



# **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, 11 March 2008**

P. EWEN  
CHAIRPERSON

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

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**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008 AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL,  
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.33 A.M.**

**PRESENT:**

P. Ewen (Chairman), R. Scarlett, D. Davidson, B. Chinn, A. Robb, T. Archer, A. Birchfield, T. Scott

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), S. Moran (Planning & Environmental Manager), C. Dall (Consents & Compliance Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk)

**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**2. MINUTES**

**Moved** (Archer / Chinn) that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 11 December 2007, be confirmed as correct subject to the amendment made below.

*Carried*

**Matters Arising**

The Chairman advised that Chris Ingle was present at the December meeting attended by himself, Hon. David Carter, Hon. Chris Auchinvole and Cr's Robb and Birchfield.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman advised that the decision on the Paringa River protection wall hearing has been released subject to conditions. No objections have been received.

He also attended a meeting with Hon. Damien O'Connor, Cr Scarlett and C. Ingle to discuss various local issues.

The Chairman attended the recent tender rounds and advised that no tenders were received for one job for works in South Westland.

Clarification on the reporting back to Council on the Trustee position for Development West Coast was given by The Chairman. He advised that Tony Williams role is to report back to Council's in consultation with the Chief Executive of Development West Coast. This will commence once the Trust settles down and a chair is elected.

The Chairman reported that he has followed up with Council staff on matters relating to the Lake Kaniere subdivision and Blaketown issues.

The Chairman reported that he was invited to speak at the local Rotary meeting.

**Moved** (Ewen / Davidson) that the Council receive this 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. He advised that the staff report regarding Variation 1 to the Land and Riverbed Management Plan – Wetlands is due out today. The hearing is scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> of March with deliberations being held the next day. The Chairman stated that he would be attending along with Cr's Robb and Davidson. Other councillors will advise of their availability at a later date.

S. Moran reported that the consultation period with the key stakeholders regarding the Coastal Plan Change 2 finished on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February. Issues that were raised during this time are being investigated to see whether any changes are required then approval for public notification will be sought.

The Environment New Zealand Report summary is currently being assessed by staff.

S. Moran advised that the Draft West Coast Conservation Management Strategy Hearing is to be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February at Kingsgate Hotel, S. Moran invited councillors to attend this hearing, as WCRC will be making a presentation.

S. Moran reported that a further funding application has been made via the Sustainable Management Fund for funding for the Waste Education Officer role. A decision is expected next month.

S. Moran advised that a new logo has been approved for use by the CDEM Group. This new logo has been recently used for the correspondence relating to the Fuel Storage Research project. A number of companies and contractors have been contacted regarding this matter with a reasonable amount of success. A voluntary request is to be made via the Rates Newsletter to anyone who has more than 500 litres of fuel stored on their property. Cr Scarlett pointed out that most farms, not only Landcorp farms, will have fuel storage on-farm. Discussion ensued regarding the storage of large amounts of fuel on private land. Cr Archer provided clarification of legal requirements regarding fuel storage. S. Moran stated that the information gathered is to remain confidential.

S. Moran advised that the West Coast Controllers forum is scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> of April.

Hydrology / Flood Warding: S. Moran reported that there were no events during the reporting period.

Water Quality: S. Moran advised that following the groundwater study quality is generally good. The Kokatahi / Kowhitirangi plains area nitrate level is low which is a pleasing result.

S. Moran reported that good results were obtained following the contact recreation sampling rounds. He provided detailed information to T. Scott regarding this matter.

The Chairman stated that he is pleased that WCRC made a submission on the Grey District Council's Community Outcomes Consultation process. He also congratulated staff on the successful funding applications for Fuel Storage investigation and the Envirolink funding grant.

**Moved** (Robb / Davidson) that Council receive this report.

*Carried*

### **5.1.2 TRANSIT NEW ZEALAND'S 2007 / 2008 LAND TRANSPORT PROGRAMME AND 10 YEAR FINANCIAL FORECAST**

S. Moran spoke to this report and took it as read. He updated Council on various matters within this report as the submission was made in March and the response was received in December.

Cr Birchfield spoke of issues regarding landowners at McKendries Corner. He stated that reasonable offers need to be made to landowners in order for progress to be made. S. Moran advised that Transit offers could only be within the parameters of the land valuation.

It was agreed that a letter would be written to Transit to progress this matter.

**Moved** (Scarlett / Birchfield) that Council receive this report and send a letter to Transit encouraging negotiations be completed for the sale of McKendries Corner properties as these negotiations have been extending for the best part of fourteen months.

*Carried*

## **5.2 CONSENTS AND COMPLIANCE GROUP**

### **5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**

C. Dall spoke to this report.

Cr Birchfield declared an interest in RC07200 and RC07240.

C. Dall reported that a new Consents Officer has been appointed. He was previously employed in the Planning and Environmental area over the summer months.

C. Dall reported that the Gates of Haast consent has been granted.

The consent for the replacement of the Arahura Bridge was granted in January. Tenders for the works have been released but are yet to be granted. The Chairman stated that this is good news

for the region. T. Scott asked if there were any plans to upgrade the Taramakau Bridge. S. Moran responded that there are no plans at this stage.

C. Dall reported that the consent hearing for the Paringa River rock protection works has been held and the decision released. The appeal period has ended, no appeals were received.

C. Dall advised that subsequent to writing his report, TrustPower are still in negotiations with CMP Kokiri and the final hearing days are not likely to be until May.

C. Dall reported that a hearing for the consent application lodged by West Sands Company to removal sand from Cobden Beach was held last week with Cr Archer as the Hearing Commissioner. Cr Archer asked C. Dall for a general overview of consents relating to discharge of dairy effluent where it may enter water. C. Dall responded that the implementation of the WCRC monitoring programme a number of years ago identifies discharges that require consents. C. Dall explained that neighbours, Iwi, DoC, Fish and Game might be affected parties in some cases. Guidelines were provided to farmers as part of this process. C. Dall advised that most of the discharges are to land and not water. Cr Scarlett spoke of the university student employed last year to assist with this programme. Cr Scarlett stated that results were satisfactory and farmers whom are compliant are not visited for 2 – 3 years and the programme concentrates on non-compliant farmers. T. Scott commented on affects dairying has on the environment. Cr Scarlett spoke of the positive working relationship dairy farmers have with this council. Cr Davidson concurred with Cr Scarlett regarding the sound monitoring system in place. Cr Chinn agreed with fellow councillors and spoke of the destruction human waste creates.

The Chairman commented on the continuing improvements made by Council in this area.

Cr Robb advised that the results of the groundwater monitoring in the Kokatahi Kowhitirangi area is a good indication that dairy farmers are heading in the right direction as this is one of the most intensive dairying areas on the coast.

C. Dall reported that Meridan Energy have lodged their application for a dam on the Mokinui River. Commissioners will be appointed shortly, C. Dall asked for Councillors to consider being a commissioner. C. Dall advised that there is numerous consents involved and it may be quite a lengthy process which is likely to result in a hearing.

**Moved** (Ewen / Archer) that the February 2008 report of the Consents Group be received.

*Carried*

## 5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

C. Dall spoke to this report. He advised that Michael Meehan has been appointed as the new Compliance Team Leader. This was an internal promotion therefore another compliance officer will be recruited.

C. Dall reported that 34 dairy inspections were carried out during the reporting period. Westroads have resumed their gravel take at Blaketown.

C. Dall reported that a diesel spill occurred at the Oceana Gold mine site. A water cart rolled upstream of the Oriental sediment pond. There was no environmental impact detected.

C. Dall advised a diesel spill occurred at the Stockton mine site. This was contained and no significant affects were detected. Procedures have now been put in place to ensure this doesn't happen again. C. Dall stated that water quality in this area has improved significantly over the past year due to the water quality strategy. C. Ingle advised that Councillors are visiting this site on the 10th of March.

C. Dall reported that an unauthorised discharge occurred at the Terrace Mine. Investigations are underway. A discharge at Spring Creek mine is also being followed up.

C. Dall reported that Oceana Gold has provided its independent review relating to the three year rolling bond for the Globe Progress mine. This has progressively increased with the growth of the operation and the size of the site.

