

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

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

**TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2015**

**The programme for the day is:**

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

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

**Councillor Workshop:** **Sea Erosion Issues**

# **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, 20 October 2015**

**P. EWEN**  
**CHAIRPERSON**

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

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**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2015, 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, T. Archer, J. Douglas

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**1. APOLOGIES**

**Moved** (Robb / Archer) *that the apologies from Cr Clementson and Cr Challenger be accepted.*

*Carried*

**2. PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no public forum.

**3. MINUTES**

**Moved** (Birchfield / McDonnell) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 11 August 2015, be confirmed as correct.*

*Carried*

**Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cr Ewen reported that he attended one tender opening during the reporting period.

**Moved** (Ewen / Robb)

*Carried*

**5. REPORTS****5.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP****5.1.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT MANAGERS REPORT**

M. Meehan spoke to this report and provided an update on the Ministry's work programme for the coming two to three years. He advised that MfE has outlined the areas they are going to focus on with the main focus being NES's and NPS's as this is a good way of getting consistency across the country. M. Meehan drew attention to the column titled "implications for council" and gave an update on each topic that relates to this council. He stated that it is important that Council keeps abreast of these policy items as they develop.

M. Meehan advised that feedback from consultation in relation to the Proposed Land and Water Plan amendments has been received from Iwi, DoC and the district councils. One hui has been held and a further hui is scheduled for two weeks' time. M. Meehan advised that he would report back to council after the second Hui to report on progress, he is happy with progress to date. J. Douglas confirmed that she is happy with progress and is gaining a good understanding of this.

M. Meehan reported that the heavy rainfall event that hit the West Coast on 18 and 19 June affected Hokitika particularly. He stated that rainfall data from Hokitika airport dating back to 1964 revealed this event, for a 24 hour period, equated to a one in 110 year event, (less than 0.9% AEP) and for 48 hours it was a 150 year return period (0.6% AEP). M. Meehan stated that the data revealed that this was a major coastal event and that is why homes in the town were affected.

C. Ingle advised that the Minister wants to review the NES for air quality before the deadline of December 2016 to bring in the main elements of the recent PCE report. M. Meehan stated that half of the councils in New Zealand will be unable to meet the NES by December 2016. M. Meehan advised that Emily Wilton from MfE has been asked to prepare a report on what the implications would be to measure PM<sub>2.5</sub> rather than PM<sub>10</sub>.

Discussion took place on fencing of waterways. Cr Robb stated that by 2025 all cattle, dairy cattle especially and intensive beef cattle are to be excluded from all waterways. C. Ingle noted that Ecan already has a no stock in water policy in place. M. Meehan stated council will be able to use the definition arrived at through the Land and Water Plan for "what is a waterway".

Cr Archer drew attention to the term "one in 150 year return period event in relation to heavy rainfall events. Cr Archer feels the term "AEP" (annual exceedance probability) would be a better term to use. Cr Birchfield asked M. Meehan for an update with regard to the moving of the sampling point for air quality recordings in Reefton. M. Meehan responded that the sampler will be moved in the next month or two. He advised that the new site for the sampler will be at the school.

**Moved** (Archer / McDonnell) *that the report is received.*

*Carried*

### **5.1.2 LAKE BRUNNER ACHIEVEMENT OF WATER QUALITY TARGET**

M. Meehan spoke to this report. He stated that this is a good news story with achievement of the Land and Water and Long Term Plan water quality target for the lake. M. Meehan advised that council has been working very closely with the Lake Brunner farming community from around the early 2000's to now. He stated that early on some fisherman that went into this catchment highlighted some issues with stock access to the waterways. M. Meehan stated that from around 2003 / 04 farmers were spoken to by Council staff about effluent management in this area. He stated that funding was applied for to develop farm plans in this catchment. In December 2009 council released a discussion paper seeking to reverse the declining water quality with the initial focus on fertiliser management. M. Meehan stated that hearings were held in June 2012 and decisions on the Proposed Land and Water Plan were released in September 2012. In January 2013 \$200,000 was received from MfE for planting in the catchment. A Lake Brunner Community Catchment Care Group was formed in February 2013. In May 2014 the Land and Water Plan was made operative. M. Meehan advised that in August 2014 the Lake Brunner Community Catchment Care Group got runner up award at the TrustPower Grey District Community Awards. In August this year analysis on water quality was done and it was found that the TLI target was met. Next month the MfE Fresh Start to Freshwater Fund will move into completion. M. Meehan outlined the work to date, over 43 kms of fencing and over 20,000 plants will have been planted. M. Meehan advised that the rates demand newsletter will highlight this achievement; and the Minister Hon. Nick Smith will be attending an event in the catchment to celebrate this achievement. A date is yet to be set for this. Cr Robb stated that he is pleased to see the other contributing parties acknowledged in this recommendation. Cr Archer stated this report is excellent and spells out the amount of work that has gone into achieving this target. C. Ingle stated that as CEO, this was one of his top three things to achieve and he is personally very pleased to have reached this target. He stated that huge thanks must go to M. Meehan and his team and J. Adams and his team. C. Ingle stated that the farming community has shown willingness, and Westland Milk Products have put a lot of time and effort into this. Cr Robb asked that appreciation from him and his fellow councillors are passed on to staff for their efforts in reaching this achievement. He stated that staff helping with this project on their days off is an indication of what makes this organisation the success that it is.

**Moved** (Archer / Robb)

1. *That the report is received.*
2. *That Council acknowledges the effort of the WMP and the landowners in the catchment, and wider stakeholders, involved in reaching this target.*

*Carried*

### 5.1.3 HYDROLOGY AND RAINFALL NETWORK REVIEW

M. Meehan spoke to this report and stated that it is the same report that went to last month's councillor workshop. He advised that the crux of this report is the improvements that can be made to the flood warning network particularly in the Buller catchment. Cr Ewen drew attention to the higher cost of one site. M. Meehan agreed to look into this and report back to the next meeting.

**Moved** (Robb / Birchfield)

1. *That the report is received.*
2. *That Council completes the additional 19 proposed flow and rainfall sites over seven years.*
3. *That the estimated costs are refined and included in the 2016 Annual Plan for consultation.*

*Carried*

### 5.1.4 REEFTON AIR QUALITY SUMMARY

M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised that at the time of writing this report there have been 14 exceedances of the NES for air quality in Reefton. He stated this is a slight improvement on last year.

**Moved** (Archer / McDonnell) *that the report is received.*

*Carried*

### 5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

J. Adams spoke to this report and advised that 19 non-notified resource consents were granted during the reporting period. Eight changes to consent conditions were granted.

J. Adams answered various questions from councillors.

**Moved** (Birchfield / Robb) *that the September 2015 report of the Consents Group be received.*

*Carried*

### 5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

J. Adams spoke to this report and advised that 31 site visits were made during the reporting period. 22 visits were compliant and 9 were non-compliant. He reported that 11 alluvial gold mine inspections were completed and one coal mining site inspection.

J. Adams advised that one formal warning was issued and two infringement notices were issued during the reporting period. J. Adams reported that three work programmes were received during the reporting period which has now been completed. One bond for RC2014-0159 was received during the reporting period and two bonds are recommended for release. J. Adams answered various questions relating to his report.

