

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

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

**TUESDAY, 9 MARCH 2010**

**The programme for the day is:**

**10.30 a.m:**

**Resource Management Committee  
Meeting**

**On completion of RMC Meeting:**

**Council Meeting**

**Presentation:**

**Forsyth Barr following completion of  
the Council Meeting**

**Workshop:**

**Wetlands and Lake Brunner update  
Marine Protected Areas update  
(Denis Shannahan)**

# **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

## **THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** will be held in the Offices of the West Coast Regional Council, 388 Main South Road, Paroa, Greymouth on **Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

P. EWEN  
CHAIRPERSON

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

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**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY 2010 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, 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

**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**2. MINUTES**

**Moved** (Scarlett / Davidson) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 8 December 2009, be confirmed as correct.*

*Carried*

**Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cr Ewen reported that he attended the Animal Health Board's presentation at Blackball earlier this month. Cr Ewen advised that he would be attending a forum this afternoon with NZTA. This is for invitees to discuss matters that Landcare Research and Lincoln University are involved with on behalf of NZTA. Cr Ewen met with staff and Opus Contractors regarding consenting issues in the CMA along State Highway 6 around the bluff area north of Rapahoe. He stated that a good outcome was achieved. Cr Ewen dealt with tendering issues relating to the upgrade of the Greymouth Floodwall. Cr Ewen and Councillors attended the hearing for the Proposed Coastal Plan change. Cr Ewen reported that he and all Councillors attended a meeting with local farmers at Moana.

**Moved** (Ewen / Chinn) *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 advising that most Councillors attended the Coastal Plan change hearing. He stated that the outcome was that at the request of DoC the hearing has been adjourned for eight weeks so that the work that has been done with staff can be completed and final report submitted. The hearing will then be reconvened and then closed for deliberations.

S. Moran reported that consents have been gained for the Weather Radar and this project remains on target for April 2011.

S. Moran reported that hydrology and flood warning staff were particularly busy over the holiday period with weather events. Cr Archer asked if any of the flood warnings triggered major concerns.

S. Moran responded that there were no concerns with flood warning but there was a lot of damage in some of the rating districts and in areas with river frontages.

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

*Carried*

## **5.2 CONSENTS AND COMPLIANCE GROUP**

### **5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**

C. Dall reported that the Hearing Committee for the consent application for Hydro Development Limited's proposed hydropower scheme on the Stockton Plateau has released its decisions. All consents applications have been granted and the Hearing Committee recommended to the Minister of Conservation that the consent for restricted coastal activities be granted. C. Dall advised that the appeal period closes tomorrow. An appeal from Solid Energy New Zealand has been received.

C. Dall reported that he attended a mediation meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December for TrustPower Ltd consent applications for the Arnold Valley Power Scheme. He also attended a caucusing meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February to try to resolve differences in the proposed consent conditions. C. Dall stated this meeting was fairly successful and a final meeting will be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February prior to the hearing which is scheduled to take place in March.

C. Dall advised that during the reporting period MfE provided Council with a copy of the discussion papers on the issues and options for the proposed discount regulations for late consents. He advised that he had sent some comments to MfE regarding the proposed discounting scheme. He stated that in the context of the Meridian proposal this would have significant ramifications. C. Dall advised that it is important to note that if there are going to be discount regulations that they need to look closely at where fault lies in the process and that any costs would lay where they fall. C. Dall offered to provide a copy of the discussion papers to Councillors and advised that there will be an opportunity for Council to make a further submission on this later. Cr Scarlett asked if the appeal by Solid Energy to the Hydro Scheme at Ngakawau (HDL) is a substantive appeal and is it solvable through arbitration. C. Dall responded that the appeal does not raise any new issues that the Hearing Committee was not already aware of and he is hopeful that they would be resolved simply without going through the Environment Court.

Cr Birchfield asked when a decision could be expected for Meridian Energy's Hydro Power Scheme. C. Dall responded that he is hopeful a decision will be reached by the end of the month. He stated this has been a very complex application with evidence given by over 70 witnesses. Cr Birchfield stated that this has been a pitifully slow progress that has gone on for nearly two years. C. Dall responded that delays have been caused by a number of reasons including the availability of commissioners. Cr Birchfield stated that this is an example of why he is in favour of penalties being imposed on Councils for getting behind and that this is an incentive to keep things moving.

C. Dall reported that Solid Energy has lodged applications for its own proposed hydro scheme on the Stockton Plateau; this will be publicly notified shortly. C. Dall advised that with the discount regulations in mind he has already tightening up contracts with consultants with a view to minimising the risk to Council.

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

*Carried*

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

C. Dall reported that there have been over 160 site visits undertaken during the two month reporting period. He advised that dairy shed inspections have continued throughout the region with many of the non-compliances in this area relating to poor maintenance, he stated that he hoped that less non-compliances would be found during the dry weather period.

C. Dall reported that Westroads have not reached the maximum on their licences for the extraction of beach gravel close to Blaketown and are unlikely to within the next few months. Work programmes were submitted but will not be accepted by Council until the beach profile information is provided.

C. Dall reported that Pike River Coal Ltd are still testing their processing plant to ascertain whether or not it requires improved treatment options. He advised that subsidence monitoring is due to begin. C. Dall drew attention to the recent media report advising that Pike River Coal Ltd is starting to win coal and the first trainload of coal has gone out.

C. Dall reported that OceanaGold submitted the Year 6 Annual Work Plan to Council, this was accepted. He advised that the Bond Review and Risk Assessment Report was received by Council recommending that the bond be increased. C. Dall advised the bond increase reflects that the mine now has a bigger operating area with the bond now in excess of \$3M.

C. Dall reported that Council has approved the Annual Work Programme for Stockton Opencast Mine. He stated that this involves quite a bit of work as Stockton is a large mine site. C. Dall advised that there are a number of sediment control initiatives that are being tested by Solid Energy Ltd. C. Dall is hopeful of better outcomes in this area. C. Dall advised that the main impact from limestone dosing that is taking place at the mine site is the turbidity and discoloration this causes but the benefits of lime dosing far outweigh the negative impacts of this process. C. Dall stated that this is more of an aesthetic issue rather than an effect on the aquatic ecosystems.

C. Dall advised that he has received a claim that has been lodged with the Disputes Tribunal in relation to J. Cornish-White's whitebait stand on the Paringa River. He will represent Council at the Tribunal to defend this claim. C. Dall stated that he does believe there is any statutory basis for this claim. A specific visit was required by Council staff to investigate complaints received. The whitebait stand was found to be unauthorised and not within the consent conditions, therefore an Abatement Notice was issued. C. Dall advised that the Abatement Notice was not appealed.

C. Dall drew attention to the 30 complaints received during the reporting period but noted that it was a two month reporting period due to the holiday season. Cr Davidson asked if there are designated areas to dump asbestos on the West Coast. C. Dall confirmed that asbestos is like any contaminant; it needs to be disposed of at an authorised facility. C. Ingle advised that district councils provide designated areas for this purpose. Cr Archer concurred with this and stated that there is a "Best Practice" process put out by the Labour Department for the handling and covering of these products. Cr Chinn asked if an Infringement Notice was issued for the septic tank discharge at Jacksons Bay. C. Dall responded that this matter is still under investigation but a consent will need to be obtained. Cr Scarlett asked if staff are usually sent out to investigate complaints that are then found to be compliant with the rules. Cr Scarlett referred to a complaint received for gravel extraction in the Carters Beach area. C. Dall advised that responses to complaints are prioritised and assessed on a case by case basis but there is no provision to recover costs when a complaint is found not to be an unauthorised activity. He stated that does not mean that there wasn't genuine concern expressed by the complainant. Cr Birchfield drew attention to the three complaints received regarding sediment discharge into Waimea Creek and noted that staff had visited the area three times to investigate unsubstantiated complaints. Cr Birchfield feels that the person that made the three complaints should be charged for the site visits. C. Dall advised that there is no legal mechanism in place for Council to charge for these visits. Cr Davidson stated that if the complaints are frivolous or vexatious then the complainant should be charged. Cr Archer advised that court action could possibly be taken but only the courts could determine this. T. Scott asked if the consent holder was working outside of the consent conditions with regard to the river works in the Totara River. C. Dall offered to supply the specific details to T. Scott regarding this complaint.

C. Dall reported that it has been a busy period for work programmes being submitted for mining. He advised all but the Westroads work programmes were processed. C. Dall reported that there were no bond releases during the reporting period.

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

*Carried*

## 6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.08 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting – 9 March 2010  
Prepared by: S. Moran – Planning & Environmental Manager  
Date: 26 February 2010

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

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**PLANNING****Proposed NES for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil**

The Ministry for the Environment (MfE) have released a proposed National Environmental Standard (NES) for assessing and managing contaminants in soil. The NES aims to sustainably manage contaminated soils by:

- requiring planning controls in district and city council plans for assessing contaminants in soil, and
- setting chemical-specific soil contaminant thresholds that will define an adequate level of protection for human health for a range of differing land-uses.