C. Dall spoke of a dispute between a landowner and a miner relating to the rehabilitation of a mine site. He confirmed that Council staff are satisfied with the level of rehabilitation and will allow for the bond to be released. Cr Scarlett asked if this is the end of the matter and could the landowner appeal. C. Dall confirmed that differences have been worked through and he is satisfied with the progress made. Cr Birchfield stated that it is good that council can make this call as sometimes agreement is difficult.

Cr Birchfield raised the matter relating to a complaint received in the Haast area and if this necessitated a visit. C. Dall reported that the site has not yet been visited but it would be tagged

onto another job. Discussion ensued regarding the process of charging out of complaints with C. Dall providing information on this matter.

The Chairman spoke of the monitoring involved with Solid Energy mining sites including Seven Mile and Spring Creek. He stated that some of the double monitoring could perhaps be dispensed with as the integrity of the water monitoring is no longer in question. He stated that the Seven Mile River is the cleanest he has ever seen it in his years of residing at Rapahoe. He stated that he has no problem with the integrity of Solid Energy's monitoring. He advised that baseline studies could be made at Pike River as it would be timely to shift some resources to this area. C. Dall confirmed that rationalising of monitoring has taken place with regard to Solid Energy.

**Moved** (Scarlett / Chinn)

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. *That the February 2008 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
2. *That the Council approves the release of the bonds for Resource Consents RC05197, RC095080, RC06119 and RC94077.*

*Carried*

**6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Cr Davidson asked if confirmation had been received regarding the discovery of Didymo in the Arahura River. S. Moran advised that Bio Security NZ have confirmed this.

The meeting closed at 11.42 am

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Chairman

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Prepared For: Resource Management Committee  
 Prepared By: S. Moran – Planning & Environmental Manager  
 Date: 4 March 2008

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

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**PLANNING**Wetlands Hearing

Hearings on Variation 1 to the Land and Riverbed Management Plan is taking place on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of March. A total of 10 submitters are presenting evidence at the Hearing, with OnTrack and Meridian providing written evidence.

Coastal Plan Change 2

Five parties provided written comments on the draft permitted rule for unblocking coastal river and creek mouths, and the change to Policy 7.4.5. These comments have been assessed and will be discussed with Councilors at the workshop after the Forsyth Barr presentation.

Draft West Coast Conservation Management Strategy Hearing

The CEO and staff attended the Hearing on 18th February. The main points made were for the draft Conservation Management Strategy to give greater priority to identifying areas of conservation estate with low conservation values, and also to making processes for exchange or disposal of low value estate easier. The Hearing panel consisted of two Department staff and two Conservation Board members.

National Policy Statement on Freshwater

Staff have provided comment to the Ministry for the Environment on the type of approach Government should take in drafting a proposal for a National Policy Statement (NPS). It endorsed parts of submissions by Environment Waikato and Local Government New Zealand as well as highlighting that we believe we have a solid framework in our Regional Water Plan and do not support a prescriptive NPS that is constructed to address concerns in other regions with poor water quality. Furthermore we did not support a NPS that would result in more implementation costs having to be met by the Council.

The next step will be a Proposed NPS released for public consultation although there is as yet no indication of when this will happen.

New Zealand Planning Institute Conference

The conference is being held at Shantytown on the 3-5 April. The theme is "*Finding the Balance*" recognizing the myriad of competing demands that need to be considered during the resource management process.

Waste Working Group

The Group discussed recent developments in managing freedom camping waste issues. The Tourism Industry Association has identified several work areas, including development of national policy to achieve a consistent approach to the problem. The Waste Group will seek to have input into national policy development.

**TRANSPORT****Regional Land Transport Committee**

The Regional Land Transport Committee met on 27 February. This was the first meeting following the Local Government Elections in 2007 with new Councilors David Barnes (Buller), Peter Haddock (Grey), and Cr Scarlett, present.

Items discussed included:

#### Transit New Zealand's Draft 2008/09 10-Year State Highway Plan and Forecast

Transit's representative provided an update on the draft Plan and Forecast. There are no new large projects being added to the programme and it is a matter of proceeding with the current work programme. All work is progressing for the West Coast with the addition of a Walking and Cycling Strategy project being added.

A submission on the Draft Forecast and Plan was tabled for the approval of the Committee. Minor changes were made to the submission. This has been circulated to Councilors for approval prior to this meeting, as submissions were due on 7 March.

#### Update on Transit Projects

- Gates of Haast: Preliminary drilling has been completed. The preferred scheme has been identified and more drilling is required to get the abutments in the right place. Transit is in the process of getting the concessions required to progress this drilling.
- Arahura Bridge: Contracts have been tendered for work on the site, and Transit anticipates engaging someone shortly for this work.
- Goat Creek: Expect construction to begin in the 2008/09 year with construction completed by 2010.
- McKendries Corner: Agreement from Transit that this has taken some time to progress, however they are confident that work will progress in 2008/09.

#### Walking and Cycling Strategy

Transit and the West Coast Local Authorities have agreed to develop a West Coast Walking and Cycling Strategy to improve long term planning and ensure good decisions that lead to safer, more efficient and sustainable transport. A Steering Committee with representatives from each of the Councils, Transit, Land Transport New Zealand, and the DHB was endorsed. The Strategy will set the strategic policy context for walking and cycling on the West Coast and identify areas that would benefit from improvements for cyclist and pedestrian safety and enjoyment. It is expected that this will be completed by July 2008.

#### Glacier Road – Walking and Cycling Project

A proposal from the Department of Conservation (DoC) to contribute R Funds to the Glacier walking and cycling project has been agreed to in principle. The Committee has requested that the funding figures presented be peer reviewed for completeness, that confirmation from other funding sources including the DoC and Development West Coast are determined, and certainty on Transits funding of the approaches is confirmed before committing R Funding. The responsibility of ongoing maintenance of the walking and cycling track is to also be determined.

#### Allocation of R Funds

R funds is the regions share of the 5 cent petrol tax that was imposed by Government several years ago. It is funding available to the Local Authorities to assist with funding roading projects. R Fund priorities are required to be submitted for the remaining seven years. There were some minor amendments from those previously submitted in 2007. In addition, a note will be added to the priorities indicating that the RLTC has agreed in principle to contributing some R Funds to Glacier Walking and Cycling project.

R Fund priorities are to be submitted by 28 March.

#### RLTC Representation under the new legislation

Changes to representation under the new legislation were discussed. The Regional Council will call for nominations when the legislation is released to seek representatives to fulfill the 6 objectives of the Act – economic development, safety & personal security, cultural interests, access & mobility, public health, and environmental sustainability. Committee membership will be more constrained, however, other parties are able to attend meetings without formal speaking or voting rights.

### Sea Change Strategy

The RLTC have agreed that measures to implement Governments Sea Change Strategy as it develops are to be supported and included in the Regional Land Transport Strategy as appropriate. Council made a submission on the draft Strategy at the end of 2007 supporting all measures that would assist the economic viability of our Region's ports.

## **Civil Defence and Emergency Management**

### Welfare Workshop

The Welfare workshop, held on 18 February at the Grey District Council, was well received by participants. Facilitated by John Lovell from the Ministry and Les Pester, Emergency Management Officer for the Waimakariri, an outline of Welfare at the National, Group, and Local level was provided, followed up with how welfare is provided for in the Waimakariri District.

## **RESOURCE SCIENCE**

### Hydrology / Flood warning

There have been no flood events for the period.

### Water Quality

Analysis and reporting is complete for preliminary water quality investigations carried out in December 2007 at Lake Kaniere and Lake Haupiri.

Lake Kaniere: This lake may be classified as oligotrophic (little impact) in terms of chlorophyll-a and nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations. Phosphorus was very low in central lake samples (ratio 131:1) and like Brunner, will be the limiting nutrient. Water quality in Hans Bay was similar compared with the lake centre although phosphorus and chlorophyll were a little higher. Further sampling at three lakes sites (central, Hans Bay, southern end), as well as Geologists Creek will improve the baseline information.

