

Council Members

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

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, 12 October 2021

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

10.30 am

Council Meeting

On Completion of Council Meeting

Resource Management Committee Meeting

Presentation:

Department of Conservation (Mark Davies)

COUNCIL MEETING

Council Meeting

(Te Huinga Tu)

A G E N D A

(Rarangī Take)

1. Welcome (*Haere mai*)
2. Apologies (*Nga Pa Pouri*)
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Public Forum, Petitions and Deputations (*He Huinga tuku korero*)

Presentations

- Department of Conservation – Mark Davies
5. Confirmation of Minutes (*Whakau korero*)
 - Council Meeting 14 September 2021
 - **Matters Arising**
 - Special Council Meeting 5 October 2021
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 6. Chairman’s Report
 7. Chief Executive’s Report
 - Schedule of proposed Meeting Dates 2022
 8. **Reports**
 - Operations Report
 - Agreement – Westport Rating District Joint Committee + Joint Committee Agreement

9. General Business

Purpose of Local Government

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H. Mabin
Acting Chief Executive

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2021, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.45 A.M

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

H. Mabin (Acting Chief Executive), C. Helem (Acting Consents & Compliance Manager), N. Costley (Strategy & Communications Manager), R. Beal (Operations Director), J. Armstrong (Te Tai o Poutini Project Manager) via Zoom, N. Selman (Financial Consultant) via Zoom, T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), The Media.

Cr Birchfield read the prayer

1. WELCOME

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chairman called for declarations of interests. There were no declarations of interest.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum as the speaker has cancelled.

5.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

Moved (Ewen / Challenger) *that the minutes of the Council meeting dated 10 August 2021, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

REPORTS:

6.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman took his report as read and offered to answer questions. He advised that he did not attend the Joint Committee meeting for West Coast Civil Defence Emergency Management meeting, but he did attend the Mayors, Chairs and Iwi forum later that morning.

He drew attention to the letter attached to his report Mayor Cleine regarding Westland Mineral Sands consent application.

Moved (Magner / Coll McLaughlin) *That this report is received.*

Carried

7.0 ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

H. Mabin spoke to her report and took it as read. She reported that at the LGNZ Conference in September the Department of Internal Affairs and LGNZ signed a Heads of Agreement about partnering commitment to support the Three Waters Reform. H. Mabin stated that since this time there has been much discussion about the signing of the Heads of Agreement, therefore it is now included in her report for Councillors information.

H. Mabin offered to answer questions.

Moved (Challenger / Magner)

That this report is received, and the message for the LGNZ President is noted, and the Heads of Agreement between DIA and LGNZ is also noted.

Carried

8.0 RISK & ASSURANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

H. Mabin spoke to this report and advised that the intention is for the Minutes from the Risk and Assurance Committee to come to Council on a quarterly basis. She spoke of the change to this committee's structure as all Councillors are now members of the Risk & Assurance Committee. It was noted that Cr Birchfield was missed off the Minutes noting that he was actually present.

Moved (Coll McLaughlin / Challenger)

That the minutes are received for noting of the meeting of the Risk & Assurance Committee meeting held on 21 June 2021, with the inclusion of Cr Birchfield's name in the minutes.

Carried

8.1 ADOPTION OF DELEGATIONS MANUAL

H. Mabin spoke to this report. She drew attention to the attachment to this report which details any amendments since Council reviewed the previous draft. H. Mabin advised the revised edition of the Delegations Manual has the full details of all legislation that relates to Council.

Cr Challenger drew attention to the section regarding the Hokitika seawall, where reference is made to the rivers works. Currently the Delegations manual does not include the river works or any extension to the seawall and he suggested that the Terms of reference need to be amended. H. Mabin advised that the Delegations Manual is meant to reflect the Terms of Reference of the Joint Committee. It was agreed that H. Mabin would have this amended to incorporate the additional works.

Cr Coll McLaughlin suggested that the sections relating to the Hokitika and Greymouth Joint Floodwall agreements would be deferred until the October meeting (sections 3.3.4 for the Hokitika Seawall Joint Committee, and Section 3.3.3 (8.3 and 8.4) for the Greymouth Floodwall Joint Committee).

The sections relating to Hearing Commissioners and independence of consenting actions would be actioned today.

Moved (Challenger / Coll McLaughlin)

It is recommended that the Council resolve to:

Adopt the Delegations Manual, with the exception of sections 3.3.4 for the Hokitika Seawall Joint Committee, and Section 3.3.3 (8.3 and 8.4) for the Greymouth Floodwall Joint Committee, which will be brought to the October Council meeting.

Carried

8.2 LEVELS OF SERVICE

H. Mabin spoke to this report and advised that the performance measures have been reviewed to better reflect changes with council, in particular with the regard to the Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee and the signed Mana Whakahono ā Rohe Agreement.

Cr Coll McLaughlin asked how this change has come about and if the requirement for changes had been picked up by Audit NZ. H. Mabin advised that the performance measures have been brought into line comparison with other regional council's performance measures. Audit NZ are yet to fully audit this section of the LTP. She stated this is a way of monitoring management's performance due to the fact that Council has not met its statutory deadlines for both the Annual Report 2020 and the LTP 2021 – 2031.

H. Mabin answered questions relating to the recruitment of the Poutini Ngai Tahu Partner Relationship Manager role, and advised that Council will re-advertise this role. Cr Ewen questioned the cost of the role and whether this had been included in the budget. H. Mabin was to clarify this matter.

Moved (Magner / Hill)

Approve the measures of performance for the Levels of Service for inclusion in the Long-term Plan 2021-31.
Carried

8.3 FRANZ JOSEF EMERGENCY WORKS

R. Beal spoke to this report. R. Beal advised that the consultation for this emergency works took place via video conference.

Moved (Magner / Ewen)

It is recommended that the Council resolve to:

Approve the Emergency Works which begun on 28 August 2021 on the Waiho River at Franz Josef.
Cr Challenger Against
Carried

8.4 HOKITIKA EMERGENCY WORKS

R. Beal spoke to this report and took it as read. Cr Challenger stated that it is important to ensure that once the work is completed that there is public access to the foreshore, and that the rock is placed carefully.

Moved (Magner / Cummings)

It is recommended that the Council resolve to:

Formally approves the Emergency Works along the coastline of Hokitika town that align with the planned Hokitika Seawall IRG Project.
Cr Challenger Against
Carried

8.5 OPERATIONS REPORT

R. Beal spoke to this report and advised that good progress is being made with the emergency works at Franz Josef.

R. Beal confirmed that the Flood Event Operational Assistance agreement was updated in 2021. Cr Challenger stated that this agreement is working well between regional councils.

R. Beal answered questions regarding the thickness of the steel on the floodgate for the Cobden Cut as Cr Ewen noted that it had suffered damage during a recent flood event. R. Beal advised that repairs have been made to improve this.

Moved (Challenger / Coll McLaughlin)

It is recommended that the Council resolve to:

1. *Receive the Report.*
2. *Delegate authority to the Acting Chief Executive to sign the RCEO Inter Council agreement for Flood Event Operational Assistance.*

Carried

8.5 DRAFT AGREEMENT – WESTPORT RATING DISTRICT JOINT COMMITTEE

H. Mabin spoke to this report and outlined the work on this to date. Cr Coll McLaughlin stated that she is strongly in favour of independent Chair for this committee and notes the Buller District Council (BDC) are also in favour of this. She feels that this would be key to the success of this joint committee as it is hoped there will be streamlined collaboration with this. Extensive discussion took place and it was noted that the committee itself cannot set a rate but the committee is able to make recommendations explicitly related to funding or recommendations that would require funding. It was agreed that H. Mabin and Cr Coll McLaughlin would work on this and circulate an amended copy to Council. Cr Hill stated that he supports both issues raised by Cr Coll McLaughlin. Cr Ewen also agreed and stated that an independent Chair is vital. Cr Magner is also fully supportive of Cr Coll McLaughlin's comments.

Cr Birchfield raised the matter of who would own the Westport floodwall when it is in place. Cr Birchfield stated that WCRC owns the Greymouth floodwall. Cr Coll McLaughlin stated it makes a lot of sense to own the floodwall as WCRC is insuring and maintaining this structure. It was noted that it is a legislative requirement for WCRC to own this. Cr Coll McLaughlin stated that if part of the floodwall is on private land then some sort of easement might be required.

H. Mabin reported that BDC made an application for financial support which resulted in an \$8M worth of funding for the recovery. This is split between NEMA and the DIA. H. Mabin advised that DIA is responsible for this funding going to both BDC, and WCRC for lost revenue with regard to rates. H. Mabin advised that the funding from DIA will roll into a Steering Group for the recovery phase and possible submissions to central government for capital works. She stated that this process is in the very early stages with an Inaugural meeting of the Steering Group due the following week.

Moved (Coll McLaughlin / Challenger)

It is recommended that Council resolve to:

Note the feedback from Buller District Council on the draft Westport Rating District Joint Committee Agreement and provide further comments for a response to Buller District Council.

Carried

8.6 NATIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PROGRAMME FUNDING DECISIONS

H. Mabin spoke to this report and took it as read.

Moved (Hill / Col McLaughlin)

It is recommended that Council resolve to:

Note the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Board funding decisions for 2021-24 for the West Coast.

Carried

8.7 LATE LONG TERM PLAN SUBMISSIONS

H. Mabin spoke to this report and advised that submissions officially closed on 8 September, but Council have received a number of late submissions. H. Mabin advised that 589 submissions have been received, with 80 of these being spoken to at the Hearing on 15 September. She acknowledged the work of N. Costley, Strategy

& Communications Manager, in getting prepared for the hearing, during lockdown and also with the constraints of NZ Post.

Moved (Ewen / Challenger)

It is recommended that Council resolve to:

Approve the inclusion for consideration all submissions received by Council up until 09.00 a.m on Wednesday 15 September 2021.

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

Moved (Magner / Challenger)

That the Confidential section of the Council meeting is moved to the end of the Resource Management Committee meeting.

