

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, 15 July 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 10 JUNE 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, S. Challenger, J. Douglas

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1. APOLOGIES

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

Carried

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3. MINUTES

Moved (Robb / McDonnell) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 13 May 2014, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Ewen reported that it has been a fairly quiet month. He assisted with the opening of tenders for works in the Punakaiki and South Westland areas. Cr Ewen reported that he attended the luncheon meeting hosted by the Reserve Bank Governor on the 29th of May.

Cr Ewen reported that he has successfully completed the Ministry for the Environment's recertification programme for RMA decision makers.

Moved (Ewen / Clementson)

Carried

5. REPORTS

5.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

5.1.1 LAKE BRUNNER FRESH START TO FRESHWATER CLEAN-UP FUND UPDATE

C. Ingle spoke to this report on M. Meehan's behalf. C. Ingle reported that the \$20,000 funding allocation from MfE for the planting work in the Lake Brunner catchment is now underway. C. Ingle reported that staff along with farmers in this community have been busy planting over 3,000 native plants. C. Ingle advised that this project is tied into the farm plans for this catchment and those farmers who have a farm plan are eligible for funding. It was noted that this is a voluntary project which has received good uptake from the landowners in this area.

5.1.2 REEFTON AIR QUALITY SUMMARY

C. Ingle spoke to this report and advised that it is a statutory requirement to report the first exceedance of the NES for air quality in Reefton for the winter. He advised that there has since been a further exceedance of PM₁₀ and it is expected that there will be further exceedances over the winter. C. Ingle advised that the range of exceedances over the past few years has been between seven and 27. C. Ingle reported that the Oeko Tube trial is underway. He advised that the Reefton community could be affected by new rules and costs and it is important that they are consulted with. Cr Archer asked how the community consultation for Reefton would be arranged. Cr Robb stated that the Reefton Airshed Committee has already made a recommendation to council and this recommendation should be taken back to the community. Cr Archer agreed with this approach and suggested that prior to discussing the changes to the Air Plan, that the Reefton Airshed Committee and some community members should be advised of the likely changes. Cr Robb stated that community buy in is very important and the work that the Reefton Airshed Committee has done is very good. Cr Birchfield asked if the Oeko Tubes are proven. C. Ingle responded that the field trial is underway at the moment and that by September there should be a good indication as to how well the Oeko Tube has performed in situ. He stated that it is important that there is confidence around the effectiveness of the Oeko Tube prior to writing a rule for the Air Plan.

Moved (Archer / Robb) That Council receives this Report.

Carried

5.1.3 FLOOD WARNING UPDATE

C. Ingle spoke to this report. He advised that there have been a few small flood events during the reporting period. C. Ingle advised that the problem with the pager delay for the Karamea River flood event is being investigated with the entire flood warning system being reviewed. C. Ingle advised that there is only around one metre of freeboard on the Waiho River and this is why the alarm level is so easily triggered. C. Ingle advised that M. Meehan is meeting with the Director of Civil Defence to work out how to get the motel that is at risk, moved from this area, because should there be a significant flood event, there is a risk of loss of life. Discussion took place on the stopbank in this area. C. Ingle advised that if the motels were moved, then the stopbank could be moved back and this would then give the river more room and reduce the amount of flood warning alarms on the Waiho River. Cr Archer asked if there has been a cause identified in relation to the delayed flood warning alarm on the Karamea River recently. C. Ingle advised that as yet it is uncertain whether this was caused by human error or a technology problem but back up technological changes have been made to avoid a repeat and he is confident that this won't happen again.

Moved (Challenger / McDonnell) That Council receives this Report.

Carried

5.1.4 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RATE REVIEW

C. Ingle spoke to this report and advised that council has received a response from NZTA on our submission about the Financial Assistance Rate (FAR) review for transport. C. Ingle stated that he feels that this will not make a huge difference to council in terms of budgeting and finances. C. Ingle advised that the significant issues for our region are whether or not NZTA will treat the Special Purpose Highways as local roads, as this is where the cost will come in for both Buller District and Westland District Councils. He stated that a decision on this is awaited. Cr Archer stated that ratepayers would not fund these roads as they are state highways and the costs involved are exorbitant. C. Ingle stated that the hard decisions that could be bad news for this region have not yet been made. He stated that we are not alone on this and it is not just a West Coast transport funding issue.

Moved (Robb / Birchfield) That Council receives this Report.

Carried

J. Adams spoke to this report and advised that two consent site visits were undertaken. There were 21 non-notified resource consent applications granted during the reporting period. J. Adams reported that seven changes to consent conditions were granted. J. Adams advised that he attended a teleconference yesterday with Solid Energy NZ Ltd, Forest and Bird and Judge Borthwick. He advised that the parties have come to an agreement in relation to the Mt William North appeal.

Moved (Challenger / Archer) *that the June 2014 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Carried

5.2.1 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

J. Adams spoke to this report and advised that 68 site visits were carried out during the reporting period. He advised that dairy farm inspections are almost finished for the year but there are a few return inspections required. J. Adams reported that of the 24 dairy sheds inspected this month seven have been graded as compliant. He stated that a number of those that were graded as non-compliant are technical non-compliances within the Lake Brunner catchment related to the changes for permitted activity rules. J. Adams reported that of the seven complaints received during the reporting period most were substantiated. J. Adams advised that two infringement notices were issued during the reporting period and one abatement notice was issued.