**Moved** (Archer / Robb)

1. *That the September 2015 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
2. *That the bonds for Blacktopp Mining Ltd (RC10068 and RC11200) are released.*

*Carried*

**6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

J. Douglas passed on the concerns of several Hokitika residents regarding the state of the Hokitika river mouth. She stated that locals are worried that the river mouth is too narrow and since the recent flood event there are heightened concerns. It was noted that the river mouth is currently running towards the south. M. Meehan stated that advice was sought a few years ago when the mouth was narrow and running south. He offered to look for this information. C. Ingle confirmed that Niwa advice was sought prior to the building of the Hokitika seawall and it would be good to get Mr Hicks from Niwa back for an update on this matter. M. Meehan advised that he would follow up on this. It was noted that this river mouth can be opened up under the permitted activity rule. J. Douglas stated that it has been predicted that this spring is going to be very wet and in view of this it would be good to have a plan in place.

J. Adams advised that he has submitted his resignation and he is leaving to work for NZ Petroleum and Minerals in Wellington as of the end of October. C. Ingle passed on his thanks to J. Adams on behalf of staff. C. Ingle stated that J. Adams has done a fantastic job in his three years here and that he is very sad to lose him. He has done some very good work, he has put some very robust systems in place particularly in the compliance area. J. Douglas also thanked J. Adams for his mahi and his guidance and wished him and his family well for the move to Wellington. A round of applause followed.

The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting – 20 October 2014  
 Prepared by: Michael Meehan - Planning and Environment Manager  
 Date: 9 October 2015  
 Subject: **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT MANAGERS REPORT**

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#### Proposed Land and Water Plan Change

A Hui will be held on 15 October with iwi and the Department of Conservation to discuss issues raised during the pre-consultation phase. Staff aim to hold a workshop with the Resource Management Committee at the December meeting to discuss the pre consultation feedback.

#### Coastal Plan Review Pre Consultation

Analysis of the pre-consultation feedback received on the Draft Coastal Plan is almost completed. Meetings and hui's with key stakeholders have been valuable to clarify and discuss issues raised. A workshop will be held with the Resource Management Committee at the November meeting to consider amendments to the Draft Plan arising from pre-consultation feedback.

#### Proposed Regional Policy Statement

Council notified the Proposed Regional Policy Statement on 16 March 2015, with 72 submissions received.

Staff have been working on the Summary of Submissions which is nearing completion. It is anticipated that the Summary of Submissions will be released for further submissions at the start of November. Further submissions must be limited to a matter in support of, or opposition to, a relevant original submission. The time period for making further submissions is 10 working days.

#### Environmental Reporting Act

The Environmental Reporting Act was passed by Parliament on 24<sup>th</sup> September. The Act requires the Ministry for the Environment and Statistics New Zealand to publish a report every six months on one of the five environmental domains (air, freshwater, land, marine, atmosphere and climate), beginning with freshwater in mid-2016. A synthesis report, with analysis of air, freshwater, land, marine, atmosphere and climate trends and interactions, will be published every three years.

Council submitted on the Environmental Reporting Bill in 2011 in general support of it, with concerns about the potential costs to regional councils of any additional monitoring required by government for national reporting purposes. Regulations outlining what monitoring information will be reported on are yet to be formulated, however the Government has indicated that there will be no additional monitoring required of regional councils. The website [www.lawa.org.nz](http://www.lawa.org.nz) has all regional councils' water monitoring data, and land and air quality information will be added to it. This database will be used for national reporting.

#### **Flood Warning**

Site	Time of peak	Peak level	Warning Issued	Alarm threshold
Waiho River @ SH6	04/10/2015 15:15	8016mm	04/10/2015 15:15*	8000mm

\*Waiho River was only above alarm for 15 mins. Tim Gibb was contacted , but the rest of the group was not notified due to the short length of this event.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That the report is received*

Michael Meehan  
**Planning and Environment Manager**



**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting – 20 October 2014  
Prepared by: Cameron Doake – Biosecurity Officer  
Date: 9 October 2015  
Subject: **Regional Pest Plant Management Strategy Review**

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**Why a Review?**

The Biosecurity Act requires that a full review of a regional pest management plan be initiated if the plan is due to expire within 12 months, or if the last full review of the plan as a whole was more than 10 years ago. In addition, the Government has recently released the National Policy Direction for Pest Management (NPD) and all pest management plans are now required to 'not be inconsistent with' the NPD.

**The Role of the Regional Council**

In 2012 changes to the Biosecurity Act clarified the role of Regional Councils in pest management by clearly mandating them to provide regional leadership in pest management. Pest management is an inclusive term for activities that prevent, reduce, or eliminate adverse effects from harmful organisms present in New Zealand. How Councils fulfil this role is not prescriptive in the Act, however it suggests methods to do this are:

- 1) *Promoting alignment of pest management within a region.*
- 2) *Facilitating the development and alignment of regional pest management plans and regional pathway management plans in the region.*
- 3) *Promoting public support for pest management.*
- 4) *Facilitating communication and co-operation among those involved in pest management to enhance effectiveness, efficiency, and equity of programmes.*

While regional councils play a leadership role in pest management within their region, many other parties are also involved, including central government agencies, other local government agencies, individual land occupiers and community volunteers. Recognising that pest management is a combined effort, looking for opportunities to work together is crucial for effective pest management.

The 2012 amendment to the Biosecurity Act included some significant changes relevant to pest management. These were:

- A change in terminology from pest management 'strategies' to 'plans'.
- The requirement for the Government to create a NPD to deliver greater consistency, robustness and efficiency in pest management.
- The provision for 'Good Neighbour rules' which have the ability to bind the crown.
- Changes to the development and review process for plans to enable partial plan reviews at any time to address specific matters or changes in the plan.

## The National Policy Direction

The purpose of the NPD is to ensure that pest management activities under the Biosecurity Act – “...provide the best use of available resources for New Zealand’s best interests and align with one another when necessary.”

To achieve this, the NPD lays out 5 main directions around pest management, pathway management, and small scale management plans. The directions relate to setting objectives, programme description, analysing benefits and costs, allocation of costs, and good neighbour rules.

The directions relating to setting objectives and programme description address current inconsistencies by introducing terminology which must be adopted in all Pest Management Plans. There are 5 Pest Management Programmes into which you must fit the Pests you wish to manage. These are Exclusion, Eradication, Progressive Containment, Sustained Control and Site-led. Each Programme has a defined “intermediate outcome” which forms the basis of the objective for that pest.

Current Programme	New Programme
<b>National Pest Plant Advice Nursery Inspection Programme</b>	<b>Exclusion Programme</b> ‘to prevent the establishment of the subject that is present in NZ but not yet established in an area’
<b>Total Control</b> Pests with very low distribution that pose a significant threat to the region e.g. African Feather Grass, Nodding Thistle, potentially Yellow Bristle Grass.	<b>Eradication Programme</b> ‘to reduce the infestation level to zero in the short to medium term’
<b>Progressive Control</b> Pests with reasonable distribution within an area where control will prevent infestation spreading to clear land e.g. Kahili/Yellow Ginger, Gunnera, Pampas	<b>Progressive Containment Programme</b> ‘to contain or reduce the geographic distribution of the subject to an area over time’
<b>Boundary Control</b> Widespread established pests, control along boundaries only to prevent externality effects on adjacent occupiers e.g. Gorse, Broom, Ragwort	<b>Sustained Control Programme</b> ‘to provide for ongoing control of the subject to reduce its impacts on values and spread to other properties’
<b>Surveillance Pests</b> Pests present in the region capable of becoming major pests however not declared pests in current strategy e.g. Asiatic Knotweed, Reed Sweet Grass, Lagarosiphon	<b>Site-led Programme</b> ‘[Pest] which is capable of causing damage to a place is excluded or eradicated from that place, or is contained, reduced or controlled within the place to an extent that protects the values of that place.’

