

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

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

TUESDAY, 10 JULY 2012

The programme for the day is:

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

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

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, 10th July 2012**

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 12 JUNE 2012 AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL,
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.****PRESENT:**

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

1. MINUTES

Moved (Davidson / Archer) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 8 May 2012, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Chinn reported that he attended the West Coast Regional Transport committee meeting on the 16th of May and he chaired the hearing for Council's Long Term Plan on the 29th of May.

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

Carried

5. REPORTS**5.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP****5.1.1 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT**

M. Meehan spoke to his report advising that the Land and Water Forum has released the first of two reports detailing the setting of objectives and limits for freshwater quantity and quality. He reported that 38 recommendations have been made and he highlighted some of the major recommendations including the change to the NPS for Freshwater Management to further recognition of Tangata Whenua relationship to water and the risks to human health. He advised that a national instrument will be developed to set national minimum bottom lines and to direct regional councils to set limits for water takes and discharges in catchments, as rules in regional plans which is what we have done in Lake Brunner. He outlined the rest of the recommendations to the meeting and advised that the Forum suggests that the government should defer the consideration of transitional tools until the Forum's second report is released in

September 2012. M. Meehan reported that the second report would include further parameter levels for the fair, good and excellent bands and options for dealing with wetlands and estuaries.

M. Meehan reported that a joint consent order was submitted to the court in May and we are currently awaiting a decision on this for the wetlands variation.

M. Meehan that the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Bill has passed its first reading and is open for submissions until the 21st of June. M. Meehan stated that it is looking as though this Bill is going to make some changes to the structure of the Historic Places Trust to bring it into line with the RMA timeframes for consent processing.

Moved (Archer / Birchfield) *That this report is received.*

Carried

5.1.2 PROPOSED REGIONAL LAND AND WATER PLAN

M. Meehan spoke to this report advising that hearings for Proposed Regional Land and Water Plan will be held next week. M. Meehan advised that there are 17 submitters wishing to be heard and it is looking like Monday and Tuesday will be taken up with hearing these submitters. M. Meehan stated that he is hopeful Thursday will be spent conducting deliberations but the timeframes are dependant on how long submitters take and also if there are further speakers. M. Meehan advised that decisions must be released by the 17th of September this year and then submitters have 15 working days to appeal those decisions.

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

Carried

5.1.3 HYDROLOGY AND FLOOD WARNING UPDATE

M. Meehan spoke to this report advising that there were no flood warning alarms during the reporting period but after the writing of this report there was a heavy rainfall event with caused a few problems in the lower Grey catchment and Buller catchment on the 6th and 7th of June.

M. Meehan reported that a new rain gauge has been installed for the Cropp River at the Hut and Sirdar Creek sites. He advised that this installation now brings rain gauges in all Council monitored mountain sites up to the standard 1m high measurement as per the National Standards for rainfall measurement.

M. Meehan tabled a report relating to works required following the recent heavy rainfall event. He advised that work is required to the Punakaiki seawall as a result of the heavy rainfall event, which was combined with big tides at the same time. M. Meehan advised that tenders and prices have been received for the work required in the Coal Creek rating district to increase the height of a section of the stopbank up to 1.5m. M. Meehan reported that the Cobden Cut was opened to $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way during the recent heavy rainfall event and later on that day it was opened up fully then shut off once the water had receded. M. Meehan tabled an update report that covered the main impacts of the 6th and 7th June event and showed photographs of the New River / Saltwater Creek area where the sea overtopped the road out to the rock groyne. C. Ingle clarified to Cr Birchfield that there is no need for a resource consent from Grey District Council for the upgrade work in the Coal Creek rating district, as it is more than 10 metres away from the river.

Moved (Scarlett / Birchfield) *That Council receive this report.*

Carried

5.1.4 AIR QUALITY MONITORING PROBLEMS

M. Meehan spoke to this report advising that there have been problems with the air quality monitoring machine in the Reefton Airshed. He advised that the machine was sent to Auckland for repairs and it was returned to Reefton and there were still problems with it. M. Meehan advised that the machine was sent back to Auckland for further repairs and a loan machine is now in place in Reefton in the meantime and staff are now able to continue to report on air quality in Reefton.

Moved (Robb / Tumahai) *That Council receives this report.*

Carried

5.1.5 CIVIL DEFENCE AND REGIONAL TRANSPORT REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to this report advising that the West Coast Co-ordinating Executive Group (CEG) met on the 1st of May. He reported that the West Coast Preparedness Survey was completed and this revealed that some people are better prepared than others. C. Ingle reported that the Ministry has assessed how the West Coast performs as a civil defence group region wide and they feel that we are very good and in particular our Lifelines Group is excellent. C. Ingle stated that a group meeting was held yesterday and community response planning for different communities in the region was discussed. C. Ingle reported that the Resilience Fund application was partially successful with the funding for the hard wiring of service stations being granted. C. Ingle stated that the funding for public education was not successful as the Ministry felt that this is something that should be done as business as usual and extra money should not be granted for doing business as usual.

C. Ingle advised that the Engineering Lifelines Group meet recently at the Mines Rescue facility in Runanga.

C. Ingle reported that Cr Scarlett presented Council's submission to the Canterbury Draft Regional Land Transport Programme 2012 – 2015 on the 29th of May.

Cr Birchfield asked if the hard wiring for service stations includes a generator. C. Ingle advised that he understood it was for wiring a generator to the pumps but the generator itself was already there. He stated that the services stations concerned have been required to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to ensure that they will supply fuel to emergency vehicles only during a civil defence emergency.

Moved (Robb / Scarlett) *That Council receives this report.*

Carried

5.1.6 WEST COAST REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PROGRAMME 2012 – 15

C. Ingle spoke to this report advising that this is the formal adoption of the West Coast Regional Land Transport Programme 2012 – 15 (RLTP) following on from the hearing that was held on the 16th of May and the programme has to be adopted before it goes before the NZ Transport Agency. C. Ingle reported that 18 submissions were received but only one submitter presented to the panel. He advised that there may be some minor changes made to the programme prior to its final submission as a result of funding changes to the District Councils Long Term Plans as they are still going through their LTP process. C. Ingle advised that the hearing panel was delegated authority to approve the RLTP following the hearing and this has now been put forward to Council to either approve the RLTP without modification or to refer it back to the Regional Transport Committee to reconsider parts of the RLTP, but adoption is required by the 29th of June. C. Ingle answered various questions relating to passing opportunities on the West Coast.

Moved (Scarlett / Robb)

That the Council adopt the West Coast Regional Land Transport Programme 2012 – 2015 as per 18B(3)(a) of the Land Transport Management Act to be submitted to the NZ Transport Agency.

Carried

5.2 CONSENTS AND COMPLIANCE GROUP

5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT MAY AND JUNE

C. Dall spoke to his report and stated that there is a report for both May and June as the May report was omitted from the last agenda. He offered to answer any questions councillors might have regarding the May report. C. Dall advised that the typical range of consent applications were granted during the reporting period. C. Dall stated that the most significant issue during the month relates to the appeals on the declarations on the so called greenhouse gas emissions from burning coal and climate change. C. Dall stated that this morning he was advised that all the parties have agreed to consolidate their appeals into one, and that no parties oppose that the appeal is moved from the High Court to the Court of Appeal. C. Dall is hopeful that the Court of Appeal will agree to this and the High Court can be bypassed. C. Dall reported that the hearing for the Solid Energy proposed Mt William North Mine project commenced on 21 May and was adjourned on 31 May. C. Dall advised the hearing for TrustPower's consent application for its hydro scheme on McKay's Creek Hydro Electricity Power Scheme

enhancements and the re-consenting of the Kaniere Forks Hydro Electricity Power Scheme in Kaniere has now started.

