Canterbury Water Management Strategy
Waimakariri Zone Committee

Agenda

Monday 2 November 2020

3:30pm

Meeting Room 1 (upstairs)
Ruataniwha Kaiapoi Civic Centre
176 Williams Street, Kaiapoi

Members:
Michael Blackwell (Chair)
Cameron Henderson (Deputy Chair)
David Ashby
Erin Harvie
Carolyne Latham
Judith Roper-Lindsay
Wendy Main
Arapata Reuben (Te Ngai Tūāhuriri Rūnanga) John Cooke (Te Ngai Tūāhuriri Rūnanga) Sandra Stewart (WDC Councillor)
Megan Hands (ECan Councillor)

Chairperson and Members

CWMS WAIMAKARIRI ZONE COMMITTEE

Agenda for the meeting of the **CANTERBURY WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY WAIMAKARIRI ZONE COMMITTEE** to be held in the **MEETING ROOM 1 (UPSTAIRS), RUATANIWHA KAIAPOI CIVIC CENTRE, 176 WILLIAMS STREET, KAIAPOI** on **MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2020** commencing at **3:30PM.**

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BUSINESS

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   1.2 **APOLOGIES**

   1.3 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

   1.4 **REGISTER OF INTERESTS**

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   Advice of any changes or updates.

2. **Opportunity for the public to speak**

3. **ZIPA Implementation – 1st Quarterly Update 2020/21 – S Allen (WDC, Water Environment Advisor) and M Griffin (Ecan, CWMS Facilitator – Waimakariri)**

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4. **Waimakariri Natural Hazards Mapping – Update – S Allen (WDC, Water Environment Advisor) and D Young (WDC, Senior Engineering Advisor)**

   RECOMMENDATION 15-16

   THAT the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee:

   a) **Receives** this update for its information.

5. **Kaiapoi River Monitoring and Management – Update – A Meredith (Ecan, Principal Surface Water Scientist)**

   RECOMMENDATION 17-18

   THAT the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee:

   a) **Receives** this update for its information.

6. **Essential Freshwater Package – Update – M Griffin (Ecan, CWMS Facilitator – Waimakariri)**

RECOMMENDATION 19-33

THAT the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee:

a) **Receives** this update for its information, and with consideration to its priorities and community engagement.

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7.7. Action Points from 5 October meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee:

a) **Receives** these updates for its information, and with reference to the Committee's 2020/21 work programme and engagement priorities.

8. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Waimakariri Zone Committee meeting – 5 October 2020

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee:

a) **Confirms** the minutes of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Waimakariri Zone Committee meeting, held on 5 October 2020, as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

9. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

KARAKIA

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the CWMS Waimakariri Water Zone Committee is scheduled for the 7 December 2020 at 3:30pm.

WAIMAKARIRI WATER ZONE COMMITTEE

Register of Interests – at 5 October 2020

Name	Committee Member Interests
David Ashby	- Director/shareholder – Pineleigh Farm Limited - Director/shareholder – Dave Ashby Rural Consultants Limited - Shareholder – Waimakariri Irrigation Limited - Member – Cust Main Drain Water User Group
Michael Blackwell	- Director/ Shareholder – Blackwells Limited, Kaiapoi - Treasurer – North Canterbury Clay Target Association - 4Ha property, Tuahiwi
John Cooke	- Director/Shareholder – Executive Limousines 2015 Limited - Director/Shareholder – Express Hire Limited - Director/Shareholder – Secure Property Management Limited - Director/Shareholder – Testpro Limited - Director/Shareholder – Acropolis Wedding and Event Hire Limited - Director/Shareholder – Pines Beach Store Limited - Director/Shareholder – Coastal Dream 2005 Limited – 4Ha property, Kaiapoi - Interim Trustee – Section 6 Survey Office Plan 465273 Ahu Whenua Trust
Megan Hands	- Candidate, National Party – Rangitata Electorate - Director/Shareholder – Landsavvy Limited - Member – NZ Institute of Primary Industry Management - Member – NZ Young Farmers - Member – Institute of Directors NZ - ECan Councillor
Erin Harvie	- Shareholder – Bowden Consultancy Limited, trading as Bowden Environmental - Member – NZ Hydrological Society - Associate member – NZ Institute of Primary Industry Management - Involvement with Cust River Water User Group
Cameron Henderson	- Dairy Farmer - Groundwater irrigator - Member – NZ Institute of Primary Industry Management - Member – NZ Dairy Environment Leaders Forum - Chairman – DairyCan - Canterbury Dairy Environment Leaders Forum - Chairman – North Canterbury Federated Farmers
Carolyne Latham	- Farmer – Sheep, beef - Director – Latham Ag Ltd Consulting - Shareholder – Silver Fern Farms, Farmlands - Registered Member – New Zealand Institute of Primary Industry Management
Wendy Main	- Dairy Farmer – Trinity Holdings (2001) Ltd - Registered Nurse - Member Federated Farmers - Consent to Farm and related consents for water and effluent with ECan

	- Shareholder – Silver Fern Farms, Farmlands, LIC
Arapata Reuben	- Trustee – Tuahiwi Marae - Trustee – Tuhono Trust - Trustee – Mana Waitaha Charitable Trust - Member – National Kiwi Recovery Group - Rūnanga Rep – Christchurch/West Melton Water Zone Committee - Rūnanga Rep – Ashburton Water Zone Committee
Judith Roper-Lindsay	- Director/ecologist – JR-L Consulting Ltd. - Landowner/small-scale sheep farmer, Ashley downs - Fellow – Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand (EIANZ)
Sandra Stewart	- Self-employed journalist - Landowner, 4Ha Springbank – sheep & dogs - WDC Councillor

AGENDA ITEM NO: 3	**SUBJECT:** ZIPA Implementation – 1st Quarterly Update 2020/21
REPORT TO: Waimakariri Water Zone Committee	**MEETING DATE:** 2 November 2020
REPORT BY: Sophie Allen, WDC Water Environment Advisor & Murray Griffin, CWMS Facilitator – Waimakariri, ECan	

Waimakariri Land & Water Solutions Programme – Update

Background

The Zone Implementation Programme Addendum (ZIPA) for the Waimakariri Water Zone was adopted by Waimakariri District Council and Environment Canterbury in December 2018. This report outlines progress on implementation of ZIPA recommendations for the first quarter of the 2020/21 financial year, from 1 July to 30 September, and up until the 22 October 2020.

Summary of key progress

Joint work

- Memorandum of Understanding signed between WDC and ECan chief executives for implementation of the ZIPA by the two agencies.
- Zipporah Ploeg (ECan), and WDC staff are working closely to support landowners. For example, ECan set up a meeting between Tawera wetland trustees and ECan, WDC, and DOC staff, then has produced a wetland restoration plan. **(ZIPA Rec 2.3 – Protecting and enhancing Indigenous Biodiversity)**
- In addition, willow management at Springvale wetland (off Ashley Road) has commenced. **(ZIPA Rec 2.3)**

Waimakariri District Council

Improving Stream Health – Monitoring and Research

- WDC Stormwater Network Discharge Consent monitoring programmes for Rangiora, Woodend, Kaiapoi and Oxford have all been lodged with Environment Canterbury as part of Stormwater Network Discharge Consents. Draft conditions have been reviewed by WDC staff for Rangiora and Kaiapoi, with an agreement on consent conditions expected in the near future. At this stage it has been indicated by ECan that these consents will be non-notified. (**ZIPA Rec. 1.4-J)**

Improving Stream Health – Protecting and Enhancing Aquatic Biodiversity

- The WDC 'Drainage Maintenance Management Plan' has been incorporated as part of conditions for the WDC global 'maintenance and minor works in waterways' consent application with a few minor additions regarding monitoring of works. **(ZIPA Rec. 1.7,1.14)**

Improving Stream Health – Protecting and Enhancing Aquatic Ecosystem Health

- A 'drain shading' pilot has been further delayed until autumn 2021, with a decision to change sites from the originally selected sites due to reasons of traffic management, issues with lack of topsoil and planting in and around drain cleanings. Native plants will be planted along problematic drains with the purpose of reducing high maintenance frequency. A project memo has been drafted. $20K allocated in 2020-21. **(ZIPA Rec. 1.14)**

Improving Stream Health – Ngāi Tūāhuriri Values and Aquatic Ecosystems

- WDC staff presented Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga Kaitiaki (via Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd) with a report about the feasibility, benefits/detriments, and requirements for converting the Cam River flood gate into an electrically operated tide gate. Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga Kaitiaki have replied with a report stating that they do not support the proposal proceeding to a feasibility study, primarily due to concerns for fish passage and inanga spawning. WDC will not be proceeding with the proposal further, due to the opposition of Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga Kaitiaki. **(ZIPA Rec. 1.20)**

Improving Stream Health – Urban Waterways

- A budget of $10K is allocated in 2020-21 for local stormwater education resources – slightly reduced from the $20K allocated pre-COVID-19 pandemic. A Section 17A review (under the Local Government Act) is being carried out for all environmental education by WDC, which likely decide how this budget is proposed to be allocated. **(ZIPA Rec. 1.25)**

Improving Stream Health – Project support

- Continuation of native planting for stream health and public amenity in the South Brook (Townsend Fields) 635 plants since ZIPA implementation start in 2019, plus a further 130 planted by a Leos, Lions and Youth Council at a community planting day in June (omitted by mistake from the August 2020 ZIPA update). **(ZIPA Rec 1.26)**

Planting day on the South Brook at Townsend Fields with the Lions, Leos and Youth Council in June 2020.

- WDC staff and the Taranaki Stream Reserve advisory group held a community planting day in August 2020 with 300 native plants planted, funded by ZIPA budget. **(ZIPA Rec 1.26)**

A Taranaki Stream Reserve community planting day was held in August 2020 with the Taranaki Stream Reserve Advisory Group and community members. Steps have also been built on the stopbank to improve access (non-ZIPA funding).

- Cam River Enhancement Fund: Waiting for a district-wide 'Maintenance and Minor Works in Waterways' consent to undertake further works. This consent application is being processed by Environment Canterbury. **(ZIPA Rec. 1.27)**

- $10K allocated in 2020-21 for Kaiapoi River tidal plantings with wetland plants, to narrow the channel and create greater flushing flows. The first tranche of tidal planting for 2020-21 have been planting, with further plantings to occur after the end of the whitebaiting season, so that the planting does not conflict with the fishers. **(ZIPA Rec. 1.27)**

Protecting and enhancing Indigenous Biodiversity - Cross-outcome Recommendations

- $10K has been funded in 2019-20 towards a PhD position supervised by Dr Jonathan Tonkin at the University of Canterbury, which will examine and model climate change impacts on freshwater indigenous biodiversity in the Waimakariri Water Zone, particularly the likely impact of climate change on native fish communities. This positions is forecasted to start in early 2021. **(ZIPA Rec. 2.4)**

Protecting and enhancing Indigenous Biodiversity - Protecting and enhancing ecosystem health

- $10K has been allocated in 2020-21 for technical and survey work of ecological values (on an as-required basis), that can inform Council planning and operational activities. This budget is proposed to be used to have a groundwater scientist / hydrologist look at the issues of low flows in the headwaters of the North Brook, with options for flow improvement considered by WDC staff. **(ZIPA Rec 2.5)**

- Surveys of seven stockwater races sites scattered throughout the Waimakariri stockwater race system have been carried out for fish and macro-invertebrates populations by WDC staff. The survey work is to inform operational management of the stockwater race system and the review of the current Stockwater Race Bylaw. Freshwater mussels, upland bullies and an elver (young eel) were the larger species that were found, with lots of 'bugs' too. An additional three sites are planned to be surveyed. **(ZIPA Rec 2.5)**

An elver and bullies caught during a stockwater race survey.

Protecting and enhancing Indigenous Biodiversity - Terrestrial and Aquatic Biodiversity

- WDC staff are investigating support in the Draft Long Term Plan for a community organisation to support planting on council land and with private land owners **(ZIPA Rec 2.8)**

- Providing biodiversity advice to landowners and community organisations and ecological advice to Silverstream volunteers **(ZIPA Rec 2.1)**

Protecting and enhancing Indigenous Biodiversity - Coastal Habitats and Ecosystems

- Inanga spawning area improvements for McIntosh Stream will no longer be funded by ZIPA budget, as the works will be incorporated into an $18 million 'shovel-ready' flood protection project McIntosh Stream. The draft for the shovel-ready project includes a wetland basin beside the floodgate, and creation of meander along the waterway from Beach Road to the floodgate. Taranaki Stream inanga improvements are on hold until

further analysis of the effect of the new floodgate on salinity and the inanga spawning area. **(ZIPA Rec. 2.11)**

Reducing Nitrates – Nitrate Limits for Private Well Supplies

- WDC has allocated $10K in 2020-21 towards the testing of 20 nitrate levels in private drinking wells. WDC is carrying out a second year of study, with repeat testing for nitrate and other chemical parameters planned for late October 2020. All 19 private well-lowners in Cust and Eyreton from the 2019 study have reconfirmed commitment to re-testing in 2020, and sample kits have been sent out. **(ZIPA Rec. 3.16a)**

- WDC has drafted a pamphlet with guidance on well depth and well-head security. This pamphlet is currently in the graphic design and layout review phase, with photos and images sourced for this work. It is expected to be finalised before the end of 2020 for distribution. **(ZIPA Rec. 3.17)**

ZIPA Related:

- WDC staff are preparing to present at the Land and Water Plan Change 7 hearing on 16 November 2020.

Environment Canterbury

Science

Our groundwater and surface water scientists have been heavily involved in Plan Change 7 related work:

- Caucusing for Groundwater Science and Aquatic Ecology. Joint Witness Statements have been published.
- Assembling and reviewing evidence in chief.
- Preparation for Hearing with Counsel.
- Presence during first Hearing week (39 September – 2 October).
- Writing replies to questions from Hearing Panel.
- The expectation for the next 3-6 months is that the PC7 hearing process will still involve a large commitment of our Science Teams. Last day of the Hearing is 4 December 2020, with report of reply likely due by the end of February ***(This commitment from the Science Teams aligns with the 59 ZIPA Recommendations addressed through proposed Plan Change 7)***

Groundwater Team

- Ongoing monthly baseline nitrate concentration monitoring of springs in the Silverstream area in anticipation of landuse and nitrate loss changes within the WIL command area. **(ZIPA Recs. 3.1, 3.8, 3.18, 3.19 – Reducing Nitrates: Direction of travel, nitrate limits for streams and rivers, monitoring**)

- Provide support to Waimakariri District Council with the second pilot study for nitrate monitoring in private wells (**ZIPA Rec 3.16**)
- Draft overview memo of the Infiltration Trench Trial in South Eyre has been internally reviewed. To be finalised before the end of 2020 in anticipation of the rehabilitation of the trench (**ZIPA Rec. 3.24 – Reducing Nitrates: Innovation**)
- The request for proposals to drill and install the deep well is being prepared and anticipated to be published within the month. The current schedule for drilling to begin is early 2021 with well completion by mid-2021 **(ZIPA Recs. 3.19 – Reducing Nitrates: monitoring**)
- Draft model user guide for the groundwater model used to support Plan Change 7 for internal review. (**the 59 ZIPA recs addressed through proposed Plan Change 7**)

Surface Water Team

- In addition to the contributions to proposed Plan Change 7, the following areas have been areas of focus for the Surface Water Team and reporting back to the Zone Committee over the last three months.
- Kaiapoi River – salinity logger data recovered in August 2020 and reported September 2020. Replacement salinity logger deployed August 2020. Scoping equipment to extend salinity monitoring to a broader suite of appropriate water quality monitoring sondes. **(ZIPA Rec. 1.4 i – Improving Stream Health: monitoring and research, Rec 4.20 – Managing surface water quantity)**
- Kaiapoi Lakes – Supporting WDC in understanding the cyanobacterial blooms occurring in these artificial lakes. Offering both a recommended solution, and loan of monitoring equipment (Dissolved oxygen loggers). **(ZIPA Rec. 1.4 c, d, and j – Improving Stream Health: monitoring and research)**
- Lake Pegasus – attending further meetings with lake ownership company and affected parties, discussing and recommending solutions to water quality problems. **(ZIPA Rec. 1.4 e – Improving Stream Health: monitoring and research)**
- Ashley River algal blooms – liaison with CRI researchers on ongoing toxic algal bloom cause and effect research. **(ZIPA Rec. 1.6 – Improving stream health: monitoring and research)**
- Waimakariri River LAWA data – investigated cause for absence of OHB data on LAWA website and steps to ensure data present for September 2020 data refresh.
- LAWA data – ensure data for Waimakariri zone is updated for September 2020 data refresh and reporting. **(ZIPA Rec. 1.6 – Improving stream health: monitoring and research)**
- Fish passage in Kairaki Creek, McIntoshs Drain, Courtenay Stream and Taranaki Streams. Inspected modified structures at tidal flood gates and priorities summer monitoring of structure effectiveness. **(ZIPA Rec. 1.21 – Improving stream health: Ngāi Tūāhuriri values and aquatic ecosystems)**

- Silverstream Nitrate logger – ongoing maintenance and surveillance of nitrate concentrations in Silverstream at Harpers Road. **(ZIPA Rec. 1.6 – Improving stream health: monitoring and research)**
- Tawera block mudfish habitat – attended site visit with staff and Tawera Trust members to advise on natural values and options to improve habitat of threatened species including mudfish**. (ZIPA Recs. 1.4g, 1.9 – Protecting and enhancing biodiversity)**

Operations

` **Zone Delivery Team**

- Braided River Revival will address numerous Waimakariri ZIPA recommendations. It will see at least $500,000 being spent on the Ashley-Rakahuri in the next 2 years. This programme of work is currently being developed (WDC have been informed) and work is expected to start within the next two months. **(ZIPA Recs. 1.22, 1.23, 1.24 – Improving stream health: Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek catchment)**
- Work has commenced on the three wetland weed projects funded through IMS (Hammonds, Springvale and Auld Wetland projects) **(ZIPA Rec 2.3)**
- Working closely with WDC, DOC and Working Waters Trust to support landowners in the Mudfish area and clarify the support offered by each organisation. **(ZIPA Rec 1.9)**
- A new floodgate at Taranaki Stream has been installed reducing the risk of flooding and increasing fish passage. **(ZIPA Rec. 1.21 – Improving stream health: Ngāi Tūāhuriri values and aquatic ecosystems, ZIPA Rec. 1.14 – Improving stream health: Protecting and enhancing aquatic ecosystem health)**
- ECan's Regional Implementation team have identified a further 70 farms in the Zone that may require a Farming Land Use (FLU) consent under current operative LWRP rule triggers. This is in addition to the 50+ independent farms (not part of WIL scheme) that already have FLU consents. Letters and information packs were posted out in late September. There have been a small number of queries so far following receipt of letters. A number of farmers have indicated they continue to work with consultants to progress their applications. Drop-in sessions for farmers requiring land use consents and general advice (advertised in local papers). **(ZIPA Rec. 1.2 a and b – Improving stream health: Cross Outcomes Recommendation)**
- Mahinga Kai and its relevance in today's farming environment continued to be a focus following the Covid-19 slowdown of this mahi. A field trip for rural advisors held in the Ohoka area was well supported by the Waimakariri Primary Industry Network Group with 20+ attending on the day. Increasing numbers of farmers are requesting visits by our Poū Matai Kō (Cultural Land Management Advisor) and Land Management Advisor to help identify key mahinga kai values and risks on-farm. Regular meetings and engagement with industry and community groups including NextGen Farming, Ashley Rivercare, DoC, and Waimakariri Lifestyle Block Association. **(ZIPA Recs. 1.2 a and b, 1.3 – Improving stream health: Cross Outcomes Recommendation)**
- A wintergrazing campaign for the 2020/21 season commenced by engaging with key agricultural contractors and agricultural technical field reps working in the area at an information session run in late July. This was jointly hosted by DairyNZ, BLNZ, WIL and

ECan, and information and discussion included the essential part they can play in supporting farmers to select suitable paddocks and ensure there is a cultivation plan that avoids sensitive areas. The timing of this session was to ensure there was awareness and a common theme on wintergrazing GMP for paddock selection and preparation. This was well supported with over 20 attendees. **(ZIPA Recs 3.11, 3.14)**

- Catchment support with a focus on sedimentation and riparian protection has included:
    - collating reference and existing stream and estuary technical information and monitoring results for the Saltwater and Foxs Creek catchments - for the newly formed Sefton Saltwater Creek Catchment Group
    - assisting 5 Fonterra farmers in the Rakahuri (Lower Ashley) catchment to identify and scope potential riparian enhancement projects that will be supported by funding assistance provided by Fonterra
    - on-going liaison and collaboration with WDC and landowners in the Lineside Road area to identify issues and actions leading to improved water quality management in the area. A meeting with all landowners was held in September followed by Central Drainage Committee meeting. A number of actions to be undertaken in the next few months are progressing well.
    - ECan staff working with lower Ashley/Rakahuri farmers to form a sub-catchment group to address sediment runoff/stock access to Waikuku/Little Ashley Stream. **(ZIPA Rec. 1.2 c – Improving stream health: Cross Outcomes Recommendation, ZIPA Rec. 1.21 – Improving stream health: Ngāi Tūāhuriri values and aquatic ecosystems)**

AGENDA ITEM NO: 4	SUBJECT: Waimakariri natural hazards mapping – update
REPORT TO: Waimakariri Water Zone Committee	MEETING DATE: 2 November 2020
REPORT BY: Sophie Allen – WDC, Water Environment Advisor	

PROPOSAL

This briefing provides the Waimakariri Water Zone Committee with an update on WDC's mapping of natural hazards for land in the Waimakariri District. The hazard information being updated includes: 1) flooding – from rainfall, coastal inundation and stop bank breach, 2) tsunami, 3) liquefaction, and 4) fault lines.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Zone Committee:

Receives this update for its information.

BY WHO

This update is provided by:

- Don Young – WDC, Senior Engineering Advisor

BACKGROUND

Like many places in New Zealand, Waimakariri District is geographically diverse, reaching from the mountain ranges to the ocean. Because of this, the District is susceptible to a number of possible Natural Hazards including flooding, erosion in coastal areas, earthquake faults and liquefaction.

As part of its District Plan Review, Waimakariri District Council is updating Natural Hazard provisions (objectives, policies and rules) to help manage risk and uncertainty.

Last year the Council held a two-stage consultation to invite feedback from the community on natural hazards. This enabled the most up-to-date and robust information to be made available through the District Plan Review maps and provisions, and will help to support the protection of Waimakariri District's environmental, physical and social interests.

In August 2020 Council received updated maps and models showing the latest information on the possible extend of natural hazards in the District. These models and maps are updated every few years to provide the best possible information for landowners looking to buy, build or develop.

At this stage, the Council is still deciding how best to respond to the updated information, both in terms of reviewing planning rules, as well as considering how it will affect the community and its assets into the future. It will take some time to understand the full impacts of the updated information, and how the Council and the community is to best respond.

The next step in this process is through the District Plan review which will be looking at how we should respond to this new info by setting future planning rules and restrictions, so any future development is done in as safe a way as possible.

When the Natural Hazards maps and provisions are completed, these will be included in the District Plan and help to guide development. In the interim, the information will be on Council's website, Land Information Memoranda, and property files, and will also be used by the Council when processing resource and building consents to ensure any new information is taken into consideration.

Managing the effects of Natural Hazards

Managing the effects of Natural Hazards is required under the Resource Management Act 1991 as a matter of national importance. Council needs to give effect to Natural Hazards management directions in the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement within the District Plan.

In 2016, the Council responded to new information on a variety of Natural Hazards by preparing a draft plan change – PC27. This was supported by technical assessments, updated now, which will be used as part of the District Plan Review.

Climate change is also an important long-term conversation between Council and community – specifically, how we respond to it. Council's engagement with community about climate change will be a separate process.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 5	SUBJECT: Kaiapoi River monitoring and management – update
REPORT TO: Waimakariri Water Zone Committee	MEETING DATE: 2 November 2020
REPORT BY: Adrian Meredith – Environment Canterbury, Principal Surface Water Scientist	

PROPOSAL

This briefing provides the Waimakariri Water Zone Committee with an update on the follow up work by Environment Canterbury on the Kaiapoi River as discussed at its 5 October meeting. At its 7 September the committee received an update on Environment Canterbury's salinity monitoring in the Kaiapoi River. At this meeting, the update will focus on the rationale and timeline for the proposed installation of a nitrate logger and a multi-probe sonde in the Kaiapoi River, and other associated monitoring.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Zone Committee:

Receives this update for its information.

BY WHO

This update is provided by:

- Adrian Meredith – ECan, Principal Surface Water Scientist

BACKGROUND

The Kaiapoi River is a large tidal waterbody that frequently receives complaints or observations of poor water quality. It also has complex flow dynamics including contributing flows from several major tributaries, daily 2+ metre tidal movements, backflow from the Waimakariri River, and periods where saline water penetrates into the river. These features all contribute to the Kaiapoi River being a high priority for investigative water quality monitoring, but also being a very difficult waterbody to sample in an effective manner.

To disentangle the various influences of varying flow contributions and tidal variations this waterbody must be sampled like a dynamic lake or estuary with continuous monitoring (15-minute intervals) with appropriate lake or estuary (rather than river) parameters. This will include a multiprobe sonde measuring parameters such as water level, temperature, turbidity, dissolved oxygen, pH, chlorophyll a, and phycocyanin. A separate instrument would measure nitrate and salinity. These would be complimented by grab samples for analysis of the phytoplankton community and other nutrients.

Only by sampling in this manner can the various degraded features of the water quality of the Kaiapoi River be characterised, and the influences of various river flows and tidal regimes on the water quality be understood. Interpretation of such data will allow an understanding of the importance of different flow and water quality variables and should lead to options for improving features of the water quality of the Kaiapoi River.

The most effective site for installing this equipment is off a pile in the deepest channel off the Mandeville Bridge. This site represents a position within the centre of both the urban and tidal reaches of the river.

Designs for the mounting, installation, and powering of this equipment is underway, and we anticipate it should be operational later this summer season.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 6	**SUBJECT:** Essential Freshwater Package – update
REPORT TO: Waimakariri Water Zone Committee	**MEETING DATE:** 2 November 2020
REPORT BY: Murray Griffin – CWMS Facilitator, Waimakariri	

PURPOSE

This agenda item provides the Waimakariri Water Zone Committee with an update on the initial assessment being undertaken by Environment Canterbury on the Government's Essential Freshwater package.

Staff are currently analysing the new requirements to determine how the new National Environmental Standards for Freshwater 2020 (NES-F) rules align with our existing rules and freshwater plans. Once this assessment has been completed, we will be able to provide fuller advice on the implications of the package.

Canterbury is well placed to adapt to the new requirements, particularly in terms of farm environment plans and stock exclusion where we already have rules and frameworks established.

While our regional planning framework covers many of the same areas as the new requirements, changes will be required to existing plans to give effect to this new national direction.

Further analysis is needed before we can provide clarity on the extent of changes required. This will be provided as it becomes available. An initial update on this analysis is provided for the committee as **agenda item 4-1**.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Zone Committee:

Receives this update for its information, and with consideration to its priorities and community engagement.

BY WHO

This update is provided by:

- Murray Griffin, on behalf of the Essential Freshwater Package Team at Environment Canterbury

BACKGROUND

The Essential Freshwater package introduces new rules and regulations to:

- stop further degradation of New Zealand's freshwater resources and improve water quality within five years
- reverse past damage and bring New Zealand's freshwater resources, waterways and ecosystems to a healthy state within a generation.

New National Environmental Standards for Freshwater and a new National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management will prevent further loss and degradation of freshwater habitats and introduce controls on some high-risk activities. These came into effect on 3 September 2020.

For more information and updates on Environment Canterbury's analysis of the Essential Freshwater package go to: https://ecan.govt.nz/your-region/your-environment/water/canterburys-water/essential-freshwater-package-our-advice/

Essential Freshwater package and Canterbury rules
October 2020
Rangitata River
Environment Canterbury
Regional Council
Kaunihera Taiao ki Waitaha

The Government's Essential Freshwater package

Objectives

- Te Mana o Te Wai – the vital importance of water
- Stop further degradation – reverse past damage
- High-risk farming practices carefully managed
- Protect and enhance native fish populations

Te Mana o te Wai
Hierarchy of Obligations

Freshwater must be managed in a way that prioritises:

1. Health and wellbeing of water
2. Health needs of people
3. Ability of people and communities to provide for their social, economic and cultural wellbeing

- **Key Point**: the first must be satisfied before the others are considered

The Package

National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management

- Sets national outcomes and policy direction for freshwater management
- Local authorities must notify new freshwater plans by the end of 2024 to give effect to new requirements

National Environmental Standards for Freshwater

- Contains rules / standards to regulate activities that affect freshwater
- Councils may have more stringent rules in their plans

Stock Exclusion Regulations

- Apply in addition to requirements in a resource consent
- A more stringent rule in a regional plan prevails over these regulations

Water Takes

- Regulations relating to consented water takes

National Environmental Standards

Rules that apply **in addition** to regional rules (LWRP) covering 3 areas:

- **Farming** (livestock control, intensive winter grazing, intensification, N cap)
  - Livestock control covers stockholding areas and feedlots
  - Intensive winter grazing - winter grazing on annual forage crops
  - Intensification - land use change to pastoral, dairy farm land, dairy support and increased irrigated dairy farm land
  - Nitrogen cap - synthetic nitrogen fertiliser use on pastoral land
- **Wetland modification** (earth / vegetation disturbance, drainage, takes)
- **Riverbeds** (reclamation, piping, culverts, dams, weirs)

National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management

Te Mana o te Wai

- Health of waterbody at forefront of decisions about freshwater
- Prioritised approach to freshwater management:
  - 1 – health and wellbeing of a waterbody
  - 2 – essential health needs of people
  - 3 – people and communities' social, economic and cultural wellbeing.

Wetlands / Streams / Fish Passage - new requirements for Councils

- Identify barriers to / enable fish passage
- Avoid "net loss" of streams (from piping / culverting)
- Include new plan provisions to encourage restoration
- Map wetlands, maintain an inventory, monitor their condition, respond when deterioration detected
- Incorporate Mātauranga Māori knowledge

NPS-FM continued

National Objectives Framework

- New values must be taken into account when preparing plans:
  - Mahinga kai
  - Threatened species habitats
- New freshwater attributes for councils to manage / monitor and set limits for
- New national bottom lines for ammonia (0.24mg/L) and nitrate (2.4mg/L)
- Councils must prepare and publish “action plans” for a range of new freshwater attributes - they must state:
  - Target state for a freshwater attribute
  - Actions taken if deterioration is detected
  - Steps to identify cause of deterioration
  - Methods to address deterioration

Resource Management Regulations

Stock Exclusion

- Wide rivers and lakes
- Natural wetlands

- Compliance is required by either 1 July 2023 or 2025, unless it relates to new pastoral land in which case compliance is required on commencement
- Sheep are not included

Water Takes

- More frequent measuring and reporting to councils

Environment Canterbury approach

- We are analysing the new requirements against our current planning framework

- While our regional planning framework covers many of the same areas as the new requirements, changes will be needed to existing plans to give effect to the new national direction

- Further analysis is needed before we can provide clarity on the extent of changes required.

ECan approach – Consents

- We are working with our iwi partners to understand Te Mana o te Wai in Canterbury, and how to implement it
- As we build this understanding, we will update our guidance to help people applying for resource consents.
- Those making decisions on consents must have regard to the relevant provisions of the NPSFM 2020 and the NES-F 2020
- Considerable weight must be given to the principles of Te Mana o te Wai

ECan approach – Consents (continued)

- This may be informed by referring to the relevant Iwi Management Plan and the hierarchy of obligations
- Applicants also need to check whether they require consent under the NES-F, and to apply for those consents when they apply for any consents they need under the Land and Water Regional Plan
- To help people with these requirements, we're contacting those with consents in process to explain what's needed and why
- Further detailed guidance will continue to be provided as we work through understanding how we implement the national direction

Information

- Ministry for the Environment has released factsheets relating to parts of the Essential Freshwater Package
- https://www.mfe.govt.nz/fresh-water/freshwater-guidance/factsheets-policies-and-regulations-essential-freshwater

- We are updating our website with information as it is confirmed
- FAQs to go up this week

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7	**SUBJECT:** Committee Updates
REPORT TO: Waimakariri Water Zone Committee	**MEETING DATE:** 2 November 2020
REPORT BY: Murray Griffin, CWMS Facilitator – Waimakariri	

PURPOSE

The purpose of the agenda item is to provide the committee with an overview of updates to be tabled.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Zone Committee:

> **Receives** these updates for its information, and with reference to the committee's 2020/21 work programme and engagement priorities.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

The following updates will be addressed with the committee:

1. **Proposed Plan Change 7**

   Proposed Plan Change 7 (of the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan) has been developed to respond to emerging resource management issues, to give effect to relevant national direction, to implement recommendations from the Hinds Drains' Working Party, and to implement recommendations in the Waimakariri and Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora (OTOP) Zone Implementation Programme Addenda (ZIPA).