By designating these five pest management programmes the NPD ensures there will be consistency in Regional Pest Management Plans between regions. This alignment was a key deliverable for the NPD. Regional Councils Chief Executives nationwide have taken this a step further and initiated a collaborative project to develop a national approach to such plans. The project focussed on identifying areas where a standardised approach could be adopted by councils to better align plans between regions. The outcome of this has been a template for plans, a standardised ‘shopfront’

available to be adopted by all councils, which lays out the legislative and procedural sides to the plan, as well as providing a generic base for rule construction. The project also identified a list of 11 pests which are dealt with by the majority of councils nationally. These are listed as inter-regional pests and there is likely some benefit to a collective approach to producing a cost benefit analysis for these, as opposed to each council producing its own.

### **Good Neighbour Rules**

Until the 2012 amendments to the Biosecurity Act Crown Agencies were unable to be bound to pest management strategies. The NPD binds the Crown in reviewed pest management plans. This does not apply to all pest management programmes and is limited to specified 'Good Neighbour Rules', which are based around boundary control to address 'unreasonable costs' imposed on a land occupier as a result of spread from an adjacent or nearby property. The NPD prescribes a list of requirements that have to be met in order to bind the Crown to a Good Neighbour Rule. These rules are of high concern to DOC nationally, but on the West Coast shouldn't result in a huge influx of complaints to Council.

Although DOC is responsible for approximately 84% of the land within the region, council biosecurity staff currently receive no complaints about pest management along boundaries adjoining DOC estate. Complaints tend to go directly to DOC, and in the majority of cases DOC are able to resolve them.

### **West Coast Regional Council Current Approach & Future Direction**

Currently the West Coast Regional Council's pest strategy provides progressive control area rules only in selected areas. These areas were targeted for having small infestations of pests where the effects of these pests taking hold would be significant. The current progressive control areas are also an important 'tourist corridor', where there are national economic benefits from maintaining the outstanding scenic values. The Strategy currently encourages The Department of Conservation to work collaboratively with land owners to achieve voluntary control in the first instance, with WCRC becoming involved only when all avenues for voluntary compliance have been exhausted. This approach has worked very well and is important to carry this through to the new plan.

Collaboratively we have made great gains on pest management within the region over the duration of the current strategy and there are opportunities to enhance these gains through the next review. Outside of these progressive control areas there are some pests that are starting to gain a foothold, and without a bottom line in place, there are no options if an occupier is uncooperative. There is an opportunity with this review to provide wider regulation of high risk pests throughout the region. Once a bottom line is established (e.g. occupiers are required to undertake control) DOC rangers and advocacy staff have more leverage to negotiate with occupiers in the first instance, and if this fails, any enforcement work referred to WCRC is cost recoverable after the second inspection. So wider regulation doesn't necessarily equate to larger implementation costs.

It is recommended that staff commence pre consultation work with the key stakeholders who include Iwi, DOC, the District Councils, NZTA, Forest Owners, Federated Farmers and Westland Milk Products. The first step in this pre consultation would be to hold a pest plant forum with these groups and seek their feedback on the key issues they see for the next 5 – 10 years.

An important consideration when discussing any potential changes to the rules is the cost benefit analysis required. Staff have viewed the cost benefit analysis work that other regions have undertaken and are looking at similar methods (piggybacking on work already done) in presenting these to Council.

Following this pre consultation staff could hold a workshop with Council in April 2016 to discuss the feedback and seek direction, with a view of notifying the strategy in the second half of 2016.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- A. That this report is received.*
- B. That Council agree to the proposed consultation direction*

Michael Meehan  
**Planning and Environment Manager**

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting – 20 October 2014  
Prepared by: Lillie Sadler – Policy Analyst  
Date: 9 October 2015

Subject: **REPORT ON FINDINGS OF RULES REDUCTION TASKFORCE**

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Report of Rules Reduction Taskforce

"The loopy rules report: New Zealanders tell their stories" was released by the Government on 22 September 2015 following 50 public meetings, and close to 2,000 submissions lodged.

Around one third of the submissions relate to the Resource Management Act, and three quarters of the issues raised relate to the responsibilities and actions of councils. The common theme of submitters expressed frustration with the complexity (22%), and unnecessary bureaucracy (20%). The report quotes examples of rules that are impractical, make no sense, and which have arisen from officials' zealotry but have no material effect. Most of the examples cited relate to building, subdivision, and land use consents rather than regional council plan rules. Issues relating to the Local Government Acts 1974 and 2002 also focus on territorial authority functions such as encroachments, road closures, and LIMs.

A common general theme was dissatisfaction with the level of customer service people received, and problems with consent and plan processes and timeframes, including:

- Delays and increased consent costs;
- Affected parties seeking payment in exchange for their written approval;
- Councils taking a wide view of who is an affected party;
- High costs and time delays for obtaining a cultural impact assessment;
- Small or straightforward proposals with minor breaches of a rule having to go through a full resource consent process;
- Councils concerned about the length of time it takes to change RMA plans under the First Schedule process for minor amendments;
- The impact of protecting significant vegetation and habitats as per RMA section 6(c) on private property rights.

The Task Force suggest a number of options to improve RMA implementation and the level of customer service offered by central and local government:

- Have a 'can-do' attitude;
- Have one consent officer processing an application through the whole process, and proactively liaise with the applicant throughout the process;
- Cultural impact assessments should be time-bound;
- Remove the need for a resource consent for minor or technical breaches of plan rules;
- Amend the RMA so minor technical adjustments to plans don't have to go through the full First Schedule process;
- Require MFE to consult with councils when developing NPS's and NES's, and involve councils in the preparation of implementation guidance;
- Prepare guidance material for councils on how to implement RMA section 6(c) in relation to significant vegetation;
- MFE should progress a national policy statement on indigenous biodiversity;
- Fully identify the costs and benefits of national requirements for managing air and water.

Local Government Minister Paula Bennett has advised that the Government will be working with local authorities to ensure they are providing the right advice to their residents about what rules and regulations mean and how they apply in their communities.

A copy of the final report can be found here: [http://www.dia.govt.nz/vwluResources/Rules-Reduction-Report/\\$file/Rules-Reduction-Report.pdf](http://www.dia.govt.nz/vwluResources/Rules-Reduction-Report/$file/Rules-Reduction-Report.pdf)

Recommendations implications for Council

The options the Rules Reduction Taskforce has recommended have been actioned by this Council in a number of ways:

- Staff provide as much assistance as they can to resource consent applicants and resource users to avoid unnecessary delays. Staff follow the "red carpet not red tape" ethos expressed in the Regional Economic Strategy.

- Council has a very good record of granting resource consents within the statutory timeframes and generally use one officer to work through the process with the applicant from start to finish.
- Through various plan changes and reviews we have removed the need for resource consent for activities which have minor environment effects. A good example of this is the permitted activity rules for the placement of culverts and bridges, which recognises the minor adverse effects on the environment and the benefits of removing stock crossing the waterway.

