

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

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

**TUESDAY, 8 JUNE 2010**

**The programme for the day is:**

**10.30 a.m: Resource Management Committee Meeting**

**On completion of RMC Meeting: Council Meeting**

**Workshop: Optional Tour to view Greymouth Floodwall Upgrade**

# **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, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

P. EWEN  
CHAIRPERSON

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

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 11 MAY 2010 AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL,  
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

Cr Ewen led a minute's silence in honour of former Councillor and Deputy Chairman, the late Mr Denis Shannahan.

**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**2. MINUTES**

**Moved** (Archer / Davidson) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 13 April 2010, be confirmed as correct.*

*Carried*

**Matters Arising**

T. Scott advised that there is an error in the minutes that recorded him as being present. He was not present for the April meeting.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cr Ewen reported that he attended a meeting with C. Ingle in Christchurch to meet with Dr Steve Ulrich, the new FRST Envirolink Official. He stated that this was a very fruitful meeting. They also attended a meeting on the same day with Hon Kate Wilkinson, Conservation Minister, to discuss matters relating to Wetlands on the West Coast. Cr Ewen advised that this was quite a lengthy but very worthwhile meeting. Cr Ewen reported that he and Cr Birchfield and Cr Robb attended a workshop of the Greymouth Floodwall Committee. He then followed up matters relating to this meeting with staff. Cr Ewen reported that he assisted with the tender process for works in South Westland and the Nelson Creek area for urgent repair works following a heavy rainfall event. Cr Ewen reported that he attended the reconvening of the Coastal Plan Change hearing. He noted that it was pleasing to get the number of rivers to be unblocked moved up from 19 rivers to 45. He stated that this was a good result and reported that some rivers have been flagged with conditions relating to the opening up of river mouths. Cr Ewen stated that this progress is a credit to staff that dealt with these negotiations.

Cr Ewen reported that he, Cr Robb and Cr Archer met earlier today to progress the Pest Management Strategy. Cr Ewen reported that he received correspondence from the Maruia area, the correspondent would like a survey on 1080 issues. He also received correspondence from a ratepayer regarding an ongoing boundary dispute. Cr Ewen is seeking further information on both matters prior to following up.

**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 Environment Minister, Dr Nick Smith, has now announced the new Water Metering Regulations. S. Moran reported that the key thing to come out of this is that there are some exemptions and some flexibility likely to be contained in the regulations which are what this council had pushed for in their submissions. S. Moran stated that this is a big step for the Ministry to have taken, given where they started.

S. Moran reported that work has proceeded on the Coastal Plan Change 2 with the writing up of the decisions from the hearing panel following the reconvening of this hearing, the decisions would be released shortly.

S. Moran reported that one of the key changes for the reform of aquaculture legislation is that applicants can apply under the proposed changes for space outside of the aquaculture management areas. S. Moran advised that the new reforms for aquaculture legislation are unlikely to have a significant impact on this council and it would be business as usual if a consent application came in.

S. Moran reported that the West Coast Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan was reviewed recently. He advised that the CEG had an extraordinary meeting to consider the submissions that were made on the draft. It will now be presented to the Mayors and Chairs Forum for their approval and then onto Hon John Carter, Minister for Civil Defence for his comments prior to coming back to the Group for final adoption.

S. Moran reported that at the recent Engineering Lifelines Group meeting a presentation by Rob Langridge from GNS was included to demonstrate work done on developing a surface rupture avoidance zone for the Alpine Fault. It is hoped that this work will be taken to a wider audience to include the district councils. S. Moran stated that this was a very worthwhile.

S. Moran reported that the Ministry of Civil Defence carried out a test on the National Warning System recently. The group responded to the warning within the required timeframes.

S. Moran advised that Exercise Tangaroa is scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup> of October. It will be based on a large Chilean earthquake that will have a significant impact on the West Coast. He advised that all West Coast councils, civil defence groups and emergency services would be participating.

S. Moran reported that staff have completed the autumn sampling round for water quality despite the weather not being the best during this time. S. Moran reported that the Waiho River triggered its alarm levels several times during recent heavy rainfall events. He stated that staff closely monitored this weather event.

C. Archer asked S. Moran if there has been any further development on a national level on physically warning the public of an imminent civil defence event. Cr Archer noted that radios are used but not everyone listens to the radio and in some places sirens are sounded but there are lots of areas that are not covered by sirens especially rural areas. S. Moran responded that there have been ongoing discussions regarding early warnings but there has been nothing in the way of a consistent system as it depends on the systems involved in each different area. Cr Archer asked S. Moran if the West Coast CDEM Group is satisfied that there is reasonable coverage of areas to notify people of region wide civil defence issues. S. Moran responded that the CEG discusses this frequently and have acknowledged that early warning is a concern in view of the widespread areas but it also depends on the type of event and the timeframe available to work in. Cr Archer stated that there was talk some time ago about a national texting link which generated a lot of interest but now seems to have died a natural death. He asked if this is still being considered. S. Moran said that some local authorities have signed up for this service but coverage will get to some but not everyone. Cr Scarlett stated that depending on the type of event the warnings would differ and that timeframes would also depend on the type of event as well. S. Moran stated that there is no foolproof way of providing warnings. Cr Archer stated that the secret is to warn people so that they understand that there is something developing and then the general advice is to listen to your radio station as there are national agreements in place with radio stations. Cr Birchfield stated that everyone has seen on TV what happens when there is an earthquake and a tsunami is sometimes generated, the best thing to do is to get to higher ground. He feels this is commonsense. S. Moran advised that there are standard operating procedures in place for getting information out to the radio networks, fire brigade, ambulance etc. This depends on what the situation is and what the Civil Defence Controller wants done. Cr Ewen stated that when such an event happens it is going to be specific to the location and there will be a commonsense solution to those specific sites.

S. Moran advised that he would take these comments to the CEG members.

Cr Ewen asked if the reference to a "limited set of exemptions" in the new water metering regulations applies to the whole of the West Coast or just parts of the West Coast. S. Moran responded that this relates to non-consumptive water takes and exemptions are for where the allocation status will not result in adverse effects on the water resource. Cr Ewen asked if every consent holder would have to do his or her own individual exemption or can council get an exemption because the region is overwhelmed with water? S. Moran advised that this is something to consider in terms of what extent we go to. C. Ingle advised that we need to wait and see what the final regulations look like, then bring back a draft exemption to Council which council will apply for, which should consent the whole of the coast but it is still too early to say. C. Ingle stated that it is encouraging to see those words ("limited set of exemptions") included.

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

*Carried*

## **5.2 CONSENTS AND COMPLIANCE GROUP**

### **5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**

C. Dall spoke to this report. He stated that the granting of the consents for the Mokihinui River Hydro Power Scheme is the major consent granted during the reporting period. C. Dall advised that at the time of writing this report there have been appeals from three parties received. He reported that since writing this report the Dept of Conservation has also served notice of appeal on the consents. C. Dall stated that there is the appeal in relation to the consents granted by WCRC and Buller District for Hydro Development Ltd's proposed hydro scheme on the Stockton Plateau. He advised that two other parties have joined the appeal by Solid Energy. Cr Ewen asked C. Dall if the consent for Grey District Council to construct river protection works on the bed of Ford Creek is for protection work already in place. C. Dall replied that the consent is to allow for further work and to upgrade what was already in place.

