

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

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

TUESDAY, 10TH JUNE 2014

The programme for the day is:

10.30 a.m:

Resource Management Committee Meeting

Councillor Workshop:

Proposed Changes to Regional Policy Statement

**On completion of
Councillor Workshop:**

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 June 2014**

P. EWEN
CHAIRPERSON

M. MEEHAN
Planning and Environmental Manager
J. ADAMS
Consents and Compliance Manager

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON 13 MAY 2014 AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL,
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.**

PRESENT:

P. Ewen (Chairman), A. Robb, A. Birchfield, P. McDonnell, N. Clementson, T. Archer, J. Douglas, F. Tumahai

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1. APOLOGIES

Moved (Clementson / McDonnell) *that the apology from Cr Challenger be accepted.*

Carried

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3. MINUTES

Moved (Clementson / Robb) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 8 April 2014, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Ewen reported that he is currently working through his re-certification for the "Making Good Decisions" programme for RMA decision makers. Cr Ewen advised that he attended some tender openings for rating district works during the month. He also attended a financial workshop at Grey District Council with Crs Clementson and Robb.

Moved (Ewen / Archer)

Carried

5. REPORTS

5.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

5.1.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised that a small trial of the Oeko Tube device is being run in Reefton this winter. M. Meehan advised that a device has been fitted to two chimneys in Reefton, one that only burns coal and one that burns coal and wood. He stated that a lot more will be learnt about the device this winter and the trial will ascertain how much cleaning of the chimney is required, how much soot builds up there is and what else could be required prior to fitting the

devices to more chimneys. M. Meehan reported that a draft of the Air Plan will be coming to council in August, at a workshop.

M. Meehan reported that the \$200,000 from the Ministry for the Environment Fund is now being spent in the Lake Brunner catchment to assist with the improvement of water quality. Planting at four community sites is being done by farmers, Moana community, ANZ bank staff and over 3000 plants have been planted. Council staff are working with farmers in this area to ensure that the funding for fencing and planting that they applied for is spent this year.

M. Meehan reported that staff have almost completed the Section 32 report on the Coast Plan review. He advised that a workshop with councillors will be held in August to work through the proposed changes in this plan. M. Meehan answered various questions from councillors regarding the Reefton Airshed. Discussion took place on the importance of ensuring chimneys have been swept prior to installation of the OekoTube and the difference between burning wood versus coal. M. Meehan stated that the OekoTube is a very basic device and it is just a matter of making sure maintenance is done prior to installation.

Moved (Clementson / Archer) *that Council receives this report.*

Carried

5.1.2 LAND AND WATER PLAN

M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised that the one remaining appeal on the Land and Water Plan from Mr Elwell-Sutton, has now been withdrawn by Mr Elwell-Sutton. M. Meehan advised that a difference of opinion between DoC and council staff relating to riparian margins has now been resolved. Mr Elwell-Sutton was asked by the Court to start producing a case to back up his appeal, he sought legal advice and following on from this, Mr Elwell-Sutton asked to withdraw his appeal. M. Meehan advised that the plan can now be made operative and the three plans (Land and Riverbed Plan, Water Management and Discharge Plan, and the Discharge to Land Plan) are no longer required. Cr Birchfield stated that he feels this Plan is related to wetlands. He stated that the wetlands court decision was not council's decision, but the result of DoC identifying the wetland areas and the court imposing the wetlands on our plan. Cr Birchfield stated he is voting against this recommendation due to the wetlands matter.

C. Ingle explained the process once the Land and Water Plan becomes operative. He stated that having one plan means that it is now a one stop shop for resource management and this makes things simpler for applicants. C. Ingle stated that it is great to see that we have finally got to this stage with our resource management documents. Cr Birchfield stated that wetland owners will not be happy with this. C. Ingle advised that the new plan change will allow for those areas mapped as wetlands that are not wet being removed from the plan.

Moved (Archer / Robb)

1. *That Council receives this Report; and*
2. *That Council publicly notify the operative status of the Land and Water Plan as per Clause 20 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991; and*
3. *That Council withdraws the Land and Riverbed Management Plan, the Water Management Plan and the Discharge to Land Plan under Clause 8D of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.*

Against
Cr Birchfield
Carried

5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

J. Adams spoke to this report and advised that two site visits were carried out and 22 non-notified resource consents were received during the reporting period. He stated that there were six changes to consent conditions and one limited notified consent was received during the reporting period. J. Adams reported that the limited notified consent is in relation to disturbance in the bed of Docherty Creek which relates to work being done at Strongman Mine to extend the mine.

Cr Archer asked J. Adams if the three consents for Avery Brothers Ltd are for the same water body. J. Adams advised that these consents are for gravel extraction in the same area. He stated that this river has large areas of dry riverbed.

Cr Ewen asked J. Adams what is the nature of the increase in storage facility for Fossickers Tailings Storage Facility. J. Adams advised that this consent is for the tailings to be increased in height to 42 metres. J. Adams stated that this increase will enable mining to carry on for another year.

Moved (Birchfield / Archer)

That the May 2014 report of the Consents Group be received.

Carried

5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

J. Adams spoke to this report and advised that although it looks as though there were a high number of non-compliances this is due to technical non-compliances in the Lake Brunner catchment. He stated that farms in the Lake Brunner area are in the process of getting work done to gain compliance now that the new rules are in place. J. Adams advised that most of the work will be done over the dairy off season. He advised that farmers are being given time to get this work done as there is a significant amount of cost involved in meeting the new rules. J. Adams reported that 13 gold mines were inspected with one being found non-compliant. Six coal mines were inspected and they were all compliant. J. Adams advised that staff have been unable to find out who diverted the Greenstone River at Kumara. He stated that there is currently a lot of machinery in this area at the moment and after speaking to a miner in the area, he put the river back at no cost to Council.

J. Adams reported that two infringement notices were issued during the reporting period. J. Adams advised that council has only received one bond during the reporting period and not three as stated in his report. Cr Ewen drew attention to bond number RC12240 and stated that this is a transfer of bond. Cr Robb asked J. Adams if he is happy with the progress being made in the Lake Brunner catchment with farmers getting their consents in to accommodate the new Land and Water Plan rules. J. Adams responded that last week he met with farmers, Federated Farmers, Dairy NZ, Westland Milk Products and council staff and a lot of issues have now been clarified with everyone now working together and moving forward. J. Adams advised that a number of farms in this catchment are already consented and have done the work required with other farmers being given extra time to do what is required. J. Adams stated that the farming community are keen to work to improve the water quality in their catchment and they acknowledge why the new rules have been brought into place.

Moved (Archer / Birchfield)

1. *That the May 2014 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
2. *That Council release the bonds held for Resource Consent RC12240 (Leslie Smith) and for Resource Consent RC10112 (Maruia Mining).*

Carried

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.02 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting – 10 June 2014
Prepared by: Alyce Melrose – Regional Planner
Date: 30 May 2014
Subject: **Lake Brunner Fresh Start to Freshwater Clean-up fund update**

Background

Council was successful in obtaining \$200,000 from the Ministry for the Environment Fresh Start to Freshwater Clean-up Fund. The funding is targeted at projects that will result in direct benefits to freshwater and help achieve the objectives in the National Policy Statement for Freshwater.

\$20,000 of the funding is allocated to the Lake Brunner community group, who has chosen four sites in the catchment to undertake planting work.

The remaining \$180,000 is allocated to landowners in the catchment who have completed voluntary farm plans. They are able to apply for funding towards fencing and riparian planting on their property where it exceeds the requirements of the Land and Water Plan and has a direct benefit to freshwater.

Council has been busy working with the community group and the landowners within the catchment to ensure that the funding is used for that purpose.

Project Update

The community has planted over 3,000 native plants at the four selected sites (photos below). Further planting will occur to replace any dead plants over the coming months.

Farm Plan works are well underway with all projects being approved and now in the implementation phase. This is progressing well with regular inspections and liaison with the landowners keeping these on track to be completed by December 2014.