Lake Haupiri: Haupiri may be classified as microtrophic (e.g. even less impacted than oligotrophic) in terms of chlorophyll-a concentrations, but mesotrophic (between oligotrophic and eutrophic) in terms of nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations, which are 2 to 3 times higher than in Kaniere. Haupiri has dark tannin stained waters which to some extent will reduce algal growth proportional to corresponding nutrient levels. Levels of ammoniacal nitrogen were higher in Lake Haupiri than would be expected for a lake of this type but present-day levels are similar to those found in the earliest survey of the lake in 1976. All other nutrients are higher than found in 1976. An unnamed tributary flowing through agricultural land and into Lake Haupiri along its southern shore contained relatively high levels of dissolved inorganic nitrogen and dissolved reactive phosphorus. Further monitoring will continue at one central site and the tributary.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

*The report is received.*

Simon Moran  
Planning and Environmental Manager

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Prepared for: Resource Management Committee  
 Prepared by: Colin Dall - Consents & Compliance Manager  
 Date: 27 February 2008

**Subject: CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT****CONSENTS**Consents Site Visits from 25 January to 26 February 2008

| <b>DATE</b> | <b>ACTIVITY, NAME &amp; LOCATION</b>  | <b>PURPOSE</b>   |
|-------------|---|--|
| 24/1/08     | PA08001 – Domestic sewage discharge, B Wilkinson, Barrytown                     | To investigate the site and gain a better understanding of the proposed onsite sewage treatment and disposal system. |
| 24/1/08     | RC07220 – Domestic sewage discharge, Minnell Newton Family Trust, Rapahoe       | To investigate the site and gain a better understanding of the proposed onsite sewage treatment and disposal system. |
| 31/1/08     | PA08006 – Domestic sewage discharge, K Griffiths, Runanga                       | To investigate the site and gain a better understanding of the proposed onsite sewage treatment and disposal system. |
| 4/2/08      | RC08015 – Cleanfill, G Smith, Camerons  | To investigate the proposed cleanfill site.  |
| 5/2/08      | RC07246 – Gold mining, Sueters Creek Mining Co, Souters Creek (Nelson Creek)    | To access the potential effects of the proposed creek diversion associated with the proposed mining operation.       |
| 7/2/08      | PA08007 – Domestic sewage discharge, C Fairhall, Marsden                        | To investigate the site and gain a better understanding of the proposed onsite sewage treatment and disposal system. |
| 8/2/08      | RC07049 (v1) – Gravel extraction, Westroads, Canoe Creek                        | To assess the gravel resource at the proposed extraction site.   |
| 14/2/08     | RC08020 – Creek diversion, Cranley Farms, Kawhaka                               | To investigate the site of the proposed creek diversion.   |
| 19/2/08     | RC08016 – Gravel extraction, M Pugh, New River                                  | To assess the gravel resource at the proposed extraction site.   |
| 22/02/08    | RC08029 – Gold mining, Drake & Sweeney, Mossy Creek Road (Ikamatua)             | To investigate the site of the proposed gold mining operation.   |
| 26/2/08     | RC08028 – Gravel extraction, GC Smith Contracting, Organs Island (Buller River) | To assess the gravel resource at the proposed extraction site.   |
| 26/2/08     | RC08031 – Gravel extraction, A Black & S Lee, Nile River                        | To assess the gravel resource at the proposed extraction site.   |
| 27/02/08    | RC07129 – Coal mining, Southbrook Holdings Ltd, Charleston                      | To consult on-site with the applicant, submitters, landowners and Buller District Council.                           |

Non-Notified Resource Consents Granted From 25 January to 26 February 2008

| <b>CONSENT NO. &amp; HOLDER</b>        | <b>TYPE AND PURPOSE OF CONSENT</b>   |
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| RC00302<br>J Meates                    | To disturb the bed of the Big Hohonu (Greenstone) River for the purposes of diverting the river associated with alluvial gold mining activities.<br>To divert the Big Hohonu (Greenstone) River associated with alluvial gold mining activities.   |
| RC07194<br>Barry Foster Contracting    | To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining activities in the catchment of Duffers Creek.<br>To disturb the wet bed of Duffers Creek to dam water associated with alluvial gold mining activities.<br>To dam Duffers Creek associated with alluvial gold mining activities.<br>To take water from Duffers Creek for alluvial gold mining activities.<br>To discharge water from alluvial gold mining settling ponds to land in circumstances where it may enter Duffers Creek.<br>To discharge water from alluvial gold mining settling ponds to Duffers Creek. |
| RC07208<br>Barry Foster Contracting    | To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining activities at Waimea Forest.<br>To take water from Fox Creek associated with alluvial gold mining activities at Waimea Forest.<br>To take groundwater associated with alluvial gold mining activities at Waimea Forest.<br>To discharge water from alluvial gold mining settling ponds to land in circumstances where it may enter Fox Creek or its tributaries at Waimea Forest.<br>To discharge water from alluvial gold mining settling ponds to Fox Creek at Waimea Forest.                                     |
| RC07220<br>Minnell Newton Family Trust | To discharge treated domestic sewage effluent to land at Rapahoe, via an effluent disposal system.   |
| RC07235<br>Westland Rock & Stone       | To disturb the dry bed of the Waitaha River for the purpose of selected stone removal.   |
| RC07243<br>Transit NZ                  | To disturb the bed of the Haast River for the purposes of geotechnical testing.<br>To discharge contaminants (sediment) to land in a manner which may result in contaminants entering water.   |
| RC08004<br>TA Arnold Transport         | To disturb the dry bed of the Wanganui River for the purpose of removing gravel.<br>To disturb the dry bed of the Waiho River for the purpose of removing gravel.<br>To disturb the dry bed of the Whataroa River for the purpose of removing gravel.  |
| RC08005<br>Fulton Hogan Central        | To discharge contaminants to land from the deposition of cleanfill and green waste, Boulder Creek.   |
| RC08006<br>IC Stewart                  | To take groundwater from a bore for the purposes of bottling the water, Kumara.  |

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| RC08012<br>Westroads Greymouth         | To disturb the dry bed of the Punakaiki River for the purpose of removing gravel.   |
| RC08013<br>West Coast Regional Council | To undertake earthworks associated with quarrying activities, Mt Camelback, Kowhitirangi.   |
| RC08015<br>GJ Smith                    | To discharge contaminants to land from the deposition of clean fill (gravel and concrete) at 55 Camerons Road, Camerons.  |
| RC08019<br>Ferguson Brothers           | To disturb the dry bed of the Inangahua River for the purpose of removing gravel.   |
| RC08023<br>Transit NZ                  | To undertake earthworks in relation to the deposition of cleanfill (road works material) which could potentially exceed the permitted activity volume.<br><br>To discharge contaminants to land from the deposition of cleanfill (road works material).<br><br>To discharge stormwater onto land from a cleanfill (road works material) disposal site.<br><br>Locations: State Highways 6 and 7 in the Buller Region: Iron Bridge, Whitecliffs, Tiroroa, Four Mile Bridge, Springs Junction Pit, Old Sawmill, Blue Speck, Crate Creek, Rahu Summit, and Calf Paddock. |
| RC08027<br>Waerenga Southland Ltd      | To take surface water from the Inangahua River for the purpose of irrigation.   |

#### Changes to Resource Consents Granted During the Reporting Period

| <b>CONSENT NO. &amp; HOLDER</b>                         | <b>CHANGE</b>  |
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| RC93019<br>Solid Energy NZ<br>(Rocky Creek)             | To reduce frequency of monitoring at Rocky Creek wash plant.                     |
| RC93082<br>Fulton Hogan<br>(Beynons Beach – Grey River) | To increase the gravel extraction volume limit.                                  |
| RC06114<br>John Dimmick Contracting<br>(Arahura River)  | To change the location of the gravel extraction area.                            |
| RC06171<br>Johnson & Raven<br>(Kaiata)                  | To change reference to “engineer” to “plumber” relating to a septic tank.        |
| RC06206<br>Solid Energy NZ<br>(Stockton Coal Mine)      | To change the location of the lime dosing discharge point into Mangatini Stream. |

#### Limited Notified Resource Consents Granted During the Reporting Period

| <b>CONSENT NO. &amp; HOLDER</b> | <b>TYPE AND PURPOSE OF CONSENT</b>  |
|---------------------------------|---|
| RC07120<br>West Sand Co Ltd     | To erect and remove a sand collection structure within the foreshore of the Coastal Marine Area.<br><br>To disturb the Coastal Marine Area at Cobden Beach for the purpose of removing sand (including the placement and removal of a sand collection structure).<br><br>To stockpile beach sand adjacent to (within 50m of) the Coastal Marine Area at Cobden Beach. |

No publicly notified consents were granted during the reporting period.

