#### **Council Members**

Chairman Allan Birchfield Cr Stuart Challenger (Deputy) Cr Brett Cummings Cr Peter Ewen

**Councillor Workshop:** 

Cr Debra Magner Cr Laura Coll McLaughlin Cr John Hill

#### **Iwi Representatives**

Francois Tumahai (Ngati Waewae) Jackie Douglas (Makaawhio)



# Meeting of Council (Te Huinga Tu)

Tuesday, 8 December 2020

West Coast Regional Council Chambers, 388 Main South Road, Greymouth and via Council's Facebook Page

10.30 am Resource Management Committee Meeting

On completion of RMC Meeting: Council Meeting

**Strategy Follow up** 

# **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

# Resource Management Committee Meeting (Te Huinga Tu)

# A G E N D A (Rarangi Take)

- 1. Welcome (Haere mai)
- 2. Apologies (Nga Pa Pouri)
- 3. Declarations of Interest
- 4. Public Forum, Petitions and Deputations (He Huinga tuku korero)
- 5. Confirmation of Minutes (Whakau korero) 10 November 2020
- 6. Chairman's Report
- 7. Planning and Operations Group
  - Planning and Hydrology Report
  - Kawatiri Freshwater Management Group Water Take Recommendation
  - Contact Recreation Monitoring Update
- 8. Consents and Compliance Group
  - Consents Report
  - Compliance Report
- 9. General Business

V M Smith
Chief Executive

#### **THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 NOVEMBER 2020, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.

#### PRESENT:

- S. Challenger (Chairman), A. Birchfield, P. Ewen, D. Magner, B. Cummings, J. Hill, L. Coll McLauglin,
- J. Douglas, F. Tumahai

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Vin Smith (Chief Executive), H. Mills (Planning, Science & Innovation Manager), H. McKay (Consents & Compliance Manager), R. Beal (Operations Director), N. Costley (Strategy & Communications Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk)

#### **WELCOME**

Cr Challenger opened the meeting with a karakia.

#### Cr Birchfield read the prayer.

#### 1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

#### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

V. Smith advised councillors that this is an opportunity for councillors to identify any conflict of interest that they may have with the content of an agenda item and it declare in advance of the item being considered.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM, PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**

There was no public forum.

#### **PRESENTATION**

There was no presentation.

#### 2. MINUTES

The Chairman asked the meeting if there were any changes to the minutes of the previous meeting.

**Moved** (Coll McLaughlin / Cummings) that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 13 October 2020, be confirmed as correct, with amendment of a minor typographical error.

Carried

### **Matters Arising**

Cr Ewen asked if there has been any progress with the calibrating of the air quality machine. H. Mills advised that a report is still awaiting.

Cr Ewen due attention to a minor typographical error on page 2 of the minutes.

#### 3. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

#### 4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman advised that he received phone calls relating to the Hokitika and Franz Josef proposed works with 50 /50 both in favour and against the works progressing.

Cr Challenger advised that he attended a meeting in Hokitika on Sunday night regarding the Hokitika Seawall.

#### 5. REPORTS

#### 5.1 PLANNING AND OPERATIONS GROUP

#### 5.1.1 PLANNING REPORT & HYDROLOGY REPORT

- H. Mills spoke to his report. He spoke of the importance in getting the regional variations through prior to starting on Plan Change 2 as the NES rules as they are written are stronger than Council's planning rules. Cr Birchfield stated that he is conscious of spending ratepayer's money on something that may not be successful.
- H. Mills provided an update on questions asked at the October meeting regarding the Te Tai o Poutini Plan.
- H. Mills advised that six flooding warning alarms were triggered during the reporting period.
- Cr Ewen requested that when referring to rivers, the term true left or true right is used. H. Mills agreed.

#### Moved (Cummings / Ewen)

- 1. That the report is received.
- 2. That the following work stream be put on hold: mapping out the process of initiating Plan Change 2 to remove Schedule 2 wetland designation from private land is put on hold.

Carried

#### 5.1.2 KAWATIRI FRESHWATER MANAGEMENT GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

- H. Mills spoke to this report and advised that the report contains the recommendations from the Kawatiri Freshwater Management Group (FMG). H. Mills stated this has been a highly effective group. He stated that due to changes with the NPSFM the group had to reconvene to work on a freshwater vision.
- H. Mills introduced Mr Nathan Keoghan, Chair of the FMU group, to the meeting. Mr Keoghan spoke to the FMU report. He acknowledged the support from Council staff and thanked them for their input. He also thanked the team involved and stated that this has been a high performing professional team. Mr Keoghan stated that 14 meetings have been held over the past 16 months. Mr Keoghan stated that the FMU operated in partnership with Ngai Tahu.
- Cr Ewen expressed his disappointment with BDC not attending any of these meetings. Cr Coll McLaughlin agreed with Cr Ewen's comments.
- Cr Birchfield asked Mr Keoghan if consultation with the farming industry was done with regard to the 10 year timeframe for water permits. Mr Keoghan advised that FMU members are either involved with the farming, mining, electrical industry who are aware of these issues.
- The Chairman commented that this has been a very good process. The Chairman stated that it is important to re-evaluate this after ten years to make sure the whole catchment is not being degraded.
- Cr Coll McLaughlin thanked the Kawatiri FMU for the many hours of volunteer time that went into this project. She stated that she is hopeful of funding streams being identified.
- Extensive discussion took place on consent renewals and conditions. H. McKay provided additional information and explained the consenting renewal process for water takes to the meeting. V. Smith advised that Council must also consider the investment infrastructure through the consent renewal process.
- F. Tumahai stated that this is about water allocations. V. Smith agreed and stated that this is about paper allocations with there being quite a difference between paper allocation and actual water use. He advised that most of these exercises are only dealing with the paper allocation which isn't always utilised, which allows this to go back into the system to be reallocated to other users. V. Smith stated this is a robust process to ensure people have fair and equitable access to the resource. Cr Magner stated that it is not as though the West Coast never has a problem with over allocation on the West Coast. She noted that the Grey FMU identified that there was an issue with over allocation. Cr Coll McLaughlin stated that this report is about managing our driest periods. Cr Birchfield expressed his concern with potential costs of reporting. Cr Birchfield stated that his main concern is recommendation 5.
- H. Mills explained water take regulations to the meeting and advised that the new system means that all consumptive water takes will be required to be metered and reported daily via telemetry back to Council. He

stated that as yet he is unsure how this system will work but the likelihood is that a contractor will need to fit equipment to the consumptive takes meter. H. Mills advised that the majority of alluvial gold mining sites are probably not consumptive takes. Cr Cummings asked F. Tumahai if NPSFM is going to affect Ngati Waewae. F. Tumahai responded that this is about having a conversation at a local level and to decide whether or not this rule is required. H. McKay provided extensive information and stated that there is the annual opportunity to review conditions of consents that already exists, which could be invoked around the allocation and any associated environmental reasons. Extensive discussion took place. H. McKay agreed to provide further information via a report to the December meeting. It was agreed that the recommendation would be amended.

Moved (Tumahai / Coll McLaughlin)

That the Council approves, the Kawatiri Freshwater Management Unit Group recommendations, (with the exception of recommendation 5 which will be deferred), to be implemented as much as practicable, to give effect to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020.

Carried

#### **ESSENTIAL FRESHWATER PACKAGE – POTENTIAL REGIONAL VARIATIONS**

H. Mills and H. McKay spoke to this report and took it as read. H. Mills advised that there are four key parts of the package that are of concern. They are refuelling of machinery in wetlands associated with sphagnum moss harvesting, earthworks in wetlands, temporary extension for replanting on farms after intensive winter grazing, and stock exclusion for river run farms. H. Mills advised that currently as the NES reads machinery would not be able to be refuelled within the wetland. He stated this is impractical and under Council's Land and Water Plan, and currently this is allowed. H. Mills explained the other three areas which are problematic for the West Coast. Cr Cummings stated that a farmer from Kokatahi contacted him to say that there has been 2.2 metres of rain in the last two months. The farmer stated that pugging is a major concern. H. McKay clarified that pugging rules relate specifically to crop paddocks, not to all paddocks on farm. H. McKay stated that she expects a high number of farmers will require resource consents. Cr Magner asked if the date of 1 October 2020 is achievable. V. Smith advised that a similar situation is occurring in Southland and Otago and there are concerns around the ability to re-grass paddocks. He advised that this is an ongoing conversation with central government. H. McKay stated that the government has signalled that they are keen to move on farm environment plans guite guickly. Cr Magner asked H. Mills if there has been some push back from the West Coast regarding provisions for water takes. H. Mills responded that this had been considered but it was decided that four top priorities would be chosen but a fifth one could be included. Cr Magner stated that it is a waste of resource for those who have water takes to be doing monitoring both for Council and farmers. Cr Magner stated that the West Coast is not limited at all with available water. She feels this is a complete waste of everybody's time and resources. Discussion took place on metering and monitoring. H. McKay advised that the onus is on the landowner as the regulation applies to the landowner, but Councils must have a system to receive this information. Cr Magner stated that it does not make any sense to have this regulation on the West Coast. She stated that this is a waste of resource to have to deal with this. Cr Birchfield agreed with Cr Magner and expressed concern with potential costs. Cr Birchfield stated that the West Coast does not have a shortage of water. Cr Ewen expressed his concern with regard to the amount of data gathering required. H. McKay answered questions from Councillors.

#### **Moved** (Ewen / Birchfield)

- 1. That the report is received.
- 2. That staff prepare a letter for the purpose of engaging with Central Government departments and Ministers, and include a fifth variation for water take regulation variations.

Carried

#### 51.3 REEFTON AIR QUALITY SUMMARY

H. Mills advised that there have been no further breaches of the NES for air quality in Reefton over the reporting period.

