

**AGENDA AND SUPPORTING PAPERS
FOR COUNCIL'S AUGUST MEETINGS**

**TO BE HELD IN THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH**

TUESDAY, 14 AUGUST 2007

The programme for the day is:

10.30 a.m.: Resource Management Committee Meeting

On completion of RMC Meeting: Council Meeting

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**
will be held in the Offices of the West Coast Regional Council, 388 Main South Road,
Paroa, Greymouth on
Tuesday, 14 August 2007

D. SHANNAHAN
CHAIRPERSON

S. MORAN
Planning and Environmental Manager
C. DALL
Consents and Compliance Manager

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 10TH JULY 2007 AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388
MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.32 A.M.**

PRESENT:

D. Shannahan (Chairman), J. Clayton, D. Davidson, B. Chinn, P. Ewen, R. Barber (arrived 10.58)

IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), S. Moran (Planning & Environmental Manager), C. Dall (Consents & Compliance Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk),
The Media.

1. APOLOGIES

Moved (Shannahan / Ewen) that the apology from R. Scarlett be accepted.

Carried

2. MINUTES

Moved (Chinn / Davidson) that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 12 June 2007, be confirmed as correct.

Carried

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

PRESENTATION

There was no presentation.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Shannahan spoke of the meetings he had attended including a Transit meeting held on the 19th of June. The proposed stock effluent disposal sites at Jacksons and Reefton were discussed. The Otira site is preferred, over Jacksons, though Cr Shannahan reported that Transit wants a weighbridge and there may be insufficient room at that site. North of Reefton is currently the preferred site there.

The Marine Forum meeting was attended in Hokitika on the 20th of June. A draft copy of the Protection Standard Classification was circulated. Cr Shannahan stated there is a lot of good common sense information contained in the draft. Workshops will be held over the coming months. Cr Davidson asked if the size of areas has been confirmed, Cr Shannahan replied that the standard suggests smaller scale areas.

Moved (Shannahan / Davidson) That the Council receive this verbal report.

Carried

5. REPORTS**5.1. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP****5.1.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT**

S. Moran spoke to his report noting that the Government promotional publication of Aquaculture titled "Our Blue Horizon" has been released. This emphasises the Government's interest in aquaculture. S. Moran advised Council of the display relating to this matter in the foyer area.

Civil Defence: Personnel from the Ministry of Civil Defence are here for the next few days to discuss how Exercise Pandora will proceed. S. Moran stated it is looking as though this will be a good exercise with a lot to be learnt from it.

The recent test of the National CDEM Warning System went well with contact made within the required timeframes. Cr Davidson raised his concern with the 111 system during a civil defence emergency and suggested that this system may not be functioning. S. Moran advised that the availability of the 111 system would be dependant on what type of emergency occurs. Cr Clayton reminded Council of Civil Defence's promotion "helping yourself to get through" and the importance of this.

Transport: Stock Effluent Disposal: S. Moran reported details of sites and costings will be presented at the next RLTC meeting on the 29th of August.

Waste Minimisation: A new Waste Minimisation Officer has commenced employment. The Sustainable Management Fund funds this position.

Hydrology / Flood Warning: S. Moran reported that both the Buller and Grey Rivers triggered their first alarms on the 30th of June. This was a reasonably minor flood event.

Cobden Lagoon Flood Warning Site Installation: S. Moran reported that the pressure transducer is awaited. This will provide water level information.

Water Quality: The Harris Creek farm planning catchment project held its final meeting on the 25th of June. S. Moran reported there were considerable works conducted by people not included in the project. He noted the positive spin off effect the project had on others in this catchment area.

Envirolink Grants: Orowaiti Catchment Project: S. Moran reported that Cawthron have completed their report on this area and the Orowaiti estuary is in reasonably good condition. The high faecal contaminant counts recorded around the mouth of the Hokitika River were investigated. The source of the contaminant was unclear but as a result of this project we now have the methodology available to follow up on any other events that show high faecals.

Air Quality: S. Moran tabled the graph relating to air quality in Reefton and reported there has been one more exceedance since the graph was made. The high spike of 129 followed the snow event of the 24th of June. An information brochure on PM¹⁰ and better burning practices is being drafted and will be circulated as an education / information tool for Reefton.

Honda Tree Fund: S. Moran spoke to the graph which represents the allocation for each group. Cr Ewen stated that at last year's Rating District Meeting in Punakaiki residents were advised of this fund. S. Moran contacted the RD via Grey District Council but they declined to put in a grant.

S. Moran reported that he and Cr Clayton met with the new Director General of the Department of Conservation (Al Morrison). The relationship with this department and some of the key issues for the West Coast were discussed. Marine Forum issues, gravel concessions and consent processes were included in the discussions. Cr Clayton spoke of the duplication of regulation in some areas. He added that this was a good forum but awareness of West Coast issues needs to be maintained.

Moved (Shannahan / Chinn) that Council receive this report.

5.2 CONSENTS AND COMPLIANCE GROUP

5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

C. Dall spoke to his report and stated that it has been a quiet month in the Consents area. A joint hearing with the Buller District Council in relation to consents required for a subdivision in Westport will be held on the 27th of July. C. Dall invited Councillors to act as Commissioners at this hearing and offered to supply further information for this purpose. Cr Shannahan offered to be a Commissioner.

Moved (Ewen / Clayton) that the July 2007 report of the Consents Group be received.

Carried

5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

C. Dall spoke to this report. There were over 80 site visits carried out during the reporting period. Fewer dairy shed visits took place due to the winter period.

Gravel Extraction: There has been an ongoing demand for gravel at various sites.

Westroads sites - No gravel was taken on the Blaketown licence but gravel extraction continued at a reduced rate from Karoro and Paroa beaches. C. Dall advised that Westroads have provided a report on the issue of gravel supply and replenishment on the north and south sides of the tip head.

Cr Shannahan asked if there has been much of a response from farmers for consent applications for bridges and stock crossings. C. Dall advised there has been quite a bit of response from

farmers to date but he has put consent applications on hold while the need for information on environmental impact monitoring is investigated. C. Dall stated that farmers are well aware of the policies and issues regarding this matter. Some farmers with numerous crossings have been looked at more closely.

Cr Shannahan spoke of erosion on the left side of the Grey River. He stated this is because of build up of gravel on Beynon's Beach. Access to this area and lease issues were discussed. Cr Clayton spoke of the need to manage gravel extraction well to ensure damage is minimised. R. Barber voiced his concern that gravel extracted could contain pounamu and asked that Council encourage applicants to contact Ngati Waewae to ensure they have the opportunity to retrieve pounamu.

Globe Progress Mine – OceanaGold: C. Dall spoke of an incident involving a burst ball valve in the tailings line.

Two letters from the Conservation Board in relation to the mine site were discussed. Views of the Resource Management Committee have been sought regarding exceedances. Cr Ewen stated that improvements are constantly being made. Cr Davidson agreed with this and commented on the professionalism of the company. Cr Clayton stated this is a very sophisticated operation and he feels very positive about this, he stated that the company is doing a great job. Cr Chinn spoke of the planting of trees and shrubs and felt this is good progress.

Stockton Opencast Mine: C. Dall reported on the positive increase in pH levels in the Ngakawau River. He agreed to seek an update regarding the 1.8 units of pH for the next meeting.

Complaints: C. Dall reported that there haven't been a high number of complaints. No formal enforcement action has been taken during the report period.

RECOMMENDATION

1. *That the July 2007 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
2. *That the Council approves the release of the bonds for Resource Consents RC93025, RC94096, RC94115 and RC04186.*

Moved (Clayton / Ewen)

Carried

5.2.3 STATUS OF MINING LICENCE BONDS

C. Dall spoke to this report which was provided at the request of Cr Scarlett at a previous meeting. R. Barber queried whether Holcim had a bond for its mining licence site near Charleston. C. Dall agreed to follow up this matter and report back at the next meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

1. *That this report be received.*
2. *That staff investigate further the adequacy of the existing bonds for current mining licences in the West Coast and routinely report back to the Council on the progress of their investigations via the Compliance & Enforcement Monthly Report.*

Moved (Ewen / Chinn)

Carried

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.31 a.m

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Chairman

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Date

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
Prepared by: Simon Moran – Planning & Environmental Manager
Date: 30 July 2007

Subject: **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT**

Planning

National Environmental Standard for telecommunication facilities

The Ministry for the Environment have released a draft National Environmental Standard (NES) which is intended to reduce costs and time delays for commercial telecommunication providers having to get consents to install structures to provide improved services such as Broadband and cellphone coverage.

The NES will permit telecommunication facilities of certain parameters to be located in road reserve without needing resource consent. However, if approved as currently worded, some of the Regional Council's rainfall and flood warning data transmission antennas may not comply with the NES and will need resource consent. This will mean costs to Council of obtaining resource consents, as well as costs of getting an assessment and report on whether the radio frequency fields meet the national standard.

The cost/benefit analysis done for the NES has not considered costs to Regional Councils whose rainfall and flood warning data transmission facilities are essential services, giving an early warning of potential flooding. Regional Council structures appear to be 'caught' by the standard, and we will be making a submission seeking either an exemption or changes to the standard for flood warning facilities. These concerns have already been forwarded to Local Government New Zealand to inform their submission.

Pest Management – Dutch Elm Disease

Dutch Elm Disease is a fungus that is almost always fatal to Elm trees. Biosecurity NZ have advised that they are seeking funding from the Territorial Authorities to maintain their response to the disease. They estimate the total cost to TA's will be in the order of \$200,000 to \$330,000 and that without the funding commitment for the programme will be discontinued from 1 November 2007. It is expected that the entire Elm population would be affected in approximately 13 years. Whilst we have been advised that there are not many Elms on the West Coast it is expected that the matter of funding will be raised for discussion at the next Zone meeting.

Discussion Document - Bioprospecting

The Ministry of Economic Development (MED) have released a discussion document on the potential opportunity to use traditional knowledge as well as independent research to find biological material that has a commercial value. MED have identified that determining intellectual property rights is a critical requirement to provide certainty for investors. They are holding a number of workshops and hui around the country to consult on this issue and the closest meeting is in Christchurch on 26 July.

Civil Defence Emergency Management

2nd Generation CDEM Plans

Staff attended a workshop on the 2nd Generation planning process for the CDEM Plans along with representatives from the other CDEM Groups, and Ministry staff. The Ministry will be compiling a Directors Guideline to be released by June 2008 to assist Groups with the next stage of Plan preparation. There is a desire to have more consistent CDEM Group Plans nationally although this is not expected to create too much additional work when reviewing the West Coast CDEM Plan.

The West Coast CDEM Group Plan review is to commence no later than April 2010.

Exercise Pandora

Planning for Pandora is continuing. All four West Coast Councils will be activated during the Exercise for various times. Solid Energy has also indicated an interest to be involved in the Exercise, and will join other organisations including Transit and WestPower.

Welfare Advisory Group

The Welfare Advisory Group (WAG) met on 25 July. Items discussed included:

- Exercise Pandora – The WAG will be involved in a workshop to be held on the Saturday morning to determine how the provision of welfare can be supplied throughout the region.
- Grey District Welfare Arrangements – Arrangements around the appointment of a Grey District Welfare Manager were discussed.
- National Welfare Update – A number of events and Exercise Cruickshank have raised questions regarding local level capability. It appears that what is signalled to be able to be provided at the national level is not what can be done at the local level by some government organisations. This is to be further examined in the Exercise Pandora workshop.

The next meeting of the WAG will be on 23 October to debrief Welfare agencies following Exercise Pandora.

RESOURCE SCIENCE

Hydrology / Flood warning

There have been no flood events for the reporting period.

A steady number of requests for information have been responded to in relation to groundwater level, rainfall, river flow and general hydrology.

Water Quality

Resource Science will conduct a winter round of groundwater sampling in the Inchbonnie and Hokitika catchments at the start of August to investigate seasonal differences as part of the WCRC groundwater synoptic survey.

Jonny Horrox attended a Didymo science seminar in Wellington on the 25 July. There were more questions raised than answered by outcomes from the latest studies, but the seminar was very interesting nonetheless. Tentative suggestions have been made that detrimental impacts of didymo on trout and invertebrates might not be as widespread as initially feared. Observations in Southland indicate didymo does not grow well in spring fed waterways despite the seemingly ideal environment they present – no obvious cause for this is yet apparent. Techniques and protocols for testing samples for didymo is becoming more reliable and established, with the inclusion of a new molecular technique that promises to be both fast, reliable, and reasonably priced. The information from this seminar relevant to the West Coast has been summarised and is available on request.

Staff have secured another \$20,000 Envirolink grant to investigate potential water quality programmes for Lake Kaniere and other West Coast lakes that have development in the catchment. Staff, with assistance from NIWA, will select a handful (estimate < 5 lakes) that warrant investigation and undertake some initial sampling. From this we will determine whether further monitoring is required and if so, what form it might take.

