

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, 9 October 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 11th SEPTEMBER 2007 AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL
COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.34 A.M.**

PRESENT:

D. Shannahan (Chairman), R. Scarlett (arrived 10.36), J. Clayton, D. Davidson, B. Chinn, P. Ewen, R. Barber

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. MINUTES

Moved (Davidson / Clayton) that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 14 August 2007, be confirmed as correct.

Carried

Matters Arising

Cr Davidson stated that he feels the response regarding Mr Johns delegation should be released but only if the media publish it in total.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no report this month.

5. REPORTS

5.1. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

5.1.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

S. Moran spoke to his report. He advised that the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group agreed at the June meeting to extend the Continuation of Powers during the interim period when local body elections are held. This gives those who currently hold positions the ability to declare an emergency until the new Mayor and Chair are sworn in.

S. Moran confirmed that Exercise Pandora starts at midday this Friday and finishes at midday on Saturday. There will be a reasonable level of support from the Ministry in attendance. Other emergency management officers will also be in attendance.

S. Moran reported that continuous monitoring of the Cobden Lagoon is now fully operational.

J. Horrox attended a meeting that was sponsored by Westland Milk Products to look at the effects of phosphorus in Lake Brunner. Fertiliser Reps also attended. S. Moran stated this provided good information to farmers.

Air Quality: There were two exceedances last month but there have been no further ones since.

S. Moran reported that the recent collection was very successful with nearly 7000 kgs of chemicals collected. A new approach was taken with chemicals picked up directly from farmers after they had registered their chemicals rather than farmers dropping of chemicals at collection points.

Cr Ewen asked how secure is the site of the Cobden Lagoon monitoring equipment. S. Moran reported that most of the equipment is in an inconspicuous area at the end of the pump station.

R. Barber requested a report from the meeting with Westland Milk Products regarding Lake Brunner. R. Barber agreed to contact J. Horrox with regard to this matter.

Moved (Ewen / Clayton) that Council receive this report.

Carried

5.1.2 SUBMISSION ON DRAFT MARINE PROTECTED AREAS CLASSIFICATION AND PROTECTION STANDARDS

S. Moran spoke to this report noting that it is a balanced document and that DoC and the Ministry of Fisheries are seeking feedback on this draft report.

Cr Shannahan added that commercial fisherman have applied for an extension to the closure date for submissions to allow for more "homework" to be done. Cr Shannahan advised that the Marine Forum is due to meet tomorrow in Hokitika where this submission would be widely discussed.

Cr Ewen spoke of a meeting several months ago (proposed RAMSAR wetland area) with a DoC scientist when the matter of tags being put on to private land in South Westland near the sea was discussed. Cr Ewen asked if this proposal has any implications for those values that DoC are aspiring to put on to private land. Cr Shannahan said the main concerns were from commercial fisherman. Cr Clayton asked if there is any idea as to what an appropriate management tool for fishing might be. Cr Shannahan stated the banning of set netting and stricter quotas are possible tools.

Moved (Clayton / Davidson)

1. *That the report be received.*
2. *That the Committee endorses the submission*

Carried

5.1.3 SUBMISSION ON DoC DRAFT CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

S. Moran spoke to this report and advised that a meeting was held yesterday with DoC to discuss the terms of the original CMS draft version from 2003. S. Moran also spoke of the discussion of removal of private baches from public conservation land and this has been included in the national general policies. He noted that in this version DoC have put a date of 2025 for these baches to be removed. He advised that the submission would be redrafted then circulated to Councillors for comment prior to submission.

Moved (Davidson / Clayton)

That the report be received.

Carried

5.1.4 REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE UPDATE AND ANNUAL REPORT ON THE REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT STRATEGY

S. Moran provided an update on the recent RLTC meeting. The CEO of the Ministry of Transport attended to discuss "The Next Steps" process. The merging of Transit and Land Transport New Zealand is expected to occur next year. The draft legislation for Next Steps is expected next month. The Government is putting an option in place where a regional fuel tax of up to 10c per litre may be charged to fund projects that may not have specific funding available. Cr Davidson asked if this is in addition to the 22c fuel tax already in place. Cr Clayton confirmed that this was correct. He added that after further discussion at this meeting it was agreed that this was not an option for the West Coast as it would put up the cost of products to and from the West Coast. Cr Clayton reported that Government is going to bring out a Government Policy Statement every three years as to how much funding is to go into public transport or safety improvements. Cr Chinn asked Cr Clayton if he felt confident that the fuel tax wouldn't go ahead for the West Coast. Cr Clayton said he did feel confident that it would not go ahead as it would not be a good thing for the West Coast.

Cr Clayton provided an update of other Transit projects including fact that Transit are looking to purchase properties adjacent to the road McKendries. S. Moran drew attention to the news that the Minga Bluff to Rough Creek project has been included in the Canterbury programme.

Cr Shannahan noted that Transit is progressing on the Jacksons stock effluent site. He asked if any progress is being made on the pond system in this area. C. Ingle reported that Transit is having work done on the possibility of an onsite treatment system and how it would work on this

site due to the cold temperatures and rainfall issues. This information will be presented at a meeting next month.

S. Moran advised that tenders are due to go out for the Arahura Bridge replacement.

Moved (Clayton / Davidson)

1. *That Council receive this report.*
2. *That the Committee approve the 2006 / 2007 Annual Report on the West Coast Regional Land Transport Strategy.*

Carried

5.2 CONSENTS AND COMPLIANCE GROUP

5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

C. Dall spoke to this report. He advised that yesterday the decision was released on costs from the Environment Court in relation to the Save Happy Valley Coalition Inc appeal against Solid Energy. WCRC was awarded \$3750.00 in costs which is the same amount that Buller District Council was awarded. Solid Energy was awarded \$7,500.00 in costs. The total amount of costs awarded to WCRC in the High Court and Environmental Court proceeding is \$5,190.00. Cr Ewen asked what these cases actually cost us. C. Dall confirmed that the legal expenses in the Environment Court were \$16,000; therefore we have recovered quarter of this. Cr Scarlett asked what were the total costs awarded against the Save Happy Valley Coalition both in the Environment and High Court. C. Dall advised that all costs combined would be greater than \$20,000. C. Dall advised that he is in the process of writing a letter to request the monies.