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### Consent Hearings

The decision on the consent applications lodged by West Sand Company Limited for a trial sand removal operation at Cobden Beach (heard by at the Councillor Terry Archer on 7 February 2007) was released on 26 February 2008. The consents were granted subject to conditions for a term of six months. The appeal period for the decision ends on 19 March 2008.

The Minister of Conservation has released her decision on the resource consent applications lodged by the Buller District Council for the Punakaiki seawall. The Minister stated in the notice of the decision that:

*"I would like to thank the West Coast Regional Council Hearing Committee for the work that it has put into this case. I agree with the Hearing Committee's amended consent conditions, as provided in its addendum to its recommendation, and consider that these changes have addressed concerns about precedent effects on future applications.*

*I have made the permit subject to the conditions recommended to me by the Hearing Committee in its addendum."*

### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That the March 2008 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Colin Dall  
**Consents & Compliance Manager**

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Prepared for: Resource Management Committee  
 Prepared by: Colin Dail - Consents & Compliance Manager and  
 Michael Meehan Team Leader Compliance  
 Date: 29 February 2008

Subject: **COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

**Staff**

Compliance Officer Cathy Blincoe resigned during the reporting period. Applications for the already vacant Compliance Officer position, resulting from Michael Meehan's promotion to Compliance Team Leader, closed on 22 February, with 15 applications being received. The calibre of applicants is good and it is expected that we will be able to appoint two replacement Compliance Officers without needing to advertise for another Compliance Officer.

**Site Visits**

A total of 42 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period, which consisted of:

| <b>Activity</b>                  | <b>Number of Visits</b> | <b>Fully Compliant (%)</b> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Resource consent                 | 6                       | 50                         |
| Dairy shed inspections           | 1                       | 0                          |
| Complaint                        | 16                      | 63                         |
| Mining compliance & bond release | 19                      | 68                         |

The non-compliances found are undergoing further investigation. Formal enforcement action was taken in relation to these non-compliances where appropriate and is outlined in the Enforcement Section of this report.

**Specific Issues**

- **Dairy Shed Assessments & Compliance Monitoring:** Due to the reporting period being shorter than normal and Compliance staff being on leave, only 1 dairy shed was visited. During the next reporting period monitoring effort will be focused on the completing dairy sheds inspections in the Brunner Catchment and on dairy sheds requiring follow-up visits as the result of previously identified non-compliances.
- **Blaketown Beach & Karoro Beach Gravel Extraction – Westroads:** As at 12 February 2008, Westroads had taken 839m<sup>3</sup> of gravel off its Blaketown mining licence, leaving 5,161m<sup>3</sup> that may be taken from the licence area for the remainder of the calendar year according to the current limit on the licence.
- **Globe Progress Mine – Oceana Gold:** No non-compliances were recorded during the reporting, which is at least partly attributed to dry weather conditions. It is noted that the Council received a call during the reporting period from a member of the public to state that Devils Creek was very clean. However, later in the reporting period the Council received a complaint regarding Devils Creek running dirty after a high rainfall event. Council staff are following up on this incident with Oceana Gold environmental staff.
- **Hokitika Dairy Factory – Westland Milk Products:** On 8 February Compliance staff received a media enquiry regarding an alleged illegal discharge to the Hokitika River from the Hokitika Dairy Factory. It was reported that the discharge occurred on 7 February at approximately 11 am, and resulted in a foamy discharge to the Hokitika River.

However, the Council did not receive any complaints regarding this incident and only became aware of it through this media enquiry. Nor were the Company aware of the discharge. Although photographs had been taken showing a white-coloured discharge, those photographs were taken from the point of discharge. Therefore, Compliance staff were unable to determine beyond reasonable doubt if the discharge was in breach of the relevant resource consent (RC98033), beyond the 300 metre mixing zone for the discharge.

Council staff raised the issue with Westland Milk Products at their latest general meeting with the Company. Westland Milk Products advised that it intends to operate a video camera to

continuously monitor the discharge so that it can quickly respond to any future such discharges to minimize any adverse effects.

Compliance staff also met with staff of Westland Milk Products on 25 February to conduct a site visit and further discuss the incident. The data available indicates that nothing unusual occurred at the factory at the time of the incident, and turbidity measurements were normal.

- **Pike River Coal Mine:** Council carried out a routine inspection of Pike River Coal operations on 11 February 2008. During the inspection it was noted that development appears to be progressing well, and compliance with the various consents on site has been very good. Operations in the tunnel are concentrating on the development of the pit bottom.

The discharge from "pond 1" to the Pike Stream is currently 95% compliant, with one non-compliance this year which resulted in a slight change in turbidity in the stream.

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

|                                      |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| - Stockton Opencast Mine             | 2         |
| - Ngakawau Coal Handling Facility    | 1         |
| - Terrace Mine                       | 3         |
| - Spring Creek Underground Mine      | 2         |
| - Rapahoe Coal Handling Facility     | 1         |
| - Rocky Creek Coal Handling Facility | 1         |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>10</b> |

#### Stockton Opencast Mine

The results from the January round of water quality sampling showed discharges to be within compliance limits at the time of sampling. The results from the February sampling round had not been received at the time of writing this report.

During February Stockton experienced a significant amount of rainfall with 470mm being recorded up until 26 February. This heavy rainfall caused a number of problems on site. The "trigger limit" in the Mangatini Stream has been exceeded twice in the last reporting period.

SENZ staff notified Council as soon as they are aware of such issues and have implemented mitigation measures. They will provide formal reports once the problems are solved, and Council staff will visit the areas concerned on the next fortnightly sampling round.

#### Ngakawau Coal Handling Facility

The results from the January round of water quality sampling showed discharges to be within compliance limits at the time of sampling. The results from the February sampling round had not been received at the time of writing this report.

#### Terrace Mine

The results from the January round of water quality sampling showed discharges to be out of compliance with the conditions of RC87122.

Terrace Mine has breached the Abatement Notice issued in December 2007. Council staff are conducting a thorough investigation into this matter and a report on the matter will be provided to the April Council meeting.

The results from the February sampling round had not been received at the time of writing this report.

#### Reefton Coal Handling Facility

The results from the January round of water quality sampling showed discharges to be within compliance limits at the time of sampling.

### Spring Creek Underground Mine

The results from the January round of water quality sampling showed discharges to be within compliance limits at the time of sampling. The results from the February sampling round had not been received at the time of writing this report.

On 28 January SENZ environmental staff informed Council of a second discharge from the coal slurry pipeline screen to seven Mile Creek. The discharge was the result of an overflow from the screen due to the breakdown of a water pump. The overflow from the screen flowed down a perimeter drain to a sump, which overflowed into Seven Mile Creek.

A follow-up inspection by SENZ and Council Compliance staff established that there were coal fines in the bed of the creek in the immediate vicinity of the discharge point, but there was no sign of coal fines further downstream. It is believed that the newly constructed nib wall and sumps down the yard contained the majority of the overflow. SENZ was issued an infringement notice for this discharge.

On 17 February, the Council was informed of a third discharge from the coal slurry pipeline screen to Seven Mile Creek. It appears that the overflow was as a result of a software malfunction. On this occasion, only a small amount of coal fines entered the creek, insufficient to leave any remnants on the bed of the creek after the discharge. Council staff are currently carrying out further investigations.

The Council received a peer review report regarding the Subsidence Plan for the mine on 20 February, which noted that some points in the Plan need clarification. Council Compliance staff will be following up on these with SENZ.