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

Carried

#### 5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

H. McKay spoke to this report and outlined consenting activity during the reporting period. H. McKay answered questions from Councillors. She confirmed that iwi is notified of all consent applications received.

**Moved** (Birchfield / Magner) That the October 2020 report of the Consents Group be received.

Carried

H. McKay advised that staff have visited the site at Maruia where rock protection work is being carried out. She advised that this work is going through the consenting process.

#### 5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

- H. McKay spoke to this report and outlined compliance activity during the reporting period.
- Cr Birchfield noted that further complaints have been received from Awatuna. He is concerned about staff continuously visiting this area where farming and mining has been going on for over 150 years. Cr Birchfield expressed concern with people who are new to the area complaining about mining and farming activities.
- H. McKay stated that there are houses close to mining activities and there have been some issues with noise. Cr Birchfield feels a harder line needs to be taken as this is costing council money.
- H. McKay answered questions from Cr Coll McLaughlin relating to the dumping of waste at Taylorville.

Moved (Birchfield / Challenger)

That the November 2020 report of the Compliance Group be received.

Carried

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no general business.
The meeting closed at 11.43 a.m
 Chairman
Date

Report to: Resource Management Committee	Meeting Date: 8 December 2020		
Title of Item: Planning and hydrology Report			
Report by: Lillie Sadler, Planning Team Leader			
Reviewed by: Hadley Mills, Planning, Science and Innovation Manager			
Public excluded? No			

#### Report Purpose

To update the Committee on planning and hydrology developments over the last month.

#### **Draft Recommendations**

#### It is recommended that Council resolve to:

- 1. Receive the report.
- 2. Approve the Grey/Mawhera Freshwater Management Unit Group's Long-term vision, to give effect to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020.

#### **Issues and Discussion**

#### Plan Change 1 appeal

The appellant has requested that the ecologist undertake a second site visit to the Lake Kini wetlands, to be accompanied by a Makaawhio representative, to visit areas specified by the appellant. The site visit will be undertaken between 30 November-2 December. When this is completed, the parties will meet informally to discuss the appeal issues and the site visit assessment.

#### Freshwater Management Unit (FMU) Groups' update

Grey/Mawhera: The Group were emailed the Kawatiri Group's Long-term vision (required by the NPSFM 2020 for all FMU's), and asked whether they wished to adopt this Long-term vision for the Grey FMU, or whether they wanted to develop their own Long-term vision. Those who responded all supported adopting the Kawatiri Group's vision. The Long-term vision for the Grey/Mawhera FMU is:

In the Grey/Mawhera FMU, freshwater is valued and will be managed utilising the ki uta ki tai (mountains to the sea) philosophy. The health and mauri of water is to be sustained for our community's future wellbeing.

Hokitika: The fifth meeting was held on 17 November. Council's Hydrologist, Jake Langdon, presented to the Group on water quantity in the FMU. The largest user of water in the FMU is hydro electricity generation. The Group also discussed sites they would like to visit to help them better understand water use. The first trip will be to a dairy farm on 25 November.

South Westland: Approximately 27 people, mostly farmers, attended the public information meeting held in Fox Glacier on 3 November. There was a high level of concern expressed about the impact of the new fencing requirement (under the Stock Crossing Regulations 2020) on the large, extensively farmed river run cattle blocks in South Westland. Following the meeting, staff sent an email to the farmers explaining about Council seeking to engage with central government to 'tweak' or get an exemption from four (now five) regulations that are impractical to implement on the West Coast.

Eight applications for Group membership were received. Staff clarified with the applicants the purpose of the FMU Group and explained that it is not the appropriate process to seek changes to the national fencing

regulations. In response to this clarification, one applicant withdrew their application. Staff are liaising with the concerned farmers in a separate process, to keep them informed of Council's progress with seeking 'tweaks' and/or exemptions to the unworkable regulations.

Phone interviews of applicants and referees are being undertaken. A list of recommended applicants will be presented at the RMC meeting.

#### Coastal Plan

Planning consultant Lynda Murchison, who is working on the Regional Coastal Plan review, has identified where some changes may be needed to the proposed Regional Coastal Plan (pRCP) that are potentially outside the scope of what submissions are seeking. A report outlining the options for progressing the pRCP will be brought to the February RMC meeting.

#### <u>Updated PIP and start of freshwater plan change/review</u>

The Council's Progressive Implementation Plan (PIP) outlining when it will give effect to the national Freshwater Package has been updated to reflect the requirements of the Freshwater Package 2020. The PIP is attached to this report as Appendix 1. Although the new National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management does not require that an updated PIP be sent annually to the Minister, it will assist with project planning for the freshwater plan change to the Regional Policy Statement and the Regional Land and Water Plan, as well as other work streams. The plan change work has commenced in the last few weeks.

#### Hydrology

#### Flood warnings

Site	Time of peak	Peak level (mm)	Warning Issued	Alarm threshold (mm)
Waiho Rv @ SH6	05/11/2020 06:35:00	8096	05/11/02020 01:24:00	7500, 8000
Hokitika Rv @ Gorge	05/11/2020 16:30:00	4153	05/11/2020 07:29:00	3750, 4250

#### Hydrology

Training and upskilling have been a prevalent focus for the team during the past month. Staff have attended training and development courses in:

- CIMS4 (relevant to sound delivery of flood warning service)
- Hydrological Ratings (the method of calculating river flows from gauging's and water level data)
- Hydrometric Site Operations
- Meteorology for Hydrologists
- New Zealand Hydrological Society and New Zealand Freshwater Sciences Society Conference

Additional training scheduled for the team in the coming months includes 4x4 training, Kayak and Wader training, working at heights on Council cableways training, and Chainsaw use training.

The teams newest Hydrology Technician, Reuben Stuart, will start work on December 7<sup>th</sup>, returning it to full team capacity for the first time since March of this year. The team is excited to have Reuben's skills as a builder and experience gained through study in Science on board.

# Attachments

Appendix 1: Progressive Implementation Plan (Amended PIP based on the Freshwater Package 2020)

Appendix 1
Progressive Implementation Programme (Amended PIP based on the Freshwater Package 2020) – 27 November 2020

	Regional planning initiatives	Site specific & catchment specific initiatives	Other non-regulatory initiatives
2020	<ul> <li>RPS appeals resolved on NPSFM provisions.</li> <li>PC1 under appeal.</li> <li>Make operative the parts of PC1 that aren't under appeal.</li> <li>Review of RPS and RL&amp;WP commences, scope includes reviewing region-wide freshwater provisions, and preliminary drafting of Grey and Kawatiri FMU-specific water objectives, limits and other recommendations (as proposed Regional Land and Water Plan – pRL&amp;WP</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Grey FMU – Community Group concludes with report back to Council. (Need to develop a long- term vision).</li> <li>Kawatiri FMU Group - Ongoing engagement identifying quality and quantity objectives and targets, and communities' values. Complete recommendations and long-term vision and present to Resource Management Committee.</li> <li>Hokitika FMU - Establish Community Group and commence process to identify quality and quantity objectives and targets, and communities' values.</li> <li>South Westland FMU - Establish Community Group and commence process in late 2020 or early 2021 to identify quality and quantity objectives and targets, and communities' values.</li> <li>Ongoing surveillance monitoring of <i>E.coli</i> and Enterococci at 18 contact recreation sites in the Grey, Hokitika, and Kawatiri FMU's. NPS Part 3.27</li> </ul>	
2021	<ul> <li>NPSFM 2020 Objectives and Policies to be added to the RL&amp;WP without a RMA Schedule 1 process (Feb/March 2021) – NPS Parts 3.22, 3.24, 3.26.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Hokitika and South Westland FMU Group         <ul> <li>ongoing engagement identifying quality                  and quantity objectives and targets, and                   communities' values. Complete</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Develop accounting system for Grey, Kawatiri and Hokitika FMUs</li> </ul>

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<ul> <li>Work with Poutini Ngāi Tahu &amp; Ngāi Tahu about L&amp;WP provisions for Te Mana o te Wai in RPS and pRL&amp;WP</li> <li>Add long-term visions to RPS, and any other changes needed from Freshwater Package – Parts 3.3, 3.5 (integrated mgment)</li> <li>Develop criteria for Outstanding Fresh Waterbody assessments, and identify OFWB's (pRL&amp;WP).</li> <li>Draft identification and management of Outstanding Fresh Water Bodies in pRL&amp;WP</li> <li>FMU recommendations incorporated or referenced into draft new pL&amp;WP NPS Part 3.8</li> <li>Incorporate changes to pRL&amp;WP from review of old and region-wide provisions and schedules;</li> <li>Draft FMU values, and environmental outcomes for every value, as objectives - NPS Part 3.9</li> <li>Identify attributes and their baseline states, or other criteria for assessing achievement of environmental outcomes – Part 3.10 (see list of attributes at end of this table) (refer to 3.7(2))</li> <li>Set target attribute states - Part 3.11 (refer to 3.7(2))</li> <li>Identify limits on resource use to achieve target attribute states and include limits as rules in pRL&amp;WP – Part 3.12(a)</li> </ul>	recommendations and long-term visions and present to Resource Management Committee.  Ongoing surveillance monitoring of <i>E. coli</i> and Enterococci at 18 contact recreation sites in all FMU's. Additional sites may be monitored after June 2021 based on the recommendations and Regional Council Long Term Plan. NPS Part 3.27  Implement Part 3.13 Special provisions for attributes affected by nutrients where needed (ongoing)  Commence implementation of Part 3.25 for deposited sediment in rivers (ongoing)	<ul> <li>NPSFM 2020 requires annual reporting on progress to meet matters in Policy 3.30. Aim to report in Sept 2021.</li> <li>Hold workshop for stakeholders on developing criteria for identifying OFWB's (required in RPS Ch 8, Method 4)</li></ul>

