

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, 8th February 2011**

B.CHINN
CHAIRPERSON

M. MEEHAN
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 14 DECEMBER 2010 AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL,
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.****PRESENT:**

B. Chinn (Chairman), D. Davidson, A. Robb, A. Birchfield, T. Archer, I. Cummings, T. Scott

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1. APOLOGIES

Moved (Archer / Robb) *that the apology from R. Scarlett and F. Tumahai be accepted.*

Cr Chinn asked that all present stand and observe a minute's silence in respect of the Pike River Mine disaster.

2. PRESENTATION

Mr Robert Terry from Reefton spoke of the mining licence granted to Terronick Mining some years ago. Mr Terry advised that the land was then sold to Tai Poutini Polytechnic and they then took over the mining licence. This land is now used to teach students how to gold mine. Mr Terry stated that Terronick Mining were granted a special licence to mine through Carton's Creek. Mr Terry stated that every summer the water in this creek goes underground where the miner has mined through the creek bed. Mr Terry feels that the sale of the land was illegal and the land has not been reinstated correctly and he would like the mining holes filled in with topsoil to an acceptable standard. Mr Terry offered to answer questions from councillors. Cr Cummings asked Mr Terry what his involvement with this area is. Mr Terry responded that he is involved as a citizen of this country as some of this land is on the conservation estate. Cr Archer stated that his understanding was that the consent has either been terminated or expired and the bond has been repaid, he asked Mr Terry how he proposed to further this matter in view of this. Mr Terry stated that he is only presuming that the bond has been returned for the conservation block of land and he does not believe that the bond has been returned for the private land title. Cr Archer asked Mr Terry what mechanism is available to council in view of this situation. Mr Terry suggested Council could use its investment fund to rehabilitate the land. Cr Chinn thanked Mr Terry for his presentation and advised that staff would look into this matter and contact Mr Terry if necessary.

Cr Chinn welcomed M. Meehan to his first meeting in his new position as Planning and Environmental Manager and wished him well in his new role.

3. MINUTES

Moved (Archer / Robb) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 8th November 2010, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters Arising

Cr Davidson stated that F. Tumahai was to get back to council with maps for the customary fishing rights areas. He asked if these maps have been provided yet. T. Scott stated that there are maps available and offered to follow up on this with Cr Davidson.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Chinn reported that he received a call from a ratepayer advising him that they would be withholding the Animal Health Board portion on their rate demand. The caller advised Cr Chinn that this move was directed at the Animal Health Board and not the West Coast Regional Council.

Moved (Chinn / Birchfield) *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

M. Meehan spoke to his report and advised that the Environmental Protection Bill passed its first reading unanimously and they are now looking at rolling out the new authority on 1 July 2011.

M. Meehan reported that council has made a submission on the Draft Canterbury Regional Policy Statement 2010 regarding the importance of maintaining the regional link at State Highway 73.

M. Meehan advised that the Lakes Workshop was hosted recently by the West Coast Regional Council with Envirolink and DoC contributing to the funding of this workshop. M. Meehan reported that Federated Farmers, Fish and Game and jet boaters along with other interested groups attended this very useful workshop and he is hopeful of ongoing input from these agencies to achieve the best possible outcomes for our lakes. Cr Archer asked M. Meehan if he feels that the Environmental Protection Agency will be able to achieve what they set out to do in view of the composition of this new agency. M. Meehan responded that he is yet to have a thorough look at this but he will report back to council on this matter. Cr Archer is intrigued by the timeframes for decisions.

Moved (Robb / Birchfield) *That this report be received*

Carried

5.1.2 PROPOSED REGIONAL LAND AND WATER PLAN

M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised that this plan combines three of Council's resource management plans. He advised that 60 submissions have been received with two of these being late submissions. M. Meehan reported that staff are currently summarising the submissions and these will be notified publicly on the 10th of January with the closing date for further submissions being the 28th of January 2011.

Moved (Archer / Robb)

1. *That the Council receive this report.*
2. *That the Council accept the two late submissions.*
3. *That the Council agree to further submissions being open until 28 January 2011.*
4. *That the Council appoint all members of the Resource Management Committee as available, to hear submissions, make and release decisions on submissions on the Proposed Land and Water Plan.*

Carried

5.1.3 REGIONAL PEST PLANT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR THE WEST COAST

C. Ingle spoke to this report and advised that this is the final stage for the Regional Pest Plant Management Strategy review. C. Ingle advised that there have not been any appeals to the Environment Court and therefore Council can now formally adopt and affix its seal to the strategy.

Moved (Robb / Archer)

That Council adopt the Regional Pest Plant Management Strategy 2010 for the West Coast by affixing the seal of the Regional Council to the Strategy as per section 79F(2) of the Act.

Carried

5.1.4 SUMMARY OF THE 2010 NEW ZEALAND COASTAL POLICY STATEMENT

M. Meehan spoke to this report advising that Council made a substantial submission to this policy statement. He stated that the new policy statement is better structured and its policies are more specifically targeted to coastal issues. M. Meehan advised that Council should be aware that some of the requirements may incur additional costs when reviewing the regional policy statement and coastal plan and in particular the requirement for natural character and hazard identification. M. Meehan reported that our submission to withdraw the requirement to have Restricted Coastal Activity status in Regional Coastal Plans was successful, and this will make the consent process for applicants much more straight forward. Cr Archer asked if management has had the opportunity to consider what the likely costs are for the identification of coastal hazards and is there a timeline requirement under the policy statement to achieve the outcomes in the policy statement. C. Ingle advised that staff have not yet had the opportunity to investigate costs involved but these requirements would be looked at when the Coastal Plan Review takes place in February. C. Ingle commented that the Minister has done consent applicants a favour by taking out the restricted coastal activities but she has now put a burden on the ratepayers of the region at the same time by requiring hazard studies and natural character studies at the plan review phase. He stated that he is awaiting advice and guidance from the Coastal Planners forum on this matter. Cr Archer commented that he is not sure if this is a function exclusively for regional councils or if it is a district council matter.

C. Ingle agreed that District Councils would need to be involved. C. Dall advised that advice would be taken from central government on these matters especially regarding hazard identification. Cr Cummings drew attention to page 2 of last month's minutes when S. Moran had advised that a tougher line would be taken for coastal settlements in terms of discouraging seawalls. Cr Cummings asked if anyone has been told that they cannot erect a seawall. C. Ingle responded that the Minister is looking making the process to get a seawall consent a lot simpler but they are still saying that the building of a seawall should not be looked at as the first option for coastal erosion as often seawalls can actually cause adverse affects to neighbouring properties and can make beaches steeper. C. Ingle stated that the seawall at Punakaiki has been very successful. M. Meehan stated that all consent applications would be treated on a case by case basis.

Cr Archer drew attention to the statement in the document "*the natural darkness of the night sky*", he expressed both concern and amusement at this.

Moved (Archer / Robb)

1. *That this report be received.*
2. *That Council notes the requirements for natural character and natural hazard assessments for next year's Coastal Plan Review.*

Carried

5.1.5 REMOVAL OF RCA'S FROM REGIONAL COASTAL PLAN

M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised that usually the removal of rules from a Plan would have to go through a formal plan change submissions process but the new policy statement allows for a more straightforward approach. T. Scott expressed concern that once the plan becomes operative it will be a long time before there are changes. C. Dall clarified that those activities that were formerly restricted coastal activities now become discretionary activities and council still has the discretion to decline or approve consent. He advised that one positive aspect is that the public notification process is no longer required and these matters can now be dealt with as a non- notified application or a limited notified classification. C. Dall gave an example of how this could be dealt with under the new legislation.

Moved (Archer / Davidson)

1. *That this report be received for information.*
2. *That the Council set 14 January 2011 as the operative date for removing the Restricted Coastal Activity provisions from the Regional Coastal Plan for the West Coast.*

Carried

5.1.6 AQUACULTURE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO 3)

M. Meehan spoke to this report. He advised that currently there is only one aquaculture operation on the West Coast, which is in Jacksons Bay. M. Meehan advised that Council does not see any major implications

to this legislation for the West Coast. He suggests that Council staff make a brief submission supporting the removal of the requirement for aquaculture to take place only in Aquaculture Management Areas identified in coastal plans. M. Meehan advised that if someone applies for a new marine farming operation they would still need to go through the consenting process.

Cr Archer asked if the submission does not gain the support of the Select Committee then what ramifications or implications might there be for Council. M. Meehan advised that if this legislation doesn't go through then there is still the opportunity for council to review its coastal plan and identify these areas. C. Ingle advised that this was looked at some years ago when the Bill was put in place by the previous government. C. Ingle stated that council engaged some consultants at this time and the consultants recommended that Council do nothing, as there weren't any developers interested in this region at the time. C. Ingle noted that the Jacksons Bay marine farm consent application went through a very robust consenting process.

Moved (Archer / Birchfield)

That the Resource Management Committee approve making a brief submission on the Aquaculture Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 3) supporting the removal of the requirement for aquaculture to take place only in AMA's identified in regional coastal plans.

Carried

5.1.7 CIVIL DEFENCE & REGIONAL TRANSPORT REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to this report. He advised that staff have assisted with the Pike River Mine incident and have assisted Grey District Council in a Civil Defence role. He stated that field staff are still involved in laying cables and cutting tracks through bush to assist with the recovery operation. C. Ingle reported that the West Coast CDEM Group have won their bid for \$60,000 worth of funding for the purchase installation and maintenance of satellite dishes for the four local councils.

C. Ingle reported that the Group meeting was held yesterday. He advised that Mayor Kokshoorn was once again appointed as the Chair of the Civil Defence Group for the next three years. C. Ingle reported that the review of the Constitution was also approved at this meeting.

C. Ingle reported that the Regional Transport Committee is due to meet in early February. He advised that Iwi are yet to advise of their representatives for this committee, he requested that T. Scott follow up on this matter.

Moved (Birchfield / 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 reported that the end is near regarding the appeals relating to the TrustPower Arnold Valley Power Scheme. C. Dall advised that the remaining parties have signed a joint memorandum in relation to the latest decision from the Environment Court. He advised that agreement has now been reached on all outstanding matters, and final sign off from the court is now awaited.

C. Dall reported that the appeals relating to the consents granted for Hydro Developments Ltd hydro scheme on Stockton Plateau have now been resolved so this scheme can now go ahead pending approval from the Minister for Conservation for the ocean outfall component.

C. Dall reported that appeals for Solid Energy's Ltd alternative proposal for Stockton Plateau's power scheme have been refined. He advised that additional information has been provided and mediation is being looked into to see if an agreement can be reached relating to this appeal.

Cr Cummings declared an interest in RC09163, Amalgamated Mining Ltd.

Cr Birchfield asked C. Dall if HDL and Solid Energy Ltd are arguing over the same water. C. Dall agreed that both parties want to use the same resource. Cr Birchfield asked how would the decision be made. C. Dall advised that the RMA is based on the first in, first served principle and in this case HDL was first in line. C. Dall reported that currently there are no alternative mechanisms to deal with cases like this but one way around it is to give HDL time to get their consents up and running and if they don't achieve this then Solid Energy Ltd would be next in line to utilise the resource. Cr Birchfield asked if a time has been put on HDL for this purpose. C. Dall responded that there is a clause in their consents called a lapsing period which is ten

years. C. Dall clarified that HDL has priority to proceed. Cr Archer asked if there is scope for the mediation outcome to actually grant consent. C. Dall advised that in principle Council cannot grant consents that will derogate from HDL's ability to exercise its consents but if HDL were not able to start its scheme then the resource is still available.

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

Carried

5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

C. Dall reported that the consent holder for gravel extraction at Organs Island was asked to cease extraction due to the resource being significantly depleted. C. Dall reported that a joint inspection of whitebait stands on some rivers has been carried out with the DoC. C. Dall advised that quite a few issues were identified including large huts with chimneys in the coastal marine area. He stated that the relevant parties have been asked to either relocate or remove these structures. Cr Cummings asked what is the difference between removing the hut and relocating it. C. Dall said that they need to be moved to above the high water level. C. Dall advised that one hut would require a building consent from the district council due to its large size and he doubts if consent would be granted.

C. Dall reported that staff are following up on a dust nuisance complaint at the Ngakawau Coal Handling Facility. C. Dall advised that a number of complaints were received towards the end of the reporting period and that is why they are still under investigation.

C. Dall reported that two abatement notices and three infringement notices were issued during the reporting period.

C. Dall gave all councillors a copy of the sentencing notes relating to the prosecution of OceanaGold for the unauthorised discharge of sediment to Devils Creek. He advised the company was fined \$23,000 for this offence. C. Dall reported that a dairy farm in the Whataroa area was fined \$12,000 for unauthorised discharge of dairy effluent. This fine was reduced because the court took into account the poor financial situation of the company.

C. Dall reported that around half of the work programmes for mining operations were approved during the reporting period. He advised that some of the work programmes require more work prior to being approved.

Cr Cummings asked if the court considers the ability of the person to pay their fines in every case. C. Dall responded that under the sentencing act it is now mandatory that the party / parties has to provide a financial statement.

Moved (Archer / Robb)

1. *That the December 2010 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
2. *That Council release the bond held for Resource Consent RC09092*

Carried

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.40 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 8 February 2011
Prepared by: Michael Meehan – Planning & Environmental Manager
Date: 27 January 2011

Subject: PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

PLANNINGProposed Land and Water Plan

Further submissions closed on Friday 28 January. Eleven further submissions were received. Staff are currently collating these in order to commence work on the Staff Recommending Report.

Staff made a further submission supporting in part the Department of Conservation's submission to ensure that all decisions made in the Environment Court, in relation to the management of wetlands, are carried through to the Proposed Land and Water Plan.

Wetlands Appeal

Staff have been involved in redrafting policy regarding the management of wetlands following the release of the Courts Interim decision last year. Caucusing of planning witnesses is due to occur on 14 February, with planning evidence scheduled to be heard the week commencing 4 April 2011.