Carried

The meeting closed at 11.28 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD ON 5 OCTOBER 2021, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.32 A.M.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

H. Mabin (Acting Chief Executive), N. Selman (Acting Corporate Services Manager), J. Armstrong (via Zoom), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk)

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING 16 SEPTEMBER 2021

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

Cr Coll McLaughlin requested a small change to the minutes under Topic 9 – Westport Rating District Flood Protection Works, where it states that “consideration needs to be given to adverse impacts on ratepayers upstream from the proposed planned infrastructure”. Cr Coll McLaughlin stated that the discussion was about everyone external to the infrastructure. She would like “upstream” amended to “outside”.

Moved (Hill / Cummings) *that the minutes of the Special Council meeting dated 16 September 2021, be confirmed as correct, with the amendment requested by Cr Coll McLaughlin made.*

Carried

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

ADOPTION OF 2021 – 31 LONG TERM PLAN

N. Selman spoke to this report. He drew attention to page 8 of the agenda and stated that the changes made to the Consultation Document were affected to our LTP documentation that was used to support the Consultation Document, these changes were then brought through to Audit New Zealand.

N. Selman spoke of the item adopted by Council on 10 August which was the Sustainable Whitebait Fisheries project, Jobs for Nature. He stated that it was prudent to bring this into the LTP as it had net effects as costs were matched by income.

N. Selman stated there have been a number of consequential changes as a result of the deliberations but no substantive issues. He advised that there minor timing adjustments to align with project work.

N. Selman drew attention to the Letter of Representation which is a retrospective approval to be provided to Audit New Zealand in order to get their Audit Opinion. He stated this is a standard undertaking.

N. Selman advised that the Audit Opinion is also being tabled this morning and is an Unqualified Audit Opinion which means Audit New Zealand believes that it fairly and appropriately represents the decisions made and there are no material mistakes. N. Selman stated that this is a great outcome. N. Selman advised there are two emphasis of matter, one is that Council has breached the statutory deadline of being signed off prior to 1 July. The other is delivery around capital programme, but Audit New Zealand is not challenging this.

H. Mabin thanked N. Selman, R. Beal and N. Costley for their hard work in taking this from a Qualified Audit Report for the Consultation Document through to an Unqualified Audit opinion on the Long-term Plan 2021-31, which is a huge piece of work.

N. Selman answered questions from Councillors relating to capital works. Cr Ewen commented that a Long Term Plan is going out to 10 years. N. Selman commented that Council does have a large capital programme over the next four years, with a lot in the first two years.

The Chairman concurred with H. Mabin's comments and congratulated staff for getting Council through the LTP process. He stated that this has been a lot of work.

It is recommended that Council receives this report and resolves to:

Moved (Cummings / Magner)

1. *Authorise the Chairman to sign the Audit Representation Letter on behalf of Council;*
2. *Pursuant to Section 101A and 101B of the Local Government Act 2002, adopt the Financial Strategy and Infrastructure Strategy;*
3. *Pursuant to Section 102 of the Local Government Act 2002, adopt the following policies:*
 - a. *Revenue and Financing Policy;*
 - b. *Investment and Borrowing Policy;*
 - c. *Rates Remissions and Postponements Policy;*
 - d. *Rates Remissions and Postponements Policy of Maori Freehold Land;*
 - e. *Council Controlled Organisations Policy;*
 - f. *Financial Contributions Policy.*
4. *Pursuant to Section 76AA of the Local Government Act 2002, adopt the Significance and Engagement Policy.*
5. *Pursuant to Section 93 of the Local Government Act 2002, adopt the 2021-2031 Long-Term Plan;*
6. *Pursuant to Sections 36-36AA of the Resource Management Act 1991 and Sections 83 and 87 of the Local Government Act 2002, adopt the Schedule of User Fees and Charges 2021/22;*
7. *Delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with Audit NZ, the ability to correct any minor errors and omissions within the 2021-31 Long-Term Plan, Schedule of User Fees and Charges 2021/22 and supplementary materials as required prior to their publication.*

Carried

RATES SETTING – LEVIES 2021 / 222

N. Selman spoke to this report and advised that this is a large recommendation as it is the complete list of all rating districts and their targeted rates.

N. Selman advised that the payment dates are 20 November and 20 April, and the penalty regime is also set out. He stated this is consistent with previous years.

Moved (Ewen / Cummings)

It is recommended the Council resolve to set and assess the 2021/22 rates, as calculated in the following schedule and according to the following conditions:

1. General Rate

The General Rate is used to fund activities that are of public benefit and where no other source of revenue is identified to cover the cost of the activities. The General Rate will be a differential general rate in the dollar set for all rateable land within the region and calculated on the Capital value of each rating unit.

Differential

Rateable Capital Value in the Buller District Council area to yield 31% of the total general rate.

Rateable Capital Value in the Grey District Council area to yield 39% of the total general rate.

Rateable Capital Value in the Westland District Council area to yield 30% of the total general rate.

	Differential	Estimated Rateable Capital Value	Factor per \$ of Capital Value	Estimated to Yield	GST Exclusive
Rateable Value of Land in the Buller District Local Authority Area	31%	\$2,317,098,060	0.00048603	\$1,126,184	\$979,290
Rateable Value of Land in the Grey District Local Authority Area	39%	\$2,671,157,500	0.00053041	\$1,416,812	\$1,232,010
Rateable Value of Land in the Westland District Local Authority Area	30%	\$2,637,377,700	0.00041323	\$1,089,855	\$947,700
	100%	\$7,625,633,260		\$3,632,850	\$3,159,000

2. Uniform Annual General Charge

The Uniform Annual General Charge is charged at one (1) full charge per rating unit as per section 15 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. The Council sets a uniform annual general charge to fund activities that are of public benefit and where no other source of revenue is identified to cover the cost of the activities.

Estimated number of rating units	Amount per rating unit	Estimated Yield	GST Exclusive
20,000	\$129.38	\$2,587,500	\$2,250,000

3. Targeted Rates

- (a) A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land situated in the Vine Creek Separate Rating Area and calculated on the land value of each rating unit, for maintaining the protection works in the scheme.

Vine Creek Rating District	Estimated Rateable Land Value	Differential Based on Benefits	Factor per \$ of Land Value	Estimated to Yield	GST Exclusive
Class A	\$3,713,500	1.00	0.0025037	\$9,298	\$8,085
Class B	\$4,604,000	0.70	0.0017526	\$8,096	\$7,016
Class C	\$6,038,000	0.50	0.0012519	\$7,559	\$6,573
Class D	\$15,381,900	0.20	0.0005007	\$7,702	\$6,698
Class E	\$13,813,000	0.10	0.0002504	\$3,458	\$3,007
				\$36,086	\$31,379

- (b) A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land situated in the Wanganui River Separate

Rating Area and calculated on the land value of each rating unit, for maintaining the protection works in the scheme.

Wanganui River Rating District (MTCE)	Estimated Rateable Land Value	Differential Based on Benefits	Factor per \$ of Land Value	Estimated to Yield	GST Exclusive
Class A	\$22,377,200	1.00	0.0029146	\$65,220	\$56,713
Class B	\$19,012,400	0.70	0.0020402	\$38,789	\$33,730
Class C	\$25,681,400	0.45	0.0013116	\$33,683	\$29,289
Class D	\$4,608,100	0.10	0.0002915	\$1,343	\$1,168
Class U1	\$2,949,300	0.50	0.0014573	\$4,298	\$3,737
Class U2	\$1,013,000	0.50	0.0014573	\$1,476	\$1,284
				<u>\$144,808</u>	<u>\$125,921</u>

- (c) A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land situated in the Kowhitirangi Separate Rating Area and calculated on the capital value of each rating unit, for maintaining the protection works in the scheme.

Kowhitirangi Flood Control Rating District	Estimated Rateable Capital Value	Differential Based on Benefits	Factor per \$ of Capital Value	Estimated to Yield	GST Exclusive
Class A	\$15,151,200	1.00	0.0004369	\$6,620	\$5,756
Class C	\$32,367,000	0.50	0.0002185	\$7,071	\$6,149
Class E	\$30,635,000	0.29	0.0001275	\$3,904	\$3,395
Class F	\$69,134,800	0.17	0.0000728	\$5,035	\$4,379
				<u>\$22,631</u>	<u>\$19,678</u>

- (d) A targeted rate in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land situated in the Coal Creek Separate Rating Area and calculated on the capital value of each rating unit, for maintaining the protection works in the scheme.

Coal Creek Rating District	Estimated Rateable Capital Value	Factor per \$ of Capital Value	Estimated to Yield	GST Exclusive
	\$6,025,140	0.0017142	<u>\$10,328</u>	<u>\$8,981</u>

- (e) A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land situated in the Karamea Separate Rating Area and calculated on the capital value of each rating unit, for maintaining the protection works in the scheme.

Karamea Rating District (MTCE)	Estimated Rateable Capital Value	Differential Based on Benefits	Factor per \$ of Capital Value	Estimated to Yield	GST Exclusive
Class A	\$2,274,600	1.00	0.0018370	\$4,179	\$3,633
Class B	\$31,614,240	0.80	0.0014696	\$46,462	\$40,401
Class C	\$3,785,420	0.60	0.0011022	\$4,172	\$3,628
Class D	\$107,033,420	0.10	0.0001837	\$19,662	\$17,098
Class E	\$51,492,120	0.05	0.0000919	\$4,730	\$4,112
				<u>\$79,204</u>	<u>\$68,873</u>

- (f) A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land situated in the Inchbonnie Separate Rating Area and calculated on the capital value of each rating unit, for maintaining the protection works in the scheme.

Inchbonnie Rating District	Estimated Rateable Capital Value	Differential Based on Benefits	Factor per \$ of Capital Value	Estimated to Yield	GST Exclusive
Class A	\$3,526,200	1.00	0.0001687	\$595	\$517
Class B	\$15,693,220	0.75	0.0001266	\$1,986	\$1,727
Class C	\$6,294,000	0.50	0.0000844	\$531	\$462
Class D	\$2,175,000	0.30	0.0000506	\$110	\$96
Class F	\$1,232,500	0.15	0.0000253	\$31	\$27
				<u>\$3,253</u>	<u>\$2,829</u>

- (g) A targeted rate in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land situated in the Greymouth Floodwall Separate Rating Area and calculated on the capital value of each rating unit, for repayment of loans raised to fund capital works.