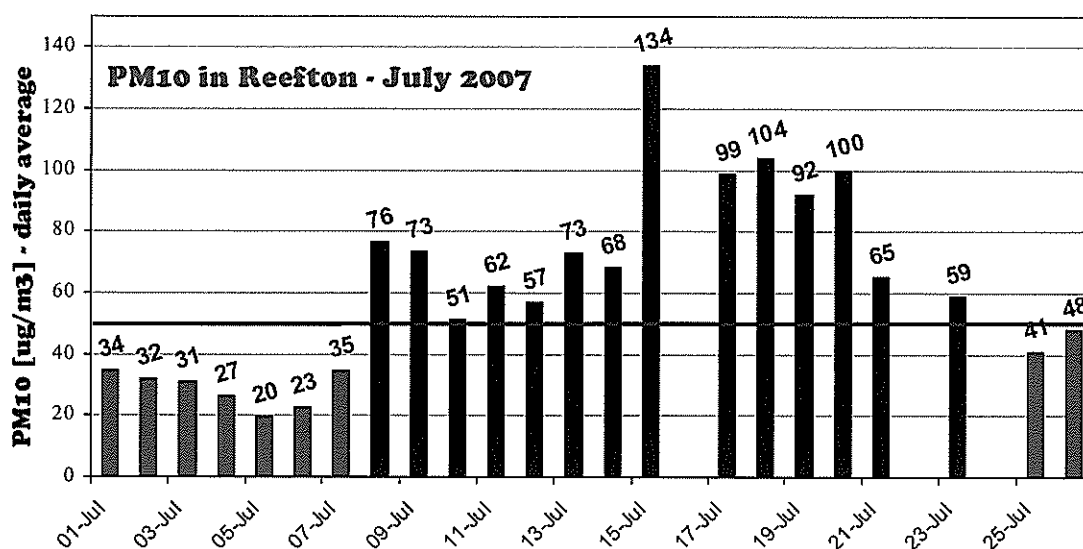
There have been an increased number of enquiries and suggested possible new listings from the District Council's on potentially contaminated sites. There has been increased information and feedback between the Councils in this area.

Air Quality

Two weeks of fine weather with cold nights and low wind speeds have contributed to the PM₁₀ concentrations in Reefton exceeding the Guideline of 50 µg/m³ on at least 14 days this

July. This brings the total number of observed exceedences to 21 with a maximum 24-hr average of 134 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ measured for this year.

The gaps in the data record were caused by a burst water pipe affecting the monitoring equipment. This resulted in an intermittent failure until the pipe was repaired.



PM₁₀ – 24-hour average in $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ measured in Reefton in July 2007.
The horizontal line represents the national standard of 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.

A new page on the WCRC website under the State of the Environment heading shows the PM₁₀ concentrations measured in Reefton this year – the site is updated regularly. It can also be accessed using the following link

http://www.wcrc.govt.nz/state_of_the_environment/air_quality/current.htm

A flyer giving information about sources, health effects and ways to reduce PM₁₀ has been finalised and will be distributed in Reefton in the near future.

RECOMMEDATION

The report is received.

Simon Moran
Planning & Environmental Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee – 7 August 2007
 Prepared by: Nichola Costley – Regional Planner
 Date: 30 July 2007

Subject: **END OF YEAR REPORT FOR THE TOTAL MOBILITY PROGRAMME**

PURPOSE

To provide Council with the end of year report on passenger satisfaction with the Total Mobility programme.

BACKGROUND

The Regional Council is required by Land Transport New Zealand to submit an end of year report on passenger services. The Total Mobility Scheme is the only passenger transport function undertaken by the Regional Council (apart from maintaining a database of passenger services operating in the region).

As part of the reporting requirements, a Total Mobility Passenger Survey was completed. One hundred survey forms were sent to Total Mobility patrons who had received a new book within the last 12 months. Of this, 58 surveys were completed and returned while another 12 returned due to the person having moved (a response rate of 66%).

The following table outlines the quality of the service running in the three districts. Overall the service quality level is at a very high to excellent level. A copy of these results will also be forwarded to the three taxi services.

Table 1: Total Mobility Survey Results (shown in percentages)

	Dreadful	Very Poor	Poor	Good	Very Good	Excellent
How do you rate the service overall?		2	2	14	30	52
How do you rate the value you get for the fare you pay?				13	40	47
How do you rate the availability of total mobility taxis?		2	2	14	34	48
How do you rate the reliability and punctuality of total mobility taxis?			3	22	28	47
How do you rate your safety and security during the trip?				14	34	52
How do you rate the equipment provided to help you get in and out of the taxi?			3	19	25	53
How do you rate the quality and comfort of the taxi?				17	28	55

There were a total of 18,833 total mobility trips undertaken in the 2006/2007 year. This is very similar to the 2005/06 year, which saw 18,832 trips. Total Mobility users currently number 580.

Recommendation

The report is received.

Simon Moran
 Planning & Environmental Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
 Prepared by: Colin Dall - Consents & Compliance Manager
 Date: 2 August 2007

Subject: CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**Staff**

Consents Officer Rachel Clark attended an Air Pollution Control Training Workshop at the Otago Regional Council on 16 & 17 July.

Consents Site Visits from Late June to Late July 2007

DATE	ACTIVITY, NAME & LOCATION	PURPOSE
4/07/07	Public enquiry – Drainage works, Whataroa	To assess whether or not the proposed works could be done under the relevant permitted activity rules.
5/07/07	RC07081 – Humping & hollowing, L Guenole, Ross	To assess a proposed humping and hollowing site.
18/07/07	RC07102 – Underground coal mine, Roa Coal Mining Company, Blackball	To assess the effects of the extension of the underground mine at Roa, Blackball.
19/07/07	RC07103 – Forest harvesting, Chris Cowan, Barrytown	To gain a better understanding of the site and to discuss issues with a DoC representative.
24/7/07	Public enquiry – Works in and around old dredge ponds, Barrytown	To view and assess site of proposed works in and around the dredge ponds that will be 'lake' features in a subdivision.
26/7/07	RC07111 – Coastal river mouth works, NZ Energy Ltd, Waiatoto River	To view and assess site of proposed river mouth openings and to discuss with NZ Energy the proposed works and effects of the options to protect its transmission line.

Non-Notified Resource Consents Granted From 26 June to 27 July 2007

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	TYPE AND PURPOSE OF CONSENT
RC03038 Neil Mouat	To undertake earthworks associated with the deposition of cleanfill and green waste at Waikori Road, Punakaiki. To discharge contaminants to land from the deposition of cleanfill and green waste at Waikori Road, Punakaiki, where they may enter water.
RC06185 P & D Hampton	To undertake land disturbance associated with alluvial gold mining activities adjacent to Rutherglen Road, Paroa. To take ground water for alluvial gold mining activities adjacent to Rutherglen Road, Paroa. To discharge sediment-laden water to land associated with

	alluvial gold mining activities adjacent to Rutherglen Road, Paroa, in circumstances where the contaminants may enter water.
RC06215 Kaiata Developments Ltd	<p>To undertake earthworks to develop the "Kaiata Park" site.</p> <p>To dam stormwater runoff within the "Kaiata Park" site prior to discharge to Kaiata Creek.</p> <p>To discharge treated stormwater from the "Kaiata Park" site to Kaiata Creek.</p>
RC06266 Palmer & Cummings	<p>To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining activities at Goldsborough.</p> <p>To take surface water from unnamed tributaries of Waimea Creek for alluvial gold mining activities.</p> <p>To take ground water from unnamed tributaries of Waimea Creek for alluvial gold mining activities.</p> <p>To discharge sediment-laden water to ground via alluvial gold mining settling ponds at Goldsborough.</p>
RC06275 South Pacific Forests	<p>To disturb Erosion Prone 1 and 2 land as a result of forestry harvesting, road construction and land preparation at Aratika, West of Lake Brunner.</p> <p>To discharge stormwater containing sediment to land in circumstances where it may enter water, as a result of forestry harvesting, road construction and land preparation at Aratika, West of Lake Brunner.</p>
RC07024 Titan Resources	<p>To disturb the bed of Roche Creek for the purpose of constructing a diversion channel, Bell Hill.</p> <p>To divert water in Roche Creek, Bell Hill.</p>
RC07067 P Feilding	To undertake earthworks within the riparian margin of Hart Creek associated with alluvial gold mining.
RC07068 Animal Health Board	<p>To authorise the aerial discharge of 1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate) possum control cereal baits (at a rate of up to 5kg per hectare) or carrot baits (at a rate of up to 8kg per hectare), both containing between 0.08% and 0.15% weight/weight of 1080, to approximately 12,000 hectares of land in the Hokitika/Kowhitirangi Possum Control Area.</p> <p>To authorise the aerial discharge of 1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate) possum control cereal baits (at a rate of up to 5kg per hectare) or carrot baits (at a rate of up to 8kg per hectare), both containing between 0.08% and 0.15% weight/weight of 1080, to water in the Hokitika/Kowhitirangi Possum Control Area.</p>
RC07071 Animal Health Board	To authorise the aerial discharge of 1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate) possum control baits (at a rate of up to 5 kg per hectares) or carrot baits (at a rate of up to 5 kg per hectare), both containing between 0.08% and 0.15% weight/weight of 1080, to approximately 3,724 hectares of land in the Te Kinga Possum Control Area.
RC07073 Animal Health Board	To authorise the aerial discharge of 1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate) possum control baits (at a rate of up to 5

- kg per hectare) or carrot baits (at a rate of up to 5 kg per hectare), both containing between 0.08% and 0.15% weight/weight of 1080, to approximately 5,585 hectares of land in the Moana East Possum Control area.
- RC07085
Animal Health Board
- To authorise the aerial discharge of 1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate) possum control cereal baits (at a rate of up to 5 kg per hectare) or carrot baits (at a rate of up to 8 kg per hectare), both containing between 0.08% and 0.15% weight/weight of 1080, to approximately 12,5000 hectares of land in the Kokatahi - Milltown Possum Control area.
- To authorise the aerial discharge of 1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate) possum control cereal baits (at a rate of up to 5 kg per hectare) or carrot baits (at a rate of up to 8 kg per hectare), both containing between 0.08% and 0.15% weight/weight of 1080, to water in the Kokatahi - Milltown Possum Control area.
- RC07086
Animal Health Board
- To authorise the aerial discharge of 1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate) possum control cereal baits (at a rate of up to 5 kg per hectare) or carrot baits (at a rate of up to 8 kg per hectare), both containing between 0.08% and 0.15% weight/weight of 1080, to approximately 15,394 hectares of land in the Hohonu - Three Mile Hill Possum Control area.
- To authorise the aerial discharge of 1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate) possum control cereal baits (at a rate of up to 5 kg per hectare) or carrot baits (at a rate of up to 8 kg per hectare), both containing between 0.08% and 0.15% weight/weight of 1080, to water in the Hohonu - Three Mile Hill Possum Control area.
- RC07087
Dilligraf Developments
- To undertake vegetation clearance and earthworks in Erosion Prone Area 2 associated with track formation on land adjacent to Paringa River.
- To discharge contaminates to land (associated with track construction earthworks) in circumstances where they may enter water in the Paringa River Catchment.
- To take gravel from the dry bed of Paringa River.
- RC07089
P & H Noble
- To undertake humping and hollowing activities on a property at Atarau.
- RC07093
OnTrack (NZRC)
- To disturb the bed and banks of an unnamed tributary of the Grey River and place a culvert in the waterbody, for the purpose of replacing Railway Bridge 20, near Ngahere.
- To incidentally discharge sediment to an unnamed tributary of the Grey River, associated with the replacement of Railway Bridge 20, near Ngahere.
- To disturb the bed and banks of an unnamed tributary of Devils Creek and place a culvert in the waterbody, for the purpose of replacing Railway Bridge 64, near Reefton.
- To incidentally discharge sediment to an unnamed tributary of Devils Creek, associated with the replacement of Railway Bridge 64, near Reefton.
- RC07098
- To disturb the bed and banks of an unnamed tributary of the

Dept of Conservation	Maruia River to install a fish barrier.
RC07109 Bartrum Family Trust	To disturb the dry bed of the Maruia River for the purpose of removing gravel.
RC07110 Nancy View Farms	To undertake land disturbance associated with the humping and hollowing of farmland at Arnold Valley. To discharge water containing sediment to land where it may enter water at Arnold Valley.
RC07114 MBD Contracting	To disturb the dry bed of the Grey River near Ruby Creek for the purpose of removing gravel.
RC07118 J Bader	To discharge treated domestic sewage effluent to land at Oxford Street, Taylorville, via an effluent disposal system.
RC07121 Ngati Waewae	To disturb the dry bed of the Arahura River upstream of the SH6 / rail bridge for the purpose of removing gravel.
RC07135 TrustPower Ltd	To discharge contaminants to air from four temporary generators, Hokitika for the purpose of providing supplementary electricity supply.
RC07138 Westland Milk Products	To disturb the dry bed of the Hokitika River for the purpose of moving gravel. To deposit gravel on the banks of the Hokitika River.

Changes to Resource Consents Granted During the Reporting Period

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	CHANGE
RC94073 Holcim NZ Ltd	Changes to operating temperatures, PCB analysis requirements, and air opacity monitoring at its Cape Foulwind site.
RC04007 Dept of Conservation	To include the discharge from a toilet at Goat Creek Hut in consent that covers the discharge of effluent to land from pit toilets in Kahurangi National Park and the Ngakawau area.
RC06192 Dept of Conservation	To increase the volume of gravel extracted from MacDonaldis Creek, Lake Mapourika from 500m ³ to 1,500m ³ per annum.
RC06260 B Coleman	To change location of disposal fields for septic tank effluent disposal at Stuart Chapman Drive, Greymouth.
RC07019 G Smith	To increase the volume of gravel extracted from the Taramakau River from 5,000m ³ to 10,000m ³ per annum.

Limited-Notified Resource Consents Granted During the Reporting Period

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	TYPE AND PURPOSE OF CONSENT
RC06291 RW Andrew	To disturb the foreshore within the Coastal Marine Area in Mining Permit 41-913 (Barrytown Beach) for the purpose of undertaking black sand (gold) mining. To disturb the foreshore within the Coastal Marine Area in Mining Permit 41-919 (Ten Mile Beach) for the purpose of undertaking black sand (gold) mining.

No publicly notified consents were granted during the reporting period.