   The Hearing Panel has set down a new timetable for the Plan Change 7 hearing. **The hearing began on 28 September and will run on 5 non-consecutive weeks through to 4 December**. The Panel Chair, David Sheppard, resides in Melbourne Australia and is currently under COVID-19 lockdown restrictions. As such, the Panel Chair will attend and run the hearing remotely, via video conferencing. The hearing will be held in Christchurch (at Wigram) and Timaru.

   Evidence in Chief was exchanged on 17 July. Expert caucusing will occur through the month of August. Rebuttal Evidence is to be lodged by 18 September.

   For more information, go to:
   https://ecan.govt.nz/your-region/plans-strategies-and-bylaws/canterbury-land-and-water-regional-plan/change-7/

   The Hearings are being recorded and are available to view on our YouTube channel.

2. CWMS Regional Committee

The previous CWMS Regional Committee meeting was held on Tuesday 13 October. Carolyne Latham has provided summary notes from this meeting for the committee which is provided as **agenda item 7-1**.

Link to all CWMS Regional Committee meetings and agenda papers:

https://ecan.govt.nz/data/document-library/?Search=regional+water+management+committee%2C+agenda&documentTypes=-1&pageSize=12&start=1&sortDir=desc

3. Land & Water Committee – Waimakariri District Council

The report from the 8 October WDC Land and Water Committee meeting on Kaiapoi River water quality and management is provided as **agenda item 7-2**.

4. Zone Committee Working Groups

Landcare Working Group

Cameron Henderson will provide an update at this meeting, with the next Working Group meeting scheduled for Friday 23 October.

Biodiversity Working Group

Judith Roper-Lindsay has confirmed The Biodiversity Working Group last met on 1 October, as reported at the last WWZC meeting, and are scheduled to meet again on 12 November.

Coastal Catchments Working Group

Carolyne Latham has confirmed the newly formed Saltwater Creek Catchment Group has formally re-named itself the “Sefton Saltwater Creek Catchment Group”, and has a vision “Healthy water, healthy land, healthy people, healthy future”. The next meeting is scheduled late November (date to be confirmed) and will feature Adrian Meredith giving an update on the current state of the catchment, and Graham McPhail who will advise on how to do riparian planting that still enables waterway and drain maintenance to be undertaken.

5. Communications & Engagement

Following the recent opportunity for WWZC members to visit a site and discuss the understanding of mahinga kai and how it is reflected in Farm Environment Plans, the Mahinga Kai info sheet developed by Environment Canterbury is provided as **agenda item 7-3**.

6. LAWA website – Waimakariri and Kaiapoi/Silverstream data

An update on the related action point requests will be provided for the committee at the meeting.

7. Action points from the previous zone committee meetings – Oct 2020

✓ A Arps confirmed that the vegetation clearance from the Ashley Gorge to Waikuku would be done as part the Ashley/Rakahuri River protection and fairway management project. He undertook to report back on when the work would commence – which is provided below:

> *Once the contract with Central Govt for the Covid Infrastructure Funding is signed (expected late October) Environment Canterbury will then engage in the procurement process for the work. This process and the elevation should see the work take place around late Feb /March. Please also note that the work is for the Ashley George to Okuku confluence.*

- That the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee be provided with a list of proposed future Immediate Steps Funding projects to assist the Committee in determining what percentage of its Immediate Steps Funding budget to allocate to proposed projects.

✓ That the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee be briefed as soon as possible on the Government's Action for Healthy Waterways Essential Freshwater Package

- That the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee be briefed on the capturing of data on the LAWA website, especially the information being recorded about the Kaiapoi River.

- It was also requested if the LAWA website could reflect the recommendation of the Waimakariri ZIP Addendum whereby the 'Kaiapoi River' is used to refer to the lower section of the catchment from the three streams confluence to the Waimakariri confluence, and 'Silverstream' used for the upper section of this catchment from the springheads to the three streams confluence.

- C Henderson noted that the LAWA website included an annual analysis of the water quality on a national level. He suggested that the same analysis should be done on a zone level, to determine if the water quality in the various zones were improving.

✓ That a report regarding the Kaiapoi River Monitoring and the installation of a nitrate logger and a multi-channel logger in the Kaiapoi River be submitted at the next meeting.

CWMS Regional Committee Workshop Report
13th October 2020

1. *LAWA Web Site* – The RC received a presentation from Tim Davie on the Land and Water Aotearoa web site which shows water quality information for river sites throughout New Zealand. It is a powerful tool for a quick overview and comparison of National with Regional, however the accuracy does depend on the number and location of sampling sites. Generally Canterbury compares favourably with the rest of NZ in relation to dissolved P, Ecoli and Ammonia, but not well on the macroinvertebrate community index (MCI). It is proposed to deliver the presentation to all of the zone committees.

2. *Regional Committee Review* – A final decision has not yet been made but Ecan council are favouring an advisory panel reducing the size significantly to 10-12 members comprising a chair, 2 iwi representatives, 2 Ecan councillors, 1 CDHB representative and 4-6 appropriately qualified community representatives (no zone committee or territorial authority representatives). It is proposed to hold zone committee events to support interaction and information exchange between zone committees, and if specific issues arise the advisory panel could meet with the ZC concerned.

The RC provided a range of feedback from disbanding the RC to support for continuing in its current configuration. There was little support for disbanding but strong support for change and an acknowledgement that the RC had a unique range of skills that had been under-utilised in recent times. It was suggested that links with zone committees was an important part of monitoring progress of the implementation of the CWMS (a key role of RC and the proposed AP) and difficult to see how the AP could be effective without those links. An option received positively by the Ecan councillors was appointing two or three ZC representatives on the advisory panel based on geographic location eg north/south or north/central/south Canterbury. Their role would be to liase with the zone committees in their area for the purposes of reporting to the AP.

3. *Freshwater Reform* – It was noted that although Ecan has already done a lot of planning work, it is thought the new NPS will still require about an additional $4-5 million per annum for the next 4-5 years plus ongoing monitoring and compliance. This would impose additional costs on ratepayers. The freshwater reform has resulted in a lot of uncertainty across the board, both urban and rural, with many unanswered questions to date. It was noted that A grade FEP farmers were upset that they were now having to duplicate, and people were becoming disengaged and disempowered. A farmer had spent $51,000 on a fish screen that now doesn't comply.

There was also concern about engagement with iwi and the wider community on Te Mana O Te Wai, and Ecan advised that an engagement plan with runanga was being worked on initially. The impact on resource consents currently in the process was also a concern. The Iwi representatives advised that their key issues were around recognition, protection of rights and interests, Rangatiratanga, and working in partnership.

4. *Zone Updates* – No opportunity for zone updates was provided.

5. *RC December Meeting* – A field trip was suggested but it was felt that it would be preferable to meet and receive further advice on the future of the RC at its final meeting of the year. It was also suggested that time could be made available for the zone committee representatives to report and for questions and discussion.

Carolyne Latham
Waimakariri Water Zone Committee RC Rep

WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT FOR DECISION

FILE NO and TRIM NO:	DRA-07 / 200918124023
REPORT TO:	Land and Water Committee
DATE OF MEETING:	8 October 2020
FROM:	Sophie Allen – Water Environment Advisor
SUBJECT:	Kaiapoi River water quality and management
SIGNED BY: **(for Reports to Council, Committees or Boards)**	Department Manager / Chief Executive

1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report summarises selective water quality information for the Kaiapoi River, and reviews management, including recommendations for the future of the Kaiapoi River Rehabilitation work programme.

1.2 Levels of contaminants monitored by Environment Canterbury, particularly *E. coli* (an indicator for faecal bacteria) and nitrate are of concern for the Kaiapoi River. These contaminants affect recreational activities and ecological health of the waterway.

1.3 WDC staff recommend the following actions for the Kaiapoi River Rehabilitation work programme for the next three years (2020-2023) and on-going:

a. Tidal planting of native wetland species that encourage passive creation of a two-stage channel, to increase flushing flows for sediment and absorb wave erosion.

b. Terrestrial planting along the riparian edge of the river with native species, potentially with on-going funds from Environment Canterbury of $10,000 per year for 3 years.

c. Progress with the creation of a gravel beach at elbow bend on the corner of Smith and Charles Streets in 2020-21. This will be planted with intertidal species to bind the gravel in place. Planting may proceed without gravel addition if considered to be detrimental to the popular fishing hole at the site.

d. Encourage passive establishment of native saltmarsh vegetation for coastal erosion prevention and biodiversity values.

e. Monitor inanga spawning area migration and plan for provision of suitable spawning habitat upstream.

f. Work with the Kaiapoi community to accommodate the Kaiapoi River as it transitions to a more estuarine environment, in conjunction with the WDC natural hazards workstream.

1.4 It is recommended by WDC staff to not proceed with the proposals of the Adderley Terrace wetland and Smith Street Charles Street elbow bend re-alignment within 2021-22, due to difficulty with consent timeframes, concerns raised about the projects around potential

effects on a popular fishing hole for the elbow bend realignment, difficulty with dredging methods, and clashes with other WDC projects for the Adderley Terrace wetland area.

1.5 WDC staff recommend that no pigeon control is undertaken for the Williams St bridge colony until confirmed whether the pigeons are a significant source of faecal bacteria to the waterway. Pigeon control was scoped out by WDC staff, however was complex to carry out underneath the bridge, and constraints were raised as an issue for an intend spend from the bridge maintenance budget.

1.6 In addition to continuation of the Kaiapoi River Rehabilitation programme, WDC staff recommend working on implementation of the Cam River Enhancement Fund, as well as stormwater contaminant and sediment control through the Kaiapoi, Woodend and Rangiora network discharge consents, resulting in stormwater improvements for water quality in the Kaiapoi River.

1.7 WDC will continue to work with Environment Canterbury and the Waimakariri Water Zone Committee on tree removal, nutrient reduction targets through the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan targets, and land management to treat at source for a 'ki uta ki tai / whole of catchment' approach.

1.8 If endorsed by the Land and Water Committee, WDC staff intend to request that continuous monitoring is carried out by Environment Canterbury in the Kaiapoi River for nutrient, chlorophyll-a and salinity levels in particular.

1.9 WDC staff recommend that on-going Kaiapoi River Rehabilitation works are incorporated into the Zone Implementation Programme Addendum (ZIPA) programme, under ZIPA recommendation 1.27 (with addition funding available under ZIPA recommendation 2.11), with a request for budget sought in the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan.

Attachments:

i. Kaiapoi River Rehabilitation sediment trap bank reshaping and drainage wetland design Tonkin and Taylor (160615056050)

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Land and Water Committee:

(a) **Receives** report No. 200918124023.

(b) **Notes** the water quality information available for the Kaiapoi River from Environment Canterbury monitoring, as well as proposed future management options.

(c) **Approves** the removal of the Adderley Terrace Wetland and the Smith Street Charles Street elbow bend realignment projects from the 2021-22 Kaiapoi River Rehabilitation Work Programme.

(d) **Endorses** the work programme detailed in Item 1.3 of the report (No.200918124023).

(e) **Endorses** that Environment Canterbury be requested to carry out continuous monitoring in the Kaiapoi River for nutrient, Chlorophyll-a and salinity levels in particular.

(f) **Notes** that no pigeon control will be undertaken for the Williams Street Bridge colony until it is confirmed whether the pigeons are a significant source of faecal bacteria to the waterway.

(g) **Notes** the suggestion for the Kaiapoi River Rehabilitation Work Programme to be combined into the Zone Implementation Programme Addendum (ZIPA) Work Programme in the 2021-31 Long Term Plan, primarily under recommendation 1.27.

(h) **Circulates** this report to the Waimakariri Water Zone Committee, the Rūnanga Liaison Group and the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Many of the rivers in the Waimakariri Zone, particularly spring-fed streams such as the Kaiapoi River, exhibit unhealthy ecological communities, poor habitat conditions and degraded water quality. This condition reflects the high intensity land use in many parts of the zone. Without appropriate catchment scale management of nutrient losses and sediment inputs these impacted streams will continue to exhibit unhealthy aquatic communities.

3.2 A joint Waimakariri District Council and Environment Canterbury working group was established in 2014 at the request of the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board, to scope future improvement actions for the lower Kaiapoi River. There were opportunities identified by the Board for improvements in the lower river, including to navigational safety, flood management, water quality, amenity and recreation. Dredging for navigational safety has been completed. The Kaiapoi River Rehabilitation Working Party was disestablished at the October 2019 Council election, with delegation transferred to the Land and Water Committee. There are on-going works proposed in this report for water quality, amenity and recreation.

3.3 The definition of Kaiapoi River in this report is from the confluence of the Ohoka Stream, Cust River and Silverstream to the sea, however takes a whole of catchment approach (ki uta ki tai) when considering management options.

4. ISSUES AND OPTIONS

Water quality

4.1. Environment Canterbury sample the Kaiapoi River near the Williams Street Bridge each summer season for *E.coli*, an indication of faecal contamination. The results have consistently resulted in a long-term grading of 'unsuitable for swimming' (see Figure 1), despite the use of the waterway by the community as a swimming area. Faecal source tracking by Environment Canterbury of the *E.coli* indicated a strong avian source. There are concerns that there is source of *E.coli* from tributaries of the Kaiapoi Rivers (Figure 2).

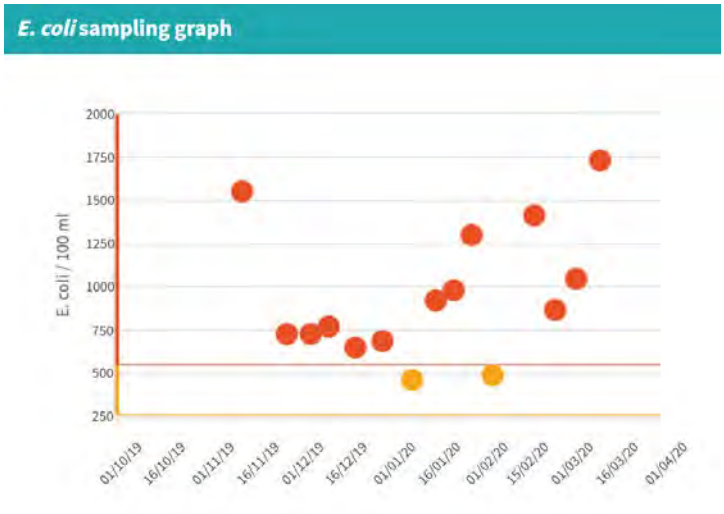

Figure 1: *E.coli* count per 100ml of water at the Kaiapoi boat ramp monitoring site. Yellow dots indicate above the 'alert' level, and red indicates above the 'action' level when 'unsuitable for swimming' signage is posted. Source: LAWA.org.nz

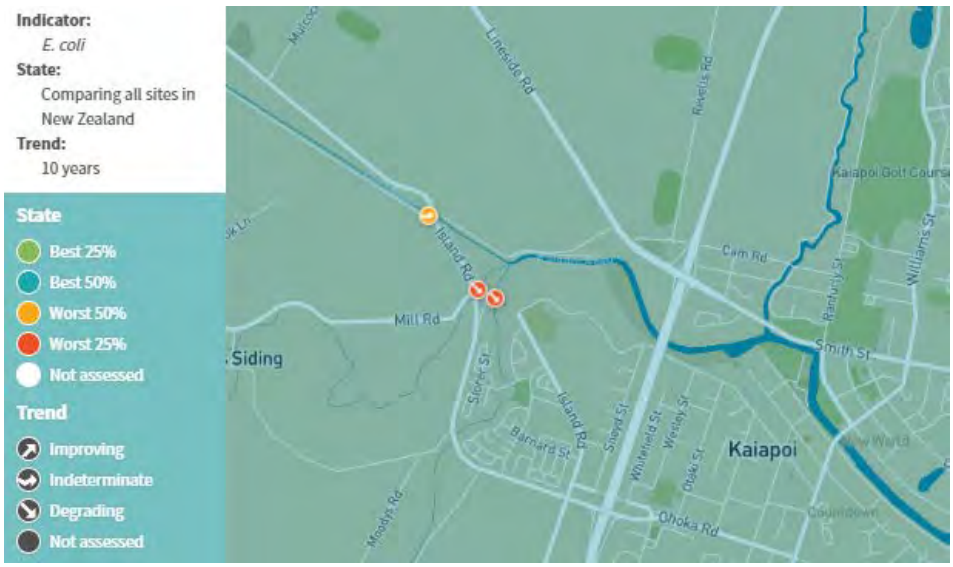

Figure 2: The state of the Kaiapoi River tributaries (Cust, Ohoka and Silverstream) for *E.coli* are either in the worst 50% or 25% of similar waterways in New Zealand, with an indeterminate or degrading trend observed in the past 10 years. Source: LAWA.org.nz

4.2. Nitrate levels in the key tributaries of the Kaiapoi River (the Cam River, Cust River, Ohoka Stream, Silverstream, South Brook, North Brook and Cam River) are monitored by Environment Canterbury (Figures 3 and 4). The state of these waterways are in the worst 25% or 50% of similar waterways nationally. The trend over 10 years is degrading for the most of the tributaries, except for the Ohoka Stream which is improving.

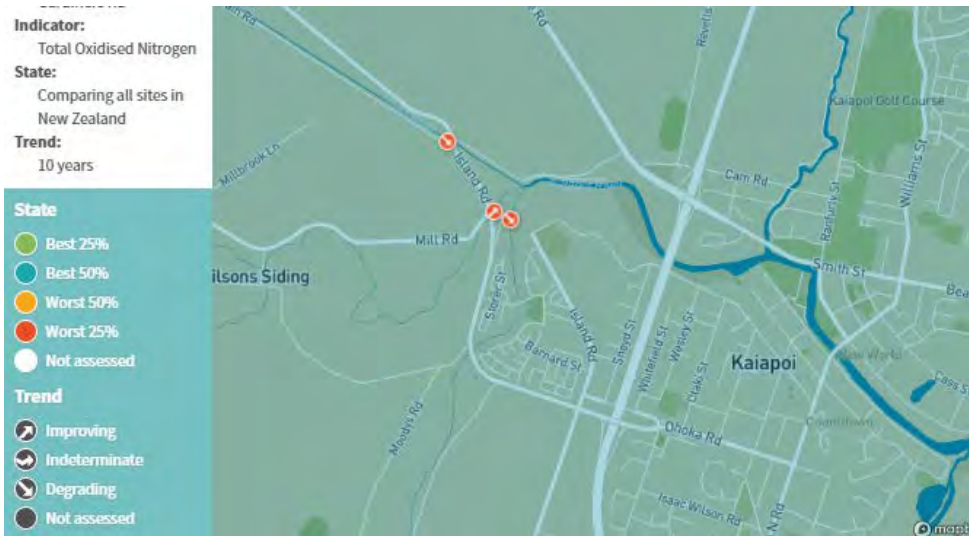

Figure 3: The state of Kaiapoi River tributaries (Cust, Ohoka and Silverstream) for Total Oxidised Nitrogen (nitrate and nitrite). Source: LAWA.org.nz

Figure 4:The state of Kaiapoi River tributaries (North Brook, South Brook and the Cam River) for Total Oxidised Nitrogen (nitrate and nitrite). Source: LAWA.org.nz

WDC work programme

4.3. An overall summary of approved Kaiapoi River Rehabilitation works still to be completed is presented in Table 1.

Project	2019-20	2020-21 Current year	2021-22	Funding Source	Comment
Intertidal planting	-	$10,000		ZIPA budget	Planting underway in late September
Terrestrial (riparian) planting	$10,000 (carried over)		-	Kaiapoi urban drainage account	Budget from Environment Canterbury confirmed. No longer require WDC budget
Intertidal planting – Coastguard to Courtenay	-	$10,000	-	Kaiapoi urban drainage account	Planned for November 2020 – February 2021
Stormwater outfall wetland, gravel beach and planting – Smith / Charles St	-	$10,000	-	Kaiapoi urban drainage account	Planned for November 2020 – February 2021. Gravel deposition depends on assessment of effect on fishing hole

Adderley Terrace Sediment trap / central island wetland and slow flow channel			$50,000	Kaiapoi urban drainage account	Proposed for removal or deferral to 2022-23. Requires resource consent and detailed design, plus confirmation of suitable dredging method. Final cost is uncertain.
Re-align Smith / Charles St elbow bend			$25,000	Kaiapoi urban drainage account	Proposed for removal or deferral to 2022-23. Requires resource consent, detailed design and further consultation with Fish and Game regarding the fishing hole. Final cost is uncertain.
TOTAL	**$10,000**	**$30,000**	**$75,000**		

Table 1: Kaiapoi River Rehabilitation approved budgets 2019-20 to 2021-22

4.4. WDC staff recommend the continuation of tidal planting of wetland species that encourage passive creation of a two-stage channel, to increase flushing flows for sediment and absorb wave erosion, as proposed by Dr. Henry Hudson in the 2011 rehabilitation plan for the waterway (130325021230[v2]). Planting will be focussed on establishment in new areas where there is bare river bed, and allow current wetland plants to spread and infill existing planted areas. WDC staff recommend an on-going budget of $10,000/yr for 3 years from 2021-24, which will be requested through an associated report.

4.5. The gravel beach creation project at the Smith Street Charles Street elbow bend, with associated wetland planting is still proposed to proceed in 2020-21, even if the associated elbow bend realignment project is removed. Gravel would only be added to the outer bend if there would not be a negative effect on the popular fishing hole. The gravel addition has been proposed to provide more access space for fishers.

4.6. WDC staff recommend the continuation of terrestrial planting along the riparian edge of the river with native species, potentially with on-going budget from Environment Canterbury of $10,000 for 3 years, following the comprehensive planting plan presented to the Land and Water Committee at the 13 August 2020 meeting. Initial discussions with the Environment Canterbury River Engineer - Northern indicate that this Environment Canterbury budget is confirmed in 2020-21, with project management by WDC staff.

Adderley Terrace Wetland

4.7. The Adderley Terrace wetland was originally proposed for amenity, to trap sediment, to create inanga and other species habitat, and mahinga kai opportunities among other reasons. It is recommended by WDC staff not proceed with the Adderley Terrace wetland. This is due to concerns raised, and anticipated consent timeframes for the project.

4.8. The former Drainage Asset Manager, Owen Davies, raised concerns over lack of suitable dredging methods available for the Adderley Terrace wetland area that could minimise

environmental impacts. The long distance from the banks to dredge (50+ m) would not be possible with a dragline, and a suction dredge barge would not be able to pass under the Mafeking footbridge.

4.9. There are also newer concerns that the Adderley Terrace wetland would clash with identified locations for canal boat in planning by the Business and Town Centres Team, and the 'Shovel-Ready' Kaiapoi drainage project for the Dudley and Parhams catchments, which entails works in the same area, and would possibly create scour for new plantings if an outfall is created in the area.

Smith Street Charles St elbow bend realignment

4.10. The Smith Street Charles St elbow bend realignment was proposed to reduce scour, and create more natural curvature that would allow wetland plants to establish on the outer bend. It is recommended by WDC staff not proceed at all with the Smith Street Charles Street elbow bend re-alignment. This is due to concerns raised, and anticipated consent objections timeframes for the project. Concerns were raised by North Canterbury Fish and Game and in public submission in 2017 that the popular fishing hole at the Smith Street Charles Street elbow bend would be degraded by realignment works.

4.11. Environment Canterbury is proposing works at the McIntosh Hole in 2020-22, which would restrict fishing access to that area downstream. WDC staff to do not recommend that works are carried out over the same period at the Smith Street Charles Street fishing hole, to allow for fisher access while McIntosh Hole has restricted access. The Smith Street Charles Street elbow bend realignment was proposed for scour protection reasons, however the Roading Manager, Stormwater Engineer and Wastewater Asset Manager do not see the project as required for protection of stormwater, road or wastewater pipe assets located near the bend. The Environment Canterbury River Engineer - Northern does not consider the project as necessary for stopbank protection.

William Street Bridge pigeon control

4.12. Control of the pigeon colony under the Williams St Bridge was proposed informally by WDC Councillors in 2019 to reduce faecal bacterial contamination to the Kaiapoi River. After investigations by WDC staff, it is recommended to not proceed with pigeon control for the Williams Street bridge colony until there is understanding whether the pigeons are a significant contribution to the faecal contamination load, and there is sufficient budget. The approach to not proceed with control of the pigeons was anecdotally supported by community members who attended a Kaiapoi Promotions Association event about Kaiapoi River water quality in August 2020.

Alignment with other WDC work programmes

4.13. Stormwater network discharge consent applications have been lodged for Kaiapoi, Rangiora and Woodend. All three of these urban areas have some tributaries that drain into the Kaiapoi River. As part of the proposed conditions of these consents, there will be water quality and stream health monitoring by WDC. This information will supplement monitoring by Environment Canterbury to understand the health of waterways and sources of urban contaminants, such as heavy metals. Stormwater improvement projects for the District, which will include a high number of projects for the Kaiapoi River Catchment, have been earmarked at a cost of $20 million in the Long Term Plan for the period 2025-2035.

4.14. Cam River Enhancement Fund projects are intended to be implemented 2020-22 to reduce sediment inputs into the Kaiapoi River. After the disbursement of the Fund, additional funding for Cam River water quality improvements, and maintenance of

sediment traps are recommended by WDC staff under the Zone Implementation Programme Addendum (ZIPA) budget for the Long Term Plan 2021-2031.

Environment Canterbury work programme

4.15. WDC staff will request that continuous monitoring is carried out by Environment Canterbury in the Kaiapoi River for nutrient, chlorophyll-a and salinity levels in particular. Monitoring will inform management options for mitigation of eutrophication that can cause excessive algal growth. Continuous (15-minute interval) monitoring is recommended because the tidal nature of the waterway means that there are regular fluctuations in these parameters, with less frequent monitoring not capturing this variation.

4.16. Environment Canterbury has indicated that they intend to continue with gradual tree removal to create light wells for planting, remove dying trees, and replace willows and other exotics with native species. There has been an allocation of $30,000 for this work by Environment Canterbury in 2020-21 and potentially on-going. WDC staff been offered a consultative role for which trees will be removed.

4.17. The Management Team have reviewed this report and support the recommendations.

5. COMMUNITY VIEWS

5.1. Groups and Organisations

5.1.1. The Kaiapoi River Rehabilitation Working Party approved the budget for the Adderley Terrace wetland and Smith Street Charles Street elbow bend realignment, however expressed concerns as well as support for these projects at the time of approval. Since the approval of these projects by the Working Party, additional concerns have been raised around the projects as well as consenting timeframes, that require reconsideration of these projects.

5.1.2. Environment Canterbury supports the continuation of Kaiapoi River rehabilitation works, such as exotic tree removal and native riparian planting. Environment Canterbury River Engineering does not object to the removal or deferral of the Smith / Charles St elbow bend alignment.

5.1.3. North Canterbury Fish and Game raised concerns that works at the Smith / Charles St elbow bend could degrade the quality of the well-known fishing hole at the site.

5.2. Wider Community

5.2.1. Consultation with the public was carried out in 2017 for Kaiapoi River rehabilitation work, which included the Adderley Terrace wetland and Smith Street Charles Street elbow bend realignment. The indication from this public consultation was that these works would be proceeding. However the following specific comment was raised in a submission from Mr Michael Bate on 2 May 2017 (TRIM 170804083394) "*the salmon fishing hole at the Smith Street corner has been used for many years by many veteran fishermen. If the corner is cut off then the hole will fill in which will destroy the present dynamics of this part of the river".*

5.2.2. A public talk was organised by the Kaiapoi Promotions Association in August 2020 about Kaiapoi River water quality and management, where staff from WDC and Environment Canterbury presented. Discussion about pigeon control under the Williams St Bridge was generally supportive of not carrying out these works, as the pigeons were not viewed as the primary source of faecal bacteria contamination. There was community concern about the progression of the Kaiapoi River to become more estuarine in the coming decades.

6. IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

6.1. Financial Implications

6.1.1. The estimated cost of the Adderley Terrace island wetland is $50,000, which would be a saving to the Council if the project was removed from the programme, or could be higher if the project or methodology was changed. The cost of consenting, design and implementation could be significantly greater than this estimate, depending on the dredging method that is selected. The estimated cost of realignment of the Smith Street Charles St elbow bend is $25,000, which would be a saving to the Council if the project was removed from the programme.

6.1.2. WDC staff will be presenting funding under the LTP deliberation process for the Kaiapoi River Rehabilitation work programme. This information will be detailed in an associated report (200915122094[v2]).

6.2. Community Implications

6.2.1. The Kaiapoi River Rehabilitation work programme has a vision of an improved waterway for the local community across multiple values, such as biodiversity, swimming, boating and fishing.

6.3. Risk Management

6.3.1. Due to economic constraints created by the COVID- 19 pandemic in particular there is a need to minimise spend in 2020-2021. The removal of the Adderley Terrace wetland and Smith / Charles Street elbow bend realignment would help to manage the risk of rates inflation.

6.3.2. The is a risk, due to the sensitive cultural location of the Smith / Charles Street elbow bend as a historic confluence of the Cam River (Ruataniwha) that consent for the works may not be granted, or archaeological supervision may be required. There is a risk that North Canterbury Fish and Game or other local fishers could be identified as affected parties which could also delay the consenting process.

6.3.3. For the Adderley Terrace wetland to be dredged in its entirety as proposed there would be few feasible dredging methods due to the long distance from the shore to be dredged and the height of the Mafeking footbridge, which prevents a dredge from easily accessing the area. The Environment Canterbury dragline could access a distance up to 18m from shore, however the wetland is proposed to be at least 50m wide. It may not be feasible to use environmentally-friendly options for dredging, such as the suction-dredge technique used for the Kaiapoi marine precinct area, due to the access issues under the Mafeking footbridge. An option of a dredge on a barge could enable access to the area, however costs of this method would need to be investigated and could be significantly greater than the current project estimates.

6.4. Health and Safety

6.4.1. There are no specific Health and Safety considerations.

7. CONTEXT

7.1. Policy

7.1.1. This matter is not a matter of significance in terms of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

7.2. Legislation

Resource Management Act (1991**)**

7.2.1. Consents would be required for the Adderley Terrace island wetland project and the Smith / Charles St elbow bend. These projects would likely require individual project consents, as they would not be covered by the Maintenance and Minor Works in Waterways consent for the Waimakariri District. The advice from the Utilities Planner is that these consent applications, if granted, would likely allow work to commence from late 2021-2022 at the earliest, or more likely in 2022-2023.

7.3. Community Outcomes

7.3.1. There is a healthy and sustainable environment for all

- Harm to the environment from the impacts of land use, use of water resources and air emissions is minimised.
- Cultural values relating to water are acknowledged and respected.

7.3.2. Public spaces and facilities are plentiful, accessible and high quality

- People enjoy clean water at our beaches, rivers and lakes.
- There are wide-ranging opportunities for people to enjoy the outdoors.

7.4. Delegations

7.4.1. The Land and Water Committee holds the delegation for the Kaiapoi River Rehabilitation work programme.

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Abstract

This report builds on the concept development and assessment report for rehabilitation of Kaiapoi River Area A, which extends from the Mandeville Bridge upstream to the Ruataniwha/Cam floodgates (river chainage km ~2.4 to 3.0). Recommendations included extending rehabilitation upstream to excavate a sediment trap in the old meander bend of the realigned Kaiapoi River between the Motorway Bridge and Cam mouth (centred on river km 3.2); and modifying the elbow bend at the old mouth of the Cam River (centred on river km 2.75) by lowering the inner bend and infilling and planting the old Cam mouth as a drainage outfall wetland. This report is focused on these two recommendations.