In regard to further direction from central government it is clear from the proposed work programme the Ministry for the Environment has publicised, we expect more National Policy Statements and National Environmental Standards to be developed in the future. The regional sector has asked central government in producing this national direction to work closely with local government to ensure it is fit for purpose, this includes developing guidance at the same time as the direction not years down the track.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

*That the report is received*

Michael Meehan  
**Planning and Environment Manager**

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee – 20 October 2015  
 Prepared by: Jackie Adams - Consents & Compliance Manager  
 Date: 7 October 2015

**Subject: CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**

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**CONSENTS****Consents Site Visits 26 August – 6 October 2015**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME, ACTIVITY &amp; LOCATION</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>
28/08/2015	RC-2015-0138, Edward Wallace Birk, Track & Road construction, Okari Road	Visited site with applicant and Department of Conservation to view Schedule 2 Wetland through which the applicant wishes to place and access track.
17/09/2015	RC-2015-0137, Kiwirail Holdings Ltd, Wash water treatment system, Otira Rail Tunnel	Visited site with applicant, consultants and Department of Conservation staff to view the tunnel and location of works in proximity to the river.

**Non-Notified Resource Consents Granted 26 August – 6 October 2015**

<b>CONSENT NO. &amp; HOLDER</b>	<b>PURPOSE OF CONSENT</b>
RC-2014-0097 Mattridge Ltd	To discharge effluent from a dairy shed to groundwater, near DS131, Harihari.
RC-2014-0204 Butlers Mining Company Ltd	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining activities within Mining Permit MP 54511, at Butlers.  To take and use surface water from within MP 54511 for the purposes of alluvial gold mining activities, namely Stenhouse Creek, Camp Creek and their tributaries, at Butlers.  To take and use ground water within MP 54511 for the purposes of alluvial gold mining activities at Butlers.  To discharge contaminants (sediment-laden) water to land in circumstances where it may enter water, namely Stenhouse Creek, Camp Creek and their tributaries, at Butlers.  To discharge contaminants (sediment-laden) water to water, namely Stenhouse Creek, Camp Creek and their tributaries, at Butlers.
RC-2015-0026 Eldon Holdings Ltd	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining adjacent to Maori Creek Road and within MP 56357.  To disturb water bodies within MP 56357 associated with water diversion.  To divert water bodies within MP 56357 associated with alluvial gold mining.  To take and use water for alluvial gold mining activities within MP 56357.  To discharge sediment-laden water to water namely tributaries of Jacks Creek associated with alluvial gold mining within MP 56357.

RC-2015-0080 Avery Bros Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Buller River at Tredenicks Point for the purpose of extracting gravel.
	To disturb the wet bed of the Buller River at Tredenicks Point for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC-2015-0092 Cranley Farms Ltd	To undertake earthworks associated with land flipping and/or humping and hollowing activities at Kawhaka.
	To discharge sediment associated with land flipping and/or humping and hollowing activities to land where it may enter water, namely the Kawhaka Creek and its tributaries.
RC-2015-0100 Raymond Thomas	To disturb the bed of Gows Creek associated with water diversion and alluvial gold mining.
	To take and use groundwater via seepage into mining ponds, Gows Creek.
	To divert water within Gows Creek associated with alluvial gold mining.
	To discharge mine pond water to surface water and into groundwater via seepage, Gows Creek.
	To discharge water containing sediment to land where it may enter water, associated with alluvial gold mining, Gows Creek.
RC-2015-0106 S Barrett, T Barrett, & L Mathieson	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining within MP 41865, Italians Creek.
	To disturb the bed of Italians Creek and its tributaries within MP 41865 associated with water diversion.
	To divert the flow of Italians Creek and its tributaries within MP 41865 associated with alluvial gold mining.
	To take and use water for alluvial gold mining activities within MP 41865.
	To discharge sediment-laden water to land in circumstances where it may enter water, namely Italians Creek and its tributaries associated with alluvial gold mining within MP 41865.
	To discharge sediment-laden water to water namely Italians Creek and its tributaries associated with alluvial gold mining within MP 41865.
RC-2015-0119 New Zealand Transport Agency	To disturb the riparian margins and within 20 metres of the Coastal Marine Area (CMA) associated with erecting a cycleway/pedestrian structure, Taramakau Road/Rail Bridge.
	To construct a cycleway/pedestrian structure over the CMA, Taramakau Road/Rail Bridge.
RC-2015-0120 Koura Mining Ltd	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining activities within Mining Permit MP 50322, at the Arahura Valley.
	To take and use surface water from within MP 50322 for the purposes of alluvial gold mining activities, namely Fox Creek, and its tributaries, at the Arahura Valley.
	To take and use ground water within MP 50322 for the purposes of alluvial gold mining activities at the Arahura Valley.
	To discharge contaminants (sediment-laden) water to land in circumstances where it may enter water, namely Fox Creek, and its tributaries, at the Arahura Valley.



RC-2015-0123  
PC & AM Robinson

To discharge water containing contaminants (sediment-laden) to water, namely Fox Creek and its tributaries, at the Arahura Valley.

RC-2015-0126  
Kumara Holdings Ltd

To discharge treated onsite sewage wastewater to land at Lot 1 DP 2414, Kumara Junction Highway.

RC-2015-0128  
Fulton Hogan Ltd

To discharge treated onsite sewage wastewater to land at the Theatre Royal Hotel, 81 Seddon Street, Kumara.

RC-2015-0130  
R & CA Oliver

To discharge water containing contaminants to water, Mill Creek.

To undertake earthworks within 50 metres of the Coastal Marine Area (CMA), Houhou.

To alter the foreshore/seabed to construct a bund, Houhou.

To occupy space in the CMA with a bund, Houhou.

To construct a structure (bund) in the CMA, Houhou.

To deposit natural material (rock and soil) in the CMA, Houhou.

RC-2015-0140  
MBD Contracting Ltd

To disturb the dry bed of the Buller River (Organs Island) for the purpose of extracting gravel.

To disturb the dry bed of Canoe Creek for the purpose of extracting gravel.

To disturb the dry bed of the Big Grey (Mawheranui) River for the purpose of extracting gravel.

To disturb the dry bed of the Taramakau River (near Rangiriri Creek) for the purpose of extracting gravel.

To disturb the dry bed of the Taramakau River (near Rocky Point) for the purpose of extracting gravel.

To disturb the dry bed of the Taramakau River (near Rocky Creek) for the purpose of extracting gravel.

To disturb the dry bed of the Mikonui River for the purpose of extracting gravel.

To disturb the dry bed of Kakapotahi River for the purpose of extracting gravel.

To disturb the dry bed of the Poerua River for the purpose of extracting gravel.

To disturb the dry bed of the Whataroa River for the purpose of extracting gravel.

To disturb the dry bed of MacDonalds Creek for the purpose of extracting gravel.

To disturb the dry bed of the Waiho River for the purpose of extracting gravel.

To disturb the dry bed of Docherty Creek for the purpose of extracting gravel.

To disturb the dry bed of the Mahitahi River for the purpose of extracting gravel.

To disturb the dry bed of the Paringa River for the purpose of extracting gravel.

To disturb the dry bed of Kaka Creek for the purpose of extracting gravel.

To disturb the dry bed of the Haast River (upstream of the SH6 bridge) for the purpose of extracting gravel.

RC-2015-0142  
West Coast District Health Board

To disturb the dry bed of the Haast River (downstream of the SH6 bridge) for the purpose of extracting gravel.