The NES is a mix of permitting and requiring resource consent for certain activities on land affected or potentially affected by soil contaminants. The standard would require all 73 district and city councils to give effect to and enforce its requirements. The standard will only impact on new decisions and resource consents. It does not apply to contaminants in water from sites associated with hazardous substances.

Staff are currently assessing the proposal to determine whether how it may impact on this Council. The submission period closes 19 April.

**National Environmental Standard (NES) for Electricity Transmission Activities**

The NES for Electricity Transmission Activities came into effect on 14 January this year, and councils must observe and enforce the NES. The NES has rules for various activities relating to the operation, maintenance, upgrading, relocation or removal of existing transmission lines in the National Grid. NES rules that are relevant to the Regional Council are for vegetation clearance, earthworks, discharging contaminants to water, and blasting and applying protective coatings.

Staff will assess what changes are needed to regional plan rules to incorporate the NES rules, and report on this in due course.

**Board of Inquiry report on Proposed Freshwater National Policy Statement (NPS)**

The Board of Inquiry has released its report on submissions on the Proposed NPS for Freshwater Management. The report recommends a number of changes to the objectives, policies and definitions, which appear to retain the general intent of the NPS but change the wording to more clearly express the objectives and policies. There is a greater emphasis on dealing with over-allocation.

Staff will assess whether the matters that we sought in our submissions have been incorporated into the amended NPS, and report on this at the next Council meeting.

The next step in the NPS process is usually for the Environment Minister to consider the report, make any changes he thinks necessary, have it approved, and gazetted. In this case however, the Minister has referred the Board's report to the Land and Water Forum for their comment.

## **CIVIL DEFENCE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

### Tsunami

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of February a Tsunami was generated by an earthquake off the coast of Chile. Staff responded to the 'warning' issued by the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management (MCDEM) just after midnight on the 28<sup>th</sup>. This involved liaison with staff at MCDEM, local Civil Defence Controllers, the district council civil defence officers, the Police, and ongoing monitoring of information from the Ministry.

Telemetry from the Geonet Tsunami monitoring gauges indicated that there was little effect from the Tsunami for the West Coast. The MCDEM 'warning' was downgraded to an 'advisory' at 3pm on the 28<sup>th</sup> and finally 'cancelled' at 8.30am on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March.

### Coordinating Executive Group Meeting (CEG)

The CEG met on 23 February. Simon Moran is now the Chairing the CEG. Topics addressed included:

- **Group Plan Review**  
The Group Plan has been reviewed and the CEG endorsed the draft to be put to the CDEM Group on 8 March for their approval to commence consultation. The draft Plan follows the guidelines set by the MCDEM and identifies eleven objectives to further improve reduction, readiness, response, and recovery on the West Coast. Each of the objectives identifies methods, tools, and actions by which they will be achieved. These will drive the annual work programmes for the next five years. The draft Plan will be out for consultation for one month.
- **Group Annual Work Programme**  
A draft Annual Work Programme has been developed for the Group for the coming year. The Methods, Tools, and Actions identified in the Programme have been taken from the draft Group Plan. The key focus for the coming year is expected to be the review of the Group structure and the development of the Local Arrangements. The draft Annual Work Programme will be presented to the CDEM Group on 8 March for their approval.
- **CDEM Structure Review**  
Following Exercise Ru Whenua and the Capability and Capacity Assessment undertaken by MCDEM, there have been some discussions regarding how best to structure the staffing of CDEM on the West Coast. A range of options have been developed and a paper is being put to the CDEM Group recommending that a review of the delivery of the CDEM function looking at the efficiency and effectiveness of delivery be undertaken.
- **Emergency Management Information System**  
The Ministry has decided to go with the information management system Esponder for the provision of information management in emergencies. Les Gibbs from the Regional Council and Allan Wilson, Controller for Grey District Council, will attend an information day on the new system which will also be made available to Groups to use. Anticipated roll out of the system is expected mid-year.

## **TRANSPORT**

### Meeting with the Minister

Transport Minister, Steven Joyce, visited the Council on 19 February. The meeting provided the opportunity to raise transport issues experienced on the West Coast including the difficulty in raising funding due to vehicle numbers, Rough Creek to Mingha Bluff route security and safety, and the high number of single lane bridges.

## **RESOURCE SCIENCE**

### Hydrology/Flood Warning

There have been no flood events



## Water Quality

The summer water quality round has been completed, and we will be entering the busy autumn round as we move into March.

### Contact Recreation Sites: February 2010

The frequency of sampling varies between sites depending on the monitoring history and the level of recreational use. The February 2010 results for West Coast contact recreation monitoring sites are shown in the table below and reflect the monitoring results that have been received at the time of writing this report.

### Risk to Bathers<sup>1</sup>

Site	Feb 2010
Orowaiti Lagoon @ Picnic Area	⊗
North Beach	😊
Carters Beach	😊
Rapahoe Beach @ End of Statham St	😊
Seven Mile Creek @ SH6 Rapahoe	⊗
Nelson Creek @ Swimming Hole Reserve	😊
Grey River @ Taylorville Swimming Hole	😊
Cobden Beach @ Bright St West end	😊
Blaketown Beach @ S Tiphead	😊
Lake Brunner @ Cashmere Bay Boat Ramp	😊
Lake Brunner @ Iveagh Bay	😊
Lake Brunner @ Moana	😊
Hokitika Beach @ Hokitika	😊
Kaniere River @ Kaniere Kokatahi Rd	😊
Lake Mahinapua @ Shanghai Bay	😊
Houhou Ck @ d/s SH6	⊗

#### Key:

- ⊗ **Moderate to High Risk** >550 *E.coli*/100ml or >280 *Enterococci*/100ml
- ☹ **Low Risk** 260-550 *E.coli*/100ml or 140-280 *Enterococci*/100ml
- 😊 **Very Low Risk** <260 *E.coli*/100ml or <140 *Enterococci*/100ml

<sup>1</sup> Due to the limited number of samples taken the Regional Council suggests the risk status above be used as a guide only. The current risk category assigned to a particular site is made by comparing results of individual samples to National guidelines.

## 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: 24 February 2010

**Subject: CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**

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**CONSENTS****Consents Site Visits from 28 January to 23 February 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY, NAME &amp; LOCATION</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>
29/1/10	RC10019 – SP Smith, Onsite sewage discharge, Maimai	To investigate the site and gain a better understanding of the proposed onsite sewage treatment and disposal system.
29/1/10	RC10020 - Value Proteins Ltd, Air discharge, Haupiri	To investigate the site and discuss a new application for a boiler to allow increase the capacity of the meat and fish rendering plant.
3/02/10	RC10002 – B F C Group Ltd, Gold mining, Stafford Loop Road	To investigate the site and gain a better understanding of the proposed mining operation.
11/02/10	PA09058 – I Thomas, Onsite sewage discharge, Rutherglen Road	To discuss a variation to the original plans for a drip-line effluent disposal system.
19/02/10	RC10011 – WA & NJ Weir, Onsite sewage discharge, Barrytown	To investigate the site and gain a better understanding of the proposed onsite sewage treatment and disposal system and to evaluate the set back distance to a nearby water body.

**Non-Notified Resource Consents Granted From 28 January to 23 February 2010**

<b>CONSENT NO. &amp; HOLDER</b>	<b>PURPOSE OF CONSENT</b>
RC04161 Hardrock Mining & Development Ltd	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining activities at Greenstone River.  To take and use ground water within MP41424 for alluvial gold mining activities at Greenstone River.  To discharge sediment-laden water to a dredge pond at Greenstone River.
RC08121 Holcim (New Zealand) Ltd	To discharge contaminants (dust) to air from a cement transfer facility, Westport Wharf.
RC09104 Jacks Creek Farm Ltd	To discharge dairy effluent to land and water (an unnamed tributary of the Little Grey River) near DS520, Maimai Valley.
RC09157 New Zealand Transport Agency	To undertake earthworks within 50 metres of the Coastal Marine Area (CMA) associated with road realignment works, State Highway 6, Limestone Creek.
RC09164 MBD Contracting Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Grey River at Omoto for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC09175 New Zealand Transport Agency	To occupy the Coastal Marine Area (CMA) as a result of the placement of rock rip rap for erosion protection, Woodpecker Bay.