C. Dall advised that he and compliance staff along with Cr Clayton attended a presentation on Jacksons Bay Mussels last week. C. Dall stated that baseline monitoring has revealed some interesting results in regard to dolphin monitoring. He stated that at this stage baseline information supports the feasibility of a mussel farm and it has not identified any significant issues. Cr Ewen asked if there were any costs to us regarding the amendment to the conditions. C. Dall confirmed there were no costs involved. Cr Clayton stated that the monitoring to date looks encouraging in terms of it being feasible with no negative impact to the environment. He advised a lot of good work has been done by the applicants. He stated that there is flexibility within the conditions and that this is uncharted territory for us. He agreed with the point made by Cr Chinn that there be no outstanding debts at the end of this process and the way to make sure of this is for the applicants pay as they go.

Moved (Chinn / Davidson) that the September 2007 report of the Consents Group be received.

Carried

5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

C. Dall spoke to this report and took it as read. He noted that in terms of Solid Energy monitoring some compliance issues were picked up in relation to Rocky Creek and Rapahoe Coal Handling Facilities. These are being followed up with the company.

C. Dall drew attention to the enforcement action during the month. He noted that the committee that was delegated authority to make a decision on enforcement action in relation to School Creek has made a decision.

C. Dall advised that there was an oil spill near Karamea during the reporting period. Consideration is being given to what action will be taken as a result of this.

Cr Chinn stated that it is important the councillors are informed when abatement notices are served. D. Dall apologised for this omission.

Cr Davidson asked if there is only one contractor with access to the Taramakau River. C. Dall advised that one contractor owns land in this area which was previously used to access the riverbed by the public. C. Dall advised that this is a matter between the landowner and Grey District Council. R. Barber stated he has spoken to Grey District Council regarding this issue.

Cr Ewen queried if there had been an oil spill in the Blaketown Lagoon area. C. Dall agreed to follow up on this matter.

Moved (**Chinn / Clayton**)

1. *That the September 2007 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
2. *That the Council approves the release of the bond for Resource Consent RC96038, RC00100, RC02360 and RC03330.*

Carried

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.17 a.m

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting – 9 October 2007
Prepared by: S. Moran – Planning & Environmental Manager
Date: 27 September 2007

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

PlanningDOC Conservation Management Strategy

A submission was lodged on the Department's Conservation Management Strategy on 4th October. The draft submission was previously circulated to councillors for comment.

Draft Plan Change to Coastal Plan

Staff have begun drafting a rule to go in the Regional Coastal Plan to permit unblocking of river and creek mouths in the coastal marine area in certain circumstances. This will enable river mouths to be cleared to avoid flooding or erosion of adjoining property. A workshop will be held with councillors before we consult with key stakeholders. Following consultation the normal plan process applies with the plan change being notified followed by submissions and a hearing.

TransportTotal Mobility

The current owners of Hokitika Taxis (Ross and Jude Sanson) are in the process of selling their taxi service. Hokitika Taxis provide the Total Mobility Scheme in Hokitika. There is concern that if a buyer cannot be found for the taxi service then the Total Mobility Scheme will no longer be able to be administered within the town. Land Transport New Zealand has been advised of the situation and they are looking into potential options.

Land Transport Management Amendment Bill

The Bill is in the process of being drafted but it is expected to have its first reading in parliament in the early part of October. It will deal with the issues arising out of the 'Next Steps' review such as the regional fuel tax and the regional land transport functions/representation. It is expected that submissions will be required by mid to late November.

The New Transport Agency

With the impending amalgamation of Land Transport New Zealand (LTNZ) and Transit, LTNZ have indicated that they will want to discuss the new relationship between the agency and local government early next year. At this time it is expected that the new agency will come into being on 1 July 2008.

Civil DefenceExercise Pandora

Exercise Pandora was held on September 14 and 15 and saw the activation of the Group Emergency Operations Centre (WCRC Council Chambers) for 24 hours from Friday 12.00pm to Saturday 12.00pm. At the Group there were representatives from the Emergency Services, lifeline co-ordinators, welfare, and health present during the Exercise. Other agencies such as Solid Energy, Telecom, WestPower, and the three district Councils 'played' from their own facilities.

Feedback received from MCDEM has been extremely encouraging of the results that the Group achieved over the 24 hours. Staff commitment and enthusiasm to the Exercise was evident throughout, with staff evaluations stating that they felt this was a great learning opportunity and that they would support further training of this sort.

Water Quality

Groundwater: Gil Zemansky (Geological and Nuclear Science (GNS), Taupo) made another visit to assist with site selection for a wide spectrum groundwater investigation. Many areas are likely to have wells potentially useful as sampling locations but are not listed on our wells database, however, we are confident that some sleuthing should turn up wells in areas we'd like to survey.

Didymo: The West Coast didymo partners (currently DOC, F&G, WCRC) have met and settled on a selection of sites for the November monitoring round funded by Biosecurity NZ. Following this, all didymo delimiting will be the responsibility of the West Coast didymo partners. Some of the sites chosen correspond with current WCRC water quality monitoring sites which adds convenience, but time will tell how feasible it is to incorporate all of the current didymo sites into the Council's monitoring program, given other competing priorities so rationalisation may be required in future.

Hydrology/Flood warning

There have been no flood events for the period.

Dobson Flood Warning Site:

A new IRIS 320 logger that uses cellular communication has been installed at Grey River at Dobson. This logger communication system will work alongside the existing aquitel/radio system. It will provide even greater alarm and communication reliability for the Grey River at Dobson flood-warning site by having a back up logger communication pathway.

New Radios for Flood warning Program:

We are trialling the new T8000 radios at several flood warning sites. Communications technology is moving on from what we currently have so we are taking the opportunity to trial the new radios now while they can be operated alongside the existing system.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report is received.

Simon Moran
Planning and Environmental Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
 Prepared by: Colin Dall - Consents & Compliance Manager
 Date: 28 September 2007

Subject: CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORTStaff

Three Consents Officers attended a two-day in-house conflict management course.

Consents Officer Ellen Hiscock has resigned to take up a position with Pike River Coal Limited.