Greymouth Floodwall Rating District (Loan)	Estimated Rateable Capital Value	Factor per \$ of Capital Value	Estimated to Yield	GST Exclusive
	\$714,918,600	0.0003587	<u>\$256,450</u>	<u>\$223,000</u>

- (h) A targeted rate in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land situated in the Greymouth Floodwall Separate Rating Area and calculated on the capital value of each rating unit, for maintaining the protection works in the scheme.

Greymouth Floodwall Rating District (MTCE)	Estimated Rateable Capital Value	Factor per \$ of Capital Value	Estimated to Yield	GST Exclusive
	\$714,918,600	0.0002876	<u>\$205,642</u>	<u>\$178,819</u>

- (i) A targeted rate in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land situated in the Okuru Separate Rating Area and calculated on the capital value of each rating unit, for maintaining the protection works in the scheme.

Okuru Rating District (MTCE)	Estimated Rateable Capital Value	Factor per \$ of Capital Value	Estimated to Yield	GST Exclusive
	\$16,702,000	0.0004986	<u>\$8,327</u>	<u>\$7,241</u>

- (j) A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land situated in the Red Jacks Separate Rating Area and calculated on the land area of each rating unit, for maintaining the protection works in the scheme.

Red Jacks Rating District	Estimated Rateable Land Area (ha)	Differential Based on Benefits	Rate per hectare	Estimated to Yield	GST Exclusive
Class A	0.10	6.73%	\$7,926.02	\$793	\$689
Class B	1.11	35.55%	\$3,766.57	\$4,181	\$3,637

Class C	0.12	3.56%	\$3,493.89	\$419	\$365
Class D	2.30	17.54%	\$898.14	\$2,066	\$1,796
Class E	1.49	14.23%	\$1,124.76	\$1,676	\$1,457
Class F	1.85	4.73%	\$301.11	\$557	\$484
Class G	21.97	7.40%	\$39.67	\$872	\$758
Class H	49.18	8.60%	\$20.59	\$1,013	\$881
Class I	77.02	1.71%	\$2.61	\$201	\$175
				<u>\$11,777</u>	<u>\$10,241</u>

- (k) A targeted rate in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land in the Raft Creek separate rating area calculated on the land area of each rating unit for maintaining the protection works in the scheme.

Raft Creek Rating District	Estimated Rateable Land Area (ha)	Rates per hectare	Estimated to Yield	GST Exclusive
	762.25	\$14.99	<u>\$11,423</u>	<u>\$9,933</u>

- (l) A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land situated in the Nelson Creek Separate Rating Area and calculated on the land area of each rating unit, for maintaining the protection works in the scheme.

Nelson Creek Rating District	Estimated Rateable Land Area (ha)	Differential Based on Benefits	Rate per hectare	Estimated to Yield	GST Exclusive
Class A	1.14	8.40%	\$1,074.19	\$1,225	\$1,065
Class B	2.90	13.21%	\$664.09	\$1,926	\$1,675
Class C	10.77	9.99%	\$135.31	\$1,457	\$1,267
Class D	10.30	9.15%	\$129.53	\$1,334	\$1,160
Class E	18.55	13.04%	\$102.51	\$1,902	\$1,653
Class F	63.34	28.14%	\$64.77	\$4,103	\$3,568
Class G	18.11	8.89%	\$71.57	\$1,296	\$1,127
Class H	20.04	9.18%	\$66.80	\$1,339	\$1,164
				<u>\$14,581</u>	<u>\$12,679</u>

- (m) A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land situated in the Taramakau Settlement Separate Rating Area and calculated on the land area of each rating unit, for maintaining the protection works in the scheme.

Taramakau Rating District	Estimated Rateable Land Area (ha)	Differential Based on Benefits	Rate per hectare	Estimated to Yield	GST Exclusive
Class A	306.26	33.16%	\$103.44	\$31,681	\$27,550
Class B	130.00	11.54%	\$84.81	\$11,025	\$9,587
Class C	111.98	6.83%	\$58.27	\$6,525	\$5,674
Class D	127.13	6.54%	\$49.15	\$6,248	\$5,433
Class E	191.47	8.63%	\$43.06	\$8,245	\$7,169
Class F	140.29	5.89%	\$40.11	\$5,627	\$4,893
Class G	392.74	13.40%	\$32.60	\$12,802	\$11,132
Class H	429.48	13.77%	\$30.63	\$13,155	\$11,440
Class I	48.66	0.24%	\$4.71	\$229	\$199
				<u>\$95,537</u>	<u>\$83,076</u>

- (n) A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land situated in the Kongahu Separate Rating Area and calculated on the land area of each rating unit, for maintaining the works in the scheme.

Kongahu Rating District	Estimated Rateable Land Area (ha)	Differential Based on Benefits	Rate per hectare	Estimated to Yield	GST Exclusive
Class A	733.86	1.00	\$31.76	\$23,311	\$20,270
Class B	68.60	0.52	\$16.66	\$1,143	\$994
				<u>\$24,454</u>	<u>\$21,264</u>

- (o) A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land situated in the Waitangi-taona Separate Rating Area and calculated on the land area of each rating unit, for maintaining the protection works in the scheme.

Waitangitoana Rating District	Estimated Rateable Land Area (ha)	Differential Based on Benefits	Rate per hectare	Estimated to Yield	GST Exclusive
Class A	604.30	25.80%	\$8.11	\$4,900	\$4,261
Class B	721.43	23.48%	\$6.18	\$4,459	\$3,878
Class C	1690.44	46.84%	\$5.26	\$8,895	\$7,735
Class D	708.22	3.88%	\$1.04	\$738	\$642
				<u>\$18,993</u>	<u>\$16,514</u>

- (p) A targeted rate set in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land located between the boundaries of the Pororai River, State Highway 6 and the Tasman Sea at Punakaiki calculated on the capital value of each rating unit for maintenance of the sea wall protection works.

Punakaiki Rating District (MTCE)	Estimated Rateable Capital Value	Factor per \$ of Capital Value	Calculated Yield	GST Exclusive
	\$15,185,000	0.0046650	<u>\$70,838</u>	<u>\$61,598</u>

- (q) A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land located between the boundaries of the Pororari River, State Highway 6 and the Tasman Sea at Punakaiki calculated on the capital value of each rating unit for repayment of loans raised to fund capital works.

Punakaiki Rating District (Loan)	Estimated Rateable Capital Value	Differential Based on Benefits	Factor per \$ of Capital Value	Calculated Yield	GST Exclusive
Class AA (Camping Ground)	\$720,000	1.00	0.0428785	\$30,873	\$26,846
Class A (Other)	\$4,430,000	1.00	0.0014758	\$6,538	\$5,685
Class B	\$2,475,000	0.65	0.0009593	\$2,374	\$2,065
Class C	\$2,195,000	0.60	0.0008855	\$1,944	\$1,690
Class D	\$5,365,000	0.30	0.0004427	\$2,375	\$2,066
				<u>\$44,104</u>	<u>\$38,351</u>

- (r) A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on properties included in the Hokitika River Southbank separate rating area calculated on the capital value of each rating unit, for maintenance of the protection works.

Hokitika River Southbank (MTCE)	Estimated Rateable Capital Value	Differential Based on Benefits	Factor per \$ of	Calculated Yield	GST Exclusive
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			Capital Value		
Class A	\$3,026,500	1.00	0.0011637	\$3,522	\$3,063
Class B	\$3,571,200	0.10	0.0001164	\$416	\$360
				<u>\$3,938</u>	<u>\$3,423</u>

- (s) A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land in the Franz Josef separate rating area which includes all rateable land downstream of the State Highway 6 bridge that crosses the Waiho River. This includes all rateable land that was part of the original Lower Waiho, Franz Josef and Canavans Rating Districts. Also included are the additions of Stony Creek and all rateable land north of the Franz Josef township to Lake Mapourika. It is calculated on the capital value of each rating unit for the maintenance of the protection works and for the repayment of a loan raised to fund capital works.

Franz Josef 2020 (MTCE and Loan)	Estimated Rateable Capital Value	Differential Based on Benefits	Factor per \$ of Capital Value	Calculated Yield	GST Exclusive
Area A	\$176,660,000	1.00	0.0010090	\$178,244	\$154,995
Area B	\$20,031,000	0.50	0.0005045	\$10,105	\$8,787
				<u>\$188,349</u>	<u>\$163,783</u>

- (t) A targeted rate in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land in the Lower Waiho 2010 separate rating area and calculated on the capital value of each rating unit for repayment of the loan raised to fund capital works.

Lower Waiho Rating District	Estimated Rateable Capital Value	Factor per \$ of Capital Value	Calculated Yield	GST Exclusive
	\$20,748,500	0.0016073	\$33,350	\$29,000

- (u) A targeted rate in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land in the Matainui Creek separate rating area and calculated on the capital value of each rating unit for the maintenance of protection works.

Matainui Rating District	Estimated Rateable Capital Value	Factor per \$ of Capital Value	Calculated Yield	GST Exclusive
	\$7,206,000	0.0008868	\$6,391	\$5,557

- (v) A targeted rate in accordance with sections 16, 17 and 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002. The Targeted Rate will be a uniform rate in the dollar set for all rateable land within the region and calculated on the Capital Value of each rating unit. The rate will be used to fund Emergency Management activities within the Region.

Regional Emergency Management	Estimated Rateable Capital Value	Factor per \$ of Capital Value	Calculated Yield	GST Exclusive
Rateable Value of Land in the Buller District Local authority area	\$2,317,098,060			
Rateable Value of Land in the Grey District Local authority area	\$2,671,157,500			
Rateable Value of Land in the Westland District Local authority area	\$2,637,377,700			
	<u>\$7,625,633,260</u>	0.0001101	<u>\$839,500</u>	<u>\$730,000</u>

- (w) A Targeted rate in accordance with sections 16, 17 and 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002. The Targeted Rate will be a uniform rate in the dollar set for all rateable land within the region and calculated on the Capital value of each rating unit. The rate will be used to fund the cost of preparation of Te Tai o Poutini Plan (the combined District Plan) as directed by the Local Government Commission.

Te Tai o Poutini Plan (combined District Plan)	Estimated Rateable Capital Value	Factor per \$ of Capital Value	Calculated Yield	GST Exclusive
Rateable Value of Land in the Buller District Local authority area	\$2,317,098,060			
Rateable Value of Land in the Grey District Local authority area	\$2,671,157,500			
Rateable Value of Land in the Westland District Local authority area	\$2,637,377,700			
	<u>\$7,625,633,260</u>	0.0000754	<u>\$575,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>

- (x) A targeted rate in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land in the Mokihinui separate rating area calculated as a fixed charge per rating unit.