Discussion took place on whether or not Council would apply for security of costs from parties for appeals. Cr Archer stated that we have been awarded costs in the past by the court for spurious appeals and then when we went to collect the money, the appellants dissolved their society claiming they were unable to pay. Cr Archer stated that he is conscious that when Council is dragged into court for appeals the process ends up costing the ratepayer. Cr Scarlett agreed and stated that it would be very useful to go for security of costs. Cr Archer stated he is aware that Incorporated Societies can dissolve themselves as they have done this in the past. Cr Archer stated that it is important that Council does not prejudice its legal position.

Moved (Archer / Scarlett)

That the Consents and Compliance Manager seeks legal advice on the recovery of Security of Costs during appeal processes.

Carried

Moved (Archer / Scarlett)

1. *That the May 2012 report of the Consents Group be received.*
2. *That the June 2012 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Carried

5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

C. Dall spoke to this report advising that 79 dairy sheds were inspected during the reporting period with 11 of these sheds having their effluent discharge systems rated as being significantly non-compliant. He stated that the non-compliance is mainly due to lack of effluent storage.

C. Dall reported that there were no compliance issues identified at any of the Solid Energy mining operations during the reporting period. He advised that the typical amount of and range of complaints were received during the month with no abatement notices being issued but four infringement notices were issued in relation to the unauthorised discharge of sediment from a gold mining operation at Camerons, two to the Consent Holder and two to the miner operation under the consent.

Cr Birchfield stated that although 11 dairy sheds were non-compliant there appeared to be no actual pollution. C. Dall responded that lack of effluent storage is worrying but he noted that weather wise, due to low rainfall at the time of inspection, there were no significant environmental effects as a result of insufficient effluent storage.

Moved (Davidson / Archer)

1. *That the June 2012 report for the Compliance Group be received.*
2. *That the Council releases the bonds held for Resource Consent RC11117 and RC1061.*

Carried

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.17 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting 12 June 2012
Prepared by: Michael Meehan, Planning and Environment Manager
Date: 28 June 2012
Subject: Planning and Environment Manager's Monthly Report

Proposed Land and Water Plan

The Hearing on the Proposed Land and Water Plan was held on 18 and 19 June 2012. Fifteen submitters took the opportunity to present to the Hearing Panel with a further five submitters providing further evidence to be tabled on the day. The Hearing Panel went into deliberations following the Hearing. Staff are now working to finalise a Decisions Report based on these deliberations.

Variation 1 – Wetland Management

Following the filing of the joint Consent Order by the parties on May 18 2012, the Court has issued a further Minute and Attachment to seek further clarification and to request a number of minor amendments to the provisions relating to Scheduled wetlands. The parties are in the final stages of preparing a further joint Memorandum in response to the Courts concerns and will then await, what is anticipated to be, the final decision in the near future.

Aquaculture Strategy and 5-year Action Plan

The Ministry of Primary Industries recently released its Aquaculture Strategy and 5-year Action Plan. The Action Plan includes a target of "....working with regional councils to ensure planning to identify....new growing areas in appropriate places....". The Action Plan also has targets for research and innovation, including to identify opportunities to enable research and field trials. The performance measure for this target is an agreed medium-term research plan for aquaculture by 2013. There is no specific mention of research on deep-sea aquaculture which may be suitable for West Coast coastal waters.

Marine Reserves Application for five sites on the West Coast

Council has received notification from the Department of Conservation of their application under the Marine Reserves Act 1971 to establish five marine reserves on the West Coast. Staff will review the application in detail and report back to Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report is received.

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting 10 July 2012
 Prepared by: Stefan Beaumont, Hydrologist
 Date: 29 June 2012
Subject: HYDROLOGY & FLOOD WARNING UPDATE

Data Requests

1 rainfall request

Flood Warning

There was one rainfall event in the reporting period that resulted in flood alarm for the Grey and Buller Rivers. This rain was produced by a low pressure system from the Tasman Sea that resulted in between 75 and 200 mm of rain throughout both catchments.

Site	Time of peak	Peak level	Warning Issued	Alarm threshold
Buller River @ Te Kuha	14:45 6/6/2012	9278mm	08:30 6/6/2012	7400mm
Grey River @ Dobson	14:00 6/6/2012	4088mm	09:45 6/6/2012	3400mm

RECOMMENDATION

That the report is received

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting July 2012
 Prepared by: Emma Chaney, Resource Science Technician
 Date: 28 June 2012
 Subject: **REEFTON AIR QUALITY SUMMARY**

There have been five exceedences of the Resource Management National Environmental Standards for Air Quality Regulations 2004 (NES) for PM₁₀ in Reefton during the period from 1 May to 27 June 2012 (see Figure 1). Due to the loss of some data during this period (as a result of problems with the monitoring equipment) it is possible that other exceedences may have occurred but not been recorded.

An exceedence occurs when there has been an average of more than 50 micrograms/m³ of PM₁₀ recorded over a 24 hour period.

The highest 24hr average PM₁₀ during this period was 69 micrograms/m³ on 13 June.

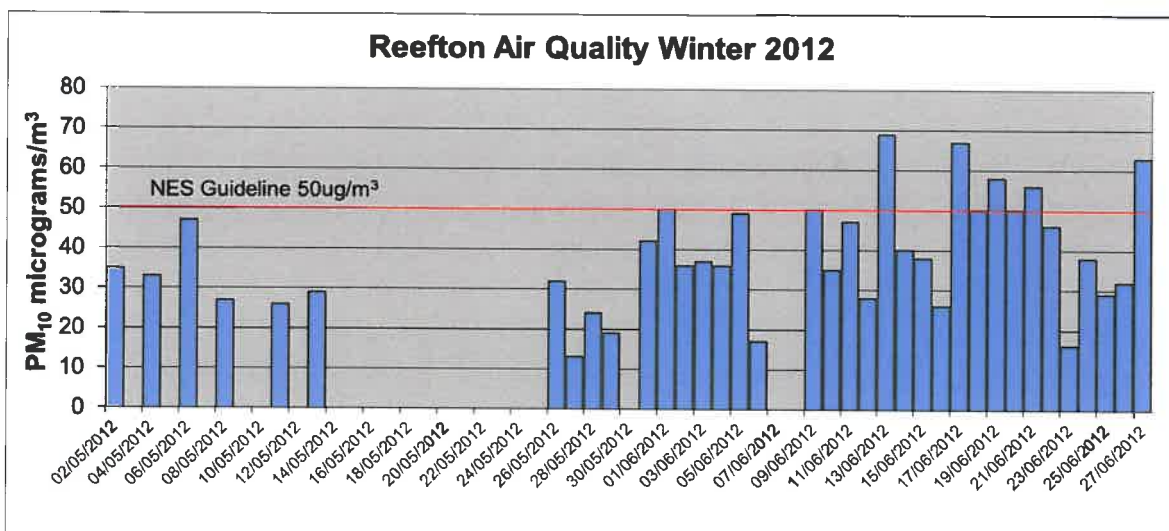


Figure 1. Graph showing daily average PM₁₀ for Reefton Winter 2012 with exceedences of the national guideline in red (NB: missing data due to machine failure).