RC09185 D & J Unwin	To discharge treated domestic sewage effluent to land at Section 242 Township of Blacks Point, Reefton from a sewage treatment and disposal system.
RC10008 Totara Farms Ltd	To discharge dairy effluent to land and water (an unnamed tributary of the Grey River) near DS487, Totara Flat.
RC10010 Proprietors of Mawhera Incorporation	To construct river protection works (including rock rip rap and spurs) on the bed and banks of the Arahura River.  To divert water from a structure (spurs) in the Arahura River.
RC10013 Dymac Farms Ltd	To place rock protection on the bed and banks of the Taramakau River.
RC10014 Animal Health Board Incorporated trading as TB Free New Zealand	To authorise the aerial discharge of 1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate) possum control cereal baits (at a rate of up to 5 kg per hectare), or carrot baits (at a rate of up to 5kg per hectare), both containing between 0.08% and 0.15% weight/weight of 1080, to approximately 23,922 hectares of land in the Springs Junction - Maruia West operational area.
RC10015 G & J Powell trading as Coastal Constructors & Weststone	To disturb the dry bed of Donnelly Creek for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC10016 Westland Co-operative Dairy Company Ltd trading as Westland Milk Products	To divert a channel of the Hokitika River.  To disturb the bed of the Hokitika River associated with a channel diversion.
RC10019 SP Smith	To discharge treated domestic sewage effluent to land at 1670 State Highway 7, Mai Mai from a sewage treatment and disposal system.
RC10023 TA Arnold Transport Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Poerua River for the purpose of extracting gravel.

Changes to Consent Conditions Granted From 28 January to 23 February 2010

<b>CONSENT NO. &amp; HOLDER</b>	<b>PURPOSE OF CONSENT</b>
RCN98219 Value Proteins Ltd	To amend conditions to allow the processing of meat offal through the rendering plant, Haupiri.
RC99027 Solid Energy New Zealand Ltd	To amend conditions relating to the location of dust monitoring at Stockton Mine.
RC07208 Barry Foster Contracting	To amend conditions to allow for changes in the operating area associated with gold mining at Fox Creek.
RC09009 Brent Hampton	To amend conditions to allow for changes in the operating area associated with gold mining at Cariboo Creek, Victoria Forest.
RC09031 Henry Adams Contracting Ltd	To amend conditions to allow for the addition of a flocculant to settling ponds, Hou Hou Creek and to discharge water to land without entering the primary mine settling pond system.
RC09037 D Russ & K Wilson	To amend conditions to allow for the intermittent discharge of sediment laden waters associated with gold mining activities at Waimea.
RC09084 Peter Morrison	To amend conditions to allow for an increase in the operating area associated with gold mining activities at Humphreys Gully.

No notified or limited notified resource consents were granted from 28 January to 23 February 2010.

#### Notified Consents Updates

The Consents & Compliance Manager attended a further mediation meeting on 16 February in relation to the J Groome appeal on the resource consents granted to TrustPower Limited for its proposed Arnold Valley Hydro Power Scheme. Although further agreement was reached between the parties on several of the consent conditions that are the subject of the appeal, agreement was not reached on the minimum flows for the Scheme. Therefore, the unresolved points of the appeal will now be heard by the Environment Court during the periods 8 to 12 and 15 to 19 March 2010. The Consents & Compliance Manager is a witness and is due to give his evidence on 18 March.

Further to the update given at the last Council meeting, the Council received notice of a second appeal against the granting of the consents to Hydro Development Limited (HDL) for its proposed hydro power scheme on the Stockton Plateau. In addition to Solid Energy New Zealand Limited (SENZ), T R McLaughlin and R J McCann have also appealed the decision to grant the consents. HDL has applied to the Environment Court for a strike-out of SENZ's appeal. Telephone conferences are scheduled to be held in relation to the appeals and strike-out application on 10 March 14 April 2010, respectively.

#### Public Enquiries

29 written public enquiries were responded to during the reporting period. 19 (66%) were answered on the same day, 7 (24%) the following day, and the remaining 3 (10%) no more than 10 working days later.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

Colin Dall  
**Consents & Compliance Manager**

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

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Prepared for: Resource Management Committee  
 Prepared by: Colin Dall – Consents & Compliance Manager and Michael Meehan – Compliance Team Leader  
 Date: 26 February 2010  
 Subject: **COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

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**Site Visits**

A total of 65 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	38	92
Complaint response	12	17
Mining compliance & bond release	5	100

**Specific Issues**

**Dairy Effluent Discharges:** Inspections continued throughout the Region. Council staff found some instances of non-compliance which have been dealt with in accordance with the Council's Enforcement Policy. Inspections have been undertaken in the Lake Brunner Catchment and a field day will be held in for farmers in this catchment in regard to effluent management.

Council staff have continued to push the importance of storage for those farms irrigating effluent to land. The Council hosted an effluent management field day in the Springs Junction/Maruia area which was attended by farmers in both the West Coast and Tasman Regions.

**Beach Gravel Extraction – Westroads:** Westroads submitted beach profiles for Blaketown Beach during the last reporting period. These profiles show that the amount of gravel is above the 1994 trigger level so extraction has been allowed to commence on the Blaketown licence.

Westroads has taken 776 m<sup>3</sup> of their allowable 6,000 m<sup>3</sup> so far this year.

**CCA Spill (28 September 2009) - IPL:** IPL has brought in gravel and is in the process of infilling the sump where the majority of the CCA collected. The gravel will be layered and compacted to create a relatively impermeable surface and contoured to direct storm-water away from the site. Contaminated soil from the surrounding area will be dug up and incased in the layers.

**Pike River Coal Mine (PRCL):** The Council was notified by PRCL environmental staff on 3 February of a discharge of coal fines into the Big River. Compliance staff undertook an inspection of the site the following day.

PRCL was unable to tell the Council how much was discharged and on what days it occurred as the Coal Processing Plant had no record of a discharge.

Staff of the Company's environmental consultant, Golders, were on-site when the discharge was discovered and are preparing a report on the effects that the discharge may have had on stream invertebrates.

The decision on what further action to take in relation to this matter will be made after PRCL has provided its investigation report on the incident.

**Globe Progress Mine – Oceana Gold:** Water sampling showed that the main discharge from the mine was complying with its consent limits during the last reporting period.

**Solid Energy (SENZ) Consent and Licence Monitoring:****Stockton:**

SENZ notified the Council of the following incidents during the last reporting period:

- 13 February 2010 – Trigger limit exceeded at S14c (Mangatini Stream)

- 13 February 2010 – Trigger limit exceeded at S16 (St Patrick Stream)

These two incidents are attributed to the heavy rainfall event that occurred at Stockton on 13 February 2010, when 83 mm of rain fell in the three hour period between 5 and 8 am. This exceeds the 0.2 ARI event that is used to determine periods of extreme rainfall on site.

- 16 February 2010 – Hydrocarbon spill

20 L of hydraulic oil was spilt after a hose on an excavator blew. The spill was contained and there were no apparent adverse effects on the environment.

- 18 February 2010 – Trigger limit exceeded at S16

A short spike in turbidity was captured in a spot sample on 18 February 2010. Telemetry data indicates that this event was related to rainfall and was of a short duration.

### **Complaints/Incidents between 27 January to 25 February 2010**

The following 26 complaints/incidents were received during the reporting period:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Action/Outcome</b>
Car wrecking operation	Complaint about a car wrecking operation adjacent to waterway	Fairdown	Still under investigation
Earthworks	Road works on subdivision site causing sediment run off	Fairdown	Advice given onsite to reduce sediment run off – situation resolved
Gravel extraction	Complaint about gravel extraction	Otira	Still under investigation
Dust	Dust from exposed site causing nuisance to neighbouring properties	Cobden	Required landowner to remediate site as soon as practicable
Dumping	Rubbish dumped near waterway that is causing culvert to block downstream	Dobson	Required landowner to remove rubbish
Works in CMA	Complaint about sand extraction	Arahura	Compliant
Coal mining	Discharge of coal fines to Big River	Pike River Coal Mine	Awaiting report from PRCL
Dairy farming	Complaint that waterways in the catchment had degraded over time	Inchbonnie	All farms in the catchment visited, minor issues found which were resolved
Plastic burning	Plastic being burnt causing nuisance to neighbouring properties	Westport	Resolved over telephone and warning letter sent
Gold mining	Complaint regarding sediment discharge to waterway	Awatuna	Abatement and Infringement Notices issued
Mining and sewage	Complaint regarding bacterial and sediment levels in Hou Hou Creek	Stafford	Compliant at time of visit
Coal mining	Coal fines found on beach	Rapahoe	Still under investigation
River works	Logs and debris causing potential damage to Hokitika Bridge	Hokitika	Referred to WDC
Air discharge	Smoke nuisance on neighbouring properties from vegetation burn off	Franz Josef	Complaint received a week after the event no response
Gold mining	Sediment discharge to waterway	Lake Kaniere	Compliant at time of visit