J. Adams reported that Westland District Council have requested that regional council compliance staff carry out water quality sampling and inspections on their behalf. He advised this would be considered as a shared service. J. Adams stated that currently Westland District Council has an outside contractor that does their water quality testing on their behalf. J. Adams stated that he is very keen on this idea as it also means that he will get the test results first hand. C. Ingle stated that he has met with management from Westland District Council and they are keen to progress this. C. Ingle advised that this is something that the Taranaki Regional Council has been doing for many years and not only for their district councils but for all the major industries in the region. C. Ingle advised that although this council does not have its own laboratory, we are very efficient and experienced in sample collection and processing. J. Adams advised that any costs will be passed onto Westland District Council and the impact on staff workloads will be absorbed but should there be further interest from other outside agencies then consideration to increasing staff can be given.

Moved (Robb / Clementson)

1. *That the June 2014 report of the Compliance Group be received.*

2. *That Council release the bond held for Resource Consent RC93040 (Teronick Mining Ltd).*

Carried

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Ewen requested that an update on Solid Energy's Ltd bonds in brought to the next meeting. J. Adams advised that their bonds are being renewed fortnightly because the bonds are being held as debt against the company. Cr Ewen asked J. Adams if the ratepayer is exposed to any risk. J. Adams confirmed there is no risk. C. Ingle stated that there is a lot of paperwork involved. It was agreed that an update on the Solid Energy bonds would be brought to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.02 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 15 July 2014
Prepared by: Michael Meehan – Planning and Environment Manager
Date: 4 July 2014

Subject: **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT MANAGERS REPORT**

National Policy Statement Freshwater Amendments

On 3 July 2014 the Government announced amendments to the National Policy Statement Freshwater (NPSFW). The amendments include the National Objectives Framework (NOF) which sets national standards for various water quality parameters. The standards reflect the views of 60 freshwater scientists from public, private and academic sectors across New Zealand.

The intention of the NOF is to guide Council's when drafting resource management plans or assessing resource consent applications. The NOF includes a set of national bottom lines which Councils are required to meet in consultation with the community.

Council has undertaken an initial assessment of the NOF against the sites it monitors as part of its state of environment reporting. It is unlikely that any of our sites fall below the national bottom lines. Staff will undertake a more thorough review as part of the State of Environment 3 yearly report due this year.

The main objective of the NPSFW is to maintain or enhance water quality throughout New Zealand. Existing objectives and policies within the Land and Water Plan reflect this.

The Ministry for the Environment announced \$1.1m of funding for activities that support regional planning and community participation in freshwater management. Council has made an application to this fund and is awaiting approval from the Ministry.

National Monitoring System

Ministry for the Environment have developed a National Monitoring System (NMS) to collect further information on RMA functions and processes. The NMS builds on the previous RMA two-yearly Survey of Local Authorities, and seeks more detail about each plan-making process, as well as all resource consents lodged and processed. Collecting more detailed information will standardise monitoring arrangements and provide a better understanding of RMA implementation locally and nationally.

The first priority information set required is for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015. The Ministry have provided an Excel spreadsheet on which to record the information, and explanatory guidelines. The information set must be completed and sent to the Ministry by 31 July 2015.

Reefton Airshed

Council continues with the trial of two ESP devices in Reefton. The trial is intended to test the devices in the Reefton environment. So far the trial has been positive with the devices operating as per the manufacturer's guidelines.

The Reefton Airshed Committee is meeting in mid July 2014, following this the committee wishes to hold a public meeting to discuss their recommendations made to Council. It will also be an opportunity for Council to discuss the proposed Air Plan review with the community.

On-site sewage effluent discharge training

A refresher course will be held on 25 July 2014 for Buller and Westland District Building Inspectors, and Regional Council Consents staff involved with checking compliance of on-site sewage effluent discharge systems against the permitted rule in the Regional Land and Water Plan. Ongoing training is provided by the Regional Council as part of the RMA transfer of functions to the two District Councils who carry out the monitoring function in their respective Districts.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report is received

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting 15 July 2014
 Prepared by: Emma Chaney, Senior Resource Science Technician
 Date: 04 July 2014

Subject: REEFTON AIR QUALITY SUMMARY

There have been 7 exceedances of the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Air Quality) Regulations 2004 for PM₁₀ in Reefton so far this year (Table 1).

Table 1. Reefton air quality exceedances of the NES

Date	Micrograms/m ³ PM ₁₀
28 May	52
03 June	57
04 June	61
10 June	60
13 June	63
14 June	79
15 June	82

An exceedance occurs when there has been an average of more than 50 micrograms/m³ of PM₁₀ recorded over a 24 hour period. The National Environmental Standard (NES) allows one exceedance per year, any further exceedances are in breach of the NES (Figure 1).