Consents Site Visits from Late August to Late September 2007

DATE	ACTIVITY, NAME & LOCATION	PURPOSE
29/8/07	RC07168 – Gravel extraction and processing, West Stone, Taramakau River	To view and assess the proposed gravel extraction site and site of proposed gravel processing plant.
29/8/07	RC07165 – Gravel extraction, Ferguson Brothers Industrial Division, Kokatahi River	To view and assess the proposed gravel extraction site.
30/8/07	RC07159 – Forestry, Timberlands West Coast Ltd, Te Wharau Forest	To view and assess the proposed sites of forestry activities, including tree clearance, tracking, culvert installation and gravel extraction.
30/8/07	RC07120 – Beach sand collection and stockpiling, West Sand Co Ltd, Cobden Beach	To meet onsite and discuss the proposal with the applicant and an affected party (Kahuna Board riders Club).
3/9/07	RC07167 – Gravel extraction (wet and dry bed), West Stone, Grey River	To view and assess the proposed gravel extraction site and discuss gravel extraction methodology with the applicant.
4/9/07	RC07122 – Forestry activities, South Pacific Forests, Aratika	To undertake a site visit to discuss a formal s92 request.
6/9/07	RC07169 – Discharge of treated domestic sewage effluent to land, B Callaghan & S Bogle, Rutherglen	To view and assess site for proposed septic tank discharge.
6/9/07	RC03122 – Land flipping, C & K Fiddymont, Kumara	To investigate potential affected parties and environmental effects associated with land flipping.
11/9/07	RC07173 – Humping & hollowing and river protection, Snowy Valley Farm, Ikamatua	To gain a better understanding of the humping & hollowing and rock protection sites.
18/9/07	RC07178 – Humping and hollowing/contouring and creek diversion, Colin Thompson, Rotomanu	To get a better understanding of the site with a representative of Fish & Game, and any likely issues.
21/9/07	RC07132 – Arahura Bridge replacement and associated works, OnTrack, Arahura River	To view and assess the site of proposed bridge construction works and identify affected parties.

26/9/07	PA07044 – Discharge of treated domestic sewage effluent to land, D Skeats, Kaiata	To view and assess site for proposed septic tank discharge and determine whether the proposed discharge is permitted.
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Non-Notified Resource Consents Granted From 25 August to 21 September 2007

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	TYPE AND PURPOSE OF CONSENT
RC06229 Ngai Tahu Property	To undertake earthworks and vegetation clearance associated with remediation of a slip and erosion. (Iveagh Bay)
RC07099 Colin Thompson	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining activities adjacent to the New River. To take water from the New River for alluvial gold mining activities adjacent to the river. To take ground water for alluvial gold mining activities adjacent to the New River. To discharge sediment-laden water from alluvial gold mining settling ponds to water adjacent to the New River. To discharge sediment-laden water to land in circumstances where contaminants may enter water in the catchment of the New River.
RC07108 AM Bradley	To disturb the bed of Kawhaka Creek to construct rock protection works. To undertake earthworks in the riparian margins of Kawhaka Creek. To divert water through diversion channels, Kawhaka Creek.
RC07119 Pike River Coal	To discharge contaminants (flocculant precipitate) to land at Pike River Coal Mine.
RC07151 Oparara Valley Project Trust	To discharge sewage effluent to land from a pit toilet, Oparara Valley.
RC07155 P Groot	To discharge treated domestic sewage effluent to land and groundwater at Maori Creek Road, Rutherglen, via an effluent disposal system.
RC07162 Kidson Construction	To undertake earthworks associated with construction activities, Westport. To take groundwater (construction site de-watering), Westport.
RC07163 MD Montagu	To undertake land disturbance associated with humping and hollowing, flipping and contouring earthworks on farmland at Chesterfield. To discharge water containing sediment, from humping and hollowing, flipping and contouring earthworks, to land in circumstances where it may enter water.
RC07165 Ferguson Brothers	To disturb the dry bed of the Kokatahi River for the purpose of removing gravel.
RC07168 G & J Powell trading as WestStone	To disturb the dry bed of the Taramakau River for the purpose of removing gravel. To stockpile gravel on land adjacent to the Taramakau River.

RC07169 Callaghan & Bogle	To take and use groundwater for a gravel processing and washing operation on land adjacent to the Taramakau River.
	To discharge sediment-laden water from a gravel processing and washing operation to land adjacent to the Taramakau River, in circumstances where it may enter water.
RC07171 M Lawn	To discharge treated domestic greywater to land at Camerons Road, Camerons, via grease traps and an EvapoTranspiration Seepage bed.
	To undertake land disturbance associated with the flipping and humping and hollowing of farmland adjacent to the Wanganui River.
	To discharge water containing sediment to land in circumstances where it may enter the Wanganui River and/or its tributaries.

Changes to Resource Consents Granted During the Reporting Period

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	CHANGE
RC00074 Dept of Conservation (Otira Valley)	To allow for aerial low-sow trickle feed method of 1080 application.
RC01244 Dept of Conservation (Lewis Pass)	To allow for aerial low-sow trickle feed method of 1080 application.
RC05107 Dept of Conservation (Maruia East)	To allow for aerial low-sow trickle feed method of 1080 application.
RC05210 Oparara Valley Project Trust (Oparara Valley)	To change the toilet discharge system and associated soakage fields size.

Limited Notified Consents Granted During the Reporting Period

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	CHANGE
RC07077 Keown & Cain	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining, Marsden. To take groundwater via seepage into mining ponds, Marsden. To discharge mine pond water into groundwater via seepage, Marsden. To discharge water containing sediment to land where it may enter water associated with alluvial gold mining, Marsden.
RC07083 Jacobs & Hopper	To disturb the bed of the Kaniere River for the purpose of constructing rock protection works. To disturb the dry bed of the Kaniere River for the purpose of moving/removing gravel and backfilling behind the groynes. To divert a section of the Kaniere River for the purpose of erecting rock groynes.

No publicly notified consents were granted during the reporting period.

Whitebait Stand Resource Consents Granted From 25 August to 21 September 2007

STAND NO. & HOLDER	RIVER
948 F Ilton	Taramakau
985 DJ Morrison	Hokitika
1017 DP Munro	Turnbull
1074 JE Mills	Okuru
1080 G Hay	Turnbull
1429 LD Munro	Cascade
1432 GN Mills	Moeraki
1467 C & J MacIntyre	Okuru
1597 M Eason	Taramakau
1639 GA Rasmussen	Little Wanganui
1647 W Brensell	Haast
1659 D & M Lindsay	Little Wanganui
1685 Cleland & McCulloch	Haast
1693 Stanley & Martyn	Karangarua

A total of 14 whitebait stand consents were granted.

Transfer Of Dams Management & Associated Building Consent Functions

The Council's proposal to transfer of these functions to another regional council was publicly advertised in August, with the date for close of submissions being 17 September 2007.

No submissions were received and, therefore, no hearing is required in relation to the proposal.

RECOMMENDATION

That the October 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
 Michael Meehan – Senior Compliance Officer
 Date: 28 September 2007

Subject: **COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

Staff

All Compliance staff attended a two-day in-house conflict management course.