Earthworks	Earthworks causing discolouration in creek	Tributary of Waimea Creek	Compliant at time of visit
Earthworks in the CMA	Small amount of vegetation disturbance in the CMA	Limestone Creek	Working with DoC and landowner to resolve
Coal mining	Run off from mine going into protected area	Millerton	Still under investigation
Vegetation disturbance	Potential flooding risk from trees cleared by landowner into waterway	Kokiri	Resolved with landowner
Burning plastic	Complaints of burning plastic from neighbouring properties	Marsden Road, Greymouth	Warning issued
Air discharge	Complaint regarding "fatty" deposits on car windshields	Hokitika	Still under investigation
Coal mining	Trigger limit exceeded S14	Stockton	High rainfall recorded on site resulting in short term exceedance
Coal mining	Trigger limit exceeded S16	Stockton	High rainfall recorded on site resulting in short term exceedance
Coal mining	Hydrocarbon spill on site 20 litres	Stockton	Site remediated
Coal mining	Trigger limit exceeded S16	Stockton	High rainfall recorded on site resulting in short term exceedance
Dumping	Allegation that car tires dumped at private property	Kaiata	Still under investigation

### **Formal Enforcement Action**

The following 2 abatement and 2 infringement notices were issued during the reporting period:

<b>Notice</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
Abatement	Discharge to land where it may enter water (gold mining)	Fox Creek
Abatement	Humping and hollowing	Aratika
Infringement	Discharge to land where it may enter water (gold mining)	Fox Creek
Infringement	Contravention of the abatement notice	Fox Creek

## **MINING**

### **Work Programmes**

The Council received the following 4 work programmes during the reporting period, 3 of which were processed within the 20-day target:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Mining Authorisation</b>	<b>Holder</b>	<b>Location</b>
19/1/10	RC05100, RC04291, MP41865	Barrett and Matheson	Italians Gully
19/1/10	RC09167, MP52104	Granville Mining Ltd	Nelson Creek
1/2/10	RC00023	Heaphy Mining Ltd	Berlins
2/2/10	RC09009, MP50497	Brent Hampton	Cariboo

The work programme for the Barrett and Matheson consent could not be accepted, as the bond for the consent hadn't been lodged.

**Bonds Received**

The following bond was received during the reporting period:

<b>Mining Authorisation</b>	<b>Holder</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
RC05232	Gold Mining (Rimu) Ltd	Rimu	\$8,000

**Bond Releases**

No bonds are recommended for release this reporting period.

**OIL SPILL RESPONSE**

No spills occurred during the reporting period that required a response from the Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That the March 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, 9 March 2010** 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 9 FEBRUARY 2010,  
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD,  
GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.09 A.M.**

**PRESENT:**

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), C. Dall (Consents and Compliance Manager), S. Moran (Planning and Environmental 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** (Archer / Birchfield) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 8 December 2009, 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 reported that there has been quite a lot of emergency and short notice work arising from flood events earlier in the year.

S. Moran reported that MBD Contracting have been awarded the tender for the Upgrade of the Greymouth Floodwall. He stated he is very pleased with the tender price and work is to commence towards the end of this week with the first panels due to be placed late next week in the vicinity of Fisherman's Wharf.

S. Moran reported that a considerable amount of rock has gone out of the Whataroa Quarry for repair works. Cr Davidson asked why wasn't rock used from the Wanganui Quarry at Harihari. S. Moran responded that the Wanganui Quarry has been cleaned out of rock and the closest available source of rock is Whataroa. Stockpiled rock had been used and needed to be replaced quickly. Cr Davidson asked if there was a major difference in costs by taking rock from Whataroa to Harihari. S. Moran responded that the costs were similar in view of the amount of work that would have been required to move overburden within the Wanganui quarry therefore this made the price competitive.

Cr Archer asked if there has been any progress with the sale of Council's drilling rig. S. Moran responded that the drilling rig has been hired out for the past three weeks and has been operating down south. S. Moran agreed to report back further on the drilling rig at next month's

council meeting. S. Moran advised that Gary Hilton has resigned. A new Planner will commence employment on Monday.

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

*Carried*

#### **4.1.2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES FOR INCHBONNIE AND TARAMAKAU RATING DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS**

S. Moran spoke to this report. He reported that there was a recommendation from the Wanganui Rating District's Annual Meeting requesting that the \$30,000 S. Moran is holding goes toward the paying off of the road. He advised that the Wanganui Rating District feels that the Wanganui Quarry is a council quarry and therefore the Council should pay for any restoration costs.

S. Moran advised the rating district that if they want the \$30,000 to pay off the road now then they need to agree to pay for the restoration costs if they are not going to take any more rock from that quarry. S. Moran advised that the positive balance in the rating district account needs to be there to pay for the restoration. Cr Davidson is mindful that this could give people a mistrust in the Council as the quarries are the ratepayers quarries. He stated that there is ratepayer money from the general rate going into quarries and Cr Davidson feels that this money should be used for restoration. S. Moran advised that Council ring-fenced the quarries and said that they had to pay their own way and this is why the adjustments to rock prices from these quarries have reflected the actual cost of winning rock for rating district work. S. Moran advised that the Wanganui Quarry has been running at a loss and has been previously subsidised by the general ratepayer. He advised that the decision from Council was that the quarry needed to stand on its own to build up their account over time in order to pay for the restoration of the quarry. S. Moran stated that the Wanganui Quarry is in a slightly different position as there is no rock left in the quarry. Therefore the rating district has been paying \$2.50 per tonne towards paying off the road up until now but with no more rock in the quarry this cannot continue.

S. Moran advised that the rating district at the time choose the option of putting in the road to maintain access to the quarry, this was the rating district's decision and they agreed to pay for it. S. Moran stated that money is now required to restore the quarry as well as to finish paying off the road. He stated that the rating district is the only user of the quarry's river protection rock. There is also a minor amount of decorative stone (rubble) taken. S. Moran advised that the quarry is in surplus to the tune of \$30,000 and this money is being kept in the rating district account because the quarry is at the end of its life. S. Moran clarified that the road is still yet to be paid off and that there is still approximately \$30,000 owed on the road. Cr Chinn asked if the quarry is closed and it costs \$10,000 to restore the quarry then the other \$20,000 could go towards paying off the road. S. Moran agreed with this. Cr Chinn feels that a meeting needs to be held with the rating district as to whether they are going to carry on with the quarry. S. Moran advised that this was discussed at a meeting last week but it is yet to be put to the rating district itself, those at the meeting felt that the quarry has come to the end of its life.

Cr Scarlett put the motion. Cr Davidson requested that the second part of the recommendation be removed. Cr Archer advised that an amendment to the recommendation could be made but it cannot be completely removed as that is totally against the recommendation and is against the motion. There was no seconder for Cr Davidson's motion therefore the motion lapsed. Cr Scarlett put the original motion.

**Moved** (Robb / Archer)

1. *That the minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Inchbonnie and Taramakau Rating Districts be received.*
2. *That the Council does not endorse the following recommendation of the Wanganui Rating District – "That the \$30,000 S. Moran is holding goes toward the paying off of the road".*

*Carried*

## 5.1 CORPORATE SERVICE MANAGER'S REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to his report advising that this is the six month financial report to 31 December 2009. He stated that the investment portfolio has performed strongly but he expects it to ease back in January or February due to the downturn in international markets.

R. Mallinson reported that the expenditure associated with the Upgrade of the Greymouth Floodwall would follow through as above the line operating expenditure because Council does not own the asset therefore this is operating expenditure and not capital expenditure. He advised this will throw the financial result into substantial deficit but this is as expected. He advised that the loan drawdown would be approximately \$2.65M. R. Mallinson advised that \$800,000 is to be withdrawn from the Investment Portfolio as stated in the LTCCP which represents existing Greymouth Floodwall credit balances. Cr Scarlett clarified that Council is giving back the money that it has taken originally in rates for the Greymouth Floodwall. C. Ingle advised that while this money has been invested in the investment portfolio the interest on this money has been going back into the rating district account. R. Mallinson further clarified that there is no general ratepayer subsidy going towards the upgrade of the Greymouth Flood, the ratepayers in the Greymouth Floodwall Rating District are funding it. Cr Chinn stated that he is aware of this but feels that the general public should be informed. Cr Scarlett offered to add this information to the next rates newsletter. Cr Scarlett stated that he is impressed with the fact that costs have been kept in check in all areas.

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

*Carried*

## 6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to his report. He advised that he attended a number of meetings during the reporting period with most of them being related to the Wetlands hearing and follow up mediation. He advised that mediation has been quite successful with a few compromises having been made. C. Ingle reported that he attended the Futures Planning forum at Shantytown recently. He advised that Development West Coast have appointed a new facilitator for this project and it is progressing well.

C. Ingle reported that he has received a letter from Biosecurity NZ acknowledging our submission on the Tb Strategy. He advised that a decision is awaited as to whether or not a hearing will be held and if a Board of Inquiry will be formed to hear the submissions. C. Ingle noted that Council is very keen to be heard on this matter.