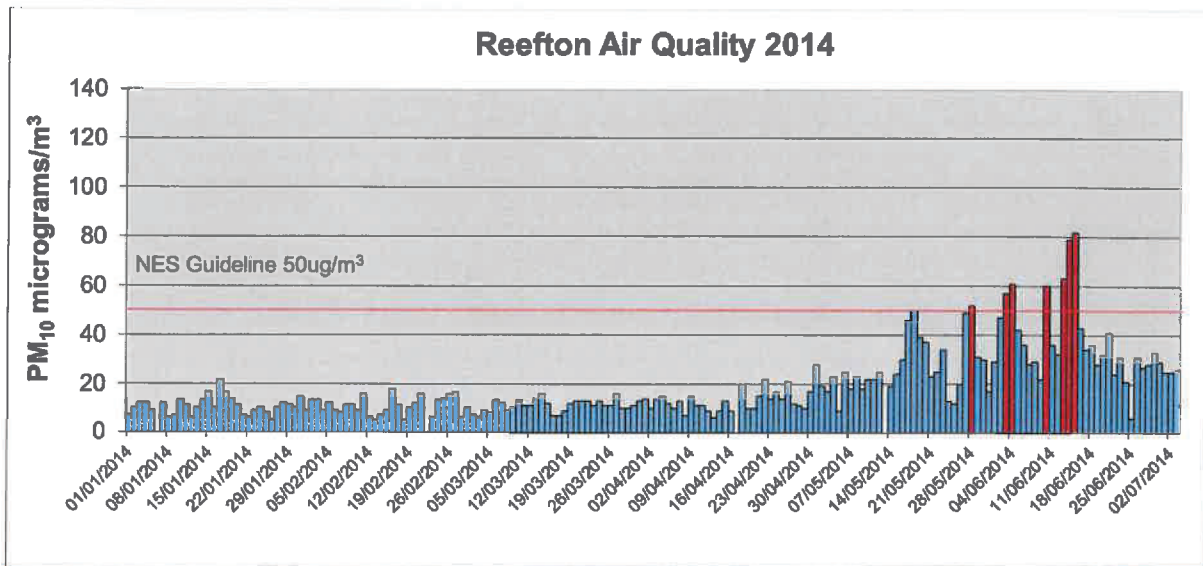


Figure 1. Reefton daily PM₁₀ for 2014 showing exceedances of the NES in red.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report is received

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting 15 July 2014
Prepared by: Stefan Beaumont, Hydrologist
Date: 26 June 2014

Subject: HYDROLOGY & FLOOD WARNING UPDATE

Flood Warning

The gravel build up in the Waiho River is continuing to produce multiple flood alarms each month. Three heavy rain events produced Waiho River alarms in the reporting period.

Site	Time of peak	Peak level	Warning Issued	Alarm threshold
Waiho River @ SH6	29/5/2014 09:00	8531mm	29/5/2014 01:30	8000mm
Waiho River @ SH6	6/6/2014 14:15	8528mm	6/6/2014 11:35	8000mm
Waiho River @ SH6	25/6/2014 06:15	8459mm	25/6/2014 02:00	8000mm
Hokitika River @ Gorge	25/6/2014 09:00	4248mm	25/6/2014 06:30	3750mm

RECOMMENDATION

That the report is received

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
 Prepared by: Jackie Adams - Consents & Compliance Manager
 Date: 26 June 2014

Subject: CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**Consents Site Visits 29 May – 25 June 2014**

DATE	NAME, ACTIVITY & LOCATION	PURPOSE
3/06/2014	RC-2014-0022 – McKay Mining Limited, Gold mining, Mikonui	To undertake a site visit with the applicant associated with a water take for proposed gold mining operation at Mikonui.
04/06/14	RC-2014-0031 - Solid Energy New Zealand Limited, Coal mining, Strongman Mine	Visited site with applicant and Wayne O'Keefe (Compliance Officer) to review site of new mine and existing works.
24/06/14	RC94111 - Trustpower Limited, Hydro Electric Power Scheme, Kumara	Visited site with applicant and Shawn Waters (Compliance Officer) to review a discharge pipe that is not discharging the correct residual flow and to determine course of action.

Non-Notified Resource Consents Granted 29 May – 25 June 2014

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	PURPOSE OF CONSENT
RC-2014-0079 A E & Z Berry Ltd	To disturb the bed of the Big River to construct a diversion channel and river protection works. To divert water, Big River.
RC13207 Inchbonnie Farms Ltd	To discharge (irrigate liquid) dairy effluent to land near DS341, Inchbonnie. To discharge (separated solids) dairy effluent to land near DS341, Inchbonnie. To discharge (irrigate) dairy effluent generated at a calving pad (within 50m of a surface water body) to land near DS341, Inchbonnie.
RC-2014-0085 DP Shaffrey & RJ Shaffrey	To discharge (irrigate liquid) dairy effluent to land near DS339 at Inchbonnie. To discharge (solid) dairy effluent to land near DS339 at Inchbonnie.
RC-2014-0044 T Lee & SK Lee	To discharge effluent from the dairy shed to land where it may enter an unnamed tributary of the Buller River at DS635, near Inangahua Junction. To discharge effluent from a stand off pad to land at DS635, near Inangahua Junction.
RC-2014-0027 Finlaggan Ltd	To discharge (irrigate liquid) dairy effluent to land near DS363 at Rotomanu. To discharge (solid) dairy effluent to land near DS363 at Rotomanu.
RC-2014-0061	To take surface water from the Grey River for irrigation