Mohikinui Rating District	Estimated number of rating units	Amount per rating unit	Calculated Yield	GST Exclusive
	42	\$485.11	<u>\$20,375</u>	<u>\$17,717</u>

- (y) A targeted rate in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land in the Rapahoe separate rating area calculated as a fixed charge per rating unit.

Rapahoe Rating District	Estimated number of rating units	Amount per rating unit	Calculated Yield	GST Exclusive
	39	\$25.19	<u>\$982</u>	<u>\$854</u>

- (z) A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on properties included in the Whataroa River separate rating area calculated on the capital value of each rating unit, for maintenance of the protection works.

Whataroa Rating District	Estimated Rateable Capital Value	Differential Based on Benefits	Factor per \$ of Capital Value	Calculated Yield	GST Exclusive
Area A	\$8,001,000	1.00	0.0026891	\$21,517	\$18,710
Area B	\$12,253,000	0.40	0.0010757	\$13,180	\$11,461
Area C	\$29,933,000	0.20	0.0005378	\$16,098	\$13,998
				<u>\$50,794</u>	<u>\$44,169</u>

- (ab) A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on properties included in the New River / Saltwater Creek Catchment separate rating area calculated on the capital value of each rating unit, for management of the river mouth.

New River / Saltwater Creek Catchment	Estimated Rateable Capital Value	Differential Based on Benefits	Factor per \$ of	Calculated Yield	GST Exclusive
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			Capital Value		
Area A	\$19,405,500	25.00	0.00002845	\$552	\$480
Area B	\$272,707,500	1.00	0.00000114	\$310	\$270
				\$863	\$750

(ac) A targeted rate set in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on properties included in the Neil's Beach separate rating area calculated on the capital value of each rating unit, for management of the protection works.

Neil's Beach Rating District	Estimated Rateable Capital Value	Factor per \$ of Capital Value	Calculated Yield	GST Exclusive
	\$14,757,000	0.0004091	\$6,038	\$5,250

(ad) A targeted rate in accordance with sections 16, 17 and 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on properties that have received Council funding to install insulation and/or clean heating appliances. The rate is calculated as a % of the GST inclusive funding provided by Council to the property. Funding provided by Council includes interest at 4.25%. The rate will be used to repay funding that Council has borrowed to fund this work and will be levied over a 10-year term from 1 July 2013 or 1 July 2014, depending on the year that the funding was approved.

Warm West Coast funding received during years to 30 June 2013 and 30 June 2014	Factor as % of Council funding provided	Calculated Yield	GST Exclusive
	0.1492860	\$69,000	\$60,000

(ae) A targeted rate in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land within the boundaries of all rateable land located within the following boundaries:

The northern side of the Hokitika river upstream to St Albans Street, Kanieri. Up to Hau Hau Road, including the old racecourse area and Racecourse subdivision, Richards Drive and the Tasman Sea. The boundaries also include Seaview and Hokitika Airport. It is calculated on the capital value of each rating unit for repayment of loans raised by the Council to construct the protection works.

Hokitika 2021 Rating District (Loan repayment)	Estimated Rateable Capital Value	Factor per \$ of Capital Value	Calculated Yield	GST Exclusive
	\$650,211,500	0.0003626	\$235,750	\$205,000

(af) A targeted rate in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land within the following boundaries: The northern side of the Hokitika River upstream to St Albans Street, Kanieri. Up to Hau Hau Road, including the old racecourse area and Racecourse subdivision, Richards Drive and the Tasman Sea. The boundaries also include Seaview and Hokitika Airport. It is calculated on the capital value of each rating unit for maintenance of protection works.

Hokitika 2021 Rating District (MTCE)	Estimated Rateable Capital Value	Factor per \$ of Capital Value	Calculated Yield	GST Exclusive
	\$650,211,500	0.0001569	\$101,990	\$88,687

All figures include Goods and Services Tax at 15%, as required by the Goods and Services Tax Act 1985, except those stated as GST Exclusive.

Payment Dates

As authorised by Section 24 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 all rates for the year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 shall be payable at the West Coast Regional Council in two instalments:

First instalment	Due date 20 November 2021
Second instalment	Due date 20 April 2022

Penalties

As authorised by Section 57 and 58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 the following penalties for the late payment of rates will apply:

Current year rates:

A 10% instalment penalty for late payment will be applied on any part of a 2021/22 instalment that remains unpaid after the due dates of 20 November 2021 and 20 April 2022 respectively.

Prior year rates:

An additional 10% annual penalty for late payment will be applied on all accumulated rate arrears (excluding the current year rates) as at 30 June 2022, on 1 July 2022.

Carried

H. Mabin advised that staff are already planning for the Annual Plan 2022/ 23. She stated that a plan will be put in place a year prior to 30 June 2024 to make the process much more visible, transparent and structured.

H. Mabin thanked Council for their patience and understanding.

N. Selman advised the next Annual Plan will be a large Annual Plan as there will be a lot of items of consultation. He stated that while a debrief of this LTP process is being done, the key aspects for the next Annual Plan will be developed to help staff year on year.

The Chairman thanked H. Mabin for her hard work in getting through this project. Cr Magner agreed and thanked all staff for their work.

The meeting closed at 10.46 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

Report to: Council/Committee	Meeting Date: 12 October 2021
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 until 6 October 2021.

As Chair, I attended the following meetings:

- Hearing of Submission for Council's Long Term Plan on 15 September.
- Deliberations on Submissions for Council's Long Term Plan on 16 September.
- Te Tai o Poutini Plan committee meeting on 28 September.
- Special Council meeting on 4 October to adopt Council's Long Term Plan.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council resolve to:

Receive this report.

Attachment

Attachment 1: Letter to Minister Twyford in support of Intercity as an Essential Service to the West Coast.

Attachment 2: Copy of Submission to West Coast Regional Council – Provision of Community Transport as Part of Regional Transport Planning for West Coast Regional Council Annual and Long Term Plans.



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9 September 2021

Hon Phil Twyford
Minister of Transport
Parliament Buildings
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Dear Minister Twyford

SUPPORT FOR INTERCITY AS AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE TO THE WEST COAST

In April 2020, our Mayors, Chairs and Iwi forum wrote to you seeking the Government's support of Entrada/Intercity (Intercity) in light of the closure of New Zealand's borders and the impact of this on Intercity's ability to continue to provide essential services to the West Coast. Government assistance was received, and the West Coast is extremely thankful for this support which ensured critical access to transport.



We are aware the Government's operating subsidy for Intercity is due to expire on 30 September 2021. Without this support, the services that Intercity provides to the West Coast will not be able to be sustained, and the West Coast will lose these essential services which support the social and economic needs of the community.



As representatives of the West Coast region, we would greatly appreciate Government's consideration of an extension to the operating subsidy provided through the Ministry of Transport to Intercity.

Yours faithfully



Renee Rooney
Chair - Development West Coast

Allan Birchfield
Chair - West Coast Regional Council



Jamie Cleine
Mayor - Buller District

Bruce Smith
Mayor - Westland District

Tania Gibson
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24 September 2021

Mr. Birchfield
Chair
West Coast Regional Council
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Dear Mr Birchfield

SUBMISSION TO WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL – PROVISION OF COMMUNITY TRANSPORT AS PART OF REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLANNING FOR WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL ANNUAL AND LONG TERM PLANS

The Board of the West Coast District Health Board wishes to formally submit an application for additional support from the West Coast Regional Council as part of its legislative responsibilities under Section 35 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003, for the greater provision of transport support to assist people around our region to access health services.

West Coast District Health Board has noted that there are significant difficulties that many people from around our region are having accessing transportation to health services. This has been reported by our staff as being an increasing issue in terms of missed and declined appointments in both primary and secondary care services with transport being cited as a barrier to access, and being especially problematic for older people, people with disabilities, and those who are socially and economically disadvantaged.

There are currently only limited options available to support transport to health care for those who do not have their own transport.

In Westport, the Buller branch of New Zealand Red Cross operate a subsidised community health shuttle service between Westport and Te Nīkau Grey Hospital. The New Zealand Red Cross run similar services elsewhere but have signalled that they will be transitioning away from providing community transport throughout the country over a 3-year period. Red Cross have undertaken to continue to provide the Buller service beyond this period while they look to identify potential alternatives to transition the ongoing provision of this service from Westport to Greymouth and are actively seeking and exploring options at present. This service was set up late in 2012 as a purely community-driven initiative of willing volunteers from Red Cross Buller branch and Buller REAP. West Coast DHB makes a small financial contribution toward supporting the running costs of the vehicle; all other costs, bookings and other inputs are generously provided by Red Cross Buller branch and through Buller REAP.

In Greymouth, St John run a very local service in and around Greymouth and the lower Grey Valley area, and the West Coast PHO navigator staff will at times provide pick-ups for patients who are struggling to secure transport to get to health care services.

Other than these options in these two localities, people who have no direct access to transport of their own are reliant upon friends and relatives and volunteers from community groups (for example, one of the churches in Reefton, and volunteer members of the local Cancer Society), or paying for a taxi where such services operate. Provision of alternative transport options for other areas on the Coast such as northern Buller, Reefton, Hokitika, and communities in Southern Westland are particularly scarce.

This is a significant barrier to many folk in physically accessing health care services both in their immediate localities (going to local General Practice, pharmacies, dentists, etc.), as well as more specialised services that are only available further afield. As a result, people in this predicament often either do not attend appointments or forgo seeking health care from the outset. This often results in people only connecting with health services in Emergency Department in acute condition emergencies.

We recognise that the relative sparsity of our West Coast population and cost of providing transport services make provision of public transport difficult for the region. There are however some potential options that might be given consideration by the West Coast Regional Council and be able to be delivered at not too great a financial outlay to the Council.

The community transport model operated in Westport by New Zealand Red Cross works well for many people in that community who need to access health care services in Greymouth. This could be a model that the Regional Council look at to support access to health care services in our region – without wanting to be in direct competition and taking business away from the local taxi companies that do offer more localised services within Greymouth, Westport and Hokitika.