**Moved** (Archer / Robb) *that the May 2010 report of the Consents Group be received.*

*Carried*

### **5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

C. Dall spoke to this report. He advised that the recent field day for farmers in the Lake Brunner catchment to discuss low rate application effluent management was well attended. C. Dall reported that council staff have inspected the Blaketown Beach site and have advised Westroads Ltd that further beach profiles are required to ascertain whether or not gravel levels have built up sufficiently enough to allow gravel extraction. He stated that that no further gravel extraction will be allowed after 1 June unless the beach profiles have been completed. C. Dall explained the process involved in taking beach profiles to the meeting.

C. Dall advised that OceanaGold reported a minor tailings spill at their Globe Progress Mine, the spill was contained and there was no environmental impact from the incident. C. Dall reported that an Infringement Notice has been issued to Pike River Coal Ltd for the discharge of coal fines to the Big River. C. Dall reported that OnTrack have been carrying out upgrade work on the railway line between Greymouth and Christchurch. OnTrack have been doing day lighting of the tunnel at Kiwi Point. C. Dall reported that NZTA have carried out work on upgrading various bridges in the region. C. Dall advised that 12 complaints were received during the reporting period which is slightly below normal.

C. Dall reported that staff recently attended an oil spill response exercise at the Blaketown Lagoon. Cr Birchfield asked if the complaint at Hou Hou Creek was another false complaint. C. Dall responded that the creek was discoloured. Cr Davidson stated that he goes over Hou Hou Creek most days and it has been discoloured at times. Cr Davidson feels this is a genuine complaint. C. Dall spoke of the difficulties in ascertaining the cause of discoloration, as sometimes the source is different to previous complaints. C. Dall stated in this case there is also a backwater effect towards the highway caused by the high tide and this can cause ponding.

**Moved** (Archer / Scarlett) *that the May 2010 report of the Compliance Group be received.*

*Carried*

**6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.04 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting  
 Prepared by: S. Moran – Planning & Environmental Manager  
 Date: 24 May 2010

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

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**PLANNING**Coastal Plan Change 2

Decisions on submissions on the Proposed Coastal Plan Change 2 were released on 26 May. The changes are now incorporated into the Coastal Plan, and there is a 30 day appeal period which closes on 8 July. If there are no appeals, then the rule becomes effective after 8 July, but if there is an appeal, the rule does not have effect until the appeal is resolved.

Proposed National Policy Statement for Fresh Water Management

As previously reported the Board of Inquiry's report was forwarded on to the Land and Water Forum (LAWF) for comment. The LAWF was supposed to report back to the Minister by June but that has now been extended until August. Consequently, we will not know what the Minister intends to do with the Board's Recommendations until late August or September.

Possible National Environmental Standard on future sea-level rise

The Ministry for the Environment is currently considering whether to proceed with an NES on future sea level rise. Whilst not a reality yet, the Ministry is looking at this in order to:

- reduce the constant re-litigation by parties of the particular climate change and sea-level rise projection selected by local authorities.
- a reduction in the time, and therefore cost, to local authorities spent identifying which future sea-level rise projection they should be planning for
- a reduction in the risk of re-litigation of the future sea-level rise projection selected, which will assist local authorities to undertake effective planning
- ensuring the future sea-level rise projection can be amended effectively and efficiently to reflect the best available information.

The option being scoped is to develop an NES that prescribes a base amount of future sea-level rise to plan for, along with requiring consideration of the consequences of higher sea-level rise values. It is proposed that the standard would be legally drafted based on the Ministry for the Environment guidance manual [Coastal Hazards and Climate Change: A Guidance Manual for Local Government in New Zealand](#), page 20, as follows:

For planning and decision timeframes out to the 2090s (2090–2099): a base value sea-level rise of 0.5 m relative to the 1980–1999 average will be used, along with an assessment of the potential consequences from a range of possible higher sea-level rise values. At the very least, all assessments will consider the consequences of a mean sea-level rise of at least 0.8 m relative to the 1980–1999 average.

For planning for the period beyond 2100, where future adaptation options may be limited, an allowance for sea-level rise of 10 mm per year beyond 2100 is required.

Weather Radar Update

Planning is on target for installation of the weather radar in early 2011.

**RESOURCE SCIENCE**Flood Warning

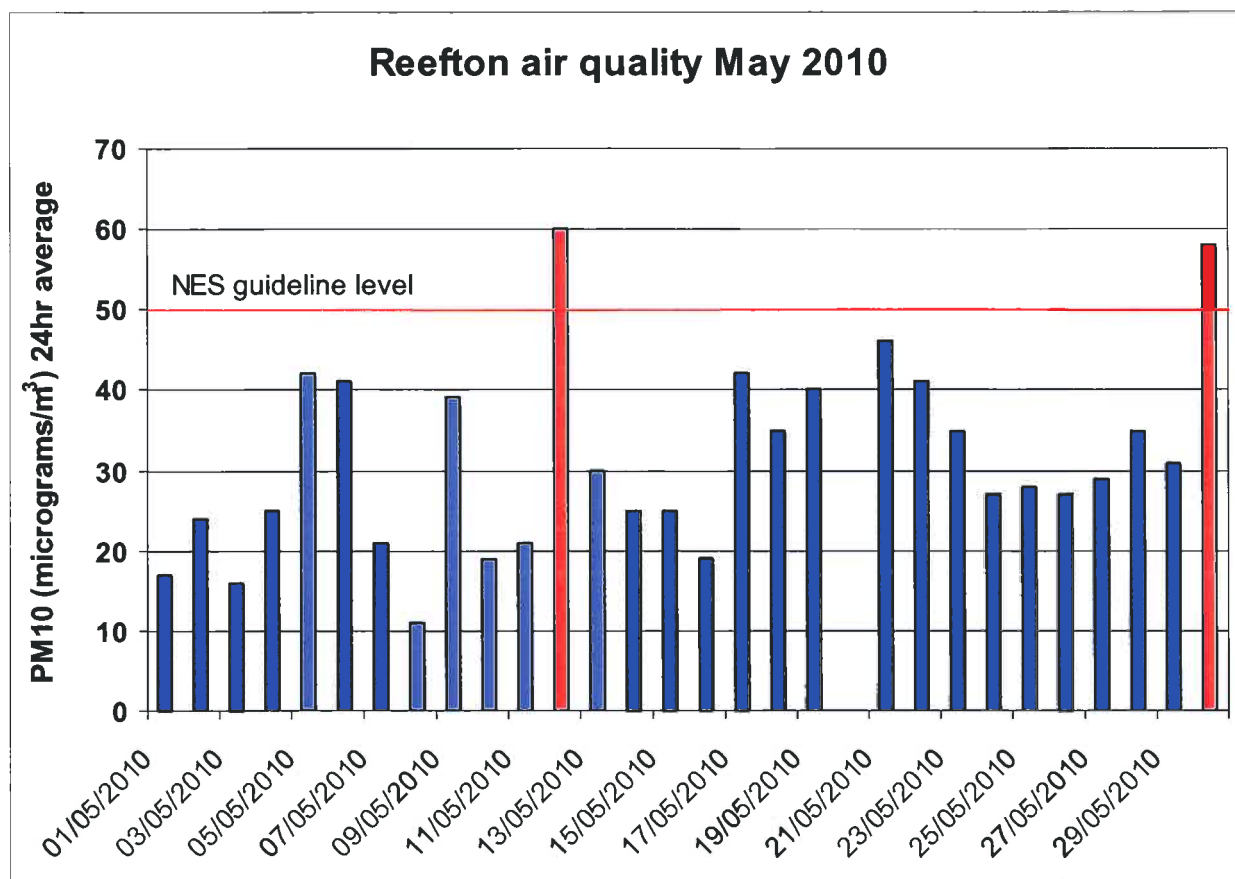
There have been no floods during this period, in the Karamea, Buller, Grey, Hokitika or Waiho Rivers.