Iveagh Bay



Lake Poerua



Homestead Creek



Ryder Road, Mitchells

RECOMMENDATION

That the report is received

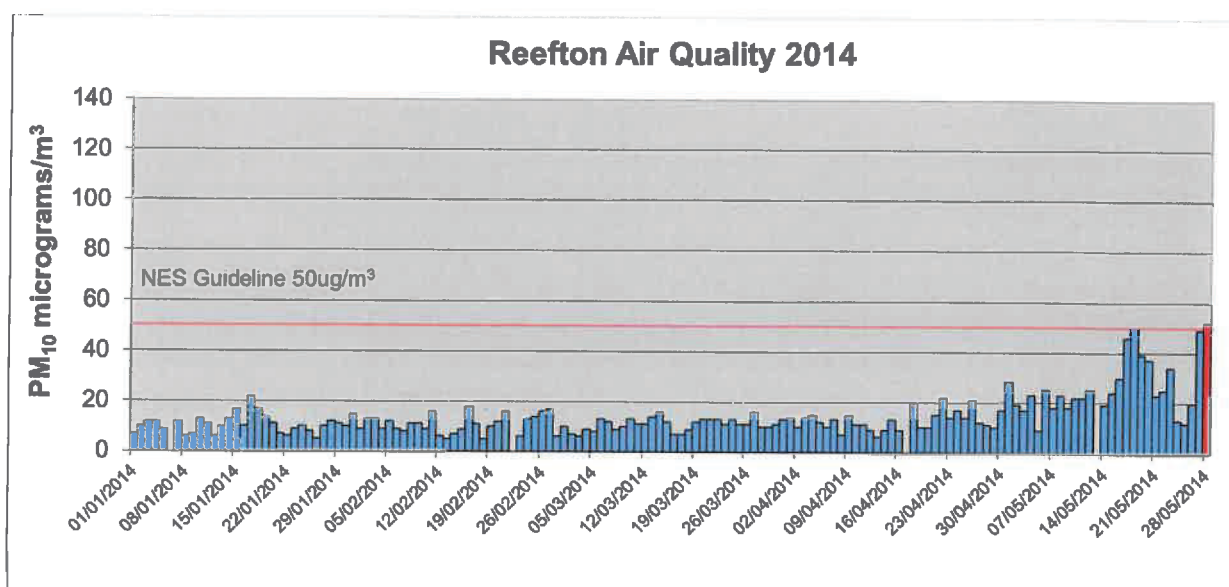
Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting 10 June 2014
 Prepared by: Emma Chaney, Senior Resource Science Technician
 Date: 29 May 2014
 Subject: **REEFTON AIR QUALITY SUMMARY**

There has been one exceedance of the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Air Quality) Regulations 2004 for PM₁₀ in Reefton so far this year. This occurred on 28 May 2014 (see Figure 1) and measured 52 micrograms/m³ PM₁₀.

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



Air Plan Review

Staff are well advanced in the review of the Discharge to Air Plan, incorporating the Reefton Airshed Committee's recommendations. Staff will take the reviewed plan to a workshop with Councillors in September.

Oeko Tube Trial

Council commenced a trial to examine maintenance requirements for the oeko tube devices. Council has installed two oeko tubes in Reefton, one on a property where coal only is used and one where a mixture of coal and wood is burnt.

During the winter period these devices will be monitored fortnightly, to assess the build-up of soot on the inside of the chimney.



Oeko Tube device installed in Reefton

RECOMMENDATION

That the report is received

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting 10 June 2014
 Prepared by: Stefan Beaumont, Hydrologist
 Date: 28 May 2014
Subject: FLOOD WARNING UPDATE

Due to aggradation the Waiho River is now alarming more frequently (during small to medium rainfall events), with six alarms in the past month.

The majority of alarms were caused by a series of fronts between 23 and 26 April 2014. These events eventually led to flood alarms throughout the region with relatively high levels particularly on the Karamea and Grey Rivers.

Site	Time of peak	Peak level	Warning Issued	Alarm threshold
Waiho River @ SH6	16/4/2014 03:00	8782mm	15/4/2014 01:15	8000mm
Waiho River @ SH6	19/4/2014 22:30	8236mm	19/4/2014 14:30	8000mm
Waiho River @ SH6	25/4/2014 08:30	8350mm	25/4/2014 10:00	8000mm
Waiho River @ SH6	6/5/2014 00:30	8502mm	5/5/2014 09:30	8000mm
Waiho River @ SH6	21/5/2014 08:30	8353mm	21/5/2014 07:30	8000mm
Waiho River @ SH6	23/5/2014 15:45	8657mm	23/5/2014 08:00	8000mm
Hokitika River @ Gorge	23/5/2014 13:45	4325mm	23/5/2014 12:00	3570mm
Karamea River @ Gorge	23/5/2014 21:10	5073mm	23/5/2014 20:30	4000mm
Grey River @ Dobson	24/5/2014 02:35	4855mm	23/5/2014 20:15	3400mm
Karamea River @ Gorge	26/5/2014 01:55	4133mm	26/5/2014 01:00	4000mm
Grey River @ Dobson	26/5/2014 05:50	3835mm	26/5/2014 05:50	3400mm

On 23 June the Karamea River alarm should have notified WCRC flood duty staff via pager between 19:15-19:30, however the page was not received until 20:30.

Council staff are investigating the cause of the delayed page for the Karamea River. Currently staff are undertaking a review of the system and looking at how we can improve the system; this involves looking at the technical aspects of the system, training and capacity within the team.

Council will be advised of the outcome of this review.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report is received

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee – 13 May 2014
 Prepared by: Nichola Costley – Regional Planner
 Date: 13 May 2014

Subject: **Financial Assistance Rate review**

Purpose

To provide Council with an update on the Financial Assistance Rate (FAR) review.

Background

The NZ Transport Agency have been reviewing the current financial assistance rates for all transport activities for local authorities. This will affect all of the transport activities undertaken by the Regional Council (Total Mobility, Community Road Safety, Transport Planning). It is anticipated that any changes to FAR will have a significant impact on the District Councils.

A submission was made in March 2014 to the NZ Transport Agency on behalf of the Regional Transport Committee and the Regional Council supporting those made by the West Coast District Councils.

Feedback from the NZ Transport Agency

The NZ Transport Agency Board has now made some initial decisions for the FAR review. The Board has confirmed that the overall co-investment rate will be 53% and that the Council will receive one rate for all transport activities. Some Council's will receive a higher rate than this and the Board will be undertaking further sensitivity testing of options once the 2013 New Zealand Index of Deprivation is available as well as other data. Following the completion of the transitional arrangements, the normal FAR received by most Councils will be 52%.

At this stage it is unclear what this Council's final FAR will be. However to assist with planning for the next transport funding cycle, the Board has indicated that the start rate for transition (new FAR) will be 68%. The Board will be allowing a 9 year period for the transition to the new FAR, once determined, which may require a rise in rates to meet costs over this time.

The current FAR for Total Mobility services will apply for the 2015-18 National Land Transport Fund period, but this a transitional measure only, and the Board will be reviewing this policy.

Currently the FARs received for the Regional Council are:

- Transport Planning 68.78%
- Total Mobility 50%
- Community Road Safety 68.78%
- Public Transport Services/Administration 50%

There had been some concern raised by the District Councils as to the funding of Special Purpose Roads (Karamea Highway and Jacksons Bay Highway). These are currently funded at 100%. While there has been no outcome stated in the correspondence received from the NZ Transport Agency, it appears that further work will be done in this area at the same time that final FARs are determined.

Final funding rates should be confirmed by the last quarter of 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives this report.

Chris Ingle
 Chief Executive Officer

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
 Prepared by: Jackie Adams - Consents & Compliance Manager
 Date: 28 May 2014
 Subject: **CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**

Consents Site Visits 1 – 28 May 2014

Date	Name, Activity, Location	Purpose
20/05/14	RC13009 - 4 Y Mining Limited, Alluvial Gold Mining, Cronadun	To undertake a site visit with Terry Young associated with a proposed gold mining operation at Larry Creek.
23/05/14	RC-2014-0100 - The Christian Church Community Trust & Value Proteins Ltd, Discharge to water, Haupiri	Visited site with applicant and Andrew Oliver (Compliance Officer) to review site of new wastewater processing plant for protein plant.

Non-Notified Resource Consents Granted 1 – 28 May 2014

Consent No. and Holder	Purpose of Consent
RC12242 Rogers Glenmore Trust	To discharge effluent from a dairy shed to land where it may enter ground water and an unnamed tributary of the Buller River, near DS611. To discharge effluent from a stand off pad to land where it may enter ground water and an unnamed tributary of the Buller River, near DS611.
RC13110 Pacific Mineral Resources Ltd	To undertake earthworks including vegetation disturbance associated with access track construction and drilling in a Schedule 1 wetland (PUNP001), Mahers Swamp, Barrytown.
RC13137 Pacific Mineral Resources Ltd	To undertake earthworks including vegetation disturbance associated with access track construction and drilling in a Schedule 2 wetland (PUNP001), Mahers Swamp, Barrytown.
RC13188 Te Kinga Farms Ltd	To discharge (irrigate liquid) dairy effluent to land near DS372, Rotomanu. To discharge (separated solids) dairy effluent to land near DS372, Rotomanu.
RC-2014-0018 Robert William West	To disturb and occupy the Coastal Marine Area within Mining Permit 51448 for the purpose of mining auriferous black sands (gold mining), at Chesterfield. To take sand within Mining Permit 51448 for the purposes of gold mining, at Chesterfield. To deposit sand/tailings to the Coastal Marine Area within Mining Permit 51448 associated with gold mining activities, at Chesterfield. To stockpile sand adjacent to the Coastal Marine Area within Mining Permit 51448 associated with gold mining, at Chesterfield.
RC-2014-0022 McKay Mining Ltd	To take and use water associated with gold mining on Mining Permit 51448, at Chesterfield. To disturb the bed of Redman Creek associated with the installation of a water intake structure. To take and use water from Redman Creek associated with a pumping test.