We are aware that the Canterbury Regional Council support numerous community vehicle trusts that support transport in their region without the Council necessarily providing the service itself. Similar supports are provided to community transport in South Canterbury in small population towns at Waimate and Kurow. We would hope that the Regional Councils in these areas would be happy to share information and their experiences on setting up community trusts to provide volunteer services of a similar nature for localities on the West Coast.

We respectfully request that this issue be further explored by West Coast Regional Council and potentially other parties to plan for possible options that may work well for our organisations and, more particularly, the people of the West Coast. We would welcome engagement in partnership between the West Coast Regional Council and the West Coast DHB in any planning on potential options that might be undertaken in this regard.

I look forward to our discussions on this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Barker". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line that extends to the right.

Hon. Rick Barker
Board Chair
West Coast DHB

Regional Transport Planning

Rationale for Regional Transport Planning

The Council primarily has a co-ordinator and administrator role in relation to transport issues so that funding can be effectively accessed from the New Zealand Transport Agency. In order to obtain that funding the Council must adhere to the Land Transport Act 1998 and the Land Transport Management Act 2003.

Council must appoint a Regional Transport Committee, with membership to include local authorities, and other funding agencies who then prepare a Regional Land Transport Plan. The Committee also prepare a Passenger Transport Plan.

Section 35 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 requires that the needs of persons who are transport disadvantaged be considered in land transport programmes. To implement this function, Council administers subsidies for transport for those with limited mobility through the Total Mobility Programme. The Regional Council also participates on the regional Road Safety Committee as an organisation with transport interests and oversees the Road Safety Co-ordinator.

Key Changes from 2018-28 Long Term Plan: Nil

Performance Targets

Level of Service	Measure	Performance Target
Maintain a Regional Land Transport Plan in compliance with relevant legislation and acceptable to our West Coast community.	An Operative Regional Land Transport Plan.	Compliance with statutory requirements for the preparation, review and implementation of the Regional Transport Plan and Passenger Transport Plan.

Regional Transport Planning

Transport activities contribute to all three community outcomes.

No significant adverse effects of these activities on the community have been identified.

This activity does not utilise significant assets in the delivery of services.

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Council must appoint a Regional Transport Committee, with membership to include local authorities, funding agencies and other transport stakeholders who then prepare a Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS). The Committee also prepare a Land Transport Programme to implement the RLTS.

Section 35 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 requires that the needs of persons who are transport disadvantaged be considered in land transport programmes. To implement this function, Council administers subsidies for transport for those with limited mobility through the Total Mobility Programme. The Regional Council also participates on the regional Road Safety Committee as an organisation with transport interests, and oversees the Road Safety Co-ordinator.

Performance targets

The performance targets included in this Group of Activities apply across the whole 10 years of the LTP.

Levels of Service	Measure	Performance Target
Maintain a Regional Land Transport Strategy that delivers Council's transport functions in compliance with relevant legislation and is acceptable to our West Coast community.	An Operative Regional Land Transport Strategy	Compliance with statutory requirements for the preparation, review and implementation of the Regional Transport Strategy and Programme. <i>Strategy review completed in 2011, Programme review completed early 2012.</i>
Continue to fund the Total Mobility Programme according to New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) requirements	User satisfaction, by 2 yearly survey	Implement the total mobility programme where taxi services exist, ensuring at least 90% of users rate the overall service and value for money as good, very good or excellent. <i>All users rated the overall service as good, very good or excellent in the most recent survey</i>

Report to: Council	Meeting Date: 12 October 2021
Title of Item: CEO's report	
Report by: Heather Mabin, Acting Chief Executive	
Reviewed by:	
Public excluded? No	

Report Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to provide Council with transparency around the meetings that the Acting Chief Executive has been involved in and to provide Council with an overview of current matters.

Report Summary

This paper details the interactions, appointments, significant contracts executed, and meetings attended by the Acting Chief Executive to 30 September 2021.

Draft Recommendations

It is recommended that Council resolve to:

Receive this report.

Activities Undertaken

Activities undertaken during September 2021 by Heather Mabin were:

- September 2
 - Attended via Zoom Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee meeting.
 - Signed contract for Allan Grigg to Act as CDEM Manager for three weeks whilst Claire Brown was on annual leave.
- September 8
 - Attended via Zoom meeting with Morrison Low regarding Buller Health Check
- September 15
 - Signed Submission to Ministry for the Environment on *Stock Exclusion Regulations; proposed changes to low slope map and Freshwater Farm Plan regulations.*
- September 16
 - Signed a contract with Land River Sea Consulting Ltd for the Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee.
- September 17
 - Signed *Datacom Project Sign-off* for transition of Payroll system.
 - Signed *Inter-Council Agreement for Flood Event Operational Assistance*
- September 20
 - Attended via Zoom meeting with DWC about the draft 2050 Strategy.
- September 23
 - Attended via Zoom the Buller Recovery Steering Group meeting.
- September 27
 - Met with representative of Iron Mountain, Christchurch, regarding WCRC document storage.
- September 28
 - Attended via Zoom Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee meeting.

Considerations

Implications/Risks

Transparency around the activities undertaken by the Acting Chief Executive is intended to mitigate risks associated with Council's reputation due to the need for her appointment.

Significance and Engagement Policy Assessment

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

Report to: Council/Committee	Meeting Date: 12 October 2021
Title of Item: Schedule of Meeting Dates 2022	
Report by: Neil Selman – Acting Corporate Services Manager	
Reviewed by: Acting Chief Executive	
Public excluded? No	

Purpose

For Council to be able to agree to a meeting schedule for 2022.

Summary

Attached is a summary of proposed meeting dates for 2022.

Recommendation

It is recommended Council resolve to:

Agree to the 2021 Schedule of Meeting Dates.

SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES FOR 2022

ORDINARY MEETING AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT MEETINGS

(Starting with Council meeting: Commencing at 10.30 am)

MEETING NAME	DATE	VENUE
Council	No Meeting	No Meeting
Council	8 February	WCRC
RAC	8 February	WCRC
March	8 March	Bruce Bay Marae (TBC)
April	12 April	WCRC
RAC	3 May	WCRC
May	10 May	Buller District Council (TBC)
June	14 June	WCRC
Council (adoption AP2023)	28 June	WCRC
July	12 July	WCRC
RAC	28 July	WCRC
August	9 August	Arahura Marae (TBC)
September	13 September	WCRC
October	11 October	Westland District Council (TBC)
RAC	27 October	WCRC
November	8 November	WCRC
December	13 December	WCRC

Report to: Council	Meeting Date: 12 October 2021
Title of Item: Operations Monthly Works Report	
Report by: James Bell – Engineering Officer, Paulette Birchfield - Engineer, Brendon Russ – Engineer, Lauren Ruypers – Consents/Contracts Officer	
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 works undertaken during the month of September 2021. Also presented in this report will be the production and sale of rock from the council owned quarries during the month of August 2021.

Report Summary

Council Engineers have undertaken river protection works on behalf of the Karamea, Kongahu and Franz Josef Rating Districts.

Council Engineers have also undertaken coastal protection works on behalf of the Mokihinui and Hokitika Rating Districts.

Draft Recommendations

It is recommended that Council resolve to:

Receive the report

Issues and Discussion

Current situation

Karamea Rating District

180 tonnes of rock and 520 tonnes of riprap were placed by SM Lowe Contracting Ltd at Little Wanganui River due to erosion and slumping of an outside meander bend. Total cost of the work was \$18,560.



Karamea and Kongahu Rating District

On 31st August a clean-out of a section of the Granite Creek channel was undertaken. This work was a recommendation from the 2015 NIWA report on ways to alleviate flooding issues from sediment deposition in the creek bed. Due to the timing of the work, it was restricted to one day, with further work to be undertaken clearing a downstream section of the channel after the whitebait season finishes.

Spot heights were taken of the bed level before and after the works, with some additional cross-sections. A further follow-up survey of the bed level will be undertaken.

The photos show the channel before and after excavation. In this section the Granite Creek channel width has widened and deposited a large volume of sediment. Since the early 2000's as the sediment wave started to reduce the capacity of the channel, the main flow had been against the true left bank and had eroded the edge of the old effluent pond as the channel widened and a gravel bar formed on the true right.

The excavation on 31st August removed the gravel bar, and deepened and straightened the channel placing it on the true right away from some relict effluent ponds.





Mokihinui Rating District

Work was done to repair the sacrificial seawall after high tides breached several sections. This work was carried out by SM Lowe Contracting with a price still to be determined.



Looking north towards the Mokihinui River

Hokitika Seawall

Work has begun on extending the emergency rock protection along the Hokitika beachfront. This work will extend from Tudor Street to Richards Drive. MBD Contracting LTD are carrying out this emergency work with rock coming from the local Camelback Quarry.



Franz Josef Emergency Works

Emergency works has continued on the true left of the Waiho River. The earthworks component of the stopbank has been completed. Rock is being recovered from the Waiho River and placed along the stopbank in the priority areas.



**Quarry Rock Movements for the period of August 2021
(Excluding Royalty Arrangements)**

Quarry		Opening Stockpile Balance	Rock Sold	Rock Produced	Closing Stockpile Balance
Camelback	Large	33374	0	0	33374
Blackball		0	0	0	0
Inchbonnie		0	0	0	0
Kiwi		0	0	0	0
Miedema		0	0	0	0
Okuru		450	0	0	450
Whitehorse		0	0	0	0
Totals		33,824	0	0	33,824

Greymouth Flood Protection Wall Upgrade

The stop bank has been surveyed and we are currently evaluating a range of options for alignments. Discussions with affected parties are ongoing. A Variation to the current consent has been lodged and is on hold while affected party discussions are undertaken.

Physical works will commence in stages with the first stage expected to commence November 2021

Hokitika Flood & Coastal Erosion Protection

The Westland District Council CEO and Mayor fully support this project and would like to see both projects commence ASAP

Hokitika Seawall

BECA have been engaged to design and prepare a resource consent application for the seawall which is to be delivered by end of November 2021. The resource consent process is expected by Mid-February 2022

Physical works can commence as soon as consent is issued, this is later than initially planned, however rock has been produced in advance and we factored some slippage in the project plan.