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	<ul> <li>Set limits on resource use – Part 3.14 (refer to 3.7(2))</li> <li>Freshwater quantity: Set environmental flows and levels – Part 3.16</li> <li>Identify take limits – Part 3.17</li> <li>Change and draft wetland provisions to include direction for natural inland wetlands – Parts 3.21 (definitions) and NES-F</li> <li>Provisions for rivers – Part 3.24</li> <li>Fish passage provisions – Part 3.26</li> <li>Water allocation – add criteria for deciding on consents for transfer of water takes – Part 3.28</li> <li>NES rules or notes referencing the most stringent for wetlands, rivers, fish passage, agricultural activities</li> <li>Any changes needed re NES regs for stock crossing exclusion</li> <li>Any changes needed re NES water monitoring &amp; reporting req'ments</li> <li>Other NPSFM/NES 2020 provisions;</li> </ul>		
2022	<ul> <li>Release draft RPS changes and pRL&amp;WP to stakeholders for feedback.</li> <li>Amend both in response to stakeholder feedback.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ongoing surveillance monitoring of <i>E.coli</i> and Enterococci at sites in all FMU's. NPS Part 3.27</li> <li>Responding to degradation (Parts 3.19 and 3.20). If a regional council detects that an FMU or part of an FMU is degraded or degrading, it must, as soon</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Refine accounting system for all FMU's</li> <li>Annual reporting on progress to meet Policy 3.30. Aim to report in Sept 2022.</li> <li>Natural inland wetlands identified, mapped, recorded and monitored (Part 3.23)</li> </ul>

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2023	<ul> <li>Ongoing changes to draft RPS changes and pRL&amp;WP</li> <li>Draft s32A reports</li> <li>Consider whether to progress RPS before pRL&amp;WP, or do both at the same time</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ongoing surveillance monitoring of <i>E.coli</i> and Enterococci at sites in all FMU's. Part 3.27</li> <li>Responding to degradation (Parts 3.19 and 3.20). If a regional council detects that an FMU or part of an FMU is degraded or degrading, it must, as soon as practicable, take action to halt or reverse the degradation.</li> <li>Need to discuss timeframe for commencing cultural monitoring with Poutini Ngāi Tahu</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Annual reporting on progress to meet Policy 3.30. Aim to report in Sept 2023.</li> <li>Natural inland wetlands mapped, recorded and monitored (Part 3.23)</li> <li>Monitoring plan for rivers (Part 3.24)</li> <li>Fish passage action plan (Part 3.26 (6) &amp; (7)</li> <li>Identify and monitor primary contact sites, remedy problems where they occur (Part 3.27)</li> </ul>
2024	S32A report and proposed changes to RPS and pRL&WP, incl. all FMU's specific provisions, Te Mana o te Wai provisions, and Outstanding Fresh Waterbodies notified under Schedule 1 of the RMA by 31 December 2024.	<ul> <li>Responding to degradation (Parts 3.19 and 3.20). If a regional council detects that an FMU or part of an FMU is degraded or degrading, it must, as soon as practicable, take action to halt or reverse the degradation.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Annual reporting on progress to meet Policy 3.30. Aim to report in Sept 2024.</li> <li>Natural inland wetlands mapped and monitored (Part 3.23)</li> </ul>

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2025	<ul> <li>Process submissions and further submissions;</li> <li>Liaise with Chief Freshwater Commissioner's office regarding hearing and s42A report;</li> <li>Send documents to Chief Freshwater Commissioner's office;</li> <li>?Section 42A report commenced?</li> <li>Pre-hearing meetings</li> <li>Hearings for RPS and pRL&amp;WP</li> </ul>	Responding to degradation (Parts 3.19 and 3.20). If a regional council detects that an FMU or part of an FMU is degraded or degrading, it must, as soon as practicable, take action to halt or reverse the degradation.	<ul> <li>Annual reporting on progress to meet Policy 3.30. Aim to report in Sept 2025.</li> <li>Natural inland wetlands mapped and monitored (Part 3.23)</li> <li>Monitoring plan for rivers (Part 3.24)</li> <li>Fish passage action plan (Part 3.26 (6) &amp; (7)</li> <li>Identify and monitor primary contact sites, remedy problems where they occur (Part 3.27)</li> </ul>
2026	Release decisions by 31 December 2026		<ul> <li>Annual reporting on progress to meet Policy 3.30. Aim to report in Sept 2026.</li> <li>Natural inland wetlands mapped and monitored (Part 3.23)</li> </ul>

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2027	<ul> <li>Address any appeals lodged</li> <li>Prepare any action plans needed – Part 3.15</li> <li>Monitoring (Part 3.18)</li> <li>Methods for monitoring progress in place (state and trends, Part 3.19). Include measures of flora/faunal health and matauranga Maori.</li> </ul>	Responding to degradation (Parts 3.19 and 3.20). If a regional council detects that an FMU or part of an FMU is degraded or degrading, it must, as soon as practicable, take action to halt or reverse the degradation.	<ul> <li>Annual reporting on progress to meet Policy 3.30. Aim to report in Sept 2027.</li> <li>Need to work with Poutini Ngāi Tahu if any action plan will be prepared</li> <li>Need to work with Poutini Ngāi Tahu re cultural monitoring</li> <li>Natural inland wetlands mapped and monitored (Part 3.23)</li> <li>Monitoring plan for rivers (Part 3.24)</li> <li>Fish passage action plan (Part 3.26 (6) &amp; (7)</li> <li>Identify and monitor primary contact sites, remedy problems where they occur (Part 3.27)</li> </ul>
	Freshwater quality		

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nitro (alg coli, ASP for l • Wat (phy	ter quality standards in rivers (chlorophyll, rate toxicity, ammonia toxicity, DRP & DIN gal growth Part 3.13), dissolved oxygen, E. i, clarity, fish IBI, macroinvertebrate MCI and PM, fine sediment cover and cyanobacteria – lake fed rivers). Iter quality standards for lakes sytoplankton, total nitrogen, total osphorus, ammonia toxicity, E. coli, SPI, polimnetic oxygen and cyanobacteria).		

Report to: Resource Management Committee	Meeting Date: 8 December 2020		
Title of Item: Kawatiri FMU Group Water Take Consent Recommendation			
Report by: Heather McKay and Hadley Mills			
Reviewed by: No			
Public excluded? No			

#### **Purpose**

To provide information to Councillors regarding options for water take consent review/renewal related to recommendation 5 of the Kawatiri Freshwater Management Unit (FMU) Group Recommendation Report.

For Council to resolve that staff propose an alternative to recommendation 5 to the Kawatiri FMU group for their consideration and endorsement.

#### Summary

Councillors sought further information from staff following discussion around recommendation 5 of the Kawatiri FMU Group's Recommendations Report at the November Resource Management Committee (RMC) meeting. Further information is given around both reducing water permit consents to a 10 year term, and retaining the term at the current 35 year term. A further option is presented, of a reduced 10 year term with two subsequent controlled activity status renewals. It is considered that this is an alternative solution which addresses the matters outlined by the Kawatiri FMU Group as well as concerns raised in RMC discussion around security of consent and investment.

#### Recommendation

#### It is recommended that Council resolve to:

Direct staff to propose to the Kawatiri FMU Group the following alternative to recommendation 5 for their consideration and endorsement:

5. Amend timeframes of water permits for consumptive water takes to 10 years from 35 years. Amend consent status to controlled for renewal of water take permits for the first and second renewals of 10 year water permits.

#### **Issues and Discussion**

#### Background

At the 10 November 2020 Resource Management Committee (RMC) meeting, RMC resolved to approve the recommendations of the Kawatiri FMU Group with the exception of recommendation 5, which related to the term of water permits.

The Kawatiri FMU Group recommendation 5, recommended that water permits be reduced from 35 year to 10 year terms. The reasoning behind the recommendation is outlined in the Group's report (as attached to the November RMC paper, see section 8.2.1), and broadly relates to the Group's conclusion that the 35 year term of permits may be too long to allow for responses to changing resource use and climate variability. The Group suggested an adaptive approach based on resource use and variability. It is also noted that the discussion was in relation to consumptive takes only. It is understood from the report and presentation by the FMU Group Chair, that the Group's recommendations are not intended to prevent future water takes, but allow for periodic consideration of any changes in the environment and allocation and its appropriateness.

The RMC discussed the merits of reducing the term of consent, and other possibilities such as review clauses and longer terms. Some concern was raised in regard to the reduced security of infrastructure investment that a shorter term would provide for. Staff were asked to present further information on options at the December meeting. A third option has been included below which was not part of either the Kawatiri FMU Group recommendation, or RMC discussion at the November meeting. Staff have provided this option as a potential solution that may address both the intent of the Kawatiri FMU Group recommendation, and concerns raised in RMC discussion.

#### **Options Analysis**

1) Reduce consent to a 10 year term as per Kawatiri FMU Group recommendation

New water permits for consumptive takes would be granted with a maximum 10 year term. Replacement consents would have discretionary status and would be subject to the Council's full discretion in relation to effects. This would allow a periodic (10 yearly) assessment of the environment and appropriateness of allocation. There would be no guarantee that any such application would be granted, however providing the application met the requirements of the RMA, including the avoiding, remedying or mitigation of adverse effects, there also is scope that such applications would be granted.

#### 2) Retain current 35 year term

The RMA and standard conditions of water permits provide the Council with the opportunity to review consents (on an individual basis) annually. However, this is not standard practice, and the Council would require reasonable cause to undertake such a review.