Consent No. and Holder	Purpose of Consent
RC-2014-0024 Cashmere Bay Dairy Ltd	To discharge (irrigate liquid) dairy effluent to land near DS373, Cashmere Bay. To discharge (separated solids) dairy effluent to land near DS373, Cashmere Bay.
RC-2014-0028 Greenpark Farms (No. 2) Ltd	To discharge (irrigate liquid) dairy effluent to land near DS350, Rotomanu. To discharge (solids) dairy effluent to land near DS350, Rotomanu.
RC-2014-0053 Johnson Bros. Transport (2006) Ltd	To discharge treated agricultural effluent from livestock trucks to land, surface water (an unnamed tributary of the Orowaiti River) and groundwater, near Sergeants Hill.
RC-2014-0064 Sicon Ferguson Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Taramakau River downstream of the State Highway 6 Bridge for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC-2014-0071 Greenpark Farms (No. 1) Ltd	To discharge (irrigate liquid) dairy effluent to land near DS368, Rotomanu. To discharge (solids) dairy effluent to land near DS368, Rotomanu.
RC-2014-0082 Weststone 2012 Ltd	To take groundwater from the bed of the Grey River for the purposes of the operation of a gravel stockpiling and screening/crushing plant at Cobden Bridge, Grey River. To discharge water containing contaminants (sediment) to land where it may enter water via seepage, associated with the operation of a gravel stockpiling and screening/crushing plant at Cobden Bridge, Grey River.
RC-2014-0083 Buller District Council	To undertake earthworks within 50 metres of the Coastal Marine Area, Hector.
RC-2014-0084 John Dimmick Contracting Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Kokatahi River for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC-2014-0088 Kowhai Farms Ltd	To discharge dairy effluent from a stand off pad, within 50m of coastal water, to land where it may enter coastal water and ground water near DS878, Karamea.
RC-2014-0091 New Zealand Transport Agency	To disturb the bed of the Haast River to undertake river protection works (rock spurs). To divert water from rock protection work, the Haast River.
RC-2014-0094 PW & DJ Sutherland	To discharge sewage waste water to land where it may enter water at Lot 6 DP 3951 BLK V Kaniere SD, 46 Seddons Terrace Road, Rimu.
RC-2014-0096 TJ & AK Bailey	To discharge treated sewage effluent to land where it may enter water at Lot 3 DP 365709, Lake Brunner Road, Moana.
RC-2014-0098 Department of Conservation	To discharge contaminated material (arsenic) to land in a lined pit where it may enter water, Waiuta.
RC-2014-0099 Neil Joseph Mouat	To disturb the wet bed of the Punakaiki River upstream of the State Highway 6 Bridge for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC-2014-0104 Westland Contractors Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Poerua River, Hari Hari for the purpose of gravel extraction.

Consent No. Holder, Location	Purpose of Change
RC03175-V7 Solid Energy New Zealand Ltd Cypress Mine, Stockton Plateau	To change conditions in relation to the water management system and monitoring parameters, and minor correction to correct references that are no longer correct.
RC08145[V1] Boatmans Energy Ltd Cronadun	To change conditions in relation to the maximum permissible area of unrehabilitated disturbed land associated with the overburden disposal area for opencast coal mining.
RC10193-V2 Buller Coal Ltd Escarpment Mine, Denniston Plateau	To change conditions relating to the compensation packages.
RC10214-V5 Solid Energy New Zealand Ltd Reddale Mine, Reefton	To amend conditions in relation to water quality monitoring compliance limits.
RC11102-V1 Ahaura Farms Ltd Ahaura	To increase the groundwater take from 3888 cubic metres per day to 12528 cubic metres per day, and from a rate of 45 litres per second to 145l/s, associated with irrigation.
RC11121-V1 Darrin Hampton Goats Terrace, Blackball	To increase the maximum disturbed unrehabilitated area from 1 hectare to 2 hectares, and an increase in the bond from \$8000 to \$12000, associated with gold mining.
RC11193-V1 Department of Conservation Lake Matheson	To remove the requirement to erect a fence around the sewage disposal field.

No Notified and Limited Notified Resource Consents were granted between 1 and 28 May 2014.

Public Enquiries

33 written public enquiries were responded to during the reporting period. 28 were answered on the same day, 4 the following day, and the remaining 1 no more than 10 working days later. 1 LGOIMA request was responded to and denied, all within the required timeframe.

RECOMMENDATION

That the June 2014 report of the Consents Group be received.

Jackie Adams

Consents & Compliance Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
 Prepared by: Jackie Adams – Consents & Compliance Manager
 Date: 29 May 2014
 Subject: **COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

Site Visits

A total of 68 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period, which consisted of:

Activity	Number of Visits
Resource consent monitoring	11
Dairy farm inspections	24
Mining compliance & bond release	26
Complaint Related	7

Out of the 68 site visits for the reporting period, 40 were compliant and 28 were non-compliant.

Dairy farms:

- 24 farms have been inspected this month. 7 have been graded as compliant.
- Some of the non-compliant ratings relate to technical non-compliance as dairy farms within the Brunner catchment require resource consent with the rule changes for the catchment. Also some farms that were required to do remedial work were re-inspected and did not achieve a compliant result.
- Council has completed the 2013/14 season round of dairy farm inspections. 270 farms were visited this season out of the 391 on the Coast (69%).

Alluvial Gold Mining:

- 16 alluvial gold mines were visited this reporting period. 12 sites were compliant, 4 were non-compliant.

Coal Mining:

- 10 coal mining consents have been inspected over the reporting period. 1 was non-compliant.

Complaints/Incidents between 1 May 2014 and 17 May 2014

The following 7 complaints/incidents were received during the reporting period:

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome
Effluent Discharge	Complaint regarding dairy animal effluent discharged from a stock truck.	Aratika	It was found that the driver of a stock truck had emptied the effluent holding tanks into a road side drain. Enforcement action was undertaken.
Coal Mining	Complaint regarding a river running discoloured from sediment.	10 Mile	Enquiries established that during the formation of a road on a mine site sediment had gone into a tributary of the Ten Mile Creek. Enquiries are continuing.
Storm water Discharge	Complaint that storm water from a neighbouring property is	Karamea	Enquiries are ongoing.

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome
	causing flooding.		
Effluent Discharge	Complaint regarding dairy animal effluent discharged from a stock truck.	Gladstone	It was found that the driver of a stock truck had emptied the effluent holding tanks onto the side of the road. Enforcement action was undertaken.
Works in the bed of a creek	Complaint that work had been undertaken in the bed of a small creek.	Karoro	Enquiries established that the work undertaken was to restore the eroded bank and create a retaining wall. No further action taken.
Works within a riparian margin	Complaint regarding a digger doing earthworks within the riparian margin of a creek	Westport	Enquiries established that the operator was clearing damage from the recent windstorm. No further action was taken.
Coal Mining	Complaint regarding the discharge of coal contaminated water to a creek.	Reefton	The site was visited and the complaint was unsubstantiated.

Formal Enforcement Action

Two infringement notices were issued during the reporting period:

Activity	Location
Discharge of dairy animal effluent from a stock truck.	Aratika
Discharge of dairy animal effluent from a stock truck.	Gladstone

One abatement notice was issued:

Activity	Location
Waste Water discharge: issued for the discharge of waste water in breach of resource consent conditions.	Franz Josef

Mining Work Programmes and Bonds

The Council received the following five work programmes during the last reporting period. Three programmes were approved in the 20 day timeframe. The remaining work programmes have only been recently received, are awaiting bonds to be lodged or require site visits prior to approval.

Date	Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location
28/04/14	RC05078	Dempster Ltd	Waimea
30/04/14	RC09035	Francis Mining Co Ltd	Reefton
20/5/14	RC05078	Dempster Ltd	Waimea
21/5/14	RC11057	Hanily Holdings Ltd	Blue Spur
27/5/14	RC09088	Phillip Hampton	Atarau

The Council **received** two bonds during the reporting period

Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location	Amount
RC10055	Rockies Mining Ltd	Granity	\$17,203
RC13092	Blues Mining Ltd	Notown	\$15,000

The following bond is recommended for **release**

Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location	Amount
RC93040	Teronick Mining Ltd	Nelson Creek	\$5,000

RECOMMENDATION

1. *That the May 2014 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
2. *That Council release the bond held for Resource Consent RC93040 (Teronick Mining Ltd).*

Jackie Adams
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 June 2014** commencing on completion of the Resource Management Committee Meeting.

A.J. ROBB
CHAIRPERSON

C. INGLE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 13 MAY 2014,
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH,
COMMENCING AT 11.03 A.M.**

PRESENT:

A. Robb (Chairman), A. Birchfield, P. Ewen, P. McDonnell, N. Clementson, T. Archer.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1. APOLOGIES:

Moved (Archer / McDonnell) *that the apology from Cr Challenger be accepted.*

Carried

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (Clementson / Birchfield) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 8 April 2014, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

REPORTS:

4.1 ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised that tendered works were carried out in Whataroa, Karamea, Nelson Creek and Vine Creek rating districts. M. Meehan reported that he, Cr McDonnell and Council's river engineer met with the Franz Josef rating district committee to discuss a proposed stopbank and the Southside stopbank. He advised that a consultant has been engaged to do modelling work for the investigation into flood protection work for Westport. M. Meehan advised that the consultant is using information from different reports that have been compiled over the years. M. Meehan advised that the modelling work should be completed by early June and estimated costs will then be worked out prior to taking the model to Buller District Council and the community.