Hokitika River – Raising of stop banks

Coastwide surveyors engaged to prepare construction drawings which is expected by Mid-October 2021. External Contractor has been engaged to prepare resource consent application which is expected by late October 2021.

We are expecting physical works to commence late November 2021, this is 2 months later than initially planned, however this project will be completed this financial year.

Franz Josef (Stage One)

Land River and Sea have been engaged to carryout design and construction drawings, expected delivery mid-October 2021 (this has been delayed because of the Contractor’s involvement in the Westport Floods). An External Contractor has been engaged to prepare the resource consent application, expected delivery late October 2021.

Physical works is expected to commence late November 2021, this is 3 months later than forecast but the project is expected to be completed within the contract timeframes

Report to: Council	Meeting Date: 12 October 2021
Title of Item: Agreement – Westport Rating District Joint Committee	
Report by: Toni Morrison, Policy and Planning Consultant	
Reviewed by: Heather Mabin, Acting Chief Executive Officer	
Public excluded? No	

Report Purpose

To table the Westport Rating District Joint Committee Agreement for adoption.

Report Summary

The Council has been working with Buller District Council (BDC) on the formation of a Joint Committee in relation to flood management for Westport. A draft Agreement including Terms of Reference for the Joint Committee was provided to BDC, who provided feedback on the draft. Following this consultation BDC have subsequently confirmed their endorsement of the attached agreement. Council is now asked to adopt the Agreement and Terms of Reference, subject to consultation with the other two parties to the Agreement, Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Waewae and Waka Kotahi.

Draft Recommendations

It is recommended that Council resolve to:

- (a) Adopt the Westport Rating District Joint Committee Agreement, and
- (b) Consult with Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Waewae and Waka Kotahi and seek their approval as signatories to the Agreement.

Issues and Discussion

Background

Clause 30A of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires Councils, where they wish to form a joint committee, to first have an agreement with every other local authority or public body who will have members on the committee. The Council has developed the attached Agreement to provide for the formation of the Joint Committee for Westport Rating District.

Current situation

The draft Agreement and Terms of Reference for the joint committee were initially circulated to Councillors for review and comment. They were then amended as a result of that review, and provided to BDC who provided feedback. The attached Agreement was then endorsed by BDC at their meeting of 29 September 2021. BDC asked that a map of the Westport Rating District area be appended to the Agreement. This has been included, and Council is now asked to adopt the Agreement.

The next step is to undertake consultation with Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Waewae and Waka Kotahi as intended parties to the agreement. Staff will arrange for this consultation following this meeting.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Westport Rating District Joint Committee Agreement

Westport Rating District Joint Committee Agreement

October 2021

DOCUMENT CONTROL

Reason for Submission	Revision Number	Revision Date	Approved By
New Document	1	1 July, 2021	West Coast Regional Council Buller District Council
Version 1 - draft	2	September 1, 2021	Initial review by West Coast Regional Council and Buller District Council
Version 2 - draft	3	September 22 2021	Final review by West Coast Regional Council and Buller District Council
Final		September 29 2021	Endorsed by Buller District Council

This Deed is made this ___ day of _____ 2021

PARTIES

THE BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL (“BDC”)

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL (“WCRC”)

TE RŪNANGA O NGĀTI WAEWAE (“NGĀTI WAEWAE”)

NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT AGENCY (“WAKA KOTAHĪ”)

BACKGROUND

- A. The BDC is empowered by Sections 12 and 130 of the Local Government Act 2002 to manage stormwater and amenity issues within its district; and
- B. The WCRC is empowered by Section 126 of the Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Act 1941 to take such steps as are necessary for the prevention of damage by floods; and
- C. Both Councils are empowered by the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to raise the funds necessary to carry out their respective functions; and
- D. Both Councils are empowered by Sections 12 and 137 and clauses 30 and 30A of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 to enter into joint agreements and form a joint committee to co-ordinate the management of overlapping functions; and
- E. Any Westport flood protection structure built as a result of this agreement will be owned by the WCRC. The land the floodwalls are on is under various ownership; and
- F. Both Councils wish to record their agreement to jointly manage the maintenance of the Westport Floodwalls, via a Joint Committee of the two Councils, Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Waewae, Waka Kotahi and community members.
- G. A map of the Westport Rating District area is attached as Appendix I to this Agreement.

STRUCTURE AND ROLE OF COMMITTEE

- A. The Joint Committee shall be formed initially, with its membership reappointed at or after the first meeting of WCRC and BDC following each triennial general election.
- B. WCRC shall appoint three elected Councillors to the Joint Committee, being two Councillors from the Buller constituency and the Chair of WCRC. If the Chair of WCRC is from the Buller constituency, then the third Councillor will be appointed from another constituency.
- C. BDC shall appoint the Mayor for Buller, plus two elected Councillors, to the Joint Committee.
- D. Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Waewae shall be represented on the Joint Committee by the Chair of Te

Rūnanga O Ngāti Waewae or a representative delegated by the Chair.

- E. Waka Kotahi will appoint a member to the Joint Committee.
- F. Two community members will be appointed to the Joint Committee by the WCRC and BDC, following a call for nominations. The initial community members shall be from the Westport 2100 group. New community members will be appointed as vacancies arise and the term of the appointments will match the local government constituents' appointments. The nomination process shall be administered by the WCRC, in consultation with BDC.
- G. The Committee shall not have any funding or rate setting authority.
- H. WCRC as the Rating Body for the Westport Rating District is the final decision maker on the annual work plan and setting the appropriate rate to fund the agreed works.
- I. The Joint Committee's role is to review the annual work plan provided to it by the WCRC, receive and consider any independent expert advice, and make informed recommendations to WCRC for the final decision. The Committee may also make recommendations to the WCRC regarding:
- Commissioning independent expert reports; and
 - Undertaking public consultation on boundary changes, major capital works and other areas of significant public interest.
- WCRC will consider any recommendations of the Committee in making any decisions on the above.
- J. Where Committee recommendations relate to the functions of the BDC, BDC shall consider and make decisions on any recommendations accordingly.
- K. A quorum of the Committee shall be not less than five members, and must include one or more members from each of the two Councils (one or more from WCRC and one or more from BDC).
- L. Minutes of all Joint Committee meetings shall be provided to the next meeting of the respective Councils.
- M. Meetings shall be held annually or as otherwise agreed by the Joint Committee.

DEED/AGREEMENT

1. An Independent Chair shall be appointed by agreement between BDC and WCRC immediately following the triennial election, for a period of three years. The Chair must have relevant expertise, technical knowledge, or experience, and an ability to lead the work of the Committee in a collaborative and consensus-seeking manner. The appointment process shall be administered by the WCRC, in consultation with BDC.
2. WCRC shall act as secretariat.
3. Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement, the Committee shall use the current

standing orders of the WCRC, noting that the committee wishes to achieve consensus decisions wherever possible.

4. This agreement may be amended at any time, at the request of either Council, but such amendment will only take effect once both parent Councils have formally received and adopted those changes sought.
5. Each year the Joint Committee shall consider any staff and/or expert reports, ascertain what work and budget requirements will be for the coming year and make a recommendation to each parent Council for annual planning and action.
6. Without limiting the ability of the Joint Committee to recommend the most appropriate arrangements for works and funding, in relation to the Westport floodwalls the BDC shall be responsible for all works and funding relating to:
 - 6.1 Amenity management, including grass mowing, gardening, beautification, and public access management; and
 - 6.2 Stormwater management, including any pump station operation and maintenance and floodgates on drainpipes and their operation and maintenance.
7. Without limiting the ability of the Joint Committee to recommend the most appropriate arrangements for works and funding, in relation to the Westport floodwalls the WCRC shall be responsible for all works and funding relating to:
 - 7.1 The maintenance and repair of the structural integrity of the floodwalls;
 - 7.2 The provision of flood warning advice to BDC for the Buller River; and
 - 7.3 Ownership of the floodwalls, including ownership of all infrastructural assets comprised by the floodwalls and their associated structures.
8. The WCRC has constituted a "Westport Rating District" and reserves the right to raise such funds as it may need to carry out its functions under clause 7 above from this source.
9. The BDC will fund the performance of its functions under clause 6 above from such sources that are available that it may determine.

SIGNATURES

SIGNED by

THE BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL

In the presence of:

by its authorised signatory

Witness signature

Witness name

Witness Occupation

Witness Town of Residence



SIGNED by

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

In the presence of:

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WAKA KOTAHI NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY

In the presence of:

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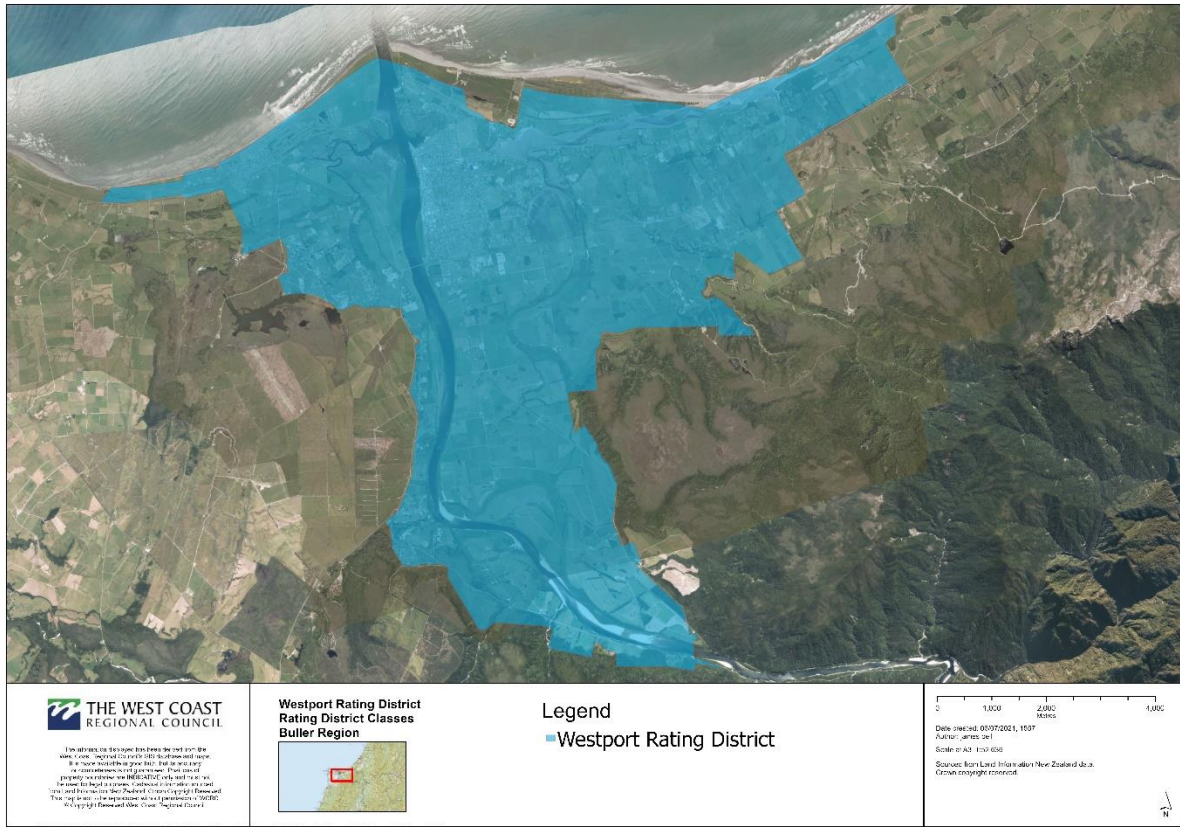
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APPENDIX I – WESTPORT RATING DISTRICT AREA