### Rapahoe Coal Handling Facility

The results from the January round of water quality sampling showed discharges to be within compliance limits at the time of sampling. The results from the February sampling round had not been received at the time of writing this report.

Sampling carried out on 25 February identified a potential breach of consent limits at "Sample Site RP9". Council Compliance staff notified SENZ of this and are awaiting a response.

### Rocky Creek Coal Handling Facility

The results from the January round of water quality sampling showed discharges to be within compliance limits at the time of sampling. The results from the February sampling round had not been received at the time of writing this report.

### Complaints Received Between 25 January and 25 February 2008

There were 33 complaints being received during the reporting period, which is higher than normal. A summary of these is as follows:

| <b>Activity</b>    | <b>Number of Complaints</b> | <b>Description</b>            | <b>Location</b>        | <b>Action/Outcome</b>      |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Discharge to Air   | 1                           | Dust                          | Kaiata                 | Referred to GDC            |
| Discharge to Water | 1                           | Coal fines discharge to water | Terrace Mine           | Further action pending     |
| Discharge to Water | 1                           | Coal fines discharge to water | Spring Creek           | Infringement notice issued |
| Discharge to Water | 1                           | Ford Creek running dirty      | Blackball              | Under investigation        |
| Discharge to Water | 1                           | Dirty water                   | Card Creek, Marsden    | Under investigation        |
| Discharge to Air   | 1                           | Sand blasting                 | Marsden                | Compliant                  |
| Discharge to Air   | 1                           | Smoke nuisance from open fire | Soldiers Road, Reefton | Warning issued             |

|                      |   |  |                          |  |
|----------------------|---|--|--------------------------|--|
| Discharge to land    | 1 | Rubbish dumped near swimming hole                | Cobden                   | Referred to GDC  |
| Discharge to Water   | 1 | Dairy effluent discharge                         | Mai Mai                  | No non-compliance established  |
| Discharge to Water   | 1 | Sedimentation from track formation               | Mohikinui                | Working with property owner  |
| Riverbed Disturbance | 1 | Alleged non-complying gravel extraction          | Paringa River            | No non-compliance established  |
| Discharge to Water   | 1 | Subdivision                                      | Stafford Loop            | Infringement and abatement notice issued                               |
| Discharge to Water   | 1 | Subdivision                                      | Iveagh Bay               | No non-compliance established  |
| Discharge to Water   | 1 | Mining   | Inangahua River          | No non-compliance established  |
| Discharge to Air     | 1 | Burning of offal and plastic                     | Ahaura                   | Abatement notice issued  |
| Discharge to Water   | 2 | Gravel extraction                                | Inangahua River          | Compliant with Resource consent  |
| Land Disturbance     | 1 | Vegetation removal                               | Mohikinui                | Referred to BDC  |
| Discharge to Air     | 1 | Burning of hazardous substances                  | Granity                  | No non-compliance established  |
| Discharge to Land    | 1 | Stormwater discharge                             | Ruatapu                  | Working with property owner  |
| Discharge to Water   | 1 | Foamy discharge from Westland Milk Products      | Hokitika                 | Complaint received 24 hours after incident, followed up with WMP staff |
| Discharge to Land    | 1 | Gravel extraction                                | Canoe Creek              | Compliant  |
| Discharge to Water   | 1 | Mining   | Garveys Creek            | Further investigation  |
| Discharge to Land    | 1 | Dumping of white ware                            | Granity                  | Further investigation  |
| Discharge to Water   | 1 | Coal fines on creek bed                          | Seven Mile Creek         | Further investigation  |
| Riverbed Disturbance | 1 | Complaint that a bridge has not been constructed | Vine Creek, Kowhitirangi | Bridge is under construction no further action                         |
| Discharge to Water   | 1 | Trigger limits exceeded at Ngakawau              | Ngakawau, Stockton       | Report to be submitted   |
| Discharge to Water   | 1 | Creek running dirty from bridge construction     | Waimea Creek             | Under investigation  |
| Discharge to Water   | 1 | Discharge of coal fines to Seven Mile Creek      | Seven Mile Creek         | Infringement notice issued   |
| Discharge to Water   | 1 | Fishing boat sunk 30 miles of coast of Westport  | Westport                 | MNZ jurisdiction, no further action                                    |
| Discharge to Air     | 1 | Burning of plastic                               | Jacks Road, Greymouth    | Final warning letter issued  |
| Discharge to Air     | 1 | Dust exceedance                                  | Stockton                 | Under investigation  |
| Discharge to Water   | 1 | Trigger limit exceeded due to intense rainfall   | Stockton                 | Under investigation  |
| Discharge to Water   | 1 | Trigger limit exceeded at S14c                   | Stockton                 | Under investigation  |
| Discharge to Water   | 1 | Dirty water complaint                            | Devils Creek, Reefton    | Under investigation  |

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

| Notice       | Activity                            | Location           |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Abatement    | Discharge to air                    | Ahaura             |
| Abatement    | Discharge to water from subdivision | Stafford, Hokitika |
| Infringement | Discharge to water from subdivision | Stafford, Hokitika |
| Infringement | Discharge of coal fines             | Seven Mile Creek   |

## MINING

### Work Programmes

The Council received the following 7 mining work programmes over the reporting period, all of which were approved by the end of the reporting period:

| Date    | Mining Authorization | Holder                 | Location           |
|---------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 28/1/08 | CML 37160            | Solid Energy           | Island Block       |
| 28/1/08 | CMLs 37058 & 37162   | Solid Energy           | Terrace Mine       |
| 28/1/08 | RC07077              | W Keown                | Marsden            |
| 29/1/08 | MP 50721, RC07194    | B Foster Contracting   | Greeks Creek       |
| 29/1/08 | MP 41476, RC98005    | Titan Resources        | Bell Hill          |
| 7/2/0/8 | MP 41713, RC01287    | Blacktopp              | Duffers Creek Road |
| 13/2/08 | MP 41318, RC94096    | C Thompson Contracting | Cockabulla Creek   |

### Bonds Received

No bonds were received in the reporting period

### Bond Releases

None recommended.

## OIL SPILL RESPONSE

Maritime New Zealand notified the Council on 23 February of a sunken ship 50 kilometres off the coast of Westport. Marine diesel and hydraulic oil were on board in unknown quantities.

This is outside the Council's 12-mile jurisdiction and it was noted that a northeast wind was blowing. No further action was taken.

## RECOMMENDATION

*That the March 2008 report of the Compliance Group be received.*

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, 11 March 2008** commencing on completion of the Resource Management Committee Meeting.

A.R. SCARLETT  
CHAIRPERSON

C. INGLE  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY 2008,  
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD,  
GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.45 A.M.**

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**PRESENT:**

R. Scarlett (Chairman), P. Ewen, B. Chinn, D. Davidson, A. Robb, T. Archer, A. Birchfield

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), C. Dall (Consents and Compliance Manager), S. Moran (Planning and Environmental Manager), C. Pullen (Vector Programme Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk).

**1. APOLOGIES:**

There were no apologies

**2. PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no presentation.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved** (Birchfield / Davidson) that the minutes of the Council Meeting 11 December 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 took his report as read. He spoke of some revised totals of rock in the Blackball and Kiwi Quarries this was picked up during an inspection in January.

Cr Davidson asked if a meeting is scheduled for the Wanganui Rating District. S. Moran confirmed this would take place once the access agreement has been signed.

Cr Robb spoke of the media interest regarding the Punakaiki sea wall. S. Moran stated the rating district was not prepared to pay more for higher quality rock. C. Ingle noted that other members of the rating district are very happy with the wall.

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

*Carried*

**4.2 VECTOR PROGRAMME MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Chairman welcomed C. Pullen to his first Council meeting as Vector Programme Manager. C. Pullen spoke to his report. He drew attention to the completed operations and provided an overview of the two failures. The Cronadun area was re-worked but failed again. A re-work is proposed for July.

C. Ingle clarified that contractors are not paid until the treated area has passed all monitoring for the Taipo area. C. Pullen reported that an aerial operation is scheduled for this area in a couple of month's time.

C. Pullen advised that all other results are pleasing. Post mortem results from the Karamea area revealed that there is no sign of Tb in the 55 possums that tested.