The Compliance Team Leader attended a media training course in Christchurch.

Site Visits

A total of 38 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period, which consisted of:

- 9 resource consent compliance site visits
- 1 dairy shed inspections
- 12 site visits in response to complaints
- 16 mining compliance and bond release site visits

Specific Issues

- **Blaketown Beach & Karoro Beach Gravel Extraction – Westroads:** The following table gives the up-dated volume of gravel extracted this current calendar year:

31 August-24 September	Year To Date Total	Remaining Balance
122m ³	4,884m ³	1,116m ³

- **Globe Progress Mine – Oceana Gold:** Development at the mine site continued. The Council has received the next annual work programmes for the site, which are currently being reviewed by Compliance staff.

A burst valve in the tailings pipeline resulted in an uncontrolled discharge during the reporting period, which is still being investigation by Compliance staff.

- **Westland Milk Products:** All annual environmental monitoring reports required by the Company's resource consents were received and are currently being reviewed. To date this season, there have been no complaints received from whitebaiters on the Hokitika River in relation to the Dairy Factory.

- **Solid Energy Consent/Licence Monitoring:** Compliance staff carried out the following visits to Solid Energy sites:

- Stockton Opencast Mine	3
- Ngakawau Coal Handling Facility	1
- Spring Creek Underground Mine	1
- Rocky Creek Coal Handling Facility	1
- Rapahoe Coal Handling Facility	1

Total **7**

Stockton Opencast Mine: Compliance staff carried out 3 visits to the mine in the last reporting period and carried out routine water quality sampling during each visit.

On 4 September, the Mining Compliance Officer undertook routine water sampling in Mine Creek, which runs through the mine and Millerton Township prior to flowing into the Ngakawau River. He observed a significant reduction in visual water quality between the upstream (above mine influences) and downstream (below mine influences) sampling sites. Sampling results confirmed that the downstream water sample had significantly higher suspended solids and turbidity levels compared with the upstream sample.

SENZ was asked to provide an explanation for the elevated downstream results and subsequently informed the Council that there had been an incident on site, where a contractor released a significant amount of impounded water from "Gravity Dam" to an adjacent drain without checking that the drain was connected to the brown water sump, which was the intended destination for the released water. As the drain was not connected to the sump, about 1,800m³ of this water flowed into Mine Creek. Compliance staff undertook further follow-up action in relation to this incident.

SENZ has since implemented a number of measures to reduce the risk of a similar incident occurring again. This includes a "Work Instruction System", where a Work Instruction, which outlines exactly what the job is, must accompany all work that is undertaken. Contractors will also be required to carry out risk assessments on the activities they will be carrying out taking into account environmental, safety and production issues.

The 2007/08 Annual Work Plan for the mine was submitted to Council during the last reporting period and Compliance Staff have undertaken a site inspection to gain a greater understanding of current on site activities.

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.

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

The routine monthly sampling rounds had not been undertaken at the time of writing.

Results for the previous sampling runs show that the discharges were within compliance limits at the time of sampling.

On 10 September, SENZ informed the Council that there had been an incident involving the lamella thickener at its Dunollie (Spring Creek) site. There had been a power outage at the site over the weekend of 8 and 9 September, causing the thickener to shut down. When power was restored the thickener was not reset, which resulted in dirty water being discharged into Seven Mile Creek.

Follow-up sampling undertaken by the Mining Compliance Officer confirmed that the discharge had significantly degraded water quality in Seven Mile Creek. Compliance staff undertook further follow-up action in relation to this incident.

On 11 September 2007, SENZ informed the Council that there had been a sheen of hydrocarbon noticed on Seven Mile Creek immediately downstream of the Spring Creek Portal. SENZ staff responded quickly and placed a boom across the creek to catch any hydrocarbons that might be present in the creek. Absorbent pads were also placed in the creek to soak up any residual hydrocarbons that may have been present.

Compliance staff investigated the incident and suspect that the hydrocarbon was likely to be hydraulic or heavy gear oil which had entered the creek as a result of a drum or vehicle being washed down next to a clean water drain at the site that discharges directly into Seven Mile Creek. SENZ has since placed a bund around the clean water

drain to prevent such discharges occurring and will be placing signs on site to make persons working in the area aware that the drain is a clean water drain.

Compliance staff could see no adverse environmental effect downstream of the discharge and due to the prompt action taken by Solid Energy no further action was taken.

Complaints Received Between 30 August – 24 September 2007

There were 14 complaints received during the reporting period. A summary of these is as follows:

Activity	Number of complaints	Brief Description	Location
Discharge to Water	2	Discharge of sediment	Takutai
Discharge to Water	1	Discharge of sediment	Kaiata Creek
Discharge to Land	1	Dumping of rubbish in CMA	Carters Beach
Discharge to Water	2	Discharge of sediment	Rapahoe
Discharge to Water	1	Discharge of sediment	Spring Creek
Discharge to Air	1	Discharge of odour	Rotokohu
Discharge to Air	1	Discharge of dust	Mawheraiti
Disturbance Freshwater	1	Gravel take	Punakaiki River
Discharge to Land	1	Discharge of oil to land	Rapahoe
Discharge to Air	1	Burning rubber	Omoto Valley
Disturbance Freshwater	1	Gravel take	Marsden
Disturbance CMA	1	Disturbance to the CMA	Blaketown
Total	14		

Enforcement

The following abatement and infringement notices were issued during the reporting period:

Notice	Activity	Location
Abatement	Discharge to water	Ellis Creek – Waitaha
Infringement	Discharge to water	School Creek – Lake Poerua
Infringement	Discharge to water	School Creek – Lake Poerua
Infringement	Discharge to water	Spring Creek
Infringement	Discharge to water	Stockton

The above were unauthorised activities that have been discussed and followed up with those carrying out those activities.

MINING

Work Programmes

The Council received the following 5 mining work programmes over the reporting period, three of which were approved by the end of the reporting period (shown in italics):

Date	Mining Authorization	Holder	Location
<i>2/09/07</i>	<i>MP 41-931/RC06185</i>	<i>P Hampton</i>	<i>Rutherglen</i>
4/09/07	CML37-150/RC89038	SENZ	Stockton
6/09/07	CML37-175/RC02288	SENZ	Spring Creek
<i>13/09/07</i>	<i>MP41-866/RC04290</i>	<i>G Hobbs</i>	<i>Nelson Creek</i>
<i>17/09/07</i>	<i>MP41-667/RC05067</i>	<i>I Whyte</i>	<i>Dunganville</i>

Bonds Received

Date	Mining Authorization	Holder	Location
24/9/07	MP 41-865/RC05100	Barrett & Matheson	Italians Gully
25/9/07	MP 41-931/RC06185	P Hampton	Rutherglen

Bond Releases

Mining Authorization	Holder	Location	Amount
RC98027	A P Jury	Antonios Gully	\$12,000

Compliance staff have been liaising with the affected landowner (Department of Conservation) and all rehabilitation requirements for the mining site covered by this bond have been met. Therefore, it is recommended that the Council approve the release of this bond.