PM Hunter & KE Hunter	purposes, Totara Flat. To take groundwater for irrigation purposes, Totara Flat.
RC-2014-0054 Richard John Banks	To disturb the bed of Devils Creek to undertake stream training and armour eroding banks. To disturb the bed of Devils Creek to undertake dry bed gravel extraction. To divert water in Devils Creek as a result of stream training work.
RC-2014-0033 Premier Group NZ Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Waitaha River and Macgregor Creek for the purpose selected stone removal.
RC-2014-0090 McKay Mining Ltd	To disturb the bed of Italian Creek associated with the excavation of a hole to take water for alluvial gold mining within MP 50125. To disturb the bed of Italian Creek associated with the excavation of a hole to take water for alluvial gold mining within MP 50125. To take and use water from Italian Creek associated with alluvial gold mining within MP 50125. To take and use water from Italian Creek associated with alluvial gold mining within MP 50125.
RC-2014-0022 McKay Mining Ltd	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining adjacent to Redman Creek, within MP 50125. To discharge sediment-laden water to land associated with gold mining within MP 50125 in circumstances where it may enter water, namely Redman Creek and its tributaries. To take and use water associated with alluvial gold mining within Mining Permit MP 50125.
RC-2014-0105 ME Robin & SM Robin	To disturb the dry bed of the Fox River for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC-2014-0106 Weststone 2012 Ltd	To disturb the wet bed of Griffin Creek, State Highway 73, for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC-2014-0107 Rossburn Farms Ltd	To disturb the bed of the Grey River to construct a diversion channel and river protection works. To divert water, Grey River.
RC-2014-0111 Hislop Farms Ltd	To discharge dairy effluent from a stand off pad, within 50 metres of the Little Wanganui River, to land where it may enter water near DS829, Karamea.
RC-2014-0112 Graburn Farms Ltd	To take and use surface water from the confluence of an unnamed creek and the Grey River for irrigation purposes.
RC-2014-0113 Grey District Council	To undertake earthworks within 50 metres of the Coastal Marine Area, Cobden Lagoon.
RC-2014-0116 DC Mitchell & VE Mitchell	To move selected rock and alter the dry bed of the Waimangaroa River, for the purpose of maintaining an access track for suction dredging.
RC-2014-0118 Raelene Rose Holden	To discharge sewage waste water to land at lot 2 DP 363 731, 25 Gold Nugget Road, Rutherglen.

Changes to Consent Conditions granted 29 May – 25 June 2014

CONSENT NO, HOLDER & LOCATION	PURPOSE OF CHANGE
RC00323-V23 Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Ltd Globe Progress Mine, Reefton	To increase Souvenirs Tailings Storage Facility.
RC06263-V1 WL Secker & HM Secker Nelson Creek	Increase the maximum number of cows that can be milked from 200 to 350.
RC12051-V2 TBfree New Zealand Ltd Mokihinui River Catchment Area	To remove Condition 18.b) relating to exclusion areas from waterways from an aerial 1080 operation.
RC13080-V3 Department of Conservation Western Kahurangi Area	To remove the need to maintain a buffer to larger waterbodies from an aerial 1080 operation.
RC13080-V4 Department of Conservation Western Kahurangi Area	To increase the 1080 aerial application area from 116,532 hectares to 116,716 hectares (an increase of 184 hectares).
RC13102-V1 Graburn Farms Ltd Grey River near Atarau	To lower the residual flow threshold to 75% of MALF associated with a water take for irrigation.
RC13149-V1 Southwest Energy Ltd Mikonui	Decrease bond value associated with a gold mining operation from \$18,000 to \$1,000..
WS1483-V2 Kay-Jay Syndicate Arawhata River	To allow for mobile unit for whitebait stand.

No Notified or Limited Notified Resource Consents were granted between 29 May and 25 June 2014.

Public Enquiries

34 written public enquiries were responded to during the reporting period. 30 were answered on the same day and 4 the following day. 3 LGOIMA requests were responded to, all within the required timeframe.

RECOMMENDATION

That the July 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: 27 June 2014
 Subject: **COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

Site Visits

A total of 24 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period, which consisted of:

Activity	Number of Visits
Resource consent monitoring	11
Dairy shed inspections	0
Mining compliance & bond release	8
Complaint Related	5

Out of the 24 total site visits for the reporting period two complaints were double categorised as mining visits also, thus giving an adjusted total number of visits as 22.

Nine visits were compliant and eleven visits were non-compliant. Two are either waiting on sampling results or enquiries are ongoing before being rated.

Specific Issues**Dairy farms:**

- No dairy farms were inspected this month as the 2013-2014 inspection season has ceased.
- Inspections for the 2014-2015 season are to begin at the end of September 2014.