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*) 14 September 2021
 - **Matters Arising**
6. Chairman's Report
7. **Planning and Operations Group**
 - Planning and Resource Science Report
 - Te Tai o Poutini Plan Update
8. **Consents and Compliance Group**
 - Consents Report
 - Compliance Report
9. **General Business**

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2021, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.28 A.M.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

H. Mabin (Acting Chief Executive), C. Helem (Acting Consents & Compliance Manager), N. Costley (Strategy & Communications Manager), R. Beal (Operations Director), J. Armstrong (Te Tai o Poutini Project Manager) via Zoom, N. Selman (Financial Consultant) via Zoom, T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), The Media.

WELCOME

Cr Challenger opened the meeting with a Karakia.

1. APOLOGIES

Moved (Birchfield / Magner) *That the apologies from F. Tumahai and J. Douglas be accepted.*
Carried

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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 (Birchfield / Magner) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 10 August 2021, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chair Challenger reported that he has received numerous phone calls in relation to Council's Long Term Plan Consultation Document. He stated that some people complained about receiving multiple copies of the Consultation Document. H. Mabin advised that ratepayers are legally allowed to submit

on each Consultation Document that they receive as they are based on each rating unit. Cr Magner stated that in future it would be good to have one mail out to multiple rating units. H. Mabin agreed and advised that this functionality is being looked at for future mail outs. Cr Coll McLaughlin stated that she has received a lot of feedback about the quality of the Consultation Document and stated that people really appreciated it. Cr Magner agreed and stated that the number and quality of submissions reflects this.

N. Costley answered questions regarding late submissions. She confirmed that submissions will be received right up until the last minute, and will include submissions dropped into Council. She advised that far more submissions have been received that ever before. N. Costley stated that a lot of communicating with the community was done via newspapers, Council's website, and Facebook page advising that submitters did not have to rely on the post to return their submissions.

Moved (Coll McLaughlin / Birchfield) *that the verbal report is received.*

Carried

5. REPORTS

5.1 PLANNING AND OPERATIONS GROUP

5.1.1 PLANNING AND RESOURCE SCIENCE REPORT

J. Armstrong spoke to this report. She advised that the draft submission on National Freshwater Farm Plan and Low Slope Map regulations will be lodged by 26 September.

J. Armstrong advised that the submission on Intensive Winter Grazing is showing a practical and useful approach for matters relating to the West Coast. She stated that a workshop on this submission is probably not necessary as most of the changes are matters that staff agree with. She offered to answer questions. Cr Magner stated that she supports the staff recommendations and that a workshop is not required but the Submission should be circulated to Council.

Moved (Coll McLaughlin / Magner)

It is recommended that Council resolve to:

- 1. Receive the report.*
- 2. Agree with the updated staff advice in Appendix 1 about which national documents to submit on.*
- 3. Direct staff as to whether they would like to attend a workshop on Intensive Winter Grazing, prior to staff finalising the submission on this topic.*

Carried

5.1.2 SUBMISSION ON FRESHWATER DISCUSSION DOCUMENTS

J. Armstrong spoke to this report and advised that a workshop was held recently on these two submissions.

J. Armstrong outlined matters relating to the Stock Exclusion regulations: Proposed changes to the slow slope map (2021) and the Freshwater Farm Plan. She stated that staff are supportive of most sections of the proposed Freshwater Farm Plan regulations. She offered to answer questions.

Cr Challenger stated that the submissions are very good as they frame issues in a positive manner and even if something is opposed this has still been done in a positive manner.

Cr Magner agrees with the Submissions, and the proposed changes. She stated she is very pleased to see that the five year recertification of farm plans rather than the three year recertification. Cr Magner stated this is a big piece of work and is quite onerous to have recertification every three years.

Moved (Hill / Magner)

It is recommended that Council resolve to:

Approve the final submissions on Stock Exclusion Regulations – Low Slope Map Changes, and the proposed Freshwater Farm Plans Regulations Discussion Documents.

Carried

5.1.3 TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN UPDATE

J. Armstrong spoke to this report and took it as read. She stated that the meetings coming up over the next couple of months will be very long as work is progressing to approve the draft Plan to go out in December and out to public in January.

Cr Challenger stated that the Te Tai o Poutini Plan is what will guide future development on the West Coast with work now at an important stage. He stated that it is now a matter of getting the aspirations the right way around in order to look to the future.

Cr Coll McLaughlin stated that there has been a lot of discussion about managed retreat. She would like to draw attention to the fact that the WCRC is playing a very important role in having these conversations as WCRC is responsible for hard engineering work and WCRC is playing an active role in how this might work with regard to planning mechanisms.

R. Beal commented that emergency works are very short term in nature and the long term planning work that J. Armstrong's team is doing is where the managed retreat discussion needs to be. He stated that managed retreat is an adaptation utilizing all of the relevant legislation and guidelines, some of which are yet to come to hand. R. Beal stated that emergency works and short term works is the prioritisation of protecting the current assets to try to stop risks from increasing.

J. Armstrong advised that a research project is underway at the moment which is looking at the residual risk in Hokitika and Greymouth which will look at longer term and bigger events and what protection would be needed as far as rules and looking after lives and property.

Cr Ewen stated it is beholden on government to take a lead on managed retreat. He stated there are two examples on the West Coast which are the hospital relocation in Westport and Department of Conservation in Hokitika where both are being rebuilt on prone sites.

J. Armstrong advised that new legislation on managed retreat is due out in a couple of years.

Moved (Coll McLaughlin / Magner) *That the report is noted.*

Carried

5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

C. Helem spoke to this report and took it as read. He outlined various consenting matters and offered to answer questions.

Moved (Magner / Ewen) *That the August 2021 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Carried

5.2.2 LIST OF APPROVED ACCREDITED HEARING COMMISSIONERS

C. Helem spoke to this report and advised that in view of the changes to the Delegations Manual the list of approved Hearing Commissioners has now been updated. He drew attention to the minor typographical error in the contact details for commissioners.

Moved (Birchfield / Magner)

That the Resource Management Committee approves the proposed list of approved Hearing Commissioners.

Carried

COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

C. Helem spoke to this report and outlined compliance matters. Cr Coll McLaughlin asked C. Helem if the cows washed up on the North Beach in Westport were as a result of the Westport flood event. C. Helem confirmed this.

Moved (Coll McLaughlin / Cummings) *That the August report of the Compliance Group be received.*
Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.55 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

Report to: Resource Management Committee	Meeting Date: 12 October 2021
Title of Item: Planning and Resource Science Report	
Report by: Lillie Sadler, Planning Team Leader	
Reviewed by: Jo Armstrong, Acting Planning and Science Manager	
Public excluded? No	

Report Purpose

To update the Committee on planning developments over the last month, and seek their agreement on the updated staff advice in Appendix 1.

To extend an invitation from the South Westland Freshwater Management Unit (SWFMU) Group to the Resource Management Committee (RMC) to:

1. Convene its December meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, 14 December 2021, in Fox Glacier so members of the SWFMU Group can present their report and recommendations to the RMC; and
2. Participate in a hosted site visit to sites of importance to the SWFMU Group for freshwater policy and planning on Wednesday, 15 December 2021.

Draft Recommendations

It is recommended that Council resolve to:

1. *Receive the report.*
2. a) *Accept the South Westland Freshwater Management Unit (FMU) Group's invitation to hold the December 2021 Resource Management Committee meeting in Fox Glacier; and*
b) *Accept the SWSWFMU Group's invitation to participate in a hosted site visit of South Westland's waterbodies and relevant areas on the following day, to assist with decision-making on the SWFMU Group's Recommendations.*
3. *Agree with the updated staff advice in Appendix 1 about which national documents to submit on.*

Issues and Discussion

Freshwater Implementation

Freshwater Management Unit (FMU) Groups' update:

Hokitika: The Group's draft Recommendations Report is still being edited, and staff are aiming for it to be ready for the November meeting.

Grey and Kawatiri: Staff are working with the Groups to finalise the Long-term Visions.

South Westland: The Group held its third workshop in person at Fox Glacier on 23 September. They finalised their Long-term Vision and recommendations. The draft Recommendations Report is being edited, and may be ready to present to the Resource Management Committee (RMC) at the November or December meeting.

Members of the South Westland FMU Group (SWFMU Group) extend an invitation to the RMC to convene its December meeting in Fox Glacier so that the Chair of the SWFMU Group, supported by the Group's other members, may present the Group's report and recommendations to the RMC. The SWFMU Group also extend an invitation to the RMC to engage in a hosted site visit the next day so that members of the RMC may, on

becoming familiar with the area, better understand the issues covered in the report and the rationale for the recommendations put forward by the FMU Group.

Councillor Challenger requested the planning team prepare a paper for the RMC October meeting extending the invitation for the December RMC meeting, because October and November would be far too early for logistical and organisational purposes. Makaawhio will be invited through the existing SWFMU Group process, and the Group has suggested inviting a DOC representative as well.