Whitebait Stand Resource Consents Granted From 26 June to 27 July 2007

STAND NO. & HOLDER	RIVER
676 Bliss & McKenzie	Mokihinui
856 TAGIM Partnership	Paringa
863 Hewer & Hewer	Waiatoto
901 Cascade Whitebaiters	Cascade
903 Cascade Whitebaiters	Cascade
907 Cascade Whitebaiters	Cascade
908 Cascade Whitebaiters	Cascade
916 EA Timoko	Arawata
1087 RF Pooley	Wanganui
1133 T & B Clarkson	Wanganui
1146 L Barber	Ohinemaka
1177 S Campbell	Arawata
1203 LH Parker	Waiatoto
1419 Cascade Whitebaiters	Cascade
1499 ND Rhodes	Hokitika
1550 Harris & Harris	Ohinemaka
1551 R & D Ilton	Taramakau
1556 DP Dennehy	Waitangitoana
1570 T & M Connors	Taramakau
1574 AJ Friend	Taramakau
1579 P Ilton	Taramakau
1590 PC O'Connor	Taramakau
1591 CD Hayden	Waitangitoana
1593 MJ Thomson	Taramakau
1619 S Casey	Orowaiti
1638 WJ Wafelbakker	Waitaha
1642 Win & Allan	Haast
1645 Hollows & Davidson	Haast
1656 F Deans	Whataroa
1660 C & C Boulton	Haast
1664 P Anderson & P King	Haast
1666 L Gibbs	Hokitika
1667 G & G Brown	Hokitika
1674 Russell & Arnold	Hokitika
1683 DK Arnold	Waitangitoana
1686 LA Barnes	Taramakau
1687 M & J Fitzgerald	Taramakau
2015 Jackson & Toomey	Little Wanganui
2018 A Leckie	Little Wanganui

A total of 39 whitebait stand consents were granted.

Projects & Ventures Hearing

The West Coast Regional Council (Cr Denis Shannahan) and the Buller District Council (Cr Lynley Roberts) jointly heard Projects & Ventures' consent applications for a subdivision at Westport and its associated stormwater discharge in Westport on 27 July. The decision on the applications had not been released at the time of writing this report.

Powelliphanta Augustus Inc (Formerly Save Happy Valley Coalition Inc) v SENZ, BDC & WCRC

The High Court released its decision on costs in relation to Powelliphanta Augustus Incorporated's failed appeal to the Court relating to the Environment Court's decision on the enforcement proceedings it took against SENZ. The High Court awarded the Council and the Buller District Council a total of \$2,880. We are now waiting for the Environment Court's decision on costs for the earlier proceedings, which was put on hold pending the outcome of the High Court appeal.

RECOMMENDATION

That the August 2007 report of the Consents Group be received.

Colin Dall
Consents & Compliance Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
 Prepared by: Colin Dall - Consents & Compliance Manager and Chris Pullen –
 Compliance Team Leader
 Date: 3 August 2007
 Subject: **COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

Staff

Two Compliance Officers attended an Odour Workshop at Environment Southland.

Site Visits

A total of 81 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period, which consisted of:

- 29 resource consent compliance site visits
- 5 dairy shed inspections
- 15 site visits in response to complaints
- 32 mining compliance and bond release site visits

Specific Issues

- **Dairy Shed Assessments & Compliance Monitoring:** Inspections carried out during the reporting period mainly related to stock crossing enquires and new farm owner meetings. Shed inspections will be re-commenced once calving has finished (September) or upon request of the shed owner.

Dairy farm sales continued. The most noteworthy of these was the sale of the "Ferguson Farm" at Te Kinga. The Compliance Team Leader met with the new owner to ensure all environmental 'obligations' are met. A site visit was also arranged with the new owner and the Department of Conservation in relation to the section of the farm that is the subject of the Enforcement Order issued to the former owner.

- **Gravel Extraction:** Gravel extraction resource consents at the following sites were monitored during the reporting period:

Buller District;

- Buller River @ Organs Island*
- Mokihinui River
- Inangahua River @ Inangahua Junction
- Inangahua River north of Reefton

Grey District;

- Grey River* @ Beynon's Beach, opposite golf course, Taylorville, St Kilda & opposite Brunner Mine site
- Coal Creek*
- Taramakau River upstream & downstream of SH 6 Bridge*
- Karoro & Paroa Beaches

Westland District;

- Hokitika River upstream & downstream of Kaniere Bridge*
- Kokatahi River
- Docherty Creek (South Westland)

*Sites where more intensive compliance monitoring is being undertaken.

- **Taramakau River Gravel Extraction:** The demand for gravel from the Taramakau River site downstream of the SH6 Bridge continued to be high. Discussions between gravel contractors and whitebaiters were carried out during July to minimize the effects of gravel extraction activities over the upcoming whitebait season.
- **Blaketown Beach & Karoro Beach Gravel Extraction – Westroads:** Gravel extraction commenced on Blaketown Beach on 30 July 2007, while gravel extraction at Karoro ceased.
- **Globe Progress Mine – Oceana Gold:** Oceana Gold environmental staff have carried out further flocculant trials to improve the water quality from Devils Creek sediment dam, which appeared promising. Discharges on the whole improved, with fewer discharges resulting in suspended solids concentrations in Devils Creek above 25 mg/l. Routine weekly monitoring continued during the reporting period.
- **Te Kinga Subdivision Development - Ngai Tahu Property Limited:** Work on the access road continued. The developers were aided by the period of dry weather during the reporting period. This together with ongoing mitigation work has allowed the area to stabilize. Waterways in the upper section of development also stabilized and no further discharges of sediment were reported.
- **Franz Josef Subdivision Development:** Compliance staff carried out two site visits during the reporting period identifying a number of issues that require attention. Compliance staff are working with the Consent Holder to ensure that the development results in no ongoing adverse effects.
- **Kaniere Subdivision Development:** Compliance staff carried out two site visits and are regularly liaising with the developers and their consultants. So far there have been no major discharges off the site. A series of mitigation measures have been put in place to ensure that adequate sediment control is achieved.
- **Solid Energy Consent/Licence Monitoring:** Compliance staff carried out the following visits to Solid Energy sites:

- Stockton Opencast Mine	2
- Ngakawau Coal Handling Facility	1
- Terrace Underground Mine	1
- Reefton Coal Handling Facility	1
- Spring Creek Underground Mine	1
- Tillers Dump	1
- Strongman	1
- Rocky Creek Coal Handling Facility	1
- Rapahoe Coal Handling Facility	2
Total	11

Stockton Opencast Mine

The Mining Compliance Officer carried out 2 visits to the mine during the reporting period and undertook routine water quality sampling, with the showing that discharges were within compliance limits at the time of sampling.

SENZ notified the Council of a dirty water issue on the 19 July, which originated from the site shale is being mined in block WE5. The shale is characteristically fine and proved difficult to settle out in ponds. The shale that was won from WE5 was moved to WE2 where runoff travels through a culvert to the WE1 and 2 pond systems. An uncontrolled seep was discovered at the base of these pond systems that was allowing dirty water to enter the Mangatini Catchment. SENZ staff acted quickly in order to resolve the problem and the seep was plugged with granite and ongoing monitoring was undertaken. The water quality in the Mangatini Stream improved in the days following the mitigation measures being put in place.

An automatic sampling machine (sonde) was placed at sampling site NR6, which is above all Stockton mine water discharges. Unfortunately the sonde malfunctioned and only a single day of data was recovered. The sonde has been redeployed and is due to be recovered in the next couple of weeks.

Good progress was being made on the "Black Water Treatment Plant", with the first Lamella Thickener due to be turned on in the next couple of weeks.

The Mining Compliance Officer attended the Stockton Community Consultative Group meeting held in Granity. SENZ outlined the progress made with the water treatment and lime dosing plant.

It was revealed at the meeting that SENZ had received some complaints regarding discharges from the Ngakawau Coal Handling Facility (see below).

Ngakawau Coal Handling Facility

The results for the routine monthly water quality sampling run showed that the discharge was within compliance limits at the time of sampling.

In response to complaints regarding discharges from the facility, SENZ investigated each complaint and found the discharges to be within compliance levels. Nevertheless, SENZ will be installing a continuous monitoring device at the discharge point for the facility, in accordance with consent conditions that require such sampling to be undertaken for a continuous 6-week period each year. SENZ is considering whether or not to install the continuous monitoring device permanently, to obtain a better picture of the discharge quality.

Terrace Underground Mine & Reefton Coal Handling Facility

The results for the routine monthly water quality sampling runs showed that the discharges were within compliance limits at the time of sampling.

Spring Creek Underground Mine, Tillers Dump, Strongman & Rocky Creek Coal Handling Facility

Routine water sampling runs were undertaken, the results of which were not available at the time of writing this report.

Results for the June sampling runs showed that discharges were within compliance limits at the time of sampling.

Rapahoe Coal Handling Facility

Routine water quality sampling was undertaken, the results of which were not available at the time of writing this report.

Results for the June sampling run show the discharge was within compliance limits at the time of sampling.

In regard to the drainage issues mentioned in the July report, SENZ completed the clean up of the clean water drain at the eastern side of the stockpiling yard. This seems to have markedly increased the retention of the settling pond system as there was no flow at sampling site RP9 during the spell of dry weather earlier in July.

Compliance staff are currently following up with SENZ on the management of dust from the facility after receiving a query/complaint in this regard during the reporting period.

Complaints Received Between 27 June and 31 July 2007

There were 24 complaints received during the reporting period. A summary of these is as follows:

Activity	Number of complaints	Brief Description	Location
Discharge to Air	2	Discharge from meat works	Kokiri
Discharge to Air	1	Discharge from coal stockpiles/facilities	Rapahoe
Discharge to Air	1	Discharge from aerial herbicide operation	Stafford Loop
Discharge to Water	1	Discharge of sediment	Blackwater Creek
Discharge to Water	2	Discharge of sediment	Karamea
Discharge to Water	2	Discharge of stormwater	Taramakau
Discharge to Water	1	Discharge of sediment	Marsden
Discharge to Water	1	Discharge of sediment	Kaiata
Discharge to Land	1	Stand off pad	Karamea
Discharge to Land	1	Stand off pad	Grey River, Ahaura
Disturbance Freshwater	1	Creek bed change	Lake Brunner
Disturbance Land	1	Earthworks	Maori Creek Road
Disturbance Land	1	Earthworks	Marsden
Disturbance Land	1	Earthworks	Orwell Creek Road
Disturbance Land	1	Earthworks	Barrytown
Disturbance Land	1	Humping & hollowing	Stafford Loop
Disturbance Land	1	Earthworks	Orwell Creek Road
Disturbance Land	1	Earthworks	Stafford Loop
Disturbance CMA	3	Earthworks and discharge	Barrytown
Total	21		

Enforcement

No abatement or infringement notices were issued during the reporting period.

Ferguson Prosecution

At the request of Mr Ferguson, Compliance staff visited his farm to advise him of the (without prejudice) terms on which the Council was prepared to seek leave from the Court to withdraw its prosecution. The Compliance Team Leader made a follow-up visit and confirmed that the outstanding works required by Enforcement Order ENV 213/5 had been completed to an acceptable standard. Mr Ferguson also met the Council's other terms and so the Council solicitor will seek leave to withdraw the prosecution proceedings.

Ownership of the farm changed hands on 1 August.

School Creek, Lake Poerua

Compliance staff are still investigating the unacceptable "mob stocking" on, and discharge of contaminants from, a farm that bounds School Creek, which flows into Lake Poerua. Both the farm manager and farm owner (who has just returned from overseas) have been requested to answer a series of questions regarding the incident, which resulted in significant disturbance and contamination of the creek.

Illegal Mining Operation, Ikamatua

The Ministry of Economic Development (Crown Minerals) subpoenaed two Compliance Officers to give evidence in relation to an alleged illegal gold mining operation at Ikamatua. Both officers provided briefs of evidence to the Crown Prosecutor. The plea hearing is scheduled on 6 August 2007 and, at the time of writing this report, it was understood that the alleged offender has indicated that he will plead guilty to the charges that have been brought against him due to the weight of evidence put forward by the Prosecutor.

MINING

Work Programmes

The Council received the following 8 mining work programmes over the reporting period, one of which was approved (shown in italics):

Date	Mining Authorization	Holder	Location
<i>23/7/07</i>	<i>MP 41 870/RC05172</i>	<i>Peter Fielding</i>	<i>Hart Creek</i>
20/7/07	MP 41 295/RC94023	WCRC	Kiwi Point
20/7/07	MP 41 757/RCN99104	WCRC	Miedema
2/7/07	ML 323197/RCN99244	WCRC	Wanganui
2/7/07	ML 323230/RCN99256	WCRC	Okuru
2/7/07	ML 323280/RCN99246	WCRC	Blackball
2/7/07	MP 41 498/RCN99008	Tai Poutini Polytechnic	Cartons Creek
29/6/07	MP 41 865/RC04291	T & S Barrett & Mathieson	Italians Gully

The shaded programmes require bonds to be lodged before they can be approved, while the remaining work programmes were received late in the reporting period and are currently being assessed.

Bonds Received

No bonds were received for the reporting period.

Bond Releases

Mining Authorization	Holder	Location	Amount
RC93006	K Ferguson	Donnelly's Creek	\$10,000

Compliance staff have been liaising with the affected landowner - the Department of Conservation. All rehabilitation requirements for the mining site have been met. Therefore, it is recommended that the Council approve the release of this bond.

Bond Reviews

Compliance staff met with Francis Mining Company Limited during the reporting period and took the opportunity to advise the Company that the Council will be reviewing the bonds on its various mining operations.

The arrangements regarding bonding of the Council's own quarry operations are also currently being reviewed.

OIL SPILL RESPONSE

No marine oil spills occurred during the reporting period.

Compliance staff attended a Maritime New Zealand oil spill conference during the reporting period. Grant Findlayson was appointed as the new alternate Regional On Scene Commander for the West Coast.

RECOMMENDATION

1. *That the August 2007 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
2. *That the Council approves the release of the bond for Resource Consents RC93006.*

Colin Dall
Consents & Compliance Manager

COUNCIL MEETING

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that an **ORDINARY MEETING** of the West Coast Regional Council will be held in the Offices of the West Coast Regional Council, 388 Main South Road, Greymouth on

Tuesday, 14 August 2007 commencing on completion of the Resource Management Committee Meeting.