OIL SPILL RESPONSE

No marine oil spills occurred during the reporting period, although one terrestrial oil spill was reported and investigated.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the October 2007 report of the Compliance Group be received.
2. That the Council approves the release of the bond for Resource Consent RC98027.

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, 9 October 2007** commencing on completion of the Resource Management Committee Meeting.

J.H. CLAYTON
CHAIRPERSON
OFFICER

C. INGLE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2007,
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD,
GREYMOOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.18 A.M.**

PRESENT:

J. Clayton (Chairman), R. Scarlett, 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), J. Pullen (Minutes Clerk), The Media.

1. APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies

2. PUBLIC FORUM (if required)

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (Ewen / Shannahan) that the minutes of the Council Meeting 14 August 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 and took it as read. Blackball, Kiwi and Little Wanganui quarries have been shot. Some preliminary heavy earthworks have been done in the Whataroa quarry in preparation for shooting. Cr Chinn reported that the Government has increased the quarry mining licence fees from \$49 to \$500 per year. He added this is another form of tax. Cr Chinn asked if input was sought from WCRC regarding this. S. Moran confirmed that nothing had come over his desk relating to this matter. Cr Chinn asked if it would be appropriate for Council to write to Crown Minerals regarding this matter. Cr Scarlett asked what the justification to a 1000% increase in a mining licence would be. Cr Clayton agreed that we should follow this matter up with a letter. Cr Scarlett asked how many mining licenses we pay for. S. Moran confirmed we pay for nine licenses. S. Moran agreed to investigate this matter further and report back to the next Council meeting.

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

Carried

4.2 VECTOR PROGRAMME MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Macalister spoke to his report. He stated that the key activity has been awarding the second contract round for ground control. A good start to the year has been made in terms of getting the programme delivered. Nine aerial operations have been completed this financial year. All groundwork is on target and so far, all have been passed. He stated he is very happy with the performance to date. Cr Clayton asked if better results are obtained by doing the work early. A. Macalister confirmed that doing aerials in winter will give better results and is not a key time for public activity – like the roar and duck shooting.

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

Carried

4.3 CORPORATE SERVICE MANAGER'S REPORTS

4.3.1 DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR TWELVE MONTHS TO 30 JUNE 2007 FOR ADOPTION BY COUNCIL

R. Mallinson spoke to his report noting that the Annual Report is completed except for our quantification of our liability regarding future quarry restoration costs. A report was received from the Quarry Consultant this morning, which is being analysed to ascertain its impact. Auditors are here this week, they have been advised that the audited opinion is required to be issued no later than the 5th of October. This will allow for the audited Annual Report to be adopted at the October Council meeting.

Moved (Shannahan / Ewen) *That Council adopts the unaudited Annual Report for the year to 30 June 2007.*

Carried

4.3.2 INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO REPORT at 31 JULY 2007

R. Mallinson spoke to this report. He also explained an email from Kevin Stirrat of Forsyth Barr. Cr Clayton stated that Forsyth Barr had achieved a good result and the cautious changes they had made had worked out well.

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

Carried

4.3.3 REPORT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT RATES INQUIRY

R. Mallinson presented this report. Cr Chinn spoke of the fact that the West Coast has a lot of land tied up in conservation. He advised that Council needs to write a strong letter of support for West Coast land issues. Cr Chinn spoke of his concern for future generations of West Coasters. Cr Ewen endorsed Cr Chinn's comments and requested that a copy of our submission be sent to Parliament and specifically to the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. John Keys). Cr Ewen stated that this could be a very big issue for the Coast electorate next year. Cr Ewen stated that it is high time that we had some genuine recompense for the 87% of land that is locked up. Cr Clayton and Cr Scarlett agreed with this. Cr Scarlett stated that he felt it was a very weak argument about valuations. Discussion regarding levies ensued with Cr Scarlett offering an insight into the history of levies on the West coast. He also advised that it would be better for a delegation to visit the relevant minister concerned. Cr Scarlett stated this matter needs to be well managed to get a good result. Cr Davidson stressed his strong agreement with this matter. Cr Scarlett suggested a group of councilors should work out a strategy to then also manage media releases so that the maximum impact on this can be made. Cr Scarlett suggested that this committee be formed within a month to decide on a strategy prior to going to other councils.

Moved (Scarlett / Ewen) *that the Report of the Local Government Rates Inquiry be received.*

Carried

4.3.4 VARROA AGENCY REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to this report. He advised that we are no longer collected the Varroa bee mite rate. This was stopped at the end of the 2006 07 year. Other regional councils have passed similar resolutions and we have been asked by the agency to do the same.

Moved (Ewen / Davidson)

That Council grant an exemption to the Varroa Agency pursuant to section 7 (4) of the Local Government Act 2002.

Carried

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to his report. He spoke of various meetings he had attended during the month. The major Civil Defence exercise is scheduled for Friday and Saturday of this week. Fish and Game visited for their regular meeting. Good discussion took place at this meeting. C. Ingle also attended the Mayors and Chairs forum held here. C Ingle and Cr Clayton also met personally with the CEO of the Ministry of Transport. C. Ingle also attended the Land Transport Committee. Mr. Owen Pickles, CEO for the Chatham Islands District Council visited. Pollution issues were discussed and how we manage those issues here. C. Ingle reported he has met with Minerals West Coast. They have a new proposal for minerals assessment for the region. This meeting was attended by Mayors and the Buller Deputy Mayor. It was suggested that Minerals West Coast approach the Development Trust for financial assistance for this and that WCRC may assist in kind with staff time. C. Ingle advised that the West Coast Development Trust appointment panel has appointed Cr Ewen to the panel and their first meeting was held here on the 29th of August. C. Ingle advised that the Varroa Agency is having an AGM on the 21st of September; he is in the process of ascertaining what is on the agenda for this meeting. He is assuming that it is the closing down of this agency.