Regulations 16 and 24A of the NES (below) requires Council to publish a notice in a daily newspaper circulating in the region. Attached to this report is the notice Council will advertise in the Reefton Clarion and Westport News newspapers and the Council website.

- 16 Regional council must give public notice if standard breached**
1. A regional council must give public notice if the ambient air quality standard for a contaminant is breached in an Airshed in its region.
 2. The notice must –
 - (a) Be given periodically, at least once a month, until the standard is no longer being breached; and
 - (b) Be given in accordance with the Act; and
 - (c) Include –
 - (i) the name of the contaminant to which the notice relates; and
 - (ii) the time and place at which the standard was breached; and
 - (iii) the extent to which the standard was breached.

24A Discharge from certain open fires prohibited

- (1) A regional council must give public notice the first time that the PM_{10} standard is breached in an Airshed in its region on or after 1 September 2011.
- (2) The public notice must –
 - (a) state that subclauses (3) and (4) of this regulation will prohibit the discharge of particles from domestic solid-fuel burning open fires installed in the relevant area on or after a certain date (the date of the ban); and
 - (b) specify as the date of the ban the day that is 12 months after the day of the breach; and
 - (c) specify the Airshed whose area the notice applies to; and
 - (d) be given at least 6 months before the date of the ban; and
 - (e) be given in accordance with the Act.
- (3) Subclause (4) applies to a domestic solid-fuel burning open fire that is installed in the area of an Airshed specified in a notice under sub clause (2) on or after the date of the ban specified in the notice.
- (4) The discharge of particles into any Airshed from the open fire is prohibited.
- (5) For the purposes of this regulation, -
 - (a) the area of an Airshed is determined at the date of the related breach of the PM_{10} standard; and
 - (b) once subclauses (3) and (4) apply to an area they always apply to the area, despite the establishment of any new Airshed by notice in the Gazette.
- (6) In this regulation, **domestic solid-fuel burning open fire** –
 - (a) means an appliance or a structure inside a domestic building that can burn solid fuel but cannot effectively control the rate of air supply to the combustion zone; and
 - (b) to avoid doubt, includes a fireplace to which paragraph (a) applies that has a cover or doors that cannot effectively control the rate of air supply to the combustion zone.

Example

The PM_{10} standard is breached in a regional council's Airshed on 18 April 2013. It was not breached from 1 September 2011 until then. That is to say, since 1/9/11 there has been one or less exceedences in each rolling 12 month period, until on 18 April 2013 a second exceedence occurs within 12 months of the last.

The council must give at least 6 months' public notice that regulation 24A(3) and (4) will prohibit the discharge of particles from domestic solid-fuel burning open fires installed in the area of the Airshed on or after 18 April 2014. The prohibition takes effect accordingly.

Note: Regulation 16 – public notification of a breach, also applies to this event.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report is received.

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL LOGO

Solid-fuel burning open fire ban in Reefton Airshed from 17 June 2013

In accordance with the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Air Quality) Regulations 2004 the West Coast Regional Council is required to advise that:

1. Under Regulation 16, notice is given that on 17 June 2012 at the Reefton air quality @ School site in the Reefton Airshed, a 24-hour average measurement of $67\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ was recorded. This is the first recorded breach of the ambient standard for PM_{10} of $50\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as a 24-hour average since 1 September 2011.
2. Under Regulation 24A(3) and (4) the installation and discharge of particles from solid-fuel burning indoor open fires within the Reefton Airshed, installed on or after 17 June 2013, will be prohibited.

For more information relating to this notice, please contact (name) or see Council's website: www.wcrc.govt.nz

Chris Ingle
Chief Executive Officer

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Double column - Public notices

Reefton Clarion
Westport News

x date June 2012

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
 Prepared by: Colin Dall - Consents & Compliance Manager
 Date: 2 July 2012

Subject: CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**CONSENTS**Consents Site Visits from 24 May – 26 June 2012

DATE	NAME, ACTIVITY & LOCATION	PURPOSE
20/06/12	RC12100 – D & W Kennedy, Dairy effluent discharge, Atarau	Macro-invertebrate sampling undertaken in receiving waters.
22/06/12	RC12081 – Westland Milk Products, Discharge of contaminants, Hokitika Beach	To gain a better understanding of the proposed discharge.

Non-Notified Resource Consents Granted from 24 May – 26 June 2012

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	PURPOSE OF CONSENT
RC11095 JB Cowan	To disturb the bed of the Haast River for the purpose of river protection works (construction of a rock wall and infilling a hole in the bed of the river).
RC11252 Westland Contractors Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Grey River at St Kilda for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC12007 Vortex Minerals Ltd	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining adjacent to the Greenstone River within MP41546. To undertake alluvial gold mining activities within the Greenstone River within MP41546. To divert the Greenstone River for alluvial gold mining within MP41546. To take and use water for alluvial gold mining activities adjacent to the Greenstone River for mining within MP41546. To discharge sediment-laden water to land in circumstances where it may enter the Greenstone River and tributaries associated with gold mining activities within MP41546. To discharge sediment-laden water to water associated with alluvial gold mining activities within MP41546.
RC12023 West Coast Regional Council	To alter, upgrade and undertake maintenance of the stopbank located on the Grey River at Coal Creek. To divert water within the Grey River as a result of alterations, upgrades and maintenance of the stopbank located on the Grey River at Coal Creek.
RC12035 TLD Investments Ltd	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining near the Iron Bridge, Buller River. To disturb the dry bed of the Buller River associated with alluvial gold mining near the Iron Bridge.

	To take and use surface water from the Buller River for alluvial gold mining.
	To discharge sediment-laden water to land where it may enter water in the Buller River.
RC12036 K & D Wells	To discharge treated dairy effluent to land, groundwater and surface water (an unnamed tributary of the Inangahua River) near DS554, Reefton.
RC12038 Mackley Ferguson	To undertake earthworks and vegetation clearance within the Greymouth Earthworks Control Area associated with forestry activities, geotechnical investigations and to level one building platform.
RC12076 HL & ME Macbeth	To undertake earthworks associated with the extension and maintenance of an existing rock protection wall adjacent to the Little Wanganui River.
	To disturb the wet bed of the Little Wanganui River associated with diversion.
	To divert a channel of the Little Wanganui River associated with river protection purposes.
RC12084 Hokitika Rimu Tree Top Walk Limited Partnership	To undertake vegetation clearance and earthworks associated with the construction of a treetop walk and associated facilities at Woodstock-Rimu.
	To discharge contaminants to land associated with earthworks in circumstances where they may enter water in the Lake Mahinapua Catchment.
RC12090 Nick Bain	To discharge treated domestic sewage effluent to land from a dwelling on Lot 1 DP 418399, Marsden Road.
RC12092 MM & JH Coll	To alter the foreshore/seabed in Jackson Bay for the purposes of placing structures (boat moorings).
	To construct a structure (boat moorings) on the foreshore/seabed of Jackson Bay.
	To occupy space within the foreshore/seabed of Jackson Bay.
RC12093 Animal Health Board Incorporated	To authorise the aerial discharge of 1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate) possum control cereal pellets (at a sowing rate of up to 6 kg per hectare), containing up to 0.15% weight/weight of 1080, to land in the "Alexander Range Discharge Area".
	To authorise the aerial discharge of 1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate) possum control cereal pellets, containing 0.15% weight/weight of 1080, to water incidental to its aerial discharge to land in the "Alexander Range Discharge Area".
RC12094 PK Swanson	To disturb the bed of the Little Totara River for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC12095 Pearson Contracting Ltd	To disturb the bed of the Mokihinui River, at three sites for the purpose of extracting gravel.
	To disturb the bed of the Buller River, at Organs Island for the purpose of extracting gravel.
	To disturb the bed of the Buller River, at the Lower Buller Gorge site for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC12096 Sicon Ltd trading as Ferguson Brothers	To disturb the bed of Dry Creek (Little Man River) for the purpose of extracting gravel.