J.H. CLAYTON
CHAIRPERSON

C. INGLE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 10 JULY 2007,
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD,
GREYMOOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.32 A.M.****PRESENT:**

J. Clayton (Chairman), B. Chinn, D. Shannahan, D. Davidson, P. Ewen,

IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), C. Dall (Consents and Compliance Manager), S. Moran (Planning and Environmental Manager), A. Macalister (Vector Programme Manager), T Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), The Media.

1. APOLOGIES:

Moved (Clayton / Ewen) that the apology from R. Scarlett be accepted.

Carried

2. PUBLIC FORUM (if required)**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Moved (Ewen / Davidson) that the minutes of the Council Meeting 12 June 2007 be confirmed as correct.

Carried

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. REPORTS:**4.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON ENGINEERING OPERATIONS**

S. Moran spoke to his report noting the replenishment of stockpiles in the Wanganui Quarry.

Cobden Cut: During the rain event of the 29th of June the Cobden cut was opened as a precautionary measure on the Friday night but was not required.

S. Moran updated Council on quarry works. The Council Seal was used three times during the reporting period. For the signing off esplanade reserve land at Okuru and finalising two contracts with the Ministry for the Environment. One is for the disposal of agrichemicals and the second for the contribution from the Ministry for the Lake Brunner water sampling project.

S. Moran advised that the Okuru Rating District has a consent application to construct a seawall further downstream from the existing wall. If the wall is not built, the resource consent will be transferred back to WCRC to ensure the rating district is not disadvantaged by this action.

Moved (Davidson / Chinn) that this report be received.

Carried

4.2 VECTOR PROGRAMME MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Macalister spoke to his report stating that this is a busy time of year with it being the end of the financial year. He advised that at the end of the 2006 / 07 year there was around \$85,000 of carry forward which is a good result and substantially better than last

year. More contractors in the market and aerial operations starting earlier ensured the programme has been delivered on time.

Target Pest's receivership has made for a busy time with the termination of their contracts and re-tendering some of their work. A. Macalister reported that one of the new contractors in the market – Hunta Services is made up mainly of ex Target Pest Staff who have worked with VM in the past.

Barrytown aerial contract has been pre-fed. The toxic drop is on standby and will take place once the wind drops.

Moved (Ewen / Davidson) that this report be received.

Carried

4.3 CORPORATE SERVICE MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to his report noting that this is for the eleven month period. He stated that the budget variances are similar to those previously reported. A positive financial result for the full 12 months is expected and will be reported to the August meeting.

Moved (Shannahan / Chinn) that this report be received.

Carried

4.3.1. COUNCIL INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO BENCHMARKS AND TACTICAL ASSET ALLOCATION RANGES

R. Mallinson asked Forsyth Barr to review these matters and passed on their advice to Council.

Moved (Chinn / Davidson)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council Investment Policy be amended to provide for amendments to the strategic benchmarks and tactical asset allocation ranges as shown in the above "Proposed July 2007" table.

Carried

4.3.2. SETTING OF RATES FOR 2007 / 08 YEAR

R. Mallinson overviewed this report.

Moved (Ewen / Shannahan)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council set rates for the year 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 in accordance with the Annual Plan approved on 12 June 2007.

First Installment: Due Date 1 September 2007. Final date for payment 20 October 2007.

Second Installment: Due Date 1 March 2008. Final date for payment 20 April 2008.

Carried

4.3.3. COUNCIL IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (IFRS)

R. Mallinson spoke to this report. He advised Council that KPMG in Christchurch were engaged to assist with this process. He advised that this whole process has been subject to audit sign off by Audit New Zealand and this is to take place some time this month.

Moved (Shannahan / Davidson)

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Carried

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to his report and spoke of the various meetings he attended during the reporting period. Flood management experts from the North Island visited to discuss flood hazard management on the West Coast. This was fully funded by the Ministry for the Environment. C. Ingle stated this was a very useful visit and most relevant to issues on the West Coast. The report regarding this matter is expected to arrive next week. Union negotiations have been completed for the year. Managers are busy with staff appraisals over the next month.

C. Ingle met with Kevin Hague of the West Coast District Health Board to discuss health matters, which relate to environmental quality. This was a very useful meeting. Poor air quality can result in respiratory illness particularly in areas like Reefton. C. Ingle stated that it is encouraging to work on projects like this together rather than separately.

Moved (Shannahan / Chinn) that this report be received.

Carried

5 CHAIRMANS REPORT (VERBAL)

Cr Clayton reported that it has been a fairly quiet month with the main issue being the visit from Al Morrison (Director General of the Department of Conservation) which was discussed during the RMC meeting.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.57 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 14 August 2007
 Prepared by: W. Moen & G. Trenwith
 Date: 29 July 2007

Subject: **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON
 ENGINEERING OPERATIONS**

1. RIVER AND DRAINAGE INSPECTIONS

- Karamea – Radley Subdivision – Compliance Support
- Omoto Creek – Flooding Problems

2. WORKS

No works were carried out this period

3. FUTURE WORKS

- Matainui Creek Rating District – Culvert Installation
- Vine Creek Rating District – Channel Cleanout and Flood Damage repair

4. OTHER WORK

All Rating District inspections have been carried out in the last month and reports for the Annual General Meetings are being written. As Councilors requested, the meetings have been brought forward to begin in mid September to avoid clashing with the October elections.

5. QUARRIES

Rock Movements For The Period 1 June To 30 June 2007

QUARRY	ROCK IN QUARRY @ 31/05/07	ROCK USED	ROCK QUARRIED	ROCK IN QUARRY @ 30/06/07
Blackball¹	0	0	0	0
Camelback	520	0	0	520
Inchbonnie¹	80	1000 ²	0	0
Kiwi¹	0	0	0	0
Miedema	0	0	0	0
Okuru	1840	0	0	1840
Taramakau	0	0	0	0
Wanganui	394			394
Wanganui Stockpile	3702	54 ³	0	3648
Whataroa	100	0	0	100
TOTALS	6636	1054	0	6502

- 1 Blackball and Inchbonnie Quarries have been blown in the last fortnight so not included in this report. Kiwi Quarry is due to be blown again.
- 2 This rock became available following 'popping' of a large rock which had not been recorded as available rock in previous reports. The 80 tonne rock availability as at 31/5/07 referred only to rock left from the last shot.

- 3 This quantity is to cover an error in the 'rock used' figure for last months report. The actual rock used was 3160 tonne, not 3106 tonne as reported.

WORK PERMITTED SINCE 1 JULY 2007

QUARRY	CONTRACTOR	TONNAGE REQUESTED	PERMIT START	PERMIT FINISH
Camelback	Henry Adams	200	2/7/07	20/7/07
Blackball	GH Foster	600	16/7/07	30/7/07
Kiwi	GH Foster	200	18/7/07	20/7/07
Kiwi	MBD Contracting	600	25/7/07	27/7/07
Whataroa	Arnold Contracting	80	25/7/07	27/7/07

Recommendation

That this report is received.

Simon Moran
Planning and Environmental Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting
Prepared by: Colin Dall - Consents & Compliance Manager
Date: 6 August 2007

Subject: **TRANSFER OF DAMS MANAGEMENT & ASSOCIATED BUILDING
CONSENT FUNCTIONS**

PURPOSE

To obtain the Council's endorsement for the documents required by the special consultative procedure under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 (namely the public notice, the Summary of Information in the Statement of Proposal and the Statement of Proposal Report) for the proposed transfer of the Council's dams management and associated building consent functions.

BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION

The Council, at its meeting on 12 June 2007, resolved to pursue agreement with the Otago Regional Council to fully transfer all of its Building Consent Authority functions, duties and powers under the Building Act 2004, as well as the transfer of other functions, duties, and powers that do not relate to the exercise of BCA functions in relation to dams, where appropriate (ie where it is cost and process efficient to do so).

In order to transfer these functions to the Otago Regional Council, the West Coast Regional Council, pursuant to Section 245 of the Building Act 2004, must follow the special consultative procedure under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002. Attached to this report are the various documents that are needed to satisfy the requirements of the Building Act and Local Government Act relating to the special consultative procedure.

The Consents & Compliance Manager has commenced consultation with the main stakeholders in the region and has notified the Minister of Building and Construction of the Council's intention to transfer along with the documents attached to this report.

The Consents & Compliance Manager, in consultation with the Chief Executive, is also currently negotiating a transfer agreement with the Otago Regional Council covering these functions.

RECOMMENDATION

1. *That the Council notes this report.*
2. *That, pursuant to Section 245 of the Building Act 2004, the Council resolves to adopt the attached documents (namely the public notice, the Summary of Information in the Statement of Proposal and the Statement of Proposal Report) required by the special consultative procedure under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 for the proposed transfer of the Council's dams management and associated building consent functions.*

Colin Dall
Consents & Compliance Manager

Transfer of Dams Management and Associated Building Consent Functions

The West Coast Regional Council hereby gives notice that pursuant to the requirements of Section 156 of the Local Government Act 2002, it has resolved to fully transfer all its Building Consent Authority (BCA) functions, duties, and powers for the West Coast Region that require accreditation to the Otago Regional Council, pursuant to Section 244 of the Building Act 2004 and in accordance with the Special Consultative Procedure provisions of Sections 83 and 86 of the Local Government Act 2002. The West Coast Regional Council also intends to transfer other dams management functions that do not require accreditation where the transfer of those functions will provide efficiency in cost and process. These may include:

- All functions, duties, and powers relating to the classification and potential impact assessment of all dams in a region
- All functions, duties, and powers relating to the dam safety regime.
- Any other functions, duties, and powers that do not relate to the exercise of BCA functions in relation to dams.

The Otago Regional Council is intending to obtain accreditation and registration as a Building Consent Authority under the Building Act 2004. After gaining accreditation, the Otago Regional Council pursuant to a formal transfer agreement between the two councils made under Section 246, Building Act 2004 will undertake the dams management functions it accepts as may be required in the West Coast Region on behalf of the West Coast Regional Council.

The Council's reasons for seeking to fully transfer these functions, duties, and powers are that such a transfer is considered desirable on the grounds of efficiency (a one-stop shop approach; there have been few applications for large dams in the past decade) and the West Coast Regional Council has insufficient technical or special capability to carry out those functions, duties, and powers.

The West Coast Regional Council is legally unable to transfer these functions to one of the territorial authorities within the West Coast Region.

The West Coast Regional Council will consider retaining a minor role acting as a "post box" for dam owners and consent applicants wishing to deal with the Otago Regional Council on dam management matters.

Consultation with the public and stakeholders with specific interest in the topic is being undertaken through the public special consultative procedure process and collaboratively with other councils as appropriate.

Submissions on the proposed transfer of functions are now invited. The Summary of Information in the Statement of Proposal report, and an analysis of the issues and options, are available from:

- The West Coast Regional Council's offices, 388 Main South Road, Greymouth;
- The offices of the Buller District Council, Brougham Street, Westport;
- The offices of the Grey District Council, 105, Tainui Street, Greymouth;
- The offices of the Westland District Council, 36 Weld Street, Hokitika;
- Public libraries within the region – Karamea, Seddonville, Granity, Westport, Inangahua, Maruia, Reefton, Ikamatua, Runanga, Greymouth, Hokitika, Hari Hari, Whataroa, Franz Josef & Haast.

Copies of the Summary of Information and Statement of Proposal may also be obtained by ringing the Council's toll free number 0508 0800 118 or may be downloaded on the Council's web site www.wcrc.govt.nz.

Submissions close at **4pm on Monday 17 September 2007** and can be posted to P O Box 66 Greymouth, faxed to 03 768 7133 or delivered to the Council's offices at 388 Main South Road, Paroa, Greymouth.

All submissions will receive a written acknowledgement and all submitters will be given the opportunity to be heard in person if they so wish.

Public hearings will be held in late September or early October at the offices of the West Coast Regional Council. Please note that any submissions made will be available to the public and that all hearings and meetings on this proposed function transfer will be open to the public.

The Council will make decisions after consideration of those public submissions at its ordinary monthly meeting on 9 October 2007.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION IN THE STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL REPORT

Transfer of Dams Management and Associated Building Consent Functions

The Building Act 2004 requires the West Coast Regional Council to exercise certain functions, duties, and powers regarding the management of dams, but also requires the Council to either obtain accreditation or formally transfer the function, duties, and powers to another regional council that has obtained accreditation. The West Coast Regional Council intends to transfer many of its dam management functions and associated building consent activity to the Otago Regional Council.

The Otago Regional Council is intending to obtain accreditation and registration as a Building Consent Authority (BCA) under the Building Act 2004. After gaining accreditation, the Otago Regional Council pursuant to a formal transfer agreement between the two councils made under Section 246, Building Act 2004 will undertake the dams management functions it accepts from the West Coast Regional Council as may be required in the West Coast Region on our behalf.

The West Coast Regional Council intends to fully transfer to the Otago Regional Council all BCA functions, duties, and powers that require accreditation. It also intends to transfer other dams management functions that do not require accreditation where the transfer of those functions will provide efficiency in cost and process. These may include:

- All functions, duties, and powers relating to the classification and potential impact assessment of all dams in a region
- All functions, duties, and powers relating to the dam safety regime.
- Any other functions, duties, and powers that do not relate to the exercise of BCA functions in relation to dams.

The Council's reasons for seeking to fully transfer these functions, duties, and powers are that such a transfer is considered desirable on the grounds of efficiency (a one-stop shop approach; there have been few applications for large dams in the past decade) and the West Coast Regional Council has insufficient technical or special capability to carry out those functions, duties, and powers.

The West Coast Regional Council will consider retaining a minor role acting as a "post box" for dam owners and consent applicants wishing to deal with the Otago Regional Council on dam management matters.