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

Carried

6. CHAIRMANS REPORT (VERBAL)

Cr Clayton reported that he attended the presentation regarding the Jacksons Bay Mussel Farm monitoring results. He also attended the Mayors and Chairs meeting. He confirmed that all four councils are cooperating well as they have over the past four years. The Land Transport Committee was also attended. Cr Clayton tabled a media release with regard to the result of the disappointing election process at the Trust meeting held yesterday.

Moved (Clayton / Ewen) *that this report be received.*

Carried

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.55 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 9 October 2007
 Prepared by: W. Moen & G. Trenwith – River Engineering Section
 Date: 27 September 2007

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

1. RIVER AND DRAINAGE INSPECTIONS

- New River - Beach – Flood Damage
- Waitangitaona Rating District – Contract supervision
- Wanganui Rating District – Contract supervision
- Matainui Creek – Works supervision
- Rotomanu – Evans Creek – Bridge proposals
- Little Wanganui – Flood Damage
- Taramakau River – Taramakau Rating District – Contract Supervision

2. WORKS

- Taramakau Rating District – Contract R 2007 / 6 - Flood Damage
 This contract was tendered. This involves the placing of 2,110 tonnes of rock as protection works.
 2 prices were received –
 \$33,390.00 (G.S.T Exclusive)
 \$33,976.00. (G.S.T. Exclusive)
 The successful tenderer was MBD Contracting Ltd.
- Waitangitaona Rating District – Contract R 2007 / 7 - Flood Damage
 This contract was tendered. This involves the placing of 1,300 tonnes of rock as protection works and 200 tonnes as stockpiled rock.
 1 price was received –
 \$20,895.00 (G.S.T Exclusive)
 The successful tenderer was Ferguson Brothers Ltd.
- Wanganui Rating District – Contract R 2007 / 8 - Flood Damage
 This contract was tendered. This involves the recovery of 300 tonnes of rock and the placing of 1,500 tonnes of rock as protection works.
 2 prices were received –
 \$35,530.00 (G.S.T Exclusive)
 \$44,277.00. (G.S.T. Exclusive)
 The successful tenderer was Arnold Contracting Ltd.
- Vine Creek Rating District – Contract R 2007 / 9 - Cleanout
 This contract was tendered. This involves the topping up of 400 tonnes of rubble protection and the excavation of the channel over 1,150 metres at 3 sites.
 2 prices were received –
 \$25,520.00 (G.S.T Exclusive)
 \$38,550.00. (G.S.T. Exclusive)
 The successful tenderer was Ferguson Brothers Ltd.
- Nelson Creek Rating District – Contract R 2007 / 10 – Flood Damage
 This contract was tendered. This involves the topping up of 750 tonnes of rock protection.
 3 prices were received –
 \$12,654.00 (G.S.T Exclusive)
 \$15,000.00. (G.S.T. Exclusive)
 \$19,365.00. (G.S.T. Exclusive)
 The successful tenderer was MBD Contracting Ltd.

3. FUTURE WORKS

- Karamea Rating District – Flood Damage
- Coal Creek Rating District – Flood Damage
- Matainui Creek Rating District – Channel Cleanout
- Okuru Rating District – Stopbank Strengthening
- Southside Hokitika – Flood Damage
- Punakaiki – Maintenance

4. RATING DISTRICTS

All 22 Rating District Annual General Meetings have been completed. It is intended to have the minutes to Council at the November meeting for approval.

5. QUARRY REPORT TO COUNCIL

ROCK MOVEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 AUGUST TO 31 AUGUST 2007

QUARRY	ROCK IN QUARRY @ 31/07/07	ROCK USED	ROCK QUARRIED	ROCK IN QUARRY @ 31/08/07
Blackball	0	580	4000	3420
Camelback	100	0	0	100
Inchbonnie	15000	0	0	15000
Kiwi	0	0	0	0
Miedema	0	0	0	0
Okuru	1840	0	0	1840
Taramakau	0	0	0	0
Wanganui	394	14	0	380
Wanganui Stockpile	3648	0	0	3648
Whataroa	100	0	0	100
TOTALS	21082	594	4000	24488

Blasting has occurred in the Wanganui, Whataroa, and Kiwi Quarries during September and these will be reported in the November summary.

WORK PERMITTED SINCE 1 AUGUST 2007

QUARRY	CONTRACTOR	TONNAGE REQUESTED	PERMIT START	PERMIT FINISH
Kiwi	GH Foster	300	23/8/07	28/8/07
Whataroa	Ferguson Bros	150	12/9/07	28/9/07
Wanganui	Arnold Contracting	150 (Deco)	14/9/07	18/9/07
Wanganui	Arnold Contracting	1500	15/9/07	6/10/07
Camelback	Henry Adams	12	20/9/07	28/9/07

RECOMMENDATION

That this report is received.

Simon Moran
Planning and Environmental Manager

Prepared for: Council Meeting – October 2007
 Prepared by: Andrew Macalister
 Date: 28 September 2007

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

1.0 Contracts awarded

The following vector contracts have been awarded this report period.

Control

Nil

Monitoring

Contract Name	Number	Successful Tenderer	Price Range
Kumara Junction	108	H & M Monitoring	\$16,125 - \$23,500
Kokatahi	127	H & M Monitoring	\$15,954 - \$18,150
Kowhitirangi	128	Holden Contracting	\$15,149 - \$16,750
Cronadun	102	Enviro First	\$15,975 - \$19,000

2.0 Operations completed

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

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OPERATION	BLOCK	CONTRACTOR	DB RTC	DB	BP RTC	BP	F RTC	F	NOTES
Arnold Valley	Block 2	Pelton Contracting	%0.0000	0	%0.2083	1	%0.0000	0	Pass
Arnold Valley	Block 3	Pelton Contracting	%0.0000	0	%0.0000	0	%0.0000	0	Pass
Barrytown	Block 1	John Hughes	%0.4762	1	%0.5556	1	%0.0000	0	Pass
Barrytown	Block 3	John Hughes	%0.8333	1					Pass
Barrytown	Block 2	John Hughes	%0.0000	0	%0.0000	0	%0.0000	0	Pass
Grey Valley North	Block 1	Vector Control Services (VCS)	%0.0000	0	%0.1149	1	%0.0000	0	Pass
Grey Valley North	Block 2	Vector Control Services (VCS)	%0.0000	0	%0.2083	1	%0.0000	0	Pass
Hohunu Aerial	Block	WCRC	%0.3006	2	%0.3333	1			
Hokitika South	Block 1	Hunta Services Ltd.	%2.3474	4	%0.2222	1	%0.0000	0	Bush fail
Kowhitirangi Aerial	Block 2	WCRC	%0.2083	1					
Upper Ahaura	Block 1	John Hughes	%0.0000	0	%0.4482	1	%0.0000	0	Pass

DB = Deep Bush habitat strata

BP = Bush Pasture habitat strata

F = Farmland habitat strata

3.0 General

- i. A pig survey is being undertaken in the Maruia Valley, to provide better information on the status of this vector-free area. Pigs are very mobile and a good sentinel for bovine Tb. The Council is to also build at least one pig trap for loan to farmers with a feral pig problem. A condition of use will be that pigs caught in the traps be available for post-mortem.
- ii. The collaborative research trial on weka-proof bait stations is underway. Four bait stations have been shown to effectively exclude weka, and will now be put through pen trials to test the amount of spillage occurring when possums access the stations.