Proposed NES for On-Site Wastewater Systems

The Proposed National Environmental Standard (NES) for On-Site Wastewater Systems has been withdrawn. Analysis of submissions and a reassessment of the costs and benefits of the proposed NES found that it would add another layer of regulation and increase compliance costs without the guarantee of a significant level of health and/or environmental benefits. The Resource Management Act and the Health Act have existing mechanisms that allow councils to deal with environmental and health problems resulting from failing on-site wastewater systems.

Council made a brief submission in September 2008 on the Proposed NES supporting the non-mandatory approach for applying the NES to areas with problem on-site wastewater systems.

RESOURCE SCIENCEInformation Requests

Requests for information from the SAHS database have been steady over summer.

Lakes Workshop

Following on from the recent Lakes workshop held at Council, Council has been working closely with DoC and Fish and Game to improve protection of West Coast lakes against *Largarosiphon* invasion. This follows the recent discovery of *Largarosiphon* in Lake Paringa. *Largarosiphon* poses not only a threat to biodiversity in our lakes and waterways, but threatens recreational values like fishing and contact recreation, and hydroelectric power generation - all with economic ramifications. The group are investigating options used elsewhere to try and limit the spread like weed cordons, removal techniques around boat ramps, regulations, and education. The group also finalised a surveillance plan for vulnerable West Coast lakes, utilising personnel from DoC, F&G, and WCRC to conduct dive surveys.

Hydrology / Flood Warning

Council flood warning staff were busy during 2 major events during the reporting period. In response to the event on 27-29 December, which resulted in the entire region being affected by high rivers and intense rainfall, Council has commenced compiling a report to learn and gain useful feedback from the public on our flood warning and civil defence systems.

December 27-29 Event:

During the 27-29 December event, significant rainfall and river levels were recorded over the entire region. It is uncommon to have a large storm like this that produces very high flows across the whole region (this storm also produced very high flows in Canterbury, Marlborough and Tasman Regions). A very large frontal system stretching from New Zealand right out into the North Tasman/Queensland area stalled over the Northern part of the West Coast. This system produced between 100 and 400mm of rainfall in 36 hours region wide.

The Karamea River at the Gorge reached the same level as the 1998 flood, equalling the highest recorded event for that site. Low tide coincided with the peak of the event which may have resulted in a less severe impact than the 1998 event.

Reports of flooding in Seddonville and close to the Mohikinui Township have been noted, and will form part of the report Council is preparing on the event. Council does not have any rainfall or flood warning monitoring information in the Mohikinui River. NIWA has a site there and WCRC has requested data to provide return period analysis.

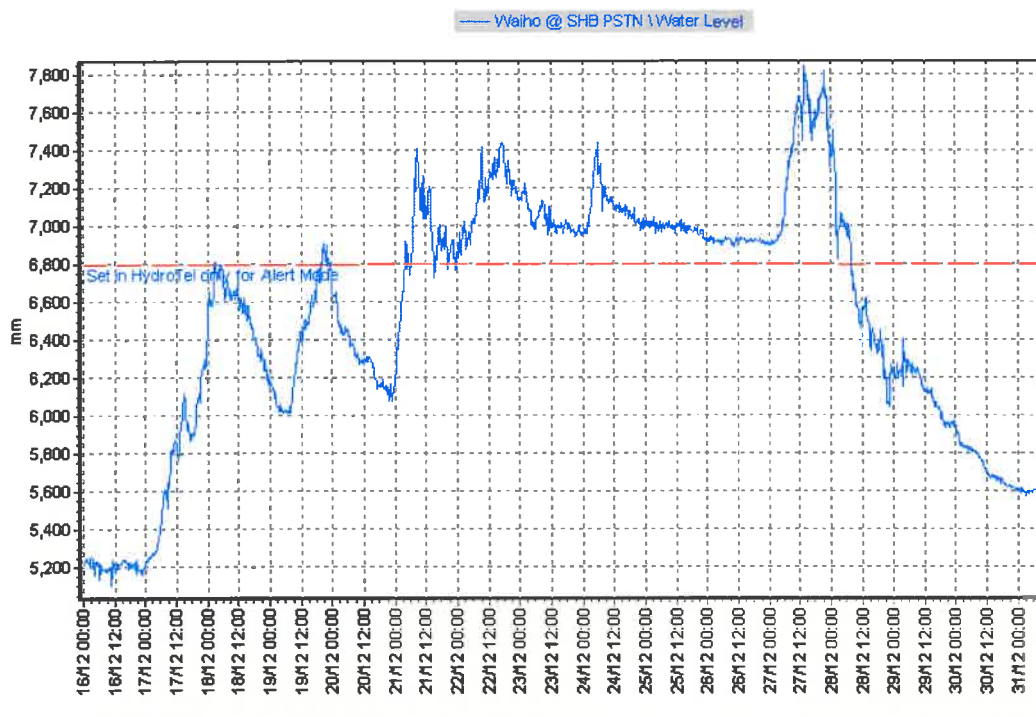
This event was also significant for the Buller, Grey and Hokitika Rivers, with water overflowing Hawke's Crag in Buller. The Grey River flood committee was called for the Grey River (this has happened 3 times in the last 10 years), Rainfall totals of between 100 and 300mm of rain in 24 hours were recorded for the Grey catchment, this is a significant amount of rainfall for the Grey River catchment.

The Hokitika river catchment received rainfall totals of 300-700 mm in 48 hours; some houses were flooded in the Hokitika Valley, The Kokatahi River scoured out and changed course resulting in flooding of some farmland and houses. Local reports suggest that the Taramakau River reached the highest levels seen in some time during this event.

The Waiho River spent 7 days in a row above its alarm threshold due to a continuous stream of frontal systems affecting the region, 702mm of rainfall fell in Franz Josef in the 7 days prior to 28/12/2010. The peak of this event was on 27 December 2010 at 7845mm, this is a reasonably large event for the Waiho River, and is believed to be in part caused by gravel build in the riverbed.

It is estimated that the return period for this event is between 10 and 50 years coast wide, once all data is processed a full analysis of the return period will be completed.

On the following page is a graph showing the water level in the Waiho River during the December 2010 event.



Graph 1: Waiho Rv @ SHB flood, showing 7 days above alarm threshold.

Below is a table showing the sites Council monitor for water level and the level that these rivers peaked at during this event.

Site	Time of peak	Peak level	Warning Issued	Alarm threshold
Karamea Rv @ Gorge	28/12/2010 - 09:30	5975mm	28/12/20100 - 5:45	4000mm
Buller Rv @ Te Kuha	28/12/2010 - 16:50	10818mm	28/12/2010 - 22:45	7400mm
Buller Rv @ Te Kuha	19/1/2011 00:55	8105mm	18/1/2011 - 20:15	7400mm
Grey Rv @ Dobson	28/12/2010 16:45	5900mm	28/12/2010 - 05:00	3400mm
Grey Rv @ Dobson	18/1/2011 2:30	5561mm	18/1/2011 - 18:45	3400mm
Hokitika Rv @ Colliers	27/12/2010 22:45	6679mm	28/12/2010 - 02:15	6000mm
Waiho Rv @ SHB	19/12/2010 20:15	6913mm	19/12/2010 - 21:00	6900mm
Waiho Rv @ SHB*	27/12/2010	7845mm	21/12/2010* - 04:30	6900mm

* This event was the result of a series fronts hitting the South Westland region from the 19th of December 2010 until 28th of December 2010. The Waiho River was effectively in alarm mode and being monitored for the whole time.

18-19 January 2011

On 18-19 January 2011 a second significant event affected the Buller and Grey Rivers, this was caused by the remnants of Tropical Cyclone Vania. The rainfall totals were comparable to those of the previous event on 27-28 December (100- 250mm in the Grey Catchment for 24 hours) however on this occasion the rivers peaked at lower levels. This event produced a second flood committee meeting for the Grey River.

The calling of the flood committee highlighted the need to undertake a review of the flood plan which is currently being undertaken in consultation with Grey District Council and other agencies.

Data Requests
























1 Groundwater, 2 Rainfall and 3 Flow/Water Level

Contact Recreation sites

December 2010 and January 2011, results for West Coast contact recreation monitoring sites are shown in the table below.

Westport sites (North Beach and Carters Beach) were sampled on 1 December 2010 and 5 January 2011. All Greymouth, Lake Brunner and Hokitika sites were sampled on 6 December 2010 and 11 January 2011.

Most samples came under the very low risk category with the exception of the January 2011 North Beach sample, which was in the moderate to high risk category.

Risk to Bathers¹			Key:
Site	Dec 2010	Jan 2011	
North Beach			 Moderate to High Risk >550 <i>E.coli</i> /100ml or >280 <i>Enterococci</i> /100ml
Carters Beach			
Buller Rv @ Marrs Beach			 Low Risk 260-550 <i>E.coli</i> /100ml or 140-280 <i>Enterococci</i> /100ml
Buller Rv @ Shingle Beach			
Rapahoe Beach @ End of Statham St			
Seven Mile Creek @ SH6 Rapahoe			 Very Low Risk
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			

¹ 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.

Michael Meehan
Planning & Environmental Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting – 8 February 2011
Prepared by: L Sadler, Policy Analyst
Date: 6 January 2011

Subject: **RECONVENING THE WASTE MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP**

Purpose

To inform the Council of the West Coast Waste Management Working Group (WWG) reconvening, and ask the Council to appoint a Councillor representative to the Group.

Background

The WWG was established in 1999 to enable integrated management of regional hazardous waste issues between regional and district councils, who have dual roles under the RMA for managing adverse effects of the storage, use, disposal, or transportation of hazardous substances. The Group has staff and councillor representatives from the four West Coast Councils, and a Department of Conservation staff representative. The WWG is a working group, not a sub-committee of the Councils.

The scope of the WWG has expanded over time to deal with other regional waste management issues such as waste minimisation.

Since May 2009 the Group has been in recess as no further MFE Sustainable Management Fund (SMF) funding was available for regional waste minimisation education work, and there were no pressing regional waste issues to consider. The SMF fund has been replaced by the Waste Minimisation Act levy refund and the nationally contestable Waste Minimisation Fund. The arrangement was that the WWG would reconvene if any issues arise.

Reconvening the WWG

At the Mayors and Chairs meeting on Monday the 13th December 2010 it was agreed to reconvene the WWG to make an application to the contestable Waste Minimisation Fund. The view is that a joint application from the four West Coast Councils will have a better chance of success than if the application is lodged by only one council. Regional Council staff will co-ordinate preparing the application.

The Regional Council's previous representative on the WWG was the late Denis Shannahan. Council therefore needs to choose another representative on the Group.

For the purposes of preparing a funding application, it is anticipated that representation on the WWG will involve mainly liaising by email to select a project for funding, checking drafts of the application, with possibly an occasional meeting. It is unlikely that an application will be ready for the current funding round which closes on 1 March, so we will aim for the next funding round in December.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council appoint a Councillor representative on the West Coast Waste Management Working Group, for the purpose of making a joint application to the national Waste Minimisation Fund.

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

5.1.3

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting – February 2011
 Prepared by: Nichola Costley, Regional Planner
 Date: 26 January 2011
 Subject: **CIVIL DEFENCE & REGIONAL TRANSPORT REPORT**

Civil Defence Emergency Management Update

West Coast Engineering Lifelines Group Meeting

The Engineering Lifelines Group met on 16th December. Agenda items included:

- Kevin England presented on the work that he has undertaken in the development of a landslide susceptibility model for the West Coast.
- Mark Boere of the NZ Fire Service discussed the structure of the USAR (Urban Search and Rescue) teams in New Zealand and how engineers can link in with these teams following an event. Further work will be done by the Group in identifying Level 1 trained USAR responders (engineers) and their availability for response.
- Lessons from the Canterbury earthquake were discussed by those with infrastructure assets in the region and those who assisted in various capacities. Good examples were provided on the reduction in impact from the earthquake where investment had been made in infrastructure resilience.
- A roundtable of the resilience actions that had been undertaken since the last meeting was provided.

The next meeting has been scheduled for the 26th of May 2011.

Resilience Fund for Communication Resilience and Redundancy on the West Coast

Progress has been made following the successful bid of the West Coast CDEM Group in October for the installation and operational costs of a satellite based information and data transfer capability. Satellite systems have now been installed at Haast, Franz Josef, Hokitika, Paroa, Greymouth, Punakaiki, Reefton, Westport and Karamea. The system at Fox will be installed once the building has been completed. Testing of the systems and training of staff in their use is to commence shortly. A regular testing program will be set up similar to that run for the HF and VHF radio systems.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The Monitoring and Evaluation project was completed during 19th – 21st of January 2011. The programme centres around the 'CDEM Capability Assessment Tool' which is a set of nationally consistent performance indicators and measures organised in an assessment tool format. Simon Chambers and Jo Horrocks (MCDEM) interviewed staff from the four Councils including the Controllers, CDEM Managers and the Emergency Management Officers, Emergency Services, Health, Chair of the Welfare Advisory Group, and the Chair of the CDEM Group.

The final report will be tabled at the next CEG meeting scheduled for the 24th of February.

Test of the National Warning System

A test of the National Warning System was held on the 21st of December. New contacts added to the system are operational and the Group responded within the required timeframes.

Weather Radar

All arrangements are in hand for this radar to be built towards the end of 2011. Finalising property agreements is currently the top priority.

Regional Transport Update

Regional Transport Committee

The Regional Transport Committee (RTC) is scheduled to meet on the 3rd of February. Nominations have been received from Te Runanga O Makaawhio and Te Runanga O Ngati Waewae for the cultural representative on the RTC of Mr Terry Scott and Mr Fancois Tumahai respectively. Similar to the previous term, the two representatives will determine who is to attend meetings based on the location of transport issues on the Agenda.