RC12097 MJ & ML Wisdom	To disturb the wet bed of an unnamed tributary of Orwell Creek, Ahaura associated with diversion of water. To divert water within an unnamed tributary of Orwell Creek, Ahaura.
RC12098 GN & SR Thompson	To discharge dairy effluent to land at Stafford, Hokitika (DS314) in circumstances where it may enter groundwater via seepage.
RC12099 Landcorp Farming Ltd	To undertake land disturbance associated with humping and hollowing of farmland on the Raft Creek Farm, Kokatahi. To discharge water containing sediment to land in circumstances where it may enter Whites Creek and its tributaries.
RC12102 GP Contracting Ltd	To disturb the bed of the Buller River, at the Lower Buller Gorge site for the purpose of extracting gravel. To disturb the bed of the Buller River, at Organs Island for the purpose of extracting gravel. To disturb the bed of the Mokihinui River, at the "Rough 'n' Tumble" Site for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC12103 Paul Steegh Contracting Ltd	To undertake earthworks (including rock removal) associated with quarrying at Inangahua Junction.
RC12104 Westland Excavators Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of Donnelly Creek, Ross for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC12105 Westland Excavators Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Hokitika River, at two sites, for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC12106 Straight Farms Ltd	To discharge treated dairy effluent to land, groundwater and surface water (an unnamed tributary of Graham Creek) near DS036, Whataroa.
RC12107 Nelson Creek Community Society Incorporated	To take and use groundwater for the purposes of a community water supply.
RC12110 WM & MJ Cain	To disturb the dry bed of Jones Creek, Birchfield for the purpose of extracting gravel/sand.

Changes to Consent Conditions Granted from 24 May – 26 June 2012

CONSENT NO, HOLDER & LOCATION	PURPOSE OF CHANGE
RC03332 Kawatiri Energy Ltd Lake Rochfort, Buller	To increase the amount of water that can be diverted and to install data loggers for flow monitoring associated with a hydro electricity power scheme.

Limited Notified or Notified Resource Consents Granted from 24 May – 26 June 2012

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	PURPOSE OF CONSENT
RC11011 West Coast Regional Council	To disturb the bed of Redjacks Creek associated with channel clearance.
RC11069 Rough River Gold Mining Ltd	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining at Blackberry Flat, Waiuta. To take groundwater via seepage into mining ponds, Blackberry Flat, Waiuta. To discharge mine pond water to surface water and into groundwater via seepage, Blackberry Flat, Waiuta.

RC11251
Peter John Flemming and Linda
Jane Flemming

To discharge water containing sediment to land where it may enter water, associated with alluvial gold mining, Blackberry Flat, Waiuta.

To disturb the Coastal Marine Area within MP41181 for the purpose of undertaking black sand (gold) mining near Burkes Road, Barrytown.

To take sand from the Coastal Marine Area within MP41181 for the purposes of black sand (gold) mining near Burkes Road, Barrytown.

To deposit sand/tailings in the Coastal Marine Area within MP41181 associated with black sand (gold) mining near Burkes Road, Barrytown.

To stockpile sand adjacent to the Coastal Marine Area within MP41181 associated with black sand (gold) mining near Burkes Road, Barrytown.

Notified Consents Updates

The hearing for TrustPower Limited's consent applications for replacement consents for its Kaniere and McKay's Hydro Power Schemes was held in Hokitika.

Public Enquiries

50 written public enquiries were responded to during the reporting period. 46 (92%) were answered on the same day, 3 (6%) the following day, and the remaining 1 (2%) 2 working days later.

RECOMMENDATION

That the July 2012 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 Colin Helem – Senior Compliance Officer
 Date: 2 July 2012
 Subject: **COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

Site Visits

A total of 45 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period, which consisted of:

Activity	Number of Visits	Fully Compliant (%)
Resource consent monitoring	23	96%
Dairy shed inspections	5	80%
Mining compliance & bond release	17	76%

These totals include 4 visits in response to complaints.

Specific Issues

Dairy Effluent Discharges: 5 dairy sheds were inspected during the reporting period, with 1 discharge system being rated as "significantly non-compliant" due to a lack of effluent storage.

During the 2011/12 dairy season 296 of the 388 (76%) dairy sheds in the West Coast were inspected, 85% of which were compliant. The main reasons for non-compliance were a lack of effluent storage or poorly maintained treatment ponds. Even though the percentage for compliance is high it is noted that many effluent systems need to be managed carefully to avoid non-compliant discharges.

Solid Energy New Zealand (SENZ) Mining Operations: Council staff attended a workshop and public meeting on the Cypress Coal Mine Project, which were also attended by the Peer Review Panel for the mine project.

Globe Progress Mine – Oceana Gold: On 7 June, following a period of heavy rain and snow, 2 to 5 cubic metres of water from the Run of Mine (ROM) pad breached its bund wall and flowed down the access road. Some of the water eventually flowed into Union Creek North. The Company reinstated the bund promptly and attributed the primary cause of the breach to be a blocked pipe. The discharge had minimal environmental effects on Union Creek North.

Complaints/Incidents between 25 May 2012 and 28 June 2012

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

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome
Gold Mining	Complaint regarding the discharge of sediment to the Buller River.	Inangahua	Site visited – non-compliant operation. Miner required to undertake remedial work.
Forestry	Complaint that forestry activities have caused flooding to a property.	Cronadun	Not substantiated by site visit.
Creek Diversion	Complaint that a creek diversion may have caused erosion.	Coast Road	Not substantiated by site visit.