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: 1 October 2007

Subject CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

1. Financial Report to 31 August 2007

FOR THE TWO MONTHS TO 31 August 2007	ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	ACTUAL % ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET
REVENUES				
General Rates	305,391	305,833	17%	1,835,000
Penalties	22,119	13,333	28%	80,000
Investment Income	201,463	183,333	18%	1,100,000
Regulatory	140,495	185,583	17%	851,000
Planning Processes	23,697	25,176	16%	151,058
Environmental Monitoring	4,444	0	0%	0
Emergency Management	12,317	7,421	28%	44,527
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	145,068	135,401	18%	812,405
AHB Programme	1,985,811	1,533,333	22%	9,200,000
Vector Mgmt	183,334	183,333	17%	1,100,000
Regional % Share Controls	94,630	93,875	17%	563,250
VCS Business Unit	210,341	138,667	25%	832,000
	3,329,110	2,805,290	20%	16,569,240
EXPENDITURE				
Representation	46,829	49,893	16%	299,360
Regulatory Activities	230,603	257,950	15%	1,547,697
Planning Processes	68,551	103,612	11%	621,669
Environmental Monitoring	84,228	116,363	12%	698,177
Emergency Management	23,444	23,073	17%	138,440
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	38,008	291,406	2%	1,748,436
AHB Programme	1,981,551	1,533,333	22%	9,200,000
Vector Mgmt	185,900	161,241	19%	967,443
Regional % Share Controls	96,837	142,737	11%	856,419
VCS Business Unit	122,143	122,146	17%	732,877
Portfolio Management	-889	0		0
Legal costs Glenharrow Holding Ltd Claim	10,000	0		0
	2,887,205	2,801,753	17%	16,810,518
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	441,905	3,537		-241,278
Transfer Rating District Interest	-26,487			
Prior Year Adjustment	0			
To Transfer to Balance Sheet	415,418			

BREAKDOWN OF SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	ACTUAL	BUDGET Year to date	ANNUAL BUDGET
Rating Districts	109,178	-108,731	-652,387
Quarries	22,575	-5,579	-33,472
Regional % Share of AHB Programmes	-2,207	-48,862	-293,169
Investment Income	202,352	183,333	1,100,000
VCS Business Unit	88,198	16,521	99,123
AHB Programmes	4,260	0	0
Vector Mgmt	-2,566	22,093	132,557
Other	-10,000	0	0
All Other Activities	30,115	-55,238	-593,930
TOTAL	441,905	3,537	-241,278

Net Contributors to "Other Activities" Surplus (-Deficit)	Actual	Budget ytd	Annual Plan	Net Variance Actual v budget ytd
Rates	305,391	305,833	1,835,000	-442
Penalties	22,119	13,333	80,000	8,786
Representation	-46,829	-49,893	-299,360	3,064
Regulatory Activities	-90,108	-72,366	-696,697	-17,742
Planning Activities	-44,854	-78,435	-470,611	33,581
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection (excl. RD's and Quarries)	-24,693	-41,695	-250,172	17,002
Environmental Monitoring	-79,784	-116,363	-698,177	36,579
Emergency Management	-11,127	-15,652	-93,913	4,525
	30,115	-55,238	-593,930	85,353

	@ 31/08/07	@ 30/06/2007
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Cash & Bank Balances	-1,466,205	144,518
Accounts Receivable - Rates	162,610	247,151
Accounts Receivable - General Debtors	1,868,547	866,649
Prepayments	101,855	50,944
Accrued Revenue	586,880	891,846
Stock - explosives	371	371
Stock - VCS	25,582	26,325
Stock - Rock	79,587	21,132
Stock - Office Supplies	17,317	17,317
Rates Revenue Accrued	509,012	
	<u>1,885,556</u>	<u>2,266,253</u>
<u>Non Current Assets</u>		
Investments	11,669,078	11,542,615
Fixed Assets	3,383,672	3,356,349
Infrastructural Assets	39,403,646	39,403,646
	<u>54,456,396</u>	<u>54,302,610</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>56,341,952</u>	<u>56,568,863</u>
 <u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Accounts Payable	251,739	913,070
GST	66,620	
Deposits and Bonds	347,779	342,342
Sundry Payables	135,461	307,369
Accrued Annual Leave, Payroll	198,638	192,549
Other Revenue in Advance	195,000	
Rates Revenue in Advance	0	59,363
	<u>1,195,237</u>	<u>1,814,693</u>
<u>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Future Quarry restoration	85,800	85,800
Punakaiki Loan	341,655	346,548
Office Equipment and IT Leases	234,375	252,355
	<u>661,830</u>	<u>684,703</u>
<u>EQUITY</u>		
Ratepayers Equity	19,931,932	19,931,932
Surplus Tsfrd.	415,418	
Rating District Equity Mvmts	-7,556	
Rating Districts Equity	2,307,641	2,300,085
Tb Special Rate Balance	470,998	470,998
Revaluation	22,222,728	22,222,728
Quarry Account	-77,276	-77,276
Investment Growth Reserve	9,221,000	9,221,000
	<u>54,484,885</u>	<u>54,069,467</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>56,341,952</u>	<u>56,568,863</u>