An alternate for the Environmental Sustainability objective, Mr Tom Hopkins, has also been put forth for when Jo Macpherson is unable to attend. Mr Hopkins has attended previous RTC meetings to report on the work undertaken by the Department of Conservation in regards to the Glacier projects and is familiar with the RTC and the work of the Committee. Constable Mark Dixon has been put forth as an alternate for the Safety and Personal Security objective for Sergeant Brett Cooper. Mr Dixon has extensive knowledge in management and traffic related matters

The primary purpose of the RTC meeting will be to review the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS) and approve it to be notified for public consultation. Approval will also be sought from the RTC for the inclusion of the draft Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP) as a chapter to the draft RLTS.

Under the Public Transport Management Act 2008, the Regional Council must have a Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP) if financial assistance is provided to any operator or user of a taxi service. Due to commitments associated with Total Mobility throughout the region, a RPTP is required. The RPTP is required to be adopted by the Regional Council by January 2012.

The RTAG met in May 2010 to determine how to develop an RPTP for the West Coast. Due to the size of the public transport function on the West Coast and the timing of the review for the RLTS, it was considered an efficient and effective way of undertaking the development of both documents. The combined process also reduces the costs and time involved in consultation. The combination of the two documents will need to be made clear during the consultation process.

RECOMMENDATION

1. *That the Council receives this report.*
2. *That the Council accepts the cultural representatives nominated to the West Coast Regional Transport Committee, and the alternates for the Environmental Sustainability and Safety and Personal Security objectives.*

Chris Ingle
Chief Executive

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
 Prepared by: Colin Dall - Consents & Compliance Manager
 Date: 28 January 2011

Subject: CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**CONSENTS****Consents Site Visits from 1 December 2010 – 25 January 2011**

DATE	ACTIVITY, NAME & LOCATION	PURPOSE
1/12/10	RC10251 & RC10252 – GP Contracting Ltd, Gravel extraction, Giles Creek, Buller River & North Beach	To investigate the sites to assess the availability of the gravel resources and gain a better understanding of the proposed gravel extraction operations.
9/12/10	PA10047 – PR Murphy, Onsite sewage wastewater assessment, Marsden	To assess the proposed onsite sewage treatment system against Rules 6 (RPDL) and 77 (PRLWP).
15/12/10	Consent Application Pending – BFC Group Ltd, Alluvial gold mining, Fireball Creek	To meet with the applicant and a PF Olsen representative to discuss the mining proposal and its potential impact on the environment.
20/12/10	RC10273 – Allan Spriggs Contractors Ltd, Gold Mining, Marsden	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the proposed gold mining operation.
21/12/10	Consent Application Pending - Westland District Council, Coastal Protection, Hokitika	To meet the staff from the Westland District Council and the Department of Conservation to discuss resource consents for coastal protection works north of the Hokitika River.
5/01/11	Public Enquiry – P Berry, River protection, Grey River at Kaiata	To view erosion protection works/groynes on the Grey River behind the Greymouth Golf Club.
17/01/11	RC11001 – Phoenix Mining Ltd, Alluvial gold mining, Marsden	To investigate the proposed gold mining operation and to assess its effects on waterbodies within the proposed mining area.
24/01/11	PA11002 – M Buchanan, Onsite sewage wastewater assessment, Atarau	To assess the proposed onsite sewage treatment system against Rules 6 (RPDL) and 77 (PRLWP).
25/01/11	RC10273 – D & E Rock, Gold Mining, Blackwater	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the proposed gold mining operation.

Non-Notified Resource Consents Granted from 1 December 2010 – 25 January 2011

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	PURPOSE OF CONSENT
RC10030 New Zealand Transport Agency	To erect a rock spur in the bed of the Haast River.
RC10199 Solid Energy New Zealand Ltd	To discharge cement kiln dust (CKD) to land in circumstances where contaminants may enter water at Stockton Coal Mine (Coal Mining Licence 37-150).
RC10205 Westreef Services Ltd	To undertake earthworks associated with land based gravel extraction, Yellow Metal Pit, Kongahu.

RC10213 LJC Acker	<p>To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining at Waimea.</p> <p>To take and use surface water from Waimea Creek for alluvial gold mining activities.</p> <p>To discharge sediment-laden water to land where it may enter water in Waimea Creek.</p>
RC10219 Fulton & Thomason	<p>To disturb the bed of Tatare Stream to construct a diversion channel and protection works.</p> <p>To divert water through a diversion channel, Tatare Stream.</p>
RC10236 Ferguson Brothers Ltd	<p>To disturb the dry bed of the Moeraki River for the purpose of gravel extraction.</p> <p>To temporarily divert water in the Moeraki River.</p> <p>To disturb the bed and banks of the Moeraki River to undertake works associated with the diversion of the Moeraki River.</p>
RC10238 TP & AJ McDonnell	<p>To discharge dairy effluent to land and water (an unnamed creek) near DS763, Cape Foulwind.</p>
RC10240 AJ Birchfield	<p>To undertake earthworks and vegetation disturbance within the Greymouth Earthworks Control Area associated with tracking for geotechnical investigation, Karoro.</p>
RC10242 WHG Punakaiki Land Ltd	<p>To take and use surface water from an unnamed creek near Punakaiki.</p>
RC10249 New Zealand Transport Agency	<p>To undertake works in the riparian margins of Waiwhero Creek during the widening of the SH6 Bridge.</p> <p>To disturb the bed of Waiwhero Creek, including the placement of rock protection, during the widening of the SH6 Bridge.</p> <p>To undertake the temporary diversion of Waiwhero Creek during the widening of the SH6 Bridge.</p> <p>To discharge contaminants to land, where they may enter water, during the widening of the SH6 Bridge.</p>
RC10251 GP Contracting Ltd	<p>To disturb the dry bed of the Buller River upstream of the State Highway 67 Bridge for the purpose of gravel extraction.</p> <p>To disturb the dry bed of Giles Creek for the purpose of extracting gravel.</p>
RC10252 Pearson Contracting Ltd	<p>To disturb the dry bed of the Buller River (Lower Buller Gorge) for the purpose of gravel extraction.</p> <p>To disturb the dry bed of the Mokihinui River for the purpose of gravel extraction.</p>
RC10254 Granite Developments Ltd	<p>To undertake earthworks and vegetation clearance associated with converting land to pasture, Waitaha River.</p>
RC10255 Solid Energy New Zealand Ltd	<p>To take water from the "syncline adit" at Stockton Coal Mine.</p> <p>To discharge water containing contaminants to the "Mangatini Sump" at Stockton Coal Mine.</p>
RC10256 Solid Energy New Zealand Ltd	<p>To undertake vegetation removal and earthworks within riparian margins, Stockton Mine.</p> <p>To erect structures (dams/sumps) on the bed and banks of unnamed tributaries of Fly Creek, Stockton Mine.</p> <p>To take groundwater (seepage) from the mine pit, McCabe's Block, Stockton Mine.</p>

	To dam water in the unnamed tributaries of Fly Creek for water treatment purposes, Stockton Mine.
	To divert stormwater around mining areas and to settling ponds, Stockton Mine.
	To discharge water (stormwater and treated minewater) containing contaminants to water, Stockton Coal Mine.
	To discharge overburden (potentially containing acid-forming material) to land, Stockton Coal Mine.
RC10258 Francis Mining Co Ltd	To undertake earthworks and vegetation clearance within riparian margins, unnamed tributaries of Wellman Creek.
	To deposit material on the bed and banks of the unnamed tributaries of Wellman Creek.
	To divert water, unnamed tributaries of Wellman Creek.
RC10260 K Curtis	To discharge treated domestic sewage effluent to land at 150 Omoto Valley Road.
RC10261 Transpower New Zealand Ltd	To discharge contaminants to air associated with abrasive blasting of transmission towers within the Buller District.
RC10262 Utopia Horizon Investments Ltd	To disturb the Coastal Marine Area (CMA) associated with the removal of sand (black mineral sand) from Fairdown Beach.
RC10264 Spring Creek Mining Company	To discharge contaminants (products of combustion) to air from a diesel boiler, Spring Creek Mine.
RC10265 Solid Energy New Zealand Ltd	To undertake vegetation clearance and earthworks on slopes greater than 25 degrees to construct a section of the Cypress Haul Road.
	To disturb the bed and banks of 4 unnamed tributaries of T35 to construct a section of the Cypress Haul Road.
	To divert water in 4 unnamed tributaries of T35 Stream to construct a section of the Cypress Haul Road.
RC10266 AB & JF Harris	To discharge dairy effluent to land at Harihari in circumstances where it may enter groundwater via seepage (DS 109).
RC10267 DC & CF Stone	To discharge treated domestic sewage effluent to land from at 26 Napier Street, Millerton.
RC10268 Kawaitiri Energy Ltd	To undertake earthworks associated with re-siting the Powerhouse.
RC10270 GHD Newton	To undertake earthworks and vegetation disturbance within the Greymouth Earthworks Control Area.
RC10271 L & G Gibbs	To discharge treated domestic sewage effluent to land at 48a Stuart and Chapman Drive, Greymouth.
RC10273 Allan Spriggs Contractors Ltd	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining at Marsden.
	To discharge sediment-laden water to land where it may enter water in the New River.
	To divert an unnamed tributary of the New River.
	To take and use groundwater for alluvial gold mining at Marsden.
RC10275 White Heron Sanctuary Tours Ltd	To disturb the bed of the Waitangiroto River associated with channel clearance within the coastal marine area.
RC11004 Westland District Council	To install rock protection and a "spur groyne" on the bed and banks of the Arahura River.

RC11009 Waitaha Livestock Ltd	To discharge dairy effluent to land and water (Ellis Creek) near DS174, Waitaha Valley.
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Changes to Consent Conditions Granted from 1 December 2010 – 25 January 2011

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	PURPOSE OF CHANGE
RC08201 Roa Mining Company Ltd Roa Mine	To allow for an extension to the mine access road.
RC09034 Department of Conservation Fox River, South Westland	To allow for an increase in the volume of gravel extracted.
RC09035 Francis Mining Co Ltd Echo Mine	To allow for an extension of the mining area.

No limited notified or notified resource consents were granted during this period.

Public Enquiries

36 written public enquiries were responded to during the reporting period. 29 (80.6%) were answered on the same day, 2 (5.6%) the following day, 3 (8.3%) no more than 10 working days later and 2 (5.6%) more than 10 working days later.

RECOMMENDATION

That the February 2011 report of the Consents Group be received.

Colin Dall
Consents & Compliance Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
 Prepared by: Colin Dall – Consents & Compliance Manager and Phil McKinnel – Compliance Team Leader
 Date: 28 January 2011
 Subject: **COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

Site Visits

A total of 102 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period, which consisted of:

Activity	Number of Visits	Fully Compliant (%)
Resource consent monitoring	16	87
Dairy shed inspections	42	76
Complaint response*	25	56
Mining compliance & bond release	19	89

*Note that some of the complaint response visits were to mining and dairy farming sites.

Specific Issues

Dairy Effluent Discharges: Compliance staff undertook dairy shed inspections and followed up on several non-compliant dairy effluent discharges.

Four farms in the Lake Brunner Catchment were identified as having poorly maintained effluent ponds. They will be re-inspected in February to check that the required remedial works have been carried out.

Farms with dairy effluent discharges that are the subject of past abatement notices are being revisited to check if the abatement notices have been complied with and can be cancelled.

Gravel Extraction: Inspections of the popular gravel extraction sites were undertaken during the reporting period. Extraction at Organs Island was subsequently ceased in November 2010. However, the flood events over the Christmas period partially replenished the gravel resource at the site, allowing the Council to advise gravel extraction consent holders that they could recommence some extraction subject to conditions.

Whitebait Stands: A post season inspection was completed on a number of South Westland Rivers in conjunction with DoC. As a result of this inspection it was found that 5 stands had not been removed from rivers after the required 2 week period following the close of the season. The owners of four of these stands were able to be identified, and letters were sent to them requesting removal of their stands. Two owners have replied confirming removal and the other two require follow-up. The owner of the remaining stand could have been one of several consent holders.

Pike River Coal Mine – Pike River Coal Limited (PRCL): Council Compliance staff met with the Environmental Manager on site to review the monitoring requirements of the site while the future of the mine is decided. As there is currently minimal water related discharges from the site, PRCL would like the majority of the sampling required by the consents for the mine to be deferred until the future of the mine is known. An agreement between PRCL and the Council is currently being formulated.

Oceana Gold Limited (OGL) – Globe Progress Mine: OGL notified the Council that one of the discharge consent limits was exceeded on 30 December 2010. The results of water quality sampling of Devils Creek undertaken by OCL showed that the concentration of total suspended solids at the compliance point exceeded the maximum allowable increase consent limit for a single sample limit of 25 g/m³ by 4.3 g/m³.

OGL's explanation is that on the 28 December 2010 there was a high rainfall event in a 24 hr period that was statistically greater than a 1 in 100 year event. As a result of the very high rain fall, turbid runoff

from "Devils Waste Rock Stack" ponded around an under-drain inlet and discharged to Devils Creek instead of the water gradually soaking away through the rock stack as normal.

OGL is reviewing where it can make improvements to the waste rock stack area to prevent further such discharges.

Solid Energy New Zealand Limited (SENZ) – Spring Creek & Rocky Creek Sites: The sites were inspected following the submission of the Spring Creek Mining Operations Annual Plan. There were no significant issues identified at the time of inspection.

(SENZ)/Stockton Alliance – Stockton Coal Mine: Stockton Mine staff reported a number of exceedances of baseline water quality during the last reporting period when the mine experienced a number of high intensity rainfall events. Most of the exceedances were related to these high intensity rainfall events with some exceeding the 0.2 Annual Rainfall Intensity.

Aside from these exceedances there was an incident on 8 December 2010 which resulted in a number of complaints being received by the Council in relation to contamination of Granity Stream. The stream was inspected by a Compliance officer and found to be heavily impacted by sediment and coal fines. Water samples were taken.