Several options were evaluated for the sediment trap and elbow bend-wetland. In all cases, hydraulic modelling indicates there is negligible effect on the flood carrying capacity of the Kaiapoi River, primarily because the river is oversized. Over sizing relates to the fact that the Kaiapoi historically was the North Branch of the Waimakariri River, with considerably greater flow. Also, stopbanks on the Kaiapoi River are designed to contain flood backup from the Waimakariri River.

During normal river flows and small floods, conveyance is constrained to the main channel of the river and the velocities within the sediment trap area are minimal, facilitating settlement of fine particles. As edge vegetation is established, sediment would be stabilised in the trap area during large floods while the main channel is flushed clean to the gravel bottom. These effects will be enhanced with partial excavation of the trap. Planting recommended on the adjacent left bank of the Kaiapoi River, will further constrain the river and promote main channel flushing.

For flows less than 40 m^3/s, there is no apparent hydraulic effect from the proposed elbow bend modifications. In large flow events a slight reduction in flow velocities in the main channel and outside bends, and an increase in the inside bend velocities, is predicted. The outer bend drainage outfall wetland will be subject to moderate scour velocities during large flood events. As a result, stabilisation with coarse gravel-cobble material is recommended, rather than use of excavated material from the inner bend or sediment trap. To maintain channel capacity, and to reduce the risk of scour, it is recommended that the re-profiled inner bend is grassed. Planting of the outer bend is recommended to create the drainage outfall wetland.

An indicative methodology, for the construction and trial planting, is recommended. The latter was developed in consultation with Wai-Ora Forest Landscapes Ltd who are undertaking planting trials further downstream. Erosion and control measures are recommended.

Excavation of the sediment trap will partially restore the old meander loop that was cut off with channelisation of the Kaiapoi River to align with the new Northern Motorway Bridge (circa 1970). The meander loop was partially infilled during the channelisation, with net deposition of fine sediment averaging ~100 m^3/y in the intervening period. The excavation, and associated planting, is expected to increase sediment trap efficiency, and reduce the upstream and downstream flux of fine sediment that occurs on each tidal exchange. Trapping of Kaiapoi River flood flow sediment will also be enhanced; while flushing of fine sediment from the bed of the main channel will occur. Aquatic habitat will be enhanced with the exposure of a gravel bed in the reach as fine sediments are flushed from the main channel and with water clarity improvements.

Bank re-profiling will reduce the curvature and bank height of the inner bend and provide a more natural flow path, access, and integration with the planting proposed further downstream and on the outer bend drainage outfall wetland. The elbow bend drainage outfall wetland will be planted to trap and sediment and contaminants from the river and drainage outfall.

Planting in the reach has additional benefits including improved river habitat for aquatic life, mahinga kai, habitat and food for birds, lizards and insects, filtration and erosion control; and enhance the aesthetics of the river and river margins. This reach of river has the potential to provide inanga (whitebait) spawning and rearing habitat.

1 Introduction

The Kaiapoi River Rehabilitation Working Party (Working Party) adopted the recommendations of Hudson & Fletcher (2015) to investigate the utility of a cut off meander loop as a sediment trap; and naturalising an elbow bend at the historic Cam-Kaiapoi confluence to facilitate construction of a drainage outfall wetland on the outer bend (refer Figure 1.1 below).[1] On behalf of the Working Party, Waimakariri District Council (WDC), commissioned a joint project by Environmental Management Associates Limited (EMA) and Tonkin & Taylor Ltd (T+T) to undertake these investigations. The terms of reference are appended.[2]

These investigations are integral to a more holistic, catchment wide approach to rehabilitation. It is recognised that for rehabilitation of the Kaiapoi River to be successful, it is essential measures are taken to control the generation and delivery of sediment and contaminants from the catchment into the river, and to trap and treat sediment and contaminants that are in the Cam and Kaiapoi river system (Hudson 2010 & 2011). Catchment wide initiatives are underway in the Cam River system and are proposed for the Kaiapoi River system.

In terms of river corridor initiatives, the Working Party endorsed a "soft engineering" approach to rehabilitation of the upper Kaiapoi River (Hudson & Fletcher 2015). Planting trial are being undertaken to encourage the natural tendency of the river to development a sinuous low flow path, increase velocities to flush sediment from the river bed, and trap and treat sediment and contaminants along the planted channel margins that are frequently flooded. This planting, with resultant channel constriction, is likely to provide several environmental services, including improved river habitat for aquatic life, mahinga kai, habitat and food for birds, lizards and insects, filtration and erosion control; and enhance the aesthetics of the river and river margins.

The purpose of the sediment trap is to capture and stabilise suspended sediment mobilised during floods (in the Kaiapoi River catchment and Waimakariri River flood backflows) and during tidal action within the river (i.e. to capture sediment which would otherwise remobilise on the ingoing and outgoing tides but not leave the river system). Capture of this sediment is anticipated to improve the water clarity during non-flood periods by reducing the potential for sediment remobilisation (Hudson 1999, 2010). It was thought that this could be undertaken without adversely affecting river flood routing capacity of infrastructure integrity (Hudson & Fletcher 2015).

The purpose of the re-profiling is to reduce the curvature and bank height of the inner bend and provide a more natural flow path, access, and integration with the planting proposed further downstream and on the outer bend drainage outfall wetland (Hudson & Fletcher 2015). Realignment of the flow path to a more central course, coupled with a more natural inner and outer bank curvature, would facilitate establishment of vegetation on the outer bend. Planting of the beach on the outer bend is likely to enhance habitat values and trap and treat sediment and contaminants from the river and the drainage outfall. This area has the potential to be inanga (whitebait) spawning habitat as discussed in Hudson (2016).

[1] "*Kaiapoi River Rehabilitation Project Stage 1a – Variation Order (2) Drainage wetland and sediment trap indicative engineering and wetland concept development*" dated 15 October 2015. WDC Work order P0002026.

[2] T&T/EMA joint proposal titled "*Kaiapoi River Two Stage Meandering Flood Channel concept design – Stage 1 Engineering Services Proposal*" dated 03 February 2015. Job Ref: 53720. Work undertaken to WDC Purchase Order P0000798.

Figure 1.1 Kaiapoi River rehabilitation area Stage 1a – variation reach Jan 2016 (AP Google Earth)

2 Context

Historically the Kaiapoi River was the North Branch of the River Courtenay (now known as the Waimakariri River). The historic North Branch was largely dewatered as the result of a flour mill water race between the North Branch and South Branch avulsing and capturing most of the North Branch flow. The water race channel became the "new North Branch" in the 1860s; and the "old course North Branch" became the Kaiapoi River. Also, around this time, as part of major swamp drainage works, the Cust River was diverted into the Cust Main Drain and into the Kaiapoi River at river km 4.8. Large scale channelisation of the Waimakariri River in the 1930s isolated the North and South branches; and the braided river was confined into a progressively narrower channel over the lower 15 km to the sea (Hudson 2005).

In the late 1960s and early 1970s this section of the Kaiapoi River and lower Cam River were highly modified as part of the construction the Northern Motorway (State Highway 1) and for flood protection (Hudson 2010; 2011). Lower Cam River was shortened, widened, deepened and realigned so that it discharged into the Kaiapoi River about 275 m further upstream than previously (refer Figure 2.1 below). This produced an unnatural looking alluvial channel alignment (a 90 degree bend). Kaiapoi River was also realigned to flow under the new Northern Motorway Bridge, and the channel was straightened cutting off a meander loop (the sediment trap area marked in Figures 1.1 & 2.1).

These historic works resulted in degradation in the waterway's value with the enlarged and straightened river channel promoting sediment depositing and subsequent resuspension, and ebb and flow movements, of large quantities of fine sediment (Hudson 1999, 2010). As discussed earlier, Hudson & Fletcher (2015) proposed that wet edge[3] planting would accelerate development of a multi stage channel within the existing overall channel structure, by encouraging the natural tendency of the straightened, over widened and over deepened, river to develop a more natural cross section and sinuous low flow channel, with sediment flushing in the main channel, with deposition along the edges. The Working Party agreed that wet edge planting, and flow constriction,

[3] "Wet edge" planting was defined as the tidally flooded point bars and alternate side bars; and frequently flooded lower banks. The edge plantings are complimentary (not a replacement) to landscape plans for the upper river banks and river parks.

would provide several environmental services, including improved river habitat for aquatic life, mahinga kai, habitat and food for birds, lizards and insects, filtration and erosion control; and enhance the aesthetics of the river and river margins.

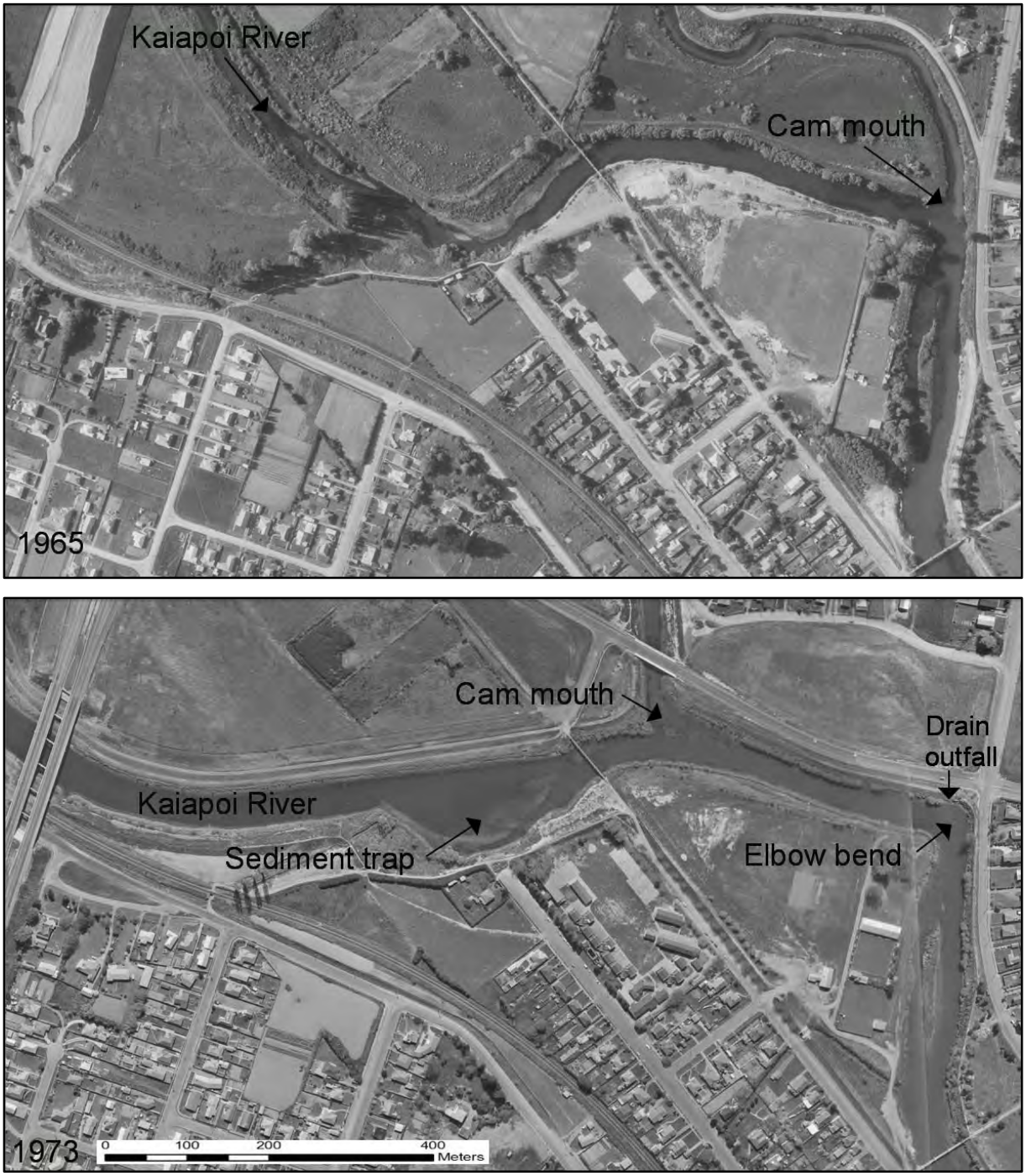

Figure 2.1 Historic aerial photographs (1965 & 1973) showing modifications to the Kaiapoi River in the Motorway to Mandeville swing bridge reach (AP Canterbury Maps/ECan)

3 Rehabilitation concepts

3.1 Sediment trap

The initial concept proposed for the sediment trap area was to excavate and remove the soft material deposited in the old bend of the Kaiapoi River (Figures 1.1, 2.1 & 3.1). Based on an assumed cross section (with a mean depth of 1.5 m) and the exposed surface area of the cut off meander bend, it was estimated approximately 10,000 m^3 of fine sediment would be removed. It was proposed that this excavation could be partially undertaken with the ECan dragline (which has a reach of 18 m)[4] with the remainder excavated from a barge. The quality or potential uses of this material were uncertain, which would have a bearing on uses or disposal costs. These estimates have been refined in this investigation by iterating different scenarios in the hydraulic modelling and other considerations.

Figure 3.1 View upstream to the proposed sediment trap near low tide

We have not been able to obtain before and after surveys of the old meander bend and new channel. Fortunately, ECan undertook cross section surveys in January 2016, in support of the Kaiapoi Rehabilitation initiative, which included probing to establish the thickness of fine sediment deposits overlying gravel. This information is critical to the development of the rehabilitation concepts and supply of this data by ECan is gratefully acknowledged. A summary of the supplied information is attached in Appendix B.

Based on the supplied cross-section information, the surveyed depth of soft sediment (i.e. difference between soft and hard bottom levels) within the proposed sediment trap area (plan area of approximately 7,800 m^2) varies up to ~1.0 m, with an average depth of approximately 0.58 m (Appendix B). The estimated volume of soft sediment within the trap area as of 20 January 2016 is 4,500 m^3. The fine sediment overlay has most likely accumulated since the river realignment works

[4] Brian McIndoe ECan (written comm. May 2015) estimated dragline and bank drop would cost ~$4 per m^3; but the ECan dragline has insufficient reach (18 m) with the greatest distance from the bank around 50 m.

undertaken as part of the northern motorway project in the early 1970's. This equates to roughly 100 m^3 per year net deposition.

The difference in the estimated depth of fine sediment is probably related to the partial infilling of the meander bend with the excavated material from the new channel. This view is based on Figure 3.2, which illustrates sediment in the area of the deepest part of the channel of the old meander bend shortly after channelisation (Figure 2.1). Also, the cross sections in Appendix B show that the hard bed is relatively level across the old meander loop.

Figure 3.2 Historic aerial photograph (1973) showing exposed bed material in the deepest part of the pre-cut off meander loop (AP Canterbury Maps/ECan)

It was thought that the excavated fine sediment could be used as hardfill and/or in the development of the drainage outfall wetland at the old Cam mouth. It is unlikely that the material is contaminated. This assessment is based on Hudson (1999) who examined sediment characteristics, and reported channel sediments were derived from catchment and river bank erosion, and backwash of the Waimakariri River. Because of its relatively fine texture, it has subsequently been determined that the material is not suitable for the drainage outfall wetland (it would easily erode); but would be suitable as soil for on-site or off-site use.

Various excavation scenarios were considered. The initial recommendation was to excavate from the true right bank with the ECan dragline which would create a channel about 18 m wide along the right bank where the deepest part of the original channel was. The remainder of the sediment trap could be excavated with hydraulic excavator mounted on a barge which has the ability to retain excavated material for subsequent disposal. While the dragline is cost effective ($4.00/$m^3$); the reach is too limited (18 m). Preliminary investigations of the barge mounted excavator indicate the

cost of excavation itself may be modest, but logistics are difficult and expensive.[5] The barge-excavator option may be viable for the sediment trap if excavation is coordinated with the proposed downstream navigation channel excavation.

A staged approach is recommended for the sediment trap. First, it is recommended that the inner portion of the sediment trap is excavated back to the gravel bed (refer Figure 3.3 below and Appendix B & C). This involves removal of fine sediment with an average thickness of ~0.60 m (ranging from a veneer to ~1.0 m) over an area of ~2,800 m^2 for a volume of ~1,700 m^3. Flows down the Kaiapoi River would enter the sediment trap from the existing upper end where the bed is already lower and by overtopping the "outer bank" at high flow (Figures 3.1 & 3.3). The downstream lead in excavation will promote water entry into the sediment trap for backflows from the Waimakariri River (Figure 3.3). The excavation will provide additional sediment trap capacity and a slow water wetland habitat off the main channel.

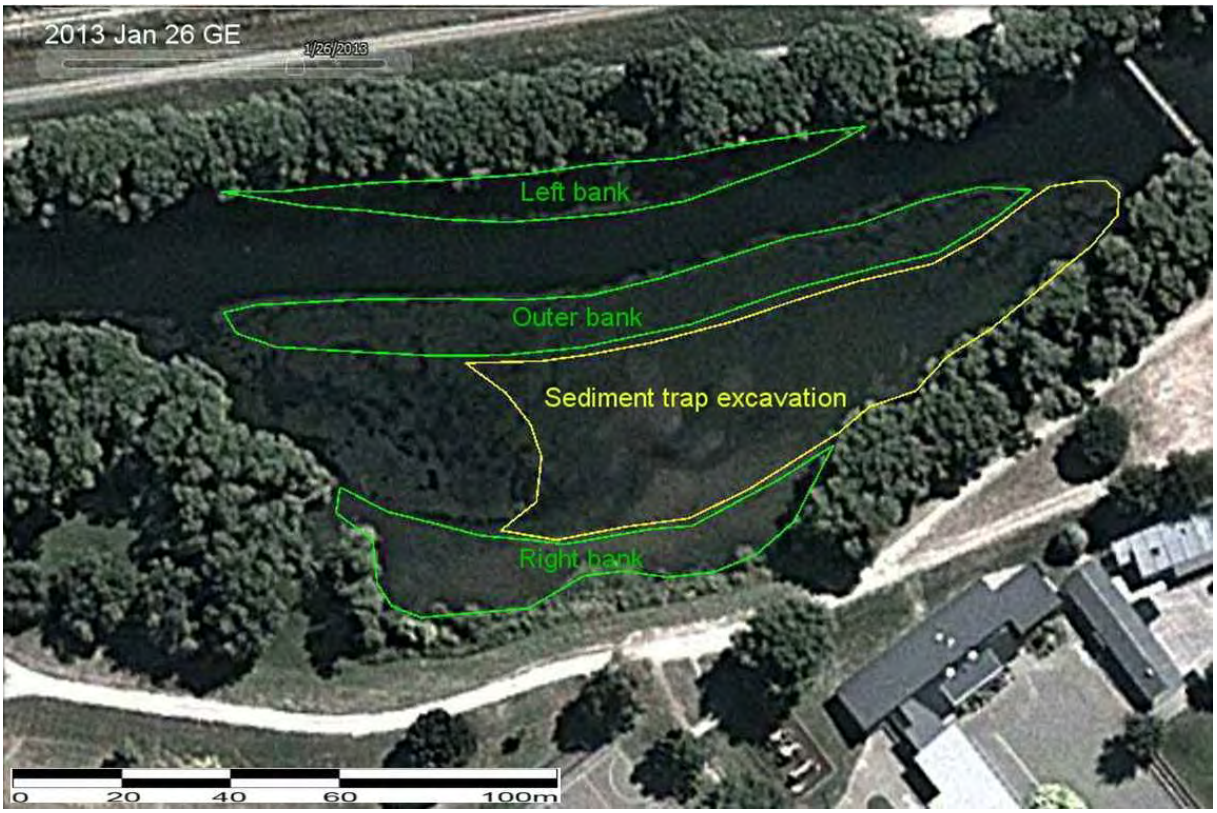

Figure 3.3 Proposed excavation and planting in the sediment trap wetland (AP Google Earth)

It is thought that the gravel infill in the old meander bed will support a front end loader, because it appears from historic aerial photographs to have been placed by machine. Hence, the excavation cost of the fine material is based on a dig and dump approach (refer Figure 3.4 below). Fine sediment would be removed from the bed over an area of ~2,800 m^2, temporarily stored on the adjacent bank for dewatering, and then removed for on site or off site use.

River bed sediments are of sufficient quality and value that a contractor may remove the ~1700 m^3 of material from the stockpile without charge. An alternative approach is to spread the fine sediment on the bank and to grass the levelled soil. The estimated cost to extract and stockpile is

[5] A suitable shallow draft barge has to be transported to site (probably from the North Island), assembled, used, disassembled, and returned to base. However, a cost estimate has not been finalised as at the time of writing.

~$4.00/m^3, hence ~$6,800. If the fine sediment was spread over an area of ~4,000 m^2 of lower ground near the site (based on the LIDAR elevations in Hudson & Fletcher 2015), the cost would be ~$2.00/m^2 for the levelling and $1.00/m^2 for hydroseeding, hence $12,000.

Figure 3.4 Front end loader removing wet river sediment (Google images unreferenced)

Planting of the right bank of the sediment trap is recommended as a second stage (Figure 3.3). The bed is firm enough for conventional planting (refer Figure 3.5 below). Planting would be undertaken in accordance with the recommendations from Hudson & Fletcher (2015) and the planting trials that are underway further downstream on the Kaiapoi River. However, to provide a cost guide, and perhaps trial another scheme, planting of raupō (*Typha orientalis*) at 1 m on centre, over an area of ~940 m^2 is proposed. This requires ~1,100 plants at $2.20 each planted cost hence ~$2,400. In addition, protection from grazing waterfowl may be probably required. This can be achieved with steel posts, wire and bird netting, but a cost has not been estimated.[6] Several alternatives, which appear to more cost effective (e.g. Mylar flags on stakes in the plant zone)[7] could be trialled if there is a problem.

[6] Jason Butt, Wai-Ora Forest Landscapes (WFL), telephone discussion 03 May 2016; written comm. 27 May 2016.

[7] http://icwdm.org/handbook/birds/Waterfowl.asp

Figure 3.5 The right bank edge of the sediment trap is a firm sandy-silt-gravel mix with an abrupt change to fine sediment

Raupō is recommended because it spreads, is self limiting (~1.5 m water depth), and historically this reach of the Kaiapoi River had extensive raupō along the river margin and extensive raupō swamps in the catchment (Hudson 2011). The proposed raupō planting would trap sediment and contaminants, and provide enhanced habitat and amenity values, including potential whitebait (inanga) spawning and rearing habitat (see discussion in Hudson 2016 on the latter).

Planting along the right bank would be enhanced with a band of plants in the frequently inundated area of the lower bank. Species used further downstream in Area 1a are recommended (Hudson & Fletcher 2015). These include *phormium tenax* (harakeke, flax), s*choenoplectus tabernaemontani* (Kāpūngāwhā, bulrush, club-rush) on the exposed channel edge and other species up the bank in the frequently flooded areas including cordyline australis (tī kōuka, cabbage tree), cortaderia richardii (toetoe, but commonly called toitoi), c*arex secta* and *carex virgata* **(**pukio, tussock sedge) and *coprosma propinqua* **(**mikimiki).

The additional area of planting would be ~70 m long and 5 m wide. As noted by Hudson & Fletcher (2015), costs vary by the assemblage of species with a likely range of $5.50 to $8.50/m^2 at this site.[8] For the proposed edge planting the estimated cost is ~$2,000 to ~$3,000.

The wet edge planting, and flow constriction (below), would provide several environmental services, including improved river habitat for aquatic life, mahinga kai, habitat and food for birds, lizards and insects, filtration and erosion control; and enhance the aesthetics of the river and river margins. The edge plantings are complimentary (not a replacement) to landscape plans for the river parks.

A third step is to plant the outer bank of the sediment trap with raupō, along the channel cut bank line, to create a backwater in the old meander bend replicating what occurs in nature with channel shifts (Figure 3.2). The flow constriction would be greater with planting of the left bank of the river (discussed below).

[8] Greg Bennett WDC (written comm. May 2015) & GSL written comm. May 2015)

Planting trials are recommended for the outer edge planting in the deep, soft, fine sediment. The bed is too soft for walking, thus it is proposed to insert weighted biodegradable bags[9] containing plants into the bed from a boat or platform. The bags would have a suitable substrate (e.g. 5-7 mm chip or crusher dust)[6] and would be driven into the soft bed with a plunger. Alternatively, plants could be tied to stakes which are driven into the bed.

Planting at a one metre interval over 1,300 m^3 requires about 1,500 plants at an estimated planted cost of $4.50 each, hence $6,750 for the biodegradable bag method or tethering to bamboo stakes with biodegradable rope (e.g. manila or sisal). If untreated pine stakes are used instead of bamboo, because they are potentially more biodegradable,[10] the cost per stake increases from around 20 cents to around $3.00, for an increase in cost of $4,200. Fewer plants may be required which would reduce costs.[11]

Other options are far more expensive (i.e. a barge mounted excavator as discussed earlier). Construction of a low berm from coarse aggregate (AP40) along the outer line of planting involves removal of fine sediment; and placement of the AP40; which could be undertaken with a hydraulic excavator and dump trucks. A construction sequence has been devised of progressive removal of fine sediment and placement of aggregate starting from the upstream bank. Removal of fine sediment is estimated to cost ~$6,000. The estimated cost of AP40 delivered to the site, is $34/$m^3$ (retail), hence more than $80,000. Placement would cost about ~$10,000, for a total cost of ~$90,000 ex GST.

The berm could be conventionally planted, perhaps with weed mat pins to secure plants. At one metre on centre, about 1,600 plants are required for the ~1,400 m^2 berm area. At $2.20 per plant, the estimated cost is ~$3,500, which includes the use of weed mat pins to secure the plants. An alternate planting scheme may reduce costs.

Finally, ~120 m of the left bank of the Kaiapoi River opposite the sediment trap could also be planted in raupō and bulrush on the side channel bar that is exposed at low tide (Figure 3.2). This will act to confine the channel and increase velocities in the main channel flushing sediment from the bed, and promoting deposition along the vegetated. At $2.20 per plant the cost for the ~700 m^2 area (~800 plants) is ~$1,800 ex GST.

3.2 Outfall wetland and bend reconfiguration

The initial concept proposed for the elbow bend at the old Cam mouth (Figures 1.1 and 2.1 previous) was to re-profile the right bank (refer Figure 3.6 below) and partially infill the left bank to develop a drainage outfall wetland in the bend with material from the upstream sediment trap and/or the bend excavation (refer Figure 3.7 below). The purpose of the right bank re-profiling is to reduce the curvature and bank height of the inner bend and provide a more natural flow path, access, and integration with the planting proposed further downstream; and to provide additional capacity for the outer bend drainage outfall wetland beach and planting (Hudson & Fletcher 2015). Planting of the shelf on the inner bend and outer bend is likely to enhance habitat values and trap and treat sediment and contaminants. This reach has the potential to be inanga (whitebait) spawning habitat as discussed in Hudson (2016).

[9] Biodegradable bags include sisal, hemp, jute or cotton (which have not been priced but may be quite expensive); and inexpensive (~10 cents per bag) vegetable based bio-plastic bags (e.g. http://www.insinc.co.nz/category/106601)

[10] http://www.bamboosupply.net/faq.htm

[11] The results of the planting trial being undertaken further downstream in the Kaiapoi River by Wai-Ora Forest Landscapes will be instructive.

These concepts were evaluated in this investigation by iterating different scenarios in the hydraulic modelling. The idea of using bed or bank material for the drainage outfall area was discounted because the hydraulic evaluation suggested the drainage outfall will be subjected to moderate scour velocities during large flood events. Stabilisation of this material with vegetation and/or use of large gravel for the fill material (i.e. D_{50} = 150 mm subject to design) was considered desirable. Also, the depth and area of fill is more limited that originally envisioned. A beach extending further into the main channel, to encourage a more central channel flow path, is likely to be subjected to high scour forces and would likely require engineering design (i.e. a graded riprap revetment type structure) with the associated costs. Therefore, it is recommended that the extent of backfill is limited to the area immediately around the drainage outlet to form a gravel beach (i.e. for fishing access and enhanced amenity) (refer Figure 3.7).

The proposed outfall beach wetland has an area of ~175 m^2 with ~1.0 m of granular fill (refer Figure 3.8 and Appendix C). The retail price for coarse granular fill (40 – 200 mm) delivered to site is \$34/m^3, hence ~\$6,000. The fill can be dumped onto the river bed and spread with a hydraulic excavator. The estimated cost of spreading the granular fill (\$500) is largely related to logistics. Planting of raupō on the beach, and harakeke (flax) and bulrush on the exposed channel edge, are recommended to trap and treat sediment and contaminants. The lower half of the beach would be planted with raupō, pinned to the bed, at a cost of \$2.20 per plant. At one meter on centre, raupō planting is estimated to cost ~\$220 for 100 plants. The upper beach planting at \$5.50 to \$8.50/m^2 is estimated to cost ~\$500 to ~\$750 ex GST.

Re-profiling of the inner elbow bend involves excavating the present bank and reinstating the cut with a grassed area (refer Figures 3.6 & 3.8; Appendix C). Reinstatement to grass is recommended because modelling indicates the hydraulic effect of excavating the bend was offset by the increased roughness of riparian planting, such that there was no identified hydraulic benefit. Further, the inside bend would be subject to relatively high velocities during large flood events. Establishment and maintaining a good grass cover would reduce the risk of scour, noting that some damage may still occur at this location in very large flood events. This is also in keeping with the adjacent grassed areas.

Top soil would be removed and stockpiled for use as the seedbed. Cut material would be levelled on adjacent land or removed from site. The total volume removed is 300 m^3 at a cost of \$4.00/m^3, for an estimated excavation cost of \$1,200. Levelling and hydroseeding of the ~380 m^2 excavation area, at \$3.00/m^2, is estimated to cost \$1,150 if undertaken in conjunction with the sediment trap levelling and planting. Excess spoil would have commercial value, hence may be removed from for by a contractor at no cost. Alternatively, it is likely that the stockpile excess could be used in the redevelopment of the adjacent land where buildings and car parks were removed. Spread over an area of ~4,500 m^2, the costs would consist of levelling (\$2.00/m^2) and hydroseeding (\$1.00), hence \$13,500 ex GST.

Figure 3.6 Right bank Kaiapoi River elbow bend re-profiling proposal

Figure 3.7 Left bank drainage outfall in the elbow bend of the Kaiapoi River

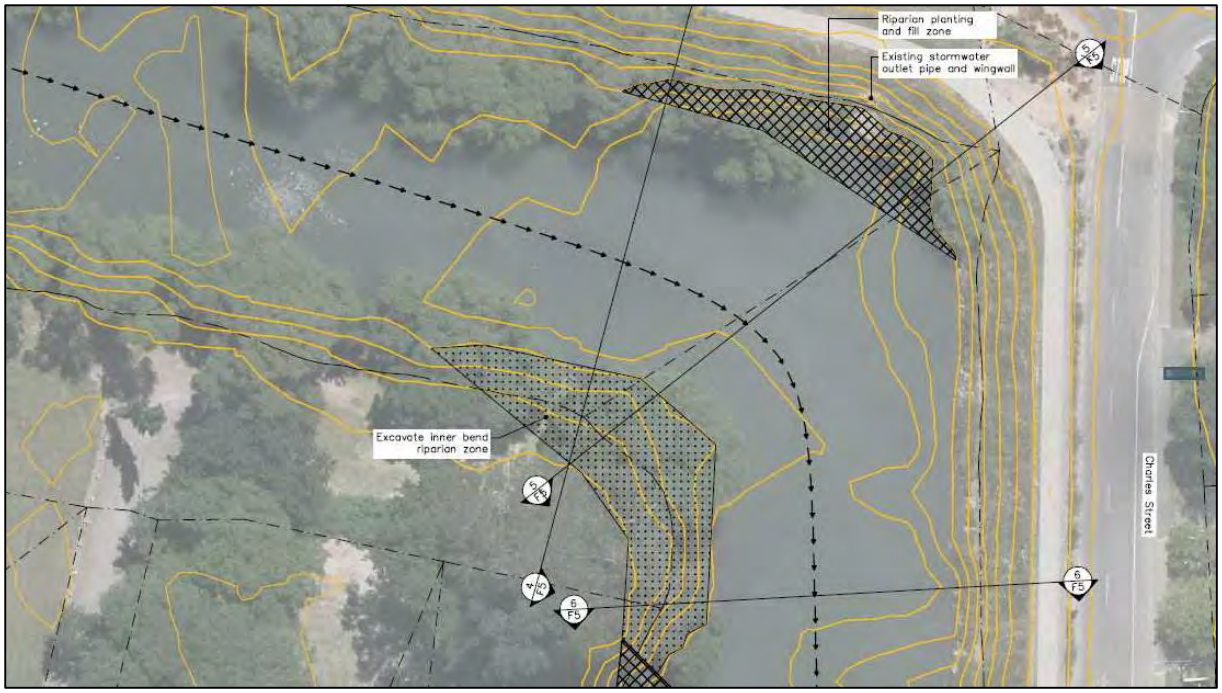

Figure 3.8 Elbow bend drainage outfall wetland and bank re-profiling (from Appendix C)

4 Hydraulic modelling

4.1 General

The additional survey cross-sections supplied by ECan were entered into the HEC-RAS software 1D hydraulic model previously developed for the Stage 1 concept development (Hudson & Fletcher 2015). This model was prepared for the assessment and comparison of the proposed rehabilitation concepts only, and is intended to be complementary to Mike 11 model developed by ECan for the Kaiapoi River (Boyle 2016).