### Air Quality

Cold stable winter conditions have produced exceedences of PM10 in Reefton. So far there have been two exceedences of the National Environmental Standard for PM10 of an average figure of 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  over a 24 hour period.

Date	24 hour PM10 average
12/05/2010	60 micrograms/m <sup>3</sup>
30/05/2010	58 micrograms/m <sup>3</sup>



### Data Requests

There have been 2 rainfall data requests.

### RECOMMENDATION

*That this report is received.*

Simon Moran  
Planning and Environmental Manger

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee  
 Prepared by: Colin Dall - Consents & Compliance Manager  
 Date: 27 May 2010

**Subject: CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT****CONSENTS****Consents Site Visits from 28 April – 26 May 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY, NAME &amp; LOCATION</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>
28/04/10	RC10022 - Whataroa Dairy Farm Partnership, Dairy effluent discharge, Whataroa	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the dairy effluent discharge system.
28/04/10	RC10031 - Sylands Ltd, Dairy effluent discharge, Whataroa	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the dairy effluent discharge system.
28/04/10	RC10035 - KR & RC Blackburn, Dairy effluent discharge, Whataroa	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the dairy effluent discharge system.
28/04/10	RC10056 - GR Aitken & HP Rastrick, Dairy effluent discharge, Harihari	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the dairy effluent discharge system.
29/04/10	RC10088 - Lloyd Harvey, Humping & hollowing, Westport	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the proposed humping and hollowing.
05/05/10	RC10047 - Westroads Greymouth Ltd, Stockpiling, Blaketown Beach	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the location of the stockpiles.
06/05/10	RC09181 - R & P Adams, Alluvial gold mining, Rutherglen	To meet with the applicant and submitters to discuss the proposed gold mining operation and gain a better understanding of the operation.
26/5/2010	PA10022 - Barbara Paine, Onsite sewage discharge, Nelson Creek	To investigate the site and gain a better understanding of the proposed onsite sewage treatment and disposal system.

**Non-Notified Resource Consents Granted from 28 April – 26 May 2010**

<b>CONSENT NO. &amp; HOLDER</b>	<b>PURPOSE OF CONSENT</b>
RC10022 Whataroa Dairy Farm Partnership	To discharge dairy effluent to land and water (the Whataroa River), near DS149, Whataroa.
RC10031 Sylands Ltd	To discharge dairy effluent to land and water (the Whataroa River) near DS077, Te Taho.
RC10035 KR & RC Blackburn	To discharge dairy effluent to land and water (the Whataroa River) near DS072, Te Taho.
RC10047 Westroads Greymouth Ltd	To undertake earthworks within 50 metres of the Coastal Marine Area for the purpose of stockpiling at Blaketown Beach, Greymouth.
RC10049 Phoenix Mining Ltd	To take and use surface water from Cockabulla Creek associated with alluvial gold mining activities.

	To divert the flow of Cockabulla Creek associated with alluvial gold mining activities.
RC10051 Animal Health Board Inc	To authorise the aerial discharge of 1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate) possum control cereal or carrot baits (up to maximum rate of 5kg per hectare), containing a maximum of 0.15% weight/weight of 1080, to land in the "Poerua/Mt Hercules/Mt Price Operational Area".
RC10063 Taylors Contracting Company Ltd	To undertake earthworks associated with depositing clean fill on land at Otira.
RC10067 GM & TA Taege	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining activities at Takutai.  To take surface water from a dam at Takutai for use in alluvial gold mining activities.  To dam Pine Creek at Takutai.  To discharge sediment-laden water to land associated with alluvial gold mining activities at Takutai.
RC10078 Southern Screenworks Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Grey River near Blackball for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC10082 Westland Milk Products	To disturb the bed of the Hokitika River for the purpose of installing a discharge pipeline.  To temporarily divert the flow of the true right channel of the Hokitika River to allow the installation of a discharge pipeline.
RC10084 Tru-line Drainage Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Buller River near Iron Bridge for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC10085 RD Robinson	To disturb the dry bed of the Crooked River for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC10091 Kelvin Douglas Contracting (2004) Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of Tailings Creek for the purpose of gravel extraction.
RC10094 Cooks Stud Farms Ltd	To discharge dairy effluent to land and water (Cunningham Creek) near DS238, Kowhitirangi.
RC10095 Amethyst Hydro Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Wanganui River for the purpose of extracting gravel.

Changes to Consent Conditions Granted from 28 April – 26 May 2010

<b>CONSENT NO. &amp; HOLDER</b>	<b>PURPOSE OF CONSENT</b>
RC08132 Birchfield Minerals Ltd	Increase in area allowed to be disturbed by alluvial gold mining activities, Blackball.

No Limited Notified and Notified Resource Consents were granted during the period.

Notified Consents Updates

The hearing for Solid Energy New Zealand Limited's consent applications for its proposed Stockton Hydro Scheme was commenced in Westport on 17 May and was adjourned on 26 May.

### Public Enquiries

40 written public enquiries were responded to during the reporting period. 25 (62.5%) were answered on the same day, 7 (17.5%) the following day, and the remaining 8 (20%) no more than 10 working days later.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That the June 2010 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Colin Dall

**Consents & Compliance Manager**

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee  
 Prepared by: Colin Dall – Consents & Compliance Manager and Michael Meehan – Compliance Team Leader  
 Date: 28 May 2010  
 Subject: **COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

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### Site Visits

A total of 82 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period, which consisted of:

Activity	Number of Visits	Fully Compliant (%)
Resource consent monitoring	10	80
Dairy shed inspections	47	68
Complaint response	10	50
Mining compliance & bond release	15	73

### Specific Issues

**Dairy Effluent Discharges:** Staff attended an effluent management field day in Harihari, which was well attended by farmers and agricultural professionals. Inspections continued, including follow up inspections to check that remedial works had been done as required.

**Beach Gravel Extraction – Westroads:** Beach profiles are due from Westroads on June 1 2010. No further extraction will be allowed under the Blaketown licence from this date if the profiles do not show a build up of gravel above the accepted trigger levels.

The Council has received a number of complaints and enquiries regarding the erosion of the beach adjacent to the Doyle Street/Thompson Street intersection. The beach profiles, when submitted, will provide a robust indication of whether or not the site is eroding or accreting, and in the meantime the Company agreed (on 17 May) to take no further gravel from the beach north of its yard until the new profiles are submitted and a decision is made on the amount of gravel build up or loss.

As at 22 May 2010, Westroads had taken a net volume 4,895 m<sup>3</sup> of the authorised extraction limit of 6,000 m<sup>3</sup>.

**Pike River Coal Mine – Pike River Coal:** Alterations to the Coal Processing Plant were completed in May. These alterations included some of the corrective measures required following the discharge of coal fines to Big River that occurred in March 2010. Compliance staff will conduct a site visit in the next few weeks to inspect the alterations, and determine whether the abatement notice is still required.