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

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PORTFOLIO @ 31 AUGUST 2007 Summary & Reconciliation		Cash	Bonds	Australasia Equities	International Equities	Property Equities	Alternative Asset Classes	Total
Portfolio Value @ Start	01 July 2007	4076756	2906798.3	928921	1204811	672386	1730842	11520514
Contributions)	2486251		585410		155000	14	3226675 }
Withdrawals)	-795263	-1698948	-20410	-83415		-703679	-3301715 }
Realised Gains/(Losses)								0
Price		180	-17329		-27		5147	-12028 }
FX				-22	-2959	2	18201	15221 }
Unrealised Gains/(Losses)								0
Price		33864	14721	21560	-61089	-12283	-1799	-5026 }
FX				30336	99593	12567	103471	245967 }
Mgmt Fee								0
Interest Income		30262	41228	597		1079	8559	81725 }
Changes Accrued Interest		2224	-12752					-10528 }
Dividends				3335	46171	1755		51260 }
Hedges					-61701		-103427	-165128 }
adjustment for Fb Ltd Cash management funds		839756	-66908	-594024		-178824		0
Portfolio Value @ End Period	31 AUGUST 2007	6674029	1166810	955703	1141384	651682	1057329	11646938

Structured credit	481197
Emerging market debt	644531
Hedge funds	0
Hedge positions	-68399
	<u>1057329</u>

Asset Allocation %'s @ 31 AUGUST 2007	Benchmarks	Tactical asset allocation range	
Cash	57%	25%	10% - 50%
Bonds	10%	25%	10% - 50%
Australasian Equities	8%	15%	0% - 20%
International Equities	10%	15%	0% - 20%
Property Equities	6%	5%	0% - 10%
Alternative Asset Classes	9%	15%	0% - 20%
	100%	100%	

3. General Comment

Total operating expenditure for the two month period was \$2.887 million, of which AHB programme expenditure made up \$1.981 million.

Total revenues for the period amounted to \$3.329 million.

The total surplus was \$415,000.

Highlights were;

- Investment income \$202000 compared to \$183000 budget.
- VCS Business Unit surplus \$88,000
- Positive budget variances amounting to \$85,000 with regard to "All Other Activities".
- High Vector Programme expenditure and revenue compared to budget due to the number of aerial operations completed during the two month reporting period.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Robert Mallinson
Corporate Services Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting – October 2007
Prepared by: Robert Mallinson
Date: 28 September 2007

Subject: **ADOPTION OF AUDITED ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR TO 30 JUNE 2007.**

Council received the unaudited Annual Report at the September meeting.

On site audit work by Audit New Zealand was completed on 14 September.

Audit New Zealand will issue their audit report for the 9 October meeting subject to adoption of the audited document by Council on that same day (as per resolution below) and completion of the standard Letter of Representation by the Chief Executive and Chairperson.

Council has prepared this Annual Report to fully comply with NZ International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). Council was required to do this as a public sector entity. This involved identifying 1 July 2005 transitional adjustments and restating the 2005/06 comparatives. It also involved a substantial rewrite of accounting policies and notes to the accounts to comply with IFRS requirements.

Major impacts of transition to IFRS were;

- All Office equipment Lease assets are now on balance sheet, together with associated loan liability.
- All Council land now on balance sheet at most recent market or rating valuation.
- A liability for future quarry restoration costs amounting to \$85800 has been recognised.
- Software now shown under the heading of "Intangible Assets".
- Investment Portfolio balance of \$11542615 is now classified in the balance sheet as cash \$2268003; Other Financial Assets (Current) \$977187; Derivative Financial Asset (hedge position) \$46506 and Other Financial Assets (Non Current) \$8250919

Audit New Zealand required a potentially impaired receivable of \$58821 to be provided for and the estimated IFRS audit costs of \$10000 to be accrued as an expense.

The final version of the Annual Report for adoption will be pre-circulated to Councillors once I receive the all clear from Audit New Zealand.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Annual Report for the year to 30 June 2007 pursuant to section 98 (3) of the Local Government Act 2002.

Robert Mallinson
Corporate Services Manager

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 9 October 2007
Prepared by: Chris Ingle – Chief Executive
Date: 28 September 2007

Subject: **CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT**

Meetings Attended

The meetings I have attended since the 11 September 2007 Council meeting are as follows:

- Exercise Pandora, ran the overnight shift as regional controller;
- Attended the following Rating Districts Annual General Meetings:
 - Greymouth Joint Floodwall Committee;
 - Raft Creek Rating District;
 - Kowhitirangi Rating District;
 - Vine Creek Rating District;
 - Kaniere Rating District;
 - Okuru Rating District;
 - 12 Mile Rating District;
 - Kongahu Rating District; and
 - Karamea Rating District;
- Chaired the Didymo group meeting on 21 September with Biosecurity NZ, DoC and Fish and Game attending;
- Attended Rating Enquiry Outcome strategic session with Councillors on 21 September;
- Visit to Wanganui Quarry with Simon Moran on 27 September;
- Meeting with Animal Health Board CEO, William McCook on 2 October.

Exercise Pandora Debrief

The 24-hour Civil Defence Emergency Management exercise was held on 14 and 15 September. This was very successful, with participation from virtually all staff. The only hiccup was a fault in the building electrics set the fire alarm off during the first shift, which resulted in that shift getting slightly behind on some of their tasks.

The West Coast Regional Council received positive feedback from Ministry observers with the main features noted were the positive attitude of staff, high level of commitment of both staff and management, good set up of the council room as an emergency operations centre, good communications systems, and good quality situation reports and action plans.

Rating District Meetings

These meetings went well, overall, with a few minor changes in meeting times being recommended for the purpose of increasing efficiency in future years. The meeting minutes are being prepared and will be put to the November Council Meeting to be ratified.

Change of Makaawhio Representative for Resource Management Committee

Attached to my report is formal notification from Te Runanga o Makaawhio confirming that Terence Scott is to replace Kara Edwards on the Resource Management Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Chris Ingle
Chief Executive

Trish Jellyman

From: Te Runanga o Makaawhio TROM [makawhio1@xtra.co.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 2 October 2007 09:23
To: Trish Jellyman
Subject: Re: Message from West Coast Regional Council

Kia ora Tish
Terence Scott has agreed tyo replace Kara on this committee.
His details are as follow:
Terence Scott
17 Weka Street
Oxford
Ph 03 3121415
terryscottmakawhio@xtra.co.nz

Regards
Susan Wallace
Te Runanga o Makaawhio Inc

Trish Jellyman <trishj@wrc.govt.nz> wrote:

Good afternoon

I have been advised via Karen Glover (Administrator Consents & Compliance) that Kara Edwards is no longer the representative for the Resource Management Meetings. Could you please advise if this correct and also provide the full contact details for the new representative.

Thank you

Kind regards

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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.

13 – 14 8.1 Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 11 September 2007

15 – 21 8.2 Overdue Debtors Report

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 11 September 2007		Section 48(1)(a) and in particular Section 9 of 2nd Schedule Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.
8.2	Overdue Debtors Report		

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.