Cr McDonnell asked if the costs of the preliminary work being done for Westport becomes ratable or is this a cost to council. M. Meehan responded that some reports were funded through Envirolink, as was done for the Hokitika seawall, but the cross sectional work is paid for with the general rate and this is budgeted for. He stated that if a rating district does come about through this sort of process, the initial costs are not carried through. Cr Archer stated that initially Buller District Council had engaged NIWA to do some investigations. Cr Ewen suggested that a council meeting could be held in Westport as this could be beneficial to both parties should a rating district evolve in the future.

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

Carried

4.2 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to his report advising that this is the nine month financial report up to the end of March. He advised that the surplus is \$686,000; this amount includes the payout from the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management which was received at the end of last year and was related to the 2010 floods. R. Mallinson reported that the surplus has been dragged down by the development at Camelback Quarry. He advised that in excess of \$400,000 has been capitalised with the Camelback development expenditure which will be amortised as that resource of 49,000 tonne of rock is exhausted in future years. R. Mallinson advised the Hokitika seawall costs of \$1.8M have been capitalised now that project has been completed. R. Mallinson reported that the investment portfolio did not produce any significant returns during March but it has now bounced ahead in excess of \$100,000 during April. R. Mallinson stated that submissions on the Draft Annual Plan close on Friday 16 March. Cr Ewen asked how long the 49,000 tonne of rock in Camelback quarry is likely to last for. M. Meehan advised that 40,000 tonnes was used for the Hokitika Seawall and the Arahura Bridge project also used a significant amount of rock. M. Meehan stated that is difficult to estimate but he hopes between 5 – 10 years. R. Mallinson agreed with this and stated that Council needs to recover the costs of the 49,000 tonnes of rock which was measured and verified by Council's Quarry Consultant. M. Meehan stated that at the moment council's rock prices are quite low at \$10 per tonne in most quarries, the Quarry Consultant has advised that Council's price is very, very low and development costs should be factored in to recover costs. M. Meehan advised the Quarry Consultant has been asked for his advice as to how much the price of rock should be increased by. C. Ingle suggested it may be timely to consider raising the price of rock. He stated that council has been in the black for 3 – 4 years and this is a year when Council is going into the red and this is the time when consideration should be made regarding rock pricing. M. Meehan it may be that rock prices stay the same in some quarries but increase in other quarries. Further discussion ensued and it was agreed that a report would be brought to the next council meeting on this matter.

Moved (Archer / Birchfield)

1. *That management prepares a quarry report on the development costs against the recovery costs for all council quarries for the next council meeting.*
2. *That this report be received.*

Carried

4.2 NINE MONTH REVIEW – 1 JULY 2013 – 31 MARCH 2014

C. Ingle spoke to this report and advised that this report is usually an eight month review but the extra month now means this report is for nine months which is three quarters of the financial year. C. Ingle advised that the information in this report reflects what was in the current year's Annual Plan and reports on the achievement of targets. He advised most of the annual plan targets were either achieved or in progress and are likely to be achieved by the July deadline. C. Ingle advised that the targets for water quality in Lake Brunner that were not achieved are to be expected as the work in this area has only just started. He stated that more work is still to be done at Marrs Beach and Hokitika Beach to identify contaminant sites. C. Ingle stated that he is pleased that most work is on track. Discussion took place on the consenting process. J. Adams advised that a report has recently been completed by MfE revealed that this council come third out of all regional councils for the number of consents that are being processed. J. Adams advised he is currently short of one full time consents officer at the moment but a close eye is being kept on this. Cr Archer stated that staff should be acknowledged for the good effort that has been made in meeting these performance targets. Cr Robb agreed with this.

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

Carried

5.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT

Cr Robb spoke to his report and noted the various meetings he attended including the meeting with Development West Coast and the Mayors and Chairs forum who discussed regional economic development. He stated that it is pleasing to see all councils working together on this matter. Cr Robb stated that the meeting was also attended by DoC. He advised that DoC are requesting to be kept up to date on what is happening locally with and are now adopting a slightly more commercial approach in some cases. Cr Robb stated that the recent financial governance workshop he attended with Cr Clementson and Cr Ewen was valuable and worthwhile.

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

Carried

6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

C. Ingle reported that he also attended the meeting with Development West Coast, and the Mayors and Chairs forum. C. Ingle that Civil Defence was activated during the Easter storm event with four regional group conference calls being held during this event. C. Ingle advised that he has just returned from a debrief with other councils and civil defence staff and is now awaiting a report on what improvements could be made for future events. C. Ingle stated that the debrief was very well attended. He advised that civil defence staffing is to be increased and this has been noted in the debriefs as councils are now putting more resources into civil defence. C. Ingle stated that this was a Coast wide event with the region receiving quite a battering.

C. Ingle reported that council has now gained tertiary accreditation for the ACC Workplace Safety Management Practices Programme. C. Ingle stated that Council receives a discount in the ACC levies it has to pay now that we are tertiary qualified. He advised that management has recently undergone health and safety training, and staff are proud of achieving the tertiary level status. He thanked Trish Jellyman for her efforts in coordinating this work.

C. Ingle reported that he attended the Regional Sector Group meeting on Friday 2nd of May. He stated that one of the main topics was a national hazards positions paper that the CEO of Taranaki Regional Council is leading. C. Ingle advised that this is great way to get conversations started around making changes to legislation that will lead on to changes that will work better for the future.

C. Ingle advised that he attended the Chief Executive's Environmental Forum in Wellington last week. He stated that the relationships with the government senior officials are very good at the moment with a very open and collaborative way of doing business.

C. Ingle advised that there are four draft chapters of the Regional Policy Statement being brought to the workshop following today's council meeting. He stated that there is possibly another five chapters to come to next month's workshop. C. Ingle advised that he and the Chairman may take a PowerPoint presentation to each of the district council meetings to start getting the district councils engaged with the Regional Policy Statement work.

C. Ingle advised that three submissions to the Annual Plan have been received to date. Submissions close on Friday.

C. Ingle advised that the Council website has been updated and he encouraged Councillors to view this. Discussion took place on the role of Councillors during a civil defence emergency. C. Ingle gave an overview of how civil defence protocols work during an emergency.

He advised that the new IRIS software for consents has recently been installed. C. Ingle stated that the new IRIS software is cutting edge and some of the biggest regional councils in the country are also running this software.

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

Carried

6.1 DRAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

C. Ingle spoke to this report. He advised that this Plan has been passed by Buller District Council already and is being driven by the Mayors and Chairs Forum. C. Ingle stated that it was noted at the Economic Development Summit that the West Coast wants a brief, action oriented plan that gives guidance as to what is wanted for the future. C. Ingle stated that there has been a lot of talk about the "red carpet not red tape" philosophy, trying to be more welcoming of developers, even though they still have to go through the RMA

and Building Act process and they still need to manage their environmental externalities. C. Ingle stated that this is going to be a live document and the list of actions will be refreshed regularly, and as actions are achieved they will be crossed off and another target will be added. Discussion ensued on whether or not item 5 on page 2 should be amended to clarify that funding is subject to Annual Plan processes, but it was agreed that no further addition to the recommendation is required. Cr Archer stated that he is very happy with this document.

Moved (Birchfield / Clementson)

That the Council adopt the attached Draft Economic Development Plan, on the understanding that the West Coast Mayors and Chairs Forum will arrange for it to be circulated to key industry leaders in the West Coast community in order that their feedback can be obtained and where necessary incorporated into the document.

Carried

7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Clementson stated that he would like council to recognise and congratulate Paulette Birchfield on her appointment to the Tai Poutini Conservation Board.

Moved (Clementson / Archer) *that Paulette Birchfield be congratulated on her appointment to the Tai Poutini Conservation Board.*

Carried

The Chairman stated that Maureen Pugh and Garry Howard have both sent letters to council suggesting that the native trees that were blown over in the severe wind storm, the tail of cyclone Ita, on April the 17th are recovered and milled. It is felt that this is an opportunity for our region to have some benefit from a natural occurrence that will have no detrimental effect to the environment. The Chairman stated that both letters request that the trees are processed on the West Coast.

Moved (Robb / Archer)

That council supports the recovery and milling of the native trees that were downed in the Easter storm and that the trees are processed on the West Coast.

Carried

The meeting closed at 11.58 p.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
27 MAY 2014, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL,
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.**

PRESENT:

A. Robb (Chairman), T. Archer, A. Birchfield, P. Ewen, S. Challenger, N. Clementson, P. McDonnell

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1. APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

2. ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSIONS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He stated that this meeting is a hearing to listen to submitters. Council takes note of what submitters have to say and may also ask questions of clarification. The Chairman explained that this meeting was to hear submissions on the Council's Annual Plan 2014 / 15. The Chairman explained that at the conclusion of today's meeting a workshop will be held to discuss submissions. Decisions will be made at the next Council meeting on 10 June.

Submissions on the Annual Plan 2014 /15

Ten submissions were received, four submitters spoke to their submissions.