Gold Mining	Complaint regarding earthworks outside of the consented area.	Grey River	Enquiries made with the miner. Minimal earthworks had been undertaken to carry out repairs after flood damage.
Discharge to Water	Complaint that a creek was running red/pink.	Blackball	Site visited – discharge of red clay from slips above the creek which had occurred after heavy snow and rain.
Gravel Extraction	Complaint that the extraction of gravel may cause a diversion of the river.	Te Taho	Site visited – contractor advised of consent conditions
Black Sand Gold Mining	Complaint that black sand mining is causing erosion.	Hokitika	Not substantiated by site visit – very small scale mining operation.
Riverworks	Complaint regarding unauthorised works in the bed of the river.	Kowhitirangi	Still under investigation.
Earthworks	Complaint regarding the extraction of rock.	Fairdown	Site visited – activity was compliant with the relevant permitted activity rule.
Black Sand Gold Mining	Complaint alleging the miner is operating in breach of consent conditions.	Hokitika	Site visited – minor non-compliance regarding the depth of excavation.
Gold Mining	Complaint regarding an unauthorised gold mining operation.	Blackwater	Still under investigation.
Gravel Extraction	Complaint that gravel is being extracted without consent.	Seddonville	Phone enquiries established that the two contractors had consents for the activity.

Formal Enforcement Action

No enforcement action was undertaken during the reporting period.

MINING

Work Programmes

The Council received the following 10 work programmes during the last reporting period, with 9 programmes being processed in the 20 day timeframe. The remaining 1 (shown in italics) was incomplete and put on hold while additional information was sought.

Date	Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location
29/5/12	RC02259	Birchfields Minerals Ltd	Blackball
29/5/12	RC07200	Birchfields Minerals Ltd	Blackball
1/6/12	RC04058	Allan Spriggs Contracting	10 Mile
5/6/12	RC11081	Roberts Mining Ltd	Rimu
<i>11/6/12</i>	<i>RC00023</i>	<i>Heaphy Mining</i>	<i>Berlins</i>
11/6/12	RC02260	Blues Mining	Notown
14/6/12	RC12032	Cooper	Kumara
14/6/12	RC09031	Henry Adams Contracting	Hou Hou
20/6/12	RC10112	McKay Mining Ltd	Maruia
20-Jun-12	RC09167	Granville Mining Ltd	Nelson Creek

Bonds Received & Bond Releases

The following two bonds were received during the reporting period:

Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location	Amount
RC11221	BRM Developments	Ianthe Forest	\$50,000
RC12032	G.J Cooper	Duffers Creek	\$20,000

The following three bonds are recommended for release as Compliance staff are satisfied that there are no outstanding compliance issues in relation to the relevant resource consents:

Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location	Amount
RC10061	Iron River Company Limited	Camerons	\$6,000
RC99008/RC10218	Tai Poutini Polytechnic	Soldiers Road	\$3,000
RC09047	AY Mining Limited	Boatmans	\$4,000

At the time of writing this report, Solid Energy New Zealand Limited was in the process of obtaining surety bonds to replace the \$1,100,000 and \$100,000 cash bonds held for the consents for the Pike River Coal Mine. Should these bonds be executed by the time of the July Council meeting, then it is also recommended that the cash bonds for the Pike River Coal Mine be released to the Pike River Coal receiver.

OIL SPILL RESPONSE

No spills were reported during the reporting period.

Several Compliance staff participated in a training exercise at the Blaketown Lagoon.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the July 2012 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
- 2. That the Council releases the bonds held for Resource Consents RC10061, RC99008/RC10218 and RC09047.*

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, 10th July 2012** 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 12 JUNE 2012,
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH,
COMMENCING AT 11.18 A.M.**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1. APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (Archer / Birchfield) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 8 May 2012, be confirmed as correct with the correction made as below.*

Carried

Cr Birchfield asked that a correction be made to the minutes. He had asked the question "do compliant wood burners have wet backs"; he did not say that they didn't have wet backs.

Matters arising

Cr Chinn asked M. Meehan about the proceeds from the sale of the Wanganui Quarry and if this money should be retained in the Council quarry account, or go to the Wanganui River rating district. M. Meehan advised that by the time Westland Schist Ltd is paid out and the legal fees are paid, plus the cost of the new access road to the quarry which was built at the request of the rating district some years ago there will still be \$3,000 owing on the road and therefore there will be nothing left of the proceeds of the sale.

Moved (Robb / Davidson) *that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting dated 29 May 2012, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

REPORTS:

4.1 ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to this report advising that works have been completed in the Nelson Creek and Redjacks Creek rating districts. He advised these works were carried out by GH Foster Contracting Ltd at a cost of \$19,008 and \$8,748 respectively. M. Meehan reported that work was also carried out in the Vine Creek rating district at a cost of \$24,750. M. Meehan reported that work has been tendered out in the Lower Waiho rating district and will begin this week. He advised that the costs for the works tendered in the Coal Creek rating district will be brought to the next council meeting.

M. Meehan reported that advice has now been received on a safe methodology to remove rock from the overhang at Kiwi Quarry. He stated that staff are meeting with the contractor tomorrow to work through this as there is planning around the road closure and safety to be worked through prior to work

commencing. M. Meehan reported that Westland Contractors Ltd have won the tender for the quarry contract. He advised that the weighted attribute method was used to evaluate the tenders with the accepted price being \$4.59 per tonne of drilled, blasted and stockpiled rock. He advised that the price for waste material removal and transport to dump sites is \$2.81 per tonne. M. Meehan reported that staff have carried out site visits to the quarries with Westland Contractors Ltd and work is currently underway at the Blackball Quarry. M. Meehan advised that there is now a lot more rock in the Blackball Quarry than what was mentioned in his report due to this current work. M. Meehan advised that the figures for the amount of rock in all quarries are a little deceiving as there is currently blasted rock in rock face which is yet to be pulled down. He advised there is still a high demand for rock particularly Kiwi and Blackball rock. Cr Chinn commented that the price for blasted rock is a very good price. M. Meehan responded that the tenders received were all very competitively priced.

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

Carried

4.1 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to this report stating that it is an interesting report this month with the operating surplus now being \$737,000 with one of the reasons for this being the revaluing of the costs carried with quarry rock with amounts to 58,000 tonnes as at the end of April. R. Mallinson advised that this rock is now valued at \$9.00 per tonne. He stated that previously it was the quarry rock for sale was valued at an unrealistically low price. R. Mallinson reported that a considerable amount of money has been spent this financial year on building up the stock of rock available for sale with the current asset rock available for sale valued at over \$525,000 (58,000 tonnes). M. Mallinson reported that there are net positive budget variances amounting to in excess of \$220,000 in general rate funded activities. M. Mallinson advised that Meridian Energy Ltd would be paying Council's legal and expert evidence costs following the withdrawal of the Mokihinui Hydro Scheme. R. Mallinson advised that the cost recovery would be around \$57,000. Cr Davidson stated that this is very positive and Council should be grateful for recovering these costs.

Cr Davidson asked R. Mallinson if the quarries are now operating at a break even basis. R. Mallinson stated that over the past ten years the quarries have generated well in excess of \$300,000 and they have been standing on their own for some time and generating a modest profit most years. R. Mallinson reported that the investment portfolio is performing better than it was seven months ago with the Forsyth Barr investment being just under \$273,000 and the Westpac returns just under \$82,000. R. Mallinson stated he is very happy with how the portfolio has bounced back but he is not expecting much more improvement in the next few months.

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

Carried

Cr Scarlett handed over the chairmanship to Cr Chinn as he was not at the hearing of submissions for the Long Term Plan and Cr Chinn had chaired this hearing.