The updated model was rerun with the additional cross sections for the previously assessed flood events (two estimates of the 2% AEP event 140 m^3/s and 270 m^3/s, and a low flow case of 10 m^3/s) and an additional intermediate flood event (40 m^3/s).

The boundary conditions applied to the model (refer Table 4.1 below) were the critical flow depth at the upstream extent of the model, and a set tidal level at the confluence with the Waimakariri River (previously estimated mean high water springs (MHWS) of 1.33 m and MLW of 0.03 m and revised low water estimate of -0.4 m RL based on survey and site observations). We note that other slightly different tidal boundary conditions have been adopted for recent modelling of the Kaiapoi River (i.e. ECan adopted a MHWS of 1.5 m (1.1 m + 0.4 m storm surge allowance)), and based on the supplied survey an apparent low tide level of - 0.3 to - 0.4 m was observed during our 2015 site visit (mud was exposed in sediment trap area which has a surveyed level of - 0.2 to - 0.5 m).

Table 4.1 Model inputs and boundary conditions

Kaiapoi River Flows		**Roughness Coefficients (Mannings' n) (2)**	**Upstream boundary condition**	**Tailwater conditions modelled (2)**
Upstream of Cam River (Sediment trap area)	**Downstream of Cam River (Bend area) (1)**			
10 m^3/s 40 m^3/s 140 m^3/s 270 m^3/s	10 m^3/s 40 m^3/s 140 m^3/s 270 m^3/s	0.020 for main channel (soft sediment base) 0.025 for proposed grassed areas 0.033 for riprap section of river bank 0.060 for currently vegetated river bank 0.100 for proposed planting areas	Critical depth	-0.40 m RL 0.03 m RL 1.33 m RL

(1) Assumes Cam River flood gates are closed, or for the low flow case assesses upstream and downstream flows as separate events (10 m^3/s in the Kaiapoi River, and 10 m^3/s from a combination of the Kaiapoi and Cam Rivers).

(2) Adopted roughness values in ECan model are n = 0.01667 for the soft sediment and n = 0.125 for vegetated areas (Boyle 2016) for comparison with the adopted values in this concept design.

(3) Tailwater conditions applied at the confluence of the Waimakariri and Kaiapoi Rivers. All levels are in terms of Lyttelton LVD MSL datum.

4.2 Sediment trap modelling

The sediment trap area was initially modelled by comparing the existing soft sediment profiles against a proposed scenario with the soft sediment excavated out (i.e. gravel surface exposed). The modelled effect of this excavation was to decrease the overall velocities within the wetted cross-sections and especially the main channel, which is counter to the objectives of the proposed sediment trap (to trap sediment off the main channel and enhance the flushing flows in the main channel).

Modelling suggested that the desired outcomes for this reach would be better achieved by stabilising the soft sediment in place along the "outer bank" and promoting sediment trapping in the

old meander bend (Figure 3.3). Sediment trapping would be promoted with vegetation and/or excavation of the old meander which becomes a sheltered no flow storage area. A staged approach was adopted.

The depth of flow under the usual tidal cycle (i.e. estimated range -0.4 to 1.1 m RL) is a key constraint for the establishment of water margin type vegetation (i.e. vegetation that is usually partially submerged such as reeds). The typical maximum usual water depth that can be utilised by these species is around 1.5 m, though higher water levels can be withstood for short periods. It is noted that the sediment trap area would be completely underwater (water depth more than 1.5 m) for relatively short durations (i.e. hours) during large floods and very high tidal conditions.

The surveyed river profile and sections suggest that the current river invert levels in the sediment trap area are just submerged at low tide (i.e. -0.4 m RL) such that mature reeds could be established along the margins. Planting/securing options for the perimeter plantings are covered in the Rehabilitation concepts section.

Three scenarios were modelled for the stabilising approach sediment trap (i.e. no excavation) to enable assessment of the potential effects with the proposed modifications. These three scenarios consisted of a current case (existing surveyed cross-sections to soft sediment profile), a short term case (representing perimeter planting only), and a longer term case (post establishment of vegetation over the entirety of the sediment trap area).

Modelling of the sediment trap area was based on 10 m wide strips of perimeter planting within the water margin zone from the left and right river banks and from the true right bank of the main channel. The perimeter planting adopted reed beds of up to 2 m high to act as a flow barrier between the main channel and the sediment trap area. Infill planting was assumed in the long term case (i.e. either artificially planted or naturally establishing) and a high hydraulic roughness factor was adopted in the infill areas for the long term scenario to reflect this. This outcome is probably decade's away (deposition since the cut off averaged ~100 m^3 per year).

The sediment trap area behind the perimeter planting was modelled as an ineffective flow area. This means that the area ponds water (i.e. is included in the hydraulic model storage calculations) but is not included as part of the active flow area (i.e. does not contribute to the flow conveyance) in normal flows. Once the water surface goes above the perimeter planting height of 2 m (i.e. 1.4 m RL), then the model assumed that the sediment trap area would contribute to the flow conveyance (as would be the case during large floods).

Figures 4.1 to 4.3 below show the modelled sections for each of the three scenarios described above. Figures 53720.001-F2 and F4 in Appendix B show the river cross-sections and concept design developed for the sediment trap area.

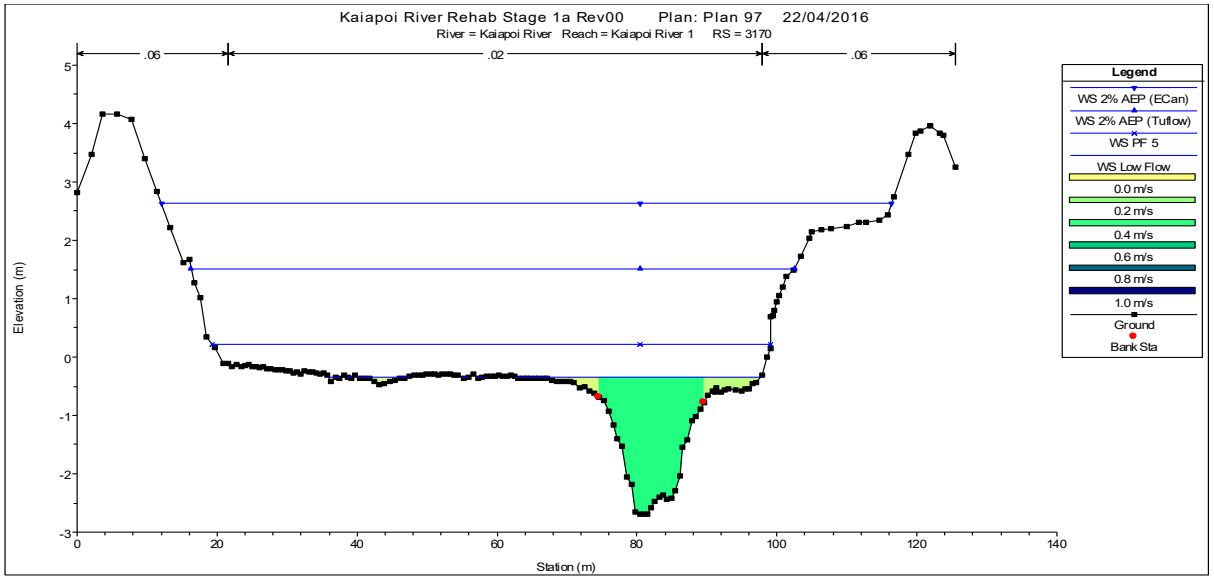

Figure 4.1 Model Section 3170 showing modelled flow profiles, water depths and velocity profile in the sediment trap area for the existing situation scenario (TWL = -0.4m RL shown).

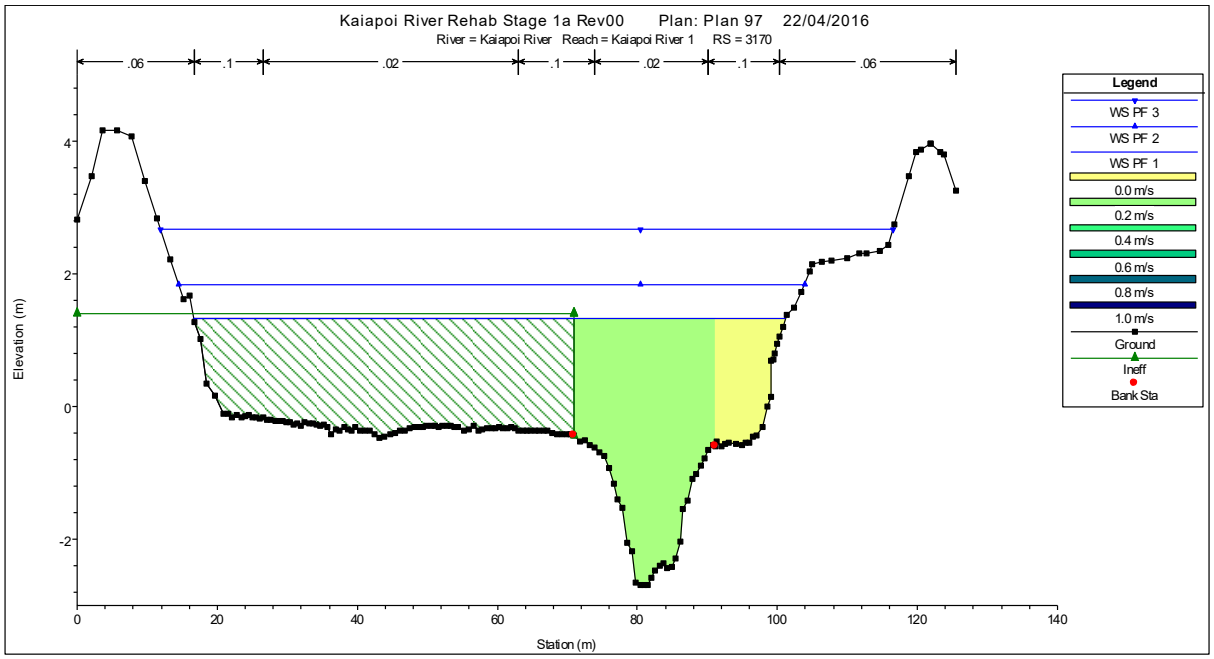

Figure 4.2 Model Section 3170 showing modelled flow profiles, water depths and velocity profile in the sediment trap area for the short term scenario (TWL = 1.33 m RL shown).

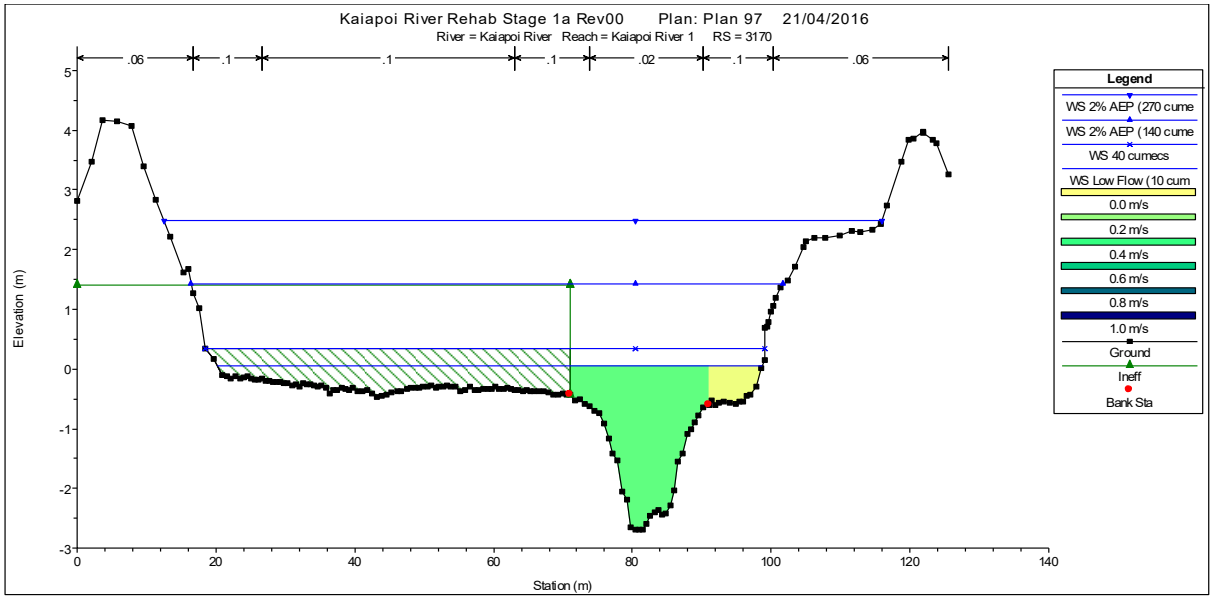

Figure 4.3 *Model Section 3170 showing modelled flow profiles, water depths and velocity profile for the long term scenario (TWL = 0.03 m RL shown).*

The results of the hydraulic modelling for the three scenarios with the tailwater and flow conditions are summarised in Table 4.2 below. The water levels and flow velocities were compared to assess the hydraulic effect of the proposed sediment trap.

Table 4.2 Sediment trap hydraulic modelling results

Scenario	Modelled flow m^3/s	Tailwater *m RL*	Water level *m RL*	Main channel velocity *m/s*	Sediment trap area velocity *m/s*	True left bank velocity *m/s*
Existing	10	-0.4	-0.33	0.3 - 0.4	< 0.1	0.1
		0.03	0.06	0.2 - 0.3	0.1	0.1
		1.33	1.33	0.07 - 0.08	< 0.1	< 0.1
	40	-0.4	0.23	0.6 - 0.9	0.3 – 0.4	0.3 – 0.4
		0.03	0.35	0.6 – 0.7	0.3	0.2 – 0.4
		1.33	1.38	0.3	0.2	0.1 – 0.2
	140	-0.4	1.53	0.9 - 1.0	0.6 - 0.7	0.4 - 0.7
		0.03	1.51	0.9 - 1.1	0.6 - 0.7	0.4 - 0.7
		1.3	1.86	0.8 - 0.9	0.5 - 0.6	0.3 - 0.6
	270	-0.4	2.65	1.1 -1.3	0.8 -0.9	0.4 - 0.7
		0.03	2.65			
		1.33	2.71			
Soft sediment stabilisation with riparian planting	10	-0.4	-0.33	0.3 - 0.4	< 0.1	< 0.1
		0.03	0.06	0.2 - 0.3	< 0.1	
		1.33	1.33	0.1 - 0.2	0	
	40	-0.4	0.2	0.9 – 1.2	0	0.1 – 0.3
		0.03	0.35	0.8 – 1.0		0.1 – 0.3

Scenario	Modelled flow m^3/s	Tailwater *m RL*	Water level *m RL*	Main channel velocity *m/s*	Sediment trap area velocity *m/s*	True left bank velocity *m/s*
(short term) (1)		1.33	1.38	0.5 – 0.7		0.1 – 0.2
	140	-0.4	1.52	1.0 - 1.2	0.6 - 0.7	0.1 - 0.3
		0.03	1.5	1.0 - 1.2	0.6 - 0.7	
		1.33	1.85	0.9 - 1.0	0.5 - 0.6	
	270	-0.4	2.62	1.2 - 1.4	0.8 - 0.9	0.2 - 0.4
		0.03	2.62			
		1.33	2.8			
Soft sediment stabilisation with riparian planting (long term) (2)	10	-0.4	-0.33	0.3 - 0.4	0	< 0.1
		0.03	0.06	0.3		< 0.1
		1.33	1.33	0.1 - 0.2		< 0.1
	40	-0.4	0.2	0.9 – 1.2	0	0.1 – 0.3
		0.03	0.35	0.8 – 1.0		0.1 – 0.3
		1.33	1.38	0.5 – 0.7		0.1 – 0.2
	140	-0.4	1.4 - 1.5	1.5 - 1.9	0.2 - 0.3	0.2 - 0.5
		0.03	1.4 - 1.5	1.5 - 1.9		
		1.33	1.84	1.3 - 1.6		
	270	-0.4	2.5 - 2.6	2.0 - 2.4	0.3 - 0.4	0.3 - 0.6
		0.03	2.5 - 2.6			
		1.33	2.6 - 2.7			

(1) Modelled assuming ineffective flow area applied to sediment trap area up to 1.4 m RL (above which area can convey flow as would occur during large floods) and area behind planted wet zone planting strip is left as vegetated soft sediment.

(2) Modelled assuming ineffective flow area applied to sediment trap area up to 1.4 m RL (above which area can convey flow as would occur during large floods) and entire area is planted out.

The hydraulic modelling results for the sediment trap area as presented in Table 4.2 suggest the following:

1 The proposed sediment trap has no identified adverse effects on the flood conveyance capacity or resulting water levels in the Kaiapoi River.

2 During normal river flows and small floods, the conveyance is constrained to the main channel of the river and the velocities within the sediment trap area are minimal, facilitating settlement of fine particles.

3 Higher tailwater levels result in lower overall velocities in lower flow and small flood cases. The modelled tailwater range has no effect on the river levels or velocities in the Stage 1a area during the 270 m^3/s flood.

4 In the short term scenario, where water levels exceed the perimeter strip vegetation height (i.e. during large floods), velocities within the sediment trap area of 0.5 – 1.0 m/s could occur and would result in scour to the soft sediment. This may also presented a scour risk to the perimeter strip.

5 In the long term scenario, where water levels exceed the perimeter strip vegetation height (i.e. during large floods), velocities within the planted sediment trap area of 0.2 – 0.4 m/s could occur and increases in the main channel velocities of between 0.5 – 1.0 m/s occur. This

means that the sediment would be stabilised with the trap area during large floods in the long term while the main channel is flushed clean to the gravel bottom.

4.3 Drainage outfall wetland and elbow bend area

The drainage outfall wetland and inside bend excavation (elbow bend) area was initially modelled including riparian planting on the inside bend down to water level and substantial filling of the outside bend around the stormwater/drainage outfall structure. The proposed concept was modified slightly followed this initial modelling to improve the hydraulic effectiveness of the concept and to account for flow uncertainties. These modifications were:

- The modelled effect of excavating the inside bend was offset by the increased roughness of planting the inside bend, such that there was no identified hydraulic benefit. In keeping with the adjacent grassed areas, the inside cut surface was modified to have grass cover only rather than riparian planting.
- The survey cross-sections show an approximately 2 m deep scour hole just downstream of the 90 deg bend. This is strong evidence of high hydraulic scour forces acting on the river bed due to the abrupt change in direction, and associated flow vortices. The 1 dimension model software package used for this concept modelling is unlikely to identify the extent of these scour forces or the flow conditions at this location.
- The original concept included filling of an area around the drainage outfall to form a beach and encourage flow towards the inside bend. The extent of this filling has been limited in the presented concept to the area immediately around the drainage outlet to from a gravel beach (i.e. as could be used for fishing access and enhanced amenity) rather than more extensive filling to achieve a hydraulic effect, which is likely to be subjected to high scour forces and would likely require engineering design (i.e. a graded riprap revetment type structure) with the associated costs.

Two scenarios were modelled for the bend area to enable assessment of the potential effects with the proposed modifications. The two scenarios consisted of a current case (existing surveyed cross-sections), and a modified case (post bank excavation and drainage outfall enhancement). Figures 4.4 and 4.5 below show the modelled sections for these two scenarios. Figures 53720.001-F3 and F5 in Appendix C show the river cross-sections and concept design developed for the drainage outfall wetland and elbow bend area.

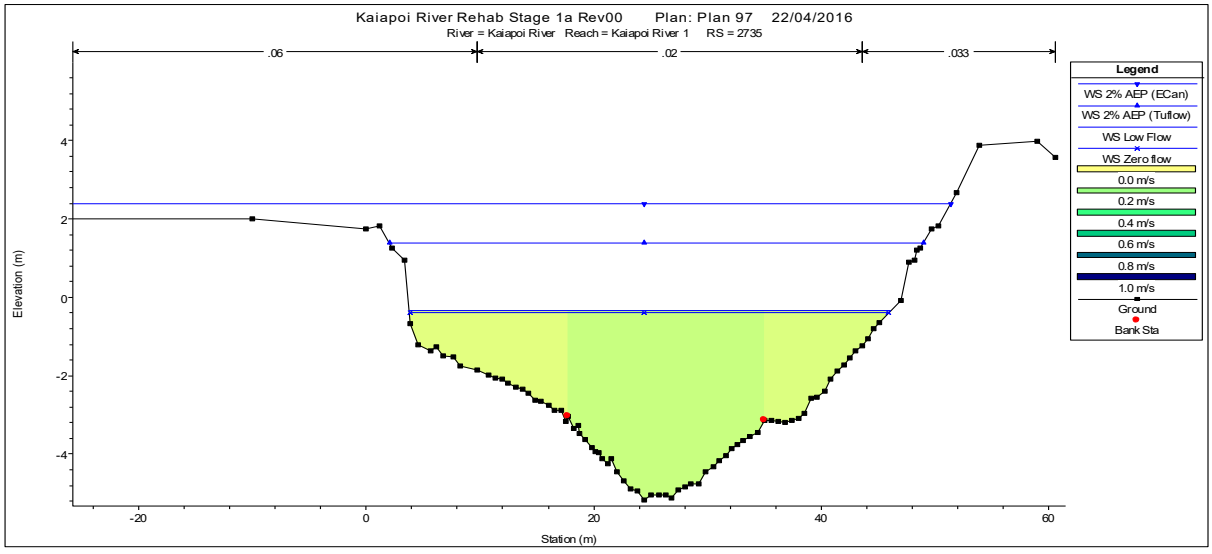

Figure 4.4 *Model Section 2735 showing modelled flow profiles, water depths and velocity profile for the existing scenario (TWL = -0.4 m RL shown).*

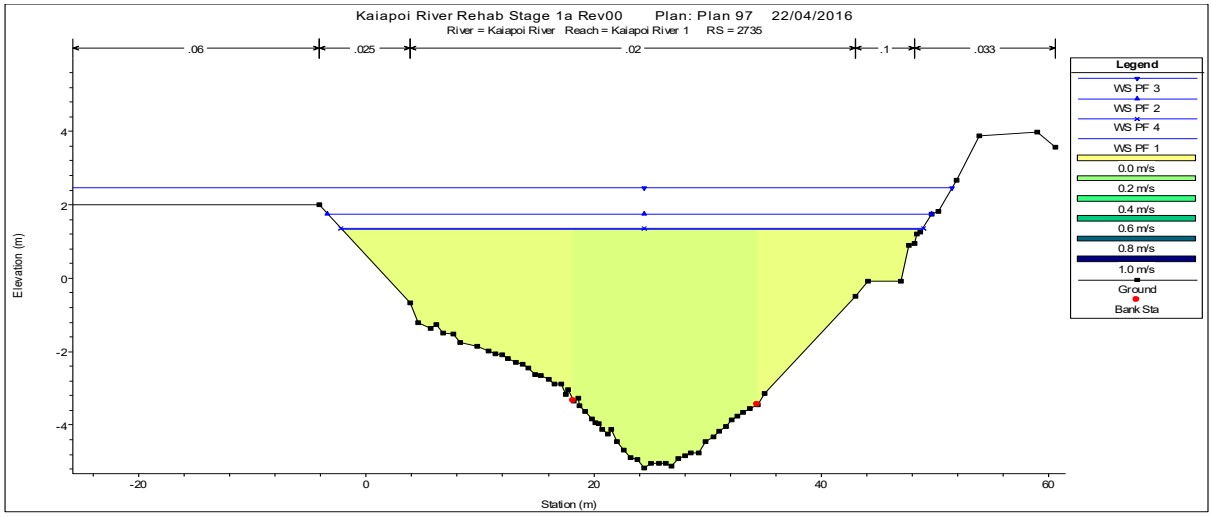

Figure 4.5 *Model Section 2735 showing modelled flow profiles, water depths and velocity profile for the modified scenario (TWL = 1.33 m RL shown).*

The results of the hydraulic modelling for the existing and modified scenarios with the adopted tailwater and flow conditions are summarised in Table 4.3 below. The water levels and flow velocities were compared to assess the hydraulic effect of the proposed modifications.

Table 4.3 Drainage outfall wetland and elbow bend hydraulic modelling results

Scenario	Modelled flow m^3/s	Tailwater m RL	Water level m RL	Main channel velocity m/s	Inside bend velocity m/s	Drainage outfall velocity m/s
Existing	10	-0.4	-0.35	0.1 – 0.2	<0.1	<0.1
		0.03	0.05	0.1 – 0.2		
		1.33	1.33	0.1		
	40	-0.4	0.16	0.4 – 0.6	<0.1 – 0.2	<0.1 – 0.2
		0.03	0.32	0.4 – 0.6		<0.1 – 0.2
		1.33	1.37	0.3 – 0.4		<0.1 – 0.1
	140	-0.4	1.38	0.9 – 1.4	0.1 – 0.5	0.1 – 0.6
		0.03	1.36	0.9 – 1.4		
		1.3	1.76	0.8 – 1.3		
	270	-0.4	2.2 – 2.4	1.4 – 2.2	0.2 – 0.4	0.2 – 1.0
		0.03	2.2 – 2.4	1.4 – 2.2	0.2 – 0.4	0.2 – 1.0
		1.33	2.3 – 2.5	1.4 – 2.1	0.1 – 0.4	0.2 – 0.9
Modified section with excavated bank and wetland	10	-0.4	-0.35	0.1 – 0.2	<0.1	<0.1
		0.03	0.05	0.1 – 0.2		
		1.33	1.33	0.1		
	40	-0.4	0.17	0.4 – 0.6	<0.1 – 0.2	0.1 – 0.2
		0.03	0.32	0.4 – 0.5		
		1.33	1.37	0.3 – 0.4		
	140	-0.4	1.37	0.9 – 1.3	0.4 – 0.6	0.1 – 0.5

Scenario	Modelled flow m^3/s	Tailwater m RL	Water level m RL	Main channel velocity m/s	Inside bend velocity m/s	Drainage outfall velocity m/s
		0.03	1.35	0.9 - 1.4		
		1.33	1.75	0.9 - 1.2		
	270	-0.4	2.2 – 2.4	1.4 – 2.0	0.6 – 1.0	0.2 – 0.8
		0.03	2.2 – 2.4		0.6 – 1.0	
		1.33	2.3 – 2.5		0.5 – 1.0	

The hydraulic modelling results for the drainage outfall and inner bend area as presented in Table 4.3 above suggest the following:

1 The proposed modifications have no identified adverse effects on the flood conveyance capacity or resulting water levels in the Kaiapoi River.

2 The effect of modifying the inner bend results in a slight reduction in flow velocities in the main channel and outside bends and an increase in the inside bend velocities (especially in the larger flood events).

3 During lower flow events (i.e. 40 m^3/s and lower), there is no apparent hydraulic effect from the proposed modifications.

4 The proposed filling at the drainage outfall will be subjected to moderate scour velocities during large flood events. Stabilisation of this material with vegetation and/or use of large gravel for the fill material (i.e. D_{50} = 150 mm subject to design) would be desirable.

5 The inside bend would be subject to relatively high velocities during large flood events. Establishment and maintaining a good grass cover would reduce the risk of scour, noting that some damage may still occur at this location in very large flood events.

5 Construction

5.1 Indicative methodology

Methods were discussed in the description of the proposed concepts. In brief, the recommended approach for excavating ~1,700 m^3 of fine sediment from the sediment trap is a front end loader because of their capacity to work in this environment and rapid back and forth motion from excavation face to stockpile. It is thought that the gravel infill in the old meander bed will support a front end loader, because it appears from historic aerial photographs to have been placed by machine. Hence, the excavation cost of the fine material is based on a dig and dump approach. The proposal is to excavate the fine sediment, and back up and dump on the bank for dewatering. Once the stockpiles are dewatered, the fine sediment can used as fill on site or trucked off site. A silt fence will be installed around the outer water edge of the sediment trap excavation (~200 m), and at the base of the dewatering stockpile (~30 m). Some remedial work around the site will probably be required (e.g. level-fill vehicle tracks and hydroseed)

Conventional planting of the right bank of the sediment trap and left bank of the Kaiapoi River is proposed. The sites are exposed at low tide and the bed is firm. Planting trials are recommended for the outer edge planting of the sediment trap where there is tidally flooded deep, fine sediment. At low tide, the bed is too soft for walking, thus it is proposed to plant in weighted biodegradable bags from a boat or platform. The bags would have a suitable substrate (e.g. 5 - 7 mm chip or crusher dust) and would be driven into the soft bed with a plunger. Alternatively, plants could be tied to stakes which are driven into the bed.

Re-profiling of the inner elbow bend is proposed to be undertaken with a hydraulic excavator. This will minimise disturbance of the river bank. The maximum width of the excavation is ~12 m, so the excavator can cut, turn and dump to stockpile or truck. Top soil would be retained for levelling and hydroseeding. Excess material would be temporarily stockpiled and removed by front end loader for adjacent site infill; or loaded for offsite use. A silt fence will be installed around the water edge of the excavation (~70 m)

Construction of a gravel-cobble beach on the outer elbow bend for the drainage outfall can be undertaken by directly dumping aggregate from a truck onto the river bed. The material would be spread with a hydraulic excavator operating from the bank or beach.

Conventional planting of the beach and lower bank is proposed. These procedures are well established, with novel approaches also being trialled further downstream in the Kaiapoi River by WDC and Wai-Ora Forest Landscapes. In this regard, and given the novel approaches recommended for the sediment trap outer bank planting, it is premature to specify planting plans. It would be more appropriate to wait for the trials to be completed and reported. Also, maintenance plans are premature. For example, the trials will show if plants such as raupō outcompete weeds, or require intervention. It is also uncertain if management of waterfowl is required. Some management measures have been recommended for trialling, but again it would be prudent to wait for a report on findings before guidelines are developed.

5.2 Sediment control and management

Sediment mobilisation will occur with the excavation of the old meander bend and there is an expectation that at times a plume of fine sediment will enter and flush down the Kaiapoi River. However, effects of such operations are considered to be minor in the context of constant sediment fluxes with each tidal exchange and high turbidity during flood flows. The long term benefit is that sediment flux will be reduced by enhanced trapping with the proposed works.

As noted in the next section, extraction from the Kaiapoi River for the Tuhoe berth did not require special sediment plume control measures. In the Avon River rehabilitation, silt fences were employed for many instream works, but the bulk removal of fine sediment from the bed was undertaken by hydraulic excavator from the bank or from within the channel (Figures 5.1 & 5.2).

