

Quick Tips for Open Channels

Helpful hints to support the management of your open channel



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- Ensure your measuring device is recording accurately by completing several calibration checks during the irrigation season, especially after significant rainfall events or increase in sediment.
- Flow verifications need to be done at least every five years, however, best practice is to have verification completed annually.
- Verification document (RS2) should be submitted to ORC within one month of each verification being undertaken.
- Measuring device records need to be submitted to ORC by 31 July each year.
- Keep open channels clear of debris.

Online Resources

Visit: www.orc.govt.nz/consents/watermetering-and-measuring for a range of documents related to open channels:

- Companies involved with services relating to water measuring equipment
- Minimum requirements for measurement & reporting of water takes
- Frequently asked questions about the Regulations
- Pull-out guide on water measuring devices

Look for this link to monitor river levels for low flow events and alerts:



River flows and rainfall

Email

Please email watermetering@orc.govt.nz with any queries, especially for the following:

- If you have experienced a flood or have had to flush out your open channel
- If your measuring device is experiencing issues or recording incorrectly
- If you need to request a copy of your consent

Please include your consent number and state your service provider in your email.

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