Given the complex nature of the resource consents that Stockton operates under and the amount of information that needs to be considered investigations into this incident are continuing and no final decision has been made with regard to what, if any, action is warranted in this case.

Complaints/Incidents between 30 November 2010 and 26 January 2011

The following 31 complaints/incidents were received during the reporting period:

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome
Discharge to land	Dumping of Vegetation	Serpentine	Still under investigation.
Discharge to water	Dumping of reinforcing steel in a river	Franz Josef	Site visit undertaken and no issue found.
Discharge to water	Discharge of white 'polish' to a river	Hokitika	Unsubstantiated.
Earthworks	Earthworks in the Coastal Marine Area	Hokitika	Works stopped and party undertaking works advised to apply for consent.
Discharge to air	Burning of rubbish causing smoke nuisance	Westport	Resolved through education.
Discharge to water	Discharge of coal fines to Granity Stream	Granity	Still under investigation.
Dairy	Complaint about effluent in whitebaiting gear	Waitangitona	Resolved - algae not effluent cause of problem.
Gold mining	Sediment discharge to water	Goldsborough	Resolved - samples showed that discharge was within compliance limits.
Earthworks	Sediment discharge	Reefton	Resolved.
Sandblasting	Discharge of dust into air from a sandblasting operation	Blaketown	Resolved. Operation was complying with conditions of resource consent.
Discharge to air	Plastic burning	Boddytown	Resolved through education.

Earthworks	Stormwater runoff from recently developed site	Hokitika	Site visit undertaken - still under investigation.
Coal mining	Land slip associated with coal mining	Denniston	Site visit undertaken. Remedial action planned.
Earthworks	Water way affected by earthworks	Goldsborough	Unsubstantiated.
Gold mining	Complaint about unauthorised gold mining	Waimangaroa	Site visit undertaken. Operation found to be complying with permitted activity rule.
Stormwater	Stormwater discharge to neighbouring property	Boddytown	Still under investigation.
Coal mining	Non compliance at Stockton Mine	Stockton	Rainfall related.
Coal mining	Non compliance at Stockton Mine	Stockton	Rainfall related.
Coal mining	Trigger limit exceeded at Stockton Mine	Stockton	Rainfall related.
Coal mining	Trigger limit exceeded at Stockton	Stockton	Rainfall related.
Gold mining	Vegetation removal in coastal marine area.	Hokitika	Still under investigation.
Earthworks	Vegetation clearance associated with section development	Hector	Site visit undertaken – complied with regional rules.
Gold mining	Unauthorised gold mining	Ross	Under investigation
Diesel spill	20L of diesel spilt on access bridge	Reefton	Dealt with by contractor.
Milk spill	Milk tanker leaking between Atarau and Greymouth	Greymouth	No environmental effects.
Discharge to air	Dust being generated from a trade premises.	Hokitika	Compliance Officer spoke to the parties concerned.
Dairy	Complaint about dairy effluent being discharged to water.	Rotomanu	Site visit undertaken and letter of direction issued. Re-inspection to occur.
Coal mining	Baseline water quality levels degraded.	Stockton	Cause of incident not attributed to mining.
Flood protection	Property owner believed to have been flooded due to unconsented flood protection works.	Atarau	Still under investigation.
Discharge to air	Complaint about smoke from a fire	Kaiata	Enforcement action pending.
Gold mining	Complaint about Grey River being dirty.	Blackball	Still under investigation.

Formal Enforcement Action

The following 12 infringement notices were issued during the reporting period:

Activity	Location
Discharge of dairy effluent to land where it may enter water (6 notices on two persons)	Franz Josef
Breach of an abatement notice relating to the of dairy effluent to land where it may enter water (6 notices on two persons)	Franz Josef

MINING

Work Programmes

The Council received the following 8 work programmes during the reporting period, 4 of which were processed within the 20 working day target by the end of the reporting period, with the remaining work programmes shown in italics requiring further information:

Date	Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location
30/11/10	RC04137	Whyte Gold Ltd	Three Mile
1/12/10	RCN99232	Ferguson Brothers Ltd	Paringa
2/12/10	RC98303	Eldon Holdings	Kangaroo Creek
<i>3/12/10</i>	<i>RC04137</i>	<i>Phoenix Minerals Ltd</i>	<i>Quinns Terrace</i>
<i>9/12/10</i>	<i>RC03274</i>	<i>Rosco Contractors Ltd</i>	<i>Larrys Creek</i>
9/12/10	RC04201	Daryl Oates	13 Mile
<i>21/12/10</i>	<i>RC08109</i>	<i>Matthew Mills</i>	<i>Atarau</i>
<i>24/1/11</i>	<i>RC07208</i>	<i>B F C Group Ltd</i>	<i>Fox Creek</i>

Bonds Received & Bond Releases

The following mining bond was received during the reporting period:

Mining Authorisation	Holder	Amount
RC98024	Alluvial Mining (No 2) Ltd	\$27,000

No bonds are recommended for release.

OIL SPILL RESPONSE

No significant spills to report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the February 2011 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, 8th February 2011** 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 14 DECMEBER 2010,
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH,
COMMENCING AT 11.40 A.M.****PRESENT:**

B. Chinn (Chairman), A. Robb, T. Archer, D. Davidson, A. Birchfield, I. Cummings

IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), M. Meehan (Planning and Environmental Manager), C. Dall (Consents & Compliance Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk),

1. APOLOGIES:

Moved (Archer / Davidson) *that the apology from R. Scarlett be accepted.*

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (Archer / Robb) that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 9 November 2010, be confirmed as correct with the removal of the word "may" on page 4 so that the motion now reads as "*that registration attendance fees may only be met by council with the prior approval of the Council Chair*".

Carried

Matters arising

Cr Archer drew attention to the first paragraph of the minutes where Cr Birchfield had commented that the Council needed to go in a different direction. Cr Archer suggested at the time that it might be helpful if Cr Birchfield provided a paper on this matter. Cr Archer asked Cr Birchfield if there was an intent to produce a paper so that there could be discussion and debate on this subject. Cr Birchfield replied "no comment". Cr Archer asked Cr Birchfield if these were just electioneering comments. Cr Birchfield replied with "no comment".

REPORTS:**4.1 ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT**

M. Meehan spoke to his report. He advised that he would be hosting two meetings in Franz Josef tomorrow regarding the proposed reclassification of the Lower Waiho rating district and the proposed floodwall upgrade for the Franz Josef rating district. M. Meehan advised that members of the Lower Waiho rating district have been provided with an independent reclassification report and the Franz Josef rating district proposed works is to increase the height of the floodwall to a one in one hundred year event, currently it is at a level of one in 20 year event. M. Meehan also advised that he and Cr Archer would be attending a workshop in Westport on climate change later this week.

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

Carried

4.2 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

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R. Mallinson spoke to his report advising that this is the four month financial report until the end of October and is a similar result as to that reported to the November meeting. He advised that the surplus for the four months is \$1.382M. R. Mallinson reported that the quarries are generating a good surplus this year and are doing better than budgeted. R. Mallinson reported that the investment portfolio rallied strongly during October and there were net positive budget variances in the general rate funded area. R. Mallinson stated that this is a pleasing result and we are more than holding our own.

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

Carried

4.2.1 FOUR MONTH REVIEW – 1 JULY 2010 – 30 OCTOBER 2010

R. Mallinson spoke to this report advising that this is the four month performance review and advised that this report shows achievements and progress measured against the performance targets in the 2010 / 2011 Annual Plan. R. Mallinson reported that in terms of the new legislation for resource consent processing within the statutory timeframe, this is being processed at 100%.

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

Carried

5.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to his report noting the meetings he attended during the reporting period and a management training workshop in Wellington which was led by a British academic.

C. Ingle reported council has been requested to sign off the disestablishment of the Varroa Agency as this agency has now become redundant. He advised this was initially set up by the South Island regional authorities when it was thought that Varroa may be kept out of the South Island.

C. Ingle reported that a High Court fixture has now been set for the Wetlands appeal on the 19th of April 2011. C. Ingle advised that Minister Nick Smith has responded to the Chairman and has indicated that he will visit Council. A date has yet to be set but C. Ingle is hopeful that this will be in February and on the day of the Council meeting. C. Ingle advised this meeting is to discuss what a biodiversity National Policy Statement should mean for the West Coast.

Moved (Robb / Archer)

1. *That this report be received.*
2. *That Council agrees to disestablish the Varroa Agency Inc.*

Carried

R. Mallinson requested that the Audit Management Report item be deferred to the general business section of the meeting until Mr John Mackey from Audit NZ arrived.

7.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT (VERBAL)

There was no Chairman's report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.50 a.m.

12.02 pm

The meeting reconvened with Mr John Mackey from Audit NZ welcomed to the meeting by Cr Chinn.

AUDIT MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

Mr Mackey thanked Council for the opportunity to present this report. He highlighted a few key points from the management report including the fact that Council received an unqualified audit opinion and this was done on time. Mr Mackey commented on the very good financial result which shows a \$1M surplus.

Mr Mackey stated that the upgrade of the Greymouth Flood Protection Scheme was a major achievement, this was completed on time, under budget and achieved a high level of protection which was what Council had set out to do. Mr Mackey noted that two sources of income this council has outside of rates, he commended the management of the investment portfolio and also the VCS Business Unit. Mr Mackey advised that Audit NZ carries out audits on behalf of the Office of the Auditor General and Audit NZ is given a brief on what they are to look at. He stated the Auditor General reviewed what had been done previously and is looking at Council's compliance with the Local Government Act as there are requirements in Schedule 10 as to what Council is required to report in terms of non-financial information. Mr Mackey advised that Central Government is pushing the non-financial reporting as they are using this in terms of making decisions as to where money goes so that funding is not continued if achievement is not being met. Mr Mackey drew attention to the performance target for water quality in this region. Mr Mackey stated that from an improvement point of view there should be targets that relate to water quality. Mr Mackey stated that as an entity Council cannot control everything that affects water quality on the West Coast but the question is what is council mandated to achieve and what is council looking to achieve and therefore Audit NZ believe that Council should focus on that. Cr Birchfield stated that he thought Mr Mackey is just the financial guy and asked if he is telling us how to look after the water now. Mr Mackey responded that the Auditor General's brief is wider than financial numbers and he undertakes the audit on behalf of the Auditor General. Cr Birchfield asked C. Ingle if this is correct. C. Ingle confirmed this. C. Ingle clarified that Mr Mackey is referring to the audit report comment on water quality and this is the only area where we have a difference of opinion. C. Ingle stated that the Council does not believe that the Local Government Act process, Annual Plan process is the same as the RMA process which is the process that Council believes sets water quality targets for the region. C. Ingle feels that it would be wasteful to duplicate this process in the annual plan / LTCCP process. C. Ingle feels that council and Audit NZ are coming from different perspectives but he noted that the RMA and Local Government Act processes do work together and it is a matter of drawing the links together to show this to the public and to Audit NZ. Further discussion took place on accounting processes and performance targets. Mr Mackey advised that there has been a significant improvement in performance reporting in this latest round in all areas of New Zealand. R. Mallinson advised that Taranaki Regional Council has this very same discussion as this council is having here as to whether the Annual Plan / LTCCP should set the performance targets or the RMA. R. Mallinson stated that this is not a new argument. Cr Birchfield stated that he cannot believe he is hearing this and to think that we are paying for someone to tell us how to look after the water. Cr Birchfield stated that is costing us money. Mr Mackey spoke of points that will be looked at in the next audit and then LTCCP for 2012 / 22. Mr Mackey answered various questions around staff training matters for civil defence and the performance targets relating to this. R. Mallinson advised that the mandate of The Office of the Auditor General is much wider than a simple financial audit and has been for many years. Cr Chinn advised that there would be an opportunity for Councillors to ask questions in the private session with Mr Mackey.

Moved (Duncan / Archer) *That Council adopt the Audit Management Report for the year ended 30 June 2010.*

Carried

The meeting closed at 12.22

The meeting moved into committee to enable Councillors to have a private session with the Audit Director, Mr Mackey.

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 8 February 2011
 Prepared by: W. Moen & M. Meehan – Planning & Environmental Manager
 Date: 27 January 2011

Subject: **ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT**

1. RIVER AND DRAINAGE INSPECTIONS

- Camelback Quarry - Inspection
- Taramakau RD – Inspection
- Kiwi Quarry - Inspection
- Redjacks Creek – Inspection
- Grey Valley – Electronet Services – Inspection
- Franz Josef RD – Inspection
- Whataroa River – A. Carroll – Inspection
- Oparara River – K. Rafell – Inspection
- Little Wanganui River – Flood Damage Inspection
- Punakaiki – Inspection
- Grey River – Greymouth Golf Club – Inspection
- Crooked River – H. Raymond – Flood Damage Inspection
- Inchbonnie RD – Flood Damage Inspection
- Greymouth Floodwall – Flooding - Inspection

2. WORKS**a) Wanganui Rating District – Maintenance**

This work involved the placing of 438 tonnes of rock and was completed by Arnold Contracting Ltd at a cost of \$10,512.00 (G.S.T. Exclusive).

b) Taramakau Rating District – Emergency Works – December 2011

On 28 December 2010, the Taramakau River was subject to a major flood event. This flood resulted in the overtopping and breaching of the main stop bank in three places. Urgent remedial work was requested by the ratepayers and was carried out by Paul Steegh Contracting Ltd. This work involved extensive gravel cartage and rock placement to protect the breached areas. No costs are available at this stage. An application will be made to the LAPP Fund for consideration for financial assistance.

c) Punakaiki Rating District – Maintenance Works

This work involved the placing of 400 tonnes of rock and 200 tonnes of rubble and was completed by MBD Contracting Ltd at a cost of \$14,900.00 (G.S.T. Exclusive).