To discharge products of combustion to air from a diesel generator, Grey Base Hospital.

Changes to and Reviews of Consent Conditions granted 26 August – 6 October 2015

<b>CONSENT NO, HOLDER &amp; LOCATION</b>	<b>PURPOSE OF CHANGE</b>
RC89038-V5 Solid Energy New Zealand Ltd	To remove dissolved oxygen from the water quality monitoring regime and remove some monitoring sites, Stockton Mine.
RC06206-V5 Solid Energy New Zealand Ltd	To remove dissolved oxygen from the water quality monitoring regime, 4 West, Stockton Mine.
RC10278-V1 Xinxin Mining Ltd	To extend the consented mining area within MacDonalds Creek, Arahura Valley.
RC12007-V1 Koura Mining Ltd	To increase the disturbed mining area and bond, Greenstone River area.
RC13077-V1 North West Livestock Ltd	To remove the requirement to cease gravel extraction during whitebait fishing season, Organs Island, Buller River.
WS1601-V1 Joan Ruth Roberts	To allow for a change of design of whitebait structure, Okuru River.

No Notified or Limited Notified Resource Consents were granted in the period 26 August to 6 October 2015.

Public Enquiries

60 written public enquiries were responded to during the reporting period. 47 were answered on the same day, 10 the following day, and the remaining xx 3 no more than 10 working days later. 2 LGOIMA requests were responded to, all within the required timeframe.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That the October 2015 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Jackie Adams  
**Consents & Compliance Manager**

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee – 20 October 2015  
 Prepared by: Jackie Adams – Consents & Compliance Manager  
 Date: 8 October 2015  
 Subject: **COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

**Site Visits**

A total of 115 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period, which consisted of:

Activity	Number of Visits
Resource consent monitoring	86
Mining compliance & bond release	9
Complaint Related	20

Out of the 115 total site visits for the reporting period, 101 visits were compliant, 14 visits were non-compliant.

- **Mining visits**

7 alluvial gold mining inspections were carried out during the month. Two inspections resulted in enforcement action being undertaken. One coal mining inspection was carried out during the month.

- **Whitebait Stands**

55 whitebait stands have been inspected which includes stands on the Mokihiui, Wanganui and Okuru Rivers.

**Complaints/Incidents between 27 August 2015 and 7 October 2015**

The following 21 complaints/incidents were received during the reporting period:

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome	INC/Comp
Discharge to Air	Complaint regarding the aerial discharge of pesticide.	Rotomanu	Complainant was concerned about spray drift from an aerial spraying operation. Complaint was unsubstantiated	Complaint
Discharge to water	Complaint regarding the discharge of sediment laden water from a gold mining operation.	Notown	The site was investigated and the operator was required to undertake remedial work.	Complaint
Stormwater discharge	Complaint regarding the discharge of storm water causing flooding to a neighbouring property.	Dobson	Site investigated and the complaint was unsubstantiated.	Complaint
Works within the bed of a river	Complaint that a digger was undertaking work within the bed of a river.	Hokitika	Site investigated and established the operator was undertaking remedial work to prevent an adverse effect.	Complaint
Flood protection work	Complaint regarding flood protection work using demolition materials.	Grey River	The operator was required to remove the material from the river bank and the bed of the river as the material used was from a demolished building and should have gone to a landfill for disposal.	Complaint
Discharge to water	The operator reported that there was oil/diesel sheen in the drain they had just excavated.	Runanga	The work was undertaken on behalf of the GDC doing repairs to a street storm drain. It is thought that the diesel was in the ground and a minor amount was released with the excavation. No remedial work was required.	Incident
Discharge to land	WMP report that they have had a milk spill on the Cobden Bridge.	Greymouth	The operator arranged for the cleanup. No further action was required.	Incident

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome	INC/Comp
Discharge to water	Complaint regarding the discharge of a contaminant to the Hokitika River.	Hokitika	The operator was having issues with a new system and was undertaking remedial work to mitigate the effects and resolve the issue. Enquiries are ongoing	Complaint
Dead stock on beach	Complaint regarding a dead sheep on the beach.	Hokitika	Contractor organized to dispose of the sheep.	Complaint
Earthworks	Complaint regarding the dumping of soil and the risk of sediment run off.	Arahura Valley	Enquires established that the operator dumped soil along the riparian margin of Kawhaka Creek breaching the permitted activity rule. Enforcement action was undertaken.	Complaint
Flooding	Complaint regarding a storm water drain with the potential to flood a property.	Hokitika	Opus was contacted and asked to investigate the matter with a view to cleaning out the drain and the State Highway culvert.	Complaint
Discharge to water	Complaint regarding the discharge of dairy effluent to a drain.	Karamea	The site was investigated and the complaint was unsubstantiated.	Complaint
Riparian margin clearance	Complaint that the riparian margin of a creek has been cleared.	Haast	The site was inspected and the complaint was unsubstantiated.	Complaint
Stormwater discharge	Complaint that Stormwater is causing scouring to a property.	Greymouth	The site was inspected and there was no breach of the relevant rules.	Complaint
Discharge to land	WMP reported that they have had a milk spill at Blackball.	Blackball	The operator arranged for the cleanup. No further action was required.	Incident
Discharge to air and water	Complaint regarding the odour from a Waste Water Treatment Plant discharge.	Reefton	The site was visited and found that the discharge from the WWTP appeared to be poorly treated. Enquiries are ongoing.	Complaint
Discharge to air	Complaint that a sand blasting operation has discharged dust and grit onto a neighbouring property.	Ikamatua	The site was investigated and found that the operation was unconsented and had discharged dust and grit onto the neighbour's property. Enforcement action was undertaken.	Complaint
Riparian margin clearance	Complaint regarding the clearance of lake side riparian margin	Brunner	Enquires established that no native vegetation had been cleared and minor earthworks undertaken complied with permitted activity rules.	Complaint
Discharge to water	Complaint regarding the discharge of sediment laden water into Waimea Creek from a gold mining operation	Stafford	The site was visited and samples of the discharge were obtained. The operator was required to undertake remedial work.	Complaint
Discharge to land	WMP reported that they have had a milk spill at Ikamatua.	Ikamatua	The operator arranged for the cleanup. No further action was required.	Complaint
Discharge to water	Complaint regarding the discharge of a contaminant to a Stormwater drain	Hokitika	The site was investigated and enquiries are ongoing.	Complaint

## **Formal Enforcement Action**

Four abatement notices were issued during the reporting period:

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<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
Stormwater discharge: notice issued to undertake remedial work	Ross
Gold Mining: notice issued to undertake remedial work to reduce disturbed area.	Kumara
Gold Mining: two notices issued to the same operator, cease the discharge of sediment laden water and to reduce the disturbed area.	Blue Spur

Four infringement notices were issued during the reporting period.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
Gold Mining: discharge of sediment laden water	Blue Spur
Gold Mining: discharge of sediment laden water	Taylorville
Earthworks: earthworks within the riparian margin of a creek	Arahura Valley
Sandblasting: discharge to air	Ikamatua

On 8 October a decision was made to prosecute a gold mine operation for an unlawful discharge, in accordance with the Council's enforcement policy.