Alluvial Gold Mining:

- Complaints have been received about mining operations in Ross and Waimea. These are being followed up by the mining team.
- Eight alluvial gold mines were visited this reporting period.
- Three sites were compliant and three sites were found to be non-compliant. The other two sites are either waiting on sampling results or enquiries are ongoing before being rated

Complaints/Incidents between 1 June 2014 – 26 June 2014

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

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome
Discharge to Land	Compliance monitoring revealed discharges to a cleanfill that were not permitted by the resource consent	Blaketown Breakwater	Enforcement action taken, resulting in two abatement notices issued- (cease and remediate)
Effluent discharge	Complaint received about location of effluent ponds and discharge path	Harihari	Abatement notice issued requesting ponds shifted.
Discharge to Land	Complaint received about the discharge of animal effluent to	Kokiri	Operator unidentified

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome
	Arnold Valley Road (from a Stock Truck)		
Discharge to Land	Complaint regarding the disturbance and transport of contaminated soil	Hokitika	Unsubstantiated.
Discharge to waterway	Complaint received that the Ngakawau river is orange	Ngakawau, Buller	Enquiries are ongoing.
Discharge to Land	Complaint about an illegal rubbish dump within 30m of the CMA	Awatuna	Enquiries are ongoing
Discharge to land	Traffic accident creating fuel discharge	Rapahoe	Unsubstantiated. Scene Compliant.
Land disturbance	Complaint received about earthworks within a wetland	Karamea	Formal Warning
Discharge to CMA	Complaint received about mining discharges to the CMA	Ross	Abatement notice issued
Discharge to Waterway	Complaint received regarding a sediment discharge	Waimea	Abatement notice issued – (undertake works)
Discharge to Land	Disposal of culled chickens.	Awatuna	Compliant with permitted activity rule
Stock in waterway	Complaint received that neighbouring stock had access to Lake Poerua	Lake Poerua, Brunner Catchment	Letter sent to land owner outlining responsibilities within the lake Brunner catchment.

Formal Enforcement Action

Three formal warnings were issued during the reporting period:

Activity	Location
Aerial application of vertebrate pest control substance	Cascade
Discharge to land (animal effluent)	Gladstone
Earthworks within a schedule two wetland	Karamea

Four abatement notices were served during the reporting period:

Activity	Location
Discharge to Land (cease)	Blaketown Breakwater
Discharge to Land (remediate)	Blaketown Breakwater
Discharge to Coastal Marine Area (undertake works)	Ross
Effluent discharge/ location	Harihari

MINING**Work Programmes**

The Council received one work programme during the last reporting period.

Date	Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location
18/06/2014	RC10109	Southwest Energy Ltd	Ross

Bonds recommended for release

Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location	Amount
RC12144	Barry Henry Grant Foster	Chesterfield	\$16,000
RC10012	Westside Mining Ltd		\$12,000

No Bonds were received by the Council during the reporting period.

RECOMMENDATION

1. *That the June 2014 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
2. *That Council releases the bonds held by Barry Henry Grant Foster for Resource Consent RC12144 and Westside Mining Ltd for Resource Consent RC10012.*

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, 15th July 2014** commencing on completion of the Resource Management Committee Meeting and RPS Workshop

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 10 JUNE 2014,
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD,
GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 1.30 P.M.****PRESENT:**

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1. APOLOGIES:

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

Carried

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (Ewen / Clementson) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 13 May 2014, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3.2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD 27 MAY 2014

Moved (Archer / Clementson) *that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting dated 27 May 2014, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

REPORTS:**4.1 ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT**

C. Ingle spoke to this report and advised that the excavation work on the Cobden cut that is illustrated in the photograph on page 8 has now been completed. C. Ingle advised that this work was done at the request of the Greymouth Floodwall committee at their annual meeting in October last year. C. Ingle advised that the photographer is standing on a plug of sand and gravel which is about 10 metres wide and this is all that needs to be removed in the event of a flood which impacts on Range Creek in Cobden.

C. Ingle reported that work has been completed in the Vine Creek, Nelson Creek and Karamea rating districts during the reporting period.

4.1.1 QUARRY COSTS

C. Ingle spoke to this report and reminded Councillors that a review of quarry costs was suggested at last month's council meeting. C. Ingle stated that rock prices have not been adjusted for some time now. C. Ingle explained the report to the meeting and advised that unless rock prices are increased then Council will continue to lose money on quarries. C. Ingle advised that it is at least four years since rock prices were reviewed. Cr McDonnell stated that the rock from the Camelback Quarry has cost council a lot more to win than rock at other council quarries. R. Mallinson stated that the money spent in the Camelback quarry will benefit council in the future. Cr McDonnell stated that a lot of the costs in the Camelback quarry relate to rock that has already been sold. R. Mallinson stated that Taylors Contracting Ltd (Arahura Bridge contractors) cost council a lot more than was actually received. Cr Robb stated that this project benefited the entire West Coast and is a vital link of the West Coast and most of the West Coast ratepayers have benefited from this. Cr Clementson expressed his concern about the imminent changes to the Health & Safety Act and the impact these law changes could have on quarries. R. Mallinson advised that he and M. Meehan have discussed this matter and the main purpose of council quarries is to serve the rating districts, first and foremost with the secondary function being the sale of rock on the private market. It was agreed that council quarries cannot be allowed to continue to run at a loss.