3. FUTURE POTENTIAL WORKS

- a) Kowhitirangi Rating District – Flood Damage
- b) Matainui Creek Rating District – Flood Damage
- c) Lower Waiho Rating District – Flood Damage
- d) Franz Josef Rating District – Possible Upgrade
- e) Raft Creek Rating District – Channel Cleanout
- f) Kongahu Rating District – Maintenance
- g) Mokihinui Rating District – Flood Damage
- h) Wanganui Rating District – Possible Upgrade
- i) Greymouth Floodwall – Access Gates

4. OTHER WORKS**a) Lower Waiho Rating District - Proposed Reclassification**

This reclassification has been completed by Mr. Bob Reid and will be presented to Council for consideration.

b) Franz Josef Rating District - Proposed Upgrade

30 questionnaires were returned:

- 25 were in favour of the upgrade.
- 4 were against the upgrade
- 1 was informal

The results will be presented to Council for consideration.

5. QUARRIES

Most quarries have a reasonable stockpile on the floors.

Kiwi Quarry has been cleaned out due to recent flood events

Kiwi Quarry is to be drilled and "blown" in late January 2011.

Quarry Rock Movements For The Period 31 October 2010 To 31 December 2010

Quarry	Rock In Quarry 31/10/10	Rock Used	Rock Quarried	Rock In Quarry 31/12/10
Blackball	5,934	0	0	5,934
Camelback	5,257	3,137	0	2,120
Inchbonnie	10,922	0	0	10,922
Kiwi	200	1,475	1,800	525
Miedema	0	0	0	0
Okuru	2,570	0	0	2,570
Taramakau	0	0	0	0
Wanganui	0	0	0	0
Whataroa	4,730	0	0	4,730
Totals	29,613	4,612	1,800	26,801

Varying amounts of rubble are removed from the quarries on a semi regular basis. The Council defines rubble as any rock weighing less than 50 Kg. These totals are not included in the above rock report.

Quarry Work Permitted Since 31 December 2010

Quarry	Contractor	Tonnage Requested	Permit Start	Permit Finish
Kiwi	G.H. Foster Contracting	500	19 January 2011	27 January 2011
Camelback	Henry Adams Contracting	200	30 November 2010	10 December 2010
Camelback	Westland Contractors Ltd	2,500	10 January 2011	20 February 2011
Blackball	G.H. Foster Contracting	1,000	19 January 2011	19 February 2011

RECOMMENDATION

That this report is received.

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting 8 February 2011
Date: 28 January 2011
Prepared By: Michael Meehan Planning & Environment Manager

Subject: **FRANZ JOSEF FLOODWALL UPGRADE: SURVEY RESULTS**

Purpose

The ratepayers of the Franz Josef Rating District were surveyed to identify their views on whether they wish to upgrade the existing floodwall to a 1 in 100 year level. This report informs the Council of the results of the Franz Josef Rating District survey.

Survey Results

The Council received 30 returns from the 81 survey forms that were sent out. The responses were:

- 25 ratepayers were for the upgrade
- 4 ratepayers were against the upgrade
- 1 ratepayer did not indicate either way, but provided comments only

This represents an 86% response in favour of the upgrade.

While only 37% of the rating district returned the questionnaire forms this is still a relatively high response rate for this type of survey and the response from those that did return their forms is quite clear.

Comments Made by Respondents

The forms that were returned in favour of the upgrade contained very few comments. Those that did comment stated that if it is needed then do it now, as it can only get more expensive. Others commented that they would like to use the money in the fund, and not to take a loan out, and if further work is required in the future they would look at a loan then.

Those against the upgrade were concerned that there was no option to tick for a lesser event (1 in 50 year flood), and also commented that the height of the riverbed was affecting the river levels. One ratepayer stated that with potential glacial retreat in the future the environment may change yet again.

The Meeting

On 15 December 2010 Council held a public meeting for the Franz Josef Rating District, to discuss the proposal and in attendance were Councillors Chinn and Davidson plus staff. The meeting was poorly attended with 3 people from the rating district in attendance.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council note the survey response and approve the commencement of the upgrade.

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environmental Manger

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting 8 February 2011
Date: 28 January 2011
Prepared By: Michael Meehan Planning & Environment Manager

Subject: **LOWER WAIHO RATING DISTRICT RE-CLASSIFICATION REPORT**

Purpose

To inform the Council of the report by Mr Robert Reid, regarding the re-classification of the Lower Waiho Rating District (LWRD), and the feedback from the meeting proposing to re-classify the rating district boundary.

Background

Previously in 2003 Council reviewed the LWRD in respect to the properties that are included in the rating district. At the time Council did not alter the rating district boundaries.

In 2010 due to concerns from members of the LWRD, Council commissioned a report into the appropriateness of the current boundaries and what would be a fair rate in accordance with the protection provided.

The independent report by Mr Robert Reid recommends re-classifying the LWRD to include properties in the CKRD that receive direct protection from structures paid for and maintained by the LWRD.

The Canavans Knob Rating District (CKRD) adjacent to the LWRD is currently in abeyance due to the NZTA now enhancing the structure that protects properties in this rating district.

Summary of public meeting and submissions

On 15 December 2010 Council held a public meeting for ratepayers, to discuss the Reid report recommendations and in attendance were Councillors Chinn and Davidson plus staff. There was good attendance at this meeting and several questions were raised and answered regarding the report and the decision making process.

All parties with property included in the recommended rating district received copies of the report and were given an opportunity to make submissions to Council.

8 submissions were received and these are attached to this report.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That this report and the eight submissions be received by Council.*
- 2. That following consideration of the submissions and the report recommendations that Council formally resolve to re-classify the Lower Waiho and Canavans Knob Rating Districts as per the attached Robert Reid report.*

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environmental Manger

West Coast Regional Council

Lower Waiho Rating District's Rating Classification Review.

November 2010

Executive Summary.

The Lower Waiho River Rating District raises rates based on a uniform proportion of capital value of property within the special rating area to fund works to minimise the flooding of farm properties on the true left bank of the Waiho River, Franz Josef. The most significant works funded by these rates are the construction and maintenance of two rock armoured banks, known locally as the Rubbish Dump and Milton & others stopbanks.

The West Coast Regional Council has commissioned this report to study the existing rating district and to recommend, if appropriate, changes to the special rating area.

This report recommends

- Extending the special rating area south east towards SH6 which will increase the number of ratepayers and the capital value of property being rated.
- A uniform rate based on capital value. (The same as the current basis of rating).
- The adjoining Canavans Knob rating district is currently in abeyance. The stop bank upstream of Canavans Knob has been extensively upgraded by NZ Transport Authority (NZTA) and it is expected that NZTA will fund the ongoing maintenance of this structure.
- The effect of these recommendations will be to
 - For existing Lower Waiho ratepayers:
 - - Lower the level of rating from the present \$680/\$100,000 Capital Value to \$487/\$100,000 Capital Value (based on the current total rate for the Lower Waiho). – **7 property owners.**
 - For existing Canavans Knob ratepayers.
 - Where included in the recommended extended Lower Waiho Rating Area: - Add \$487/\$100,000 Capital Value for the Lower Waiho Rating District. – **10 property owners. Note 5 of these properties include land in the existing Lower Waiho District.**
 - Where excluded from the recommended extended Lower Waiho Rating Area: - No change from the current situation. - **11 property owners.**

- Where only part of the property falls within the recommended Lower Waiho SRA. Contribute \$487/\$100,000CV on the part of the property within the extended Lower Waiho Rating District. – **4 property owners.**

1. Brief

To review the rating classification of the Lower Waiho River Rating District and recommend to the West Coast Regional Council an appropriate rating area and distribution of rating.

2. Background

The objectives of the Lower Waiho River Rating District are:

- to reduce flooding from the Waiho River to the land on the true left bank of the Waiho River downstream of Canavans Knob (SH6) including the flat land on the true left bank of Docherty Creek.
- To minimise erosion of the left bank of the Waiho River which will increase the risk of flooding or risk the stability of banks or rock armouring constructed by the rating district.
Note: this does not extend to work to prevent erosion of farmland or on farm assets such as fences or buildings.

To achieve these objectives two large rock armoured deflector banks have been constructed.

- The Rubbish Dump Bank, immediately downstream of Canavans Knob is approx 800m long and armoured with heavy rock.
- The Milton & Others Bank immediately downstream of Rata Knoll is approx 1300m long and armoured with heavy rock.

In total these two banks consist of approximately 70,000 cubic metres of earthworks and 33,000 tonnes of heavy rock and have a current replacement value of \$1.8m.

River training works (dozing) is undertaken from time to time to deflect flows from these banks and the natural river banks to reduce the impacts of erosion.

Upstream of the Lower Waiho Rating District is the Canavans Knob Rating District. The objective of this district was to stop flood overflows from the left bank of the Waiho River upstream of Canavans Knob. The work constructed to achieve this was a rock armoured bank upstream of Canavans Knob.

The Canavans Knob rating district is currently in abeyance. The stop bank upstream of Canavans Knob has been extensively upgraded by NZ Transport Authority (NZTA) and it is expected that NZTA will fund the ongoing maintenance of this structure.

3. Issues

- Do any of the properties in the Canavans Knob District get benefit from the Lower Waiho works?
- Should the rates for a revised Lower Waiho area be based on capital value (as currently) or some other basis?
- Should the rates for a revised Lower Waiho area be levied on a differential basis or a uniform basis (as currently)?
- If rates levied on a differential basis, how many classes and what differentials.

4. Site Inspection

The author visited the area on the 6th and 7th of July 2010 and met briefly with Mr. Wayne Moen (West Coast Regional Council) and Messrs Todd Brunning, Neil Friendrup, Chris Brooks and Robin Richards, members of the committee of the Lower Waiho Rating District.

A brief aerial inspection of the river and floodplain was made in the company of Todd and Chris. A day was spent alone walking and driving over the area to get an understanding of the river protection structures which had been built and the structure of the floodplain.

5. Authors Views

Refer to the map attached as Appendix A for the location of the features referred to below.

I consider

- The Waiho River is a steep gravel bed river subject rapid runoff from a very short steep catchment in a high rainfall area. It carries large flood flows and a very high shingle load. It is subject to very rapid rises, short peaks and relatively fast falls in flow levels. The river bed is aggrading (building up) at least from the SH6 bridge to the terminal moraine (opposite Rata Knoll). The flood plain on the left bank has been built up by glacial action and modified by the river. This process is continuing and we can expect mobility in the river bed as the natural processes of accretion and erosion occur.

In the context of this review, it is my view that the worst risk is an outflow from the left bank of the Waiho River between Canavans Knob and Rata Knoll which forms a new channel

towards Docherty Creek. This would not only affect all properties downstream of such a channel in terms of direct damage to stock, property and assets but would also affect ongoing operations by restricting access until new bridges and roads were constructed.

The Rubbish Dump bank is built to protect against this risk as well as ordinary flooding but it only as good as its ongoing maintenance. As the riverbed changes in this area extensions and modifications to this bank will be necessary.

- Properties in the Canavans Knob district, north (downstream) of SH6 benefit from the Rubbish Dump bank. Properties south (upstream) of SH6 get no benefit from the works on the Waiho downstream of Canavans Knob

The ground falls from Canavans knob towards Docherty Creek. The Waiho riverbed level at Canavans Knob is over 20m higher than the bed of Docherty Creek adjacent to the old sawmill site. The road into the rubbish dump is generally level, but SH6 falls from the intersection with the rubbish dump road to the Docherty Creek bridge. The land downstream of SH6 is crossed by a number of depressions, all formed by previous river flows and all falling in a North West direction towards Docherty Creek.

I believe that an overflow from the Waiho River downstream of Canavans Knob could affect any of the properties downstream from a line running through the rubbish dump and approximately parallel to the State Highway.

- Capital value is an appropriate rating base.

Rating can be based on factors such as capital value, land value, land area, length of river frontage or even a uniform charge per property. It is the responsibility of the Council to select a rating base which reflects the benefits derived from the works or services provided or which reflects the actions of a property owner which causes the need for the works or services.

In the case of river control works the major things being protected are improvements on the land and the productive capacity of the area. These assets include improved pasture, fencing, buildings, plant and stock.

These assets and improvements are not reflected in area, land value or frontage and a uniform charge unfairly loads small non earning assets.

Therefore I have recommended capital value as a rating base. Note – this is the most commonly used rating base for river control schemes in NZ.

- I do not believe that the current Lower Waiho River Special Rating Area includes all the properties getting benefit from the works that have been constructed to meet the objectives of the Lower Waiho rating district. I have considered extending the rating area south to SH6 and applying a differential rate with a lower classification on the properties close to SH6. However I consider that there is only a low, if any, benefit to the properties immediately north of SH6 from the works on the Waiho River downstream of Canavans Knob. Given the low impact on rates in the Lower Waiho district by excluding the properties close to SH6, the minimal risk to these properties and the administrative simplicity and efficiency of a uniform rate, I have recommended the special rating area shown on the map in Appendix B and a uniform rate based on capital value.
- To continue to meet the objectives of the Lower Waiho Rating District, works will need to be undertaken and maintained for as long as these objectives are sought. It is almost certain that in the long term the works will also have to be upgraded and extended as the riverbed changes with deposition of shingle downstream of the SH bridge.