C. Ingle reported that the Wetlands mediation has been taking up a lot of his time. He stated that the Environment Court very much listened to the ecological experts of which DoC had four, Council had one and there was one from Solid Energy and also one from Forest and Bird. C. Ingle reported that a Heads of Agreement has now been signed by all parties. This states that a second schedule of wetland areas will be included in the plan but that these wetlands may or may not be significant. He advised that included in the Heads of Agreement is the requirement for site visits which DoC have to pay for much of the cost of. C. Ingle advised that this matter could potentially go back to court but he is hopeful that it won't as there is a strong commitment from DoC, WCRC and Solid Energy to progress this. He feels that we are now 90% of the way there, the mediator that has been involved will try to avoid a return to court and he hopes this matter will be finished with by mid year.

C. Ingle reported that he will be attending the Freshwater Management forum / conference in Wellington next week. He stated that there is an interesting agenda with discussion on the role of the new Environmental Protection Agency and the possibility of water management functions currently managed by regional councils being taken off regional councils. C. Ingle stated he feels that water management functions on the West Coast are well managed and there is no need for an Environment Protection Agency to take over this function. He advised that CEO's from Hawkes Bay, Ecan and Otago will be attending and he is hopeful that it will be a reasonably well balanced session.

C. Ingle advised that staff are currently busy with the council newsletter that will be coming out with the rates demand.

Cr Birchfield asked if it is correct that DoC are to visit all the private land holdings to mark out areas that they think should be "locked up". C. Ingle clarified that the evidence from Mr Phil Knightsbridge, Lead Ecologist for DoC, contained maps and a list of wetlands that he thought

were significant and met the ecologist's caucusing criteria on private and public land. C. Ingle stated that we challenged this in the court process and gave the example of a wetland that went straight across State Highway 73 at Kumara and asked if the Ecologist considered this part of the highway to be a significant wetland. C. Ingle stated this is an example of how broad and inaccurate the mapping is. He advised that the Heads of Agreement required that these maps would be used as the basis for the second list of wetlands with the aim of verifying the maps and taking out the mistakes. Cr Birchfield asked if there has been mention of compensation for farmers who have land taken from them. C. Ingle responded that there is no compensation, land is not being taken, but a resource consent would be needed for land drainage activities. The implication on private landowners will not be that they cannot do anything on their land but before they do any land drainage they need to get a resource consent for which there will be a cost and the cost might involve getting a report from an ecologist. Cr Birchfield asked if DoC has compensation planned for private landowners. C. Ingle responded that there are land swap and land exchange negotiations underway but compensation will not be made to those needing consent. Cr Birchfield stated that there is now 86% of the West Coast locked up and now they are now starting on the bit that is left. C. Ingle stated that they argued this in court and things did not go well at that time. Cr Birchfield stated that it comes down to whether or not the landowner can get a consent for a schedule 2 wetland. He asked if DoC would have any input. C. Ingle responded that DoC would probably be an affected party. Cr Birchfield stated that DoC could carry a case through to the Environment Court, the landowner would then need to question whether or not it is worth it. C. Ingle said the encouraging thing is the Ecologist caucusing and we have our consultant Ecologist saying that it is not right to just include every "good example" of a wetland on the West Coast just because there are few left elsewhere in New Zealand. He stated that Section 6C of the Act requires areas to be 'significant' which means out of the ordinary, better than normal. C. Ingle advised that the ecologists are testing the pakihi wetlands that DoC mapped and are looking at the top 30% of "good examples". He is hoping we end up with a smaller schedule 2 than what we have at the moment. C. Ingle advised that he and DoC are to appoint a person to carry out inspections of the schedule 2 sites. Cr Birchfield feels that some huge pakihi areas of land on the West Coast that could be developed into dairying may not be developed if they are classified as a wetland. Cr Chinn asked if a landowner could upgrade their wetland to schedule 1 and sell it. C. Ingle advised that landowners could approach Council and ask for the wetland to be included in schedule 1 instead of schedule 2. Cr Scarlett stated that a rare or endangered species would need to be found to enable the wetland to be included in the schedule. Cr Chinn gave the example of the horses found on St James Station. Cr Scarlett feels that schedule 1 would not be changed on the motivation of a sale but would need to be changed for ecological reasons. C. Ingle advised that he was interested to find out during the course of the hearing that the Friends of Shearer Swamp are funded entirely by the Ministry for the Environment fund for legal aid, he stated this clearly is a case where the taxpayer is paying to take the ratepayer to court. Cr Chinn would like to stop proceedings now and get some answers to questions. Cr Birchfield stated that this is a land grab. Cr Davidson feels Council needs to bide for time. Cr Scarlett feels it is more about going to government and seeking a policy change. Cr Scarlett feels that the question needs to be asked as to whether or not this is fair. Cr Scarlett suggested sending a delegation to the appropriate minister to discuss this matter further.

**Moved** (Davidson / Chinn) *that Council send a delegation to Wellington to discuss compensation for landowners of wetlands on the West Coast with the Minister.*

*Carried*

Cr Scarlett stated that in the meantime we are locked into proceedings. C. Ingle concurred with this. He advised he is now essentially working for the Court and not Council regarding wetlands as he is an Expert Witness and is bound by the rules of the court.

Discussion took place on the function of the new Environmental Protection Agency. C. Dall explained its function to the meeting.

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

*Carried*

## **7.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT (VERBAL)**

The Chairman reported that he attended the opening of the Arahura Bridge on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December with C. Ingle.

Cr Scarlett attended the Mayors and Chairs forum on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December.

Cr Scarlett reported that he contacted Mike Slater from DoC and MP Chris Auchinvole in December, prior to the wetlands hearing. Cr Scarlett was hopeful of finding resolution without going to court. He stated that we have now moved into a more conciliatory role, out of the court setting and into mediation. Cr Scarlett advised that MP Auchinvole had contacted Mr Al Morrison from DoC regarding the letter Council received from Mr Morrison.

Cr Scarlett spoke of a letter he received from Peter Buckley, Chair of Environment Waikato regarding the opportunity to progress the sustainable beech industry. Cr Scarlett stated that he will respond to Mr Buckley's letter and will arrange a meeting to gauge interest in this matter. Cr Scarlett feels this matter will be a hard ask in view of conservation issues around the cutting down of native trees. He is mindful of the interest Mr Jim O'Regan has in this area. Cr Scarlett feels that there is an opportunity but is mindful of the public perception issue around the felling of native trees. C. Ingle advised that following Mr O'Regan's presentation to this Council and the three district councils, Grey District Council wrote to the Minister Gerry Brownlee suggesting that government support this initiative. C. Ingle advised that Grey District Council are yet to receive a response from the Minister. Cr Scarlett stated that he outlined in his letter to Mr Buckley that he will progress this matter at the next Regional Affairs Committee meeting.

Cr Scarlett reported that he attended the meeting with the farmers in the Lake Brunner area to discuss fertiliser and effluent management.

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

*Carried*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 12.06 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 9 March 2010  
 Prepared by: S. Moran – Planning & Environmental Manager  
 Date: 26 February 2010

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

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**1. RIVER AND DRAINAGE INSPECTIONS**

- Vine Creek Rating District – Contract supervision
- Kowhitirangi Rating District – Contract Supervision

**2. WORKS**

**a) Kowhitirangi Rating District**

This work involved 172 tonnes of rubble and 591 tonnes of rock to top up existing works has been completed at a cost of \$11,544.30 (G.S.T. Exclusive). The successful tenderer was Taylors Contracting Co. Ltd

**b) Wanganui Rating District**

Emergency capital works have been carried out involving 1024 tonnes of rock from Whataroa Quarry has been completed. The work also involved 1,991 tonnes of stockpile replenishment. The total cost was \$84,420.00 (G.S.T. Exclusive) and the successful tenderer was Arnold Contracting Ltd.

**c) Taramakau Rating District**

Emergency works have been carried out involving 2,400 tonnes of rock, 2,300 tonnes of rubble and 1,012 tonnes of stockpiled rock at a cost of \$48,386.80 (G.S.T. Exclusive). The successful tenderer was Taylors Contracting Ltd.

**d) Lower Waiho Rating District**

Emergency works have been carried out involving the recovery of 1,454 tonnes of rock from existing stockpiles and the extension of a retard by 2,635 cubic metres of compacted hardfill has been completed at a cost of \$21,240.00 (G.S.T. Exclusive). The successful tenderer was Graham Condon Contracting Ltd.

**e) Lower Waiho Rating District**

Emergency works have been carried out involving the cartage of 1,200 tonnes of stockpiled rock and 400 tonnes of rock for erosion protection placement has been completed at a cost of \$35,200.00 (G.S.T. Exclusive). The successful tenderer was MBD Contracting Ltd.

**f) Kowhitirangi Rating District**

This work involving 250 tonnes of heavy rock to top up existing works has been completed. The successful tenderer was Henry Adams Contracting at a price of \$5,500.00 (G.S.T. Exclusive).