Tb Free West Coast

Katie Milne spoke to this submission. She was accompanied by Danny Templeman and Dr Mark Neill from OsPRI New Zealand. K. Milne thanked Council for its continued support towards the eradication of bovine tuberculosis and to the national Tb control programme. K. Milne stated that Tb Free West Coast covered farms from Karamea to Haast. K. Milne stated that it is crucial to West Coast farming that Tb is gotten fully under control. She stated that currently there are about 40 Tb infected herds on the West Coast which puts it at well over 50% of all infected herds in New Zealand. K. Milne stated that having infected herds makes it very difficult to sell stock or to trade or graze stock in other areas could be threatened if Tb isn't brought under control. K. Milne stated that the eradication programme is underway on the West Coast; she advised that a couple of years ago it was looking as though this would not happen. K. Milne stated that this is another reason why it is very important that the regional funding share continues to be supported.

Cr Archer asked K. Milne if the target date for Tb eradication by 2026 is a realistic target. M. Neill responded that this target is not complete eradication by 2026 but on the West Coast there is a plan to have 200,000 hectares to be eradicated by this time. OsPRI still believe this is achievable within the timeframe.

Cr Birchfield asked if pigs are a problem vector. M. Neill stated that pigs are considered to be a dead end host as they become infected with bovine Tb though scavenging. He advised that if pigs are hunted and their carcasses are opened up and left lying around for possums to scavenge then possums can be infected this way.

Cr Robb thanked K. Milne for her submission.

Ospri New Zealand (Danny Templeman)

Danny Templeman presented this submission to the Council, on behalf of Ospri NZ. He thanked council for the contribution its gives to the Tb Free programme. D. Templeman stated that last time he spoke to Council Ospri NZ was in its infancy he advised Ospri is now fully operational. D. Templeman advised that Ospri has two core programmes at the moment with Tb Free NZ looking after the Tb programme and the NAIT programme looking after national animal ID and tracing. He stated that the funding for both of these programmes is very separate. D. Templeman stated that the funding review is now underway with the stakeholder steering group going through the funding and reverting back to the first principles of beneficiaries and exacerbators of the Tb programme and working out whether the current funding model is the correct one. The stakeholder steering group will report back to the Minister by August this year. This process is in line with Council Long Term Plans going forward for next year. D. Templeman stated that Ospri NZ and Tb Free NZ appreciates the continued funding and support it gets from this council. D. Templeman offered to answer questions from Councillors. Cr Archer asked what is the trend for those regions that have 100% eradication and the continuation of these councils for funding. D. Templeman advised that Southland is one of the few that has almost total eradication planned within the next 15 years but they still have some work required. Cr McDonnell asked D. Templeman if this council's funding contribution is sufficient in view of the pending funding review. D. Templeman confirmed the contribution is sufficient at the moment. Cr Robb asked how often the funding review is done. D. Templeman responded that this is done every five years for a five year period. He explained the funding review process to the meeting.

Cr Robb thanked D. Templeman for his submission.

Federated Farmers (Katie Milne)

K. Milne presented this submission to the Council, on behalf of Federated Farmers of New Zealand. K. Milne stated that the submission is in general support but Federated Farmers would like to see changes to the Civil Defence Emergency Management rate withdrawn and replaced with a fixed charge targeted rate for Civil Defence Emergency Management. K. Milne stated that in a civil defence emergency most farmers look after themselves and have to deal with their own issues on their own properties. She stated that most resources would be needed around towns and it is felt that farmers would be paying a higher share than is reasonable. K. Milne offered to answer questions from councillors. Cr Archer asked K. Milne if she has done a cost analysis on this. She stated that she did not have this information. Cr Ewen stated that he finds it hard to reconcile the submission with farmers wanting a user pays approach to council services with regard to the civil defence targeted rate, yet the general ratepayer is contributing to the Tb programme that farmers benefit from.

Cr Robb thanked K. Milne for her submission.

Enviroschools Foundation

Zoe Watson spoke to this submission and advised that she is the Regional Coordinator and Facilitator for the Enviroschools programme. Z. Watson provided councillors with an update on what Enviroschools is about and stated that this is a framework that early childhood, primary and secondary schools can sign up to that supports children and young people to take real action for changing their school, community and environment. It is about encouraging active citizenship by empowering youth with a sense of ownership who are engaged in their futures. Z. Watson gave an overview of the programme and answered various questions from councillors. She advised that currently Granity, Reefton Area School, Runanga, Kids First Karoro, Kaniere, Whataroa and Haast schools are Enviroschools. Cr Archer advised Z. Watson that education is not a council function. Cr McDonnell noted that Buller District Council is funding Enviroschools; he asked Z. Watson if the other district councils are contributing. He stated that if the other district councils are contributing then ratepayers are already contributing through their district council rates and this could almost be seen as double dipping. Z. Watson responded that she is meeting with Westland and Grey District councils tomorrow to ascertain whether or not they will be providing funding. Cr Robb asked Z. Watson if council did fund the programme how many more schools would then be able to become an Enviroschool. Z. Watson responded that this would depend on what each district contributes. Z. Watson stated that Enviroschools does want to grow but is mindful of taking on too much. Cr Robb

advised that consideration would need to be given on whether or not all schools in the region would benefit from joining this programme.

Cr Robb thanked Z. Watson for her submission.

Moved (Birchfield / Archer) *That the ten submissions on the 2014 / 15 Annual Plan are received.*
Carried

Cr Robb thanked those present for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 11.15 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 10 June 2014
Prepared by: Wayne Moen – River Engineer and Paulette Birchfield – Engineering Officer
Date: 27 May 2014
Subject: **ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT**

WORKS COMPLETED AND WORKS TENDERED FOR**Vine Creek Rating District – Channel Regrading**

Work involving the extraction of approximately 12,675 m³ of gravel build-up was completed by Westland Contractors Ltd at a cost of \$21,420.75 (G.S.T. Exclusive).

Vine Creek Rating District – Maintenance

Work involving the placing of approximately 3,950 tonnes of rock-up was tendered, the successful tenderer was G.H. Foster Contracting Ltd at a price of \$67,970.00 (G.S.T. Exclusive).

Greymouth Rating District

Work involving the placement of 120 tonne of rock around Blaketown Lagoon was completed by G.H.Foster Contracting Ltd at a cost of \$2,700 (G.S.T Exclusive).

Work involving excavating the Cobden cut and clearing vegetation is also completed, final costs will be reported to the July Council meeting.



Cobden cut excavated to levels advised by River Edge Consulting.

Whataroa Rating District – Maintenance

This work involving the placement 666 tonnes of rock was completed by G.H. Foster Contracting Ltd at a cost of \$10,929.60 (G.S.T. Exclusive).

Karamea Rating District – Urgent Maintenance Works

Work involving the placement of approximately 1,000 tonnes of rock was completed by S.M. Lowe Contracting Ltd at a cost of \$17,700 (GST Exclusive).

Nelson Creek Rating District

Work involving the placement of approximately 150 tonnes of rock was completed by G.H. Foster Contracting Ltd at a cost of \$2,527.50 (GST Exclusive).

FUTURE WORKS

- Punakaiki Rating District
- Wanganui Rating District
- Kongahu Rating District

Quarries***Rock available as at 20 May 2014***

Quarry	Rock Available	Emergency Stockpile
Blackball	2,300	
Camelback	3000	2,000
Inchbonnie	10,000	
Kiwi	4,000	-
Whataroa	3,000	2,500
Okuru	500	-

RECOMMENDATION

That the report is received

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared For: Council Meeting – 10 June 2014
 Prepared By: Michael Meehan – Planning and Environment Manager
 Date: 30 May 2014
 Subject: **Quarry Costs**

Purpose

The purpose of this Report is to advise Council on current quarry operating costs and recommend a price for rock for the 2014/15 financial year.

Background

Council operates eight active quarries throughout the region. The location of the quarries is generally linked with nearby Council's Rating Districts. In table 1 below are the current rock prices:

Quarry	Price of rock per tonne
Blackball	10
Camelback	10
Inchbonnie	10
Kiwi	10
Taramakau	10
Whataroa	11*
Okuru	12**
Miedema (Karamea)	6***

*The extra cost is due to a royalty payment to the landowner

**The extra cost is due to the distance to transport machinery and drilling rigs to site

***No drilling and blasting is required to win rock at the Miedema quarry, the price covers licences, consents, staff time and overheads.

Analysis of costs over time

Staff have analysed costs of winning rock for the 2011/12 and 2012/13 financial years. The cost of winning rock per tonne (averaged over all the quarries) is \$11.77 for 2011/12 and \$11.63 for 2012/13.

It is unsustainable to operate the quarries at the current price. It is recommended that Council increase the price of rock in all the quarries with the exception of Miedema Quarry. The recommended new prices for rock are shown in table 2, below:

Quarry	Price of rock per tonne
Blackball	12.50
Camelback	12.50
Inchbonnie	12.50
Kiwi	12.50
Taramakau	12.50
Whataroa	13.50
Okuru	14.50
Miedema (Karamea)	6.00

The increase in price per tonne reflects the actual costs over time, particularly health and safety and developmental costs, which are necessary to ensure an adequate supply of rock in the future.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Council receives this report; and
2. Effective 1 July 2014, Council increase the price of rock per tonne as shown in table 2 above.