Consideration has also been given to whether a condition could be included in consents, requiring a reassessment of allocation on a 10 yearly basis. This would be an awkward approach, as it is essentially undertaking an assessment of effects against an already authorised activity. Advice (potentially legal) would need to be sought if this option was to be further considered. Monitoring and assessment on the part of Council would also be necessary to ensure each consent was reassessed at the 10 year mark.

3) Reduce consent to a 10 year term, and provide a controlled activity pathway for renewals.

A controlled activity means that the consent must be granted, and the Council only has discretion of certain controls listed in the relevant plan which could be developed around water availability and allocation.

This approach would mean a new consent would be required every 10 years allowing for the adaptive approach suggested, but would still provide certainty for consent holders as their applications for renewal would have to be granted. It is envisaged that controls would be around things like availability of water, and matching take with need under efficient use management.

Section 124 of the RMA allows for consent holders to continue exercising their consent after it has expired, providing they have applied for a replacement consent within a specified timeframe prior to expiry. This covers the risk of consent holder losing their ability to utilise their take.

It is recommended that the controlled activity renewal be limited to two renewals, which would provide a total of 30 years' security for consent holders.

### Considerations

#### **Significance and Engagement Policy Assessment**

There are no issues within this report which trigger matters in this policy. The Kawatiri FMU Group is already established.

#### Tangata whenua views

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae are represented on the Kawatiri FMU Group and are involved in the FMU process.

#### Views of affected parties

The Kawatiri FMU Group is made up of various members of the community and has collectively made recommendation 5 regarding water permits. This paper seeks resolution to take an alternative recommendation back to the Kawatiri FMU Group for their consideration and endorsement.

Any proposed Land and Water Plan changes that result from FMU Group recommendations are subject to a RMA Schedule 1 planning process which includes public consultation and submissions. The wider public has an opportunity for input at that point.

#### **Financial implications**

None. The Kawatiri FMU Group process is already budgeted.

#### **Legal implications**

Should Council direct staff to further explore option 2, advice would need to be sought which may include legal advice.

Report to: Resource Management Committee	Meeting Date: 8 December 2020		
Title of Item: Contact Recreation monitoring update			
Report by: Emma Perrin-Smith, Senior Water Quality Technician			
Reviewed by: Hadley Mills, Planning, Science and Innovation Manager			
Public excluded? No			

### **Report Purpose**

Update the Resource Management Committee (RMC) on water quality results from summer contact recreation monitoring.

#### **Report Summary**

During the reporting period there were a number of samples that returned E.coli or Enterrococci results in the low or moderate to high risk categories. These results were associated with rainfall events.

#### **Draft Recommendations**

It is recommended that Resource Management Committee resolve to: Approve the report.

#### **Issues and Discussion**

The West Coast Regional Council carries out regular sampling for faecal indicator bacteria (E.coli or Enterrococci) at popular contact recreation sites over the summer period, from November through to March. The table below presents the results of sampling so far this season.

There was light to heavy rainfall in the week prior to sampling for all sites that were in the low or moderate to high risk categories. Faecal indicator bacteria can be elevated at sites, following heavy rainfall, due to contamination from diffuse and/or point sources such as drains and surface run-off.

SITE	Nov	Nov	Nov	ĺ			
Carters Beach at campground beach access	<b>⊙</b> *•		<b>⊕</b> *•				
North Beach at tip head road steps	<b>∴</b> *•		<b>∵</b> *•				
Buller River at Shingle Beach	**	<b>∵</b> *•	<b>∴</b> *•				
Buller River at Marrs Beach	<b>⊗</b> *•	<b>:</b> *•	<b>∵</b> *•				
Rapahoe Beach at end of Statham St	*•		<b>○*•</b>				
Seven Mile Creek at SH6 Rapahoe	<b>⊗</b> *•		<b>∵</b> *•				
Nelson Ck at Swimming Hole Reserve	*	<b>⊙</b> *•	<b>⊙</b> *•				
Grey River at Taylorville Swimming Hole	<b>⊗*•</b>	<b>:</b> *•	<b>⊙</b> *•				
Cobden Beach at Bright Street West end	<b>∵</b> *•		<u>·</u> *•		1		<u> </u>
Blaketown Beach at South Tiphead	<b>∵</b> *•		<b>○*•</b>	Rainfall past 24hrs	Rainfall past week		Category
Karoro Beach at Surf Club	<b>∵</b> *•		<b>∵</b> *•	*	•	0-10 mm	minimal
Lake Brunner at Cashmere Bay Boat Ramp	*		*•		_		minimai
Lake Brunner at Iveagh Bay	<b>⊙</b> *•		<b>⊕</b> *•	*	•	10-30 mm	light
Lake Brunner at Moana	<b>∴</b> *•	<b>⊙</b> *•	<b>⊙</b> *•	*	•	30-60 mm	moderate
Hokitika Beach at Hokitika	<b>∵</b> *•		<b>⊙</b> *•	*	•	>60 mm	high
Kaniere River at Kaniere Kokatahi Rd	⊜*•		<b>∴</b> *•	<u> </u>	< 260	E. coli; < 140 Ent	very low risk
Lake Mahinapua at Shanghai Bay	<b>⊕</b> *•		<b>○</b> *•	(2)		coli; 140-280 Ent	low risk
Arahura Rv @ SH6	<b>⊗</b> *•		<b>○*•</b>	8	> 550	E. coli; > 280 Ent	moderate to high risk

Report to: RMC Committee	Meeting Date: 8 December 2020			
Title of Item: Consents Monthly Report				
Report by: Leah Templeman, Consents & Compliance Business Support Officer				
Reviewed by: Heather McKay				
Public excluded? No				

## Purpose

For the Resource Management Committee to be kept informed of activities in the Consents department, and to provide an update on current matters.

## Summary

This is the Consents report for November 2020.

## RECOMMENDATION

That the November 2020 report of the Consents Group be received.

### Three Consents Sites Visit were undertaken 1 November 2020 to 30 November 2020

03/11/2020	RC-2020-0123 Charleston to Westport Coastal Trail Trust	Site visit to view application areas.
23/11/2020	Old Greymouth Hospital Site Pre application visit	Site visit to old Greymouth hospital to look at the materials to be demolished to help assess disposal requirements.
24/11/2020	RC-2020-0133 Golden Oldies Mining Atarau	Site visit to view proposed mining area and proximity to any affected parties.

#### Nine Non-Notified Resource Consents were Granted 01 November 2020 to 30 November 2020

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RC-2020-0015 Philip Ross Hampton Atarau	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining within Minerals Permits MP 5191, at Atarau.
	To take and use water for alluvial gold mining activities within MP 51591, at Atarau.
RC-2020-0117 Avery Bros Limited Arapito, Karamea River	To extract gravel from the dry bed of the Karamea River at Arapito.
RC-2020-0106 Geotech Limited Charleston "The Clay Pit"	To discharge contaminants to air associated with fertiliser manufacture, Charleston.
	To discharge contaminants to air from fuel burning equipment

associated with the manufacture of fertiliser.

RC-2020-0120

**Rosco Contractors Limited** 

**Oparara River** 

To disturb the dry bed of the Oparara River for the purpose of dry

bed gravel extraction.

RC-2020-0115

Premier Group NZ Ltd

Mikonui River to Waitaha River

Mouth

To disturb the Coastal Marine Area for the purpose of removing

selected stone.

RC-2020-0127

Westroads Limited

Taramakau River

To disturb the dry bed of the Taramakau River for the purpose of

removing gravel.

RC-2020-0122 Brett Avery

95 Snodgrass Road

Westport

To alter the foreshore or seabed to construct a protection/retaining wall, Orowaiti Lagoon.

To reconstruct a protection/retaining wall within the CMA,

Orowaiti Lagoon.

To occupy space in the CMA with a protection/retaining wall,

Orowaiti Lagoon.

RC-2020-0135

Beth and Alistair Wiechern

Rutherglen Road

To discharge treated onsite sewage wastewater from a domestic dwelling on Lot 4 DP 402308 to land in circumstances where it may

enter water.

RC-2020-0138

Tom Clisby

Sunny Bight Road

Lake Kaniere

To discharge treated onsite sewage wastewater from a domestic dwelling on Lot 4 DP 629 to land in circumstances where it may

enter water.

Three Changes to and No Reviews of Consent Conditions were granted in the period 1 November 2020 to 30 November 2020

RC00323-V25

Oceana Gold (New Zealand)

Limited Reefton To divert clean water around and contaminated water to the

passive treatment system.

RC-2019-0096-V1

River Terrace Farms Ltd

Reefton

To take groundwater for irrigation purposes.

RC06244-V4

Westland District Council

**Butlers Landfill** 

Ross

A variation to allow a one off increase in the volume of waste that

can be disposed of at the landfill.

Report to: RMC Committee	Meeting Date: 8 December 2020			
Title of Item: Compliance and Enforcement Monthly Report				
Report by: Colin Helem, Compliance Team Leader				
Reviewed by: Heather McKay				
Public excluded? No				

#### Purpose

For the Resource Management Committee to be kept informed of activities in the Compliance and Enforcement department, and to provide an update on current matters.

#### Summary

This is the Compliance and Enforcement report for November 2020.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That the December 2020 report of the Compliance Group be received.
- 2. That the \$20,000 bond for RC-2017-0079 held by Phillip Hampton is released.

#### **Site Visits**

A total of 74 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period, which consisted of:

Activity	Number of Visits
Resource consent monitoring	7
Mining compliance & bond release	18
Complaints	12
Dairy farm	37

This report covers the period of 30 October 2020 to 26 November 2020.

• A total of 20 complaints and incidents were recorded.

#### **Non-Compliances**

Note: These are the activities that have been assessed as non-compliant during the reporting period.