Consultation with the public and stakeholders with specific interest in the topic is being undertaken through the public special consultative procedure process and collaboratively with other councils as appropriate.

The Council has also undertaken an assessment of the proposed function and associated activities with its other established policies such as its significance policy. That assessment (published as a Statement of Proposal) considered the various options available to the Council in meeting its commitments for the management of dams within the West Coast.

This is a brief indication of the matters covered in the Statement of Proposal, and people are encouraged to read the full text to determine for themselves how the proposed transfer of function may affect them.

The Council is keen to know what the community and stakeholders think about the proposed function transfer. The full Statement of Proposal is available from the Council. It is also available online at www.wcrc.govt.nz

Submissions close with the West Coast Regional Council at 4pm Monday 17 September 2007 and can be posted to P O Box 66 Greymouth, faxed to 03 768 7133 or dropped in to the Council's offices at 388 Main South Road, Paroa, Greymouth. Submissions should include your name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address.

STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

Transfer of Dams Management and Associated Building Consent Functions

1. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to inform the public and to seek comments regarding the West Coast Regional Council's proposal to transfer functions, duties, and powers under Part 2 of the Building Act 2004 to another Regional Authority (regional council or unitary authority); along with any other functions, duties and powers under the Act that are necessary to allow the transferee Regional Authority to perform the functions of a Building Consent Authority (BCA) in relation to dams in the West Coast Region.

2. Background

The Building Act 2004 imposed new functions on regional councils – that of administration of the Act's dam classification and dam safety assurance regimes including the issue of building consents for dams; and development, adoption and application of policies regarding dangerous dams. The West Coast Regional Council has already met the component of the function relating to the development of a Dangerous Dams Policy.

The Act provides for processes to enable those functions relating to the management of dams to be undertaken. One of those processes is a mandatory requirement for regional councils to obtain accreditation and registration as a BCA in relation to some of the more important building control matters relating to dams.

This Statement of Proposal focuses on the former component of dams management that requires the Council to be accredited and registered as a Building Consent Authority, and sets out the Council's preferences from the management options available.

The West Coast Regional Council has already been through the process to develop a Dangerous Dams Policy. Since then there has been ongoing collaboration between all regional councils to sort out how best to meet our remaining responsibilities under the Building Act, including identification of which councils were willing and able to become lead councils in obtaining BCA accreditation. Those lead councils would obtain accreditation and consider accepting transfers of function from other regional councils that did not intend to seek accreditation.

There were numerous questions from all the councils about how such a transfer would work, what the liabilities would be on both parties, and what the costs would be. To assist in answering some of those questions, a regional council working group was set up which sought and obtained an analysis of the risks and liabilities of transferring functions, duties, and powers under the Act.

At this stage, three regional councils - Otago Regional Council, Environment Canterbury and Environment Waikato intend to seek accreditation and are prepared to consider transfer proposals from other regional councils (an excellent example of shared service on an inter-regional scale). The West Coast Regional Council, and Environment Southland have notified

the Otago Regional Council that we wish to fully transfer all our respective BCA functions, duties and powers to the Otago Regional Council.

On 27 June 2007, the Otago Regional Council endorsed "Business Principles for Transfer of building control functions for dams" to itself and approved *"the transfer of functions from West Coast Regional Council and Environment Southland to the Otago Regional Council, on the basis that the negotiated agreements will fit within the Business Principles for Transfer"*. The West Coast Regional Council and Environment Southland are now negotiating those agreements with the Otago Regional Council.

As the timeframe is very tight for having a transfer accepted and/or applying for accreditation, the West Coast Regional Council has opted to initiate the special consultative procedure process now in order to take advantage of the available time ahead of any decision from the Otago Regional Council on accepting a transfer from the West Coast Regional Council.

3. What are the Council's options?

The Building Act 2004 requires the West Coast Regional Council to obtain accreditation as a Building Consent Authority by 30 November 2007, unless a transfer of this function has been arranged with another regional council that has (or is applying for) accreditation. There are four possible options available to the Council as set out in the table below. The issues of legal liability, indemnity, and identification of the main risk factors have been listed.

Option	Legal liability	Accreditation	Indemnity	Main risk factors
A Transfer under Section 244 of the Act	√ Divested to transferee	√ Not required in respect of transferred BCA functions	√ Can be agreed as part of Section 246 agreement	Compliance with special consultative procedure Compliance with LGA 2002 decision-making provisions Time
B Transfer under the LGA 2002	√ Divested to transferee (a Territorial Authority, unless a reorganisation scheme is adopted), unless section 17 delegation process used	√ Not required in respect of transferred BCA functions	√ Can be agreed as part of Section 17 agreement, or private contract	Compliance with LGA 2002 procedural requirements More complex than process under Section 244 of the Act Time
C Contractual assignment	× Remains with transferor	× Required for all BCA functions, including those transferred	√ Can be agreed as part of private contract	Compliance with LGA 2002 decision-making principles and possibly Section 88
D Transfer / assignment to CCO	× Remains with transferor	× Required for all BCA functions, including those transferred	√ Can be agreed as part of private contract, although utility is questionable	Compliance with LGA 2002 decision-making principles and possibly Section 88 Compliance with process for establishing CCO

The analysis table above was provided by law firm DLA Phillips Fox, and covers all of the legal issues and options around transfers. That analysis included consideration of other options for regional councils to minimize their amount of work required for accreditation e.g. transfer under the LGA; contract by assignment; and a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) option.

DLA Phillips Fox report recommendation was for a full transfer as contemplated by the Act as that option (Option A) is procedurally the most straightforward and it removes the obligation for the West Coast Regional Council to obtain accreditation, and is flexible enough to allow for cost sharing arrangements between the councils. Legal liability can be divested to the transferee and any indemnity issues can be dealt with as part of the transfer agreement. The main implementation risks for this option would be compliance with the special consultative procedure; compliance with the Local Government Act 2002 decision-making provisions; and time. A further risk is that the transferee may decide to relinquish the function at any time or as may be defined in the transfer agreement.

4. Which option is preferable for the West Coast?

In accordance with actions required by the combined regional councils working group, the West Coast Regional Council needed to confirm its preference or stance on seeking accreditation by 30 May 2007 (see Section 10 on Council's decision). It is noted that that a regional council is legally unable to transfer its BCA function directly under the Building Act to a territorial authority. However, such a transfer could be achieved by the regional council transferring the function to a territorial authority under the provisions of the Local Government Act – Option B in the table. That option has slightly more difficulties in its implementation, but that option may be the logical alternative should the transfer option to another regional council not proceed for any reason.

The main reason for contemplating the Option A approach is that the West Coast Regional Council has received few applications for new medium to large sized dams that meet the Act's criteria¹ since 1991 and it is expected that this will continue to be the case, albeit that there are two existing proposals for new large dams, both associated with proposed hydroelectricity power schemes (TrustPower's proposed Arnold Valley HPS and Meridian's Mokihinui River HPS). The Council also granted resource consents to Kawatiri Energy Company Limited in November 2005 for its proposed hydroelectricity power scheme using 'Lake' Rochfort, which is a dam that was constructed in the 1880s to supply water for a gold mining operation near Fairdown. The proposed modifications to this dam, if not completed

¹ Dam is defined by the Building Act 2004 as follows -

- (a) means an artificial barrier, and its appurtenant structures, that –
 - (i) is constructed to hold back water or other fluid under constant pressure so as to form a reservoir; and
 - (ii) is used for the storage, control, or diversion of water or other fluid; and
 - (iii) retains 3 or more metres depth, and holds 20 000 or more cubic metres volume, of water or other fluids; and
- (b) includes –
 - (i) a flood control dam; and
 - (ii) a natural feature that has been significantly modified to function as a dam; and
 - (iii) a canal; but
- (c) does not include a stopbank designed to control floodwaters

by 30 November 2007, may require building consent also. Also the costs of obtaining accreditation were estimated to exceed \$50,000, but as the Council is unlikely to process any/many applications for new dams, it makes the cost of obtaining accreditation without the opportunity to recover any costs from applicants for some time prohibitive, particularly given the small rating base within the West Coast.

If the transfer option is not available, the Council would have to either transfer the function to a territorial authority that is prepared to accept the function under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 (Option B) or alternatively, seek accreditation (process for accreditation would take about 6 – 8 months) and have to contract the activities required by the function out to another agency to deliver – similar to Option C.

5. Scope of proposed transfer

Under the Act, there is the ability to enable a full or partial transfer of function, duties and powers. A partial transfer would mean, depending on the functions being transferred, that the West Coast Regional Council may still have to obtain accreditation. The Council's proposal is to **fully transfer** of all the BCA functions to one of the three regional councils seeking BCA accreditation, with the Otago Regional Council being our first preference at this stage.

The Otago Regional Council is also prepared to consider the transfer of other dam management functions from the West Coast Regional Council as well, ie those that do not require BCA accreditation. This may include:

- All functions, duties, and powers relating to the classification and potential impact assessment of all dams in a region
- All functions, duties, and powers relating to the dam safety regime.
- Any other functions, duties, and powers that do not relate to the exercise of BCA functions in relation to dams.

Specifically, the Otago Regional Council would only accept the transfer of *"those functions that will provide any efficiency in cost and process"*.

Should the Otago Regional Council accept the transfer of the West Coast Regional Council's BCA functions that require accreditation and a number of other dam management functions, then the West Coast Regional Council would have minimal interaction with the Building Act other than those activities that we carry out on the Otago Regional Council's behalf. The Act allows for change or revocation of a transfer by written notice at any time by either party by agreement.

The option exists under a full transfer arrangement for the West Coast Regional Council to act as a "post box", or to undertake non-accredited activities to assist the regional council that accepts the proposed transfer of functions (transferee) in processing dam applications or inspections in the West Coast. The obvious rationale for this arrangement is that the closest regional authority is the logical initial point of contact for members of the public in the region. However, it is likely that most potential building consent applicants would be power generation and mining companies with offices outside the West Coast.

The set of activities to be dealt with could include 'receiving' various applications at our office and then forwarding them onto to the transferee regional council, assisting the transferee regional council with processing of Project Information Memoranda (PIM) as unique information about the region is held by West Coast Regional Council, requesting and

receiving additional information from the applicant, and providing input and assistance to the dam classification and safety assurance work within West Coast.

This point of service/contact arrangement would be actioned by way of a separate contractual arrangement with the transferee regional council outside of the formal transfer agreement.

6. Liability and Insurance issues

The DLA Phillips Fox report indicates that a full transfer of Building Consent Authority functions has the effect of shifting potential liability for negligent performance of those functions to the transferee (subject to any terms or conditions in the agreement to transfer that address liability by way of indemnity). All of the councils have the same insurer and so it is hoped that a consistent insurance arrangement can be arrived at.

There will be further discussion on the details of this aspect as the transfer agreement is negotiated.

7. Cost sharing

Discussions with the Otago Regional Council on costs and cost sharing have begun as part of the formal transfer agreement negotiations. The legislation provides for the recovery of costs from applicants and that approach will be carried forward into a transfer agreement.

By using the transfer of function option, the West Coast Regional Council avoids the accreditation fee of \$16,000 (GST inclusive) and subsequent two yearly audit fees of \$12,800 (GST inclusive) per audit. These fees set recently by Regulation and were effective from 30 April 2007.

8. Submission Process

Comments and submissions on the proposed transfer are invited to be received by West Coast Regional Council by **4pm Monday, 17 September 2007**. Submissions can be posted to P O Box 66 Greymouth, faxed to 03 768 7133 or dropped in to the Council's offices at 388 Main South Road, Paroa, Greymouth.

Submitters should indicate in their submission if they wish to be heard in person to support their submission. Submissions should include your name and contact details. Your submission may become publicly available if a request for it is made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. If you are making a submission as an individual, the West Coast Regional Council will consider removing your personal details if you so request in your submission.

If required, a hearing regarding the proposed transfer will be held in late September or early October 2007.

Prepared for: Council Meeting – August 2007
 Prepared by: Andrew Macalister
 Date: 3 August 2007

Subject: **VECTOR PROGRAMME MANAGER'S REPORT**

1.0 Contracts awarded

The following vector contracts have been awarded this report period.

Nil

2.0 Operations completed

The following Vector Control results have been confirmed this report period.