One minor environmental non-compliance occurred during the reporting period involving a discharge of high turbidity water from the stone drive. The Council is awaiting a report from the Company regarding this incident, but understands the discharge occurred for a short period of time with minor effects on the receiving environment.

**Forestry – PF Olsen:** An inspection was made to Duffers Creek Road, Waimea to inspect damage caused by the previous weekend's flooding of the Company's forest. Detritus had washed down from the surrounding hills, blocked a culvert and had flowed down Duffers Creek Road. PF Olsen had contractors on site fixing the road and re-instating several washed out culverts.

**Aerial 1080 Operation - Animal Health Board Incorporated:** An inspection was carried out to check the aerial 1080 drop at Maruia on 20 May. There were no issues noted at the time of inspection.

**Globe Progress Mine – Oceana Gold:** The Council received a complaint regarding the water quality in Devils Creek relating to sediment being deposited on the bed of Devils Creek. It is believed that high flow events have flushed sediment from Oriental Creek that had been deposited in the creek last year.

Oceana Gold is monitoring the movement of this sediment, and as part of the restorative justice process for the Council's prosecution against the Company, it is the investigating the feasibility of removing the sediment from Oriental and Devils Creek.

## Solid Energy (SENZ) Consent and Licence Monitoring:

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### Stockton Opencast Mine

The Council received notification regarding 2 non-compliances at water sampling site S16 (St Patricks Stream) during the last reporting period.

Explanations received from SENZ indicate that these non-compliances relate to heavy rainfall events at Stockton.

Council staff will be visiting the site to view affected areas shortly.

### Spring Creek Underground Mine

A site inspection of the Spring Creek mine was undertaken on the 12 May 2010. No significant issues were identified during the inspection.

## Complaints/Incidents between 29 April to 27 May 2010

The following 12 complaints/incidents were received during the reporting period:

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome
Gold mining	Complaint regarding sediment discharges from mining operation.	Reefton	Compliant
Gold mining	Excess stormwater caused sediment pond to burst.	Fox Creek	Still under investigation
Air discharge	"Fishy" smell on roof.	Westport	Source not identified during investigation - potentially natural occurrence
Stormwater	Complaint that the raising of a road on the downstream 'flood plain' has caused flood waters to back up into neighbour's property.	Awatuna	No action required
Stormwater	Complaint that humping and hollowing and drainage from a subdivision has intensified runoff to property causing flooding and erosion.	Awatuna	Still under investigation
Stormwater	Contoured land drains to a roadside drain which is directed to an old mineshaft. Neighbour is concerned that sediment may fill the shaft and cause flooding.	Rimu	No action required
Stormwater	Pond above property on may cause flooding.	Maori Gully Road, Kokiri	No action required
Water take	Water take potentially affected by gold mining operation.	Nelson Creek	Still under investigation
Coal mining	Non-compliance recorded at monitoring point S16	Stockton	High rainfall reactivated seeps, site inspection to be undertaken by WCRC
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Air discharge	Burning rubbish including rubber, white ware and general rubbish	Kaiata	Burner required to extinguish fire and issued with formal warning

Forestry	Logging operation causing sediment runoff.	Hou Hou Creek	Logger required to implement sediment control measures and apply for retrospective resource consent
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### **Formal Enforcement Action**

No formal enforcement action was undertaken during the reporting period.

## **MINING**

### **Work Programmes**

The Council received the following 7 work programmes during the reporting period, 5 of which were processed within the 20-day target (shown in italics):

<b>Date</b>	<b>Mining Authorisation</b>	<b>Holder</b>	<b>Location</b>
<i>4/5/10</i>	<i>RC10012, MP41782</i>	<i>Westside Mining Ltd</i>	<i>Notown</i>
<i>7/5/10</i>	<i>RC03181, MP41011</i>	<i>SL Jasper</i>	<i>8 Mile</i>
<i>10/5/10</i>	<i>RC08146, MP50969</i>	<i>Arthur Gillman</i>	<i>Kaniere</i>
<i>12/5/10</i>	<i>RC03199, MP41127</i>	<i>Fahey Contracting Ltd</i>	<i>Ngahere</i>
21/5/10	RC10068, MP52365	Blacktopp Mining Ltd	Waimea
<i>21/5/10</i>	<i>RC00135, MP41844</i>	<i>Hard Rock Mining and Development Ltd</i>	<i>Kumara</i>
26/5/10	RC06163, MP41943	Blue Spur Estates Ltd	Blue Spur

The remaining work programmes required further information or are in the process of being reviewed:

### **Bonds Received**

The following bond was received during the reporting period:

<b>Mining Authorisation</b>	<b>Holder</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
RC8145	Boatmans Energy Company Ltd	Cronadun	\$20,000

### **Bond Releases**

No bonds are recommended for release.

## **OIL SPILL RESPONSE**

No oil spill responses or exercises were carried out during the reporting period.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

*That the June 2010 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, 8 June 2010** commencing on completion of the Resource Management Committee Meeting.

A.R. SCARLETT  
CHAIRPERSON

C. INGLE  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 11 MAY 2010,  
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R. Scarlett (Chairman), P. Ewen, A. Robb, T. Archer, D. Davidson, B. Chinn, A. Birchfield

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**1. APOLOGIES:**

There were no apologies.

**2. PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no presentation.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved** (Robb / Archer) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 13 April 2010, be confirmed as correct.*

*Carried*

**Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**REPORTS:**

**4.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON ENGINEERING OPERATIONS**

S. Moran spoke to his report advising that there has not been a lot of rock movement from the quarries in the month of March but this will increase in the next month in view of the works currently being carried out.

**Moved** (Ewen / Birchfield) *that the report be received.*

*Carried*

**5.1 CORPORATE SERVICE MANAGER'S REPORT**

R. Mallinson spoke to his report advising that trends are consistent with what has been previously reported in the financial area. R. Mallinson advised that he has shown the surplus deficit before the Greymouth Floodwall upgrade, and on a separate line, he has shown the amount of the floodwall upgrade costs and then the adjusted accounting surplus to make it clearer the financial impact of the upgrade. R. Mallinson reported that the investment portfolio has shown an excellent return for the nine months to March. He advised it that it will ease back slightly in May due to the Greek debt crisis effect on the international markets. Cr Chinn reported that he has fielded three phone calls from constituents regarding the loan for the Greymouth Floodwall upgrade. He stated that some people did not read the information about the upgrade properly and think that they are paying for the

upgrade. R. Mallinson advised that he was happy to be contacted by those concerned about this and give a detailed response. It was agreed that a further article would be placed in the next rates newsletter to further clarify this matter.

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

*Carried*

## 6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to his report. He stated that he attended the funeral of Denis Shannahan, former Deputy Chairman.