A total of eight non-compliances occurred during the reporting period.

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome	INC/Comp
Earthworks	Complaint regarding the removal of sand from the landward side of the beach dunes within 50 metres of the CMA. Unknown persons have on occasion been removing a trailer load of sand at night.  Complainant is concerned that this may cause erosion of the dunes.	Ruatapu	The site has been investigated and established that the location of the extraction is a breach of the regional rules however there are no avenues open for enquires.	Complaint

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome	INC/Comp
Discharge to air	Complaint regarding the discharge from an outside fire at an industrial trade premises.	Boddytown	The site was investigated and established that prohibited materials had been burnt such as plastics. An infringement notice and an abatement notice have been issued to cease any further burning of prohibited materials.	Complaint
Dairy farm standoff pad	An inspection was undertaken which located a standoff pad too close to a creek and it had been used through the winter.	Haupiri	An infringement notice has been issued.	Incident
Cleanfill operation	Information received that there were non-cleanfill materials dumped at a consented cleanfill site near Blaketown Beach	Blaketown	The site was inspected and established that it had a resource consent which authorises the dumping of soil, sand, and clay only. Most of the material viewed on site that was not authorised by the consent was still classed as cleanfill such as concrete. However, since the location was within 50 metres of the Coastal Marine Area the dumping of that material was not covered by permitted activity rule. There was also evidence of other materials disposed of and buried over the western face of the site. Enquiries with the consent holder established that unknown persons have been dumping at the site due to vandalism of locks and the gate that restrict access. The consent holder has immediately removed the non-complying materials including that were buried along the western face. A letter of direction has been sent to the consent holder.	Incident
Dairy farm discharge	A site inspection was undertaken at a dairy farm. On site it was found that an effluent pond was discharging into a paddock.	Whataroa	The farm has resource consent to discharge to ground and not to surface water. The area was in flood at the time of inspection. A formal warning was issued.	Incident

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome	INC/Comp
Dairy farm discharge	A site inspection was undertaken at a dairy farm. On site it was found that the effluent treatment ponds were poorly maintained, and the stormwater diversion drain contained significant amounts of effluent.	Kowhitirangi	Samples of the discharge from the receiving water body were obtained. The samples have been analysed which show that the compliance limits were greatly exceeded. An infringement notice has been issued.	Incident
Dairy farm discharge	A site inspection was undertaken at a dairy farm. Samples of the discharge from the treatment ponds were obtained.	Atarau	The samples have now been analysed which show the compliance limits have been exceeded. A decision on enforcement action has not yet been made.	Incident
Cleanfill operation	Information received that there were non-cleanfill materials dumped at a consented cleanfill site near the Grey River.	Grey River	An inspection was undertaken at the site and established that there was a small quantity of non-clean fill materials at the site. The consent holder was advised to have these materials removed.  Two weeks later another inspection was undertaken after a complaint was received. On site it was observed that the demolition materials from a recently demolished house had been dumped on the site and set on fire.  The materials burnt such as painted timber and treated piles is prohibited. An infringement notice has been issued and two abatement notices. One notice is to cease any further discharges and dumping of non cleanfill material. The second notice is for the unauthorised materials to be removed from the site.	Complaint

# Other Complaints/Incidents

Note: These are the other complaints/incidents assessed during the reporting period whereby the activity was not found to be non-compliant or compliance is not yet established at the time of reporting.

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome	INC/Comp
Discharge to water	Complaint received from a whitebaiter that Deadman's Creek was discoloured with sediment.	Fairdown	The site was visited and established the creek was discoloured from the incoming tidal water. No breach of the rules.	Complaint
Discharge to water	Complaint received from a whitebaiter that a PVC pipe was discharging sediment coloured water into Deadman's Creek	Fairdown	The site was visited and established that the pipe was discharging water from a paddock drain which some cows had just walked through. The sediment was not visible in Deadman's Creek several metres below the discharge pipe. No breach of the rules.	Complaint
Stormwater discharge	Complaint received that a drain was causing flooding of the road and adjacent properties.	Harihari	The site was visited as compliance staff were returning from inspections in Whataroa. The area had been subjected to heavy rain. Flooding was evident along the State Highway, no breach of the rules.	Complaint
Stormwater discharge	Complaint received that a property owner has done drainage works on their property which may cause flooding on the neighbouring property.	Franz Josef	The property owners have since got together and sorted it out between themselves.	Complaint
Discharge to water	Complaint received that there was a white substance discharging from a stormwater pipe into the Hokitika River.	Hokitika River	At the time the site was investigated the stormwater drain was clean. Note that the stormwater drain is a long distance downstream of WMP and is not related to the factory.	Complaint
Stock access to riparian margin	Complaint received that stock have pugged the margins of a lagoon	Ruatapu	The site was visited and there was no breach of the regional rules.	Complaint
Gravel Extraction	Complaint received regarding the extraction of gravel from a small creek.	Mitchells	Enquiries are ongoing.	Complaint

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome	INC/Comp
Discharge to water	Complaint received that several days ago the complainant saw that a river was running discoloured with sediment.	Ikamatua	A gold miner had self-reported that a forestry operation had damaged a diversion drain which caused the discharge of sediment. The miner had fixed the issue at the time and prior to the complaint being notified.	Complaint
Gold Mining	Complaint received that a gold mining operation was discharging sediment laden water.	Stafford	The site was investigated and at the time of the inspection the receiving water body was clean. The miner advised that they had just carted gravel over the creek which may have discoloured it for a short duration.	Complaint
Discharge to air	Complaint received that spray drift from a neighbouring farm has gone onto their property and killed vegetation	Reefton	Enquiries are ongoing	Complaint
Black sand mining	Complaint received that black sand miners are not keeping a 3 metre buffer from the sand dunes.	Hokitika Beach	Enquiries are ongoing	Complaint
Discharge to water	Complaint received that a creek has been discoloured and murky for several days	Hokitika	Enquiries are ongoing.	Complaint

# **Update on Previously Reported Ongoing Complaints/Incidents**

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome	INC/Comp
Waste water discharge	A compliance inspection was undertaken at the Haast waste water treatment plant and found that the discharge was not subsurface as required by the consent conditions.	Haast	A sample has been sent for analysis and results confirmed the discharge was wastewater. An infringement notice has now been issued.	Incident
Discharge to air	Complaint received regarding the discharge to air of black smoke from an outside fire at a trade and industrial premises.	Gladstone	The site has been investigated and enquiries are ongoing. On site it was established that some fibreglass had been burnt. A formal warning has now been issued.	Complaint

**<u>Formal Warning:</u>** There were two formal warnings issued during the reporting period.

Activity	Location
Discharge to air: burning of prohibited materials	Gladstone
Discharge of dairy effluent from an effluent pond	Whataroa

**<u>Infringement Notice:</u>** There were five infringement notice issued during the reporting period.

Activity	Location
Discharge of waste water from a treatment plant	Haast
Discharge to air from burning prohibited materials	Greymouth
Discharge to air from burning prohibited materials	Boddytown
Discharge of dairy effluent	Kowhitirangi
Dairy farm standoff pad	Haupiri

**<u>Abatement Notice:</u>** There were three abatement notices issued during the reporting period.

Activity	Location
Cleanfill operation and discharge to air: One notice issued to the consent holder to cease the discharge from burning prohibited materials and to cease dumping non clean fill material. A <b>second</b> notice issued to remove the non cleanfill material on the site.	Greymouth
Discharge to air: Notice issued to cease the burning of prohibited materials.	Boddytown

## **Mining Work Programmes and Bonds**

The Council received the following three work programmes during the reporting period. One of the programmes has been approved.

Date	Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location	Approved
10/11/2020	RC12167	Whyte's Gold Ltd	Dunganville	Yes
16/11/2020	RC10055	Rockies Mining Ltd	Stockton Plateau	In progress
20/11/2020	RC-2019-0105	Garry Cooper	Duffers Creek	In progress

## The following bond is recommended for release

Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location	Amount	Reason For Release
RC-2017-0079	Phillip Hampton	Atarau	\$20,000	The miner has completed rehabilitation and a land owner approval form has been obtained.

# **COUNCIL MEETING**

# **Council Meeting**

(Te Huinga Tu)

# A G E N D A (Rarangi Take)

- 1. Welcome (Haere mai)
- 2. Apologies (Nga Pa Pouri)
- 3. Declarations of Interest
- 4. Public Forum, Petitions and Deputations (He Huinga tuku korero)
- 5. Confirmation of Minutes (Whakau korero)
  - Council Meeting 10 November 2020
- 6. Chairman's Report
- 7. Chief Executive's Report
  - South Island Regional Council's Alignment and Collaboration Report
- 8. Reports
  - Engineering Operations Report
  - Rapahoe Consultation Report (to be tabled)
  - Corporate Services Managers Report
    - Schedule of Meetings for 2021
- 9. General Business

#### **Purpose of Local Government**

The reports contained in this agenda address the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to decision making. Unless otherwise stated, the recommended option promotes the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.

#### **Health and Safety Emergency Procedure**

In the event of an emergency, please exit through the emergency door in the Council Chambers. If you require assistance to exit, please see a staff member. Once you reach the bottom of the stairs make your way to the assembly point at the grassed area at the front of the building. Staff will guide you to an alternative route if necessary.

V M Smith

**Chief Executive** 

#### **THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 10 NOVEMBER 2020, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11. 43 A.M

#### PRESENT:

A. Birchfield (Chairman), S. Challenger, P. Ewen, D. Magner, B. Cummings, J. Hill, L. Coll McLauglin

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

V. Smith (Chief Executive), R. Beal (Operations Director), N. Costley (Strategy & Communications Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk)

#### 1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

#### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

V. Smith advised Councillors that this is an opportunity for Councillors to identify any conflict of interest that they may have with the content of an agenda item and it declare in advance of the item being considered.