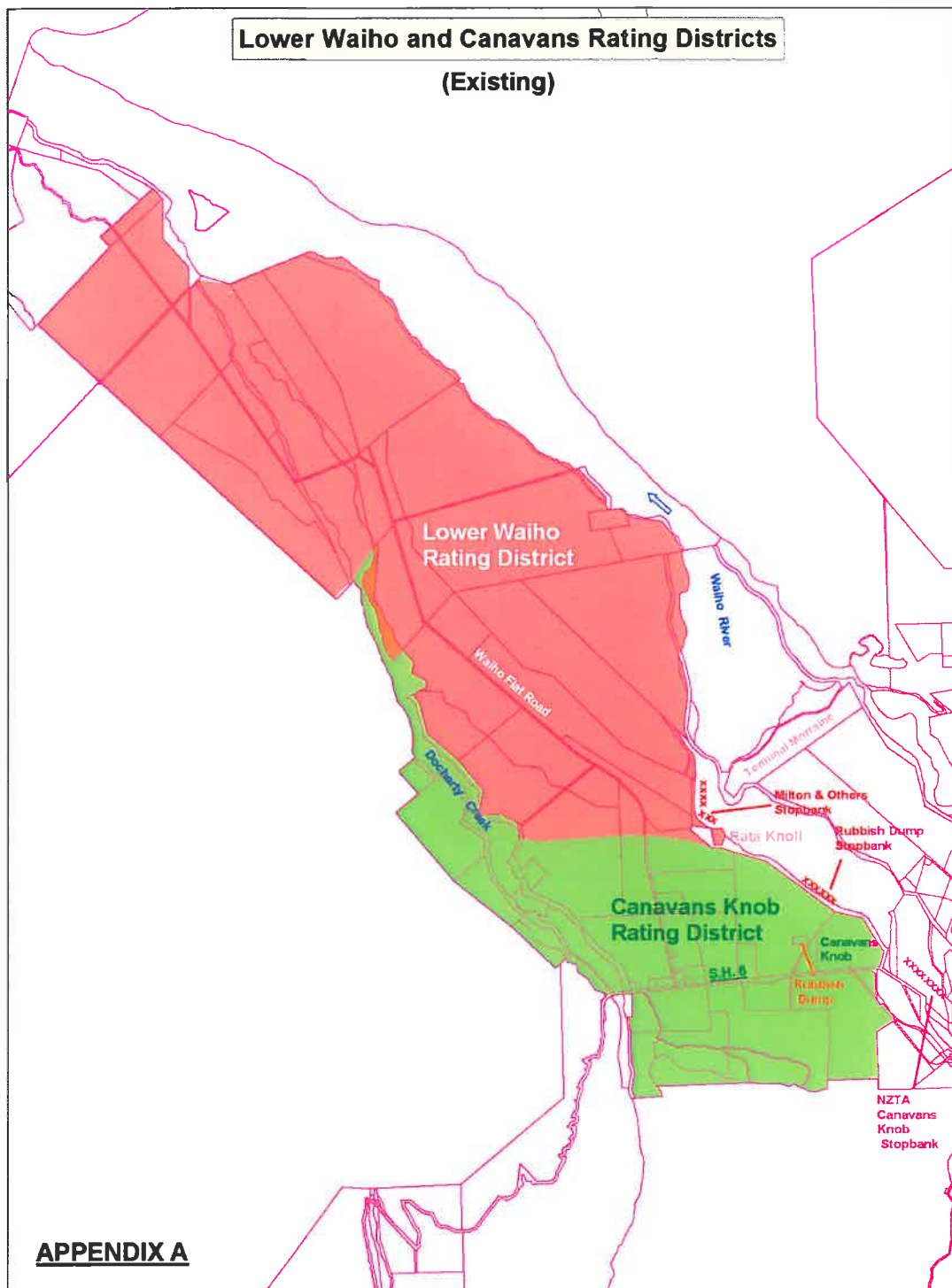
6. Recommendations

- 1) That the area of the Lower Waiho Special Rating District be extended south east towards SH6 with the revised boundary being as defined and shown on the map attached as Appendix B.**
- 2) That the basis of rating of the revised Lower Waiho Special Rating District be capital value and that the rates be levied on a uniform basis.**

7. Authors Background & Experience

1. This report has been written by Robert Edwin (Bob) Reid.
2. Mr Reid is qualified NZCE (Civil), BE (Civil) (Hons), Member of the Institute of Professional Engineers NZ (MIPENZ) (Civil and Environmental). He has over 30 years of experience in river control in Canterbury plus 14 years of general civil engineering work.

3. Mr Reid worked for the North Canterbury Catchment Board and its successor Canterbury Regional Council (ECan) until his retirement as Regional Engineer in 2004. Since then he has worked (on demand) as a consultant to various councils and contractors involved in river control works.
4. Mr Reid's experience includes the design and management of river control infrastructure, flood emergency response, contingency planning, the preparation, review, and implementation of asset management plans, and the valuation of river control and drainage assets. He has carried out a number of classifications for differential rating (to raise the money needed for construction and maintenance of river control works) including Waihao, Wainono Drainage District, Ashburton River, Ashley River, Waimakariri River and a number of other schemes which never proceeded. Mr Reid was also involved in the development and peer review of sections of the National Asset Management Steering Groups publications on Asset Management including the NZ Asset Valuation and Depreciation Guidelines. Since retirement his work has included peer reviews of both asset management plans and infrastructure asset valuations and rating classification reviews.
5. During the 27 years Mr Reid worked for NCCB & its successor ECan he saw the effects and damage from numerous floods. He also visited and observed the effects of major flood events over most of the South Island including Southland, West Coast, Marlborough and Nelson and has had close contact and association with all the senior river engineers in NZ through the River Managers Group (an informal group of the senior engineers from each of the Regional Councils in NZ.)



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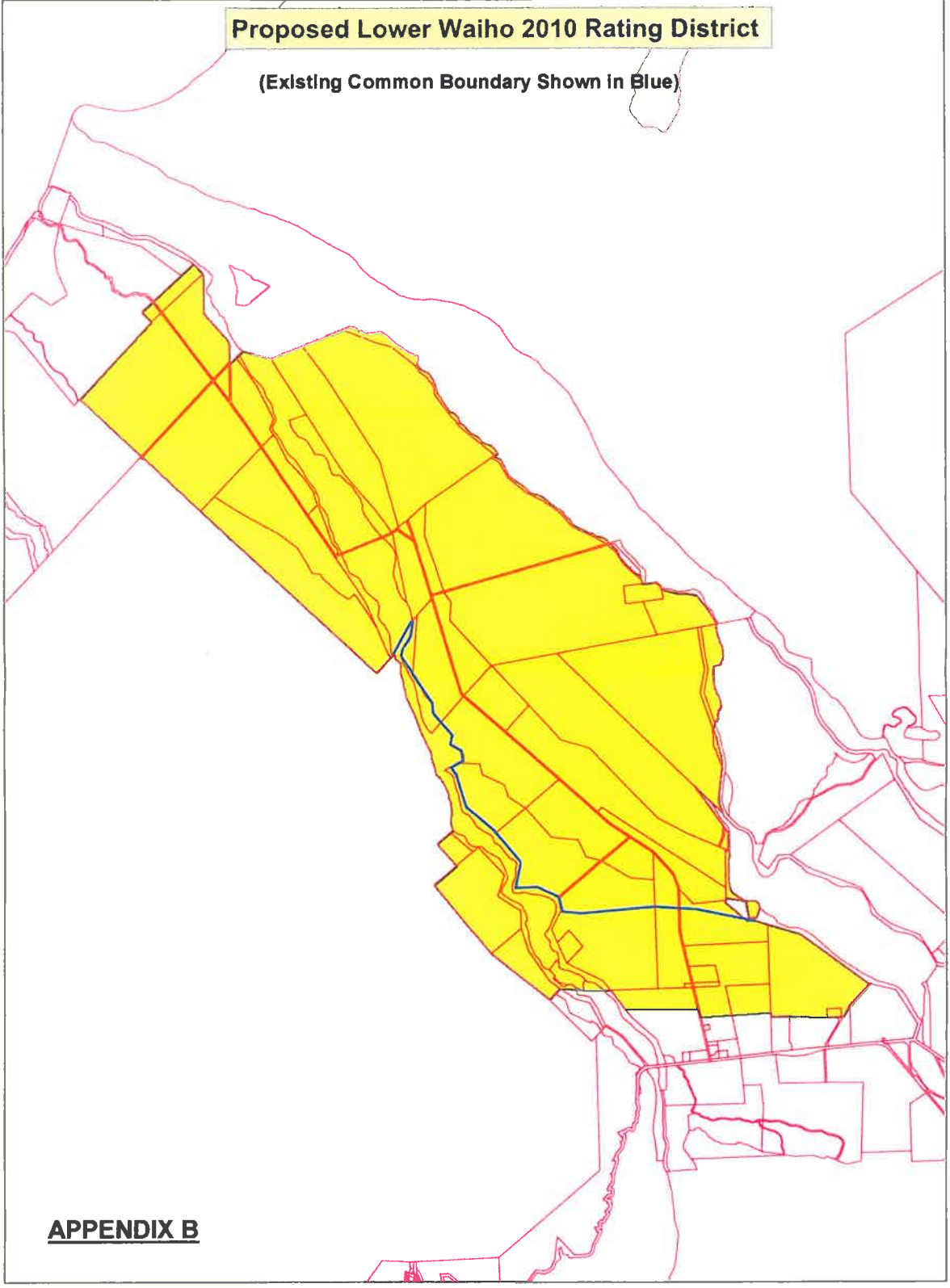
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Proposed Lower Waiho 2010 Rating District

(Existing Common Boundary Shown in Blue)



APPENDIX B

<p>Scale: 1:40,000</p>	<p>Projection: NZGD 1949 Creation Date: 29/05/2008 Modified Date: 22/10/2009</p>	<p>Notes: No Notes</p>	<p>THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL Produced by the West Coast Regional Council</p>
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The boundary of the Recommended Lower Waiho Special Rating Area (as shown on the map above) is:-

Commencing at the NE corner of RS1305,
 SE along the NE boundary of RS1305,
 South then SE along the E boundary of Sec 1, SO11954,
 Across Wallace Road to the NW corner of RS 5630
 NE along the N boundary of RS5630 and adjacent to Road Reserve
 E across Sec 1, SO333062, to the NW corner of RS462
 NE along the N boundary of RS4642,
 NE along the N boundary of RS4207,
 E then SE along the riverside boundary of the Crown Land adjacent to RS4207 & RS 5659,
 SE then S along the NE boundary of RS5657,
 E then SE then S along the NE boundary of RS1304 to the N boundary of RS 5658,
 E then S along the NE boundary of RS 5658,
 S along the E boundary of Sec 2, SO12036,
 S along the W side of the road cutting through Pt Res 126,
 S then NW along the E boundary of Sec 1, SO12036 to the boundary with RS 5862,
 SE along the NE boundary of RS5862,
 S along the E boundary of Pt Res 2978,
 S along the E boundary of the Crown Land outside Lot 1, DP3460 & Lot 1, DP3131,
 E along the N boundary & S along the E boundary of the Crown Land – Rata Knoll, returning to a
 point on the E boundary of Lot 1 DP 3131 then S and SW to the junction of Lot 1 DP 3131
 and Lot 1 DP 2649
 SE along the NE boundary of Lot 1, DP2649 and Lot 2 DP314254, (Canavans Knob)
 SW along the SE boundary of Lot 2 DP314254 to the projection eastward of the south boundary
 of Lot 1, DP2496, (Rubbish Dump)
 W across Lot 2 DP 314254 and along the S boundary of lot 1 DP 2496 (rubbish dump),
 W across lot 2 DP 314254 to the NE corner of lot 1 DP 314254,
 W along the N boundary of Lot 1 DP 314254,
 W across lot 2 DP2649 & lot 2 DP398355 to the SE corner of Covenant A, DP398355,
 W along the S boundary of Covenant A, DP398355 & on the same line extended across Lot 2,
 DP398355 to the west side of Waiho Flat Road,
 N along the W side of Waiho Flat Rd for 125m, then W across lot 3, DP 314251 to the NW
 boundary of lot 3 DP314251 on a line parallel to the N boundary of this lot,
 NW along the SW boundary of lot 3 DP314251 to RS3895,
 W across Docherty Creek to the south corner of lot 2 DP430694,
 W across Docherty Creek to the south east corner of RS 2569,
 SW along the SE boundary of RS2569,
 NW along the SW boundaries of RS2569 & RS 2196,
 NE along the NW boundary of RS2196,

NW along the SW boundary of RS 6011,
NE to the W boundary of Docherty Creek,
N along the W boundary of Docherty Creek to the SE corner of lot 2, DP354660,
SW along the SE boundary of lot 2, DP 354660,
NW along the SW boundaries of lot 2, DP354660, RS 5608 & Sec 2, SO11954,
NE along the NW boundary of Sec 2, SO11954,
NW along the SW boundary of RS1305,
NE along the NW bdy of RS1305, and across legal road to the NE corner of RS 1305, being the
point of commencement.

Appendix C

Impact of Recommendations on Rates

- The effect of these recommendations will be to
 - For existing Lower Waiho ratepayers:
 - - Lower the level of rating from the present \$680/\$100,000 Capital Value to \$487/\$100,000CV (based on the current total rate for the Lower Waiho). – **7 property owners.**
 - For existing Canavans Knob ratepayers.
 - Where included in the recommended extended Lower Waiho Rating Area: - Add \$487/\$100,000 Capital Value for the Lower Waiho district. – **10 property owners. Note 5 of these properties include land in the existing Lower Waiho District.**
 - Where excluded from the recommended extended Lower Waiho Rating Area: - No change from the current situation. – **11 property owners.**
 - Where only part of the property falls within the recommended Lower Waiho SRA. Contribute \$487/\$100,000CV on the part of the property within the extended Lower Waiho district. – **4 property owners.**

Wayne Moen
River Engineer
West Coast Regional Council
PO Box 66
Greymouth 7840

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11 January 2011

Dear Wayne

SUBMISSION WCRC Lower Waiho Rating District Classification Review Nov 2010

I do not agree with the current proposal for changes to the rating districts.

[1] I resent the repeated assertion that we have been 'freeloading' by receiving benefits from structures downstream of Canavans Knob and not contributing towards them. The WCRC put this property into the Canavans Knob rating district and was quite happy to have us pay rates towards its objectives. The members of the Lower Waiho Rating District received benefit from structures UPSTREAM from Canavans Knob for which **they** did not contribute.

