

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## WATER RESTRICTIONS UPDATE #1

To All Opuha Water Users (apologies for the curtailed newsletter/information for this issue)

Despite the very full lake (we are currently 103% full) there are still concerns about the overall conditions in the catchment – especially the low level of snow pack compared with normal conditions. Up until the light but widespread rain we have experienced over the last week, soil moisture conditions were also comparatively low. We have allowed the lake level to rise to its current very high level since we have completed the installation of the new spillway gates on the downstream weir.

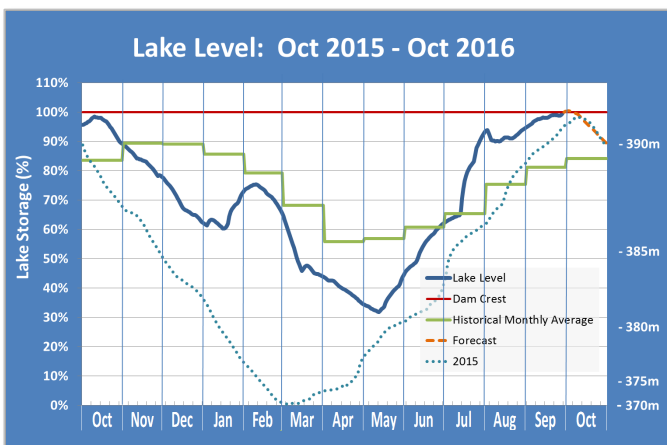
We have met with the OEFRAG group and the consensus was that we are much better to take a conservative approach to the season and start with a low level of restriction in October in both the river and for irrigation use. Our experience from the last two seasons strongly supports this actions – restrictions at this stage of the season have a much lower adverse impact than they do as we lead into Xmas and then into the New Year. This approach is also consistent with the widespread feedback we received from shareholders after last season.

October and November are two of our highest river flow months so we feel it is important to get through these months with as much conservation in mind so that we have more options for the rest of the season.

The required minimum flow in the river has been reduced for the start of October from 8.5 cumecs to 7.0 cumecs and we have agreed to limit individual water use for the month to 75% of allocation. We are proposing again to manage irrigation water restrictions by volume on a monthly basis – it seemed to work better for most irrigators last season – although, if conditions change rapidly, we may need to revise any restrictions as we go.

**PLEASE PLAN YOUR WATER USE FOR OCTOBER ON THE BASIS THAT YOUR TOTAL USE WILL BE BELOW 75% ALLOCATION.**

### WATER STORAGE SITUATION



### IRRIGATION RESTRICTIONS

There is a 75% volume limit on water use for October.

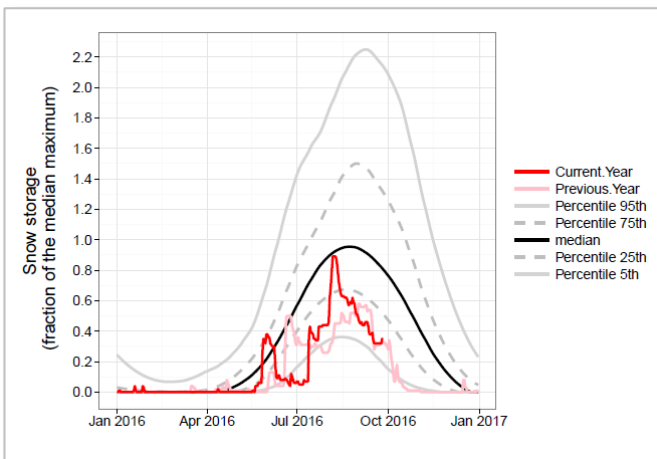
### SHARES AVAILABLE

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**48 water shares and 48L shares**

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### SNOW STORAGE ESTIMATE



**Estimated Snow Pack in Lake Opuha Catchment**

### SHARES FOR SALE

**2 water shares and 2 L shares**

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We will continue to monitor conditions around the scheme and in relation to the lake storage and aim to continue with fortnightly updates.

Regards

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