2006-07

Operation	Block	Contractor	RTCI	PPL	Notes
Hari Hari	Block 2	Target Pest Contracting (Southern)	%0.5705	2	Pass
Hari Hari	Block 3	Target Pest Contracting (Southern)	%1.5331	5	Failed all habitat strata
Waitaha	Block 2	Pelton Contracting	%0.3876	1	Pass
Waitaha	Block 3	Pelton Contracting	%0.3333	1	Successful rework

2007-08

Operation	Block	Control Contractor	DB RTC	DB LM	BP RTC	BP LM	F RTC	F LM
Franz Josef/Waiho	Block 1	Deane Shute Contracting	%0.0000	0	%0.0000	0	%0.3333	1
Franz Josef/Waiho	Block 2	Deane Shute Contracting	%0.6780	2	%1.5669	2	%0.3333	1
Franz Josef/Waiho	Block 3	Deane Shute Contracting	%0.3333	1	%0.0000	0	%0.67	1

3.0 General

- i. As at 25 July, there were 236 performance results recorded by habitat strata for the year, with 211 passes. This represents a pass rate of 89.41%. For the 2006-07 year onwards, all results will be recorded by habitat strata.
- ii. Fewer possums were caught for monitoring trap catch effort during 2006-07 than the previous year, which is a positive indication of more effective control of the areas worked. In 2006-07, monitors recorded 515 possum captures, compared to 827 captures in 2005-06, for a similar trap catch effort.
- iii. Funding has been confirmed for a collaborative research trial on weka-proof bait stations, with the aim of reintroducing encapsulated cyanide into use on public conservation land. The Council will now sub-contract to Landcare Research, which will lead the project.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Andrew Macalister
 Vector Programme Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting
 Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager
 Date: 3 August 2007

Subject **CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT****1. Financial Report to 30 June 2007**

FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS TO 30 JUNE 2007				
	ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	ACTUAL % ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET
REVENUES				
General Rates	1,838,586	1,835,000	100%	1,835,000
Penalties	63,164	65,000	97%	65,000
Investment Income	1,034,238	910,000	114%	910,000
Regulatory	893,526	743,250	120%	743,250
Planning Processes	291,577	148,750	196%	148,750
Environmental Monitoring	9,765	0	0%	0
Emergency Management	75,267	44,000	171%	44,000
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	1,108,691	901,994	123%	901,994
AHB Programme	8,003,857	9,065,635	88%	9,065,635
Vector Mgmt	1,100,000	1,100,000	100%	1,100,000
Regional % Share Controls	574,886	563,250	102%	563,250
VCS Business Unit	999,326	775,000	129%	775,000
	15,992,883	16,151,879	99%	16,151,879
EXPENDITURE				
Representation	270,456	277,792	97%	277,792
Regulatory Activities	1,620,108	1,488,473	109%	1,488,473
Planning Processes	735,494	687,826	107%	687,826
Environmental Monitoring	539,197	537,664	100%	537,664
Emergency Management	193,312	130,172	149%	130,172
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	1,053,702	1,969,503	54%	1,969,503
AHB Programme	7,987,441	9,065,635	88%	9,065,635
Vector Mgmt	984,663	934,365	105%	934,365
Regional % Share Controls	679,334	832,042	82%	832,042
VCS Business Unit	860,134	659,987	130%	659,987
Other	48,699	0		0
	14,972,540	16,583,459	90%	16,583,459
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)				
Transfer Rating District Interest	-149,198			
Prior Year Adjustment	-25,631			
To Transfer to Balance Sheet	845,514			

BREAKDOWN OF SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	ACTUAL	BUDGET Year to date	ANNUAL BUDGET
Rating Districts	321,206	-833,904	-833,904
Quarries	-35,908	33,365	33,365
Regional % Share of AHB Programmes	-104,448	-268,792	-268,792
Investment Income	1,034,239	910,000	910,000
VCS Business Unit	139,192	115,013	115,013
AHB Programmes	16,416	0	0
Vector Mgmt	115,337	165,635	165,635
Other	-48,699	0	0
All Other Activities	-416,991	-552,897	-552,897
TOTAL	1,020,343	-431,580	-431,580

Net Contributors to "Other Activities" Surplus (-Deficit)	Actual	Budget ytd	Annual Plan	Net Variance Actual v. budget ytd
Rates	1,838,586	1,835,000	1,835,000	3,586
Penalties	63,164	65,000	65,000	-1,836
Representation	-270,456	-277,792	-277,792	7,336
Regulatory Activities	-726,582	-745,223	-745,223	18,641
Planning Activities	-443,917	-539,076	-539,076	95,159
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection (excl. RD's and Quarries)	-230,309	-266,970	-266,970	36,661
Environmental Monitoring	-529,432	-537,664	-537,664	8,232
Emergency Management	-118,045	-86,172	-86,172	-31,873
	-416,991	-552,897	-552,897	135,906

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2007

	@ 30/6/07	@ 30/06/2006
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Cash & Bank Balances	144,585	115,182
Accounts Receivable - Rates	187,788	311,500
Accounts Receivable - General Debtors	1,115,413	2,316,546
Prepayments	52,544	35,369
Accrued Revenue	646,199	171,716
Revenue Work in Progress	240,647	0
Stock - explosives	371	1,428
Stock - VCS	26,325	5,090
Stock - Rock	21,132	31,174
Stock - Office Supplies	17,317	20,750
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	2,452,321	3,008,755
<u>Non Current Assets</u>		
Investments	11,542,615	10,947,136
Fixed Assets	3,031,349	2,814,256
Infrastructural Assets	24,153,488	24,153,488
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	38,727,452	37,914,880
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>		
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	41,179,773	40,923,635
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Short Term Bank Loan	0	700,000
Accounts Payable	1,104,831	1,024,145
GST	1,948	4,660
Resource Consent Deposits	17,445	
Sundry Payables	259,178	479,732
Accrued Annual Leave, Payroll	191,396	235,788
Rates Revenue in Advance		
Cash Mining Bond Liabilities	324,897	293,486
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	1,899,695	2,737,811
<u>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Punakaiki Loan	346,548	374,610
Office Equipment Leases	135,114	0
Computer Equipment Leases	110,729	144,540
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	592,391	519,150
<u>EQUITY</u>		
Ratepayers Equity	19,713,521	19,538,023
Surplus Tsfrd.	845,514	0
Rating District Equity Mvmts	-295,926	0
Rating Districts Equity	2,300,085	2,004,158
Tb Special Rate Balance	384,291	384,291
Revaluation	6,872,570	6,872,570
Quarry Account	-41,368	-41,368
Investment Growth Reserve	8,909,000	8,909,000
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	38,687,687	37,666,674
<u>LIABILITIES & EQUITY</u>		
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	41,179,773	40,923,635

2. Summary of Forsyth Barr Ltd Portfolio @ 30 June 2007

PORTFOLIO @ Summary & Reconciliation	30 June 2007	Cash	Bonds	Australasia Equities	International Equities	Property Equities	Alternative Asset Classes	Total
Portfolio Value @ Start	01 July 2006	3529081	2635794	776079	1503100	575845	1893092	10912991
Contributions		1128557	235000		1063		170041	1534660
Withdrawals		-856070	-29093	-34	-514622		-584841	-1984660
					92			92
Realised Gains/(Losses)								0
Price		67069	-9169	1851	194423		390529	644703
FX				-2039	-37958	82	-34809	-74724
								0
Unrealised Gains/(Losses)								0
Price		42265	-109231	166313	157891	80767	126979	464985
FX				-44162	-223506	-20279	-389571	-677519
								0
Mgmt Fee					-1029			-1029
								0
Interest Income		165854	182700	1697	9	5276	37329	392864
Changes Accrued Interest			796					796
								0
Dividends				29217	101206	30697	20510	181629
Hedges					24143		101582	125725
Portfolio Value @ End Period	30 June 2007	4076756	2906798	928921	1204811	672386	1730842	11520514
			2906798					11520514

Asset Allocation %'s	30 June 2007	Benchmarks	Variance
Cash	35%	30%	-5%
Bonds	25%	32%	7%
Australasian Equities	8%	8%	0%
International Equities	10%	10%	0%
Property Equities	6%	4%	-2%
Alternative Asset Classes	15%	16%	1%
	100%	100%	0%

3. General Comment

Total operating expenditure for the twelve month period was \$14.972 million, of which AHB programme expenditure made up \$7.987 million.

Total revenues for the period amounted to \$15.992 million.

Net Investment income for the period amounted to \$1,034,000 compared to the budgeted \$910,000.

The VCS Business Unit generated an operating surplus of \$139,000.

The total surplus was \$1,020,000.

Budget variances are similar to those previously reported, i.e. significant positive budget variances in a number of areas.

The management team is pleased to report such an excellent result to Council.

The Draft Annual Report for the year to 30 June 2007 will be presented to the September meeting for adoption by Council.

I also attach a copy of the new renewal of the lease to Straight Farms Whataroa Ltd to which the Council seal has been affixed.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Robert Mallinson
Corporate Services Manager

THIS AGREEMENT is made this 25th day of June 2007

BETWEEN THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL a body duly incorporated under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 and having its office at 388 Main South Road, Greymouth (hereinafter called "the Lessor" which term shall where not inconsistent with the context include its successors and assigns) of the one part

AND STRAIGHT FARMS WHATAROA LIMITED Farmers (hereinafter called "the Lessee" which term shall where not inconsistent with the context include executors, administrators and assigns) of the other part

WHEREAS the Lessor is the registered proprietor of all that parcel of land containing 204.1103 hectares more or less being Lots 1 and 2, DP354, pt RS2183, Sec1, SO 12098, RS6675, 6676, pt Lot 1, DP358, pt RS 3036, Blk XIII Whataroa SD situated in Block XIII Whataroa Survey District as the same is more particularly shown on the plan endorsed hereon.

AND WHEREAS the Lessor has agreed to lease and the Lessee has agreed to take a lease of the said land for the term and upon the conditions hereafter set forth

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH as follows:

1. **THE** Lessor agrees to lease and the Lessee agrees to take a lease of the said land for the term of five years from and inclusive of the 1st day of December 2006 at an annual rent of \$2500 plus GST (subject as in hereinafter provided) payable annually in advance on the 1st day of December each year of the said term and any renewal thereof, the first of such payments to be due and payable on the 1st day of December 2006 PROVIDED THAT the Lessee may terminate the lease at any time during the term thereof by serving personally or by letter on the Lessor one calendar month's notice in writing of their intention so to do.
2.
 - a) **THE** Lessee agrees to pay the rent in the manner and at the times above provided of the said term.
 - b) **THE** Lessee agrees not to assign, sublet, mortgage, charge, grant any lien, or otherwise disposed or part with the possession of the whole or any part of the said land without prior consent in writing of the Lessor.
 - c) **THE** Lessee agrees to use and manage the said land in a good and husbandlike manner and not impoverish or waste the soil thereof.
 - d) **THE** Lessee agrees to keep the said land free from gorse, broom, noxious weeds, rabbits and other vermin.
 - e) **THE** Lessee agrees not to break up or crop any part of the said land, without the prior consent of the Lessor.
 - f) **THE** Lessee agrees not to erect any buildings on the said land without the prior consent of the Lessor.

- g) **THE** Lessee agrees to keep all buildings, fences, gates, drains and other improvements now or hereafter upon the said land in good order, condition and repair.
- h) **THE** Lessee agrees that the Lessee shall be responsible for erecting and maintaining any fencing that may be required either internally or along any boundary to the property for the purposes of containment of stock that are to be grazed over the term of the lease. Stock must not be grazed on existing stopbanks.
- i) **THE** Lessee agrees that there shall be a free and unrestricted right of access reserved for the West Coast Regional Council or any person authorised by them in writing.
- j) **THE** Lessee and Lessor agree that in the event of a breach of any conditions of this lease or in the event of the whole or any portion of the said land being required by the leasing authority for any authorised purpose other than letting this Lease may be determined at any time by the Lessor in respect of the whole or any portion of the land upon the Lessor giving to the lessee one calendar month's notice in writing of its intention so to determine this Lease.
- k) **THE** Lessee and Lessor agree that upon the expiration or sooner determination of this lease either as to the whole or any part of the said land the Lessee shall not be entitled to compensation for any improvements effected by him but he may within such time as the Lessor shall determine remove all buildings, enclosures, fencing or other improvements effected or purchased by him and should this lease be determined as part of the said land then the Lessor shall make such adjustment to the rent payable as it shall in its direction deem fit and proper.

IN WITNESS whereof these presents have been executed the day ad first year before Written.

SIGNED BY In the presence of



Straight Farms Whataroa Limited

The Common Seal of **THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL** was hereunto affixed by and in the presence of

_____ **West Coast Regional Council**



Chris Hyle
 CEO.

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 14 August 2007
Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager
Date: 3 August 2007

Subject: **TWELVE MONTH REVIEW - 1 JULY 2006 – 30 JUNE 2007**

Attached is the Twelve Month Review of the 2006 LTCCP Targets.

This report shows Achievements/Progress measured against the performance targets and will be included in the 2007 Annual Report.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Robert Mallinson
Corporate Services Manager

Twelve -month Review – 1 July 2006 To 30 June 2007

Project Name: **Governance**
 Project Manager: Corporate Services Manager

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress																					
<p>1. Conduct eleven monthly meetings of Council and the Resource Management Committee, plus other scheduled meetings and scheduled workshops during the year with 80% attendance by all Councillors.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Councillor</u></th> <th><u>No. of Meetings Attended</u></th> <th><u>%</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Clayton</td> <td>13 out of 13 meetings</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shannahan</td> <td>13 out of 13 meetings</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Davidson</td> <td>13 out of 13 meetings</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ewen</td> <td>12 out of 13 meetings</td> <td>92%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scarlett</td> <td>11 out of 13 meetings</td> <td>85%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chinn</td> <td>13 out of 13 meetings</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><u>Note:</u> Total of 11 meetings, 1 special meeting + 1 workshop = 13 meetings</p>	<u>Councillor</u>	<u>No. of Meetings Attended</u>	<u>%</u>	Clayton	13 out of 13 meetings	100%	Shannahan	13 out of 13 meetings	100%	Davidson	13 out of 13 meetings	100%	Ewen	12 out of 13 meetings	92%	Scarlett	11 out of 13 meetings	85%	Chinn	13 out of 13 meetings	100%
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Shannahan	13 out of 13 meetings	100%																				
Davidson	13 out of 13 meetings	100%																				
Ewen	12 out of 13 meetings	92%																				
Scarlett	11 out of 13 meetings	85%																				
Chinn	13 out of 13 meetings	100%																				
<p>2. Prepare and notify the Council's Annual Report by 31 October each year in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Local Government Act 2002.</p>	<p>Adopted on 10 October 2006 at Council Meeting.</p>																					
<p>3. Continue to invite attendance of Makawhio and Ngati Waewae representatives as appointees to the Council's resource management committee, to enable Maori participation in resource management decision-making.</p>	<p>Achieved.</p>																					

Project Name: **Resource Consent Processing**
 Project Manager: Consents and Compliance Manager

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress
<p>1. Process 90% of non-notified resource consent applications within the statutory timeframes.</p>	<p>Achieved. 95.5% of non-notified resource consent applications were processed within statutory timeframes.</p>
<p>2. Work with consent holders to seek to reduce the need for formal requests for further information under Section 92 of the RMA.</p>	<p>Achieved. 49 section 92 requests were made in relation to the consent applications granted in the reporting period. Many of these were in relation to whitebait stand consent applications which contained little or no information.</p>
<p>3. Advertise publicly all notified consent applications within 10 working days of receipt of all required information.</p>	<p>Not achieved. 50% of publicly notified consents applications (8/16 applications, but 2/3 proposals) were notified within this statutory timeframe.</p>
<p>4. Complete staff reports for all notified applications within the statutory timeframes.</p>	<p>Achieved. Three consent hearings were held during the year and the staff reports for the associated consent applications were completed within the relevant statutory timeframe.</p>
<p>5. Report publicly through the monthly Resource Management Committee Meetings all consents granted.</p>	<p>Achieved. Each monthly consents report included a list of non-notified, limited notified and notified consent applications granted.</p>

6. Provide advice on resource consent processes and requirements in a timely and helpful manner.	Achieved. No negative feedback received from consent applicants in this regard.
7. Send details of all consent applications, which could be of concern to Iwi to the respective Runanga.	Achieved. Details of applications were provided to Iwi on a regular basis. Iwi continued to be emailed a weekly summary of all applications every week.
8. Notify Te Runanga O Ngai Tahu of all resource consent applications affecting Statutory Acknowledgment Areas.	Achieved.
9. Continue to participate in the Ministry for the Environment's bi-annual Local Government Monitoring Survey.	Achieved best consent processing efficiency among South Island regional authorities for last year's survey. 2006 / 2007 is not a survey year.