The situation for the Kaiapoi sediment trap differs, because the sediment trap is “off-channel,” the trap can be isolated and excavation can occur in the dry or with minimal flow during slack tide. Nevertheless, sediment control measures will be implemented to minimise sediment flux downstream. Based on the ECan (2007) Erosion and sediment control guidelines, several measures are recommended:

- Excavation of the sediment trap will not be started if rain or high flows in the Kaiapoi River are forecast.
- Work will be undertaken in a timely fashion and excavated material will be removed from the dewatering stockpile in a timely manner (a few weeks at most).
- The dewatering stockpile will have a staked silt fence, weighted with sediment bags, around the base to prevent flux of dirty water back to the river.
- The stockpile site, and onsite infill areas, will be levelled and hydroseeded as soon as works are complete.
- A staked silt fence, or floating silt fence, will be installed around the outer edge of the sediment trap using a boat or platform. The flap of the silt fence would be weighted with sediment bags (sand or gravel filled) rather than placed in a trench.
- The silt fence will remain in place for the duration of the excavation.

- If possible, removal of the silt fence should coincide with a forecast of high flows. In this event, any resultant sediment plume would mix with the naturally high background levels of suspended sediment being flushed to the sea.

For the elbow bend excavation it is proposed to place a silt fence at the base of the bank (refer Figure 5.2 below). Excavation should be planned for a period of settled weather. Duration of exposure of excavated surfaces and stockpiles would be limited to minimise erosion risk. Soil levelling and hydroseeding should take place within days of excavation to control runoff and soil erosion.

No sediment control measures are proposed for the gravel – cobble beach construction of the outfall wetland because the aggregate contains few fines that can wash away. Any sediment plume would dissipate in a very short period (minutes, perhaps a few hours). This contrasts to major channel disturbance where a plume persists for the duration of works, with a diminishing plume over time a period of days after bed disturbance ceases (refer Figure 5.1 below).

Figure 5.1 Avon River silt removal (Sunday Star Times 4 May 2014)

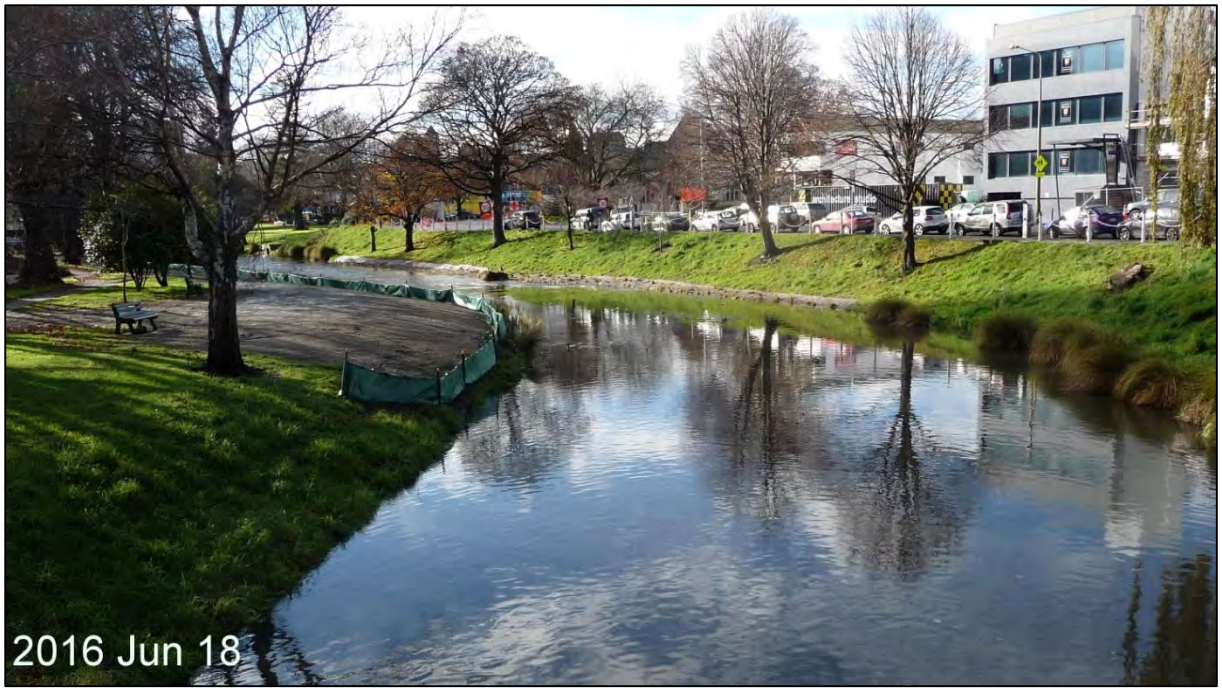

Figure 5.2 Silt fence Avon River downstream of Montreal Street

5.3 Constraints and considerations

It is uncertain at this stage as to whether the proposed works can be undertaken under existing Regional and District council consents for drainage and river works. The proposed actions will be vetted by the appropriate authorities to establish the need, or not, for specific consents. In any event, historic dredging of the lower Kaiapoi River provides a precedent.

Resource consent was required for the dredging of the Tuhoe berth in the lower Kaiapoi River (ECan resource consent CRC070311). In the consent application a notable omission was the fact that dredging of the Kaiapoi River was undertaken for decades to maintain passage of coastal freighters using the Port of Kaiapoi. In any event, effects of such operations are considered to be no more than minor in the context. Erosion control measures were not required for the Tuhoe dredging other than stating "The consent holder shall use the best practical options to minimise the discharge of sediment laden water into the Kaiapoi River."

For the work proposed here, sediment control and management measures have been recommended based on the ECan Erosion and Sediment Control Guidelines (2007).

Public access (e.g. walking and fishing) will be restricted for the brief period of works for health and safety reasons (e.g. heavy equipment movements). Upon completion, there will be an improvement in fishing access with the re-profiling of the elbow bend and creation of a gravel-boulder beach at the drainage outfall wetland. The greatest gain for fishing will potentially be the improvement in fish habitat and the creation of considerably more spawning and rearing habitat for inanga (whitebait).

5.4 High level cost estimate summary

In the description of the rehabilitation concepts, initial and refined estimates were made of the area and volumes of materials to be excavated, infilled and relocated. Methods and costs based on these new estimates were outlined. Here these refined values are summarised.

Table 5.1 Indicative costs for proposed sediment trap concept

Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit rate	Cost estimate(1)(2)
Excavation to stockpile	1,700	cu.m	$4.00	$6,800
Level adjacent park[3]	4,000	sq.m	$2.00	$8,000
Hydroseed adjacent park[3]	4,000	sq.m	$1.00	$4,000
Remediation vehicle tracks & stockpile	500	sq.m	$3.00	$1,500
Right bank in-channel planting	1,100	plants	$2.20	$2,420
Right bank lower bank planting	350	sq.m	$5.50-$8.50	$1,925 - $2,975
Outer bank in-channel planting[4]	1,500	plants	$4.50	$6,750
Left bank in-channel planting	800	plants	$2.20	$1,760
Silt fence – outer bank	200	m	$8.50	$1,700
Silt fence – dewatering stockpile	30	m	$8.50	$255
Subtotal				$35,000 to $36,000
Contractor's Preliminary and General (~15%)				~$5,000
Total (excludes contingency and GST)				**~$40,000 to $41,000**

(1) Excludes additional costs associated with design, consenting and construction management.

(2) All costs exclude GST.

(3) Potentially lower cost if sediment is removed for offsite use.

(4) Using bags or bamboo stakes; untreated pine stakes $2.80 each extra, hence $4,200 extra.

Table 5.2 Indicative costs for proposed stormwater outfall wetland and inner bend widening

Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit rate	Cost estimate(1)(2)
Drainage Wetland				
Fill (gravel-cobbles)	175	cu.m	$34	$5,950
Spread fill on beach	1	LS	$500	$500
Lower beach planting	100	plants	$2.20	$220
Upper beach planting	90	sq.m	$5.50 - $8.50	$495 - $765
Bend re-profiling				
Excavation to stockpile	300	cu.m	$4.00	$1,200
Level and hydroseed bank	380	sq.m	$3.00	$1,140
Level and hydroseed adjacent park(3)	4,500	sq.m	$3.00	$13,500
Silt fence water edge	70	m	$8.50	$595
Remediation vehicle tracks & stockpile	350	sq.m	$3.00	$1,050
Subtotal				~$25,000
Contractor's Preliminary and General (~15%)				~$4,000
Total (excludes contingency and GST)				**~$29,000 ex GST**

(1) Excludes additional costs associated with design, consenting and construction management.

(2) All costs exclude GST.

(3) Potentially lower cost if sediment is removed for offsite use.

6 Conclusions

It is expected the proposed sediment trap will reduce fine sediment sloshing back and forth with tidal flows, and decreased downstream sediment flux from the Kaiapoi River when it is in flood. The recommended planting is expected to constrict the channel and promote flushing of fine sediment from the main channel, while trapping and treating sediment and contaminants along the channel margins. Water clarity should improve. The proposed sediment trap excavation will provide an extensive wetland habitat.

Re-profiling of the inner bank of the elbow bend will facilitate establishment of downstream wet edge planting, and development of the outer bend drain outfall wetland. The recommended planting, with resultant low flow channel constriction, is likely to provide several environmental services, including improved river habitat for aquatic life, mahinga kai, habitat and food for birds, lizards and insects, filtration and erosion control; and enhance the aesthetics of the river and river margins.

Indicative costs range from ~$40,000 to ~$70,000 ex GST (excluding contingency) if the excavations and all the recommended planting occur. Typically for cost estimates based on this level of design a minimum contingency of 30% is adopted and a 50% contingency is recommended (i.e. an additional $20,000 to $35,000 ex GST allowed for in budgets for this work).

The difference in cost estimates relates to the potential volume if sediment removed from the sediment trap and bank re-profiling. Costs are significantly greater if the project is assigned costs of disposal of excess material from stockpile. A logical use of the excess material is to infill adjacent low lying parkland. This requires extensive levelling and grassing. However, it is possible that stockpiled material may be removed by contractors for off-site use at no cost to the project; or costs of levelling of soil and grassing on low lying adjacent parkland is attributable to a non-project budget.

7 Applicability

This report has been prepared for the exclusive use of our client Waimakariri District Council | Kaiapoi River Rehabilitation Working Party, with respect to the particular brief given to us and it may not be relied upon in other contexts or for any other purpose, or by any person other than our client, without our prior written agreement.

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Appendix A: Scope

Drainage outfall wetland and bend realignment

The scope of work consists of preparing an engineered wetland design concept for a drainage outfall wetland at the old Cam River mouth, where a current discharge point from the WDC stormwater network exists; and modifications to the inner elbow bend on the true right bank of the river channel (refer Figure 1.1 previous). The following are addressed:

1 Prepare an engineered wetland concept to establish a drainage outfall wetland at the old Cam River mouth (where a current stormwater discharge pipe exists) and modify the inner elbow bend on the true right bank of the river channel. The concept will be developed in sufficient detail to enable indicative estimates of quantities and associated indicative construction costs to be estimated.

2 Refine estimated volumes of material to be excavated, infilled or relocated through the works with comparison to initial estimates as per project brief.

3 Concept design of any proposed protective barriers or materials required for the wetland edge and re-aligned inner elbow bend, such as rock/boulder edge protection and erosion control material or other measures that may be required.

4 The concept will be presented on Figures consisting of a site plan and sections and details. Dimensions, species recommendations and a planting/grassing plan for the wetland and inner elbow bend realignment.

5 Prepare a short concept design report describing the following (in conjunction with the sediment trap sections for the same 1x report):

   a The proposed concept and rationale including assessing the potential effects of the project on the environment, sediment management, water quality, habitat, mahinga kai and capacity/hydrology costs and benefits (with provision of information for verification by ECan with the Kaiapoi River model as per previous Stage 1 work).

   b Comment on potential options to use soil excavated during the inner elbow bend re-alignment as excavated material in the drainage wetland and potential associated cost offset.

   c An assessment on identified potential constraints and limitations of the proposed works (e.g. consent costs, impacts on public access and fishing, public safety, release of sediment during construction, etc.).

   d Provide a high level indicative estimate of all associated costs with creation of the outfall wetland and realignment of the inner elbow bend in terms of all options considered, noting detailed construction cost estimates are not covered in our scope.

6 Describe sediment control and management plan requirements for the works based on previous consent requirements for river works and drainage maintenance, and consent requirements for the lower river navigation channel.

7 Describe a wetland maintenance plan for future ongoing management based on planting guidelines and consultation with WDC staff.

Sediment trap

The scope of work consists of preparing an engineered sediment trap design concept in the old bend of the realigned Kaiapoi River between the Cam River mouth and motorway bridge (refer Figure 1.1 previous). The following are addressed:

1 Prepare an engineered sediment trap concept in the old bend of the realigned Kaiapoi River between the Cam River mouth and motorway bridge. The concept will be developed in sufficient detail to enable indicative estimates of quantities and associated indicative construction costs to be estimated. The concept will be presented on Figures consisting of a site plan and sections and details.

2 Development of concepts for the sediment trap and potential constructability is dependent on the extent and depth of soft sediment within the proposed sediment trap area. In order to provide a concept for the sediment trap, site investigation into the depth and strength of this material is required. We will undertake Scala penetrometer testing (4x tests proposed) as part of our scope to inform the concept development.

3 The short concept design report will describe the following:

   a The proposed concept and rationale including assessing the potential effects of the project on the environment, sediment management, water quality, habitat, mahinga kai and capacity/hydrology costs and benefits (with provision of information for verification by ECan with the Kaiapoi River model as per previous Stage 1 work).

   b The area of sediment trap and volume of material to be excavated.

   c Comment on the potential rate of re-sedimentation of the sediment trap.

   d Comment on potential assess constraints and limitations (e.g. consent costs, impacts on public access and fishing, public safety, release of sediment during construction, etc.).

   e Comment on potential methods for excavation at the site, including use of sludge pumps, the ECan drag line or a digger with barge. Testing to confirm the extent and depth of soft material in this zone will determine the likely requirements for equipment access. WDC and ECan will be consulted regarding downstream navigation dredging investigations.

   f Comment on options and pricing for disposal of excavated material, including:

      i Volume of material that could potentially be used as infill within the drainage outfall wetland, and indicative costs to relocate material to this area.

      ii Verify initial cost estimates for dredging the sediment trap

      iii Final costs of disposal of the balance of the excavated material to landfill based on rates advised by others.

4 Provide a high level indicative estimate of all associated costs with creation of the sediment trap in terms of all options considered, noting detailed construction cost estimates are not covered in this scope.

5 Describe sediment control and management plan requirements for the works based on previous consent requirements for river works and drainage maintenance, and consent requirements for the lower river navigation channel.

6 Describe a wetland maintenance plan for future ongoing management based on planting guidelines and consultation with WDC staff.

Information requirements

Additional cross sections and investigation of soft sediment depth, as discussed and agreed with WDC will be provided by ECan.

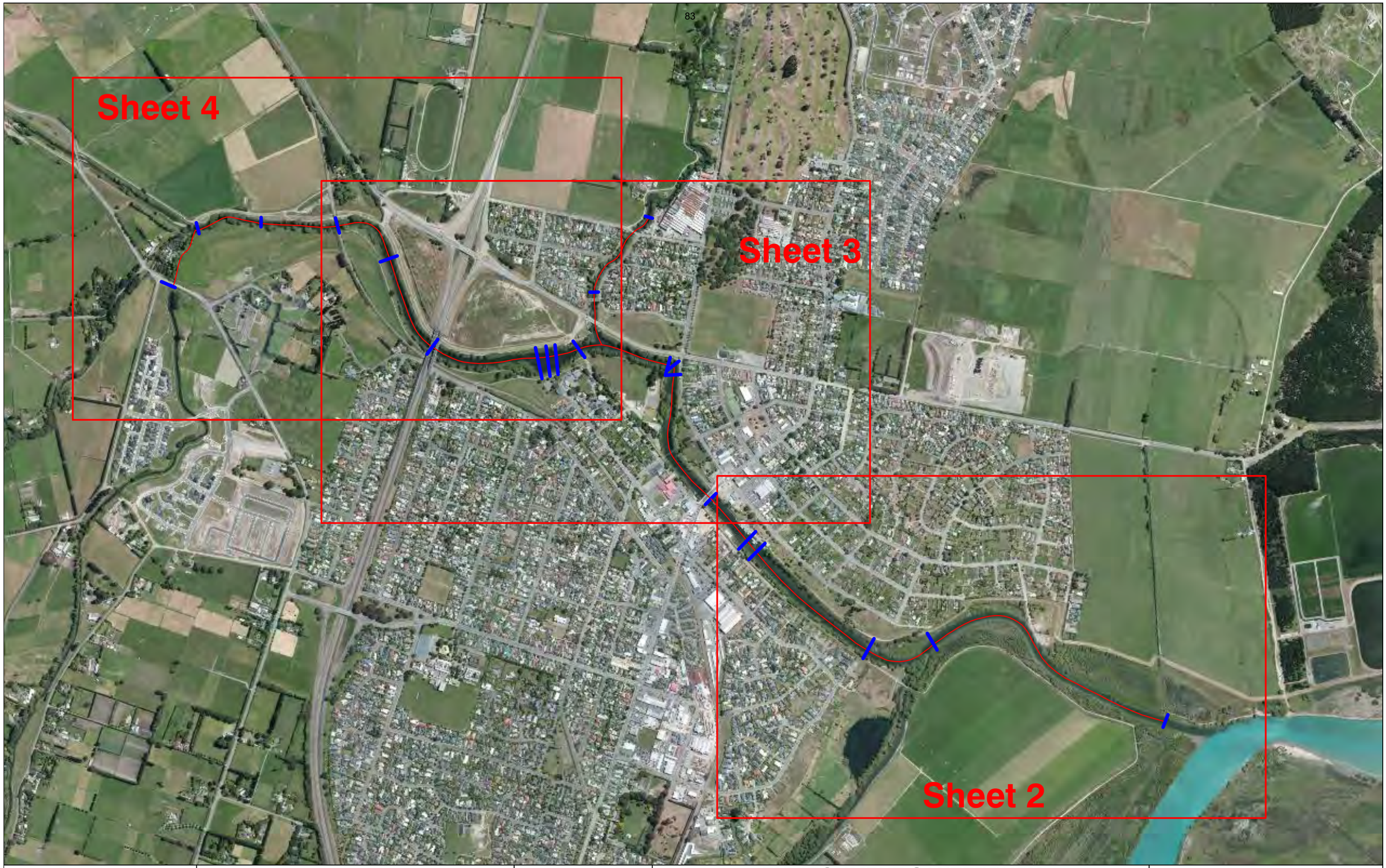
Cross section and hydraulic model parameters will be provided to enable ECan to undertake verification.

Outputs

Proposed concepts and draft figures will be developed for Working Party comment and discussion prior to proceeding with the report. A draft of the report with updated figures will be provided for comment prior to updating and finalising the report for issue.

One or both authors will attend two Working Party meetings to discuss draft concepts and present the final report and concepts as requested.

Appendix B: Survey data from ECan



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Designed
Compiled W Mecchia Jan 2015
Checked

Recommended
Principal River Engineer

Approved

R J Vesey
Regional Engineer

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Kaiapoi and Cam Rivers
Cross Section Locations 2011 and 2015
Overview

Original Scale: 1:12,500 Level Datum: Ortho Lytt 1937

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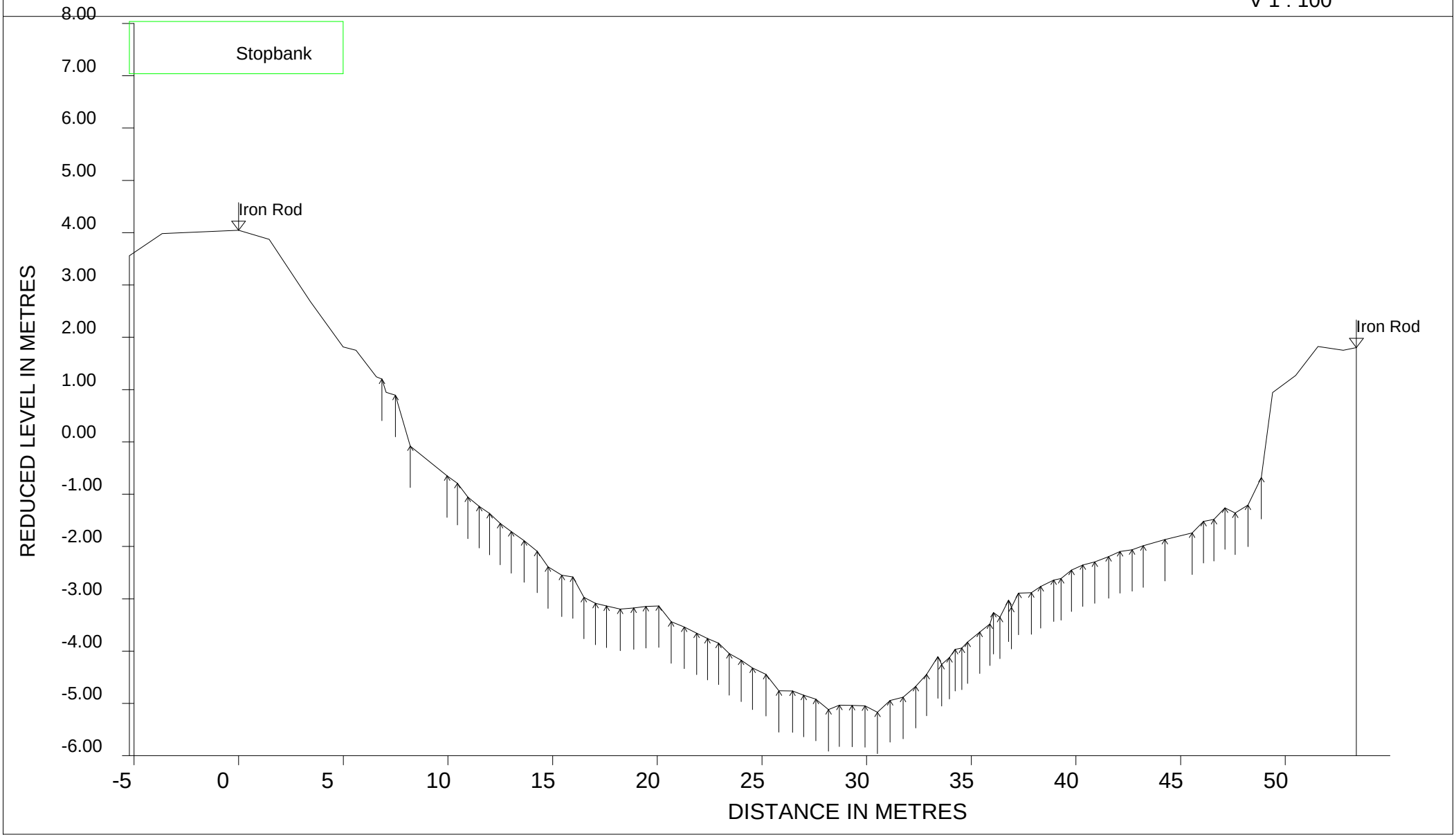

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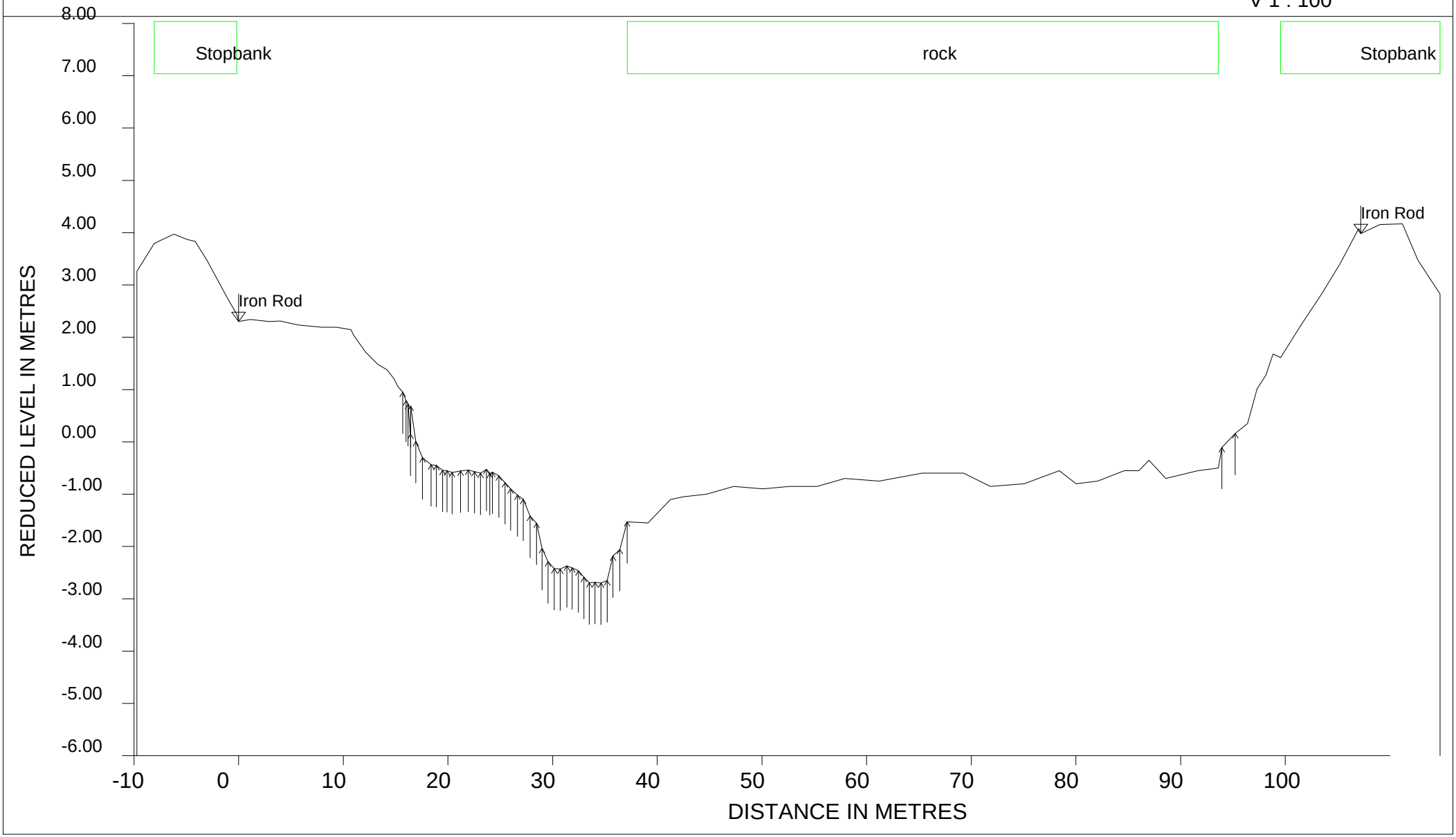

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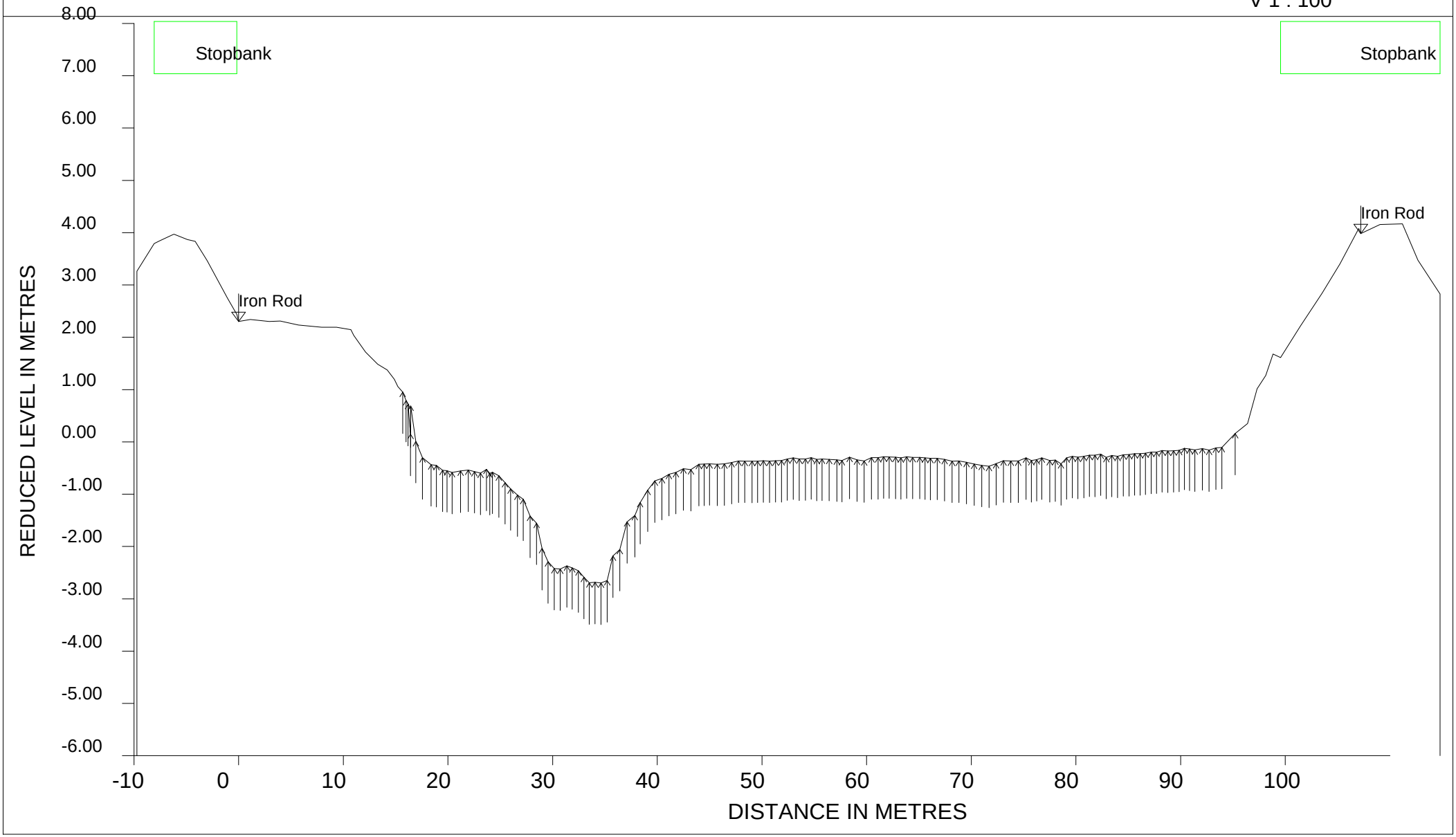