I feel that the WCRC has been bullied into considering a change in rating district by the owners of multimillion dollar dairy farms looking for assistance in protecting their investments. The work on the rubbish dump stop bank was done in order to prevent the Waiho getting onto the wrong side of the Miltons and Others stop banks. I am absolutely certain that ~ had this property been the only one at risk ~ construction of the rubbish dump stop bank would never have received a moment's consideration.

[2] Before purchasing this property we looked at the costs involved in doing so. We considered the risks associated with the rating district into which the WCRC ~ in their wisdom ~ had placed us and decided to accept them. The amount of outgoings was particularly important for me as I had decided to take my pension and retire to this area. I would never have considered purchasing a property with the level of rates and the potential risk of the magnitude you now propose, indeed I could not. The amount currently proposed exceeds my monthly earnings and, when adding Westland DC rates, comes close to 2 months earnings. This is just a house; it is not a dairy farm. There is not, and never will be, any income from the land.

[3] By putting us into the Lower Waiho rating district you are committing us to payment for work we had no opportunity to discuss or agree. I would never have agreed to strike a rate of this magnitude.

[4] You said at the meeting in Franz that any decision made had to stand up to scrutiny. The land between the Waiho and Dochertys *descends* along the State Highway. The elevation at the junction of the State Highway and Waiho Flats Road is at least 6m LOWER than the land on which this property is situated.

If you can say with confidence that the properties between us and the state highway DO NOT benefit from the rubbish dump stop bank, how can you possibly suggest that we should be put into a rating district that was responsible for Miltons and Others?. These stop banks are a kilometre downstream from us and under no stretch of imagination can they be considered to give us any protection. If you have clearly established a principle of *no protection, no contribution* [as in the case of properties just meters east of this one] then you must surely apply it to us in respect of Miltons and Others.

However, I disagree with your report; if **we** are said to derive benefit from the rubbish dump bank then all properties this side of the highway must be said to do the same.

[5] If we were forced to become part of the Lower Waiho Rating District as proposed, the result would be very high rates with the potential of even greater expense on Miltons and others in the future. Such a situation would make the purchase of this property a very unattractive proposition and the capital value [from which the rate is derived] would have to be *significantly reduced*.

I realise that recent developments have given you the opportunity to rethink the boundaries in the area. However, the changes you propose are not just a 'rate increase' but an enormous financial commitment with the prospect of even more risk of expense involving Miltons and Others. This bank is twice the length of the rubbish tip and of no benefit to this property whatsoever. We were part of a rating district in credit, to which we contributed. At a stroke you want to make us liable for repayment of debt we had no knowledge of and no involvement in, at a rate we had no opportunity to influence.

I know something has to be done. I don't want the contents of the rubbish dump all through the house, and maybe the WCRC doesn't either! Jules and I have discussed the problem with neighbours and it occurs to us that rates of the amounts you now propose are so big that creating our own protection becomes an option. I don't know how many people are involved in the Lower Waiho Rating District but if a number of people are included in the group who do not believe they receive sufficient benefit from the rubbish dump bank and especially Miltons and Others, then they could vote to just 'let it go'.



Liz Ewins 92 Waiho Flats Road

Wayne Moen

From: neil [ntf43@yahoo.co.nz]

Sent: Monday, 17 January 2011 1:09 PM

To: Wayne Moen

Cc: info

Subject: Re Lower Waiho Rating District Reclassification 2010-Franz Dairies

Franz Dairies is an affected ratepayer in the reclassification of WHO River District 2010
Please note the following comments re letter dated 8 December 2010 asking for such

The present system is not sustainable for Franz Dairies

The current river rates are \$49,594.95. The rates seem to be spent well up stream from Franz Dairies protecting properties paying very low river rates or none at all, which does not fit in with the objectives of the Lower WHO River rating district as mentioned under Reference 2 (background)

The said objectives are not being met for F.D's although it pays \$49,594.95 in river rates per year. Not even river training works (dozing) is undertaken near F.D's property

Site Inspection

Putting Mr Reid the consulting engineer in a plane to get an over view of the area was I think very beneficial. He asked Tony Howard (the pilot) to fly over some areas again to check things and was looking at the Tartare River quite intently. Both he and I were surprised to see the town sewage ponds so close to the river and a rubbish dump near the river is probably not a good idea either. Mr Reid was able to go to areas the following day by vehicle and by foot that he identified needed his extra attention following his aerial survey

With DOC owning or controlling a very large area of the water shed of the WHO River they or their funders should be paying considerably towards the cost of getting that water from the alps to the sea.

With sewage ponds and a rubbish dump near the WHO River the district council or who ever is in charge of them should be contributing towards the protection of the previously mentioned facilities

Ultimately something meaningful must be achieved as the present rating system is not sustainable. F.D's Ltd paying \$49,594 annually and getting nothing spent to keep the Waiho River in the river bed adjoining F.D's dairy farm cannot continue

Perhaps the Lower WHO River Rating Scheme should be abolished and disbanded completely

Please confirm you have received this by return email

Neil Frendrup
Franz Dairies Ltd
Ph 03 7520117

To: Wayne Moen, River Engineer, West Coast Regional Council

From: George Tripe and Clare Ashton for Laurusnobilis Ltd, PO Box 291, Hokitika.

Re LOWER WAIHO RATING CLASSIFICATION Review November 2010

We have read your report and make the following comments in relation to it.

1) We think Mr Robert Reid's assessment is reasonable given the parameters of his brief. The extension of Special Rating District and the basis for the rating appear logical and fair. However, we think that the Council has some responsibility for the protection of the dump site. It has the potential for the release of noxious material dumped in the past. Also we think that the issue of who pays what, and where the lines are drawn, will always have the potential for dispute.

2) We remain concerned about the way the Waiho is being managed overall. As pointed out in the report the Waiho bed is aggrading and it seems to us that the current approach of constructing more and bigger stopbanks is adding to the problem.

These 'protection works' have involved building higher and higher stop banks attempting to contain the waterflow as the riverbed fills. Ultimately the water ends up in a channel higher than the surrounding land.

A logical option would be to remove material from the riverbed which would not only keep the water contained but also attempt to have it flow below the surrounding land. We would be interested to know why this approach does not appear to find favour in managing this kind of river especially so close to an established and iconic settlement like Franz Josef.

The current management of continually raising the stop banks as the river bed rises, in the long run leads to the inevitability of the river going where it chooses. Stop banks are actively adding to what the river is doing naturally.

3) It would be of interest to us to know what the other industries/activities in the Franz Josef settlement pay for river protection. The additional rates for river protection work is an added cost of farming activity with no security that the protection works will be effective.

The farming activities in the Waiho valley are adding to the success of the West Coast's dairy industry and benefiting the Franz Josef community. With glaciers retreating in the face of global warming the Franz Joseph community may become more dependant on the farming in the area.

4) We understand that the rocks used for river protection are costly to obtain. We wonder why the stones already in the river are not utilized for river control. In some circumstances gabion units are used for river control and there is huge resource for

filling gabion in the Waiho river bed. Gabion has some permeability and it can also support vegetation. It is more easily relocated than irregular rocks.

Our comments in summary are:

- 1) That the boundary of the Lower Waiho district be moved as recommended
- 2) That serious consideration be given to 'maintenance dredging' or 'bulldozing' of the Waiho riverbed in preference to the higher capital cost of building stop banks
- 3) That consideration be given to spreading the costs of river control over the wider community. The township of Franz Josef benefits from the activity of the lower Waiho region currently under threat from flooding & erosion.

17 January 2011

West Coast Regional Council
 C/- West Coast Planning
 388 Main South Road
 Greymouth

**Submission: WCRC Lower Waiho Rating District's Classification Review
 November 2010**

Submitter	Jules Day
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The review recommendations:

- 1) That the area of the Lower Waiho Special Rating District be extended south east towards SH6 with the revised boundary being as defined and shown on the map attached as Appendix B. (of the report)*
- 2) That the basis of rating of the revised Lower Waiho Special Rating District be capital value and that the rates be levied on a uniform basis.*

We oppose the recommendations set out by this report in particular recommendation 1. This is on the basis of:

- 1) There is a lack of substantiated data and**
- 2) The boundaries suggested are not consistent with the logic behind the proposed reclassification**

1. There is a lack of substantiated data

The recommendations of this report regarding the reclassification of the SRA boundaries appear to be entirely derived from one paragraph within the "Authors Views" section starting at the bottom of page 5.

“Properties in the Canavans Knob district, north (downstream) of SH6 benefit from the Rubbish Dump bank. Properties south (upstream) of SH6 get no benefit from the works on the Waiho downstream of Canavans Knob.

The ground falls from Canavans knob towards Docherty Creek. The Waiho riverbed level at Canavans Knob is over 20m higher than the bed of Docherty Creek adjacent to the old sawmill site. The road into the rubbish dump is generally level, but SH6 falls from the intersection with the rubbish dump road to the Docherty Creek bridge. The land downstream of SH6 is crossed by a number of depressions, all formed by previous river flows and all falling in a north west direction towards Docherty Creek.

I believe that an overflow from the Waiho River downstream of Canavans Knob could affect any of the properties downstream from a line running through the rubbish dump and approximately parallel to the State Highway.”

Paragraph one is a summary statement as is the final sentence of paragraph two.

Paragraph two. *The ground falls from Canavans knob towards Docherty Creek. The Waiho riverbed level at Canavans Knob is over 20m higher than the bed of Docherty Creek adjacent to the old sawmill site.*

Admittedly, without the GPS points to refer to I am assuming the reference points to cover a distance of 3.2 kms at least. 20m over 3200m is a fall of only 0.06%.

Furthermore, looking at Google Earth, the 20m fall does not even begin until within 1 km of Dochertys – We don’t believe these factors are enough to suggest that the river would take a 40 degree diversion off track? **We consider that it is much more likely for the river to divert towards Dochertys just prior to the start of the Miltons & Others bank. There is a significant terrace there with depressions falling in that direction.**

Paragraph two: *The road into the rubbish dump is generally level, but SH6 falls from the intersection with the rubbish dump road to the Docherty Creek bridge.*

Infact the intersection of Waiho Flats Road and SH6 is 6m lower than any point on our property.

Paragraph two: *The land downstream of SH6 is crossed by a number of depressions, all formed by previous river flows and all falling in a north west direction towards Docherty Creek.*

We don’t see the significance of this statement with regard to our property. Extrapolating the contours on our property upstream would indicate any breach affecting us in the past originated well upstream of Canavans Knob. This further supports our position that any breach downriver of Canavans is going to pass well under our property.

To summarise we have 3 sentences on which to gain an understanding and acceptance of a rate increase beginning close to \$3000/year on a residential dwelling.

2. The boundaries suggested are not consistent with the logic behind the proposed reclassification

Despite stating in the “Authors Views” paragraph discussed above that all properties North of the SH6 benefit from the Rubbish Dump Bank the author then excludes certain properties because their perceived risk is minimal. What is this based on? Elevation? As already stated, the intersection of SH6/Waiho Flats road (an excluded area) is 6 meters lower than any of our property. Relative Angle?

The relative angle from the river flow at Canavans to our property = 30 degrees

The relative angle from the river flow at Canavans to the intersection of SH6/Waiho Flats road = 55 degrees

The relative angle from the river flow at Miltons to our property = 75 degrees

Our property is included in maintaining the Milton & others stopbank that even the report doesn't suggest we benefit from. Naturally we expect this discrepancy to exist for the purpose of administrative ease however given the amounts we are discussing, we can not accept this reasoning.

In summary we object to the recommendation that our property be reclassified into the Lower Waiho Special rating area. As outlined above the reasoning given as to why and how we should be reclassified is lacking in substance and is inconsistent.

We consider that the Rubbish Dump Bank exists primarily for the benefit of those revenue generating properties further down river and that if it is to include our property then it must include all properties south of SH6. We certainly do not accept any responsibility for the Milton and Others stopbank and nor should we be expected to inherit any loan the rating district has already acquired. If we were to join the Lower Waiho district we will be at further risk of being forced to pay for additional stopbank schemes that would only benefit those commercial properties downstream – for example the rumoured joining of the Rubbish Dump and Miltons stopbank.

Jules Day

Somewhere in the Antarctic

Janauary 2011

Wayne Moen

From: scanner@wrc.govt.nz
Sent: Friday, 14 January 2011 3:03 PM
To: Wayne Moen
Subject: Scanned Document

Attachments: Scan0540.pdf



Scan0540.pdf
(81 KB)

Lower Waiho Rating District Reclassification 2010

Attention Wayne Moen. River Engineer

Your Ref: Lower Waiho RD

Dear Sir, Thank you for your letter dated 6 December 2010.

First of all we would thank the Council for conducting this review. As you are aware we along with others have been concerned with the lack of fairness and equity of the funding of the scheme.

We have read the report by Bob Reid. We appreciated the opportunity to meet with him to discuss the Scheme and its objectives.

We believe that he has identified and recommended the area of benefit (Appendix B Colour Yellow) as the true area of benefit that the Scheme has been designed and built for.

We believe that his recommendation of a uniform rate based on capital value is correct.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Regards Todd and Cheryl Bruning for TNB Trust.



1.1.11

Re: Reclassification of the new proposed Southern Boundary of the Lower Waiho Rating District.

As a fourth generation farmer in the Waiho Valley since 1870 I advise that there is no history of any water downstream of Canavans Knob entering the Upper Docherty Creek, now to be included in the proposed new boundary.

Our submission is against our land, RS 2196 being part of the lower Waiho Rating District. For any water to enter Upper Docherty the water has to come via State Highway 6 upstream of Canavans Knob.

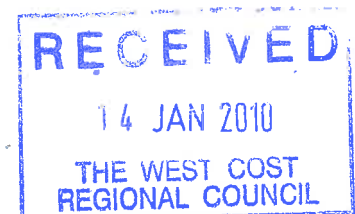
This area in Mr Reid's report excludes 11 properties along State Highway 6, As getting no benefit. We think Mr Reid's report is short on details, as discussed at our meeting on 15 December 2010. Mr Reid's report mentioned the fall of the riverbed from the Waiho to Docherty Creek but failed to mention the downstream fall in the Waiho catchment, (Glacier to the sea).