Project Name: **Compliance Monitoring & Complaints**
Project Manager: Consents and Compliance Manager

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress
1. Identify new resource consents that require ongoing monitoring for compliance and adverse environmental effects, and monitor those consents in accordance with set monitoring programmes.	Achieved. Each new consent is allocated to a Compliance Officer and assessed as to whether it is going to require ongoing monitoring. The monitoring of such consents is prioritized in terms of their actual and potential environmental effects.
2. Inspect every consent for the discharge of dairy effluent at least every two years depending on compliance and where problems are identified to work with farmers so that consent compliance is achieved and environmental effects are reduced.	Almost fully achieved. 99% of consents (217 out of 219) had been inspected by the end of the 2006/2007 year.
3. Inspect 80% of new consents that involve construction works after completion of those works.	Not achieved. 17 out of the 26 (65%) consents granted in relation to construction works were inspected. However, there was no need to inspect some of the consents as they had not been exercised by the end of the reporting period.
4. Inspect all consents for whitebait stands at least once annually to check consent compliance and that the environmental effects of the stands are no more than minor.	Not achieved. Inspections were focused on the rivers where most of the issues were, with a total of 333 stands being inspected.
5. Inspect every consent and/or mining licence for operating mining activities at least once annually, and where problems are identified, undertake follow up (which may include further inspections) to ensure consent compliance is achieved and/or environmental effects are reduced.	Achieved. Every active gold and coal mining consent and/or licence was inspected for which an annual work programme was received during the reporting period, with some 50 work programmes being received.

<p>6. Process 80% of mining work programmes within 20 working days of receipt.</p> <p>7. Report all monitoring inspections through the monthly Resource Management Committee meetings.</p> <p>8. Release 80% of bonds within four months of the surrender, forfeiture or expiry of the corresponding mining licences or permits, provided that rehabilitation requirements have been met.</p> <p>9. Review bond levels for large-scale mines and where necessary set new bond levels to better reflect the environmental effects/risks of those mines.</p> <p>10. Report mining bond releases and other license administration activities monthly to the Resource Management Committee.</p> <p>11. Operate a 24-hour complaints service and record all complaints on the Incidents database in accordance with enforcement procedures of the RMA.</p> <p>12. Respond to breaches of the Resource Management Act, regional plan rules or resource consents.</p> <p>13. Take enforcement action through abatement notices, infringement notices or prosecution as appropriate and in accordance with Council policy.</p> <p>14. Report numbers and categories of complaints received to the Resource Management Committee.</p> <p>15. Assess farm compliance in the Brunner catchment, and allocate priority for any further targeted compliance work that is needed.</p>	<p>Not achieved. 39 of the 56 (70%) work programmes received during the reporting period were approved within 20 working days. 10 of the remaining 17 work programmes were approved within 30 working days, while the remaining 7 work programmes were for larger mines where more follow up work was required before they could be approved.</p> <p>Achieved. The inspections are reported in each monthly compliance report broken down into different types of inspections.</p> <p>Achieved. All requests for bond releases received during the reporting period were recommended for release where rehabilitation requirements had been met.</p> <p>Ongoing. Review of the bond for Oceana Gold's Globe Progress Mine was commenced towards the end of the year.</p> <p>Achieved. A section of mining administration activities is included in each monthly compliance report.</p> <p>The Council continued to operate a 24 hour complaint response service and all complaints were recorded on the incidents database. After hours telephone services are to be improved in coming months.</p> <p>Achieved. Some 206 complaints were received, of which 187 required some form of follow up.</p> <p>Achieved. 16 abatement notices and 21 infringement notices were issued. The enforcement policy was reviewed to ensure consistency in applying formal action.</p> <p>Achieved. The total number categories and brief descriptions of complaints are reported in each monthly compliance report.</p> <p>Achieved. All 24 dairy sheds were inspected in the catchment and compliance with the RMA was assessed.</p>
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Project Name: **Marine Oil Response Capability**
 Project Manager: Consents and Compliance Manager

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress
1. Maintain a minimum pool of 25 qualified and trained personnel at all times to cope with maritime oil spills, including training in issues relating to wildlife in the region.	Achieved. The total number of qualified and trained personnel by the end of the year was 26. It is planned to increase this to around 30 over time. A new Regional On Scene Commander was appointed in May 2007.
2. Organise for West Coast personnel to attend one practical and one desktop training exercise per annum.	Achieved. The practical exercise was held in Greymouth in May 2007 and personnel were involved in a inter-regional desktop exercise in Nelson in February 2007.
3. Ensure response equipment is maintained to a level ready to respond to a Tier 2 response, and report quarterly to Maritime NZ on equipment checks.	Achieved. Vector Control Services is contracted to store and assist in the maintenance of MNZ equipment and the Compliance Team Leader undertakes quarterly inspections of the equipment.
4. To evaluate the spill and alert response personnel within 1 hour.	Achieved in relation to the single marine spill that occurred in the reporting period (Challenger II sinking).
5. To mobilise equipment and personnel and commence the clean up within 2 hours.	Achieved. Personnel organised and equipment mobilised within 2 hours to respond to the Challenger II sinking.

Project Name: **Terrestrial Hazardous Substance Spill Response**
 Project Manager: Consents and Compliance Manager

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress
1. Maintain a team of staff trained to deal with terrestrial hazardous substance spills.	Achieved. Compliance staff trained to deal marine oil spills are also trained to deal with terrestrial hazardous substance spills
2. Complete a Contingency and Procedures Plan for terrestrial hazardous substance spill response by June 2007.	Achieved, but ongoing. The plan is a "living document" and is updated as new information is received.
3. Regularly attend meetings of the West Coast Hazardous Substances Technical Liaison Committee and the West Coast Combined Emergency Services Co-ordinating Committee where these are relevant.	Achieved. Compliance staff attended these meetings when held.

Project Name: **Environmental Planning**
 Project Manager: Planning and Environmental Manager

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress																								
<p>1. Prepare a detailed project plan for efficiently merging the three plans by March 2007, and begin consultation.</p> <p>2. Hold hearings for submissions on the proposed Wetlands Variation to the Land and Riverbed Plan by November 2006, subject to the outcome of the High Court's decision on last year's withdrawal of the wetlands parts of the Plan.</p> <p>3. Resolve appeals on the Water Plan and Land And Riverbed Plan by December 2006.</p> <p>4. Make either the Land and Riverbed Plan or the water Plan operative by July 2007.</p> <p>5. Notify the merging of the three Regional Plans relating to the Water Management Plan, Land and Riverbed Management Plan, and Discharge to Land Plan by December 2007.</p> <p>6. Review policies and plans within the following timeframes:</p>	<p>Not achieved – required an outcome of the Land & Riverbed and Water Plan process to clarify timelines. We have recently received the consent orders from the Court and can move ahead with this process.</p> <p>Not achieved - Variation was on hold until the mediation process on the Proposed Land and Riverbed Management Plan and the Proposed Water Management Plan was completed. The hearings will now be in late November early December.</p> <p>Not achieved – mediation of the appeals took longer than expected. With the consent orders received in June it only leaves the Wetlands matters outstanding.</p> <p>Not achieved – whilst not formally operative i.e. signed under seal, the Water Plan is effectively operative with only one rule still under appeal and one general appeal seeking further wetland provisions not currently in the plan.</p> <p>Not achieved - due to mediation processes and wetland appeal processes taking longer than expected, Council resolved that this timeframe be amended in the 2007/08 annual plan to June 2008.</p>																								
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<p>7. Prepare RMA Section 35 efficiency and effectiveness reports for the five-year reviews of the Regional Plans according to the</p>	<p>Achieved - the Air Quality Plan s35 review was completed and tabled at the June Council meeting.</p>																								

<p>timeframes in the above table, and begin preparing for full Regional Policy Statement and plan reviews at least 18 months prior to the full review date.</p> <p>8. Participate in the Department of Conservation process for identifying marine protected areas on the West Coast, as required.</p> <p>9. Review resource consents to discharge into the coastal marine area by June 2007.</p> <p>10. Provide support for farm plan completion and implementation.</p> <p>11. Prepare and disseminate information for resource users on rules and requirements, and best practice principles and practices as needed.</p> <p>12. Reward good practice with encouragement, including environmental award certificates at least once every three years.</p> <p>13. Progress the region-wide resource consent for gravel extraction, the first stage to be completed and operating by December 2006.</p> <p>14. Prepare annual operational plans to implement the operative Pest Plant Management Strategy.</p> <p>15. Commence aquaculture investigations, if required, by June 2007.</p> <p>16. Part-fund Landcare Research's Ragwort Bio Control Programme for the West Coast (\$5000), and fund the West Coast share of the South Island Varroa Bee Mite Strategy (\$11,250).</p> <p>17. Investigate and respond where appropriate to any environmental policies or plans of other authorities or central government that may impact on West Coast interests, within required timeframes, and provide ongoing policy advice to Council as and when needed.</p> <p>18. Respond to simple RMA or Plan information requests within 10 working days, and within a reasonable timeframe for more complex requests.</p>	<p>Achieved - Cr Shannahan attends meetings. Staff are involved in reviewing the documents produced by the forum.</p> <p>Achieved - completed as part of Coastal Plan Review. Out of nine consents, further investigation is needed for one of them.</p> <p>Achieved - farm planning projects have been supported with GIS technical expertise and by Resource Science with water quality monitoring.</p> <p>Achieved - humping and hollowing draft booklet finalised subject to the appeals on the rule in the Proposed Land and Riverbed Management Plan.</p> <p>Achieved - last awards presented December 2005.</p> <p>Not achieved - concessions and consents have been applied for. DOC have requested further information, WCRC consents staff have formulated draft conditions.</p> <p>Achieved - approved by Council February 2007.</p> <p>Not yet required. Waiting for outcomes and information from marine protected areas process, before undertaking a feasibility study on West Coast opportunities for aquaculture.</p> <p>Achieved.</p> <p>Achieved - responses lodged within timeframes. Key responses made included NZCPS review, a review of rural ranking scheme, and Proposed NES on Water Metering. The Dangerous dams policy was approved to meet requirements under the Building Act.</p> <p>Achieved - responses within required timeframes.</p>
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<p>19. Participate in the West Coast Waste Management Working Group, and provide administrative support.</p>	<p>Achieved - all meetings attended by Councillor, Manager and Policy Analyst. Visitor Waste Management Strategy finalised. Waste minimisation work continuing with school visits, kerbside recycling set up in Buller and progress with Westland composting.</p>
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Project Name: **Transport Planning**
Project Manager: Planning and Environmental Manager

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress
<p>1. Administer the West Coast Regional Land Transport Committee and the Regional Technical Advisory Group.</p>	<p>Achieved - RLTC meeting held 20 March 2007. RTAG meeting held 12 October 2006.</p>
<p>2. Prepare and submit an Annual Programme to Land Transport New Zealand to secure funding support for West Coast projects by March of each year.</p>	<p>Achieved - R Funding priorities submitted to LTNZ 10 April. Annual Land Transport Programme submitted 23 February 2007. Improvement Programme submitted 10 April 2007.</p>
<p>3. Seek funding to undertake other transport projects identified in the Strategy as and when appropriate.</p>	<p>Achieved. Wrote to Minister requesting change to R Funding rules.</p>
<p>4. Prepare an annual report on implementation of the Regional Land Transport Strategy by December each year.</p>	<p>Achieved - approved at September Council meeting, forwarded to parties as required in S182 of the Land Transport Act 1988 on 13 September 2006.</p>
<p>5. Oversee the Road Safety Co-ordinator to achieve road safety outcomes as per the Regional Road Safety Plan, and attend all Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee meetings.</p>	<p>Partly achieved - attended road safety meetings (except for 29/05) and met with co-ordinators to discuss funding applications for the 2007 / 2008 year.</p>
<p>6. Issue Total Mobility vouchers to all applicants who meet eligibility criteria.</p>	<p>Achieved - vouchers continue to be issued by District Councils – steady demand.</p>
<p>7. Undertake annual monitoring of the Total Mobility Programme by checking use of vouchers, assessment forms and overall level of utilisation via the three taxi operators.</p>	<p>Achieved - eligibility forms are checked by Transport Planner as entered into regional user database. Few enquiries made. User database currently includes 580.</p>
<p>8. Maintain a current register of passenger services.</p>	<p>Achieved - register is being amended and added to as required.</p>

Project Name: **Environmental Monitoring – Flood Warning Services**
Project Manager: Planning and Environmental Manager

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress
<p>1. Respond to data requests within a ten working day period for simple requests, and within one month for more complex requests.</p>	<p>Achieved - requests were completed on time.</p>

2. Maintain up to date rainfall and river level information on Council's website and Info line.	Achieved - maintained up to date with data available from sites.
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Project Name: **Environmental Monitoring – Hydrology Monitoring Programme**
Project Manager: Planning and Environmental Manager

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress
1. Maintain existing hydrometric sites and complete upgrades as required to ensure efficiency and effectiveness.	Achieved - Ahaura, Moana logger upgrades completed, all sites operating. Installed an additional flood warning site at Cobden lagoon.
2. Maintain a network of manual groundwater level monitoring sites.	Achieved - Quarterly ground water monitoring occurring.
3. Maintain the hydrological database and produce technical summary and data analysis reports as required, including advice for plan and consent requirements.	Achieved – database is maintained and consents staff have used data. Information also used to review the groundwater level monitoring programme.
4. Maintain a database of water level, flow and rainfall data to enable hydrological analysis (including flood frequency, flood modelling, and data provision).	Achieved.
5. Carry out low flow monitoring and water resource investigations as appropriate.	Achieved - no specific low flow investigation but several low flow gaugings were undertaken.