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environmental Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting 10 June 2014
 Prepared by: Chris Ingle - Chief Executive
 Date: 30 May 2014

Subject: **Canavans Knob Separate Rating Area**

Background

The Canavans Knob Separate Rating Area (SRA) was originally formed in 1994 to maintain river control works on the left (south) bank of the Waiho River, upstream from Canavans Knob and downstream of works managed by the Council for the Franz Josef SRA.

The Canavans Knob main asset is the 1.15km stopbank immediately adjacent to the state highway that runs from 250m downstream of the highway bridge down to Canavans Knob.

Now that NZTA have stopbanks on the inside of this stopbank, this stopbank serves no purpose. The Canavans Knob rating district has been in abeyance for some years now with no rates struck and no maintenance required. Canavans Knob SRA was last rated in the 2010/11 year.

Given this situation appears unlikely to change, Council should now turn its mind to winding up the rating district and refunding the ratepayers any surplus funds held for maintenance purposes.

The Rating District

A map of the Canavans SRA boundary is attached. The properties included in the SRA have been identified.

The Canavans SRA was originally a differential SRA, with various classes of benefit. This was changed at the request of the community in 2003 when it became a straight capital value scheme. In 2010 the Lower Waiho rating district was extended to incorporating a small part of the Canavans Knob rating district. A history of the scheme is attached to this report.

Credit Balance and Scheme Assets

The Canavans Knob rating district has a credit balance of \$27,267. This sum should be refunded to the contributing property owners as it is no longer needed for maintenance.

The scheme assets include:

- 7,100 tonne of rock works,
- 10,900 m³ of earthworks,
- a stockpile of 300 tonne of rock.

The stockpile would be of use to the Lower Waiho rating district. Possibilities with regard to the future management of the stopbank structure could include:

- Transfer of the structure to the Lower Waiho rating district.
- Transfer of the structure to New Zealand Transport Agency.
- Retain the structure in Council ownership.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *That Council agree to refund the \$27,267 credit balance to the property owners in the Canavans Knob Separate Rating Area.*
2. *That Council consult with the ratepayers in the Canavans Knob rating district with regard to winding up the rating district and transfer of its assets to the Lower Waiho rating district, or NZTA.*

History of the Canavans Knob Flood Protection Scheme

On 21 January 1948 it was pointed out to the Westland Catchment Board by the Public Works Department that heavy expenditure would be likely due to developments on the Waiho River pattern on 26 December 1947. Over the past few years the left bank upstream of Canavans Knob was being eroded steadily. In December 1947, the Waiho River overflowed the bank and flooded across the main highway running parallel to it for 3 kilometres to Dochertys Creek. If allowed to continue the Waiho River would have changed course and diverted down the highway, destroying the main highway for 3 kilometres and probably 400 hectares of prime farmland. A temporary low scrub and boulder wall to check the overflow was put in place but an effective long-term solution had to be found.

By 14 June 1948, the river had changed its course and any remedial action had been placed in abeyance. In November 1948, local farmers expressed concern at recent channel developments.

In July 1956 serious erosion took place on the South Bank downstream of the Motor Camp. It was considered a serious threat to the highway.

On 16 February 1962 further erosion took place. The Ministry of Works recommended that the National Roads Board finance remedial works. A request for a tentative scheme and preliminary assessment of cost was requested. Heavy rock riprap was suggested, an estimated 4,000 tonnes was proposed at a total cost of \$8,600.

On 23 October 1963, further erosion over 100 metres occurred. An estimate of \$4,000 included 1,700 tonnes of rock riprap. This was updated on 18 February 1964 to \$5,600, which included 2,200 tonnes of rock. Further erosion occurred in late February 1964. The work was carried out by 18 June 1964 at a cost of \$3,604 by R.E. Clarke Ltd.

On 16-17 December 1965 further damage occurred to this work. The upstream end was eroded exposing 50 metres of unprotected bank. 220 tonnes was placed by Fergusons Earthmoving in May 1966 and 1,560 tonnes was placed by R.E. Clarke Ltd in May 1966. The total cost was \$2,542. More rock was required by August 1966 over 150 lineal metres. The estimate was for 1,800 tonnes of rock at a cost of \$3,154.

In 1975 the Ministry of Works and Development extended old protection works downstream towards Canavans Knob after recent floods. The Department requested that a Rating District be set up to apportion beneficial costs to a wider community.

In March and May 1978 the stopbank was overtopped by floodwaters. Under the new proposed scheme this bank was to be raised and two rock groynes were to be constructed immediately upstream where the river was within 20 metres of the Main Highway. National Roads Board was asked for a \$6,000 contribution on 27 September 1978 a Design Report was published by the Westland Catchment Board. This was designed at a 50 year Return Period Design with a discharge of 2,700 cumecs. The design height of the stopbank was 1 metre above the design flood level. The proposal was to hook out the toe rock, widen the base and top the bank up to the design height. The work was programmed over a 3 year period commencing with the bank along the State Highway.

Further flooding occurred on 7-9 March 1979 and riprap fronting the bank slumped.

On 26 November 1979 the National Water and Soil Conservation Organisation approved the Waiho Scheme at a cost of \$144,000.

On 30 June 1980 the works on the Canavans Knob bank was completed by Fergusons Earthmoving Co. Ltd. The work involved 8,000 m³ of compacted hard fill to raise the bank by 1.36 metres, 1,800 tonnes of rock rip rap, 600 tonnes of rock in 2 spurs and 2,400 tonnes of rock in two retards. The total cost of works was \$44,800.

A further \$8,400 was spent in 1982 replacing 1,200 tonnes of rock on one spur groyne and one retard.

A major flood on 11-12 March 1982 flowed through the bank and down the State Highway to Dochertys Creek. This caused widespread damage downstream. It was estimated that this flood was between 1,000 and 2,000 m³/s with a 75 year return period (Water and Soil Scheme Centre - Christchurch).

At a meeting at Franz Josef on 30 January 1984 it was suggested that no more works be commissioned on the Waiho River until the State Highway 6 bank upstream of Canavans Knob be upgraded to a suitable engineering standard e.g. similar design to Milton and Others bank.

At a meeting held on 27 January 1986 residents again requested the Ministry of Works and Development to make a decision in respect to the Canavans Knob bank.

Spurs were topped up in 1986 and 1987. These were financed by local ratepayers.

A major flood occurred in December 1989. Due to aggradation of the channel it was proposed to raise the stopbanks by an average of 1.5 metres.

The problem was increased due to the fact that the State Highway was at the toe of the main bank (the bank could not easily be widened). It was proposed to either move the road back or re-build it on top of the stopbank. Cost estimated at \$160,000.

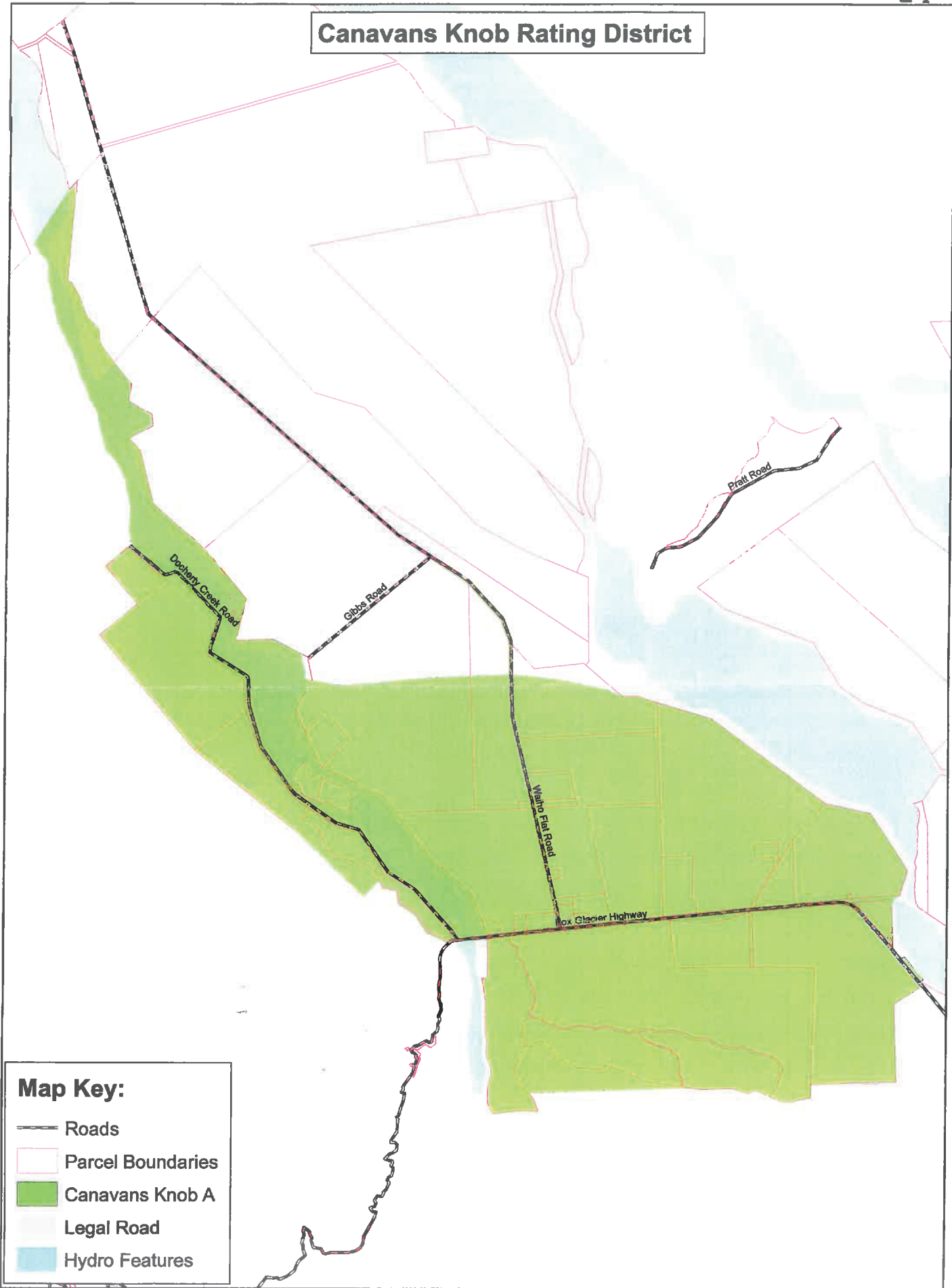
In January 1994 support was requested from ratepayers on a separate rating district for the Canavans Knob Rating District.