C. Ingle reported that he and R. Mallinson met with Cristin Dyer of Audit NZ to discuss the audit of the LTCCP and the shortcomings Audit NZ see. C. Ingle advised that Mr Dyer was unable to come up with anything of significance but he is going to investigate further. C. Ingle spoke of the various government meetings he attended in Wellington and advised that on a national level there is quite a lot going on. The water metering, changes at Ecan have all changed things at a national level. C. Ingle advised that the three councillors who have formed the subcommittee for the pest plant strategy have now considered the information and have authorised the redevelopment of the pest strategy. C. Ingle advised that once minor changes are made it will be brought back to council to ask council to notify the strategy for submissions and hearings. C. Ingle advised that another new matter at the national level is the Resource Management Discount Regulations that come into force at the end of July. He advised that the regulations provide a sliding scale of discount at 1% per working day to a maximum of 50% discount for consents that are not processed within the statutory timeframe. C. Ingle advised that management have considered this and are of the view that there will not be a large cost impact on this council as our current consents are at 98% and it will not be hard to get this up to 100%. C. Ingle stated that the only risk is with the notified resource consents, options are being looked at as to how to manage these processes a lot more closely with contracts for commissioners and negotiations with applicants put in place to make sure that the ratepayer does not end up footing the bill for any lateness. C. Ingle stated that it is the larger notified consents that normally run over time. C. Ingle advised that he had a discussion with Hon Chris Auchinvole yesterday regarding the new Transparency, Accountability and Financial Management (TAFM) review that has had its first reading in Parliament this week. C. Ingle advised that TAFM relates to the Local Government Act and changes that the new government wants to bring about. C. Ingle stated that he feels they could have gone further than they have with this Bill. Mr Auchinvole has invited further submissions from us to that effect, LGNZ will also be making submissions. R. Mallinson advised that Mr Auchinvole is the Chairman of this Select Committee and will be hearing the submissions.

Cr Davidson asked R. Mallinson why GST is paid on rates. He feels that this is a tax on a tax. R. Mallinson responded that GST was introduced in 1986 and the Labour Cabinet added GST onto rates at the time. R. Mallinson stated he agrees with Cr Davidson but that is the law that we are stuck with.

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

*Carried*

## 7.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT (VERBAL)

The Chairman reported that he attended the meeting with Hon Kate Wilkinson on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April. He stated this was a long meeting with a reasonable amount of ground covered regarding wetlands on the West Coast. Cr Scarlett reported that he attended the Zone 5 & 6 meeting in Invercargill on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of May. He advised that there were some interesting speakers at this meeting including Alan Bollard who gave an overview of the economy. Cr Scarlett stated that the economy is best described as patchy and fragile with some agriculture sectors doing okay but some manufacturing areas are fragile. Cr Scarlett advised that George Hawkins (Labour Party Spokesman for Local Government) gave a talk on democracy and spoke about the Ecan situation. Stephen Cairns (RAC Chair of Regional Councils) alerted all councils to the new policy statement on freshwater management advising all councils to be aware of this. Cr Scarlett reported that Dr Nick Smith (Minister for the Environment) gave a long speech on environmental matters and said the government is looking at the pollution problems that freedom campers are causing. Cr Scarlett advised that the Auditor General also spoke at this meeting. Hon. Rodney Hide also spoke at the

Zone 5 & 6 meeting. Cr Scarlett advised that he has received various letters from members of the public which he intends to respond to.

Cr Scarlett reported that he attended the funeral of former Councillor, Denis Shannahan.

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

*Carried*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Cr Birchfield stated that he has concerns over the Lake Brunner Plan Change and has spoken to staff about this. Cr Birchfield is concerned about the reliability of sampling and the science behind it. Cr Birchfield is not convinced that there is deterioration in the lake and he feels that the other possible pollution sources have not been looked into including bird population and recreation users. Cr Birchfield stated that other lakes have not been considered and compared to Lake Brunner. He is against pushing along with the plan change and would like to see the whole process halted until the science has been proven. Cr Scarlett asked S. Moran to respond to this in view of Cr Birchfield not being convinced that phosphate is the only source of contamination. S. Moran advised that other sources have been considered but there is not much in the way of data on bird populations. But given the monitoring and sampling that has been done, all the scientists that have been involved believe that the amount of contribution from other sources is small. S. Moran stated that mid lake sampling has been done to get the overall effect on the lake and at the same time sampling has been done in the tributaries – The Crooked, the Orangipuku and the Hohonu rivers to see what the relative contributions from those are. The Orangipuku and the Crooked results are coming from the intensively farmed catchments, the Hohonu is the control so the sampling area for that is further up where there is very limited impact from stock or anything else because it is further up into the bush. S. Moran advised that at any time the Hohonu has substantially less phosphorus in the water than both the Orangipuku and the Crooked Rivers. S. Moran advised that it is not helpful to compare Lake Brunner to other lakes. The Water Plan was notified in 2004. It has a chapter in it, which the community accepted, and the objective was to maintain or enhance the water quality in Lake Brunner. S. Moran advised that the sampling from 1992 until now has shown a decline in water quality over this time. S. Moran advised that the objective is not being met. Cr Scarlett stated that the question for the scientists is what is the source of the decline in water quality in Lake Brunner. Cr Scarlett stated that the answer from the scientists is that it is phosphate runoff from agricultural use. S. Moran agreed with this. C. Ingle advised that there was some work done on birds and the effect was 0.2% that might come from Canada Geese. Cr Birchfield stated that he would challenge that, as there would be hundreds of thousands of birds in the Lake Brunner catchment. S. Moran advised that all the scientists that have been working on this project are quite clear about where they see the impact. All the reports done by NIWA, workshops and field days with the farming community where all those involved with the research have been present do not dispute the source of the water quality issues. Cr Birchfield asked if recreational use was factor. S. Moran stated that this is very limited also. Cr Birchfield feels that the rules are not very practical as once they come into force farmers can be prosecuted. Cr Scarlett stated that the issue is that we need to be guided by the scientists who have done the testing, they are independent and the results are their expert view. Cr Birchfield asked where is the control lake and all lakes could have this reading. C. Ingle advised that the control is the Hohonu catchment, whereas the two affected catchments are the Crooked and the Orangipuku which both show elevated phosphate levels, consistently, compared to the non-dairy catchment. C. Ingle stated there is a control in place, it is all done scientifically, and the top lake scientists in the country have reviewed it. S. Moran stated that in terms of statistical tests, they are highly correlated and are significant results without gray areas. Cr Archer asked if we have a totally independent peer review of the combined viewpoint because there are viewpoints from different parties involved. Cr Archer stated that the convincing balance of evidence indicates and supports the current view that the phosphate levels are elevated. S. Moran gave the professional details of the experts involved with this project to date. Cr Scarlett stated that all the scientists agree that it is a phosphate problem and they all agree that it comes from agriculture. Cr Scarlett said that the question for the council is how is the best way to approach this and how should the rules lay in this matter. Cr Scarlett asked Cr Ewen for his view. Cr Ewen responded that he has confidence in the science that is there and it has been peer reviewed by several scientists, several times and out of the three rivers mentioned the interpretation is that one is vacant of any phosphorus and it clear that phosphorus is the cause of the declining water quality in the lake. Cr Robb stated that he believes in the science and there is cause to do something about this and what level of change needed is to be debated through the Plan Change process. Cr Robb feels that we