In the recent failure of the 130 meters of Canavans Rubbish Dump bank "did any water come in the direction of our land RS 2196 ? "NO! and no flooding prior to this."

Mr Reid's report failed to identify any potential break out points. A new development of part of the Waiho flowing through the Tartare Gorge and exiting at a right angle to the present Lower Waiho ratepayer's properties has arisen. Should the entire river flow this way, an extremely serious situation would arise, as there is no protection works at this point.

In the event of Capital Work being needed the proposed Rate Payer's levy would require reviewing.

R. E. Richards
L. H. Richards.



7 January 2011

LOWER WAIHO RATING DISTRICT SUBMISSION

Dear Mr Moen,

I am writing to you in regards to proposed Waiho rating district reclassification. As a property owner and a long time resident in Franz Josef I understand the importance of the river protection. Up until now I was happy to pay the river rates in exchange for some level of protection. We are currently in Canavans Knob rating district and I understand, that NZTA is going to take over funding of this stop bank. I am fairly familiar with geographic of this area and location of the stop banks. With all the respect to Mr Reid and whole team working on this reclassification I have to oppose this proposal.

My property is located more than 500 metres upstream from Rata Knoll and is basically between Rubbish dump bank and Milton bank.

From what I understand the Rubbish dump bank was build using funds from Lower Waiho rating district – and I agree that we do get some protection from this bank – but I understand, that it was build to keep river on the right side of the Milton bank and not as a nice gesture from Lower Waiho ratepayers towards us living further upstream.

Now, as whole Flat gets benefit from Rubbish dump bank it is more than sensible to have everyone contribute towards maintenance and I wouldn't have a word against, but you cannot expect people to pay for protection they are not getting. I believe that Mr Reid would tell you from his experience that if the river broke through Milton bank it wouldn't go back towards SH6. My major concern is that if the river goes in between these two banks the whole valley will be swept anyways.

With all the respect to the Council you can't expect an average family to pay over \$2000 / year just on the river rates – IT IS OVER A MONTH'S WAGES !!!
Not to mention that we only have an acre of the land and there is no income from it whatsoever.

I would propose to the council to split the rating district to Milton bank and Rubbish dump bank and then charge those who are protected by these structures. Although there might be more administration as a result, the ratepayers would be charged their fair share, which I believe is the objective of the proposal.

Thank you for taking your time to read our submission.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Alma Pangon

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12 January 2011

**Submission: WCRC Lower Waiho Rating District's Classification Review
 November 2010**

Submitter	Robert James Campbell
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The review recommendations:

That the area of the Lower Waiho Special Rating District be extended south east towards SH6 with the revised boundary being as defined and shown on the map attached as Appendix B of the report.

Response

I oppose the recommendations set out by this report.

Firstly, I strongly believe the Regional Council is being pressured into this course of action by owners of the newly created dairy farms downstream. When I purchased this land I did so after research into the risks posed by the Waiho River. It was my view that due to the importance of the State Highway, the stop banks protecting it would be a priority for Transit and that no breach would be allowed to occur. I decided the land was adequately protected and went ahead with the purchase.

The farmland downstream has been the subject of more recent conversion into multimillion dollar dairy farms that rely on Miltons and Other stop banks for protection. It seems particularly unfair to expect those who did not take the risk of purchasing land in the Lower Waiho to pay for the protection of those who did. Therefore I am wholly opposed to being involved with any structures downstream from this property and do not expect to have to contribute towards Miltons and Others stop banks in any way. It is also my understanding that the rubbish dump stop bank was constructed to protect the integrity of the Miltons and Other Stop Banks and the road the milk tankers use daily.

These new dairy farms were developed in the knowledge that protection was required for what was cheap land now converted into the extremely valuable assets that have now been created. If it had been just my property that was under threat and not these new farms, I am very sure that the Lower Waiho Rating District would never have considered contributing towards a stop bank to protect it.

If I am ultimately to be forced into contributing towards Miltons and Others structures, why are the other properties in the old Canavans Knob rating district exempt from paying? If I am to pay towards stop banks that in no way protect my land, why shouldn't they?

I am not certain how decisions are made about future works. If your proposal is forced to go ahead and the Lower Waiho Rating District is made up of a majority of people who are not interested in paying for Miltons and Others Stop banks, can we be forced into paying for work that offers us no protection at all?? If the decision to repair a stop bank is made by taking votes, might it not result in a decision to ignore the damage because the condition of the bank would be irrelevant to the majority of the rating district?

I have been watching the Waiho River for the last 10 years and it has always been my view that the Waiho would eventually flow into the Tartare, as the land is lower on the northern bank. I see that recent flooding has started this process. This could take some of the pressure off the rubbish dump stop bank.



Jim Campbell

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 8 February 2011
 Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager
 Date: 28 January 2011
 Subject: Corporate Services Manager's Monthly Report

1. Financial Report

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010	ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	ACTUAL % ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET
REVENUES				
General Rates	977,706	971,000	50%	1,942,000
Rates Penalties	50,280	37,500	67%	75,000
Investment Income	523,571	410,000	64%	820,000
Regulatory	374,328	498,299	40%	930,898
Planning Processes	98,888	52,050	95%	104,100
Environmental Monitoring	0	0	0%	0
Emergency Management	20,419	20,000	51%	40,000
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	653,103	543,698	60%	1,087,395
Regional % Share Controls	330,402	325,000	51%	650,000
VCS Business Unit	2,075,100	1,975,000	53%	3,950,000
	5,103,797	4,832,547	53%	9,599,393
EXPENDITURE				
Representation	180,860	192,022	47%	384,044
Regulatory Activities	783,804	850,338	47%	1,673,900
Planning Processes	311,495	309,907	50%	619,814
Environmental Monitoring	349,940	369,039	47%	738,077
Emergency Management	60,211	67,350	45%	134,700
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	560,203	591,768	47%	1,183,535
Regional % Share Controls	421,222	400,000	53%	800,000
VCS Business Unit	938,243	1,718,232	27%	3,436,463
Portfolio Management	30,148	0		0
	3,636,126	4,498,655	41%	8,970,533
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	1,467,671	333,892		628,860

BREAKDOWN OF SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	Variance Actual V Budgeted YTD	ACTUAL	BUDGET Year to date	ANNUAL BUDGET
Rating Districts	99,114	161,654	62,540	125,080
Quarries	23,751	33,346	9,595	19,190
Regional % Share of AHB Programmes	-15,820	-90,820	-75,000	-150,000
Investment income	83,423	493,423	410,000	820,000
VCS Business Unit	880,089	1,136,857	256,769	513,537
General Rates Funded Activities	63,222	-266,789	-330,012	-698,947
TOTAL	1,133,779	1,467,671	333,892	628,860

Net Contributors to General Rates Funded Surplus (-Deficit)	Actual	Budget ytd	Annual Plan
<u>Net Variance</u>			
<u>Actual V YTD</u>			
Rates	6,706	977,706	971,000
Rates Penalties	12,780	50,280	37,500
Representation	11,162	-180,860	-192,022
Regulatory Activities	-57,437	-409,476	-352,039
Planning Activities	45,250	-212,607	-257,857
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection (excl.	18,105	-102,100	-120,205
Environmental Monitoring	19,099	-349,940	-369,039
Emergency Management	7,558	-39,792	-47,350
	63,222	-266,789	-330,012

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION @ 31 DECEMBER 2010

	@ 31/12/2010	@ 30/06/2010
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	164,846	70,406
Short term Deposit - Westpac	1,574,260	995
Accounts Receivable - Rates	344,555	308,868
Accounts Receivable - General Debtors	229,458	3,077,712
Prepayments	226,372	276,291
Sundry Receivables	373,145	101,014
Stock - VCS	23,857	17,066
Stock - Rock	87,103	89,727
Stock - Office Supplies	17,518	17,518
Accrued Rates Revenue	0	0
Unbilled Revenue	129,616	126,817
	<u>3,170,730</u>	<u>4,086,414</u>
Non Current Assets		
Investments	11,094,525	10,598,000
Fixed Assets	4,198,992	4,092,960
Infrastructural Assets	49,007,111	49,007,111
	<u>64,300,628</u>	<u>63,698,071</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>67,471,358</u>	<u>67,784,485</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Bank OD		0
Accounts Payable	330,670	1,885,994
GST	-11,083	0
Deposits and Bonds	564,880	446,552
Sundry Payables	401,039	374,313
Accrued Annual Leave, Payroll	283,633	284,054
Other Revenue in Advance	0	823,679
Rates Revenue in Advance	592,381	59,145
	<u>2,161,520</u>	<u>3,873,737</u>
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Future Quarry restoration	56,700	56,700
Greymouth Floodwall	2,076,562	2,100,000
Inchbonnie	95,223	100,000
Punakaiki Loan	229,972	248,003
Lower Waiho Loan	0	6,768
Office Equipment Leases	74,626	90,193
	<u>2,533,083</u>	<u>2,601,664</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>4,694,603</u>	<u>6,475,401</u>
EQUITY		
Ratepayers Equity	18,157,524	18,157,524
Surplus Tsfrd.	1,467,671	
Rating District Equity Mvmts	-115,435	
Rating Districts Equity	1,476,894	1,361,459
Tb Special Rate Balance	-34,554	-34,554
Revaluation	32,316,638	32,316,638
Quarry Account	302,017	302,017
Investment Growth Reserve	9,206,000	9,206,000
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>62,776,755</u>	<u>61,309,084</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>67,471,358</u>	<u>67,784,485</u>

2. Investment Portfolio

PORTFOLIO @ 31 DECEMBER 2010 Summary & Reconciliation		Cash	Bonds	Australasian Equities	International Equities	Property Equities	Alternative Asset Classes	Total
Portfolio Value @ Start	01 July 2010	\$ 2,547,549	\$ 3,016,744	\$ 1,841,113	\$ 1,958,120	\$ 529,331	\$ 673,961	\$ 10,566,819
Contributions		\$ 119,183		-\$ 8,824	-\$ 8,521	-\$ 30,000	-\$ 71,838	-\$ -
Withdrawals								-\$ -
Realised Gains/(Losses)		-\$ 3,813	-\$ 4,615	-\$ 39,012	\$ 8,955	\$ 3,639	\$ 31,911	-\$ 2,935
Unrealised Gains/(Losses)		\$ 13,534	-\$ 30,506	\$ 273,254	\$ 112,668	\$ 16,940	\$ 12,872	\$ 398,762
Unrealised Hedging Gains/(Losses)		\$ -	\$ -	-\$ 49,625	-\$ 34,366	-\$ 4,564	\$ 6,947	-\$ 81,608
Mgmt Fee					\$ 608			\$ 608
Income		\$ 43,198	\$ 107,130	\$ 47,384	\$ 8,851	\$ 19,367	\$ 3,023	\$ 228,953
Accrued Interest		\$ 3,484	-\$ 13,523					-\$ 10,039
Portfolio Value @ End Period	31 December 2010	\$ 2,723,136	\$ 3,075,230	\$ 2,064,290	\$ 2,046,315	\$ 534,714	\$ 656,876	\$ 11,100,561
ytd return for 6 months		2.26%	1.93%	12.62%	5.01%	6.00%	8.12%	5.09%

Asset Allocation %'s @ 31 December 2010	Benchmarks	Tactical asset allocation range
Cash	25%	10% - 50%
Bonds	28%	10% - 50%
Australasian Equities	19%	0% - 20%
International Equities	18%	0% - 20%
Property Equities	5%	0% - 10%
Alternative Asset Classes	0%	0% - 20%
	100%	100%

3. General Comment

The financial results for the first six months of 2010/11 are very similar to those reported to previous meetings.

The reported surplus for the six months amounts to \$1.467 million dollars.

The VCS result of \$1.137 million includes the profit realized from the 2010/11 aerial contracts.

Investment Portfolio returns exceeds budgeted expectations.

Net positive budget variances in the general rate funded area amounted to \$63,222.

4. Annual Plan 2011/12

The management team has been working on budgeting and other matters for the 2011/12 Annual Plan.

It would be appropriate to agree on a date for a budget workshop with Councillors.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That this report be received.
2. That a date for the 2011/12 Annual plan budget workshop be agreed.

Robert Mallinson
Corporate Services Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting 8 February 2011
Prepared by: Chris Ingle – Chief Executive
Date: 26 January 2011
Subject: **CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT**

Meetings Attended

The key meetings I have attended since my last report include:

- Attended a presentation by Graeme Smart of NIWA of his flood modelling report, for the Karamea Rating District on the 18th of January. Cr Archer also attended.
- Participated in a CDEM Monitoring and Evaluation interview on 20 January.
- Attending the SOLGM Retreat on 28th, 29th and 30th of January in Marlborough.
- Meeting with MfE regarding the proposed Biodiversity Strategy on 31 January.
- Attending the Regional Transport Committee Meeting on 3rd February.

Letter from Conservation Board

I circulated a letter from the Conservation Board to Councillors and I understand the Chairman has responded to that letter.

Flood Event on 28 December

The Region experienced an intense rain event on 28 December which resulted in very high river flows in several rivers, and flooding of several settlements. In order to better understand the vulnerable areas of the region I have asked staff to prepare a comprehensive report on this event from both a hydrology perspective, a flood warning and civil defence perspective and a river engineering perspective.

Various affected communities may wish to investigate flood protection options to protect themselves from future events. Council policy is that flood protection is funded using the 'user pays' principle. Council can assist by forming new rating districts to fund flood protection.

Staff are also looking into whether the Council flood warning system could be extended to include the Mokihinui River in order to provide better river flow information for Seddonville and Mokihinui residents.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Chris Ingle
Chief Executive