C. Pullen reported that a new Vector Management Officer commenced employment last week.

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

*Carried*

#### 4.3 CORPORATE SERVICE MANAGER'S REPORTS

R. Mallinson spoke to this report. He reported that the significant under spending apparent in the Planning and Environmental area for the six month period is due mainly to being short one staff member. Also extra funding for monitoring in the Lake Brunner area was obtained from MfE. S. Moran advised that a fourth person would be employed in this area.

R. Mallinson reported that the investment portfolio was severely affected by market turbulence during November and December. The Chairman stated that this is still a good financial result.

R. Mallinson advised that Forsyth Barr would make their annual presentation after the March Council meeting.

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

*Carried*

##### 4.3.1 ANTI FRAUD POLICY

R. Mallinson spoke to this report and advised that this policy is now a requirement from the Office of the Auditor General.

**Moved** (Archer / Ewen)

1. *That the Anti Fraud Policy attached be adopted as Council Policy.*
2. *Upon notification of a suspected fraudulent act the Investigation Leader shall notify the Chief Executive immediately, except where the fraud may involve the Chief Executive; and who in turn will notify the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman.*

*Carried*

##### 4.3.2 INDICATIVE REMUNERATION POOL FOR 2008 / 09

R. Mallinson spoke to this report. He read an email for David Oughton, Chairman of the Remuneration Authority.

The following table sets out the effect of the increase in the pool on Councillor remuneration for 2008/09.

|            | 2008/09 Pool |
|------------|--------------|
| Chair      | \$ 61,950    |
| Deputy     | \$ 30,975    |
| Councillor | \$ 20,265    |
| Councillor | \$ 20,265    |
| Councillor | \$ 20,265    |
| Councillor | \$ 20,265    |
| Councillor | \$ 20,265    |
| Councillor | \$ 20,265    |
|            | \$ 194,250   |

**Moved** (Chinn / Davidson) *That Council receive this report but hold the decision over for a month.*

*Carried*

#### 4.3.3 POLICY ON USE OF COUNCIL CREDIT CARDS

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R. Mallinson spoke to this report and advised that it is a very simple and sensible policy, which provides plenty of protection for Council. This is another item that Audit New Zealand has asked Councils to adopt.

**Moved** (Archer / Birchfield) *that the proposed policy on the use of Council Credit Cards be adopted.*

*Carried*

#### 4.3.4 COUNCIL CREDIT TERMS AND IMPOSITION OF LATE PAYMENT PENALTY

R. Mallinson spoke to this report. He stated that Councillors requested that this matter be brought to the February meeting. Extensive discussion ensued with various examples provided. Cr Archer asked if the majority of late payments and penalties incurred are the result of non-payment of resource consents or other general reasons. Cr Archer asked if consideration has been given to paying for every consent before it is released. C. Dall confirmed that a final document is not released until payment is received. C. Dall confirmed that a consent can be acted upon once the appeal period has closed. Cr Birchfield stated that he would be voting against this as the system is not yet completely foolproof. The Chairman stated that if a genuine mistake were made interest would not be charged. R. Mallinson advised that if this policy is adopted then the Resource Consent Application form would need to be changed to make it clear to applicants that they would be charged a penalty for late payments. The Chairman asked each Councillor for their opinion on this matter. Cr's Birchfield and Chinn are against this policy. Cr Chinn stated that he would only want interest charged after any dispute has been settled.

**Moved** (Archer / Robb)

1. *That Council will implement a 10% late payment penalty interest charge on amounts not Paid within 30 days of the due date (the due date being defined as the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month following the date of the invoice).*
2. *That the Corporate Services Manager and the Chief Executive (acting jointly) may agree to waive the late payment penalty in justifiable circumstances.*
3. *That the resource consent application form be amended accordingly.*

*Carried*

*Cr Birchfield against, Cr Chinn against*

#### 5. CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to his report. He attended a meeting with the Auditor General prior to Christmas. A further meeting with Hon. Damien O'Connor was attended. The Chairman also attended this meeting where changes relating to the Animal Health Board were discussed.

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

*Carried*

#### 6. CHAIRMANS REPORT (VERBAL)

Cr Scarlett reported he also attended the meeting with the Auditor General and Hon. Damien O'Connor. The Chairman advised that last Friday he and C. Ingle met with Hon. Damien O'Connor, the Mayor – Tony Kokshoorn and various other people to discuss the port services. Both the Buller and Greymouth ports were discussed. He stated that the prognosis does not look great for both ports unless substantial funding can be obtained.

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

*Carried*

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 12.55 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 11 March 2008  
 Prepared by: W. Moen & G. Trenwith – River & Drainage Section  
 Date: 29 February 2008

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

**1. RIVER AND DRAINAGE INSPECTIONS**

- Franz Josef – Rock Recovery
- Inchbonnie Rating District – Contract Supervision
- Vine Creek – Contract Supervision
- Greymouth Floodwall – Asset Management Plan

**2. WORKS**

Vine Creek Rating District – Flood Damage

This work has been completed by Ferguson Brothers Ltd at a cost of \$28,370.00 (G.S.T. Exclusive)

This work involved the excavation of 1,050 lineal metres of the diversion channel, the replacement of a culvert and the placement of 300 tonnes of rubble bank protection.

**3. FUTURE WORKS**

- Karamea Rating District – Flood Damage
- Coal Creek Rating District – Flood Damage
- Matainui Creek Rating District – Channel Cleanout
- Punakaiki – Maintenance

**4. QUARRIES**

**ROCK MOVEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 31 JANUARY 2008**

| QUARRY             | ROCK IN QUARRY @ 31/12/07 | ROCK USED  | ROCK QUARRIED | ROCK IN QUARRY @ 31/01/08 |
|--------------------|---------------------------|------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Blackball          | 100                       | 0          | 0             | 100                       |
| Camelback          | 350                       | 300        | 0             | 50                        |
| Inchbonnie         | 15000                     | 0          | 0             | 15000                     |
| Kiwi               | 800                       | 0          | 0             | 800                       |
| Miedema            | 0                         | 0          | 0             | 0                         |
| Okuru              | 1840                      | 0          | 0             | 1840                      |
| Taramakau          | 0                         | 0          | 0             | 0                         |
| Wanganui           | 100                       | 40         | 0             | 60                        |
| Wanganui Stockpile | 3648                      | 0          | 0             | 3648                      |
| Whataroa           | 180                       | 0          | 500           | 680                       |
| <b>TOTALS</b>      | <b>22018</b>              | <b>340</b> | <b>500</b>    | <b>22178</b>              |

There were no permits issued since last report.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The report is received.*

Simon Moran  
 Planning and Environmental Manager

## THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting – March 2008  
 Prepared by: Chris Pullen  
 Date: 3 March 2008

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        | Range of Tenders    |
|---------------------------|--------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Bell Hill/Rotomanu Bk 3&4 | 107    | H & M Monitoring           | \$40,740 - \$49,375 |
| Buller North              | 118    | H & M Monitoring           | \$28,476 - \$37,150 |
| Kaiata Bk 1               | 123b   | Holden Contracting         | \$7,935 - \$12,000  |
| Marsden Bk 2              | 122    | Enviro First               | \$7,084 - \$9,570   |
| Mikonui Totara            | 131    | Forest Rangers             | \$14,605 - \$21,00  |
| Waitaha                   | 132    | H & M Monitoring           | \$17,610 - \$33,700 |
| Whataroa/Waitangi         | 134    | Enviro First               | \$21,210 - \$32,330 |
| Mokihinui                 | 117    | Canterbury Pest Management | \$9,430 - \$12,630  |

### 2.0 Operations completed

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

| OPERATION        | BLOCK   | CONTRACTOR                    | DB RTC  | DB LM | BP RTC  | BP LM | F RTC    | F LM | NOTES |
|------------------|---------|-------------------------------|---------|-------|---------|-------|----------|------|-------|
| Arahura          | Block 2 | John Hughes                   | %0.2564 | 1     | %0.0000 | 0     | % 0.0000 | 0    | Pass  |
| Grey Valley East | Block 3 | Vector Control Services (VCS) | %0.0000 | 0     | %0.2083 | 1     | % 0.3333 | 1    | Pass  |
| Inangahua        | Block 2 | Hunta Services Ltd.           | %0.2564 | 1     | %0.3899 | 2     | % 0.0000 | 0    | Pass  |
| Grey Valley West | Block 3 | John Hughes                   | %0.0000 | 0     | %0.0000 | 0     | % 0.0000 | 0    | Pass  |

DB = Deep Bush habitat strata  
 BP = Bush Pasture habitat strata  
 F = Farmland habitat strata

### 3.0 General

- i. The vector 2007-2008 programme is progressing as planned.
- ii. The final tenders for monitoring contracts have been carried out and awarded.
- iii. The New Creek Aerial operation was carried out without any problems. A trend monitor is to follow.