The Canavans Knob Rating District was adopted by the West Coast Regional Council on 17 February 1994. This differential Rating Classification was based on land area. Transit New Zealand did not agree to any financial contribution towards the scheme maintenance.

In response to ratepayers' request, Council staff prepared a reclassification of the Canavans Knob Rating District in 2003. A capital value based rating approach was ratified in the Council's Annual Plan adopted on 19 August 2003.

At the 2010/11 annual meeting the Rating District recommended that it be put into abeyance for a period of two years. The reason for this was the removal of the Transit 'top up' to the Canavans Knob works and the extension of the 'Transit Bank' down to Canavans Knob by the NZTA.

Canavans Knob Rating District



Map Key:

- Roads
- Parcel Boundaries
- Canavans Knob A
- Legal Road
- Hydro Features

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Kilometers
Scale: 1:24,000

Projection: NZGD 1949
Creation Date: 29/05/2008
Modified Date: 22/10/2009

Notes:
No Notes

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting
 Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager
 Date: 30 May 2014

1. Financial Report for the Ten Months to 30 April 2014

FOR THE TEN MONTHS ENDED 30 APRIL 2014	ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	ACTUAL % ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET
REVENUES				
General Rates	1,729,953	1,716,667	84%	2,060,000
Rates Penalties	57,976	50,000	97%	60,000
Investment Income	758,207	778,945	81%	934,734
Resource Management	1,048,057	1,079,392	82%	1,282,130
Regional Land Transport	57,403	82,750	58%	99,300
Emergency Management	41,820	55,833	62%	67,000
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	2,509,038	1,062,419	197%	1,274,903
Regional % Share Controls	555,048	541,667	85%	650,000
Warm West Coast	28,063			
VCS Business Unit	2,971,110	2,022,694	122%	2,427,233
Other	12,955			
	9,769,628	7,390,367	110%	8,855,300
EXPENDITURE				
Governance	375,738	350,775	89%	420,930
Resource Management	2,634,315	2,360,660	93%	2,832,792
Regional land Transport	117,825	149,796	66%	179,755
Hydrology & Floodwarning Services	378,087	344,654	91%	413,585
Emergency Management	69,986	113,013	52%	135,615
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	2,376,480	1,106,575	179%	1,327,890
Regional % Share Controls	725,972	710,092	85%	852,110
VCS Business Unit	2,335,655	1,606,028	121%	1,927,233
Other Investments	88,620			
Discontinued activities	35,695			
Warm West Coast	27,076			
	9,165,449	6,741,592	113%	8,089,910
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	604,179	648,775		765,390

BREAKDOWN OF SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	Variance Actual V Budgeted YTD	ACTUAL	BUDGET Year to date	ANNUAL BUDGET
Rating Districts	675,580	844,751	169,171	203,005
Quarries	-488,302	-488,799	-498	-597
Regional % Share of AHB Programmes	-2,499	-170,924	-168,425	-202,110
Investment Income	-20,739	758,207	778,945	934,734
VCS Business Unit	218,788	635,455	416,667	500,000
General Rates Funded Activities	-317,052	-864,137	-547,085	-669,642
Warm West Coast	987	987	0	0
Other	-111,360	-111,360	0	0
TOTAL	-44,596	604,179	648,775	765,390

Net Contributors to General Rates Funded Surplus (-Deficit)	Actual	Budget ytd	Annual Plan
<u>Net Variance Actual V YTD</u>			
Rates	13,286	1,729,953	2,060,000
Rates Penalties	7,976	57,976	60,000
Representation	-24,963	-375,738	-420,930
Resource Management	-304,990	-1,586,258	-1,550,662
Planning Activities	6,624	-60,422	-80,455
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	-10,565	-223,394	-255,395
Hydrology & Floodwarning	-33,433	-378,087	-413,585
Emergency Management	29,013	-28,166	-68,615
	-317,052	-864,137	-669,642

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION @ 30 APRIL 2014

	@ 30/04/14	@ 30/06/2013
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	206,531	84,789
Deposit - Westpac	851,150	0
Accounts Receivable - General	598,308	415,197
Accounts Receivable - Rates	374,690	335,589
Prepayments	106,559	98,410
Sundry Receivables	812,067	809,141
GST Refund due		
Stock - VCS	195,954	206,114
Stock - Rock	508,203	590,346
Stock - Office Supplies	16,899	16,899
Accrued Rates Revenue		0
Unbilled Revenue		551,097
	<u>3,670,361</u>	<u>3,107,582</u>
Non Current Assets		
Investments	11,176,530	11,447,780
Strategic Investments	670,000	670,000
Term Deposit - PRCC bond	50,000	50,000
MBIE & DOC Bonds	14,635	31,651
Investments-Catastrophe Fund	769,775	676,460
Warm West Coast Loans	765,097	496,408
Fixed Assets	4,795,704	4,668,070
Infrastructural Assets	52,243,077	52,243,077
Capital works - Camelback Quarry	433,402	
Capital works - Hokitika seawall	1,818,881	0
	<u>72,737,101</u>	<u>70,283,446</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>76,407,462</u>	<u>73,391,028</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Bank Short Term Loan	600,000	400,000
Accounts Payable	698,719	817,188
Derivative Liabilities		0
GST	183,616	0
Deposits and Bonds	673,115	496,277
Sundry Payables	302,484	245,867
Accrued Annual Leave, Payroll	305,636	308,510
Other Revenue in Advance		0
Rates Revenue in Advance	650,686	0
	<u>3,414,257</u>	<u>2,267,842</u>
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Future Quarry restoration	70,000	70,000
Lower Waiho	260,000	0
Greymouth Floodwall	1,882,879	1,934,660
Inchbonnie	26,786	44,535
Hokitika Seawall	1,475,000	0
Punakaiki Loan	82,530	122,480
Strategic Investments	731,223	750,000
Warm West Coast	800,000	600,000
Office Equipment Leases	42,978	48,258
	<u>5,371,396</u>	<u>3,569,933</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>8,785,652</u>	<u>5,837,775</u>
EQUITY		
Ratepayers Equity	18,309,992	19,703,993
Surplus transferred	604,179	
Rating Districts Equity	2,192,042	1,333,665
Tb Special Rate Balance	120,332	120,332
Revaluation	35,299,357	35,299,357
Quarry Account	308,446	308,446
Catastrophe Fund	676,461	676,460
Investment Growth Reserve	10,111,000	10,111,000
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>67,621,809</u>	<u>67,553,253</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>76,407,462</u>	<u>73,391,028</u>

2. Investment Portfolio

April 2014	Catastrophe Fund	Major Portfolio	Total
Opening balance April 2014	\$ 763,488	\$ 11,081,079	\$ 11,844,567
Income April 2014	\$ 6,287	\$ 95,450	\$ 101,737
Deposit			
Withdrawal		\$ -	\$ -
Closing balance April 2014	\$ 769,775	\$ 11,176,529	\$ 11,946,304
Total income year to date to April 2014	\$ 43,315	\$ 707,149	\$ 750,464

3. General Comment

Surplus for the ten months was \$604,000 compared to the budgeted \$648,000.

The surplus takes into account the unbudgeted revenue in the rating district area (MCDEM grant) and contributions to works by property owners, unbudgeted expenditure at Camelback Quarry and the downturn in volumes and size of resource consent applications during the year.

Total costs at Camelback amounted to \$1,092,000. Development expenditure of \$433,000 was capitalized on the recommendation of our Quarry consultant and will be amortised as the face resource of 49,335 tonnes of rock is exhausted in future years.

