

2.0 DEFINITIONS

Anaerobic Digester	Anaerobic digestion is the breakdown of organic material by micro-organisms in the absence of oxygen.
As-built	Refers to a survey or drawing of the actual assets that have been constructed, recognising that they can sometimes vary from what was planned before work started on site. As-built drawings are needed to ensure that asset information systems contain data on the asset as it has been constructed, not how it was planned in theory.
Community Outcomes	Under section 5 of the Local Government Act 2002, a community outcome "means the outcomes for that district or region that are identified as priorities for the time being". Community outcomes are what New Zealanders want for their local community, now and in the future. Assets have a role in supporting the achievement of those aims.
Critical Assets	Those assets with a high consequence of failure. They are often found as part of a network, in which, for example, their failure would compromise the performance of the entire network.
Development Contributions	Funds paid, typically by developers, to local authorities to help with the cost of growth. These contributions are authorised by Part 8 of the Local Government Act 2002.
Imhoff Tank	The Imhoff tank is a chamber used for the reception and processing of wastewater. It is used for the clarification of sewage by sedimentation.
Lamphole	A sewer lamphole is a reticulation sewer end of line access point which allows limited access to facilitate inspection or clearing of obstructions.
Oxidation Ponds	Oxidation ponds are large, shallow ponds designed to treat wastewater through the interaction of sunlight, bacteria, and algae. Algae grow using energy from the sun and carbon dioxide and inorganic compounds released by bacteria in water. During the process of photosynthesis, the algae release oxygen needed by aerobic bacteria.
Sewage	Sewage is any water that has been used by residential, commercial or industrial premises. This could be water from the washing machine or toilet, or water used in a manufacturing process that needs to be discharged. Sewage is also referred to as Wastewater.
Sewerage System	The infrastructure that transports sewage or wastewater.

Trickling Filter A trickling filter consists of a bed of highly permeable media on whose surface a mixed population of microorganisms is developed as a slime layer. The microorganisms treat the wastewater.

Vested Assets Assets that are transferred to a public entity at nominal or zero cost. Typically, this might result from a situation where a developer has installed assets as part of developing a site and passes them to a public entity to manage, maintain, and deliver services through. The fair value of these assets has to be determined as they are integrated into the organisation's asset information system so that they can be appropriately managed.

Wastewater Wastewater is any water that has been used by a residential, commercial or industrial premise. This could be water from the washing machine or toilet, or water used in a manufacturing process that needs to be discharged. Wastewater is commonly referred to as sewage.

3.0 ACRONYMS / ABBREVIATIONS

AM	Asset Manager
AMP	Asset Management Plan
AMS	Asset Management System
Audit	Audit New Zealand
CAPEX	Capital Expenditure
CCTV	Closed circuit television – common method of inspecting pipes
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
Council	Taupo District Council
CISP	Commercial & Industrial Structure Plan
CSA	Control Self Assessment (Risk Management)
DC	Development Contribution
ES	Environmental Services Group at Taupo District Council
EW	Environment Waikato (Waikato Regional Council)
GIS	Geographical Information System
GMS	Growth Management Strategy
IPG	Infrastructure and Parks Group at Taupo District Council
LDS	Land Disposal Site
LGA	Local Government Act
LoS	Level of Service
LTP	Long Term Plan (Council’s ten year planning document formerly the Long Term Council Community Plan – LTP)
MBR	Membrane Bio-reactor – Wastewater Treatment Process
NZTA	New Zealand Transport Agency
OPEX	Operational Expenditure
PRAMP	Property Asset Management Plan

RMA	Resource Management Act
RPS	Environment Waikato Regional Policy Statement
SAF	Submerged Aerated Filter – Wastewater Treatment Process
SAMP	Solid Waste Asset Management Plan
SBR	Sequencing Batch Reactor – Wastewater Treatment Process
SLG	Senior Leadership Group (CEO, 2 nd Tier Managers and selected 3 rd Tier Managers)
SMP	Stormwater Management Plan
S.T.E.P.	Septic Tank
SWAMP	Stormwater Asset Management Plan
T24	Track 24
TDC	Taupō District Council
TRAMP	Transportation Asset Management Plan
TYP	Ten Year Plan
WAMP	Water Asset Management Plan
WW	Wastewater
WWAMP	Wastewater Asset Management Plan
WWTP	Wastewater Treatment Plant
WRC	Waikato Regional Council