Project Name: **Environmental Monitoring – Surface and Ground Water Programme**
Project Manager: Planning and Environmental Manager

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress
1. Complete four surface water quality-sampling rounds per annum. Complete beach sampling monthly during summer months and report results promptly.	Achieved
2. Continue open water monitoring of Lake Brunner (including depth profiles).	Achieved - quarterly monitoring completed for the year.
3. Prepare reports on investigations as required.	Achieved – the following projects were undertaken: Orowaiti report complete. Reports prepared for Consents, Compliance & Planning sections. Murray Creek investigation. Harris Creek investigation. Vickers Creek investigation. Brunner presentations to community and stakeholders.
4. Complete four ground water quality sampling rounds per annum, reporting on the groundwater quality and quantity in 2008, 2011, and 2014.	Achieved - sampling rounds complete. Two new sites at Inchbonnie to be added pending assistance from GNS.

5. Develop an ongoing programme for groundwater monitoring in intensive agricultural areas.	Partly achieved - Hokitika and Inchbonnie intensive components complete. Awaiting additional regional spot surveys, and write up. Analysis will assist with determining underway the programme direction.
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Project Name: **Potentially Contaminated Sites**
Project Manager: Planning and Environmental Manager

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress
1. Continue the 'Sites Associated with Hazardous Substances' programme, ensuring District Councils have access to updated information, and assist landowners by securing external funding to investigate or remediate high priority sites, where possible.	Achieved - database functioning and providing information to District Councils (DC's) and public on request. Improvements on web database are underway. Meeting held at start of 2007 with DC's to discuss SAHS use. Awareness posters given to DC's to assist with WCRC notification of new sites.

Project Name: **Air Quality**
Project Manager: Planning and Environmental Manager

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress
1. Continue wintertime ambient air quality monitoring in the town most likely to exceed national standards, and provide annual summary reports to Council.	Achieved - monitoring of the Reefton airshed is now continuous due to the National Environmental Standard and has been done since May 2006. Monthly summary data is provided to Council.

Project Name: **Civil Defence & Emergency Management**
Project Manager: Planning and Environmental Manager

PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACHIEVEMENTS/PROGRESS
1. Provide administrative support to the CDEM Group & its Co-ordinating Executive Group (CEG) as per clauses 4.4 and 4.5 of the CDEM Plan 2005.	Achieved - CEG meetings held 30 th November 2006 and 24 May 2007.
2. Participate in reviewing the CDEM Plan, which is due to be fully reviewed by April 2010, or earlier if deemed necessary by the CDEM Group.	Achieved - Group Welfare Plan developed and reviewed January 2007, the Group Recovery Plan has been drafted but not yet approved. These will replace sections of the CDEM Group Plan.
3. Assist with preparation, completion, implementation, and annual review, within agreed timeframes, of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="229 1778 746 1839">• CDEM Group Recovery and Welfare Plan. <li data-bbox="229 1939 746 2000">• Communications Standard Operating Procedures. 	Achieved as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="772 1778 1326 1906">Group Recovery Plan drafted and going through review with stakeholders. Welfare Plan completed January 2006, reviewed January 2007. <li data-bbox="772 1939 1326 2067">To be updated and is being done in conjunction with a Communications protocol being developed to assist organisational communications during events.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Coast Engineering Lifelines projects. 	<p>Councils and Utility providers have adopted recommendations. Progress followed up at biannual meetings.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Warning Systems Standard Operating Procedures. 	<p>Was adopted at 30 November 2006 CEG meeting. To be reviewed November 2007.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Needs 	<p>Training programme was approved at 30 November CEG meeting. Training session 1 (CIMS2) was held on 27 March with full WCRC staff attendance. Training session 2 (EOC training) was held 29 May 2007.</p>
<p>4. Prepare and organise the distribution of public information linked to the development and release of the national public information programme.</p>	<p>Achieved - pamphlet mail out 'Get Ready Get Thru' to all households completed February 2007 in Messenger.</p>
<p>5. Assist with facilitating, securing funding where possible for, and initiating high priority research work as directed by priorities in the CDEM Group Plan.</p>	<p>Achieved - a request was made to MCDEM regarding a request for Ministry funded staff assistance dedicated to the West Coast of at least 0.5 FTE.</p> <p>Further assistance may be provided during Exercise Pandora with additional CDEM staff brought into District Councils EOC's.</p>
<p>6. Maintain a ready-to-operate headquarters in preparation for potential emergencies, in accordance with the Group Emergency Operation Centre Activation Plan and Group Controllers Guide.</p>	<p>Achieved - Headquarters maintained in a ready state. Training programme for all staff in 2007 will involve this room being set up and tested especially in Exercise Pandora in September 2007.</p>
<p>7. Maintain a warning system capable of receiving and transmitting information and instructions to all levels of control at all times.</p>	<p>Achieved - HF and VHF radio links are maintained with the three districts and MCDEM (Christchurch). Testing undertaken weekly (Thursdays).</p>
<p>8. Review the West Coast Group Emergency Operation Centre Activation Plan and Group Controllers Guide.</p>	<p>Achieved - Updated processes, within new warning systems at CEG meeting 30 November.</p> <p>Further review of documents is being undertaken for Exercise Pandora.</p>
<p>9. To respond to all four national warning tests within 1 hour.</p>	<p>Achieved - received and actioned national after hours warning tests within timeframe required.</p>
<p>10. Appropriate personnel will participate in annual training in their Civil Defence roles.</p>	<p>Achieved - Two training sessions held on 27 March and 29 May with full WCRC staff attendance.</p>

Project Name: **River, Drainage & Coastal Protection Work**
 Project Manager: Planning and Environmental Manager

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress
1. Hold annual meetings with Rating District Committees to report financial and maintenance issues.	Achieved - all 22 Rating District meetings were held in October.
2. Organise annual maintenance of the 20 rating district infrastructural assets to the service level consistent with the Asset Management Plan of each Rating District.	Achieved - all maintenance contracted as required and as set out in the annual works programme. The service level in the Asset Management Plans may need to be amended for some schemes.
3. Participate in the Greymouth Floodwall Committee, and complete the upgrade of the floodwall, once resource consents are granted.	Achieved - committee met in October. Four submissions opposed to the resource consent application. Pre-hearing meetings were held and three parties no longer wish to be heard. We expect to resolve matters with the 4 th submitter.
4. Continue to assist with organising and securing infrastructure loans for major capital works when required.	No schemes currently likely to proceed due to lack of community support.
5. Finalise quarry management plans for each quarry by March 2007.	Not achieved – the plans have since been received from the consultant and finalised.
6. Oversee implementation of the quarry management plans, and review plans within five years of completion.	Achieved – the management plans are being implemented as quarries require blasting.
7. Review quarry contracts in 2006/07, including provision of decorative rock from quarries.	Achieved - River rock, rubble and decorative rock prices were reviewed and revised in August 2006.
8. Obtain rock from 10 quarries to facilitate river protection works within two weeks of requesting it, and at a cost in line with the relative operating cost of each quarry without subsidisation from general rates, until the quarry contracts are reviewed.	Achieved - all rock requests responded to within timeframe.
9. Organise annual aerial photography of major rivers and other areas of interest within budget, and maintain records.	Achieved – completed as required.
10. Continue to carry out river cross section studies on the following rivers in order of priority, as funds are available: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Taramakau at Inchbonnie 2. Karamea 3. Taramakau at Taramakau settlement 4. Waitangitaona 5. Hokitika River at Kowhitirangi 6. Wanganui 7. Grey River at Coal Creek 8. Waiho (Canavan's Knob) 9. Vine Creek 	Achieved – the only outstanding river is the Waiho as this survey is undertaken by Transit. We are waiting for their contractor to supply us with the information.

Project Name: **Vector Management**
 Project Manager: Vector Programme Manager

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress
1. That 95% of the programme of works is completed each year and all targets set out in the programme of works are achieved.	Achieved: 99.01% of the Approved Programme had been completed by 30 June 2007.
2. The Contracting Plan, Capacity Plan, Communications Plan and Community Interests Plan are submitted to AHB by the received deadline each year.	Achieved: Plans were submitted by March 1 deadline.
3. All Vector Control contracts are awarded in accordance with the Contracting Plan.	Achieved.
4. That there are no more than 3 complaints in any contract year alleging insufficient communication regarding Vector Control operations.	Achieved: Two complaints regarding insufficient communication.
5. That the residual trap catch index (rtci) targets ranging between 2% - 3% and "numbers of possums per line" (ppl) ranging between 1 and 3 will be met. (These targets will be as per the AHB requirements for each control contract.)	Achieved: 236 performance targets were reported during the year. Five results did not achieve the required target, and were derogated with approval from the AHB

Project Name: **Vector Control Business Unit**
 Project Manager: Vector Control Business Unit Manager

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress
1. Meet the performance objectives set by Vector Management staff for vector control contracts, and aerial support operations.	Achieved: VCS stores bulk bait for VM to the required standard. VCS has successfully completed five contracts for VM and assisted VM with the Barrytown aerial pre-feed. Some performance issues arose with one contract but these have been addressed by management.
2. Keep sufficient pest plant work records to assist the review of the Pest Plant Management Strategy.	Achieved. Pest Plant records are all up to date and have been entered into the Councils' bio-security database.
3. Supply staff and associated equipment as a response unit to marine and terrestrial pollution spill events as per the MOU between the Council's Compliance section, Maritime New Zealand and Vector Control Services dated 11 November 2005.	Achieved. VCS supplied staff and equipment MSA oil spill exercise held in Greymouth Lagoon. VCS was instrumental in the providing of logistical support for this event.
4. Maintain oil spill response equipment to the level required in the West Coast Tier 2 Oil Spill Response Plan.	Achieved: VCS has stored and maintained the MSA's oil spill response equipment to the standard required. MSA has inspected the site and has made positive comments on the storage facilities maintained by VCS.

<p>5. Operate the Unit on a fully competitive basis by July 2007 and provide an appropriate return to the Regional Council.</p>	<p>Achieved: VCS is operating on a fully competitive basis and openly competing for work with other contracting agencies over a range of activities.</p>
<p>6. Operate in accordance with Quality Assurance and Health and Safety Plans and safety procedures.</p>	<p>Achieved. VCS is operating in accordance within its QA and HSE documentation and safety procedures and it is always looking to improve its processes.</p>
<p>7. Develop new business areas, complementary to existing roles.</p>	<p>VCS is now involved in asset maintenance, track cutting, forestry, bio-security, bulk storage and research work.</p>

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 14 August 2007
 Prepared by: Chris Ingle – Chief Executive
 Date: 3 August 2007

Subject: **CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT**

Meetings Attended

The meetings I have attended since the July 2007 Council meeting are as follows:

- Met with OnTrack representatives on 12 July to discuss Arahura Bridge consenting process.
- Attended the Local Government Conference in Dunedin on 15-17 July with Cr's Clayton and Shannahan.
- The newly appointed On Scene Commander from Maritime New Zealand visited on the 30 July to familiarise himself with our operational arrangements.
- Attended a meeting with the CEO's from Westland, Buller and Grey District Councils to discuss the appointment process for the West Coast Development Trust (see below).
- Met with Meridian Energy representatives on 1 August to discuss the latest information in support of the Mokihinui River Hydro Scheme proposal. Consents for which are to be lodged prior to Christmas.
- Attended the Animal Health Board annual review of the Vector Management function of Council on 2 August 2007.
- Attended the Regional CEO's and the Chief Executive's Environmental Forum in Wellington on the 9 and 10 August.

West Coast Development Trust Appointment Process

There had been a little confusion over the correct process and timing of this joint Council appointment process. The four Council CEOs have now established that:

- The four Council's must each appoint a person to an independent 'Appointments Panel' prior to the end of October 2007.
- The Panel must appoint a trustee after that date, but can commence a selection process as early as they wish.
- The first trust meeting after the election is on 12 November 2007.

The CEO of Westland District Council is preparing a short paper that addresses these matters. I will circulate that paper as soon as is practicable.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Chris Ingle
 Chief Executive

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

To: Chairperson
West Coast Regional Council

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely, -

Agenda Item No. 8.

8.1 Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 10 July 2007

Item No.	General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution.
8. 8.1	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 10 July 2007		Section 48(1)(a) and in particular Section 9 of 2nd Schedule Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

I also move that:

- Chris Ingle
- Robert Mallinson
- Andrew Macalister
- Simon Moran
- Colin Dall

be permitted to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge on the subject. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed.

The Minutes Clerk also be permitted to remain at the meeting.