Hokitika seawall costs of \$1.818 million have been capitalized.

The Investment portfolios performed well during April, yielding gains of \$101,000.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Robert Mallinson
Corporate Services Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: June Council Meeting
 Prepared by: Chris Ingle
 Date: 28 May 2014
 Subject: **Decisions on Submissions and Adoption of Annual Plan**

Background

It is now time for Council to make its decisions on the ten submissions on the 2014/15 Annual Plan, and then to adopt the final Annual Plan.

Four submitters presented their submissions in person at the Special Council meeting held on 27 May. After hearing these submitters Council received the remaining six submissions. Council then held a brief workshop to discuss the submitter's points and seek staff input.

This report makes recommendations for the Council to consider before making their decisions. The submissions are dealt with in turn below. Council may wish to make decisions for each submission, in turn:

1. TB Free West Coast (Katie Milne, Danny Templeman, Dr Mark Neill)

This submission supports the Plan. In particular the continued funding of the TB programme.

It is recommended this funding programme remain in the Plan, unchanged.

2. OSPRI (Danny Templeman)

This submission also supports the Plan and the continued funding of the TB programme.

It is recommended this funding programme remain in the Plan, unchanged.

3. Federated Farmers West Coast (Katie Milne)

This submission supports the continued funding of the TB programme and the general approach of Council avoiding general rate rises, and using targeted rates for flood protection works. They are not opposed to the changes in the annual plan for:

- pest plants resourcing,
- new flood warning service for Mokihinui,
- better low flow information in upper grey valley,
- new civil defence manager, and
- various rating district amendments.

They suggest the civil defence funding be changed from capital value rating to a uniform annual charge or fixed charge across each rating unit.

Their argument is that civil defence services are more focussed on the urban areas rather than rural areas. This is not necessarily the case, however as during Easter wind event many rural areas were impacted and the regional co-ordination role focussed on both urban and rural impacted areas and sought national relief support (successfully) for some of the worst impacted rural areas.

It is recommended the rating system for the civil defence rate remain unchanged.

4. Enviroschools (Zoe Watson)

This submission seeks funding of \$2,500 toward the enviroschools educational programme. This money would go toward regional coordination in 2014/15.

It was noted at the workshop that educational contributions is not a core function of Councils under the Local Government Act, and that Councils have recently been criticised for going beyond their core functions and spending ratepayer funds on matters that they are not expert in, nor accountable for.

It is recommended that this submission be declined.

5. Inger Perkins, Hokitika

This submitter wants Council to invest in a contestable fund for environmental enhancement.

Council supports riparian planting in targeted catchments and recently secured \$200,000 for planting and other environmental enhancement works in the Lake Brunner catchment. Staff have been involved in community planting days to assist the process. It is not recommended that ratepayer money be invested into enhancements on private land.

It is recommended this submission be declined. No change to the Annual Plan is required.

6. E Walker, Hokitika

This submission supports the new seawall at Hokitika. They consider the wall should be extended northwards to Sunset Point and southwards to Park Street.

The submitter should be advised that the rating district committee will continue to monitor the unprotected shoreline north and south of the Hokitika seawall. Action may be taken, based on the risk of whether damage could occur to nearby private properties. If further erosion necessitates an extension of the seawall, a review of the current rating classification may well be necessary and appropriate.

It is recommended that no changes are required in the Annual Plan.

7. Martin Dobson, Westport

This submission wants Council to invest in a new air quality monitoring device for Westport.

The advice and funding contribution from the Ministry for the Environment at the time the National Air Quality Standard was put in place, was that the Council should work with the Reefton community as a priority. The meteorological conditions in Reefton differ to those in Westport, Greymouth, Runanga and Hokitika, and the Reefton situation in terms of ambient winter air quality, remains the highest priority.

At this point in time it is recommended that the Council continue to seek solutions to the problem in Reefton, before turning its attention elsewhere.

It is recommended this funding allocated for Air quality remain as is.

8. Community and Public Health

The submitter supports the Annual Plan's water quality targets, compliance monitoring, the Reefton air quality work, and the proposed new biosecurity work. They also request the Council commences new programmes for creating 'source protection zones' around drinking water supplies.

It is recommended the submitter be advised that the accountability for drinking water supplies lie with the district councils; and that to date we have had no approaches from the district councils to establish 'source protection zones' to assist them to manage the water quality of these water supplies.

The submitter also supports our Road safety committee work, Transport planning and Total mobility funding; Flood warning activities; and strengthening Civil Defence. They suggest that Council reconsider its decision to restrict the Warm Homes scheme to Reefton ratepayers only, with an alternative to keep the scheme going in another high needs area once the Reefton project is complete. Staff recommend Council adopts the latter approach.

It is recommended that no changes to Plan are needed as a result of this submission. The strong support of the council's work programme from this submitter is noted.

9. Active West Coast

The Submission is also in support. They also support the wide range of activities the Council funds, very similar to the submitter above. This submitter requests Council fund additional projects to support economic development: including enviroschools, re-expanding the warm west coast scheme, and supporting district projects that enhance economic development such as Events; Cycleways; Taramakau bridge clip on; a Signage strategy.

The Economic Development Plan consultation process over coming months will help to guide what activities the Regional Council may wish to fund, if any. The timing of decisions on this will coincide with Councils Long Term Plan process, commencing early next year.

It is recommended no changes to the 2014/15 Annual Plan are needed.

10. Paul Elwell-Sutton, Haast

This submitter makes comments on a proposal to change the land and water plan, a matter that is not mentioned in the Annual Plan.

It is recommended the submission be declined. No change to the Annual Plan is needed.

Adopting the Long Term Plan

Once the decisions are made on the ten submissions above, Council can formally adopt the new Annual Plan for 2014 – 2015.

That the Annual Plan for 2014-15 be adopted.

Chris Ingle
Chief Executive

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting 3 June 2014
Prepared by: Andrew Robb – Chairman
Date: 10 June 2014
Subject: **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Meetings Attended

- I attended the New Zealand Walking Access Commission - Ara Hīkoi Aotearoa meeting in Greymouth on the 19th of May.
- I attended the Reserve Bank Governor's luncheon at Shantytown on the 22nd of May.
- I chaired the Annual Plan hearing on the 27th of May.
- The CEO and I attended a meeting of the Buller District Council on the 28th of May, where we presented the Regional Policy Statement review process. The presentation was well received with the aim being to keep the three district councils well informed of progress to date. Council wants their feedback and input throughout the process to ensure that the RPS is a document that fits well with direction of all three districts.
- I attended the Collaborative Planning Workshop held in Christchurch hosted by Environment Canterbury on the 29th of May.
- I will be attending a meeting with Hon. Simon Bridges on 3rd of June to discuss the tender process for mineral exploration on the West Coast.
- The CEO and I will be making a presentation to Grey District Council on the Regional Policy Statement Review Process at 5.45pm on the 3rd of June.
- I will be hosting the Mayors and Chairs Forum on Monday June 9th.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Andrew Robb
Chairman

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting 10 June 2014
 Prepared by: Chris Ingle – Chief Executive
 Date: 1 June 2014
 Subject: **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

Meetings Attended

- I performed a civil defence co-ordination function during the cyclone on Easter Weekend as Group Controller, as reported verbally at the last Council meeting.
- I attended a debrief on the Easter weather event at Buller District Council on the 12th of May and a debrief at Grey District Council the following day regarding the same event.
- I chaired a SOLGM working party meeting on the 16th of May in Wellington, preparing for the imminent changes to the Local Government Act.
- I attended the New Zealand Walking Access Commission - Ara Hikoi Aotearoa meeting in Greymouth on the 19th of May.
- I attended the West Coast local authorities Chief Executive's meeting held at Grey District Council on the 26th of May, where we prepared the agenda for the Mayors and Chairs forum.
- The Annual Plan hearing was held on the 27th of May.
- I presented at a meeting of the Buller District Council on the 28th of May, on the Regional Policy Statement review process.
- I attended a South Island collaborative Regional Pest Strategy meeting in Christchurch on the 29th of May, with all Unitary/Regional Councils from the South Island represented.
- I will be chairing the Civil Defence CEG meeting on Tuesday the 3rd of June.
- The Chairman and I will be making a presentation to Grey District Council on the Regional Policy Statement at 5.45pm on the 3rd of June.
- The Mayors and Chairs Forum will be hosted by our Council on Monday June 9th.

Regional Policy Statement Review

The next four chapters will be workshopped after today's Resource Management Committee meeting. The Buller District Council were positive about the new direction of the Policy Statement and their role in its development.

Proposed Buller River Flood Protection Scheme

Buller District Council were also keen to workshop the new Buller River flood protection scheme proposal, jointly with the Regional Councillors, at a workshop proposed to be held in Westport sometime in July. This would give both sets of elected members a chance to visit the areas under consideration for stopbanking, as well as asking questions of the expert engineering advisors.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Chris Ingle
Chief Executive

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

To: Chairperson
West Coast Regional Council

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

Agenda Item No. 8.
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- 8.1 Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 13 May 2014
- 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 13 May 2014		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
- Jackie Adams

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.

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