Moved (Ewen / Archer)

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

Carried

4.1.2 CANAVANS KNOB SEPARATE RATING AREA

C. Ingle spoke to this report. He advised that the Canavans Knob rating district is no longer required because NZTA have built their own stopbanks on the inside of the rating district stopbanks. C. Ingle advised that the Canavans Knob rating district has been in abeyance for around four years now. He stated that it is now time to review the status of the rating district and it is felt that the positive credit balance should be refunded back to the members of the rating district. C. Ingle advised that consideration needs to be given as to what happens with the stopbank that was built by the Canavans Knob rating district. He advised that it could be given to the Lower Waiho rating district as some of these people are members of the Canavans Knob rating district, or transferred to NZTA or retain it but do not maintain it. C. Ingle advised that the stopbank does not need maintenance now that it is no longer beside the river. Cr Archer asked if the 7,000 tonnes of rock is of any value if it is taken out and sold as this equates to \$70,000 worth of rock. The Chairman noted that there is also a 300 tonne stockpile of rock in this area as well. R. Mallinson advised that the protection infrastructure for this rating district is valued at around \$340,000 and is the replacement value of the current assets. Extensive discussion ensued. It was agreed that council would consult with all parties concerned including NZTA and should the community wish to wind up the rating district, then the balance of \$27,267 is credited back to the Canavans Knob rating district.

Moved (Ewen / Archer)

1. *That Council first consults with rating district and NZTA with regard to the assets in the Canavans Knob rating district.*
2. *That if the community wishes to wind up the Canavans Knob rating district then Council agrees to refund the \$27,267 credit balance to the property owners in the Canavans Knob Separate Rating Area.*

Carried

R. Mallinson spoke to his report advising that this is the ten month financial report up to the end of April. He advised that the surplus for the ten months is \$604,000. R. Mallinson stated that the surplus takes into account the unbudgeted revenue received from MCDEM of just over \$500,000 for the 2010 flood damage claim. R. Mallinson reported that surplus also takes into account the unbudgeted spending at the Camelback Quarry along with the downturn in volumes and size of resource consent applications. R. Mallinson advised that the \$1.818M cost of the Hokitika seawall has been capitalised. R. Mallinson stated that the Investment Portfolio performed well during April and better again in May. R. Mallinson reported that he is expecting a very good performance from the Investment Portfolio for the entire year. Cr Archer asked R. Mallinson if we are on target to meet the 7% return. R. Mallinson stated that the return for the year to date is just under 8% which is very pleasing.

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

Carried

4.2.1 DECISIONS ON SUBMISSIONS AND ADOPTION OF ANNUAL PLAN

C. Ingle spoke to this report and advised that it is now time to make the formal decisions following the Councillor workshop for the annual plan. C. Ingle advised that there were 10 submissions received. Councillors made decisions on each submission individually.

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.

Moved (Archer / McDonnell)

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

Carried

OSPRI (Danny Templeman)

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

Moved (Clementson / Archer)

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

Carried

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.

Moved (Ewen / McDonnell)

4

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

Carried

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.

Moved (Clementson / Challenger)

It is recommended that this submission be declined.

Carried

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.

Moved (Ewen / Clementson)

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

Carried

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.

Moved (Challenger / McDonnell)

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

Carried

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.

Moved (Archer / Clementson)

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

Carried

Cr Archer requested that council provides recommendations and advice on management of solid fuel burning appliances similar to that provided to Reefton residents.

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.

Moved (McDonnell / Archer)

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.

Carried

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.

Moved (Challenger / Ewen)

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

Carried

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.

Moved (Archer / Challenger)

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

Carried

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

Moved (Archer / McDonnell)

That the Annual Plan for 2014-15 be adopted.

Carried

5.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT

Cr Robb spoke to his report and noted the various meetings he attended including the New Zealand Walking Access Commission meeting and the Reserve Bank Governor’s luncheon.

Cr Robb stated that the collaborative planning workshop that he attended in Christchurch was a valuable opportunity with the facilitators getting the attendees to speak about their experiences in this area. Cr Robb stated that this highlighted the benefits of the work that this council is doing with the Mayors and Chairs Forum, Development West Coast and the Reefton community. He feels that this work is very much in line with what councils should be doing in future.

Cr Robb reported that his meeting with Hon Simon Bridges to discuss platinum tender processing on the West Coast was interesting with further information on this matter to be forthcoming over the coming months.

Cr Robb reported that the Mayors and Chairs Forum was held yesterday. Tai Poutini Polytech presented on their future strategy and are seeking council’s support. Michael Frampton from the WCDHB also presented and gave an insight on where health services are heading. He spoke of the importance of getting good positive information out to the community. Cr Robb stated that the West Coast is going to have a very good health service compared to a lot of other regions in New Zealand. C. Ingle advised that the current situation is very positive with the WCDHB now having the support of the CDHB behind it. C. Ingle stated that David Meates (Chief Executive of WCDHB), has made good improvements since his arrival. Cr Archer expressed his concern about the lack of funding for Buller in this area. Cr Robb stated that Mr Meates wants to inform people of this good news and wants to have open dialogue with stakeholders and to be able to present to councils on the progress to date.