### RECOMMENDATION

*That this report be received.*

Chris Pullen  
 Vector Programme Manager

## THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting  
 Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager  
 Date: 3 March 2008  
 Subject: **CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT**

### 1. Financial Report to 31 JANUARY 2008

| FOR THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED 31 JANUARY 2008 |           |                        |                              |                  |
|--|-----------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
|  | ACTUAL    | YEAR TO DATE<br>BUDGET | ACTUAL<br>% ANNUAL<br>BUDGET | ANNUAL<br>BUDGET |
| <b>REVENUES</b>                            |           |                        |                              |                  |
| General Rates                              | 1,074,671 | 1,070,417              | 59%                          | 1,835,000        |
| Penalties                                  | 41,237    | 46,667                 | 52%                          | 80,000           |
| Investment Income                          | -205,562  | 641,667                | -19%                         | 1,100,000        |
| Regulatory                                 | 541,026   | 518,292                | 64%                          | 851,000          |
| Planning Processes                         | 137,045   | 88,117                 | 91%                          | 151,058          |
| Environmental Monitoring                   | 12,427    | 0                      | 0%                           | 0                |
| Emergency Management                       | 46,892    | 25,974                 | 105%                         | 44,527           |
| River, Drainage, Coastal Protection        | 579,095   | 473,903                | 71%                          | 812,405          |
| AHB Programme                              | 4,646,329 | 5,366,667              | 51%                          | 9,200,000        |
| Vector Mgmt                                | 645,249   | 641,667                | 59%                          | 1,100,000        |
| Regional % Share Controls                  | 330,985   | 328,563                | 59%                          | 563,250          |
| VCS Business Unit                          | 600,599   | 485,333                | 72%                          | 832,000          |
|  | 8,449,993 | 9,687,265              | 51%                          | 16,569,240       |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                         |           |                        |                              |                  |
| Representation                             | 182,617   | 174,627                | 61%                          | 299,360          |
| Regulatory Activities                      | 944,735   | 902,823                | 61%                          | 1,547,697        |
| Planning Processes                         | 321,351   | 362,640                | 52%                          | 621,669          |
| Environmental Monitoring                   | 303,939   | 407,270                | 44%                          | 698,177          |
| Emergency Management                       | 110,498   | 80,757                 | 80%                          | 138,440          |
| River, Drainage, Coastal Protection        | 428,741   | 1,019,921              | 25%                          | 1,748,436        |
| AHB Programme                              | 4,643,129 | 5,366,667              | 50%                          | 9,200,000        |
| Vector Mgmt                                | 577,144   | 564,342                | 60%                          | 967,443          |
| Regional % Share Controls                  | 513,878   | 499,578                | 60%                          | 856,419          |
| VCS Business Unit                          | 519,244   | 427,512                | 71%                          | 732,877          |
| Portfolio Management                       | 16,520    | 0                      |                              | 0                |
| Unallocated Overhead costs                 | 31,785    | 0                      |                              | 0                |
| Legal costs Glenharrow Holding Ltd Claim   | 10,000    | 0                      |                              | 0                |
|  | 8,603,580 | 9,806,136              | 51%                          | 16,810,518       |
| <b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>                 |           |                        |                              |                  |
| Transfer Rating District Interest          | -82,287   |                        |                              |                  |
| Prior period adjustment                    | -32,115   |                        |                              |                  |
| To Transfer to Balance Sheet               | -267,989  |                        |                              |                  |

| BREAKDOWN OF SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)    | ACTUAL          | BUDGET<br>Year to date | ANNUAL<br>BUDGET |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Rating Districts                   | 222,297         | -380,559               | -652,387         |
| Quarries                           | 11,712          | -19,525                | -33,472          |
| Regional % Share of AHB Programmes | -182,893        | -171,015               | -293,169         |
| Investment Income                  | -222,082        | 641,667                | 1,100,000        |
| VCS Business Unit                  | 81,355          | 57,822                 | 99,123           |
| AHB Programmes                     | 3,200           | 0                      | 0                |
| Vector Mgmt                        | 68,105          | 77,325                 | 132,557          |
| Other                              | -10,000         | 0                      | 0                |
| All Other Activities               | -125,281        | -324,584               | -593,930         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       | <b>-153,587</b> | <b>-118,871</b>        | <b>-241,278</b>  |

| Net Contributors to "Other Activities" Surplus (-Deficit)     | Actual    | Budget ytd | Annual Plan | Net<br>Variance<br>Actual v.<br>budget ytd |
|---|-----------|------------|-------------|--|
| Rates   | 1,074,671 | 1,070,417  | 1,835,000   | 4,254                                      |
| Penalties   | 41,237    | 46,667     | 80,000      | -5,430                                     |
| Representation  | -182,617  | -174,627   | -299,360    | -7,990                                     |
| Regulatory Activities   | -403,709  | -384,532   | -696,697    | -19,177                                    |
| Planning Activities   | -184,306  | -274,523   | -470,611    | 90,217                                     |
| River, Drainage, Coastal Protection (excl. RD's and Quarries) | -83,655   | -145,934   | -250,172    | 62,279                                     |
| Environmental Monitoring                                      | -291,512  | -407,270   | -698,177    | 115,758                                    |
| Emergency Management  | -63,606   | -54,783    | -93,913     | -8,823                                     |
| Unallocated Overhead costs                                    | -31,785   | 0          | 0           | -31,785                                    |
|   | -125,281  | -324,584   | -593,930    | 199,303                                    |

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 JANUARY 2008**


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|                                       | @ 31/01/08 | @ 30/06/2007 |
|---------------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| <b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>          |            |              |
| Cash                                  | 500        | 144,518      |
| Short term Deposit - Westpac          | 510,175    | 0            |
| Accounts Receivable - Rates           | -252,461   | 247,151      |
| Accounts Receivable - General Debtors | 425,590    | 866,649      |
| Sundry Receivables                    | 196,079    | 0            |
| Prepayments                           | 97,303     | 50,944       |
| Accrued Revenue                       | 388,774    | 891,846      |
| Stock - explosives                    | 371        | 371          |
| Stock - VCS                           | 36,876     | 26,325       |
| Stock - Rock                          | 73,054     | 21,132       |
| Stock - Office Supplies               | 17,317     | 17,317       |
| Accrued Rates Revenue                 | 254,506    |              |
|                                       | <hr/>      | <hr/>        |
|                                       | 1,748,084  | 2,266,253    |
| <b><u>Non Current Assets</u></b>      |            |              |
| Investments                           | 11,009,917 | 11,542,615   |
| Fixed Assets                          | 3,265,010  | 3,356,349    |
| Infrastructural Assets                | 39,403,646 | 39,403,646   |
|                                       | <hr/>      | <hr/>        |
|                                       | 53,678,573 | 54,302,610   |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                   | <hr/>      | <hr/>        |
|                                       | 55,426,657 | 56,568,863   |
| <br>                                  |            |              |
| <b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>     |            |              |
| Bank OD                               | 110,656    |              |
| Accounts Payable                      | 189,162    | 913,070      |
| GST                                   | -36,519    |              |
| Deposits and Bonds                    | 371,668    | 342,342      |
| Sundry Payables                       | 98,548     | 307,369      |
| Accrued Annual Leave, Payroll         | 183,881    | 192,549      |
| Other Revenue in Advance              | 118,862    |              |
| Rates Revenue in Advance              |            | 59,363       |
|                                       | <hr/>      | <hr/>        |
|                                       | 1,036,257  | 1,814,693    |
| <b><u>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b> |            |              |
| Future Quarry restoration             | 85,800     | 85,800       |
| Punakaiki Loan                        | 329,143    | 346,548      |
| Office Equipment and IT Leases        | 173,980    | 252,355      |
|                                       | <hr/>      | <hr/>        |
|                                       | 588,923    | 684,703      |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>              | <hr/>      | <hr/>        |
|                                       | 1,625,180  | 2,499,396    |
| <br>                                  |            |              |
| <b><u>EQUITY</u></b>                  |            |              |
| Ratepayers Equity                     | 19,931,932 | 19,931,932   |
| Surplus Tsfrd.                        | -267,989   |              |
| Rating District Equity Mvmts          | -157,395   |              |
| Rating Districts Equity               | 2,457,479  | 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    |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>                   | <hr/>      | <hr/>        |
|                                       | 53,801,477 | 54,069,467   |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>       | <hr/>      | <hr/>        |
|                                       | 55,426,657 | 56,568,863   |