4.2.1 DECISIONS ON SUBMISSIONS AND ADOPTION OF LONG TERM PLAN

Cr Chinn invited C. Ingle to speak to this report. C. Ingle advised that 22 submissions were received and nine people spoke to their submissions. C. Ingle advised that decisions now need to be made at this council meeting. C. Ingle stated that Audit NZ has advised that the final Audit Report needs to be adopted and therefore a special meeting will need to be held to adopt the final Long Term Plan. Cr Archer asked if the special meeting could be held at the end of the Land and Water Plan hearing, which is being held next week. R. Mallinson advised that he is certain that this could be arranged with Audit NZ, as this would be a very efficient way of doing things.

Cr Archer suggested that the last three paragraphs on page 16 of the agenda relating to Community and Public Health's submission could be incorporated into a response to Community and Public Health. Cr Archer stated that he is happy with all the recommendations in the report but he would like some words added into submission 20 on page 20 of Mr Huber Miranda Suarez submission saying that council supports the Environment Protection Authority as a reviewer and approval agency for genetically modified organisms.

Cr Davidson drew attention to the first paragraph of appendix A and stated that he is unsure whether the ratepayers in the B class actually know how much their rates will be. C. Ingle stated that the opinion

survey showed how many cents per \$1,000 capital value these ratepayers would pay. Cr Davidson asked if there was a public meeting on the implementation of this rating district as was done for the setting up of the Whataroa rating district. C. Ingle responded that a public meeting was not called but members of the Gladstone community had asked for a meeting, which he and the Greymouth Councillors had attended. C. Ingle stated it would be difficult to arrange a meeting with 600 people and the opinion survey results were relied upon as this had the costings in it. C. Ingle stated that in view of the large number of ratepayers involved and the small amount of money involved it was more efficient to include the proposed rating district with the Greymouth Floodwall rating district committee. Cr Davidson stated he is concerned how large the proposed rating district would get and would it be limited to solely keeping the mouth of the river open. Cr Robb responded that it would be a similar situation to the Greymouth Floodwall committee and if the terms of the rating district were going to be changed then the community would be consulted via an opinion survey similar to the one that was done to raise the Greymouth floodwall. Cr Birchfield stated he feels that the rate for the proposed rating district is a little light. C. Ingle responded that this rate is only for the opening of the mouth and Grey District Council is happy to continue to take responsibility for the access road to the groyne and the groyne itself.

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

1. *That Council consider each of the submissions and the staff recommendations, deliberate, and make their decisions on each submission.*
2. *That the Long Term Plan for 2012-22 be amended, including any amendments resulting from (1) above.*

Carried

4.2.2 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

C. Ingle spoke to this report and invited R. Mallinson to add to this. R. Mallinson advised that he would like to attend a meeting in Nelson on the 29th of June with SOLGM and Local Government NZ on the Local Government Amendment Bill. He also emailed Councillors inviting them to attend with Cr Archer responding that he would like to attend and other Councillors are considering attending. Cr Archer drew attention to an example of a benchmark / parameter in the Bill where it states rates cannot be increased more than a percentage of the CPI. He stated if new systems have to be implemented then councils could struggle to meet this. Cr Scarlett stated that he attended a meeting with Minister Nick Smith some time ago and it was felt that government were very keen to implement these changes. Cr Archer is concerned that reorganisation outlined in paragraph 5 of the report where a large city like Christchurch could take over the whole South Island as the current consensus is that 50% of support must be have for areas that wish to merge. He feels that a large city could have a 50% majority. Cr Scarlett stated that it will be interesting to see what happens with this.

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

Carried

6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to his report advising that Colin Dall, Consents and Compliance Manager has tendered his resignation. He stated that C. Dall's is a significant role at this council. C. Ingle advised that with the imminent departure of C. Dall there will be changes required to the Delegations Manual to ensure there is cover during the period of departure and prior to a new Consents and Compliance Manager being appointed.

C. Ingle drew attention to the letter to Reefton ratepayers that is attached to his report. He advised that the letter encourages Reefton ratepayers to take advantage of the EECA grant offer which is only available until July next year. Cr Archer stated that he supports the letter to Reefton ratepayers. Cr Archer asked C. Ingle if he had considered future proofing the Delegations Manual on a more generic basis to cover whenever a manager is absent for a significant period of time. C. Ingle stated that his recommendation would fix this problem forever if the change he is recommending is made and it would cover any future situations.

Moved (Archer / Robb)

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1. *That this report be received.*
2. *That Council amends Part 4 of the Council's Delegation Manual, to delegate to the Planning and Environmental Manager all sections of the RMA currently delegated to the Consents & Compliance Manager; and amends the Council's Enforcement Policy so that all references to the Consents & Compliance Manager also apply to the Planning and Environmental Manager.*

Carried

7.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT (VERBAL)

The Chairman reported that he attended the hearing for the Canterbury Land Transport Programme and spoke to Council's submission at this hearing relating to the Mingha Bluff section of State Highway 73. Cr Scarlett advised that this is the third submission we have made to this programme and he feels this time it was very positively received. Cr Scarlett stated that money is tight but the fact that there was a recent fatality in this area may well stir them into action. Cr Scarlett stated that it is only by the grace of God that there haven't been more fatalities in this area. He stated that the reason why the accident statistics are not that high is because many of the accidents are more minor and seem to go unreported. Cr Scarlett advised that there would be answer towards the end of this month.

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

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.55 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD ON THE
21 JUNE 2012, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL,
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 1.00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1. APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

2. ADOPTION OF AUDITED LONG TERM PLAN 1 JULY 2012 TOP 30 JUNE 2022

R. Mallinson spoke to this report advising that Council made changes to the Long Term Plan following the public consultation process. Following these changes the Long Term Plan was reaudited by Audit New Zealand. R. Mallinson advised that Audit New Zealand has now issued the final audit report.

MOVED (Archer / Robb)

1. *That Council receive the final Audit Report (to be tabled).*
2. *That Council adopt the audited Long Term Plan for 2012/22 pursuant to sections 93 and 94 of the Local Government Act 2002.*

Carried

The meeting closed at 1. 02 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting - 10 July 2012
 Prepared by: W. Moen – River Engineer and Paulette Birchfield – Engineering Officer
 Date: 28 June 2012
 Subject: **ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT**

RIVER AND DRAINAGE INSPECTIONS

- Coal Creek RD – Inspection
- Vine Creek RD - Inspection
- Redjacks Creek RD – Inspection
- Westport - Inspection

WORKS COMPLETED & WORKS TENDERED FOR

Coal Creek Rating District – Stopbank Upgrade Works

This work involving the placing 3,200 tonnes of rockwork and 8,000 m³ of fill has been tendered and commenced. The successful tender was Westland Contractors Ltd. at a cost of \$135,936 (G.S.T. Exclusive)



Coal Creek stopbank upgrade in progress

Vine Creek Rating District

This work involving the placement of 1,520 tonnes of rockwork, has been completed by Henry Adams Contracting Ltd. at a cost of \$25,146

Taramakau Rating District

This emergency work, involving 200 tonnes of rock, has been completed by MBD Contracting Ltd. at a cost of \$ 2,900 (G.S.T. Exclusive).

