

CDEM – Cyclone Gabrielle Update

Online Meeting

Date: 10.02.2023

Time: 8.30am

TKOT Attendees: Mariameno Kapa-Kingi, Snow Tane

Situational Awareness

MetService

- Gabrielle currently a Category 2 storm but will be upgraded to a Category 3 storm this morning
- Sunday – forecasting heavy rain, strong easterly winds and heavy seas
- Monday – forecasting heavy rain, gale force easterly winds, heavy seas and storm surge
- Tuesday – forecasting heavy rain, strong south easterly wind and heavy seas
- Tracking towards northern NZ and may tend east of Northland/Auckland
- Expect coastal inundation in some areas
- May be upgrading to a red warning this afternoon
- MetService has a cautious approach and is planning for the worst but hoping for the best

Hydrology

- Most catchments are saturated from previous weather events
- All rivers running higher than normal
- In the event of heavy rainfall, expectation is for rapid runoff
- Expect rapid rise in river levels across the region
- Expect widespread flooding in the east

Waka Kotahi

- Brynderwyns open this morning but will be monitored and closed in the event of heavy rainfall impacts
- Monitoring subsidence areas in the region
- Road crews on standby
- If region goes to Red then comms will be put out asking for essential travel only
- Readiness planning

FENZ

- USAR teams prepared to support region
- Unimogs available and will be deployed in the Far North

Police

- Increase in shift capacity from Sunday onwards
- Deploying more staff in Kaitaia
- There will be an OC that will be supported by Tony Hill for their EOC

ST Johns

- Increase in staffing from Sunday onwards
- Working with Auckland region
- Supporting the Far North areas
- Leadership team in place

DHB

- Monitoring patient appointments
- Increase in staffing
- Unimog availability
- Working with regional teams and Auckland

Iwi

- Queried travel in the region
- Ask for good communications and information flow to TKOT

FNDC

- Have stood up their EOC

WDC

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- Increase staffing
- Reviewing CD Centres
- Stood up a 24hr support line

KDC

- Have stood up their EOC

NZDF

- Organising Unimogs

NEMA

- Monitoring situation

Top Energy

- Increase staffing
- Monitoring towers

Northpower

- Monitoring storm
- Increase in staffing
- Monitoring coastal inundation

NTA

- Restocking Sandbags
- Monitoring subsidence sites
- Contractors on standby/prepared
- Communication lines prepared

Welfare

- Council welfare teams in readiness
- Community response groups prepared
- Community centres prepared
- Marae availability for response
- Civil Defence will be led by local councils

MSD

- Staff prepared
- Welfare payments will be available

Communications

- Media attention on Cyclone Gabrielle
- Preparedness Messaging
- Updates from MetService

Next CDEM Meeting at 4.30pm Friday 10.02.2023