#### 2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

#### 3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Chairman asked the meeting if there were any changes to the minutes of the previous meeting. There were no changes requested.

**Moved** (Challenger / Magner) that the minutes of the Council meeting dated 13 October 2020, be confirmed as correct.

Carried

#### Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

#### 3.1.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 22 OCTOBER 2020

The Chairman asked the meeting if there were any changes to the minutes. There were no changes requested.

**Moved** (Cummings / Magner) that the minutes of the Special Meeting dated 22 October 2020, be confirmed as correct.

Carried

#### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

# 3.1.2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE HELD 20 OCTOBER 2020

The Chairman asked the meeting if there were any changes to the minutes. There were no changes requested.

**Moved** (Magner / Cummings) that the minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the Audit & Risk Committee dated 20 October 2020, be confirmed as correct.

Carried

#### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **REPORTS:**

#### **CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The Chairman took his report as read. He stated that he has been involved with matters relating to the demolition of Revingtons Hotel.

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

Carried

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

V. Smith took his report as read.

He updated Council on the recent Chief Executive's Environment Forum held in Wellington last week. This included a presentation by Lou Sanson, Director General of the Dept of Conservation. V. Smith stated that Mr Sanson has advised that Minister Kiri Allen's (Minister of Conservation) mantra is turning dirt into jobs. V. Smith advised that the Minister is wanting DoC to sort out mining rights, whitebait, 1080 and other such matters on the West Coast. V. Smith advised that DoC will be conversing with Council regarding the NPS Indigenous Biodiversity which is scheduled to go back to Government next year.

V. Smith reported that he met with MfE officials. He advised that RMA reforms are progressing well and are a central government priority. He stated that it is anticipated that there will be a Bill in House around April next year, with the first tranche around the review of the RMA and creating new legislation called Natural & Built Environment, the second priority is strategic planning framework. V. Smith advised that the third tranche is the climate change programme of work. He advised that this maybe be brought in by a subsequent government.

V. Smith advised that there has been conversation relating to Ngai Tahu's claim in the High Court pertaining to their right and access to water. He advised that The Crown has already entered into discussions with central government regarding this.

Cr Cummings stated the Minerals West Coast are very keen to meet with visiting Ministers. V. Smith responded that there is no doubt that the Minister will visit the West Coast shortly.

V. Smith advised that the three district council CEO's are keen to continue to build on the relationships that already exist.

Cr Ewen advised that he attended the South Island Transport meeting which was held via Zoom.

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

Carried

#### **OPERATIONS REPORT**

- R. Beal spoke to his report and took it as read. He advised that consultation for IRG projects is now complete.
- R. Beal advised that annual rating district meetings will be held over the next month or so.
- R. Beal reported that the mining licence for the Whataroa quarry is no longer under Council control.

He advised that 30,000 to 40,000 tonne of rock from the Inchbonnie quarry has been transported at no cost to the rating district to form a bank that could be rock lined in the future. R. Beal advised that designs and costings will be presented at the coming annual meeting of the Inchbonnie rating district.

R. Beal answered questions from Councillors. He spoke of potential rock sources for future works.

Cr Challenger stated that he attended a public meeting in Hokitika regarding possible Hokitika coastal protection work. Cr Challenger stated that the attendees would like more information on what work is proposed, and about the construction of the seawall.

Cr Challenger stated that this is a similar situation to Franz Josef as the community feels that they have no say in what is proposed for the rating district. He stated that the community feels that they have no membership as to how the rating district is managed.

Cr Challenger stated that various reports received over the years including the Gibb, and the Hicks report both have recommended that a plan is in place for what is happening with the Hokitika Beach. Cr Magner noted that Franz Josef have community representation and Hokitika should have the same. R. Beal clarified the representation on the Joint Hokitika Seawall committee. Cr Challenger commented that neither he or Cr Magner are in the Hokitika rating district.

Cr Ewen stated that the template is the Joint Greymouth Floodwall Committee and this has been in place since 1991.

Cr Challenger spoke of the importance of involving, and engaging with the community. The Chairman agreed with Cr Challenger's comments and noted that these are public meetings.

**Moved** (Challenger / Cummings) *That the report is received.* 

Carried

#### 4.2. CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT

T. Fitzgerald spoke to this report in R. Mallinson's absence. T. Fitzgerald reported that the operating surplus over the first quarter is \$272,000. She reported that the JBWere managed funds portfolio decreased by \$105,000 which was expected and is due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Cr Coll McLaughlin asked T. Fitzgerald if there is a reason why resource management fees are over estimated. T. Fitzgerald stated this is a challenging environment and work is being done to work though how this was previously budgeted for. She advised that this is being looked at going into the Long Term Plan process.

Moved (Cummings / Challenger) That the report be received.

Carried

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no general business.
The meeting closed at 12.05 p.m.
 Chairman
Date

Report to: Council/Committee	Meeting Date: 8 December 2020
Title of Item: Chairman's Report	
Report by: Chairman Allan Birchfield	
Reviewed by:	
Public excluded? No	

#### Purpose

For Council to be kept informed of meetings and to provide an overview of current matters.

#### Summary

This is the Chairman's report for November 2020.

#### Meetings attended:

- I attended the Joint Committee meeting for West Coast Civil Defence Emergency Management, in Westport, on 11 November.
- I attended the Mayors, Chairs and iwi forum also in Westport, on 11 November.
- I attended the Taramakau and Inchbonnie rating district meetings on 23 November.
- I attended the Te Tai O Pountini Plan Committee meeting on 24 November.
- I attended a Special Council meeting on 26 November.
- The Chief Executive and I travelled to Wellington on 26 November to meet with Minister David Parker.
- The Chief Executive and I attended the Regional Sector Group meeting in Wellington on 27 November.
- I attended the Long Term Plan Strategy Day on 1 December.
- I will be attending a Special Council meeting on 3 December.
- I will be participating in a meeting with the South Island Regional Council's Collaboration Group on 3 December.

#### Recommendation

That this report is received.

Report to: Council/Committee	Meeting Date: 8 December 2020
Title of Item: Chief Executive's Report	
Report by: Vin Smith, Chief Executive	
Reviewed by:	
Public excluded? No	

#### Purpose

For Council to be kept informed of meetings and to provide an overview of current matters.

#### Summary

This is the Chief Executive's report for November 2020.

#### Meetings attended:

- I attended the Joint Committee meeting for West Coast Civil Defence Emergency Management, in Westport, on 11 November.
- I attended the Mayors, Chairs and iwi forum also in Westport, on 11 November.
- I met with Stephen Hall from the NEXT Foundation on 12 November. The NEXT foundation is
  a philanthropic who seeks to invest in environmental an educational projects that partner
  and create lasting value for the benefit of New Zealand. We discussed the nature and type of
  projects that they seek to develop and opportunities that could be created on the West
  Coast.
- I hosted a meeting with Grey District Council (GDC) staff on 13 November to discuss matters relating to coastal erosion in the Jellyman Park area and developed a community engagement approach forward. This approach is currently with GDC for feedback prior to taking the next steps with Councillors and the Community.
- I visited Cr Magner's dairy farm to better understand how land on the West Coast is converted and developed into productive agricultural activities.
- I hosted a meeting with Francois Tumahai, Paul Madgwick, Kara Edwards and Lisa Tumahai regarding the implementation of Mana Whakahono ā Rohe Agreement on 16 November. At this meeting we scoped up the Poutini Ngai Tahu Partnership Manager job description which has been sized and will be advertised shortly.
- I attended the Te Tai O Pountini Plan Committee meeting on 24 November.
- The Chairman and I travelled to Wellington on 26 November to meet with Minister David Parker with the Chairs and Chief Executive Officers of other regional and unitary councils. Amongst other things, the Minister outlined his RMA reform timeline. Exposure drafts of the Natural and Built Environments Act and Strategic Planning Act will be available in six months, with full bills being completed within one year. He anticipates that they will be passed in 2022. The Managed Retreat and Climate Change Adaptation Act will follow the same timeline however funding mechanisms still need to be developed.
- The Chairman and I attended the Regional Sector Group meeting in Wellington on 27
  November. A presentation was given on Mana Whakahono ā Rohe Agreement and a number
  of questions were asked.
- I attended numerous meetings relating to Pest Control Research during the reporting period.

#### Recommendation

Report to: Council/Committee	Meeting Date: 8 December 2020		
Title of Item: South Island Regional Council Alignn	nent and Collaboration		
Report by: Vin Smith			
Reviewed by: No			
Public excluded? No			

### **Report Purpose**

For Council to note that the regional councils of Canterbury, Otago, Southland and the West Coast seek to work together on issues of mutual interest including alignment and potential service sharing forward.

# **Report Summary**

The West Coast Regional Council (WCRC) has received the attached draft Terms of Reference (dTOR) - the South Island Regional Council Alignment and Collaboration Governance Group (Group). The dTOR seeks to formalise the working relationship between the regional councils of Canterbury, Otago, Southland and the West Coast. By formalising the working relationship opportunity exists to maximise collaborative solutions whilst minimising the ongoing costs to the West Coast community, for example when giving effect to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPSFM).

#### **Draft Recommendations**

#### It is recommended that Council resolve to:

Note the Terms of Reference of the South Island Regional Council Alignment and Collaboration Governance Group and endorse the West Coast Regional Councils involvement forward.