Lower Waiho Rating District

This work involving the placing 800 tonnes of rockwork has been tendered and completed. The successful tender was Westland Contractors Ltd. at a cost of \$20,400(G.S.T. Exclusive)

FUTURE WORKS

Inchbonnie Rating District

Redjacks Creek Rating District

QUARRIES

Kiwi Quarry blast

On 20 June, after several months of preparation the rock overhang at Kiwi Quarry above State Highway 7 was removed.

Packaged ANFO (Ammonium Nitrate Fuel Oil) was used in addition to explosive boosters to achieve the maximum explosive force required to disintegrate the rock to ensure no large boulders reached the State Highway or Midland Line below.

The blast had been designed in consultation with two geotechnical engineers, and went according to plan.



Detonation



Explosion

Quarry Work Permitted from 20 May 2012

Quarry	Contractor	Tonnage Requested	Permit Start	Permit Finish
Blackball	GH Foster Contracting Ltd	1,500	8 June	29 June
Inchbonnie	Paul Steegh Contracting Ltd	1,800	1 June	1 July
Kiwi	GH Foster Contracting Ltd	600	5 June	19 June

Approximate rock in quarry as at 30 June 2012 (in tonnes)

Quarry	Rock Available	Emergency Stockpile
Blackball	2,000	
Camelback	1,000	2,000
Inchbonnie	3,000	
Kiwi	1,000	-
Whataroa	500	4,000
Okuru	1,500	-

RECOMMENDATION

That the report is received

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting
 Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager
 Subject: Corporate Services Managers Report
 Date: 29 June 2012

1. Financial Report

FOR THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED 31 MAY 2012				
	ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	ACTUAL % ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET
REVENUES				
General Rates	1,816,752	1,815,000	92%	1,980,000
Rates Penalties	66,831	68,750	89%	75,000
Investment Income	221,186	959,063	21%	1,046,250
Regulatory	1,237,488	953,058	120%	1,033,727
Planning Processes	254,402	187,596	124%	204,650
Environmental Monitoring	0	0	0%	0
Emergency Management	84,388	45,833	169%	50,000
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	1,343,928	1,120,677	110%	1,222,557
Regional % Share Controls	598,959	595,833	92%	650,000
VCS Business Unit	3,422,876	2,644,583	119%	2,885,000
	9,046,810	8,390,394	99%	9,147,184
EXPENDITURE				
Governance	325,129	353,414	84%	385,543
Regulatory Activities	1,894,060	1,664,153	105%	1,811,878
Planning Processes	690,440	667,477	95%	728,157
Environmental Monitoring	699,679	702,456	91%	766,316
Emergency Management	160,323	132,827	111%	144,902
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	1,557,563	1,230,881	116%	1,342,779
Regional % Share Controls	825,590	746,646	101%	814,523
VCS Business Unit	2,207,602	2,119,333	95%	2,312,000
Building Maintenance Projects	107,550	0	0%	0
Portfolio Management	58,709	55,000	98%	60,000
	8,526,645	7,672,188	102%	8,366,098
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	520,165	718,206		781,086

BREAKDOWN OF SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	Variance Actual V Budgeted YTD	ACTUAL	BUDGET Year to date	ANNUAL BUDGET
Rating Districts	-353,807	-112,945	240,862	262,758
Quarries	92,859	61,395	-31,464	-34,324
Regional % Share of AHB Programmes	-75,818	-226,631	-150,813	-164,523
Investment Income	-741,586	162,477	904,063	986,250
VCS Business Unit	690,024	1,215,274	525,250	573,000
General Rates Funded Activities	190,297	-579,405	-769,632	-842,075
TOTAL	-198,041	520,165	718,206	781,086

Net Contributors to General Rates Funded Surplus (-Deficit)	<u>Net Variance Actual V YTD</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budet ytd</u>	<u>Annual Plan</u>
Rates	1,752	1,816,752	1,815,000	1,980,000
Rates Penalties	-1,919	66,831	68,750	75,000
Representation	28,285	-325,129	-353,414	-385,543
Regulatory Activities	54,523	-656,572	-711,095	-778,151
Planning Activities	43,843	-436,038	-479,881	-523,507
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection (excl.	157,516	-162,085	-319,601	-348,656
Environmental Monitoring	2,777	-699,679	-702,456	-766,316
Emergency Management	11,059	-75,935	-86,994	-94,902
Building Mtce projects	-107,550	-107,550	0	0
	190,297	-579,405	-769,632	-842,075

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION @ 31 MAY 2012

	@ 31/05/12	@ 30/06/2011
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Cash	-60,352	35,009
Short term Deposit - Westpac		1,502,947
Accounts Receivable - Rates	284,470	286,950
Accounts Receivable - General Debtors	719,914	1,747,428
Prepayments	103,398	227,482
Sundry Receivables	299,141	233,453
Stock - VCS	417,395	143,635
Stock - Rock	465,894	31,886
Stock - Office Supplies	11,232	11,232
Accrued Rates Revenue	0	0
Unbilled Revenue	319,474	113,060
	<u>2,560,566</u>	<u>4,333,082</u>
<u>Non Current Assets</u>		
Investments	11,959,941	11,473,175
Investments-Catastrophe Fund	521,232	0
Fixed Assets	4,443,377	4,168,272
Infrastructural Assets	49,007,111	49,007,111
	<u>65,931,661</u>	<u>64,648,558</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>68,492,227</u></u>	<u><u>68,981,640</u></u>
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Bank Short Term Loan	400,000	0
Accounts Payable	839,519	1,310,545
GST	-36,059	0
Deposits and Bonds	542,594	590,305
Sundry Payables	407,484	480,466
Accrued Annual Leave, Payroll	279,835	294,522
Other Revenue in Advance	200,000	1,070,622
Rates Revenue in Advance	303,450	60,940
	<u>2,936,823</u>	<u>3,807,400</u>
<u>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Future Quarry restoration	60,000	60,000
Greymouth Floodwall	1,997,985	2,048,291
Inchbonnie	66,015	82,877
Punakaiki Loan	171,206	209,856
Office Equipment Leases	24,877	58,060
	<u>2,320,083</u>	<u>2,459,084</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>5,256,906</u></u>	<u><u>6,266,484</u></u>
<u>EQUITY</u>		
Ratepayers Equity	18,577,120 }	18,577,120
Surplus Tsfrd.	520,165 }	
Rating District Equity Mvmts	137,115 }	
Rating Districts Equity	<u>1,403,086</u>	1,540,201
Tb Special Rate Balance	1,037	1,037
Revaluation	32,316,638	32,316,638
Quarry Account	379,160	379,160
Investment Growth Reserve	9,901,000	9,901,000
TOTAL EQUITY	<u><u>63,235,321</u></u>	<u><u>62,715,156</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>68,492,227</u></u>	<u><u>68,981,640</u></u>