need to get a balance between the livelihoods of the community and the water quality in Lake Brunner. Cr Robb stated that as a farmer he still has some reservations about the whole fertiliser process but he is very confident of the science behind this and where the problem is coming from. Cr Robb is certain that there needs to be some change to alleviate the current situation. Cr Scarlett stated that a hardnosed approach could be to reduce fertiliser input dramatically to an economic application level. Cr Scarlett feels that if economic applications levels are looked at then this would not disadvantage farmers and he feels that Council is being pretty fair by putting in a Olsen P level of 30 in the plan. Cr Chinn stated that he would like to see a steadying period to see the benefits of the work that has been done and that is going to get done. Cr Chinn feels that the farming community in the area is aware of the problem and that if RPR works then it could be the answer as he has used RPR for 17 years. Cr Chinn stated that he feels a little bit more adjusting needs to be done before more rules are put in place. Cr Davidson stated that at the meetings there was no great opposition, no one was challenging the science that there was an increase in the phosphates in the lake. He stated that people were interested in what they could do to stop the phosphates from getting into the lake. Cr Davidson stated that there are not many lakes on the West Coast that we can compare with that have the same rainfall. There are not many farms in the Mahinapua catchment, or Kaniere. Cr Davidson stated that to do nothing is irresponsible and this council could end up in the same situation as Ecan. Cr Davidson stated that Lake Brunner is a jewel in the crown for the West Coast and the council has a responsibility to this. Cr Scarlett that he got the impression at the meetings that farmers have accepted that the lake is deteriorating and they agreed that it is probably to do with the phosphate. He stated farmers would want to know if there would be restrictions in how much phosphate can be used, if there are new developments and whether or not RPR actually works. Cr Birchfield stated he is not saying do nothing but he feels that we should be encouraging good farming practice by bridging creeks, fencing, wetlands and buffer zones. He is not happy to be ramming through ill-conceived regulations that are not achievable. Cr Scarlett stated that part of the rules include bridging and fencing.

The meeting closed at 11.41 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD ON THE  
31 MAY 2010, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL,  
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager),  
T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk).

**1. APOLOGIES:**

P. Ewen.

**2. ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSIONS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chairman explained that this meeting was to hear submissions on the Council's Draft Annual Plan 2010/11 after which, at the conclusion of today's meeting a workshop will be held to discuss submissions.

**Submissions on the Draft Annual Plan**

Only one submitter appeared to present their submission.

**Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Richard Reynolds).**

Richard Reynolds presented this submission to the Council, on behalf of Federated Farmers of New Zealand. He stated that Anna McKenzie wrote the submission but was unable to attend today's hearing. R. Reynolds advised that he is the Dairy Section Chair for the West Coast province for Federated Farmers. R. Reynolds stated that Federated Farmers welcomes the modest increase in rates proposed by Council. R. Richards stated that Federated Farmers notes Council's ongoing commitment to Tb pest management which is welcomed by Federated Farmers as the West Coast has one of the highest levels of Tb infections in New Zealand. R. Reynolds stated that Federated Farmers seeks transparency in all council annual plans to enable ratepayers to have a clear understanding of how much money is being generated and spent by their councils. R. Reynolds stated that one of Federated Farmers concerns with the Annual Plan is the dairy effluent monitoring charge which is made in accordance with Rule 13 of the Regional Plan to discharge to land for dairy effluent. R. Reynolds stated that the proposed increase in dairy effluent monitoring charges is inconsistent with Rule 13, he quoted rule 13 (g) to the meeting which states that for the year 2000 /01 the fee shall not exceed \$50.00 and any future fee increase shall not exceed the rate of the Consumer Price Index. R. Reynolds stated that the proposed increase to \$150.00 means there will be an increase of 50% from last year's figures while the Consumer Price Index has a rate of only 2% for the current year. R. Reynolds stated that Federated Farmers seeks consistency between the Regional Plan and the Draft Annual Plan and would like the cost of the inspection be partly funded by the community in recognition of the environmental benefits farming makes to the entire community.

R. Reynolds stated that Federated Farmers wished to thank Council for their involvement in supporting the eradication of Tb.

Cr Archer asked R. Reynolds for further clarification as to who is he aiming his comment at regarding farmers feeling that they are not receiving adequate rewards for their efforts. R. Reynolds stated that this comment is aimed at the wider world and councils for the input that farmers are putting into rates and the return that they are getting from rates. Cr Archer drew attention to the substantial subsidy from the general ratepayer towards Tb management. Cr Archer spoke of the current level of resistance to 1080 from the southern region of the farming sector. Cr Archer asked R. Reynolds how widespread is the anti 1080 feeling within this part of

the farming sector. R. Reynolds stated that Federated Farmers are still pro possum control and Tb vector control and at the moment 1080 is the best tool for the type of country that they are dealing with. R. Reynolds stated that Federated Farmers are exceedingly aware of the negative publicity that 1080 is generating towards farming and those supporting possum control. R. Reynolds stated that the information flow is not 100% accurate from some of these lobby groups and feels that Federated Farmers have let themselves down on the marketing around possum control. R. Reynolds stated that cyanide seems to be acceptable by these organisations yet 1080 is not. Cr Archer stated that regarding dairy inspection charges, Council needs to be able to move towards a full cost recovery service, and he wonders whether Federated Farmers feel that full cost recovery should be used for dairy visits, same as activities such as mining visits. R. Reynolds feels that at the moment council could be getting better value from its interaction with farmers and stated that there would be support from Federated Farmers and the Dairy Company with this matter. R. Reynolds feels that at the moment farmers are not getting a lot of education from the dairy inspections as it is a pass-fail test. He feels as a council we are doing a lot better than other councils. Cr Archer asked R. Reynolds if there were a higher level of education would farmers be happy to pay more. R. Reynolds would like to see a more non-binding advice service to farmers with support and advice in view of the level of service provided by farmers to the community. Cr Scarlett stated that mining could use the same arguments that R. Reynolds is using with regard to economic benefits as mining pays a lot more than farming for their environmental inspection costs. R. Reynolds stated that he feels farming inspections are a lot simpler than mining inspections and most farmers don't need the inspections as most farmers have good effluent systems in place. Cr Scarlett asked R. Reynolds if he felt that farmers were more worried about effluent problems than miners. R. Reynolds stated that miners are aware of their risks but the effects that farmers have are less if fully compliant and often an inspection is not required. Cr Robb asked R. Reynolds if he is aware that the consented farmers are subsidising the non-consented farmers and this is a way of bringing into line these non-consented activities. R. Reynolds responded that he is aware of this. R. Reynolds stated that \$150 is not a huge fee but the rate of increase is of concern.

Cr Scarlett thanked R. Reynolds for his submission.

C. Ingle stated that the rest of the submissions are all straightforward and noted that there are no further submitters wishing to speak to Council.

The Chairman indicated that the submissions would be considered at a workshop following this special meeting and the recommendations presented at the next Council meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2010.