## **Mining Work Programmes and Bonds**

The Council received the following **seven** work programmes during the last reporting period. Three programmes have since been approved in the 20 day timeframe. The remaining work programmes require a site visit for final approval or further information submitted.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Mining Authorisation</b>	<b>Holder</b>	<b>Location</b>
01/09/2015	RC09084	Xin Xin Mining Ltd	Humphreys Gully
18/09/2015	RC12007	Koura Mining Ltd	Greenstone
21/09/2015	RC10214	Brent Hampton	Gows Creek
28/09/2015	RC2014-0114	Grifis Mining Ltd	Taylorville
30/09/2015	RC13050	Hau Hau Gold Ltd	Kumara
02/10/2015	RC05067	Whytes	Marsden
06/10/2015	RC12035	TLD Investments Ltd	Inangahua

The Council **received** the following bonds during the reporting period:

<b>Mining Authorisation</b>	<b>Holder</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
RC2015-0120	Koura Mining Ltd	Fox Creek	\$50,000
RC12007	Koura Mining Ltd	Fox Creek	\$40,000

## **RECOMMENDATION**

*That the October 2015 report of the Compliance Group be received.*

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, 20 October 2015** commencing on completion of the Resource Management Committee Meeting

A.J. ROBB  
CHAIRPERSON

C. INGLE  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2015,  
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD,  
GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.32 A.M.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**1. APOLOGIES:**

**Moved** (Archer / McDonnell) *that the apologies from Cr Clementson and Cr Challenger be accepted.*

**2. PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no public forum.

**3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved** (Birchfield / McDonnell) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 11 August 2015, be confirmed as correct.*

*Carried*

**Matters arising**

Cr Archer asked for an update on the \$30,000 cash bond that Council called in to enable the rehabilitation of the property at Blue Spur. J. Adams advised that he has been contacted by Prospect Resources Ltd (PRL), they are the company that put the bond up for Little Paddock (2010) Ltd. PRL have asked if they can mine this site and they will rehabilitate it. J. Adams advised that he has given PRL six weeks to put a plan to him but part of the agreement is that Hanily Holdings Ltd who currently hold this consent, owe council money therefore the agreement is that PRL have to pay Hanily's account, which they have agreed to do. J. Adams advised PRL still have a couple more weeks to come up with the plan but if they fail to do this then the bond will be used to rehabilitate the site.

**REPORTS:**

**4.1 ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT**

M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised that emergency works have been done in the Taramakau rating district following a recent flood event. The cost of these works was just over \$86,000. Emergency maintenance works were also carried out in the Wanganui rating district. M. Meehan advised that future works have been identified in Franz Josef and Lower Waiho rating districts. The Chairman and M. Meehan attended the meeting of the Franz Josef Working Group on 19 August. M. Meehan reported that the group was formed by Westland District Council and this council, NZTA, Iwi, DoC and eight community members are also part of this group. M. Meehan advised that the main issue of direct relevance to the Regional Council is the rating district and the Waiho River hazard. He advised that removal work is progressing well for the motel site and he will inspect this area to see what is left to be demolished. M. Meehan advised that he will bring information regarding monitoring work and the future of the rating districts in this area to the next council meeting. The Chairman stated that the working group is a positive start for future progress and there are some good people on this group.

M. Meehan reported that a workshop is schedule to be held at the end of today's meeting to discuss progress to date with the Buller River Flood Working Group. Good progress has been made by civil



defence West Coast. They have been investigating evacuation plans for Westport which links in with the enhanced flood warning service proposal. M. Meehan advised that the group is now ready to present its findings to the Buller District Council and this council with a meeting tentatively scheduled for 23 September.

M. Meehan reported that a public meeting was held to discuss erosion issues with the community of Granity, Ngakawau and Hector recently. He advised that a small working group was formed at this meeting and a survey of the beach has been completed. A coastal expert will do a follow up report from the 2006 /07 Envirolink funded NIWA report. A further public meeting is scheduled for late October to discuss a potential rating district.

M. Meehan reported that bunding work has been done at Kiwi quarry and rock will be recovered once the weather is more stable. He stated that quarry operations have now been moved to Whataroa to ensure there is enough rock in this area for the coming spring period.

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

*Carried*

## **4.2 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT**

R. Mallinson spoke to this report and advised that small positive returns are being shown for the first two months of the financial year.

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

*Carried*

### **4.2.1 ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR TO 30 JUNE 2015**

R. Mallinson spoke to this report advising that this is the unaudited annual report for the year. He advised that due to Council's small total expenditure figures we qualify as a Tier 2 public benefit entity which enables councils to take advantage of the "reduced discloses regime" for Tier 2 entities. This allows council to considerably reduce the size of the Annual Report.

**Moved** (Archer / Birchfield) *That Council receives the un-audited Annual Report.*

*Carried*

## **5.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The Chairman spoke to his report and noted the various meetings he attended. The Chairman reported that he and C. Ingle recently met with the Chief Executive of the Local Government Commission, Sandra Preston to discuss the prospect of a single unitary council for the West Coast. The Chairman explained the background behind this. He advised that the next step is for the Commissioner, Janie Annear, to interview him and the local mayors. The Chairman advised that the Commission then gauges the community interest and then makes a decision as to whether or not the community wishes to progress this further. Cr Archer stated that he is interested in how demonstrable community support will be assessed as this is a key issue. He stated that the only enforced amalgamation that has happened in this country is Auckland and this has been an absolute failure. Cr Archer stated that funding and rates savings for Auckland did not happen, he stated that the opposite happened. Cr Archer feels in depth studies need to be done on what the potential savings might be. The Chairman advised that this is an opportunity to improve things, which has already started, without forming a unitary council. The Chairman noted that the last attempt in 1996 to form a unitary council on the West Coast failed. He stated that this is an opportunity for this council, as we are regional, to get the project going and to ensure that we save the community's money and deliver better services across the line. Cr Archer agreed with this. Further discussion took place. Cr Birchfield spoke of the example with Ecan and their amalgamation attempt and how they have evolved to the stage of where they are now.

The Chairman provided an update on the recent RSG meeting. He stated that Hon Nick Smith and the Attorney General both spoke, with the Attorney General speaking about treaty settlements.

The Chairman reported that the Regional Sector Group has an appointee to the Ospri Stakeholder Council. He advised that following the resignation of the previous representative, he has now been appointed to this position.

The Chairman reported that he was contacted by the Governor General's Office late last week to ask him to carry out investiture ceremony for Mr Gary Aburn from South Westland. Cr Robb advised that Mr Aburn is a conservationist and world renowned predator catcher who has contributed to the

protection of kakapo. Cr Robb carried out the ceremony on Saturday evening and stated that it was a very humbling and emotional experience.

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

*Carried*

**6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORT**

C. Ingle spoke to his report and advised that he chaired and opened the SOLGM Community Plan conference in Christchurch on 17 August. He stated that there was some very good strategic discussion among the attendees, of which there were around 120. 30 year infrastructure strategies were discussed as they are now a requirement and are tied in with the provisions of the Long Term Plans. C. Ingle felt that people are now pretty positive about the last round of changes to the Local Government Act as these are driving the sector to think better about how infrastructure is managed.

C. Ingle reported that the last of the SIG review was completed at the recent Regional Chief Executive’s meeting in Wellington.

C. Ingle reported that he attended a strategic meeting held by Civica, Council’s software provider for its financial system. He stated that this the meeting discussed what local government is going to look like in ten years’ time from a software developer’s point of view as they are wanting to develop and lead in this area. C. Ingle stated that this was a very good meeting, with interesting discussions with fellow CEO’s.