### 3. QUARRIES

#### Quarry Rock Movements For The Period 1 January 2010 To 31 January 2010

Quarry	Rock In Quarry 01/01/10	Rock Used	Rock Quarried	Rock In Quarry 31/01/10
Blackball	5,436	1,500	0	3,936
Camelback	0	3,106	3,106	0
Inchbonnie	7,320	1,300	0	6,020
Kiwi	1138	0	0	1,138
Miedema	0	0	0	0
Okuru	3000	0	0	3,000
Taramakau	0	0	0	0
Wanganui	0	0	0	0
Whataroa	872	1,600	4,400	3,672
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17,766</b>	<b>7,506</b>	<b>7,506</b>	<b>17,766</b>

#### Quarry Work Permitted Since 31 January 2010

Quarry	Contractor	Tonnage Requested	Permit Start	Permit Finish
Whataroa	Arnold Contracting	200	23-2-10	26-02-10
Camelback	Paul Steegh Contracting	40	23-02-10	23-02-10

#### RECOMMENDATION

*That this report is received.*

Simon Moran  
Planning and Environmental Manger

## THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting  
 Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager  
 Date: 1 March 2010

**1. Financial Report**

FOR THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED 31 JANUARY 2010	ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	ACTUAL % ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET
<b>REVENUES</b>				
General Rates	1,123,518	1,115,917	59%	1,913,000
Rates Penalties	50,050	43,750	67%	75,000
Investment Income	770,662	452,083	99%	775,000
Regulatory	547,704	589,820	56%	976,191
Planning Processes	37,479	98,788	22%	169,350
Environmental Monitoring	0	0	0%	0
Emergency Management	23,736	29,167	47%	50,000
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	864,189	637,361	79%	1,092,618
Regional % Share Controls	335,263	335,417	58%	575,000
VCS Business Unit	1,552,410	2,180,383	42%	3,737,800
	<b>5,305,011</b>	<b>5,482,684</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>9,363,959</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Representation	208,497	224,002	54%	384,003
Regulatory Activities	1,015,109	1,000,450	60%	1,686,568
Planning Processes	339,729	344,140	58%	589,954
Environmental Monitoring	385,167	430,012	52%	737,163
Emergency Management	64,505	76,774	49%	131,612
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	1,138,533	3,006,170	22%	5,153,434
Regional % Share Controls	493,269	440,336	65%	754,862
VCS Business Unit	725,977	1,939,838	22%	3,325,436
Portfolio Management	43,292	0	0%	0
	<b>4,414,078</b>	<b>7,461,721</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>12,763,032</b>
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>890,933</b>	<b>-1,979,036</b>		<b>-3,399,073</b>

BREAKDOWN OF SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	Variance Actual V Budgeted YTD	ACTUAL	BUDGET Year to date	ANNUAL BUDGET
Rating Districts	1,906,154	-307,692	-2,213,846	-3,795,164
Quarries	121,758	112,794	-8,964	-15,366
Regional % Share of AHB Programmes	-53,087	-158,006	-104,920	-179,862
Investment Income	275,287	727,370	452,083	775,000
VCS Business Unit	585,887	826,433	240,546	412,364
Other	0	0	0	0
General Rates Funded Activities	<b>33,971</b>	<b>-309,966</b>	<b>-343,937</b>	<b>-596,045</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,869,969</b>	<b>890,933</b>	<b>-1,979,036</b>	<b>-3,399,073</b>

Net Contributors to General Rates Funded Surplus (-Deficit)	Actual	Budget ytd	Annual Plan
<u>Net Variance Actual V YTD</u>			
Rates	7,601	1,123,518	1,913,000
Rates Penalties	6,300	50,050	75,000
Representation	15,505	-208,497	-384,003
Regulatory Activities	-56,775	-467,405	-710,377
Planning Activities	-56,898	-302,250	-420,604
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection (excl.	66,554	-79,446	-250,286
Environmental Monitoring	44,845	-385,167	-737,163
Emergency Management	6,838	-40,769	-81,612
	<b>33,971</b>	<b>-309,966</b>	<b>-596,045</b>

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION @ 31 JANUARY 2010

	@ 31/01/2010	@ 30/06/2009
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash	112,736	140,632
Short term Deposit - Westpac	463,021	1,303,942
Accounts Receivable - Rates	307,952	283,982
Accounts Receivable - General Debtors	390,515	728,118
Prepayments	136,044	103,062
Sundry Receivables	278,174	151,989
Stock - explosives	0	0
Stock - VCS	35,797	26,198
Stock - Rock	57,740	49,603
Stock - Office Supplies	14,624	14,625
Accrued Rates Revenue	280,968	0
Unbilled Revenue	144,661	227,560
	<u>2,222,232</u>	<u>3,029,711</u>
<b>Non Current Assets</b>		
Investments	11,280,222	10,513,944
Fixed Assets	4,151,412	3,780,746
Infrastructural Assets	39,403,646	39,403,646
	<u>54,835,280</u>	<u>53,698,336</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>57,057,512</u>	<u>56,728,047</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Bank OD		0
Accounts Payable	448,255	1,131,601
GST	-50,805	83,965
Deposits and Bonds	445,062	403,400
Sundry Payables	90,934	537,318
Accrued Annual Leave, Payroll	220,645	241,840
Other Revenue in Advance	15,000	15,000
Rates Revenue in Advance	534,706	0
	<u>1,703,796</u>	<u>2,413,124</u>
<b>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Future Quarry restoration	85,800	85,800
Punakaiki Loan	263,101	283,436
Lower Waiho Loan	23,209	45,294
Office Equipment Leases	102,445	103,878
	<u>474,555</u>	<u>518,408</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>2,178,351</u>	<u>2,931,532</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Ratepayers Equity	20,472,883 }	20,472,883
Prior Year Adjustment	-51,287 }	
Surplus Tsfrd.	890,933 }	
Rating District Equity Mvmts	416,345 }	
Rating Districts Equity	1,991,522	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>54,879,161</u>	<u>53,796,515</u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u>57,057,512</u>	<u>56,728,047</u>

## 2. Investment Portfolio

PORTFOLIO @ 31 January 2010 Summary & Reconciliation		Cash	Bonds	Australasian Equities	International Equities	Property Equities	Alternative Asset Classes	Total
Portfolio Value @ Start	01 July 2009	2707972	3898343	1128754	1243964	583366	930570	10492968
Net Contributions		-266015	-653000	719985	750333	-118341	-432961	0
Realised Gains/(Losses)		-29610	5546	-2358	50109	-1674	120940	142953
adj.		104						104
Unrealised Gains/(Losses)		19676	287	171556	87879	55294	-54484	280208
Mgmt Fee					-232			-232
Income		92180	152102	45351	11946	21819	36366	359764
Accrued Interest		3952	-5371					-1419
Current Hedges @ 31.01.10				1947	-11371	173	-15747	-24997
Portfolio Value @ End Period	31 January 2010	2528259	3397907	2065235	2132628	540637	584684	11249350
Portfolio performance year to date		3.07%	4.58%	13.50%	10.49%	12.63%	11.66%	7.45%

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Asset Allocation %'s @ 31 January 2010	Benchmarks
Cash	22% 25%
Bonds	30% 25%
Australasian Equities	18% 15%
International Equities	19% 15%
Property Equities	5% 5%
Alternative Asset Classes	5% 15%
	100% 100%

Tactical asset  
allocation range

10% - 50%  
10% - 50%  
0% - 20%  
0% - 20%  
0% - 10%  
0% - 20%

### 3. General Comment

Total operating expenditure for the seven month period to 31 January was \$4.414 million.  
Total operating revenues for the same period amounted to \$5.305 million.

The operating surplus for the period amounted to \$0.891 million

The Investment portfolio has shown a return of \$756,000 or 7.45% for the seven months to 31 January 2010. As predicted the returns eased back during January from their December peak.

Rating District expenditure increased during January due to the damage to infrastructure caused by flood events during December and early January.

Due to the demand for rock the quarries are trading well with a surplus of \$112,794 for the seven month period.

The initial loan drawdown of \$2 million from Westpac occurred on 1 March and \$800,000 of Greymouth Floodwall rating district funds was withdrawn from the Investment portfolio during February. These funds are set aside for the Greymouth Floodwall upgrade, which is now in progress.

In the general rate funded area, there were net positive budget variances amounting to \$33,971 for the seven month period, despite cost pressures resulting from the wetlands variation Environment Court hearing and accumulated prosecution costs.

### 4. Annual Presentation by our Fund Managers Forsyth Barr Ltd

The team from Forsyth Barr Ltd will make their annual presentation to Councillors and management following the conclusion of this Council meeting.

### 5. Annual Plan Workshop

We need to agree to a date for this.

## RECOMMENDATION

*That this report be received.*

Robert Mallinson  
Corporate Services Manager

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Council Meeting 9 March 2010  
Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager  
Date: 23 February 2010  
**Subject: ANIMAL HEALTH BOARD QUARTERLY REPORT**

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Our 2009/19 LTCCP contained provision for Council to continue to fund the Regional share of AHB controls.