#### **Issues and Discussion**

#### **Background**

With the gazettal of the NPSFM earlier this year, and related regulation including a National Environmental Standards (NES), all regional councils are reviewing their ability to deliver the programme of work. This work includes developing a plan change to the Regional Policy Statement (RPS), undertaking additional monitoring and reporting, with the notification of a limits plan change by December 30, 2024. Both the RPS and limits plan change can be progressed through the Freshwater Planning Process recently described by Commissioner Skelton, the Freshwater Commissioner.

Two interrelated programmes of work are being advanced by all councils at this time. First, the development of the programme of work (revised Progressive Implementation Programme; PIP) to deliver the revised RPS, undertake additional monitoring and reporting and prepare the limits plan change. The second programme of work is the development of funding strategies to inform the Long-term Plan<sup>1</sup>.

In revising the various PIPs, the regional sector quickly determined that significant efficiencies could be realised if greater coordination occurred to minimise duplication of effort. Greater coordination is occurring at multiple scales – nationally, multi-region and locally.

Nationally James Palmer, Chief Executive of Hawkes Bay Regional Council, is leading the regional sectors freshwater approach. Multi-regional approaches are being formed in the central North Island and it is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Many councils, such as Environment Southland have engaged external expertise to undertake an organisational financial health check and development of a financial strategy forward.

proposed that a similar approach is set up within Ngāi Tahu's takiwā, being the regional councils of Canterbury, Otago, Southland and the West Coast. Locally, relationships are also being built between regional councils and iwi to improve communication and build a clearer view as to what te mana o te wai means, for example through the recently signed Mana Whakahono a Rohe agreement (Agreement).

### **Proposed situation**

The West Coast Regional Council (WCRC) has received a dTOR to formalise the working relationship between the regional councils of Canterbury, Otago, Southland and the West Coast. The dTOR proposes three management layers – governance, operation and delivery.

The regional council chairs will form the governance group. It is proposed that this group will meet quarterly but on an as need be basis. The chairmanship of the meeting will be rotated between the council chairs involved. The chief executives will support the governance group and lead the operational aspects of the project. Meetings between the chief executives will likely be frequent and utilise existing meeting structures (and Zoom) to advance collective approaches. Delivery will be led by second or third tier staff initially who oversee regulatory and or extension activities within the region.

# **Options Analysis**

Two options exist for WCRC to consider: not engage or engage.

Should the WCRC choose not to engage then the council will need to develop, as an example, its own freshwater approach. All knowledge, regulation and broader solution packages would need to be designed, developed and funded inhouse.

If WCRC engages in this process, then significant efficiencies could be realised through a broader array of accessible knowledge and skills. Where appropriate, collective approaches could then be developed to create solution packages such as the management of nitrogen application rate returns from the dairy sector. One database could collectively be developed for all councils to fund and use. Other options could include collective resource consent processing or just for issues like Intensive Winter Grazing. Opportunity for collective advocacy to central government would also be possible, as is engaging with Te Runanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRONT) over common issues within their takiwā.

Engaging with TRoNT does not affect the council's individual obligations to engage, partner or collaborate with Poutini Ngāi Tahu as set out in the Agreement that exists.

By engaging, WCRC can choose to take up the collective approaches and solutions developed or not.

#### **Costs and Benefits**

Significant costs will be accrued by all councils in giving effect to central governments direction, including the NPSFM and NES forward.

By not engaging all costs will fall to the WCRC to fund. Alternatively, by engaging, opportunity to minimise development and ongoing operational costs associated with central government direction will be possible, for example giving effect to the NPSFM. It is not possible to quantify the cost savings as that will depend on the opportunities advanced. It is likely that other collaborative opportunities will also be realised or explored over time.

# **Considerations**

# **Significance and Engagement Policy Assessment**

There are no issues within this report which trigger matters in this policy.

#### Tangata whenua views

It is understood that discussions with TRoNT will occur once the Group is formed in advance of the dTOR being finalised. Discussions with Poutini Ngāi Tahu has occurred who are supportive of the approach.

# Views of affected parties

The community generally is not affected by the formation of the Group.

#### **Financial implications**

It is anticipated that the formation of the Group will be funded within current budgets. The outcomes from this alignment and collaboration initiative will require scoping and budgeting forward. It is assumed however that those costs will be lower than the alternative given the collective funding options that could be created.

# **Legal implications**

There are no issues within this report which raise legal implications.

# **Attachments**

South Island Regional Council Alignment and Collaboration Governance Group draft Terms of Reference.

# South Island Regional Council Alignment and Collaboration Governance Group Terms of Reference

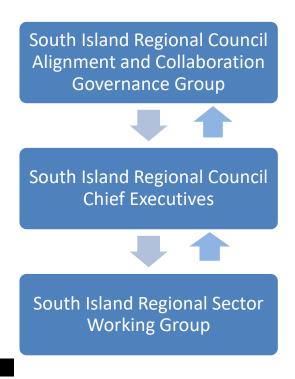
#### **Background and purpose**

Chairs and Chief Executives of Environment Southland, Otago Regional Council, West Coast Regional Council and Environment Canterbury have created an opportunity to work together to identify areas of alignment and potential service sharing across their Councils.

The initiative is designed to generate enhanced outcomes for our communities and encompasses the intention to work together with Ngāi Tahu across their takiwā.

A group of Tier Two/Three staff from each Council have been tasked with investigating an initial list of opportunities for reporting back to this Governance group.

This diagram shows the relationship between this Governance Group, the Chief Executives Group, and the Working Group, mirroring the national Regional Sector structure.



# Scope

The scope of the Group includes:

- receiving recommendations about opportunities for alignment and shared services
- giving direction and guidance to Chief Executives to implement actions where Council priorities, budgets and plans allow
- deciding which opportunities to progress through their Council processes
- addressing emerging issues, risks, limitations and/or barriers where possible.

# Membership and operation of the Group

Chairs, Deputy Chairs (or nominee) and Chief Executives of Environment Southland, Otago Regional Council, West Coast Regional Council and Environment Canterbury make up the Governance group.

Meetings are Chaired by rotation and Environment Canterbury will provide Secretariat support with Otago Regional Council backup where required.

Meetings occur two monthly and then reviewed after one year, and additional meetings can be arranged or meetings may cancelled with agreement from the group.

The Secretariat will invite members and collate an agenda.

Meetings will be virtual, unless there is prior agreement.

The Secretariat will note decisions and actions by the group and distribute to all members.

Chairs will decide individually how they report to their Councils.

# Nature and frequency of the meetings

The meetings are informal, non-decision making, and allow for free and frank discussion between leaders. Due to their informal and non-decision-making nature, there are no formal agendas, notes (other than noting any action items arising) and nor will any formal decisions arise from the meetings.

Members will recognise the informal nature of these meetings when they are reported or discussed in other venues or fora.

# **Principles**

Members will commit to a culture of collaboration and cooperation, openness and transparency in an environment of mutual trust and confidence

Members acknowledge that their foremost priority is with their elected members representing their ratepayers, and that this may sometimes impact on their ability to agree or implement actions.

#### **Regional Sector Values**

Our draft values describe the guiding principles upon which the Sector and its activities are based:

- Side by side: Collectively we are strong
- Unity: We speak with a unified voice
- Integrity: We value our data and information when making decisions
- Mana Māori: We promote and recognise the important role of tangata whenua
- Our people: We recognise that our people are the strength of the Sector
- Continuous improvement: We continuously reflect on ways in which we can improve

Courage: We have the courage to make brave and hard decision

Report to: Council	Meeting Date: 8 December 2020	
Title of Item: Operations Monthly Works Report		
Report by: James Bell – Engineering Officer, Paulette Birchfield - Engineer, Brendon Russ – Engineer		
Reviewed by: Randal Beal – Director of Operations		
Public excluded? No		

# **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an overview of the physical works undertaken during the month of November 2020. Also presented in this report will be the production and sale of rock from the council owned quarries during the month of October 2020.

# Summary

During the month of November, physical works where undertaken and completed for the Inchbonnie Rating District. Paul Smith Earthmoving was engaged to retrieve rock from an existing groyne and re-stack this rock along the eroded true right bank of the Taramakau River.

Rating District AGMs have been held for Taramakau, Inchbonnie, Kongahu and Karamea, with the Wanganui AGM to be completed in early December.

# RECOMMENDATION

That the report is received.

# Quarry Rock Movements for the period October 2020 (excluding Royalty Arrangements)

Quarry		Opening Stockpile Balance	Rock Sold	Rock Produced	Closing Stockpile Balance
Camelback	Large	7000	0	10000	17000
Blackball		670	0	0	670
Inchbonnie		10,000	0	0	10,000
Kiwi		0	0	0	0
Miedema		0	0	0	0
Okuru		450	0	0	450
Whitehorse		0	0	0	0
Totals		18,120	0	10000	28,120

Other Sales: 11,450 tonnes of rubble waste was purchased by the Westland District Council from the Okuru Quarry for emergency coastal erosion protection works along the Haast – Jackson Bay Road. This rubble waste was purchased for \$2.00 + GST per tonne.



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18 November 2020

Reference: Rapahoe Rating District

Dear Sir/Madam

#### Rapahoe – Rating District Consultation

Council has been requested by the Rapahoe Domain Board to consult with property owners within the boundary of the attached map on forming a Rating District to fund a \$10,000 loan for the purpose of constructing a bund to minimize the effects of wave overtopping during storm events. Council is consulting on forming a Special Rating District to fund the implementation of these protection options via a loan for a period of 10 years.

The total project costs are estimated to be \$20,000. This excludes any upgrade to culverts and drainage costs which will be funded separately by Grey District Council.

The Domain Board has existing funds of \$10,000 that has been raised from donations and fund raising. The two funds will be managed separately with each fund contributing 50% of any agreed costs.