2. Investment Portfolio

PORTFOLIO @ 31 May 2012 Summary & Reconciliation		Cash	Bonds	Australasian Equities	International Equities	Property Equities	Alternative Asset Classes	Total
Portfolio Value @ Start	01 July 2011	\$ 2,883,140	\$ 2,186,007	\$ 2,084,788	\$ 3,051,043	\$ 576,726	\$ 659,819	\$ 11,441,524
Contributions)			\$ 749,827		\$ 250,000		\$ 999,827
Withdrawals)	-\$ 1,266,126	-\$ 30,000		-\$ 435,354	\$ 0	\$ 31,852	-\$ 1,699,528
Realised Gains/(Losses)		\$ 132,068	-\$ 722	\$ 132,153	\$ 273,260	\$ 58,500	\$ 40,414	\$ 371,367
Unrealised Gains/(Losses)		\$ 10,898	\$ 83,782	-\$ 31,270	-\$ 552,690	-\$ 37,228	-\$ 181,946	-\$ 688,456
Mgmt Fee					\$ 1,334			\$ 1,334
Income		\$ 73,815	\$ 114,898	\$ 105,359	\$ 42,390	\$ 37,789	\$ 70,137	\$ 444,488
Changes Accrued Interest		\$ 8,809	\$ 19,114					\$ 27,923
Portfolio Value @ End Period	31 May 2012	\$ 1,842,604	\$ 2,383,178	\$ 2,776,551	\$ 2,379,984	\$ 885,787	\$ 620,076	\$ 10,888,181
ytd return for 11 months		3.49%	10.39%	-3.18%	-5.07%	8.51%	-1.50%	1.32%

Asset Allocation %'s @ 31 May 2012	Benchmarks	Tactical asset allocation range	
Cash	17%	25%	10% - 50%
Bonds	22%	20%	10% - 50%
Australasian Equities	26%	20%	0% - 30%
International Equities	22%	20%	0% - 30%
Property Equities	8%	5%	0% - 10%
Alternative Asset Classes	6%	10%	0% - 10%
	100%	100%	

3. Total Investments.

This includes:

Westpac Catastrophe Fund Portfolio	\$521,232
Westpac General Portfolio	\$1,040,109
Ministry Economic Development & DOC Bond Deposits	\$31,651
Forsyth Barr Ltd (as per above table)	\$11,888,181
Total	\$12,481,173

Investment Income includes:

Forsyth Barr Ltd (as per above table)	\$146,656
Westpac	\$74,530
Total	\$221,186

4. General Comment

This financial report covers the eleven months to 31 May 2012.

Highlights:

- Surplus of \$520,000.
- Both the Forsyth Barr Ltd and Westpac portfolio returns eased back during May, reflecting the ongoing unsettling of international equity markets that the Euro-zone economic difficulties are causing. That is the major reason for the decline in the surplus to \$520,000 from the previously reported \$737,000.
- Net positive budget variances amounting to \$198,000 in general rate funded activities.
- As previously reported, Council cash position continues to be tight. I arranged a short term advance from our bankers during May of \$400,000 (and a further \$457,000 during June), to be repaid in July when our income from the large AHB aerial contracts is to hand.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Robert Mallinson
Corporate Services Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: July Council Meeting
Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager
Date: 22 June 2012

Subject: INSURANCE RENEWALS FOR 2012/13

Background

This report is to advise Councillors with regard to the renewal of Council insurances for 2012/13, in accordance with the Risk management Policy.

Renewal of Insurance cover for 2012/13

This is to confirm that all risks have been renewed from 1 July 2012, including:

- Public liability (Riskpool)
- Employers liability
- Statutory liability
- Councillor death cover
- Crime
- Aviation – personal accident
- Motor vehicle
- Materials Damage (building cover) - 15% increase on 2011/12 cost.

Overall the cost of cover for our risks for 2012/13 amounted to \$69,783 + GST.

This compares to an actual cost for 2011/12 of \$66,664 and a budgeted cost of \$73,550 for 2012/13.

Catastrophe Fund

With major challenges and further cost increases facing LAPP Fund members for 2012/13, we are fortunate to have exited from the scheme when we did @ 1 July 2011.

In late June I deposited a further \$50,000 to the \$0.50 million catastrophe fund as budgeted.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Robert Mallinson
Corporate Services Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: July Council Meeting
Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager
Date: 22 June 2012

Subject: SETTING OF RATES FOR 2012/13

Background

Council adopted the Long Term Plan (LTP) for 2012/22 at its Special meeting on 21 June 2012. The LTP included the Rates Funding Impact Statement for 2012/13 on pages 96 – 102.

Setting of Rates for 2012/13

The Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 (LGRA) requires Council to now pass a resolution to formally set rates for 2012/13.

The following resolution will meet the requirements of sections 23 and 24 of the LGRA 2002.

RECOMMENDATION

1. *That Council set rates for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 as per the Rates Funding Impact statement contained in pages 96 – 102 of the 2012/22 LTP.*
2. *That as per the 201/12 LTP, there will be two instalments:*
 - *The first instalment will be due on 1 September, with a 10% penalty if not paid by 20 October 2012 as per sections 57 and 58 of the LGRA 2002.*
 - *The second instalment will be due on 1 March 2013, with a 10% penalty if not paid by 20 April 2013 as per sections 57 and 58 of the LGRA 2002.*

A further penalty will be charged on all accumulated rate arrears as at 1 July 2013.

Robert Mallinson
Corporate Services Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting 10 July 2012
Prepared by: Chris Ingle – Chief Executive
Date: 29 June 2012
Subject: **CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT**

Meetings Attended

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

- Hosted the Mayors and Chair forum on June 11.
- Attended a meeting with the Solid Energy Board and CEO on June 13.
- Attended the Land & Water Plan hearings and deliberations on 18, 19, 21 and 22 June.
- Attended the LGNZ zone 5 and 6 meeting on 20 June and spoke to the meeting on South Island Council's IT shared services initiatives.

New Individual Development Programme for staff

I am trialling a new system for promoting the ongoing performance and development of staff. The new system is called an 'individual development programme'. Elements of it are similar to the current performance review system we have been using for some 8 years now, but the new system has a greater focus on the training needs of staff. It involves managers conducting individual interviews with each staff member during July, and again in February. The new system promotes greater personal accountability. It reminds staff of Council's organisational culture and values, is more streamlined and follows the best practice approaches and philosophies currently used in the private sector.

Resignation of Consents and Compliance Manager

Consents and Compliance Manager Colin Dall finishes with the Council on July 13th. Interviews for his replacement have commenced. In the meantime the Planning and Environmental manager and I will cover the decision-making functions of this position until a new appointment can be made.

Warm West Coast Programme

Corporate Services Manager Robert Mallinson has been working on securing the services of installation suppliers to implement the new Council-EECA funding service for insulation and new clean heating appliances. Two suppliers have signed up to date.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That this report be received.

Chris Ingle
Chief Executive

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

To: Chairperson
West Coast Regional Council

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

- Agenda Item No. 8.
15 – 16
- 8.1 Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 12 June 2012
 - 8.2 Overdue Debtors Report (to be tabled)
 - 8.3 Response to Presentation (if any)
 - 8.4 In Committee Items to be Released to Media

Item No.	General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution.
8.			
8.1	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 12 June 2012		Section 48(1)(a) and in particular Section 9 of 2nd Schedule Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.
8.2	Overdue Debtors Report		
8.3	Response to Presentation (if any)		
8.4	In Committee Items to be Released to Media		

I also move that:

- Chris Ingle
- Robert Mallinson
- Michael Meehan
- Colin Dall

be permitted to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge on the subject. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed.

The Minutes Clerk also be permitted to remain at the meeting.