In place is a constitution where the committee of the SHRWS can accept a recommendation from the committee as to the retained reserves.
- 1.3 The resource consent renewal is due to expire on 31 December 2027 and if contested could cost an estimated \$150,000.
- 1.4 The new Manawatū Water Services terms of reference allows for the authorisation of expenditure outside of the Annual Plan and Long-Term Plan process, that is not covered out of infrastructure replacement by depreciation funding, providing that there are reserves held within the SHRWS accounts.

2 Strategic Fit Te Tautika ki te Rautaki

- 2.1 Not applicable as this is a legislative / operational item.

3 Discussion and Options Considered Ngā Matapakinga me ngā Kōwhiringa i Wānangahia

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4 Risk Assessment Te Arotake Tūraru

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5 Engagement Te Whakapānga

Significance of Decision

- 5.1 The Council's Significance and Engagement Policy is not triggered by matters discussed in this report. No stakeholder engagement is required.

Māori and Cultural Engagement

- 5.2 There are no known cultural considerations associated with the matters addressed in this report. No specific engagement with Māori or other ethnicity groups is necessary.

Community Engagement

- 5.3 No community engagement is required.

6 Operational Implications Ngā Pānga Whakahaere

- 6.1 There are no operational implications with this report.

7 Financial Implications Ngā Pānga Ahumoni

7.1 There are no financial implications with this report.

8 Statutory Requirements Ngā Here ā-Ture

8.1 There are no statutory requirements for this report.

9 Next Steps Te Kokenga

9.1 Not Applicable

10 Attachments Ngā Āpitihanga

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