Cr McDonnell left the meeting at 2.38 p.m.

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

Carried

6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to his report and took all meetings he attended as read. C. Ingle spoke about the proposed Buller River Flood Protection Scheme. He is proposing that both councils meet together on site in July to progress this matter.

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

Carried

7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 2.39 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 15 July 2014
 Prepared by: Wayne Moen – River Engineer and Paulette Birchfield – Engineering Officer
 Date: 24 June 2014

Subject: **ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT**

WORKS COMPLETED AND WORKS TENDERED FOR**Vine Creek Rating District – Maintenance**

This work involving the placement 4,353 tonnes of rock was completed by G.H. Foster Contracting Ltd. at a cost of \$76,569.80 (G.S.T. Exclusive).

Punakaiki Rating District – Culvert Replacement

This work involving the replacement of a 22 metre long Aluflo culvert was completed by Westland Contractors Ltd. at a cost of \$3,095 (G.S.T. Exclusive).

Punakaiki Rating District – Maintenance

Work involving the placement of approximately 1,800 tonnes of rock-up was tendered, with MBD Contracting Ltd the successful tenderer at a price of \$53,637 (G.S.T. Exclusive).

Wanganui Rating District – Emergency Works

This work involving the placement of 2,090 tonnes of rock was completed by Westland Contractors Ltd at a cost of \$28,922.88 (G.S.T. Exclusive).

Proposed Buller River Flood Protection Scheme

Staff have been busy preparing a concept plan for a proposed flood protection scheme to protect Westport and surrounding areas from flooding. Significant time has been taken to build the flood model which is vital to estimating design heights for flood protection works.

Below is an outline of the project timeframes, please note that the workshop will be arranged for late August:

Key Tasks	Completed
Computer modelling work complete, including design heights for the proposed scheme.	22 July
Surveyor to complete work to outline volumes required for protection works.	3 August
Council staff to estimate costs for constructing protection works.	8 August
Council staff to complete the concept plan including costs.	17 August
Workshop with BDC and WCRC Councillors.	TBC (around 26 August)

Council staff are closely liaising with Buller District Council staff to ensure that the concept plan does not conflict with any of their infrastructure or long term plans.

The workshop in August will be an opportunity for Councillors to discuss the concept plan, view the key sites and discuss a communication plan should they wish to pursue the concept plan through to public consultation.

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

Quarry	Rock Available	Emergency Stockpile
Blackball	2,300	
Camelback	3,000	2,000
Inchbonnie	10,000	
Kiwi	3,000	-
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
 Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager
 Date: 7 July 2014

1. Financial Report for the Eleven Months to 31 May 2014

FOR THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED 31 MAY 2014	ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	ACTUAL % ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET
REVENUES				
General Rates	1,904,319	1,888,333	92%	2,060,000
Rates Penalties	57,831	55,000	96%	60,000
Investment Income	921,660	856,840	99%	934,734
Resource Management	1,127,319	1,180,761	88%	1,282,130
Regional Land Transport	69,071	91,025	70%	99,300
Emergency Management	46,014	61,417	69%	67,000
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	2,666,645	1,168,661	209%	1,274,903
Regional % Share Controls	610,553	595,833	94%	650,000
Warm West Coast	28,059			
VCS Business Unit	3,253,978	2,224,964	134%	2,427,233
Other				
	10,685,449	8,122,833		8,855,300
EXPENDITURE				
Governance	409,441	385,853	97%	420,930
Resource Management	2,911,406	2,596,726	103%	2,832,792
Regional land Transport	129,278	164,775	72%	179,755
Hydrology & Floodw arning Services	412,351	379,120	100%	413,585
Emergency Management	83,005	124,314	61%	135,615
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	2,601,114	1,217,233	196%	1,327,890
Regional % Share Controls	797,642	781,101	94%	852,110
VCS Business Unit	2,648,621	1,766,630	137%	1,927,233
Other Investments	101,891			
Discontinued activities	35,723			
Warm West Coast	30,186			
	10,160,658	7,415,751		8,089,910
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	524,791	707,082		765,390

BREAKDOWN OF SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	Variance Actual V Budgeted YTD	ACTUAL	BUDGET Year to date	ANNUAL BUDGET
Rating Districts	611,115	797,203	186,088	203,005
Quarries	-492,033	-492,580	-547	-597
Regional % Share of AHB Programmes	-1,821	-187,089	-185,268	-202,110
Investment Income	64,821	921,660	856,840	934,734
VCS Business Unit	147,024	605,357	458,333	500,000
General Rates Funded Activities	-371,656	-980,019	-608,364	-669,642
Warm West Coast	-2,127	-2,127	0	0
Other	-137,614	-137,614	0	0
TOTAL	-182,291	524,791	707,082	765,390

Net Contributors to General Rates Funded Surplus (-Deficit)	Actual	Budet ytd	Annual Plan
<u>Net Variance Actual V YTD</u>			
Rates	15,986	1,904,319	2,060,000
Rates Penalties	2,831	57,831	60,000
Representation	-23,589	-409,441	-420,930
Resource Management	-368,122	-1,784,087	-1,550,662
Planning Activities	13,543	-60,207	-80,455
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	-4,980	-239,092	-255,395
Hydrology & Floodw arning	-33,231	-412,351	-413,585
Emergency Management	25,906	-36,991	-68,615
	-371,656	-980,019	-669,642