It is proposed that machinery will be provided at no cost to undertake the works but the running costs and driver costs need to be funded. There are culverts that also need to be upgraded as part of this proposal and Grey District Council will contribute those costs.

WCRC staff will assist with general engineering advice and support but the project will be coordinated and delivered by the community.

Council will borrow to fund the works and the loan repayments required have been calculated @ 1.50% \*\* over 10 years.

Council proposes to recover the costs by a targeted rate during 2021/22 to 2031/32 only on the properties in the area. See attached map

Council advises that if any additional works are proposed in the future, then separate consultation will be undertaken at that time.

Council is consulting on two options for levying the loan repayment;

Option One	Per \$100,000 of Capital Value	\$17+ GST
Option Two	Per property section	\$32+ GST

<sup>\*\*</sup> The actual loan rate will be the rate that is prevailing at the time of the loan.

You can either post your survey forms in the stamped self-addressed envelope enclosed back to Council or email them directly to james.bell@wcrc.govt.nz . You will note there is space for comments on the form. Completed survey forms need to be received by Council by **5.00pm 7**<sup>th</sup> **December 2020.** 

If you have any questions in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Randal Beal

**Director of Operations** 

# Opinion Survey on the proposed funding of a loan for building a bund

<u>Please return this page in the envelope provided or email directly to james.bell@wcrc.qovt.nz</u>

«Name»
«RID ID», «Class A»
«Address 1», «Address 2», «Address 3»,

Options	Please tick one box only
I support Council forming a Rating District to fund the \$10,000 loan @ \$17 per \$100,000 of Capital Value	
I support Council forming a Rating District to fund the \$10,000 loan @ \$32 per property section	
I do NOT support Council forming a Rating District to fund a loan for the proposed works	

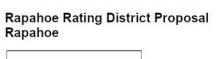
Please feel free to include any additional comments below:

Signature	Name
	(Please Print Clearly)
Note: All replies must be returned to The Wes	t Coast Regional Council in the enclosed, postage paid
envelope or emailed to james.bell@wcrc.govt.nz	by Monday 5:00pm 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2020.





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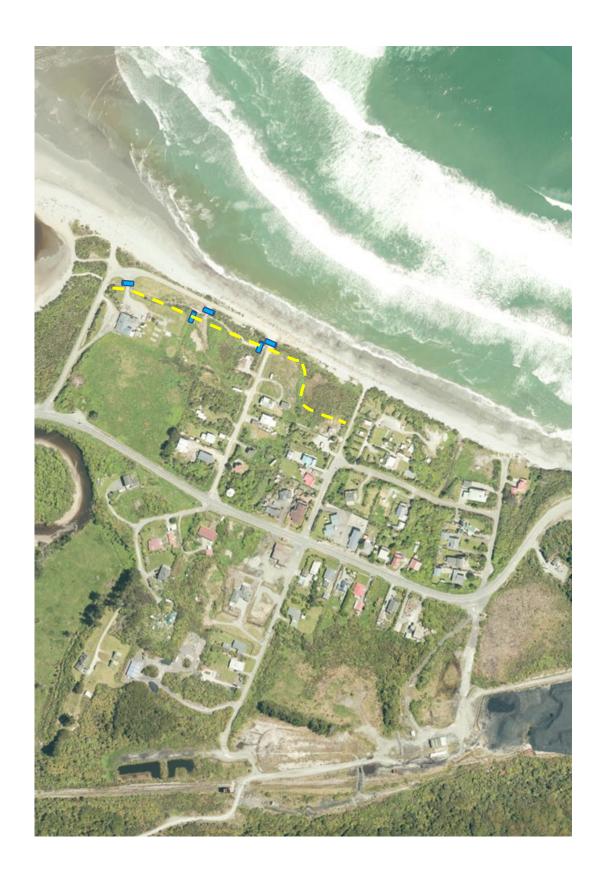
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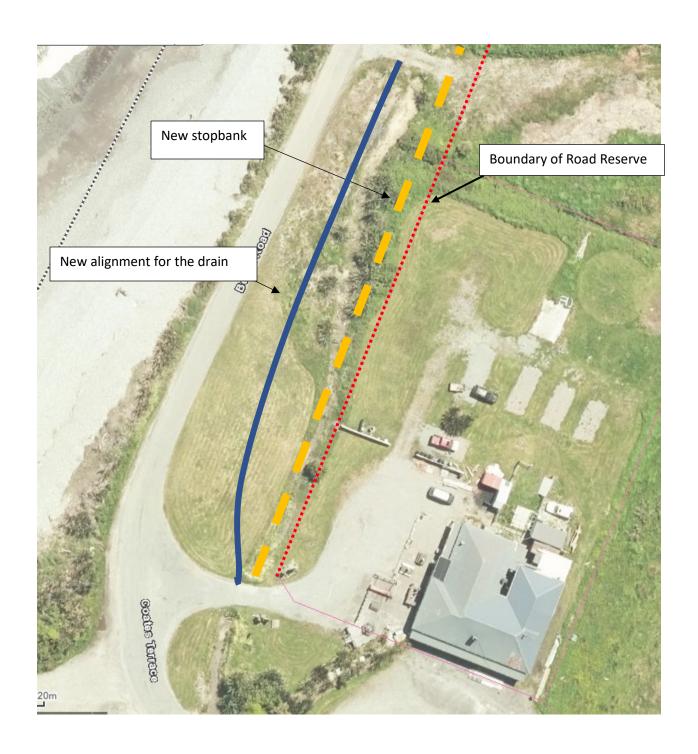
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# Notes:

Depending on what height it's going to, it could need a footprint width of 10m+

Batter slope angle of 2:1?

Assuming that it isn't actually going to be 'buried', but just placed on the existing ground surface – dug down a nominal depth – what is it going to be covered with?

What are the specs of the demo waste?

Report to: Council/Committee	Meeting Date: 8 December 2020		
Title of Item: Corporate Services Manager's	Report		
Report by: Robert Mallinson			
Reviewed by:			
Public excluded? No			

# **Purpose**

For Council to be provided with an overview of current matters.

#### Summary

This is the Corporate Services Manager's report for 2020.

#### Recommendation

That the report be received.

### 1. Financial Report

No four month financial report to 31 October 2020 has been prepared to due time commitments by myself and the Management Accountant in Long Term Plan work and also Audit NZ follow up requests regarding the 30 June 2020 Financials. I intend to bring a six monthly report for year to 31 December 2020 to the february 2021 meeting.

#### 2. Audit Sign off Year to 30 June 2020

We are working through final matters with Audit NZ staff.

We are still awaiting the BDO Audit sign off our Associate Pest Control Research LP for the year to 31 March 2020. We can't get sign off of our own Audit opinion until the PCR LP opinion is available. The Statutory deadline is 31 December 2020. I hope to update Councillors further on this matter at this December meeting.

#### 3. Insurance Renewals

I will report in more detail to the February 2021 Audit & Risk Committee meeting, but the following covers were all successfully renewed @ 1 November 2020.

- Employers Liability
- Professional Indemnity
- Materials Damage & Business Interruption (388 Main South Road, Jacks Road, Rolleston)
- Motor vehicles
- Public Liability
- Public Liability (shared excess layer Lloyds)
- Aviation (Drone)
- Cyber Liability (new cover)
- Personal accident (Councillors & Senior staff) (by election & recruitment costs)
- Personal accident (VCS ACC top up)
- Statutory Liability
- Marine Hull
- Infrastructure Cover.

# 4. JBWere Portfolio Performance One Month to 31 October 2020

31 October 2020				Major Portfolio
Opening balance	1 September 2020		\$	10,547,851
Income	September 2020		-\$	104,665
	October 2020		\$	42,441
Deposit	\$	-	\$	-
Withdrawal	\$	-	\$	-
Closing balance	31 October 2020		\$	10,485,627
Total income yea	r to date to		\$	294,023

	Actual	Benchmark
Performance 1 - 30 September 20	-0.82%	-0.78%
Performance 1 - 31 October 20	0.44%	-0.07%
Performance 1 July 20 - 31 October 20	3.13%	2.11%

The Catastrophe Fund was reinstated with JBWere to a value of \$1,000,000 on 18 November 2020

Report to: Council/Committee	Meeting Date: 8 December 2020
Title of Item: Schedule of Meeting Dates 2021	
Report by: Robert Mallinson	
Reviewed by:	
Public excluded? No	

# Purpose

For Council to be able to adopt a meeting schedule for 2021.

# Summary

Attached is a summary of meeting dates for 2021.

# Recommendation

That Council adopts the 2021 Schedule of Meeting Dates.

# **SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES FOR 2021**

# **ORDINARY MEETING AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT MEETINGS**

(Starting with RMC meeting: Commencing at 10.30 am)

MEETING MONTH	DATE	VENUE
January	No Meeting	No Meeting
February	9 February	WCRC
March	23 March	Bruce Bay Marae
May	4 May	WCRC
June	15 June	Buller District Council
July	27 July	WCRC
September	14 September	Arahura Marae
October	26 October	WCRC
December	7 December	Westland District Council

# **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.

- 8.1 Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 10 November 2020
- 8.1.2 Confirmation of Confidential Minutes of Special Council Meeting 26 November 2020
- 8.2 Council Investments (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	` '
8. 8.1	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 10 November 2020		Clause 7 subclause 2 (a)
8.1.2	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 26 November 2020		Clause 7 subclause 2 (a)
8.2	Council Investments		Clause 7 subclause 2 (i)
8.3	Response to Presentation (if any)		Clause 7 subclause 2 (a)
8.4	In Committee Items to be Released to Media		Clause 7 subclause 2 (a)

#### I also move that:

- Vin Smith
- Robert Mallinson
- Randal Beal
- Hadley Mills
- Heather McKay
- Nichola Costley

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.