Management have obtained agreement from the AHB that Council will be provided with a quarterly report which will include progress to strategy objectives and a summary of vector control activities.

This report will help Council evaluate the effectiveness of its budgeted \$790,000 payments (LTCCP \$705,000 + additional \$85,000 approved by Council 9 September 2009) to the AHB for Regional share contribution during 2009/10.

The first report dated 17 February covers the first two quarters to 31 December 2009.

The graph on page 1 shows West Coast region infected herd statistics and progress against targets.

The program for 2009/10 involves 363,065 hectares at a cost of \$6.759 million.  
As of 31/12/09 the program was 64% complete.

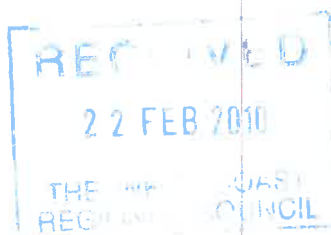
**RECOMMENDATION**

*That the AHB quarterly reports to 31 December 2009 be received.*

Robert Mallinson  
Corporate Services Manager



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17 February 2010

Chris Ingle  
Chief Executive  
West Coast Regional Council  
PO Box 66  
Greymouth 7840

Dear Chris

**RE: Quarterly Report from the Animal Health Board**

Please find enclosed our report on Vector Control Operations for the period July – December 2009, including our progress to strategy objectives and a summary of vector control activities.

I trust you will find this report informative and helpful.

Should you have any questions about the report, please contact the Programme Manager in your area; details are below.

Chris Pullen  
03-769-9098  
chris.pullen@ahb.org.nz

Kind regards

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to be "Matthew Hall", written in a cursive style.

**Matthew Hall**  
Vector Operations Manager

# Animal Health Board Programme Management West Coast - July 2009 to December 2009

To: Chris Ingle, Chief Executive, West Coast Regional Council  
 From: Chris Pullen, Programme Manager, West Coast Tasman  
 Date: 12 February 2010

## Introduction

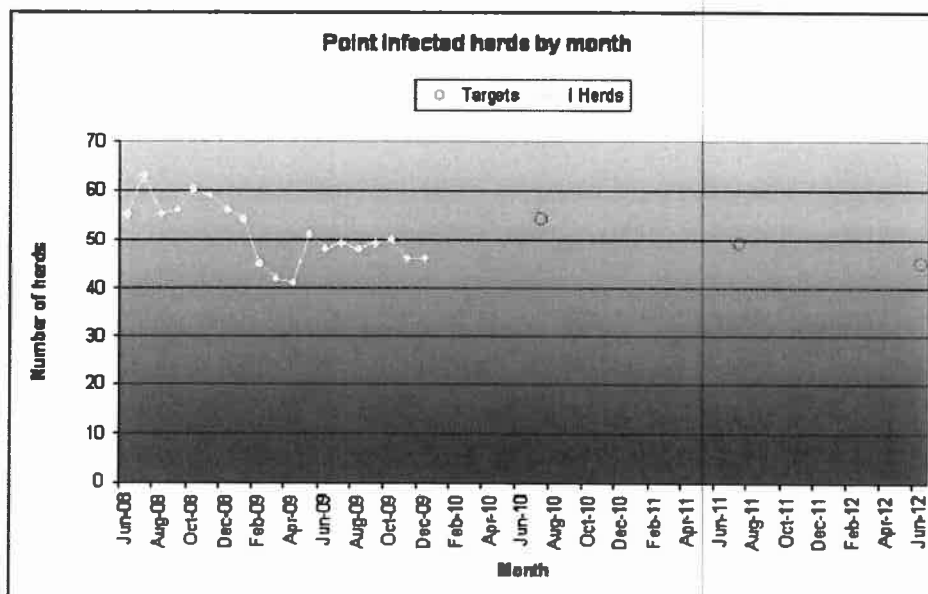
The West Coast region has specific regional objectives based on a number of factors. The objectives have been based on the prevalence of infected herds, positive results from post mortems and trend monitors of wild animals, and the prevalence of vectors. The overall strategy for the West Coast is summarised below:

- The West Coast Region is looking towards a reduction in infected herds to 40 by July 2010. The aerial programme remains the "backbone" for the West Coast programme. A continuance of the intensive aerial programme in 2010-11, supported by ground exclusion and annual maintenance activities will support the efforts and gains now noted from the 2007 to 2009 aerial programme.

## Progress of Objectives

- To date, the 2009-10 programme has been delivered to the design and specifications detailed in the strategy and objectives.
- The aerial component of the programme was successfully delivered and is being supported by the ground control component.
- The overall trend is reduction in herd numbers, but progress is slower than other regions given the unique geography of the West Coast.
- As at 1 January 2010 the West Coast region had 48 infected herds.

Please see graph below.



## Case Management

Infected herds on the West Coast continued to be dynamically managed as part of our integrated approach to control of bovine tuberculosis. The clear majority of herds only retain an infected status for a short period usually less than 1 year. Resources and input into persistent and recurrent infected herds has been intensified and many of these herds have had blood tests applied to help eliminate problem animals not previously detected.

In the last year several new supplementary tests have also been trialed on West Coast herds to help find elusive infected animals. There are still some areas where the risk of TB infection from a feral source is present. Infected herds in these areas remain under the management of the scheme and every effort is made to minimize risk of spread of disease.

## Regional Communication

The main focus of the communication over the last 6 months has been:

- Information day forums held to keep the wider community informed of the TB programme and focus on individual aerial operations that are due to be held this coming winter. Information days have been held this year in Maruia and Blackball involving TBfree committee members, Animal Health Board staff and Department of Conservation representatives.
- Three more information days are planned for February in South Westland.
- Disease communication has been completed reminding farmers of the requirements of pre-movement testing and tagging of stock before movement. Some communication initiatives are being worked through with CMP Kokiri to ensure that communication can be targeted at animal tagging and animal status declaration forms.

## 2009/10 Vector Control Programme

### Over-all objectives for the Vector Control Programme on the West Coast

#### Prevent expansion of the TB Vector Risk Area (VRA)

- Continue to build and strengthen the southern buffer between Franz and Fox. This area was flown during early 2008 and incorporated a much larger and geographically defensible buffer than the previous one. Ongoing consultation will occur with the Department of Conservation which is planning to fly an aerial operation throughout the Okarito Kiwi sanctuary when key indices exceed trigger levels e.g. rats and stoats. This is immediately north of the Franz-Fox buffer and AHB will undertake an extra 9,000 hectares of aerial work to complement the Departments work. These will double the size of the southern buffer.
- In the north, the buffer zone is being completed and linked with Tasman by the addition of a new operation (Maruia North).

#### Reduce the number of TB infected herds

- Throughout the TB vector risk area the prevention of herd infection is the prime focus. Ground control is centred on and around farms and is supported by extensive aerial operations to prevent immediate reinvasion of these areas by possums. The number of infected herds continues to decline slowly as expected.



The key objectives for 2009 -10 are expected to be achieved by:

- Maintaining a high level of auditing ensuring that contractors carry out their contractual specifications.
- Building into the contract requirements for contractors to recover carcasses for post mortem (concurrent survey).
- Maintaining effective buffer areas on selected sections of the West Coast/Tasman TMA. For this objective the Maruia aerial activities have been planned and designed, and will be implemented in May 2011. These buffers essentially ensure that the spread of Tb infected possums is limited to the vector control zones (VCZs) within the regional boundaries.
- Progressing with the intensive delivery of aerial operations every 5-7 years.
- Traditional areas that have been subjected to high infection rate are to continue with a high risk status, e.g. Karamea, Marsden, Kokatahi.
- Trend monitors and concurrent surveys have been planned into the 2010-11 operational year for both regions. On the West Coast, these will be specific to high risk areas (e.g. Taramakau settlement). These monitors will target areas that have been subject to continuous infection, and will look at the potential reinvasion of possum populations into areas that have received intensive aerals and ground control work. Tasman will continue to carry out selective concurrent surveys and trend monitors, as well as checking the status of areas that have been declared TB free.

The AHB vector control programme within the West Coast for the 2009/10 year is as follows:

	Approved Projects	Approved (Ha)	On Hold Projects
Possum Control	312*	231,825	0
Possum surveys	5	5,000	0
Pig Surveys	0	0	0
Performance Monitor	268	131,240	0
Trend Monitor	0	0	0

\* Possum control figures are inclusive of aerial operations

The following table details the total area, activity type and value of the 2009/10 control programme.