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION @ 31 MAY 2014

	@ 31/05/14	@ 30/06/2013
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	-113,434	84,789
Deposit - Westpac	553,184	0
Accounts Receivable - General	401,591	415,197
Accounts Receivable - Rates	255,869	335,589
Prepayments	84,482	98,410
Sundry Receivables	639,574	809,141
GST Refund due	57,638	
Stock - VCS	137,890	206,114
Stock - Rock	492,156	590,346
Stock - Office Supplies	16,899	16,899
Accrued Rates Revenue	0	0
Unbilled Revenue	319,000	551,097
	<u>2,844,849</u>	<u>3,107,582</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Investments	11,316,247	11,447,780
Strategic Investments	738,600	670,000
Term Deposit - PRCC bond	50,000	50,000
MBIE & DOC Bonds	14,635	31,651
Investments-Catastrophe Fund	778,522	676,460
Warm West Coast Loans	792,450	496,408
Fixed Assets	4,849,874	4,668,070
Infrastructural Assets	52,243,077	52,243,077
Capital works - Camelback Quarry	433,402	0
Capital works - Hokitika seawall	1,818,881	0
	<u>73,035,688</u>	<u>70,283,446</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>75,880,537</u>	<u>73,391,028</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Bank Short Term Loan	600,000	400,000
Accounts Payable	803,746	817,188
GST	0	0
Deposits and Bonds	658,161	496,277
Sundry Payables	294,737	245,867
Accrued Annual Leave, Payroll	314,694	308,510
Other Revenue in Advance		0
Rates Revenue in Advance	325,342	0
	<u>2,996,680</u>	<u>2,267,842</u>
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Future Quarry restoration	70,000	70,000
Lower Waiho	260,000	0
Greymouth Floodwall	1,877,547	1,934,660
Inchbonnie	24,949	44,535
Hokitika Seawall	1,468,750	0
Punakaiki Loan	78,438	122,480
Strategic Investments	729,181	750,000
Warm West Coast	795,000	600,000
Office Equipment Leases	37,572	48,258
	<u>5,341,437</u>	<u>3,569,933</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>8,338,117</u>	<u>5,837,775</u>
EQUITY		
Ratepayers Equity	18,469,999	19,703,993
Surplus transferred	524,791	
Rating Districts Equity	2,032,034	1,333,665
To 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>67,542,420</u>	<u>67,553,253</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>75,880,537</u>	<u>73,391,028</u>

2. Investment Portfolio

MAY 2014	Catastrophe Fund	Major Portfolio	Total
Opening balance MAY 2014	\$ 769,775	\$ 11,176,529	\$ 11,946,304
Income MAY 2014	\$ 8,747	\$ 139,717	\$ 148,464
Deposit			
Withdrawal		\$ -	\$ -
Closing balance MAY 2014	\$ 778,522	\$ 11,316,246	\$ 12,094,768

Total income year to date to MAY 2014 \$ 52,062 \$ 846,866 \$ 898,928

3. General Comment

Surplus for the eleven months was \$525,000 compared to the budgeted \$707,000.

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.

The investment portfolio performed strongly during May with gains across both portfolios amounting to \$148,000. Preliminary reports for June 2014 indicate that only modest gains were achieved during June. The portfolio looks like earning 8% for the full year to 30 June 2014.

4. Insurance Renewals

Pursuant to Council's risk management policy, I advise that the following risk covers have been renewed from 30 June 2014 to 30 June 2015.

Cover	Amount
Public Liability & Professional Indemnity (Riskpool)	\$200,000,000
Directors Liability	\$1,000,000
Personal Accident – Elected members + management team	\$100,000
Aviation risks - VCS	\$200,000
Crime	\$1,000,000
Employers Liability	\$500,000
Statutory Liability	\$750,000
Motor Vehicles	\$640,000
Materials Damage & Business Interruption	
• 388 Main South Road *	\$4,680,000 building **
• 78 Jacks Road *	\$566,700 building **
• Plant & Stock	\$1,000,000

*Earthquake deductible of 5% of site value.

** Based on insurance valuations prepared by Coast Valuations Ltd in April 2014.

The total cost of these renewals amounted to \$78,000 (budgeted \$79,000).

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Robert Mallinson
Corporate Services Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting 15 July 2014
Prepared by: Andrew Robb – Chairman
Date: 4 July 2014
Subject: **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Meetings Attended

- I attended the Regional Transport Committee workshop on the 11th of June.
- On the 26th of June myself and Mike Meehan attended the Westland District Council meeting at the Kumara Hall. We made a presentation on the Regional Policy Statement. This was well received with the Mayor and Councillors being appreciative of the update.
- I attended Ag-Fest in Hokitika, on the 4th of July. A luncheon was held at the Beachfront Hotel in Hokitika the same day with Hon Nathan Guy, the Minister of Primary Industries in attendance. The Minister opened Ag-Fest in Hokitika.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Andrew Robb
Chairman

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 10 June 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 10 June 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.