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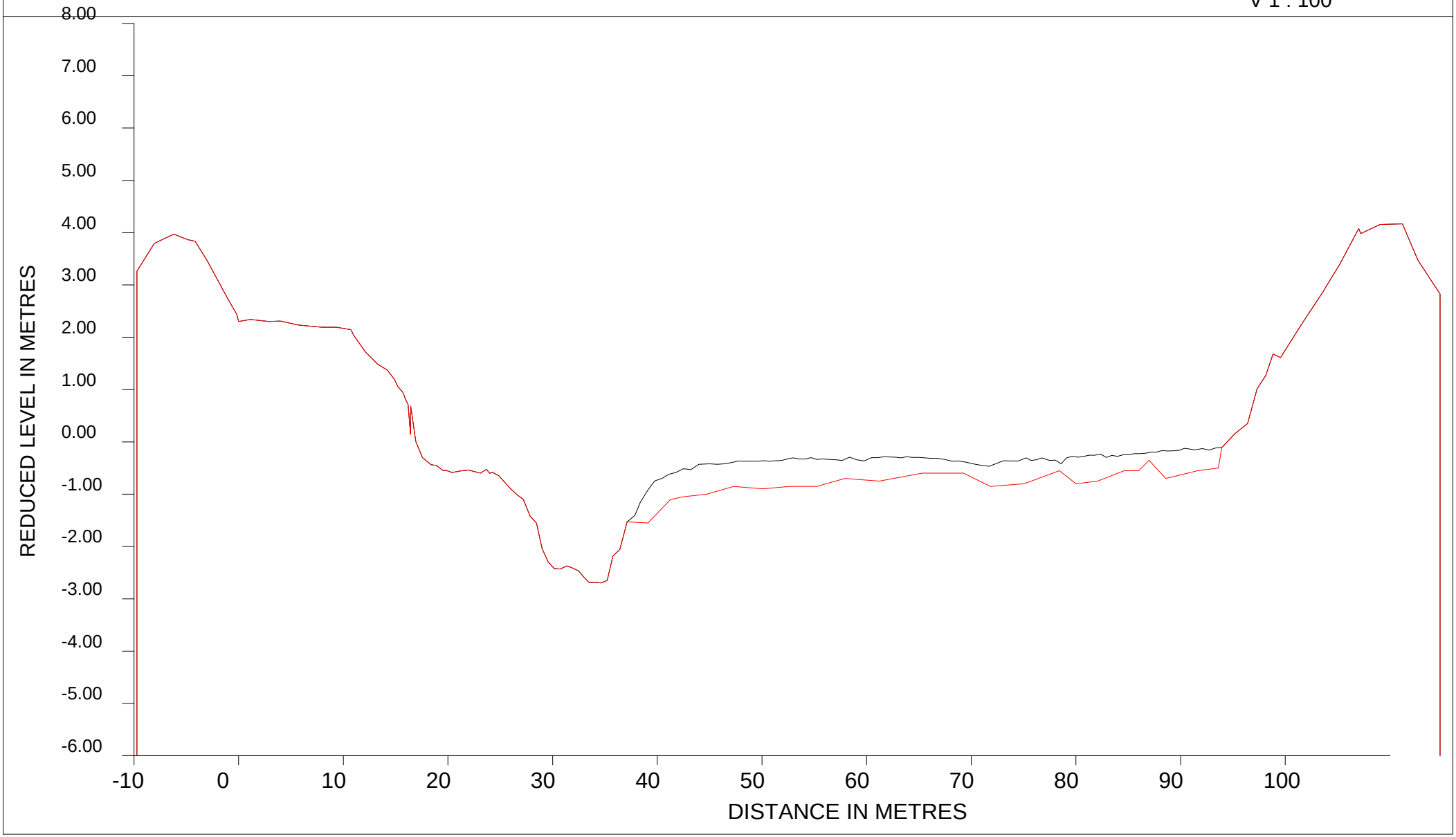

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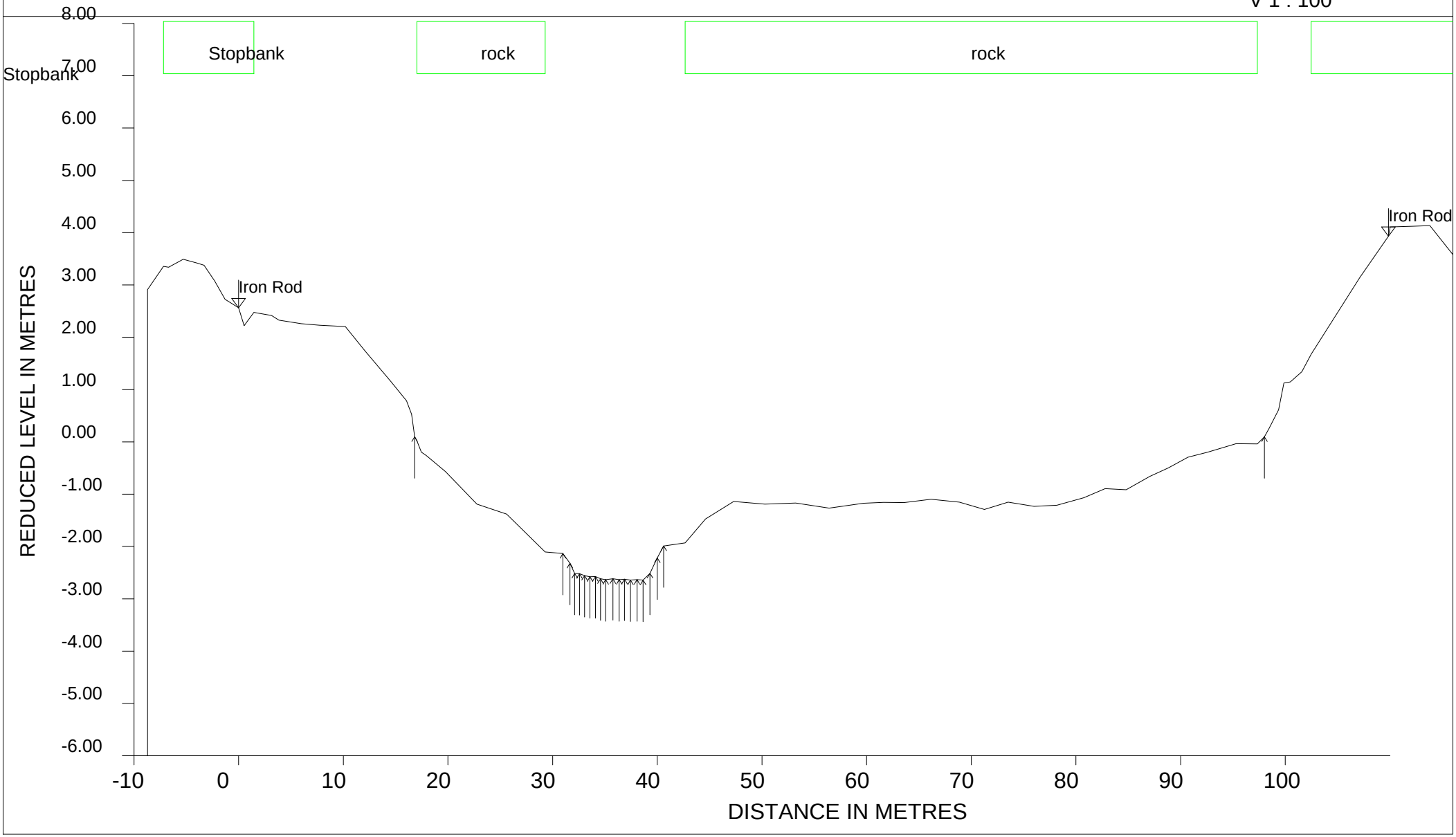

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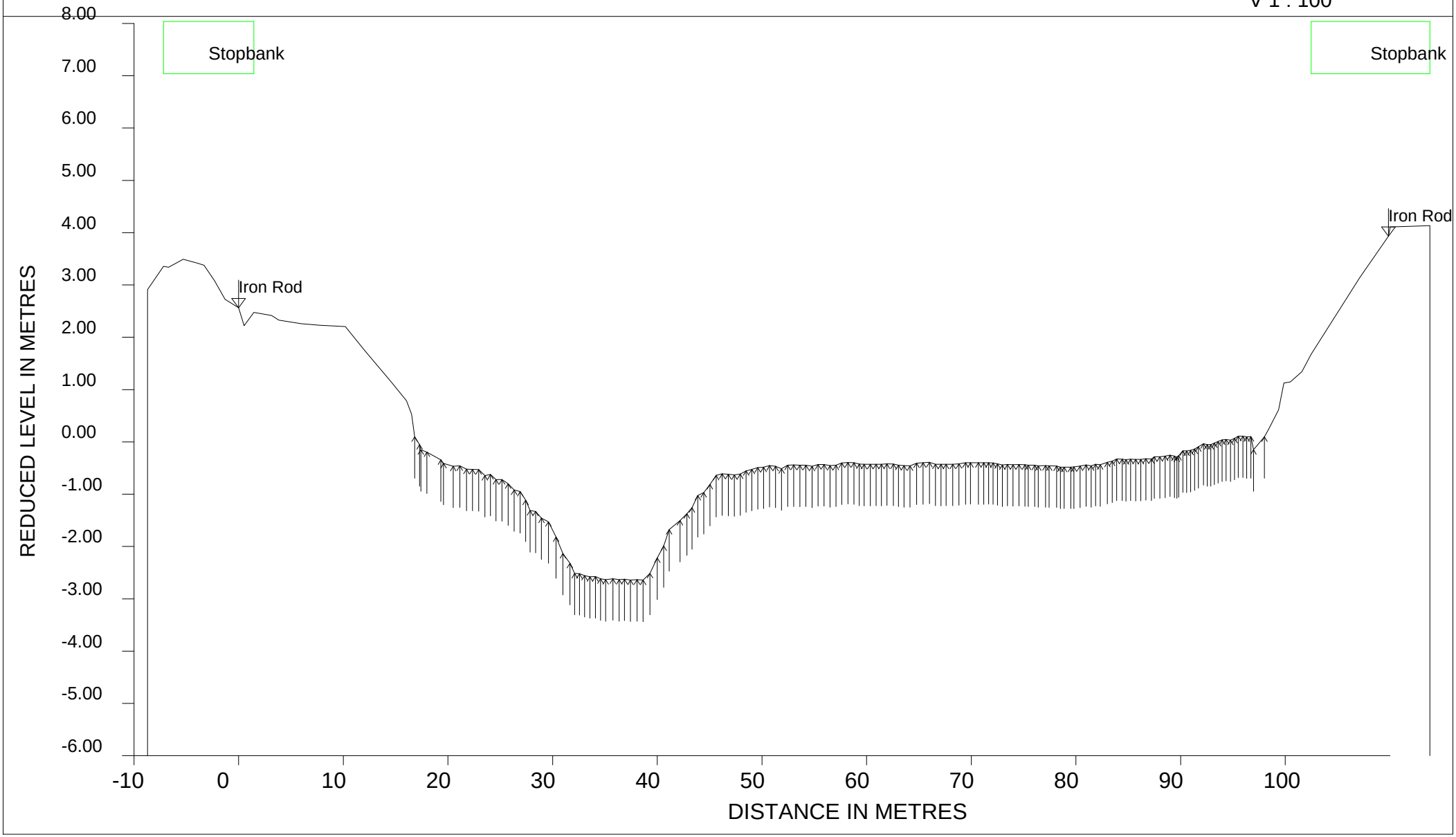

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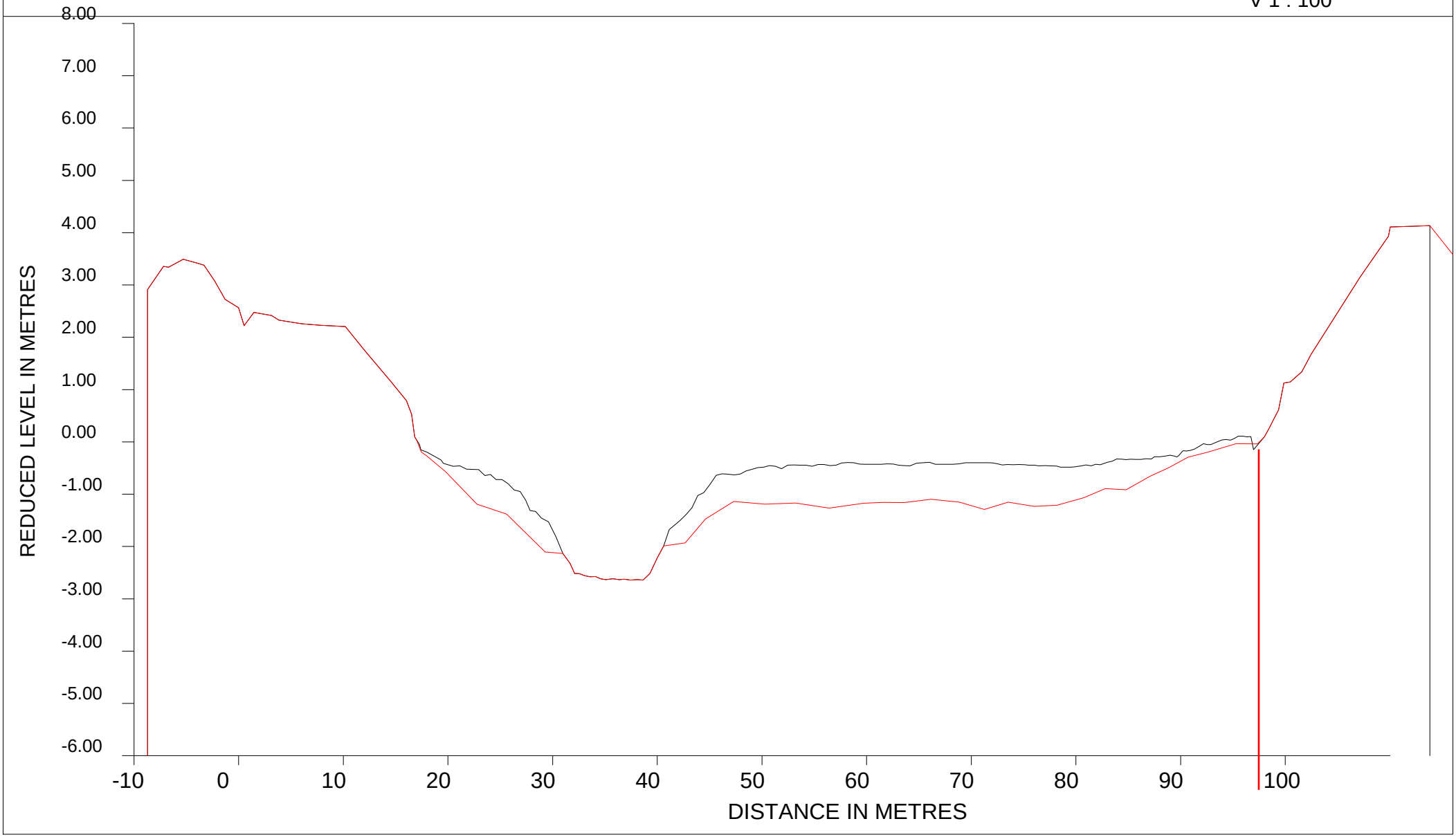

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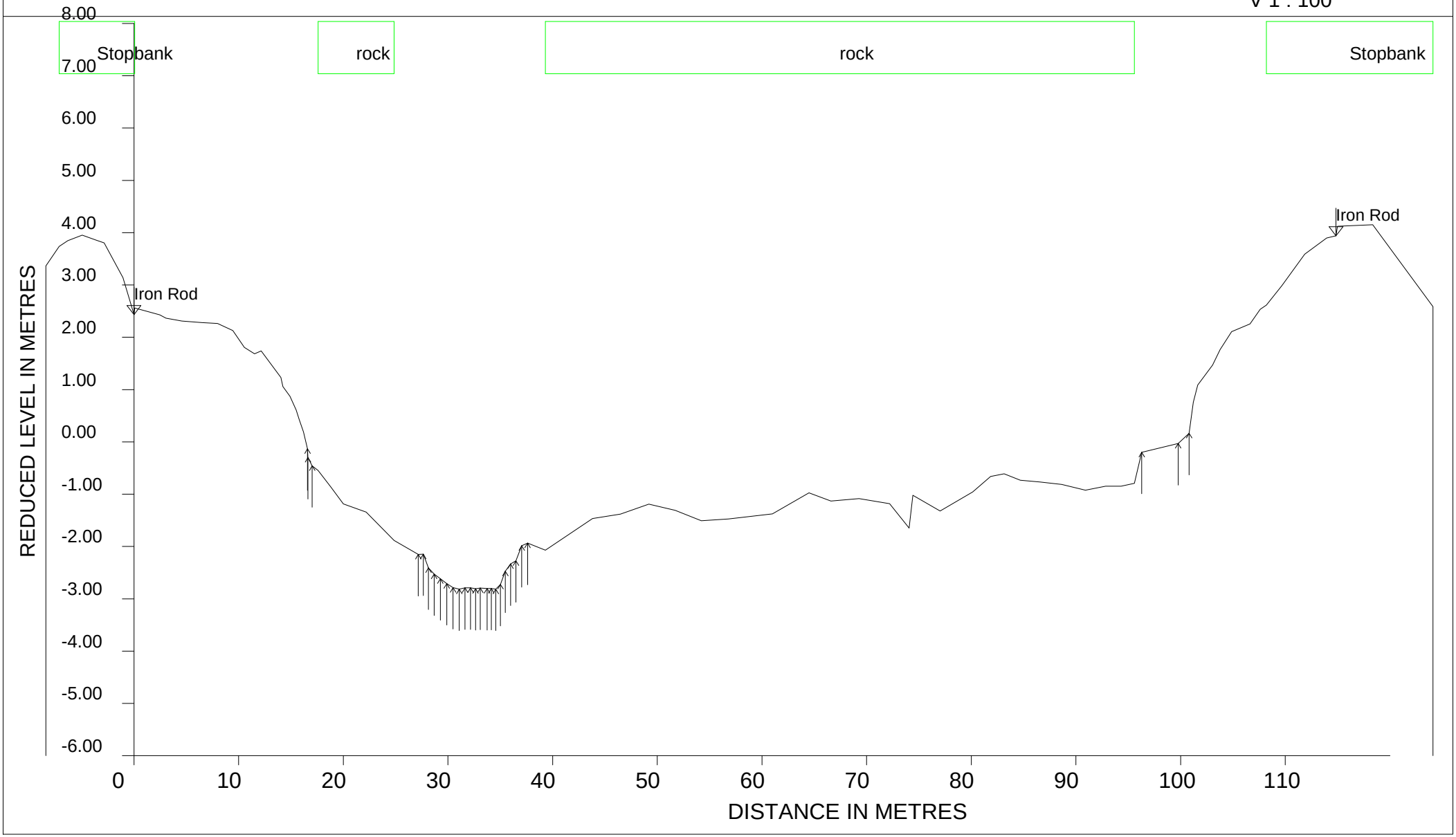

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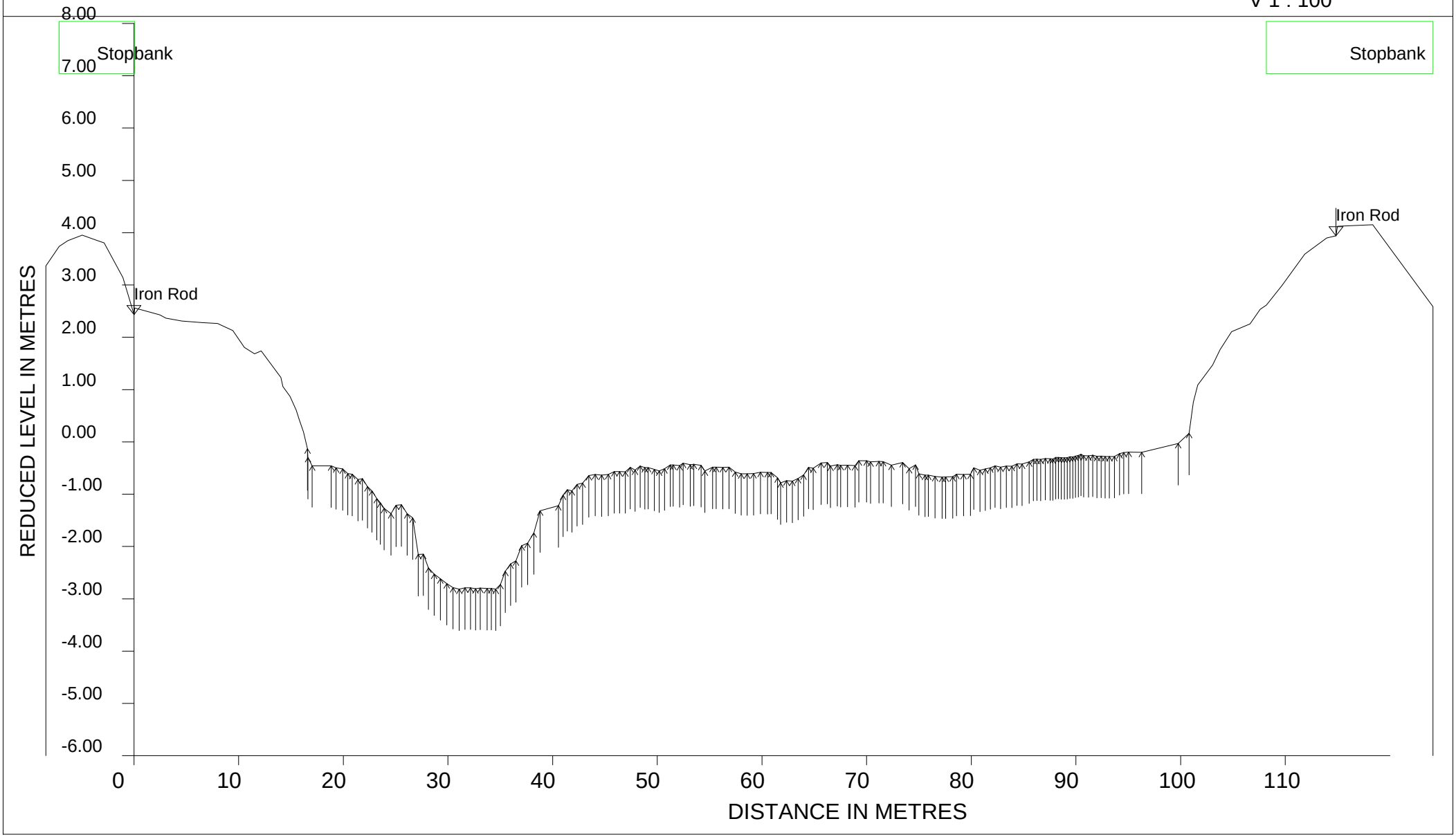

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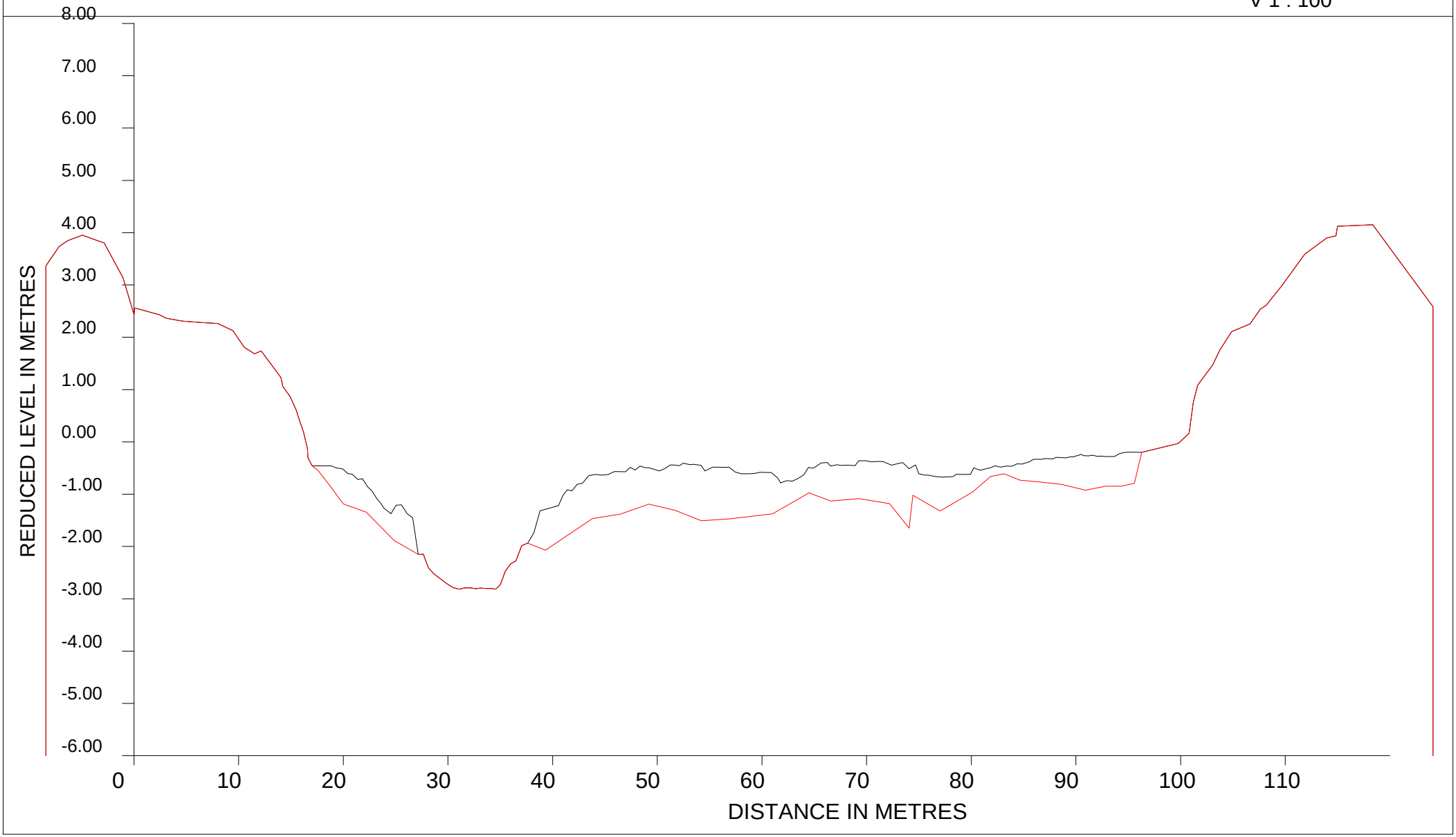

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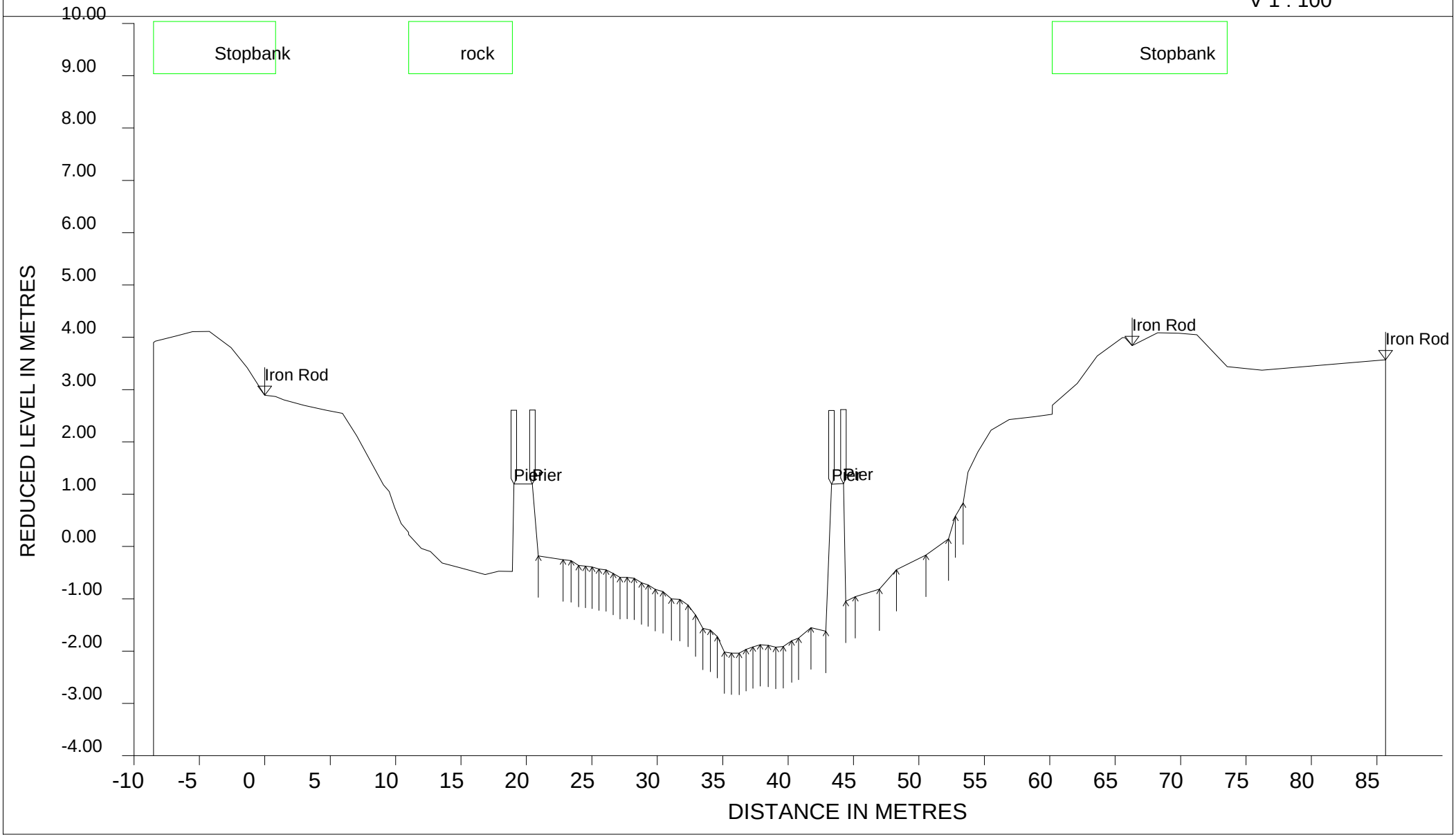

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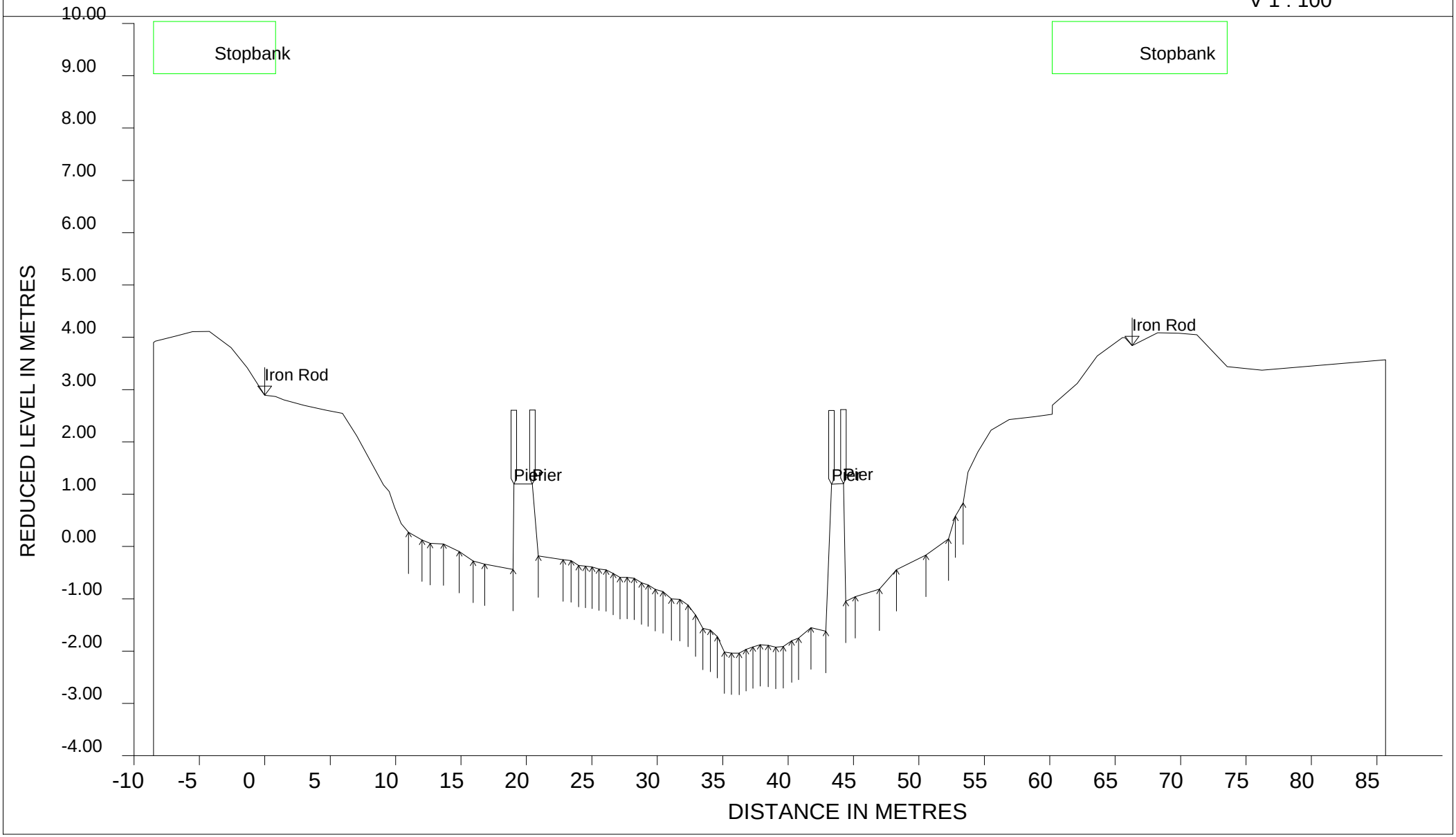