	Possum Control (Ha)	Performance Monitors (Ha)	Possum Surveys (Ha)	Ad Hoc Survey (Ha)	Total Hectares	Value (\$)
West Coast North (Buller)	71,740	38,800	37,340	10,000	109,740	1,805,472
West Coast Central (Grey)	119,118	61,125	15,000	10,000	180,243	2,993,150
West Coast South (South Westland)	40,967	31,315	4,900	10,000	73,082	1,961,026
<b>Totals</b>	<b>231,825</b>	<b>131,240</b>	<b>57,240</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>363,065</b>	<b>6,759,648</b>

\* Total value does not include \$1.3 million in carry forwards for control operations for 2008/09.

Activities completed as at 31 December 2009.

	Possum Control (Ha)	Performance Monitors (Ha)	Possum Surveys (Ha)	Ad Hoc Survey (Ha)	Total Hectares	Value (\$)	
West Coast North (Buller)	34,246	25,684	24,000		0	83,930	1,424,160
West Coast Central (Grey)	97,933	73,449	2,341		0	173,723	2,334,780
West Coast South (South Westland)	10,297	7,722	11,000		0	29,019	870,423
<b>Totals</b>	<b>142,476</b>	<b>106,855</b>	<b>37,341</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>292,672</b>	<b>4,629,363</b>

#### Vector Operations summary:

- As at 31 December 2009, 64% of the West coast programme has been delivered and complete and fully paid.
- 216 ground control activities have been completed.
- 96 ground control activities remain to be delivered in January – June.
- 131 performance monitors have been completed.
- Between July and December there have been nine performance failures, seven of which had a rework and a re-monitor and two were passed by derogation.
- Five trend monitors/surveys have been completed.

## 2010/11 Tender Rounds

The tender rounds for the 2010-11 programme have been planned with the following timeline:

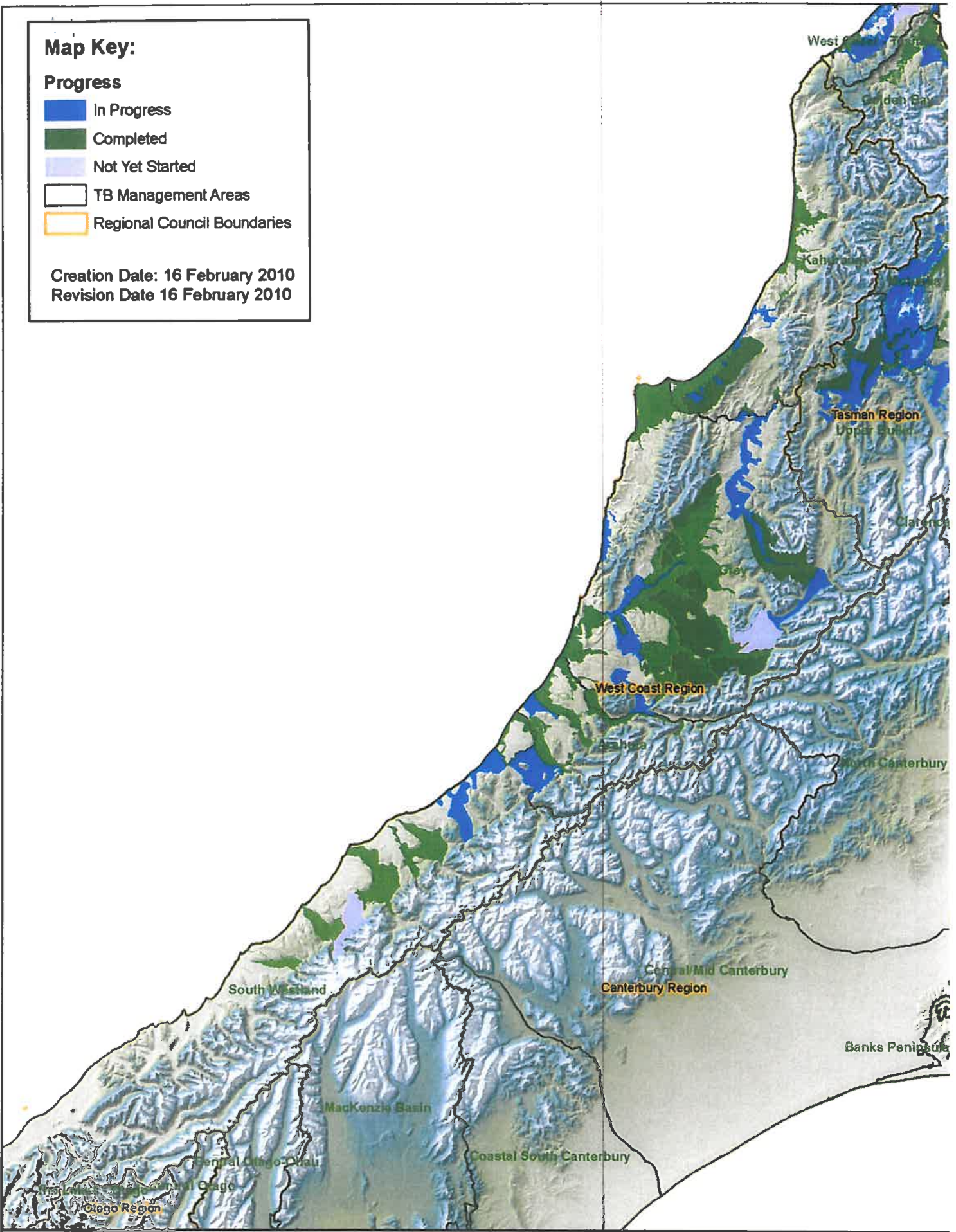
- 23 February: Tenders advertised on Tenderlink.
- 7 April: Tenders close.
- 6-8 May: Tenders awarded.
- 1 August: 1<sup>st</sup> round of 2010-11 programme commences.

**Map Key:**

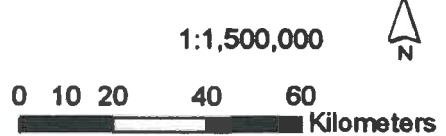
**Progress**

- In Progress
- Completed
- Not Yet Started
- TB Management Areas
- Regional Council Boundaries

Creation Date: 16 February 2010  
 Revision Date 16 February 2010



**Progress for West Coast Possum Operations 16th February 2010**



**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Council Meeting 9 March 2010  
 Prepared by: Chris Ingle – Chief Executive  
 Date: 23 February 2010  
 Subject: **CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT**

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**Meetings Attended**

The meetings I have attended since the 9 February Council meeting include:

- Freshwater Management forum in Wellington on 15<sup>th</sup> February.
- Regional CEO's Meeting in Wellington on 16<sup>th</sup> of February.
- Chief Executives Environmental Forum in Wellington on 17<sup>th</sup> February.
- Attended a meeting with DoC to discuss Wetlands policies on 18<sup>th</sup> February.
- Met with Matthew Hall from AHB to discuss regional funding on 19<sup>th</sup> February
- Hosted a meeting with the Transport Minister Hon Stephen Joyce on 19<sup>th</sup> of February with the Deputy Chair Peter Ewen.
- Participated in teleconference with DoC to discuss wetland policies on 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

**Lake Brunner Farm Plans**

Westland Milk Products and Council are jointly offering to assist farmers in the Lake Brunner catchment by checking on their environmental farm plans that were completed in 2005 by Landcare Trust and the Council, funded at that time by the Ministry for the Environment's Sustainable Management Fund. Landcare Trust is not involved in this work but are attempting to secure funding for a Landcare Trust officer for the West Coast and Canterbury regions. I have written to the Ministry in support of them gaining this funding.

**Freshwater Management Forum in Wellington**

I attended the first day of the two day freshwater forum in Wellington on 15 February. Several speakers put forward a range of views on the scope of the new EPA and how it might expand in the future. Guy Salmon from Ecologic spoke in the morning. He blames regional councils for failing to put in place more stringent rules on farmers, in order to improve water quality. However he also acknowledged that some regional councils had successfully improved water quality in their regions (he cited Taranaki, but not the West Coast) and praised Manawatu Wanganui for their One Plan process that puts in place comprehensive rules. Russell Norman from the Green Party also spoke but he was more supportive of regional councils as he saw the value in local democracy in action. However he did think that National Policy Statements need to set environmental bottom lines for Councils to implement. The third speaker Brendon Burns from the Labour Party wants the new EPA to assist and support regional councils with advice and resources.

Several Regional Council staff spoke later in the day including the CEOs of Canterbury, Otago and Hawkes Bay. These presentations made it very clear that there are quite different sets of issues, and priorities, in each region. Each region is unique and that is why the Regional Council model of governance works well for New Zealand. The Hawkes Bay CEO pointed out that growth of their regional economy is based on availability of water for irrigation and their Council is dedicated to enabling economic growth as well as improving water quality at key sites. The Otago CEO clarified that the RMA has to work for people and communities as well as the environment.

**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.  
19 – 21
- 8.1 Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 9 February 2010
  - 8.2 Overdue Debtors Report (to be tabled)
  - 8.3 Enforcement Update

<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 9 February 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		

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.