Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora
Healthy Catchments Project

Canterbury Water

Will potential planning changes affect the reliability of your groundwater consent?

Environment Canterbury is hosting two community meetings to share information about the effects of shallow groundwater takes on river flows (stream depletion) in the Opihi and Temuka catchments and Levels and Seadown Plains Area.

In these catchments the method to calculate the rate of stream depletion could change from a 30 day pumping test to a 150 day test, as is it is in most parts of Canterbury. As part of the Healthy Catchments Project, the Orari – Temuka – Opihi – Pareora (OTOP) Zone Committee support Environment Canterbury exploring the likely impacts of this change, and will work with the community this year to identify some potential solutions.

If you have a shallow groundwater take (approximately 40m or less), come along to find out:

- What stream depletion is and what the current rules mean
- What the 150 day assessment is and what is assessed under this rule
- What the likely implications will be if the 150 day pumping rule is applied

Your questions will be welcome and there will be refreshments to follow.

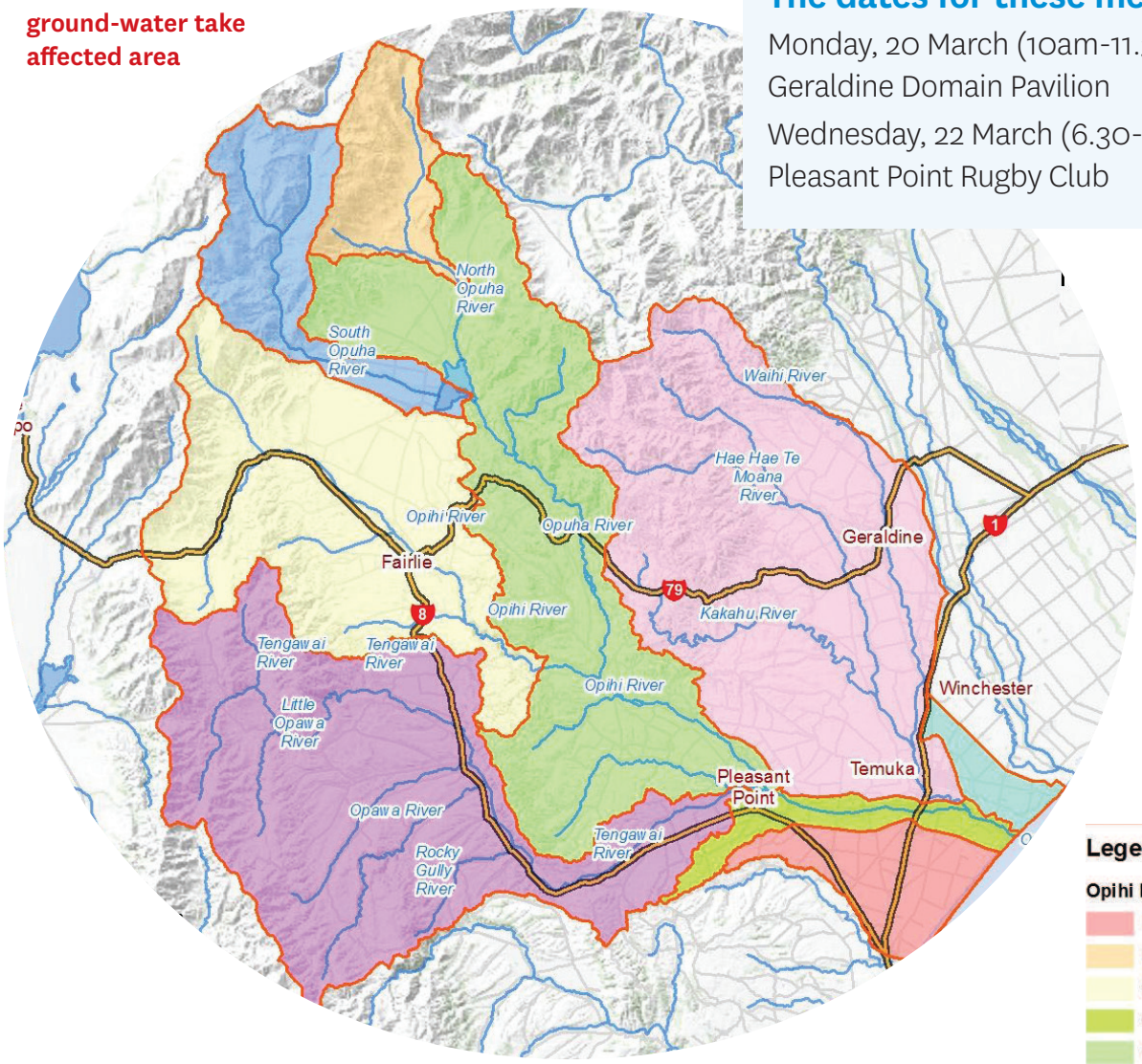
For more information contact Community Lead- Alexia Foster-Bohm at alexia.foster-bohm@ecan.govt.nz

The dates for these meetings are:

Monday, 20 March (10am-11.30) at the Geraldine Domain Pavilion

Wednesday, 22 March (6.30-8pm) at the Pleasant Point Rugby Club

MAP: Shallow ground-water take affected area



Legend

Opihi River Regional Plan Boundaries

- Levels and Seadown Plains Area
- North Opuha
- Opihi Rockwood
- Opihi SH1
- Opihi Saleyards
- Orakipaoa
- South Opuha
- Te Nga Wai to – Te Ana a Wai
- Temuka

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