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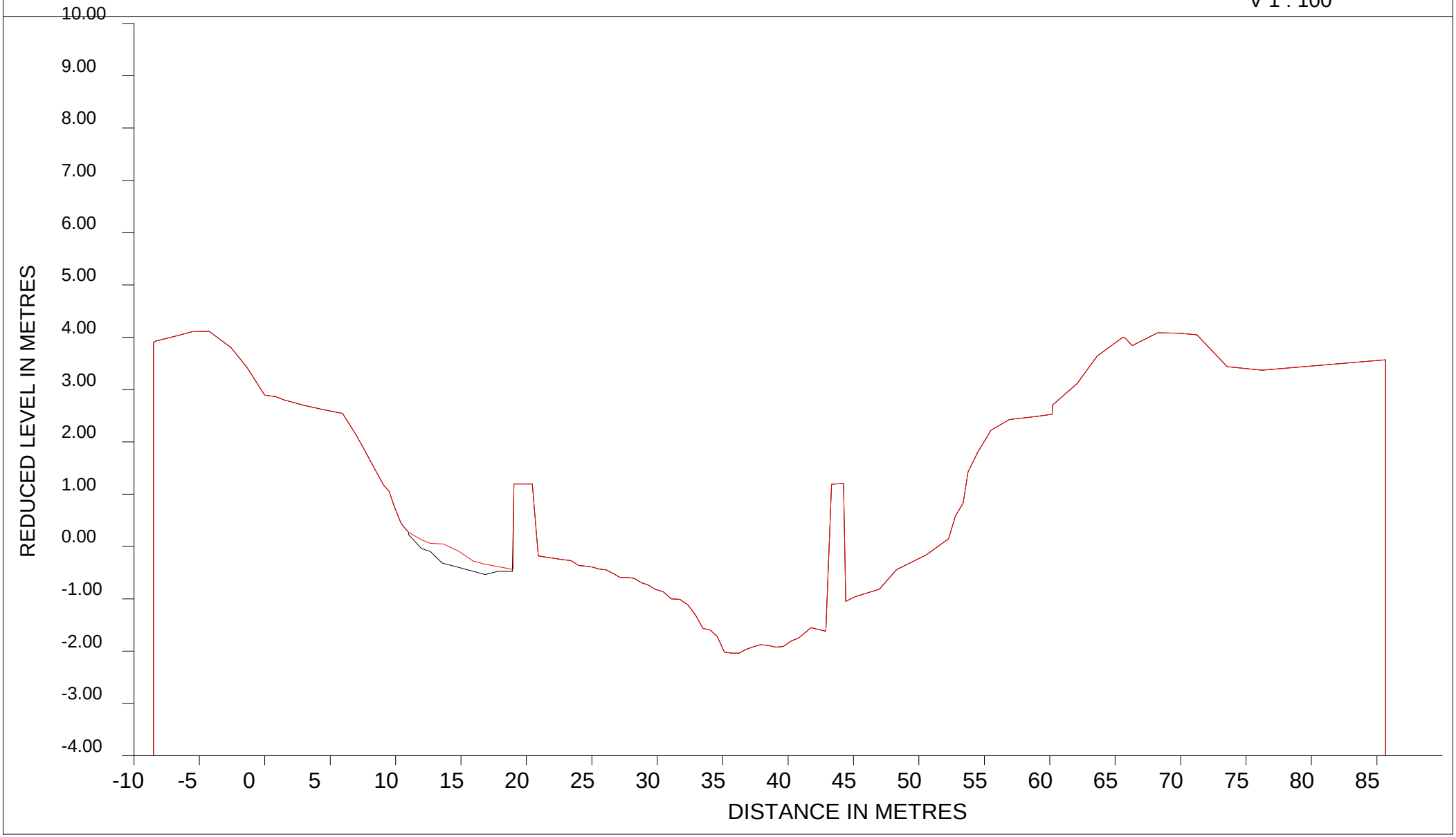

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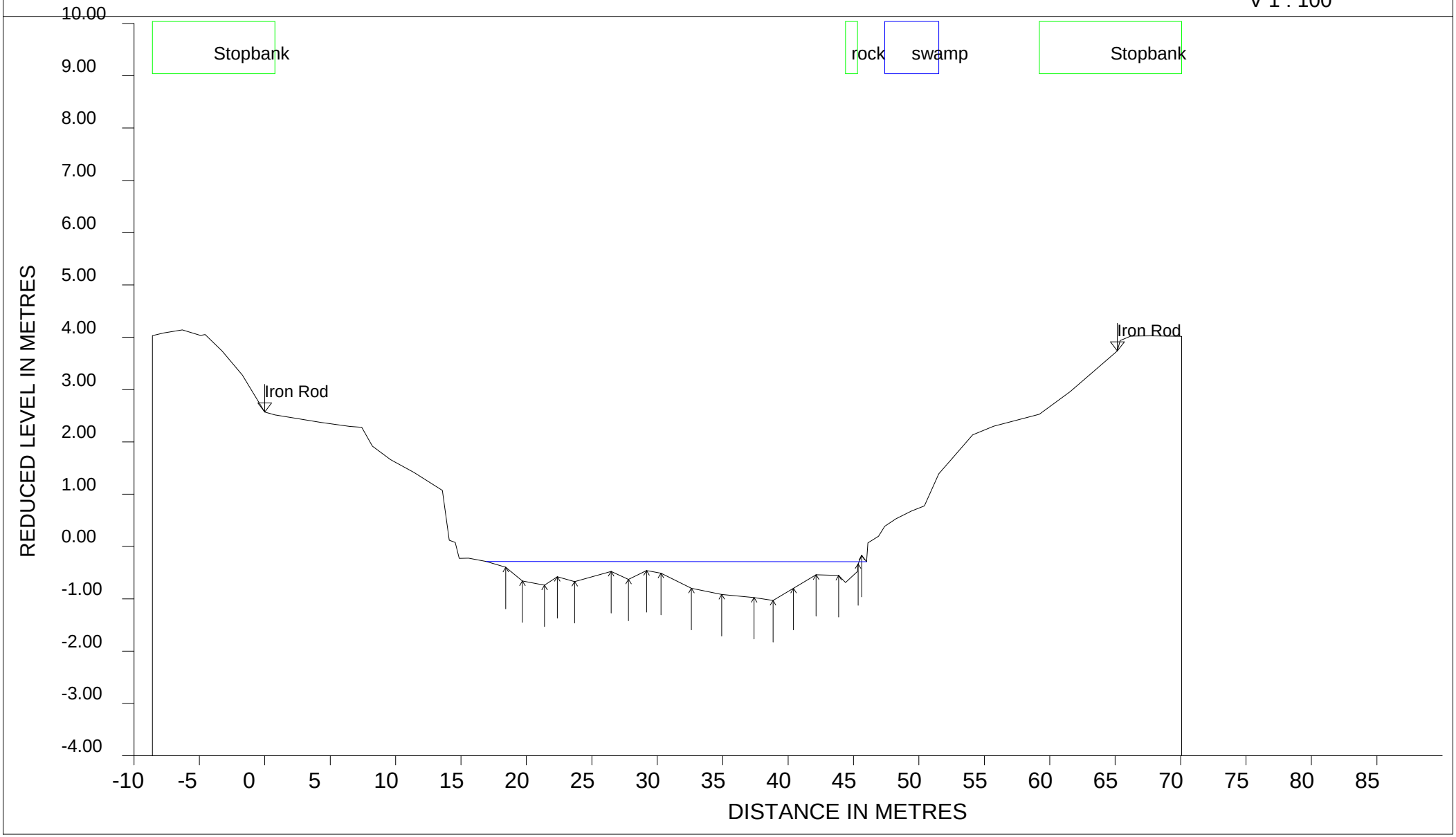

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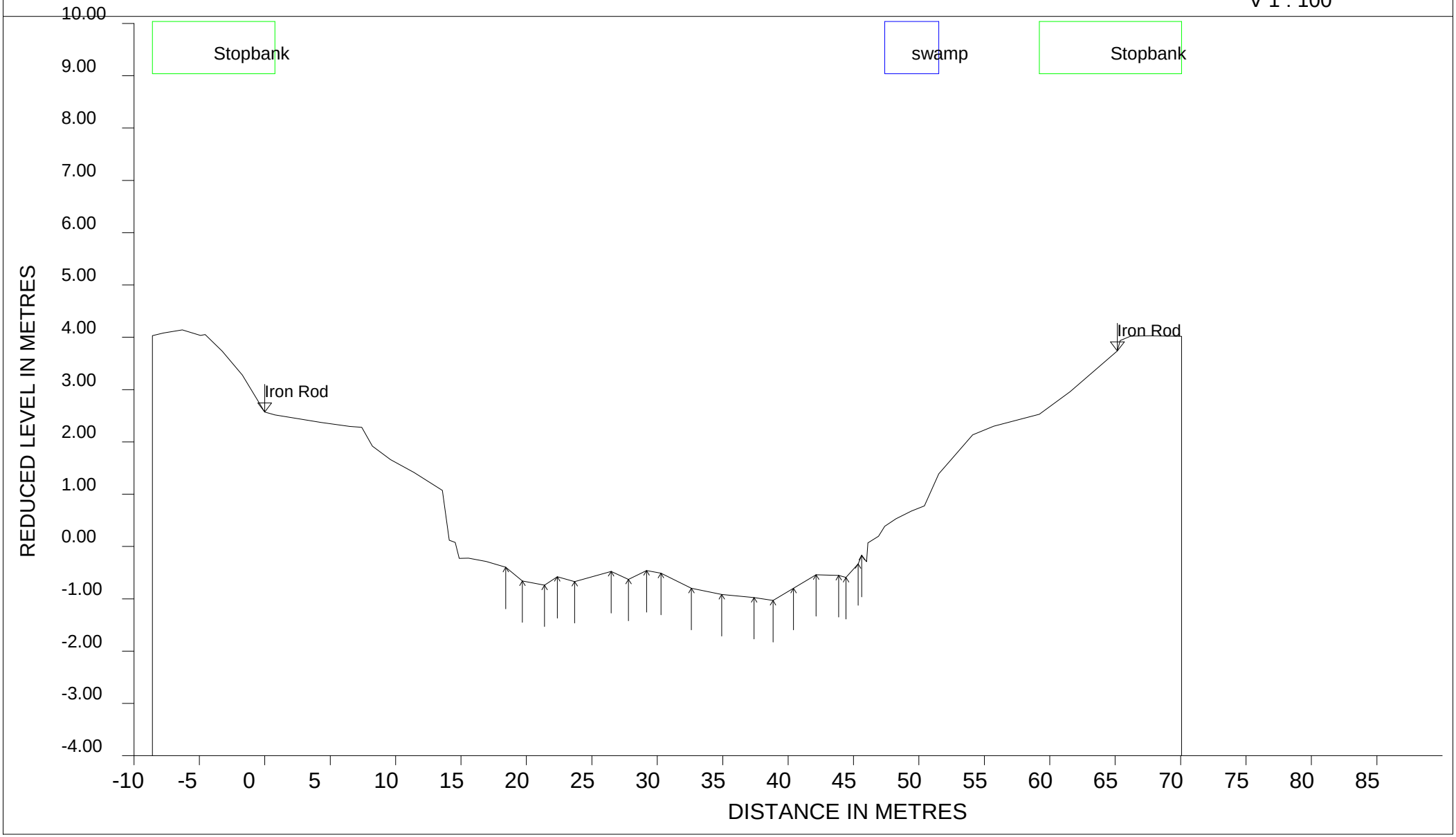

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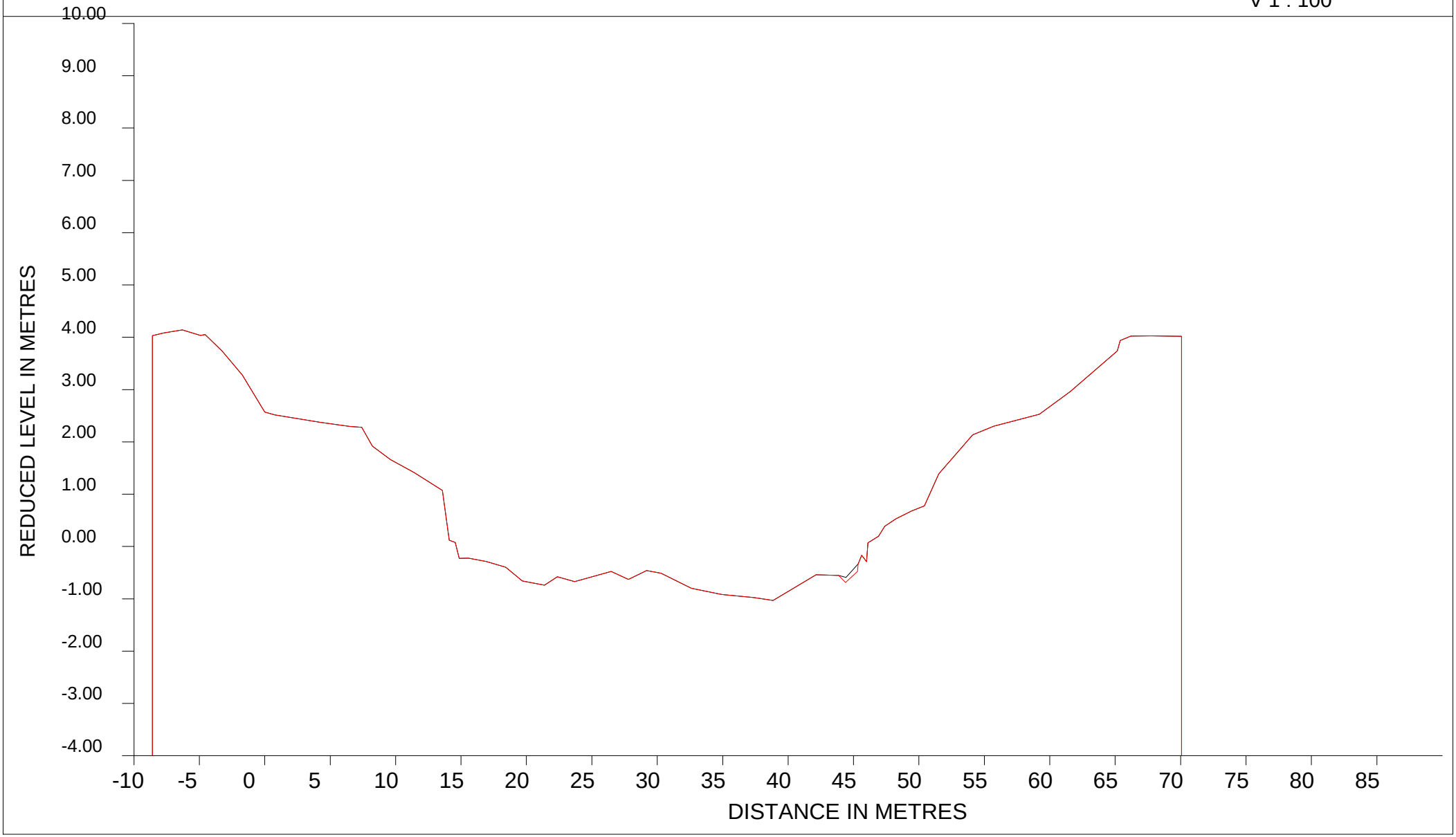

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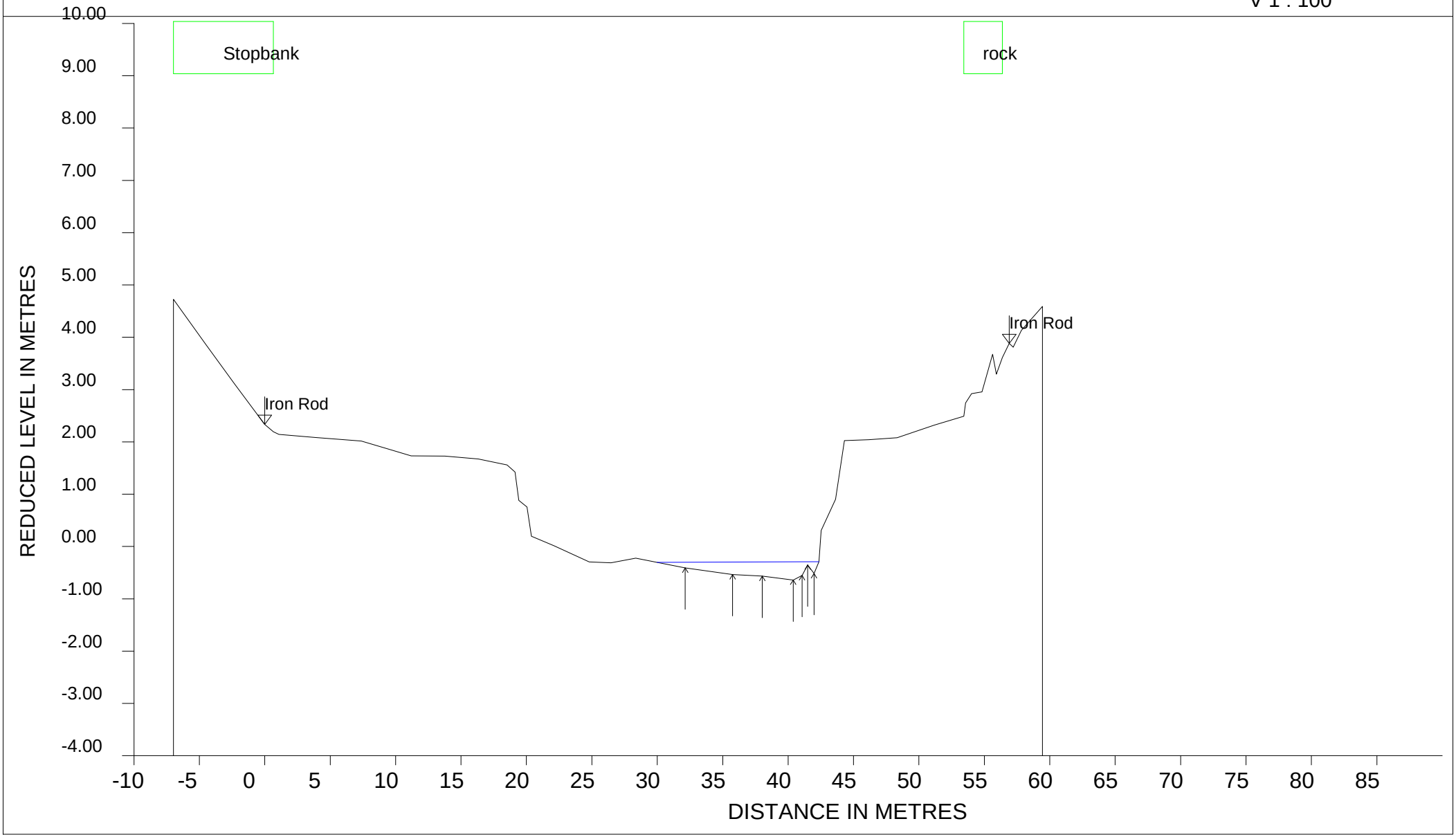

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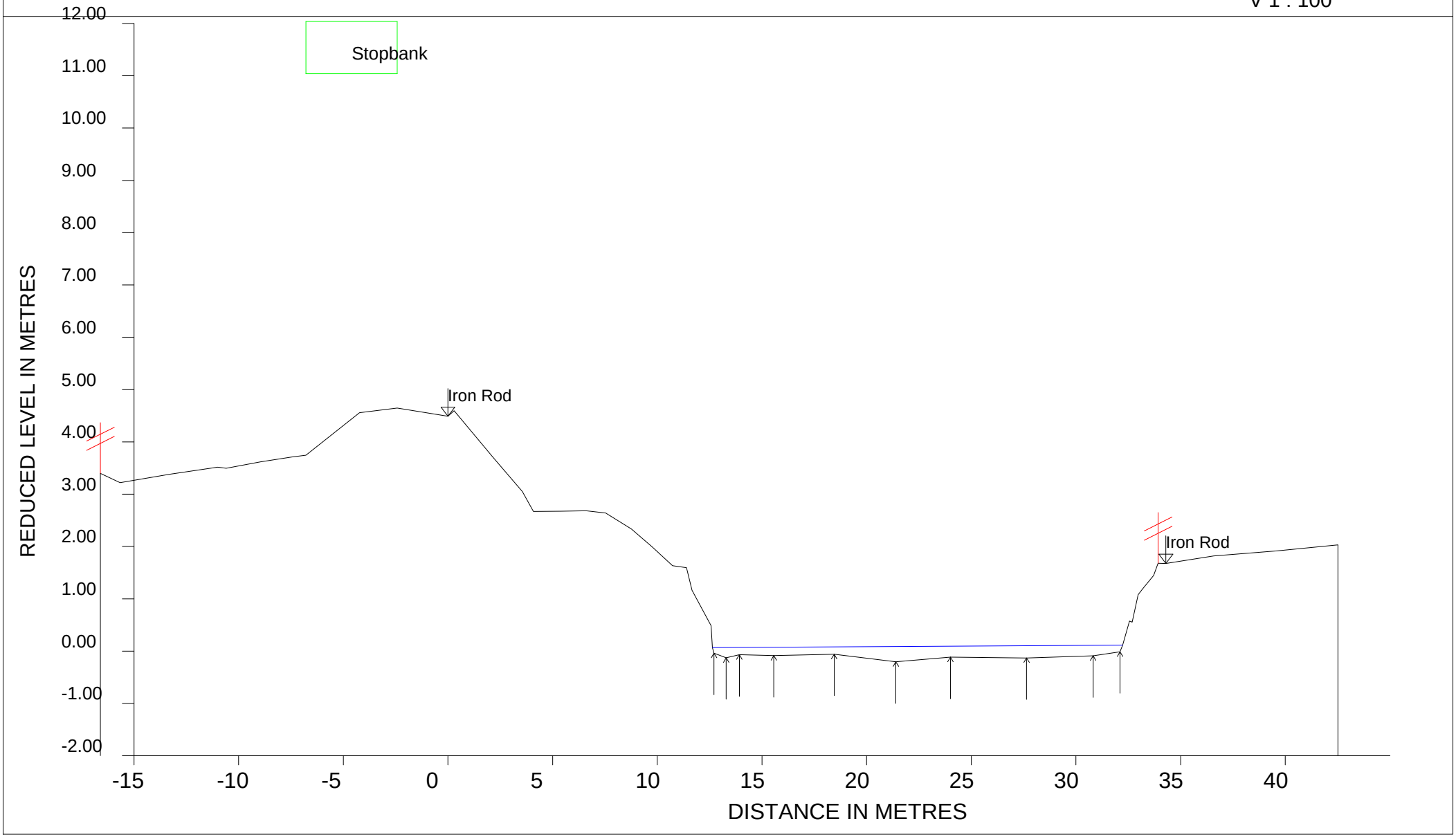

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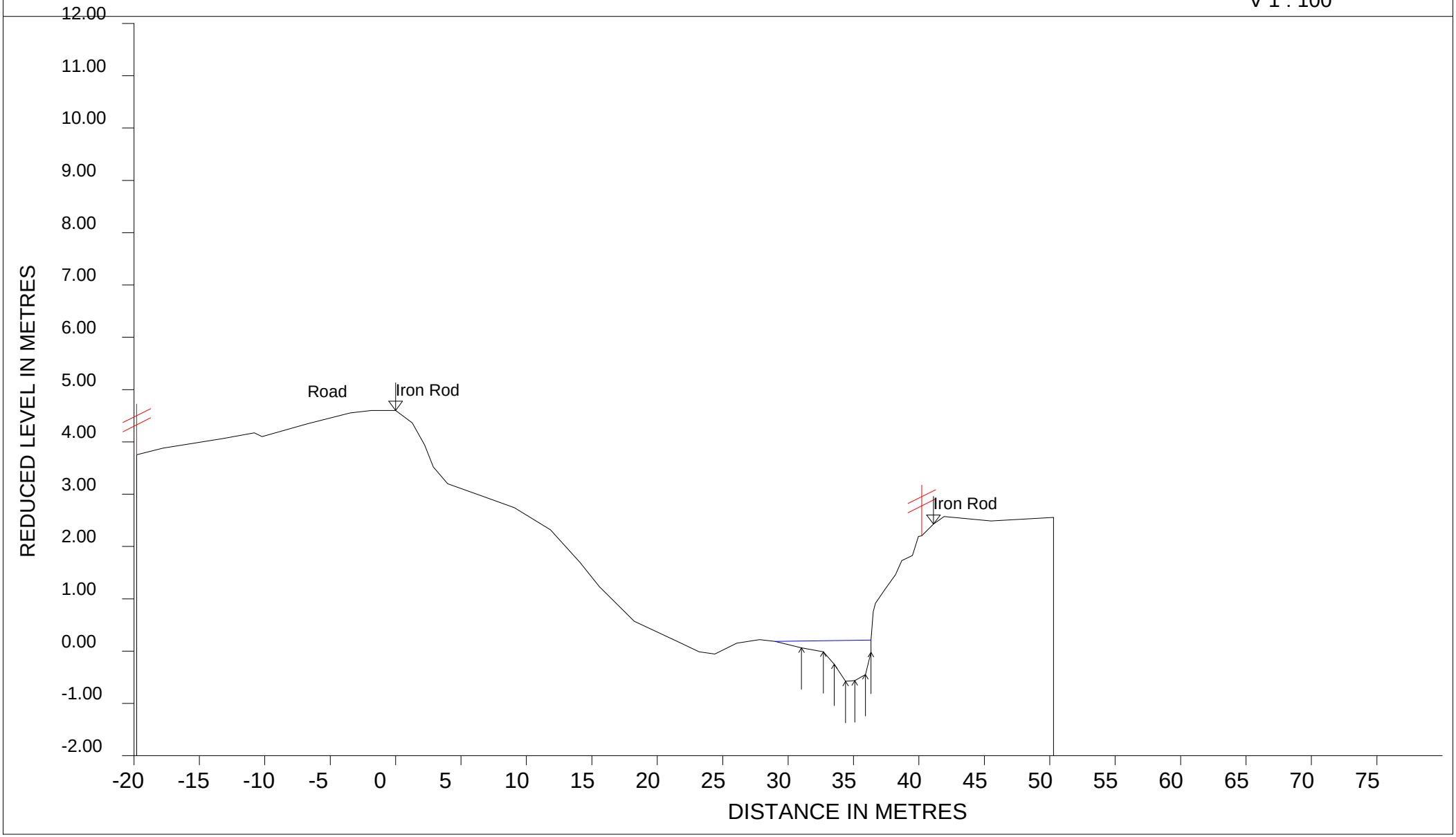

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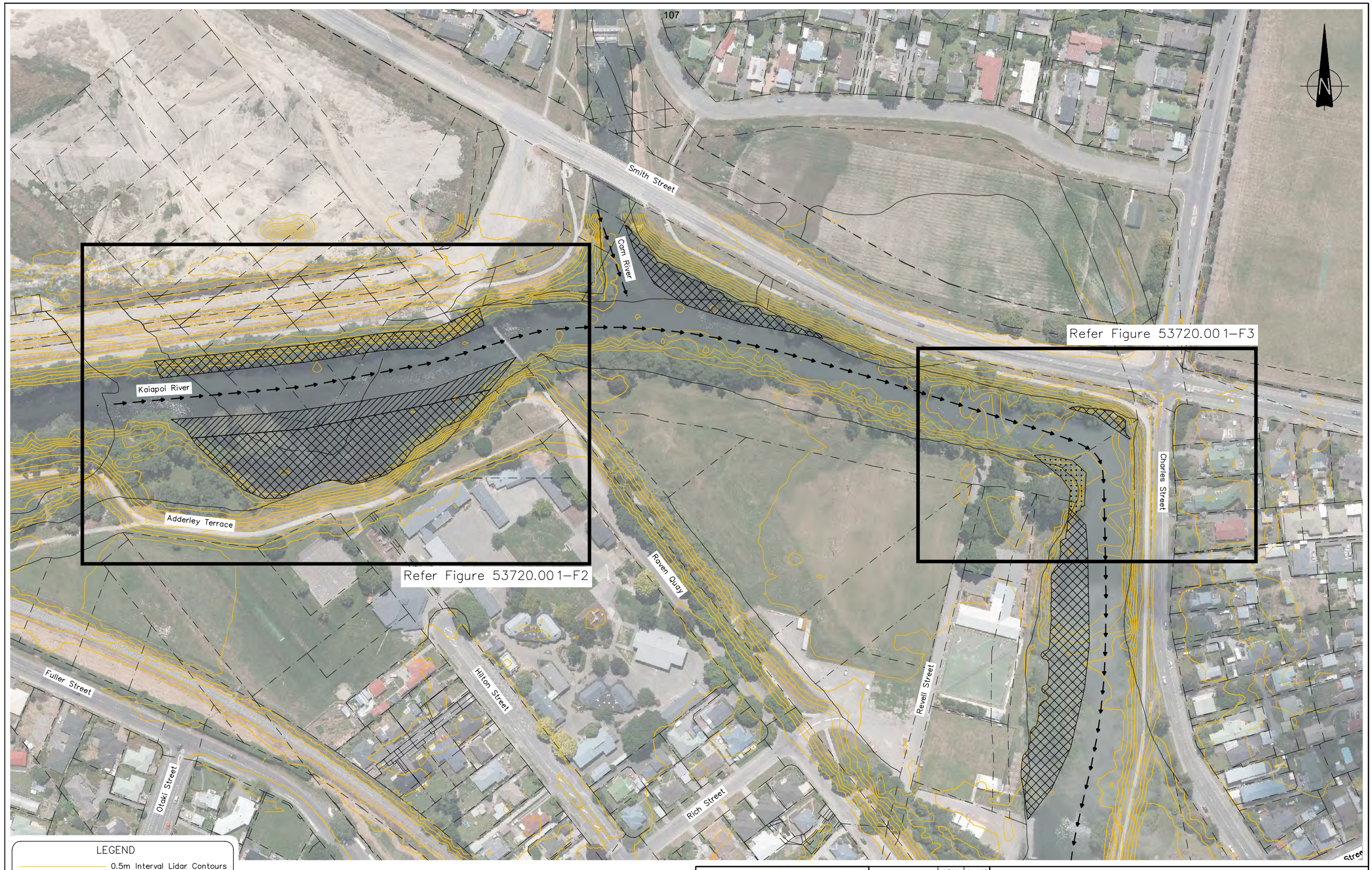

LEGEND

- 0.5m Interval Lidar Contours
- River flow direction
- Cadastral Boundaries
- Area of modification

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KAIAPOI RIVER REHABILITATION WORKING PARTY

KAIAPOI RIVER REHABILITATION PROJECT STAGE 1A

KAIAPOI

Location Plan & Layouts

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Stopbank

Stopbank

Kaiapoi River

Dense riparian planting zone

Existing soft sediment deposits

Sediment trap area

Adderley Terrace

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LEGEND

- 0.5m Interval Lidar Contours
- River flow direction
- Cadastral Boundaries
- Area of fill/planting
- Area of dense riparian planting

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KAIAPOI RIVER REHABILITATION WORKING PARTY

KAIAPOI RIVER REHABILITATION PROJECT STAGE 1A

KAIAPOI

Sediment Trap Plan

Riparian planting and fill zone

Existing stormwater outlet pipe and wingwall

Excavate inner bend riparian zone

Area of proposed planting (Refer Stage 1 report)

Charles Street

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6/F5

LEGEND

- 0.5m interval lidar contours
- River flow direction
- Cadastral boundaries
- Area of fill/planting
- Area of excavation