The meeting closed at 10.52 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 14 June 2010  
 Prepared by: S. Moran – Planning & Environmental Manager  
 Date: 31 May 2010

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

**1. WORKS**

- a) **Greymouth Floodwall Upgrade**  
 This work is continuing within the estimated timeframes
- b) **Waitangitaona Rating District**  
 This work involving the placing of 496 tonnes of rock and 790 tonnes of rubble as riprap has been completed by Arnold Contracting Ltd at a cost of \$20,484.00 (G.S.T. Exclusive)
- c) **Nelson Creek Rating District**  
 This work involving the placing of 560 tonnes of rock as riprap has been completed by Paul Steegh Contracting Ltd at a cost of \$13,520.00 (G.S.T. Exclusive)
- d) **Vine Creek Rating District – Aerial Spraying**  
 This work involving the aerial spraying of the scheme stopbanks has been completed by Karamea Helicopters Ltd at a cost of \$3,420.00 (G.S.T. Exclusive)
- e) **Lower Waiho Rating District – Emergency Works**  
 This emergency work involving the placing of 248 tonnes of rock as riprap has been completed by Arnold Contracting Ltd at a cost of \$5,952.00 (G.S.T. Exclusive)

**2. QUARRIES****Quarry Rock Movements For The Period 1 April 2010 To 30 April 2010**

Quarry	Rock In Quarry 01/04/10	Rock Used	Rock Quarried	Rock In Quarry 30/04/10
Blackball	3,936	0	0	3,936
Camelback	0	0	0	0
Inchbonnie	6,020	48	0	5,972
Kiwi	350	0	0	350
Miedema	0	0	0	0
Okuru	3,000	0	0	3,000
Taramakau	0	0	0	0
Wanganui	0	0	0	0
Whataroa	3,422	0	0	3,422
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16,728</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,680</b>



### 3. Quarry Work Permitted Since 30 April 2010

Quarry	Contractor	Tonnage Requested	Permit Start	Permit Finish
Camelback	MBD Contracting Ltd	200	30/4/10	7/5/10
Whataroa	Arnold Contracting Ltd	450	3/5/10	17/5/10
Camelback	Westland Schist	200	3/5/10	17/5/10
Camelback	Henry Adams Contracting	500	4/5/10	14/5/10
Okuru	J.J. Nolan Ltd	400	10/5/10	24/5/10
Kiwi	Paul Steegh Contracting	350	3/5/10	17/5/10
Camelback	Henry Adams Contracting	500	17/5/10	30/5/10
Kiwi	G.H. Foster Contracting	300	24/5/10	10/6/10

### RECOMMENDATION

*That this report be received.*

Simon Moran  
Planning and Environmental Manger

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Council Meeting  
 Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager  
 Date: 31 May 2010

**1. Financial Report**

FOR THE TEN MONTHS ENDED 30 APRIL 2010	ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	ACTUAL % ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET
<b>REVENUES</b>				
General Rates	1,605,682	1,594,167	84%	1,913,000
Rates Penalties	50,050	62,500	67%	75,000
Investment Income	1,090,808	645,833	141%	775,000
Regulatory	938,376	814,443	96%	976,191
Planning Processes	68,578	141,125	40%	169,350
Environmental Monitoring	0	0	0%	0
Emergency Management	39,941	41,667	80%	50,000
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	1,281,473	910,515	117%	1,092,618
Regional % Share Controls	478,948	479,167	83%	575,000
VCS Business Unit	1,789,870	3,114,833	48%	3,737,800
	<b>7,343,726</b>	<b>7,804,249</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>9,363,959</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Representation	298,160	320,003	78%	384,003
Regulatory Activities	1,517,946	1,412,121	90%	1,686,568
Planning Processes	467,647	491,628	79%	589,954
Environmental Monitoring	514,068	614,303	70%	737,163
Emergency Management	99,399	109,677	76%	131,612
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	1,311,908	961,195	114%	1,153,434
Regional % Share Controls	708,893	629,052	94%	754,862
VCS Business Unit	1,076,811	2,771,197	32%	3,325,436
Portfolio Management	58,581	0	0%	0
	<b>6,053,413</b>	<b>7,309,174</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>8,763,032</b>
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) Before Greymouth Floodwall Upgrade</b>	<b>1,290,313</b>	<b>495,075</b>		<b>600,927</b>
Less Upgrade Costs treated as Opex.	1,868,081	3,333,333		4,000,000
<b>Adjusted SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>-577,768</b>	<b>-2,838,258</b>		<b>-3,399,073</b>

BREAKDOWN OF SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	Variance Actual V Budgeted YTD	ACTUAL	BUDGET Year to date	ANNUAL BUDGET
Rating Districts	1,372,287	-1,790,350	-3,162,637	-3,795,164
Quarries	61,355	48,550	-12,805	-15,366
Regional % Share of AHB Programmes	-80,060	-229,945	-149,885	-179,862
Investment Income	386,394	1,032,227	645,833	775,000
VCS Business Unit	369,422	713,059	343,637	412,364
General Rates Funded Activities	151,093	-351,309	-502,402	-596,045
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,260,490</b>	<b>-577,768</b>	<b>-2,838,258</b>	<b>-3,399,073</b>

Net Contributors to General Rates Funded Surplus (-Deficit)	Net Variance Actual V YTD	Actual	Budet vtd	Annual Plan
Rates	11,515	1,605,682	1,594,167	1,913,000
Rates Penalties	-12,450	50,050	62,500	75,000
Representation	21,843	-298,160	-320,003	-384,003
Regulatory Activities	18,108	-579,570	-597,678	-710,377
Planning Activities	-48,566	-399,069	-350,503	-420,604
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection (excl.	51,856	-156,716	-208,572	-250,286
Environmental Monitoring	100,235	-514,068	-614,303	-737,163
Emergency Management	8,552	-59,458	-68,010	-81,612
	<b>151,093</b>	<b>-351,309</b>	<b>-502,402</b>	<b>-596,045</b>

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION @ 30 APRIL 2010

	@ 30/4/2010	@ 30/06/2009
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash	813,427	140,632
Short term Deposit - Westpac	452,736	1,303,942
Accounts Receivable - Rates	371,591	283,982
Accounts Receivable - General Debtors	412,567	728,118
Prepayments	81,059	103,062
Sundry Receivables	327,135	151,989
Stock - VCS	332,585	26,198
Stock - Rock	54,367	49,603
Stock - Office Supplies	14,624	14,625
Unbilled Revenue	174,722	227,560
	<u>3,034,813</u>	<u>3,029,711</u>
<b>Non Current Assets</b>		
Investments	10,796,534	10,513,944
Fixed Assets	4,089,902	3,780,746
Infrastructural Assets	39,403,646	39,403,646
	<u>54,290,082</u>	<u>53,698,336</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>57,324,895</u>	<u>56,728,047</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Bank OD	0	0
Accounts Payable	1,228,697	1,131,601
GST	-63,451	83,965
Deposits and Bonds	451,471	403,400
Sundry Payables	204,203	537,318
Accrued Annual Leave, Payroll	218,105	241,840
Other Revenue in Advance	15,000	15,000
Rates Revenue in Advance	561,936	0
	<u>2,615,961</u>	<u>2,413,124</u>
<b>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Future Quarry restoration	85,800	85,800
Greymouth Floodwall	750,000	0
Inchbonnie	100,000	0
Punakaiki Loan	254,101	283,436
Lower Waiho Loan	13,403	45,294
Office Equipment Leases	95,169	103,878
	<u>1,298,473</u>	<u>518,408</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>3,914,434</u>	<u>2,931,532</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Ratepayers Equity	20,472,883 }	20,472,883
Prior Year Adjustment	-51,287 }	
Surplus Tsfrd.	-577,768 }	
Rating District Equity Mvmts	859,750 }	
Rating Districts Equity	1,548,118	2,407,867
Tb Special Rate Balance	-36,374	-36,374
Revaluation	22,957,725	22,714,725
Quarry Account	152,414	152,414
Investment Growth Reserve	8,085,000	8,085,000
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<u>53,410,461</u>	<u>53,796,515</u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u>57,324,895</u>	<u>56,728,047</u>