## 2. General Comment

Total operating expenditure for the seven month period was \$8.604 million, of which AHB programme expenditure made up \$4.643 million.

Total revenues for the period amounted to \$8.450 million.

The total deficit was (-\$154,000)

The results for the seven month period are a mixture of both good and bad news.

The bad news was the severe impact on our portfolio in the equities and alternative asset classes, with an erosion of \$405000 between 31 December and 31 January. This would be the largest single period erosion since the portfolio was placed in July 2001. The net loss for the seven months to 31 January 2008 amounts to \$217000. However, it needs to be emphasized that the portfolio is essentially still a conservative / defensive one and that has protected us from worse losses.

The good news was that expenditure is under tight control, with net positive budget variances for the reporting period amounting to \$199000, in particular in the Planning, Environmental Monitoring and River Drainage Coastal Protection areas. Some but not all of that \$199000 variance will reverse by 30 June 2008.

The programmed monthly withdrawals from the portfolio in accordance with the Annual Plan have been suspended for the balance of the financial year or until Investment returns improve. This is sensible, especially in view of the underspending in various areas.

Summary;

- Investment income was a loss of \$205000 compared to budgeted income of \$642000. Portfolio loss = (-\$217697). Income from Westpac short term deposits = \$12135.
- VCS Business Unit surplus \$82000.
- Positive budget variances amounting to \$199000 with regard to "All Other Activities".
- Cash position was still positive with short term deposits with Westpac amounting to \$510000 and bank overdraft amounting to (-\$110000). The second rates installment will issue in early march.

### 3. Investment Portfolio returns

Forsyth Barr Ltd will be making their annual presentation to Councillors and management following the completion of the Council meeting.

| PORTFOLIO @ 31 January 2008<br>Summary & Reconciliation      |                 | Cash          | Bonds        | Australasia<br>Equities | International<br>Equities | Property<br>Equities | Alternative<br>Asset Classes | Total          |                       |
|--|-----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Portfolio Value @ Start                                      | 01 July 2007    | 4076756       | 2906798.26   | 928921                  | 1204811                   | 672386               | 1730842                      | 11520514       |                       |
| Contributions  | )               | 2515860       | 60000        | 587810                  | 1021470                   | 155000               | 239594                       | 4579733        | -315000               |
| Withdrawals  | )               | -2356064      | -1698948     | -22810                  | -86758                    | 0                    | -730154                      | -4894733       | as per<br>Annual Plan |
| <b>Realised Gains/(Losses)</b>                               |                 |               |              |                         |                           |                      |                              |                |                       |
| Price  |                 | -66617        | -15904       | -90                     | -46918                    | 208                  | -12087                       | -141408        | -217697               |
| FX   |                 |               |              | -85959                  | 7602                      | 1788                 | 16724                        | -59845         |                       |
| <b>Unrealised Gains/(Losses)</b>                             |                 |               |              |                         |                           |                      |                              |                |                       |
| Price  |                 | 84370         | 6950         | -75420                  | -338574                   | -108760              | -241404                      | -672839        |                       |
| FX   |                 |               |              | 48985                   | 19523                     | 16539                | -18507                       | 66540          |                       |
| Mgmt Fee   |                 |               |              |                         | -181                      |                      | 1542                         | 1362           |                       |
| Interest Income  |                 | 205875        | 73718        | 7476                    | 3504                      | 3522                 | 21572                        | 315667         |                       |
| Changes Accrued Interest                                     |                 |               | -15813       |                         |                           |                      |                              | -15813         |                       |
| Dividends  |                 |               |              | 20865                   | 85819                     | 21341                | 28930                        | 156956         |                       |
| reversal Hedges 30.6.07                                      |                 |               |              |                         | -11479                    |                      | -35027                       | -46506         |                       |
| Hedges @ 31.1.08   |                 |               |              | 13794                   | 71843                     | 4120                 | 88431                        | 178188         |                       |
| Portfolio Value @ End Period                                 | 31 JANUARY 2008 | 4460178       | 1316802      | 1423572                 | 1930664                   | 766144               | 1090457                      | 10987817       |                       |
| <b>Total gains (-losses) during 7 month reporting period</b> |                 | <b>223627</b> | <b>48951</b> | <b>-70349</b>           | <b>-208859</b>            | <b>-61243</b>        | <b>-149825</b>               | <b>-217697</b> |                       |
| <b>Net mvmt January</b>                                      |                 | <b>31925</b>  | <b>15766</b> | <b>-173835</b>          | <b>-169481</b>            | <b>-55876</b>        | <b>-54019</b>                | <b>-405520</b> |                       |
|  |                 |               |              |                         |                           |                      | Structured credit            | 174686         |                       |
|  |                 |               |              |                         |                           |                      | Emerging market debt         | 827340         |                       |
|  |                 |               |              |                         |                           |                      | Hedge positions              | 88431          |                       |
|  |                 |               |              |                         |                           |                      |                              | 1090457        |                       |

| Asset Allocation %'s @ 31 January 2008 | Benchmarks |
|--|------------|
| Cash                                   | 41% 25%    |
| Bonds                                  | 12% 25%    |
| Australasian Equities                  | 13% 15%    |
| International Equities                 | 18% 15%    |
| Property Equities                      | 7% 5%      |
| Alternative Asset Classes              | 10% 15%    |
|  | 100% 100%  |

#### Tactical asset allocation range

|           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| 10% - 50% | complies |
| 10% - 50% | complies |
| 0% - 20%  | complies |
| 0% - 20%  | complies |
| 0% - 10%  | complies |
| 0% - 20%  | complies |

## RECOMMENDATION

*That this report be received.*

Robert Mallinson  
Corporate Services Manager

## **THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 11 March 2008  
Prepared by: Chris Ingle – Chief Executive  
Date: 25 February 2008

Subject: **CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT**

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### **Meetings Attended**

The meetings I attended since the 11 February 2008 Council meeting are as follows:

- Attended the Chief Executive's Environmental Forum in Wellington on 12 February.
- Attended Development West Coast Industry Advisory Committee meeting on 13 February.
- Spoke at the Conservation Management Strategy hearing on 18 February.
- Met with Westland Milk Products on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February, to discuss projects under our 'working together' agreement.
- Visited Wellington on 20 February and attended the Local Government Broadband Forum.
- Met with Meridan Energy on 22 February.
- Met with Buller Mayor and CEO to discuss Reefton air issues and solutions.
- Attended RLTC meeting 27 February.

### **Regional Affairs Committee Meeting and Tour**

The West Coast Regional Council hosted the February meeting and tour of the Regional Affairs Committee. The meeting was held on Thursday 28 February followed by a dinner on Thursday night. On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> members toured the Globe Progress Mine at Reefton then lunched at Moana where various new West Coast developments were discussed.

The annual regional tours give regional council chairs and CEOs an opportunity to view provincial RMA issues first hand. Regions learn from each other the best practice approaches to resource management and regional development.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That this report be received.*

Chris Ingle  
Chief Executive