C. Ingle provided an update on various matters from the recent RSG meeting including changes to the RMA, NES and NPS’s, consistency between regions, and other matters.

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

*Carried*

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

J. Adams announced his resignation as of October 30<sup>th</sup>. He is moving to Wellington to a position with NZ Petroleum and Minerals. The Chairman passed on this thanks to J. Adams for his service, on behalf of all the other Councillors; he stated that J. Adams has done a great job for Council in the three years that he has been here. The Chairman said that J. Adams has been approachable and worked well with resource users. The Chairman wished J. Adams well with his new role and hoped that the move goes well for his family.

The meeting closed at 12.36 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date

## THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 20 October 2015  
 Prepared by: Louise Dando – Engineering Assistant  
 Date: 12 October 2015  
 Subject: **ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT**

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### **WORKS COMPLETED AND WORKS TENDERED FOR**

#### Waitangitona Rating District

This maintenance work involving approximately 600 tonnes of rock has been tendered and awarded to MBD Contracting Ltd at a price of \$12,000 (GST Exclusive).

#### Wanganui Rating District

This maintenance work involving approximately 600 tonnes of rock has been tendered and awarded to Arnold Contracting Ltd at a price of \$16,500 (GST Exclusive).

#### Lower Waiho Rating District

This maintenance work involving approximately 2,000 tonnes of rock has been tendered and awarded to Arnold Contracting at a price of \$35,351 (GST Exclusive).

#### Coal Creek Rating District

This work involving the extension of the toe rock using 700 tonnes of rock. It was tendered and awarded to MBD Contracting Ltd at a price of \$16,100 (GST Exclusive).

MBD Contracting Ltd also undertook work excavating a diversion cut through the gravel beach on the true left of the Grey River for a price of \$4,860.

#### Nelson Creek Rating District

This work involving approximately 260 tonnes of rock has been tendered out, and awarded to G H Foster Contracting Ltd at a price of \$7,392 (GST Exclusive).

### **Franz Josef Community Working Group**

The second meeting of the Franz Josef Working Group (FJWG) was held on 7 October 2015. The meeting went through the list of priorities set out by the FJWG and assigned the lead agency and discussed the issue in more detail.

The Regional Council is taking a lead role in the collation of the natural hazard information available. It is also taking a joint lead role with NZTA on the flood hazard from the Waiho River.

Council and NZTA have drafted a joint monitoring strategy which aligns the work we both do on the river. The next project is to design one plan for the river which identifies the risk areas and options available to mitigate those risks.

The FJWG will meet monthly in Franz Josef.

### **Hokitika River Mouth**

Council has flown the Hokitika River mouth with a drone to gain an understanding of the current situation. The river is flowing to the south with a narrow opening, two sandspits have formed.

Council have engaged Murray Hicks from NIWA to give advice on the issue, he will visit the site in late October.

### **Buller River Flood Committee**

On 23 September 2015 members of the Buller River Flood Committee presented their findings to the West Coast Regional and Buller District Councils. The group discussed the three streams of work it has been working on:

- Flood Warning
- Civil Defence

- Potential flood mitigation options

The next step in the process is to socialise the findings and inform the community of the positive work which is already underway. Council is working on a communications plan to do this which will include drop in sessions for the public and information available online and at key locations in Westport.

#### **Neils Beach Sea Erosion**

Staff are meeting with the community at Neils Beach on 23 October 2015 to discuss the sea erosion that is occurring there and potential options available to the community.

#### **Quarries**

Quarry	Rock Available	Emergency Stockpile
Blackball	2,300	-
Camelback	5,437	2,000
Inchbonnie	8,000	-
Kiwi	5,510	-
Whataroa	1,034	2,500
Okuru	500	-

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That the report is received*

Michael Meehan  
**Planning and Environment Manager**

Prepared for: Council Meeting  
 Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager  
 Date: 12 October 2015

### 1. Financial Report

I attach the financial report for the two months to 31 August 2015.

FOR THE TWO MONTHS ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015				
	ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	ACTUAL % ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET
<b>REVENUES</b>				
General Rates and Penalties	377,176	367,000	17%	2,202,000
Investment Income	55,753	173,786	5%	1,042,718
Resource Management	260,065	236,425	18%	1,418,550
Regional Land Transport	12,780	15,083	14%	90,500
Emergency Management	37,871	40,333	16%	242,000
Economic Development	25,000	0		0
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	316,928	233,630	23%	1,401,778
Regional % Share Controls	66,218	66,667	17%	400,000
Warm West Coast	0	18,167	0%	109,000
VCS Business Unit	675,522	474,663	24%	2,847,975
Revaluation of Investment Property	0	5,636	0%	33,814
	1,827,313	1,631,389		9,788,335
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Governance	73,956	70,521	17%	423,128
Economic Development	7,234	25,000		150,000
Resource Management	599,836	509,545	20%	3,057,270
Regional land Transport	23,324	27,852	14%	167,110
Hydrology & Flood warning Services	112,126	84,283	22%	505,695
Emergency Management	35,513	42,085	14%	252,512
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	415,157	254,189	27%	1,525,135
Regional % Share Controls	123,375	120,957	17%	725,741
VCS Business Unit	531,314	391,329	23%	2,347,975
Other	19,968	15,359	22%	92,156
Warm West Coast	4,288	18,167	4%	109,000
	1,946,092	1,559,287		9,355,722
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>-118,778</b>	<b>72,102</b>		<b>432,613</b>

BREAKDOWN OF SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	Variance Actual V Budgeted YTD	ACTUAL	BUDGET Year to date	ANNUAL BUDGET
Rating Districts	-79,451	-30,995	48,456	290,736
Economic Development	42,766	17,766	-25,000	-150,000
Quarries	-1,985	-1,078	907	5,444
Regional % Share of AHB Programmes	-2,867	-57,157	-54,290	-325,741
Investment Income	-118,033	55,753	173,786	1,042,718
VCS Business Unit	60,875	144,208	83,333	500,000
General Rates Funded Activities	-77,652	-223,019	-145,367	-872,202
Warm West Coast	-4,288	-4,288	0	0
Revaluation Investment Property	0	0	5,636	33,814
Other	-4,609	-19,968	-15,359	-92,156
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-185,246</b>	<b>-118,778</b>	<b>72,103</b>	<b>432,613</b>

Net Contributors to General Rates Funded Surplus (-Deficit)	Actual	Budget ytd	Annual Plan
<u>Net Variance Actual V YTD</u>			
Rates	10,176	377,176	2,202,000
Representation	-3,435	-73,956	-423,128
Resource Management	-66,651	-339,771	-1,638,720
Transport Activities	2,224	-10,544	-76,610
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	3,767	-66,156	-419,537
Hydrology & Flood warning	-27,844	-112,126	-505,695
Emergency Management	4,110	2,358	-10,512
	<b>-77,652</b>	<b>-223,019</b>	<b>-872,202</b>