## 2. Investment Portfolio

PORTFOLIO @ 30 April 2010 Summary & Reconciliation		Cash	Bonds	Australasian Equities	International Equities	Property Equities	Alternative Asset Classes	Total
Portfolio Value @ Start	01.07.09	2707972	3898343	1128754	1243964	583366	930570	10492968
Net Contributions		-246206	-1153000	588787	542582	-118341	-413821	-800000
Realised Gains/(Losses) adj.		-30197	6066	-2517	34595	-1674	101329	107602
Unrealised Gains/(Losses)		29788	-5956	258222	214284	65790	-7384	554745
Unrealised Hedging Gains/(Losses)				-26546	-19262	-3266	-9058	-58133
Mgmt Fee					159			159
Income		114936	174995	72794	11946	31790	36838	443299
Accrued Interest		4105	21175					25280
Portfolio Value @ End Period	30.04.10	2580398	2941623	2019494	2028267	557665	638473	10765920
Portfolio performance year to date		4.67%	6.03%	18.36%	15.21%	16.21%	15.07%	10.39%

Asset Allocation %'s @ 30 April 2010	Benchmarks	Tactical asset allocation range	
Cash	24%	25%	10% - 50%
Bonds	27%	25%	10% - 50%
Australasian Equities	19%	15%	0% - 20%
International Equities	19%	15%	0% - 20%
Property Equities	5%	5%	0% - 10%
Alternative Asset Classes	6%	15%	0% - 20%
	100%	100%	

## 3. General Comment

Total operating expenditure excluding the Greymouth Floodwalls (GFW) upgrade for the ten month period to 30 April was \$6.053 million.

Total operating revenues for the same period amounted to \$7.343 million.

The operating surplus before GFW upgrade costs for the period amounted to \$1.290 million.

The total costs of the Greymouth Floodwalls upgrade to 30 April amounted to \$1.868 million.

Loan funds have been drawn down during April from our Westpac facility as follows;

- Greymouth Floodwall upgrade \$750,000
- Inchbonnie \$100,000

The Investment portfolio has shown a return of \$1.073 million or 10.39% for the ten months to 30 April 2010. This was a slight easing on the return to 31 March and further easing is expected to 31 May.

In the general rate funded area, there were net positive budget variances amounting to \$151,000 for the ten month period. Accrued prosecution costs are now matched by amounts received from prosecution fines.

## RECOMMENDATION

*That this report be received.*

Robert Mallinson  
Corporate Services Manager

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Council Meeting 8 June 2010  
 Prepared by: Robert Mallinson and Chris Ingle  
 Date: 31 May 2010

Subject: **Decisions on Submissions and Adoption of the  
 2010/11 Annual Plan**

**Background**

Public hearings on submissions on the Draft Annual Plan were held at a special meeting on 31 May, when 9 submissions were received and 1 submitter (Federated Farmers) spoke at the hearing. The following report details all submissions received on Council's Annual Plan and recommends decisions.

Following decisions being formally made at this meeting, staff will prepare written responses to all submitters giving reasons for all decisions. Once all decisions on submissions are made Council can adopt the finalised Annual Plan for 2010/2011.

**Recommended Decisions**

1. Submitter no. 1 (Federated Farmers) made several points but requested no specific changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff will respond to the submitter relating to the discharges to land plan, which is to be amended later this year as part of the Regional Plan merger process.

*Recommended Decision:* Note submission. No amendment to the Annual Plan.

2. Submitter no. 2 (Mr Suchanski) asked Council to change the current system of rating the TB special rate from capital value to land value.

Staff will respond to the submitter explaining the basis of the funding for TB strategy work, via the Biosecurity Act funding tests, and also note that many other larger Regional Councils use the same rating system.

*Recommended Decision:* Reject submission. No amendment to the Annual Plan.

3. Submitter no. 3 (Adie Leng) requested \$3,000 contribution to Enviroschools.

*Recommended Decision:* Reject submission. No amendment to the Annual Plan.

4. Submitter 4 and 5 (TB Free committee and Historic Places Trust) supported the Plan

*Recommended Decision:* Accept submissions. No amendment to the Annual Plan.

5. Submitter 6 (Paul Elwell Sutton) submitted on ethical investments.

Staff will respond to the points the submitter has made.

*Recommended Decision:* Note submission. No amendment to the Annual Plan.

6. Submitter 7 (Active West Coast) raised points relating to health impact assessment and walking and cycling.

Staff will respond to the submitter addressing the points made.

*Recommended Decision:* Note submission. No amendment to the Annual Plan.

7. Submitter 8 and 9 are staff submissions relating to GST changes, and providing floodwall maintenance funding for the Greymouth Floodwalls.

These matters were discussed during the workshop.

*Recommended Decision:* Accept submissions and amend Annual Plan accordingly.

#### **FURTHER RECOMMENDATION**

*That the Draft Annual Plan for 2010/11 be confirmed, subject to decisions 1-7 above being made.*

**Chris Ingle**  
**Chief Executive**

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Council Meeting 8 June 2010  
Prepared by: Chris Ingle – Chief Executive  
Date: 28 May 2010  
Subject: **CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT**

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**Meetings Attended**

The meetings I have attended since the 11 May Council meeting include:

- Met with Ian Davidson-Watts of Grey District Council on 13 May regarding District Council SNAs and Regional Plan Wetlands.
- Met Don Day, Manager Local Government Relations, NZ Post on 19 May.
- Cr Robb, Simon Moran and I met with Federated Farmers policy staff and Katie Milne regarding the Lake Brunner Plan change proposal on 19 May.
- Attended the RAC meeting with Cr Scarlett in Wellington on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> May.
- Met with Mark Yaxley from NZTA regarding transport planning on 26 May.
- Attending the Annual Plan Hearing and Deliberations workshop on 31 May.

**Aquaculture Regulatory Changes**

Government Minister Hon Phil Heatley spoke at the recent RAC meeting about the changes the government is making around aquaculture. Their view is that aquaculture can become an important part of the primary sector economy and because it does not deplete natural fish populations it is an ecologically desirable form of seafood production. The changes to the RMA and Fisheries Act processes are intended to streamline the ability for applicants to gain the necessary permits to set up new operations in the coastal marine area.

While the West Coast currently only has one small spat catching mussel farm, located at Jackson Bay; with technology advancement future development could occur offshore on the West Coast. Cr Scarlett intends writing to the Minister welcoming the changes and offering the Council's support for a more streamlined regulatory process for applicants.

**Regional Council's Information Portal**

The RAC meeting also approved a trial period for the new information portal, a new web site designed to inform readers about the functions of regional councils and the issues our council's typically address. The reason behind the initiative is to promote amongst the public the work regional councils do, as many felt the work regional councils do is not generally well understood among the general public. More detailed science information might also be made available on this website, at the discretion of each Council. Cr Scarlett was asked to respond by 11 June on whether the West Coast Regional Council supports this initiative.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That this report be received.*

Chris Ingle  
Chief Executive

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

To: Chairperson  
West Coast Regional Council

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

Agenda Item No. 8.			
15 – 18	8.1	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 11 May 2010	
	8.2	Overdue Debtors Report (to be tabled)	
19	8.3	Land Owned by Council – South Bank Hokitika River	
25 – 100	8.4	Enforcement Matters	

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>General Subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution.</b>
8.			
8.1	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 11 May 2010		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		
8.3	Land Owned by Council – South Bank Hokitika River		
8.4	Enforcement Matters		

I also move that:

- Chris Ingle
- Robert Mallinson
- 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.