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Elbow Bend Realignment

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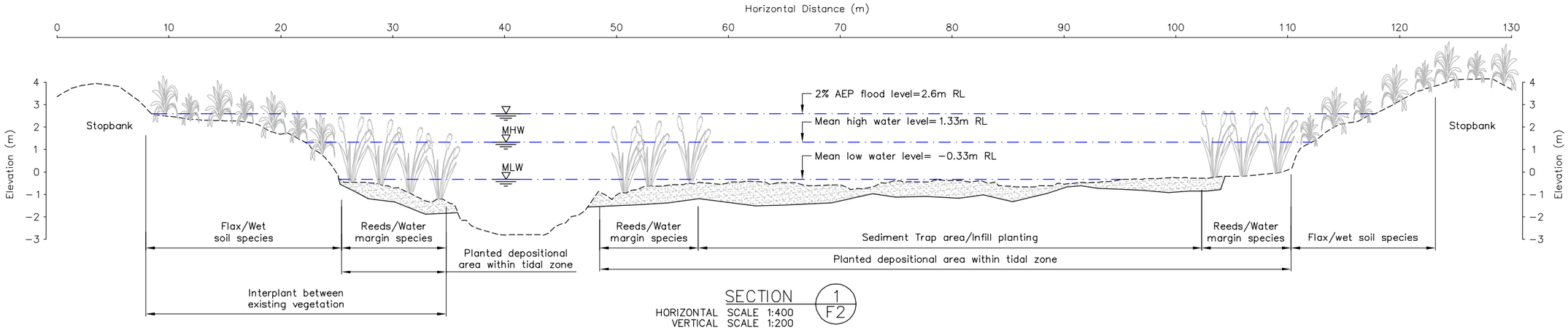

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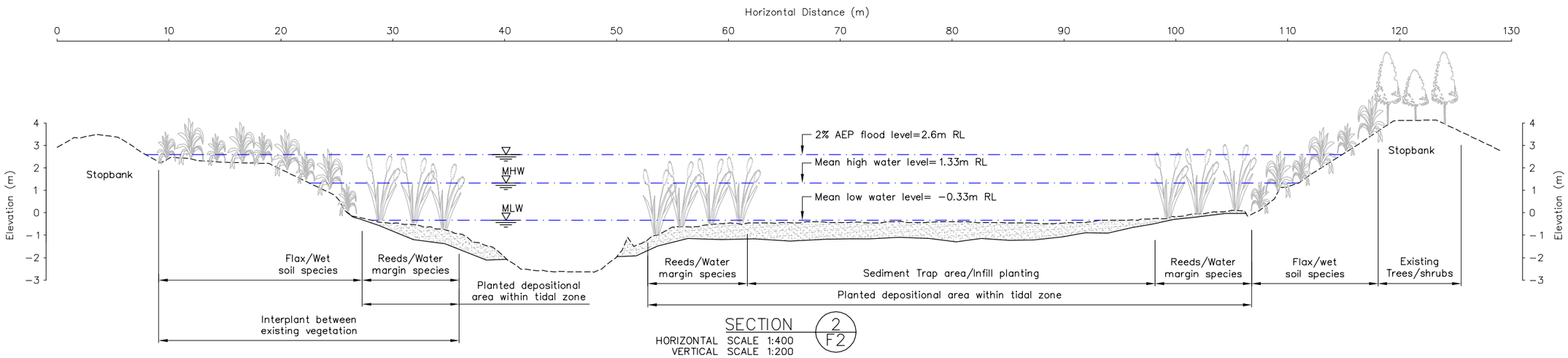

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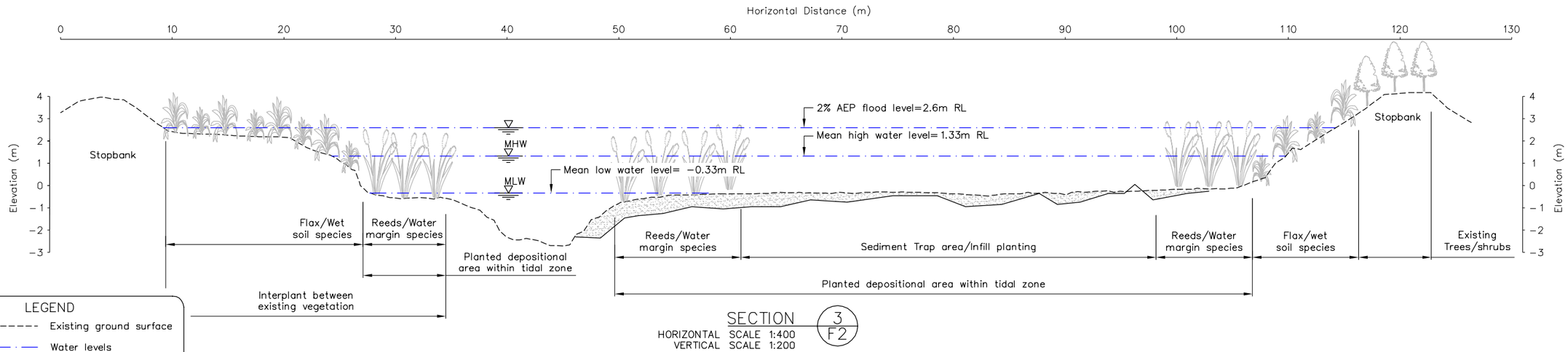

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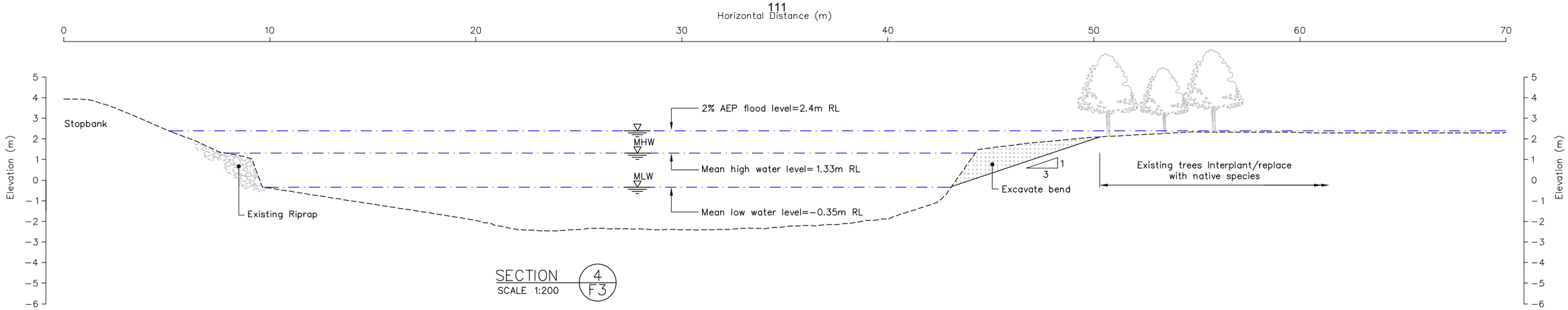

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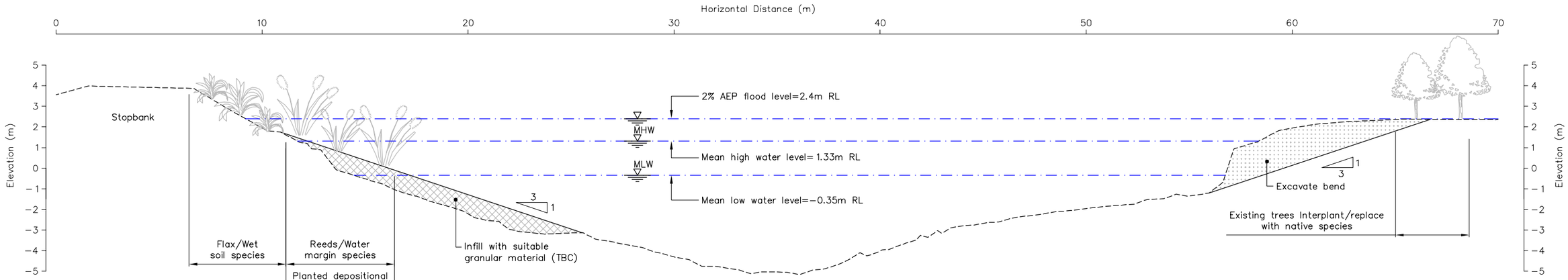

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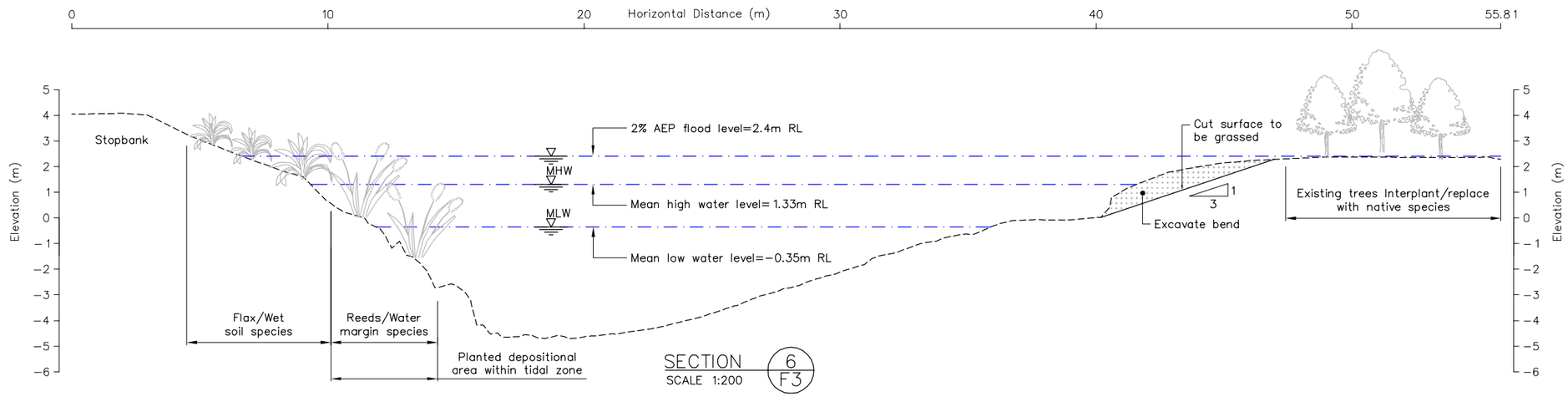

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LEGEND

- Existing ground surface
- Water levels

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Environment Canterbury Regional Council
Kaunihera Taiao ki Waitaha

An introduction to

Mahinga kai for Waimakariri farmers

This information sheet has been put together to explain the concept of mahinga kai and its relevance in today's farming environment.

Photo: Electric fishing in the Rakahuri / Ashley River

Why is mahinga kai important in Waimakariri today?

Te toto o te tangata, he kai; te oranga o te tangata, he whenua
Food supplies the blood of people; their welfare depends on the land

DO YOU HAVE FRESH, CLEAN WATERWAYS? FRESHWATER CRAYFISH IN YOUR DRAIN? LIZARDS IN YOUR FLAX? WHITEBAIT IN YOUR CREEK?

There is a term for these treasures and the habitats that support them – *mahinga kai*.

To Māori, mahinga kai relates to the traditional value of food resources and their ecosystems, as well as the practices involved in producing, gathering and protecting them.

Waimakariri farmers and landowners are custodians of their land and the resources they contain. Māori also assume responsibility for protection of mahinga kai, as Ngāi Tahu tūpuna (ancestors) did before them.

There is something special about providing the best environment for these treasures, and watching them do well.

Waimakariri farmers' approach is to use farming practices that protect the mahinga kai values the farm already has – enhancing or even creating them.

Farming and recreational activities around waterways require good management practices so the native flora and fauna there can flourish.

WHAT EXACTLY IS MAHINGA KAI?

Ka hāhā te tuna ki te roto; ka hāhā te reo ki te kaika;
ka hāhā te takata ki the whenua

If there are no fish in the lake, there will be no language or culture resounding in the home and no people on the land. However, if there are fish in the lake, language and culture will thrive and the people will live proudly on the land
- Nā Charisma Rangipuna i tuhi.

Mahinga kai areas are likely to be special areas of your property that you are already actively taking care of for their environmental or biodiversity significance – but it could also be things you were not aware of, the little things.

Because it refers to numerous species rather than something specific, there is no single list of exactly what is mahinga kai for any given property. Mahinga kai includes things such as species, natural habitats, materials and practices used for harvesting food, and places where food or resources are, or were, gathered. This can include:

- All waterways, drains (with water), wetlands, and springs
- Native vegetation and riparian areas
- Areas with specific mahinga kai species and their habitats.

For example, īnanga (whitebait) are an important mahinga kai species. Today they are valued by most people in Waimakariri, not just Māori, and can live and spawn in all waterways, including farm drains. Much of their critical spawning habitat occurs along vegetated waterways, particularly near the coast. Their habitat is susceptible to disturbance, particularly from grazing animals and farm operations, which is why protection is essential. Some of the steps you can take include fencing and adjusting farming practices when spawning occurs in autumn.

Waikuku Stream

Regenerating Kanuka

Pātiki (flounder) are returning to the Rakahuri / Ashley Estuary as the water quality is improved by less damaging activities nearby

WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IS MAHINGA KAI PROTECTION?

Toitū te marae o Tāne; toitū te marae o Tangaroa; toitū te iwi

If the forests of Tāne are protected and the oceans of Tangaroa are protected, so too are the people.

Everyone living in or visiting the Waimakariri district has a part to play in protecting and enhancing mahinga kai, although as the current guardians of the land, there are clear responsibilities on landowners.

While the active protection of mahinga kai is a key foundation of the Treaty of Waitangi, it is also part of wider environmental stewardship *(kaitiakitanga)*. Looking after mahinga kai sits alongside ecosystem health and biodiversity as an essential environmental objective in our district.

Farmers are now required to achieve a mahinga kai target when implementing their Farm Environment Plans. This means you need to identify and understand mahinga kai values and risks on your farm, and respond to these when carrying out good management practice.

The management targets will not necessarily limit the way you use your land, but they do require you to manage the risks of farming to mahinga kai.

WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING?

- Ensuring your Farm Environment Plan actions take mahinga kai values and risks to these into account. This will include actions such as:
  - Protecting mahinga kai species and habitats when waterways are managed or cleared;
  - Sustaining mahinga kai through management of remnant native vegetation and wetlands
  - Avoiding over-saturation and nutrient loading that will enrich groundwater – this will emerge downstream in springs and waterways

The Industry Agreed Good Management Practices you are already working on will also contribute to restoring mahinga kai, through improving water quality and habitats.

Talk to us – call our Poū Matai Kō (Cultural Land Management Advisor) in the Waimakariri District **Makarini Rupene** on **027 520 8903.**

Makarini can help you identify mahinga kai values and risks on your farm, and discuss your practices to manage them.

We can help

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CANTERBURY WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY WAIMAKARIRI ZONE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE FUNCTION ROOM AT THE RANGIORA TOWN HALL, 303 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA ON MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 2020 AT 3:30PM.

PRESENT

Michael Blackwell (Chairperson), Cameron Henderson (Deputy Chairperson), Dave Ashby, Erin Harvie, Carolyne Latham, Wendy Main, Judith Roper-Lindsay, Arapata Reuben (Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga representative), and Councillor Sandra Stewart (WDC Councillor).

IN ATTENDANCE

R Johnston (Farmer), M Bate (Kaiapoi Resident), J Ensor (Mandeville Residents Association), L Pocock (Oxford Famers Market), J Benn (Department of Conservation).

G Cleary (WDC Manager Utilities and Roading), S Allen (WDC Water Environment Advisor), K Steel (WDC Ecologist-Biodiversity), G Hutchinson (WDC Wastewater Asset Manager), A Arps (ECan Zone Manager), A McLeod (ECan Senior Communications Advisor), M Cataloni, (ECan Northern Zone Delivery Lead), Z Ploeg (ECan Biodiversity Officer), I Heslop (ECan Senior River Engineer), M Griffin (ECan CWMS Facilitator) and T Kunkel (WDC Governance Team Leader).

1 BUSINESS

1.1 Karakia

A Reuben provided the karakia to open the meeting.

1.2 Apologies

Moved: J Roper-Lindsay Seconded: C Henderson

Apologies were received and sustained from John Cooke and Councillor Megan Hands for absence. An apology for lateness was received and sustained from D Ashby, who arrived at 3:45pm.

CARRIED

1.3 Welcome and Introductions

The Chairperson welcomed all the members present. He requested the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee members, and attendees to introduce themselves to the members of the public in attendance.

1.4 Register of Interests

A Reuben advised that he was no longer the Chairperson of the Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga and requested that the Register of Interest be amended accordingly.

2 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

2.1 R Johnston - Farmer

R Johnston advised that the environmental damage caused by the Ashley River to his property was finally being addressed. He however expressed a concern that it took 27 years to resolve the matter, during which his family lost approximately 10 hectares of river frontage land.

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R Johnston reported that he was requested to do the river protection work at his property by the end of June 2020, so that ECan could proceed with the vegetation clearance. However, it was unclear to when ECan would commence the project.

A Arps confirmed that the vegetation clearance from the Ashley Gorge to Waikuku would be done as part the Ashley/Rakahuri River protection and fairway management project. He undertook to report back on when the work would commence.

R Johnston understood that the funding for the proposed vegetation clearance was secured from the Central Government as part of the 'shovel ready funding' for flood protection measures. He urged ECan to make future budgetary provision for the maintenance of the vegetation clearance, as this would not be a one-off project.

J Roper-Lindsay reported that during the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee Long Term Plan discussion the management of flows in the Ashley Rakahuri was identified as a priority.

D Ashby joined the meeting at 3:45pm.

In response to comments, M Blackwell advised that ECan contractors were obligated to mitigate the impact that they would have on waterways and the environment when doing work.

C Latham enquired what work still needed to be done on the frontage of R Johnston's property. R Johnston highlighted the protection work done and future projects, hopefully the work would hold under flood conditions. He concluded by noting he was pleased with the work done by ECan despite the length of time, and additional cost, to complete this protection work.

2.2 **M Bate – Kaiapoi Resident**

M Bate showed photos taken at various locations on the Cam River. He stated that although the planting on the riverbanks seemed healthy, he was still concerned about the lack of aquatic life in the river, especially the lack of weeds and indigenous species. Photos taken of the Cam River at the Bramleys Road Bridge, showed an area where aquatic weeds were growing in the river. M Bate also showed photos of water crescents growing in the Cam River. He stated that Council needed to determine why there was no aquatic life in other parts the Cam River and Taranaki Stream, as there seemed to be enough nutrients in the water.

M Bate stressed that it was not just the sediments that prevented aquatic weeds from growing, he still believed that the lack of aquatic life was due to chemical spraying. L Pocock explained the synergism effect in toxicology, which referred to the effect caused by exposure to two or more chemicals simultaneously resulting in effects that were greater than the sum of the effects of the individual chemicals. She enquired if toxins in the rivers could be caused by owners spraying on their properties downstream. Maybe a public information campaign was needed to advise property owners of the synergism effect in toxicology. M Bate recommended that the sediment in the rivers should be tested to establish what toxins it contained.

J Roper-Lindsay recommended that ECan be requested to provide the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee with a briefing on the habitat requirements needed for the growth of healthy aquatic weeds.

S Allen suggested that it may be helpful if the areas where no aquatic life was found were mapped to ascertain if there was a pattern. A Reuben stated that the Council and ECan knew what the problems in the Cam River were and all the problem areas had already been mapped as part of the Cam River Enhancement Project. It was just a matter of implementing the proposed plans. Councillor S Stewart agreed, but advised that no work could be done in the Cam River, as the Council was still waiting for the approval of the ECan consent.

Unconfirmed

In response to the above, A Arps reported that the granting of the ECan consent was imminent, once final information from WDC supporting this consent was received. He also confirmed that the vegetation clearance work in the upper Ashley River would commence by February 2021.

3 IMMEDIATE STEPS BIODIVERSITY – UPDATE – Z PLOEG (BIODIVERSITY OFFICER, ECAN) AND K STEEL (ECOLOGIST, BIODIVERSITY, WDC)

Z Ploeg advised that the Motu Kānuka Scientific Reserve was an important remnant of Kānuka forest in the Eyrewell area. The reserve was 13 hectares in size, with approximately 11 hectare of Kānuka forest. While lines had previously been bulldozed through the forest, resulting in a discontinuous canopy, the forested part of the reserve was in good condition and displayed high species diversity. Z Ploeg stated that the project would involve the control of gorse, broom and other problematic weeds to protect the Kānuka forest.

C Henderson enquired if the Kānuka forest would be irrigated. Z Ploeg confirmed that the Kānuka forest would not be irrigated. However, the possibility of getting water moving along the ground was being investigated.

R Johnston asked how tall the Kānuka forest was expected to grow. Z Ploeg explained that it was envisaged that the Kānuka forest would create a four meter high closed canopy, with other shrubs underneath it. Herbs and orchids were also expected to grow under the lower shrubs.

C Henderson also sought clarity on the proposed ongoing maintenance of the site. Z Ploeg advised that the Department of Conservation would be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the site. However, it was hoped that once a closed Kānuka forest canopy had formed the property would become self-maintaining.

Moved: J Roper-Lindsay Seconded: Councillor S Stewart

THAT the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee:

(a) **Supports** an allocation of $10,006 of Immediate Steps funding for the Motu Kānuka Weed Control Project.

CARRIED
Against C Latham

C Latham agreed that the Kānuka forest needed to be protected. However, the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee was allocating ten percent of its annual Immediate Steps Funding budget to a project on land owned by the Department of Conservation. She believed that it should be Department of Conservation's responsibility to protect biodiversity on its land.

W Main requested that the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee be provided with a list of proposed future Immediate Steps Funding projects to assist the Committee in determining what percentage of its Immediate Steps Funding budget to allocate to proposed projects.

4 MCINTOSH'S BEND ROCK PROTECTION – UPDATE – I HESLOP (SENIOR RIVER ENGINEER, ECAN)

I Heslop advised that ECan had been concerned for quite some years about the risk of the Waimakariri River breaking out at the McIntosh's Bend area. The McIntosh's Bend was just downstream of the Kaiapoi confluence on the Waimakariri River and slightly upstream from the oxidation ponds. The Waimakariri River catchment stretched back to the Southern Alps and the main concern for flooding at McIntosh's Bend and Kaiapoi was, therefore, not

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so much the Kaiapoi River but the Waimakariri River. Since the 1930s the Waimakariri River had been narrowed down and constrained in a bid to manage the river's flow.

I Heslop explained that some work had been done in the 1960s to re-enforce the river bank by installing rock armour along the outside of the bend. This was done to manage the risk of the river undercutting the stopbank and letting flood waters out. Over the intervening years ECan had been maintaining the rock armour. The proposed $3.2 million project would reduce the risk of flooding by strengthening the existing riverbank rock work and constructing new stopbank rock protection. Works were planned from December 2020 to May 2021 and needed to be managed carefully to allow recreational activities to continue as much as possible, without endangering public safety.

E Harvie enquired which routes the construction vehicles would take and if it was anticipated that the smaller roads would need to be repaired after construction. I Heslop advised that the construction vehicles would be using Lineside, Johns and Beach Roads to move the 20,000 of graded rock from Oxford to Kaiapoi. He noted it was not anticipated that the construction vehicles would have a negative impact on the roads. G Cleary confirmed that the Council was satisfied that the roads to be used would not need any additional maintenance after construction.

E Harvie expressed a concern that the construction vehicles would be following a route passing close to Kaiapoi North School. She suggested, therefore, that the times the heavy construction vehicles used the route should be managed so not to correspond with the dropping-off and collecting of children at the school. I Heslop undertook to discuss this matter with the preferred contractor.

D Ashby enquired as to why McIntosh's Bend was not eliminated by straightening the flow of the river. I Heslop stated that the straightening of the bend would entail a lot more funding then what was currently available but may be considered in future. However, the current proposed work would not negatively impact any future efforts to straighten the river.

J Roper-Lindsay asked what impact the proposed construction would have on the adjoining wetlands. I Heslop confirmed that the rock armour would not be placed in the wetlands and that the size of the wetlands would not be reduced. J Roper-Lindsay stressed that the preferred contractor needed to be made aware of the environmental sensitivity of the wetland area.

Moved: E Harvie Seconded: D Ashby

THAT the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee:

(a) **Receives** the update on the Mcintosh's Bend Rock protection project.

(b) **Advises** on local community consultation needs.

(c) **Request** ECan to ensure that the community was advised of the proposed route the construction vehicles would be taken.

CARRIED

5 WDC OCEAN OUTFALL COMPLIANCE – UPDATE – G HUTCHINSON (WASTEWATER ASSET MANAGER, WDC)

G Hutchinson updated the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee on the consent compliance performance of the Eastern District Sewer Scheme for the 2019-20 reporting year. Compliance was achieved for all consent conditions during the period monitored. The Wastewater Treatment Plants were operating and annual maintenance was done to ensure that this continued. Upgrades were planned over the next eight years at the Kaiapoi and Rangiora Wastewater Treatment Plants to ensure that the consent conditions were met in future.

Unconfirmed

C Latham enquired if ECan had investigated the diatom sea foam at Pines Beach and if there was a connection between the diatom sea foam and the ocean outfall. S Allen reported that the investigation was launched by the Institute of Environmental Science and Research (ESR), but they were unable to collect sea foam. They did however collect samples from the sand and water. The ESR did not find any levels of concern with regard to faecal bacteria. The Council also did weekly water quality testing as part of the ocean outfall compliance monitoring and no concerns had been raised. S Allen stated that it was difficult to collect enough sea foam for accurate testing. She however believed that the diatom sea foam was a natural phenomenon that occurred during the summer.

G Hutchinson stated that over the last five years the bacterial numbers at the ocean outfall had always been far below the acceptable maximum limit. To date no problems had been reported. He did not believe, therefore, that there was a correlation between the ocean outfall and the diatom sea foam.

M Blackwell enquired if the ocean outfall and the Wastewater Treatment Plants would be sufficient to deal with the expected population growth. G Hutchinson confirmed that adequate provision had been made.

M Blackwell also stated that both Kaiapoi and Woodend relied on wetlands for filtration. He asked if the wetlands would need to be expanded to deal with the expected population growth in these areas. G Hutchinson advised that the treated wastewater passes through an ultraviolet (UV) disinfection system and aeration before being pumped to the ocean outfall, an extension of the wetlands would, therefore, not be needed.

C Henderson question the spike of Escherichia coli (E. coli) in February 2020 and March 2020. G Hutchinson explained that due to the increase in the water temperature in the pipes, the biofilm inside the pipes came loose thereby causing the Enterococci count to spike. The pipes had a substantial biofilm layer, which was a collection of organic and inorganic material. Consequently, they will be cleaned more regularly, which should curb the spike.

Moved: C Latham Seconded: W Main

THAT the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee:

(a) **Receives** the update on the consent compliance performance of the Eastern District Sewer Scheme for the 2019-20 reporting year.

CARRIED

6 UPDATE – M GRIFFIN (ECAN)

6.1 Proposed Plan Change 7 (Waimakariri)

M Griffin advised that the hearings on proposed Plan Change 7 had commenced on 28 September 2020 and would run for five non-consecutive weeks through to 4 December 2020. The hearings were being live streamed on You Tube.

6.2 CWMS Regional Committee

C Latham reported that the next CWMS Regional Committee meeting would be held on 13 October 2020.

6.3 Land and Water Committee

M Griffin reported that the next Land and Water Committee meeting would be held on 8 October 2020. An update would, therefore, be provided to the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee in November 2020.

Unconfirmed

6.4 **Zone Committee Working Groups**

- Landcare Working Group

  In response to questions, C Henderson advised that the Silverstream Wetlands project was a key water quality project that the Landcare Working Group was looking at. Given the unique nature of Silverstream which did not have defined spring heads but seemed to be one continues spring head, a meeting was held on 24 September 2020 to discuss the possibility of targeted solutions around 'spring heads' in Silverstream. It became clear that additional information and research would be needed to fix the water quality. The research would be done by the Landcare Working Group with ECan support, but no timeframes had been set.

  With regard to the future establishment of a Landcare Group, C Henderson explained it was envisaged that a Landcare Group would be driven by landowners and have a broader focus than local catchment groups. A Landcare Group would potentially incorporate various catchment groups on shared issues. However, it was unclear if the term "Landcare Group" would be used in future.

- Biodiversity Working Group

  J Roper-Lindsay reported that the Biodiversity Working Group met with Peter Joyce and Letitia Lum on Thursday 1 October 2020 to discussion the work that the Te Ara Kakariki Trust had been doing in Selwyn and if it would be possible for the Trust to assist in the Waimakariri District. Also being discussed was the possibility of the establishment of a Biodiversity Community Trust for the Waimakariri District.

- Coastal Catchments Working Group

  C Latham advised that the next Saltwater Creek Catchment Group meeting would be held on 6 October 2020, where possible priorities, goals and future projects would be discussed.

6.5 **Communications and Engagement**

No additional discussion emanated from this point.

6.6 **Action for Healthy Waterways**

J Roper-Lindsay requested that the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee be briefed as soon as possible on the Government's Action for Healthy Waterways Essential Freshwater Package that came into force on 3 September 2020. C Henderson concurred and stated that land owners and communities had numerous questions regarding the implementation of the Action for Healthy Waterways Essential Package.

M Griffin advised that various briefings would be scheduled for Zone Committees to discuss the several aspects of the Government's Action for Healthy Waterways Essential Package.

E Harvie enquired if thought had been given to the community engagement on the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020. The policy statement clearly stated that the Regional Council must engage with communities and tangata whenua to determine how Te Mana o te Wai applies to water bodies and freshwater ecosystems in the region. The wishes of the communities and tangata whenua,

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therefore, needed to be balanced. A McLeod advised that community consultation would be undertaken.

J Roper-Lindsay stated that the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee was the liaison between the community and the Rūnanga on environmental issues and it was, therefore, important that the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee be briefed as soon as possible.

6.7 **CWMS Zone Committee Review**

M Griffin provided feedback on the CWMS Zone Committee Review. The Council was in the process of drafting the Letter of Shared Priorities. It was envisaged that a letter would be developed and submitted to the CWMS Waimakariri Water Zone committee jointly by ECan and the Council every three years.

6.8 **Action points from the previous Zone Committee Meeting – August 2020 and September 2020**

- Information captured on LAWA website

  Councillor S Stewart expressed a concern regarding the gaps in the data included on the LAWA website. She requested, therefore, that the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee be briefed on the capturing of data on the website, especially the information being recorded about the Kaiapoi River. It was also requested if the LAWA website could reflect the recommendation of the Waimakariri ZIP Addendum whereby the 'Kaiapoi River' is used to refer to the lower section of the catchment from the three streams confluence to the Waimakariri confluence, and 'Silverstream' used for the upper section of this catchment from the springheads to the three streams confluence.

  C Henderson noted that the LAWA website included an annual analysis of the water quality on a national level. He suggested that the same analysis should be done on a zone level, to determine if the water quality in the various zones were improving.

- Briefing on Natural hazards Hydrodynamic Modelling

  The CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee would be briefed on the natural hazards and hydrodynamic modelling of the Waimakariri District Coastline at the meeting to be held on 2 November 2020.

Subsequent to discussion, it was agreed that further discussion of these items would be deferred to a subsequent meeting to enable ECan Principal Water Quality and Ecology Scientist, A Meredith, to be present to brief the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee

Moved: J Roper-Lindsay Seconded: D Ashby

THAT the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee:

(a) **Receives** these updates for its information, and with reference to the Committee's 2020 Work Programme and Community Engagement priorities.

CARRIED

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Minutes of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Waimakariri Zone Committee meeting – 7 September 2020

Moved: D Ashby Seconded: J Roper-Lindsay

Unconfirmed

THAT the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee:

(a) **Confirms** the amended Minutes of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Waimakariri Zone Committee meeting, held on 7 September 2020, as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

6.2 Matters Arising

- Hearings on proposed Plan Change 7

  M Blackwell advised that he attended the first day of the hearing, where ECan's legal opinion on the applicability of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 on the proposed plan change was tabled. The legal opinion stated that the proposed Plan Change 7 must give effect to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020. He urged members to read the said legal opinion presented at the hearings, as it would have far reaching effects for communities.

- Kaiapoi River Monitoring and Management:

  Councillor S Stewart requested that a report regarding the Kaiapoi River Monitoring and Management and the installation of a nitrate logger and a multi-channel logger in the Kaiapoi River be submitted at the next meeting.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

No discussion emanated from this point.

KARAKIA

A Reuben provided the karakia to close the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the CWMS Waimakariri Water Zone Committee was scheduled for the 2 November 2020 at 3:30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.55pm.

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