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION @ 31 AUGUST 2015**


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	@ 31/08/15
<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>	
Cash	-152,521
Deposit - Westpac	
Accounts Receivable - General	337,294
Accounts Receivable - Rates	46,107
Prepayments	151,049
Sundry Receivables	341,828
GST Refund due	31,006
Stock - VCS	100,382
Stock - Rock	532,860
Stock - Office Supplies	19,164
Accrued Rates Revenue	646,238
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	2,053,407
<b><u>NON CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>	
Investments	11,287,116
Strategic Investments	909,513
Term Deposit - PRCC bond	50,000
MBIE & DOC Bonds	14,636
Investments-Catastrophe Fund	898,714
Warm West Coast Loans	686,501
Commercial Property Investment	1,340,000
Fixed Assets	4,927,259
Infrastructural Assets	54,061,958
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	74,175,695
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<hr/>
	76,229,101
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<b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>	
Bank Short Term Loan	1,500,000
Accounts Payable	705,729
GST	
Deposits and Bonds	750,046
Sundry Payables	82,764
Accrued Annual Leave, Payroll	377,197
Other Revenue in Advance	101,748
Rates Revenue in Advance	
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	3,517,484
<b><u>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>	
Future Quarry restoration	70,000
Interest Rate Hedge Position	180,435
Lower Waiho	230,620
Greymouth Floodwall	1,792,496
Hokitika Seawall	1,375,000
Punakaikī Loan	13,566
Strategic Investments	1,246,118
Warm West Coast	720,000
Office Equipment Leases	22,298
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	5,650,533
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<hr/>
	9,168,017
<b><u>EQUITY</u></b>	
Ratepayers Equity	19,754,807
Surplus transferred	-118,778
Lake Brunner Project Funds	66,974
Rating Districts Equity	1,479,434
Tb Special Rate Balance	317,206
Revaluation	34,624,357
Quarry Account	-267,076
Catastrophe Fund	897,160
Investment Growth Reserve	10,307,000
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<hr/>
	67,061,084
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<hr/>
	76,229,101

## 2. Investment Income

### Westpac Portfolios

July/August 2015	Catastrophe Fund	Major Portfolio	TOTAL
Opening balance 1 July 2015	\$ 897,159	\$ 11,249,654	\$ 12,146,813
Income July/August 2015	\$ 1,555	\$ 37,462	\$ 39,017
Deposit			
Withdrawal		\$ -	\$ -
Closing balance 31 August 2015	\$ 898,714	\$ 11,287,116	\$ 12,185,830
Total income year to date to 31 August 2015	\$ 1,555	\$ 37,462	\$ 39,017

## 3. Comment

The result for the two months to 31 August 2015 was a deficit of \$118,000.

This can be directly attributed to the Investment portfolio income for the period being \$118,000 less than budgeted.

The two months to 30 September, and the quarter to 30 September have been turbulent with regard to the Investment portfolio, with substantial gains experienced during July, followed by negative returns during August (and September).

## 4. Audited Annual Report

At the time of preparing this report I was working through final discussions with our Audit Director. Final clearance is expected in a few days' time and receipt of the Audit Report can be expected for the meeting on 20 October.

The final version of the Annual Report cleared by Audit NZ will be circulated to Councillors later in the week.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *That this report be received.*
2. *That Councillors formally adopt the audited Annual Report for the year to 30 June 2015.*

Robert Mallinson  
Corporate Services Manager

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**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Council Meeting- 20 October 2015  
Prepared by: Andrew Robb – Chairman  
Date: 6 October 2015  
Subject: **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

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**Meetings Attended**

- Met with Transport Minister Simon Bridges on Friday 11 September. Had wide-ranging discussions on both Transport and Energy and Resources matters.
- On the 30<sup>th</sup> of September I hosted a visit from Jo Hayes who is a National List MP and buddy MP for West Coast.

Next week I will be attending a special meeting with the Mayors to discuss the Local Government Commission's work in our region.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That this report be received.*

Andrew Robb  
Chairman



**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Council Meeting 20 October 2015  
Prepared by: Chris Ingle – Chief Executive  
Date: 8 October 2015  
Subject: **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

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**Meetings Attended**

- I attended a meeting in Westport on 15 September to discuss consistency in planning matters; also attended another meeting in Westport that day related to the Council's Warm West Coast rating scheme.
- I met with the Department of Conservation's new West Coast Director of Operations, Mark Davies, on 17 September.
- On 23 September I attended the Regional Software Holdings annual meeting in Wellington.
- The District Council CEOs and I attended a shared services planning meeting on 24 September.
- I attended a workshop on National Science Challenge (natural hazards) research options for West Coast on 28 September.
- I will be attending the Zone 5 and 6 meeting on Friday 9 October in Christchurch.
- I will attend an extraordinary meeting of the Mayors and Chairs on 14 October.
- I participate in Exercise Shakeout on 15 October as group controller.
- The new CEO from the Ministry for the Environment will be visiting on 15 October.
- I will be attending the South Island Regional and Unitary Council CEOs meeting in Nelson on Friday 16 October.
- I will be meeting with Bathurst Mining on 19 October.

**Local Government Commission**

The Mayors and Chairs are meeting on Wednesday 14 October to develop an initial response to the Local Government Commission proposal for a single unitary council for the West Coast.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That this report be received.*

Chris Ingle  
Chief Executive



5 October 2015

Dear stakeholder,

**UPDATE ON TB PLAN REVIEW – PROPOSAL NOW WITH THE MINISTER**

I wanted to give you a brief update on the status of the TB Plan review.

The Plan Governance Group (PGG) has completed its review and has submitted a proposal for a new plan to the Minister for Primary Industries, Hon Nathan Guy. This was announced in a [media statement](#) on Friday.

The details of the proposal are, at this time, not publicly available. We anticipate the Minister making a decision through Cabinet before Christmas, but there is no specific date as yet for the decision to be made.

What I can indicate, however, is that the proposal from PGG maintains a strong focus on eradicating TB from New Zealand. Significant parts of the earlier proposal have been confirmed in the final proposal but, based on submissions and further work, there are also some important changes in the final plan package. The amended TB Plan is expected to come into effect on 1 July 2016.

The PGG was made up of representatives of funding organisations, OSPRI, and wider stakeholder interests. The process considered a wide range of technical, policy, funding and scientific issues associated with outcomes to date and the proposal for eradication moving forwards. This included independent scientific advice that, given advancements in our knowledge of controlling TB (and operational results to date), eradication of TB from New Zealand is feasible.

A consultation on the proposed changes to the TB Plan was conducted with farmers, local communities, and other stakeholders in June and July this year. Over 400 submissions, covering a wide range of issues, were received, with great feedback also received from workshops held around the country.

To ensure we're ready to implement the new plan from 1 July 2016, we already have a programme of work we're calling 'TBfree Next Gen' which will operationalise the review findings for the next five years.

One of the key challenges for OSPRI will be ensuring an effective transition between the implementation of the current and new plans. Funders understand that some changes may require phased implementation but we will be doing all we can to partially and fully implement changes as quickly as we can. We will also carefully explain our development work to key stakeholders to ensure they understand what needs to be done and why. We will also be mindful of how changes impact the work programmes and activities of other parties, including contractors and regional councils.

We appreciated the opportunity to work closely with industry and government agencies through the plan review, and wish to acknowledge the accomplished role played by Chris Kelly as the PGG's chair. The process ensured a fresh look at the plan, and a high level of board and senior management focus on it across our funders. This all bodes well for an exciting new phase ahead, and we look forward to working effectively with all our stakeholders to continue our collective success.

Yours sincerely

**Michelle Edge**  
Chief Executive



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**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.

- 12 – 13
- 8.1 Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 8 September 2015
  - 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

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>General Subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution.</b>
8.			
8.1	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 8 September 2015		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.