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OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RESPONDING TO THE LATEST NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT FRESHWATER MANAGEMENT (NPS-FM)

Thank you for your official information request dated 11 June 2024 seeking information in relation to costs spent by the Council when responding to the latest National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (**NPS-FM**).

The responses to your questions are in italics below:

Q: How much has been spent responding to the latest NPS-FM?

<i>Iwi engagement (Te Puna Korero ki te Tauihu)</i>	<i>\$5,188.48</i>
<i>Preparation for a Plan Change</i>	<i>\$28,975.58</i>
<i>Road sump filters investigation and trials (includes 51% NLTF funding)</i>	<i>\$28,210.97</i>
<i>Wetland Mapping</i>	<i>\$27,258.00</i>
Total:	\$89,633.03

Q: How much has the council budgeted to spend on responding to the latest NPS-FM. If there is no budgeted amount, please provide any information relating to estimated or forecast costs of this.

<i>Preparation for a Plan Change (estimated)</i>	<i>\$330,000</i>
<i>Notification of a Plan Change (estimated)</i>	<i>\$200,000</i>
<i>Road sump filters (2024 LTP – Yr 5-9, also assumes 51% funding from NLTF)</i>	<i>\$2,556,504</i>
<i>Fresh Water Quality Assessments (2024 LTP – Yr 1-10 inflated)</i>	<i>\$373,745</i>
<i>Capital Fresh Water Improvement Programme (2024 LTP – Yr 1-10 inflated)</i>	<i>\$1,794,970</i>
Total:	\$2,168,715.00

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The following budgeted expenditure forms part of the overall freshwater management programmes at Council which are driven by a range of legislation and national policy direction, including but not limited to the NPS-FM 2020.

Additionally, Council has two fixed term staff paid through a Ministry of Environment (**MfE**) grant totalling \$900,000 over 3 years to implement the Essential Freshwater reforms. These roles are focusing primarily on the implementation of part 9A of the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Resource Management (Freshwater Farm Plans) Regulations 2023, with some work driven by the NPS-FM 2020.

Integrated Catchment Team programmes sustainable land management, healthy streams and waterways biodiversity <i>TOTAL for Years 1-3 of the LTP (unconfirmed)</i>	\$2,186,777
State of Environment Science and Monitoring programmes <i>TOTAL for Years 1-3 of the LTP (unconfirmed).</i> <i>This spending relates primarily to resource management state of environment monitoring and reporting requirements of which NPS-FM 2020 is only one component.</i>	\$877,171
Freshwater improvement budget for Stormwater <i>There are no new freshwater improvement budgets in stormwater since 2020.</i>	Please refer to the Stormwater and Flood Protection Activity Management Plan 2021-2031 (6.9MB PDF)

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to **Clare Piper** on clare.piper@ncc.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi,



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