Anticipated documents to be notified for submissions

The Table in Appendix 1 is updated based on recent updates from the Ministry for the Environment. Updated information is shown with underline.

Submissions on national freshwater farm plan regulations and low slope map changes

These submissions were lodged on 16 September.

Submission on changes to Intensive Winter Grazing Regulations

The draft submission on the Government's proposed changes to the National Environmental Standard for Freshwater (NESF) – Intensive Winter Grazing (IWG) Regulations was circulated to Councillors, Poutini Ngāi Tahu partners, and farming stakeholders for feedback. The near final submission was circulated to the RMC for your approval. Following circulation we received further input from Poutini Ngāi Tahu which has been incorporated into the final submission. The changes had no substantive effect on the messages within the submission, and we have submitted the final version as the closing date was 7 October, prior to the October RMC meeting. A copy of the final submission with tracked changes is attached to this report at Appendix 2.

Submission on changes to wetlands definition and Regulations

The draft submission on the Government's proposed changes to the national wetlands definitions and some of the NESF Regulations was similarly circulated to Councillors, Poutini Ngāi Tahu partners, and various stakeholders for feedback. The draft submission is not ready to go to the RMC for their approval on 12 October as feedback has been received which needs further time to consider. RMC approval will therefore be sought prior to the lodging date of 27 October.

Greenhouse gas emissions reports

On 28 September the Government released its new publications, '*Greenhouse gas emissions by region (industry and household): Year ended 2019*'. These reports include estimates of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for 16 regions, broken down by 12 industries, and for three main sources of household GHG emissions. The Government has provided additional data:

- Additional industry detail for each region, up on previous data for seven industries, and three main categories of household direct emissions: transport; heating/cooling;
- High-level industry data are also available for Nelson and Tasman separately in this release;
- An additional table has been included in the downloadable excel tables to show the contributing industries to each published industry;
- Incorporation of many new data sources to improve the allocation of emissions to regions, to release more industry information (as well as improving the quality of the series), and increase the likelihood of being able to improve producing more timely estimates.

Staff have briefly reviewed the regional greenhouse gas emissions statistics for the West Coast, which include that:

- West Coast is one of New Zealand's lowest emitting regions.
- West Coast's emissions are mainly from agriculture and mining and together they made up 80 percent (49 percent and 32 percent respectively) of West Coast's emissions in carbon dioxide equivalents (CO₂-e).

- In 2019, West Coast’s emissions increased by 3.1 percent (42 kilotonnes), which was higher than the national increase of 2.1 percent. This was driven by a 55 kilotonne increase in agriculture emissions, partially offset by a 13 kilotonne decrease in mining.
- In 2019, 96 percent of West Coast’s emissions were from industry and 4 percent from households. West Coast had one of the highest emissions intensities across regions as it produced 759 tonnes of emissions per million dollars of GDP (second highest) and 43 tonnes of emissions per person (third highest).

Staff have a preliminary concern, that emissions intensity has been given a unique definition by Stats NZ as “emissions in relation to regional GDP”, as opposed to emissions in relation to “intense emissions” like “heat”, or like New Zealand’s accounting obligations for “process heat”.

The Government is not seeking submissions on these reports, but the reports will likely inform future emissions reduction and national adaptation plans that the Government will be publicly consulting on.

For further statistics, here are links to the three reports:

Media release: <https://www.stats.govt.nz/news/coal-use-drives-up-regional-emissions-in-2019>

Key facts (tables and CSV are accessible from here): <https://www.stats.govt.nz/information-releases/greenhouse-gas-emissions-by-region-industry-and-household-year-ended-2019>

About regional greenhouse gas emissions: <https://www.stats.govt.nz/methods/about-regional-greenhouse-gas-emissions-statistics>

Resource Science

The following link shows data visualisation for hydrology flood alarm levels. Some flood warning alarms were triggered. These can be viewed in the link below.

<https://www.wcrc.govt.nz/services/flood-monitoring>

Attachments

Appendix 1: Anticipated documents to be notified for submissions in 2021

Appendix 2: Submission on *“Managing intensive winter grazing: A discussion document on proposed changes to intensive winter grazing regulations”*

Appendix 1: Anticipated documents to be notified for submissions in 2021

Document	Main points	Approximate period of notification for submissions	Recommendation to submit or not
Changes to the freshwater Intensive Winter Grazing regulations	Includes amendments to manage the effects of pugging, to require paddocks to be resown as soon as possible rather than by a set date, and to protect critical source areas.	7 October 2021	Proposals are being assessed, and staff will advise in due course if Council needs to make a submission. <u>A submission has been drafted and circulated for approval.</u>
<u>“Managing our wetlands: a discussion document on proposed changes to the wetlands regulations”</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Amendments to the NPSFM wetland definition so that it only applies to those areas that are intended to be captured by the Regulations;</u> 2. <u>In the NESF, provide for restoration, biosecurity and maintenance activities of natural inland wetlands as permitted activities; and</u> 3. <u>In the NESF, provide for quarrying, landfills, cleanfills, managed fills, and mining as discretionary activities needing resource consent, instead of being prohibited.</u> 	<u>27 October 2021</u>	<u>A submission has been drafted and circulated for feedback.</u>
Resource Management (Regional Responsibility for Certain Agricultural Matters) Amendment Bill	MP Mark Cameron’s bill was drawn from the Parliamentary Member’s bill ballot on 1 July 2021. The Bill seeks that regional councils do not have to prescribe some farming rules, including for intensive winter grazing, the application of synthetic nitrogen fertiliser to pastoral land, and sediment control measures. It also seeks to revoke the freshwater Stock Exclusion Regulations.	Not yet known	To be further advised in due course. This Bill was only recently introduced to Parliament for their consideration. It is yet to have its First Reading, where it will be debated and voted on. If successful, it is usually sent to a Select Committee to then go through a public submission process.
Proposed amendments to the National Environmental	MfE is considering proposed amendments to the National Environmental Standard for Sources of Human Drinking Water to strengthen how risks to	Public consultation is anticipated in	Staff to advise nearer the time whether to submit or not.

Standard for Sources of Human Drinking Water	source waters are considered in RMA decision making. These amendments are intended to work in tandem with provisions in the Water Services Bill to provide a proactive and preventative approach for managing risks to drinking water sources.	August-September 2021	
Future Local Government review	An independent review of local government will explore how councils can maintain and improve the well-being of New Zealanders in the communities they serve, long into the future.	No document to be released for submissions at this stage but by 30 September 2021, a report will go to the Minister signalling the probable direction of the review and key next steps	To be advised in due course
Natural and Built Environments Bill		Late 2021, aiming for it to come into force late 2022	Same as for the Exposure draft of the NBE Bill
Strategic Planning Bill	Provides for the development of long-term (30 yrs minimum) regional spatial strategies that integrate land-use planning, environmental regulation, infrastructure provision and climate change response. Mandates use of spatial planning. Requires central govt, local govt, and mana whenua to work together to prepare a strategy.	Bill likely to be Introduced to Parliament in late 2021	Same as above
Managed Retreat & Climate Change Adaptation Bill	Will focus on the necessary steps to address effects of climate change and natural hazards.	Consultation will likely occur in June and July 2021. Bill	Same as above

	Will deal with complex legal and technical issues (e.g. liability and compensation) around managed retreat.	likely to be Introduced to Parliament in late 2021.	
Emissions Reduction Plan	Once the Commission has provided their final advice to the Government by 31 May 2021, Government will need to develop an emissions reduction plan by 31 December 2021 which sets out policies and strategies for meeting emissions budgets.	Likely to be the third quarter of 2021	
National Adaptation Plan	Work on the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) is underway, and will need to be completed by August 2022. The NAP will be an all of government strategy and action plan. The plan will guide action on climate change adaptation between 2022 and 2026 and will respond to and prepare for the risks in New Zealand's first climate change risk assessment.	To be confirmed	



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7 October 2021

Intensive Winter Grazing
Ministry for the Environment
P O Box 10362
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Dear Sir/Madam

Submission on the Discussion Document for Intensive Winter Grazing Regulations

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the *Managing intensive winter grazing: A discussion document on proposed changes to intensive winter grazing regulations (2021)*.

The West Coast Regional Council’s (the Council) submission on the Discussion Document is attached to this letter.

In summary, many of the proposals as set out in the discussion document are supported by the Council. Our submission focuses on the key issues of relevance to the West Coast Region; the main ones being the pugging and resowing requirements. We support the proposed amendment to remove the pugging area and depth requirements, and instead require that farmers have to take reasonably practicable steps to manage the effects on freshwater from pugging. We also support the proposed amendment to remove the resowing date requirement and instead require farmers to resow ‘as soon as practicable’. These changes will enable West Coast farmers to take into account local conditions when undertaking their farm operations, and maintaining or improving freshwater quality within or near their farm.

Our submission also raises concerns about some of the proposed changes, and we request changes to some aspects.

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Yours faithfully

Heather Mabin
Chief Executive Officer

West Coast Regional Council comments on “Managing Intensive Winter Grazing: discussion document”

Introduction

This submission provides feedback from the West Coast Regional Council (WCRC or the Council) in response to the Ministry for the Environment and Ministry for Primary Industries *Managing intensive winter grazing: A discussion document on proposed changes to intensive winter grazing regulations (2021)*.

Our submission focuses on the key issues of relevance to the West Coast Region. Many of the proposals as set out in the discussion document are supported by the Council. However, we have concerns and request changes to some aspects.

Summary of Feedback

Feedback includes the following comments and suggestions:

- We **support** the need to make changes in the regulations relating to IWG.
- We **suggest** that the position on the area used for IWG is reconsidered and propose that the cap on existing IWG relates to the amount of land used for IWG during the reference period rather than a specified (50ha/10%) area cap.
- We **support** the proposed amendment to Reg 26(4)(b) to measure the slope threshold as a maximum allowable slope instead of mean slope of a paddock (while keeping the existing threshold of 10 degrees), providing a mechanism for how maximum slope is measured is also defined. We **support** the Proposed Southland Land and Water Plan definition of maximum slope which measures slope as the average slope across any 20-metre distance.
- We **support** the proposed amendment to Reg 26(4)(c) to remove the area and depth requirements in relation to pugging and instead require that farmers have to undertake reasonably practicable steps good management practices as outlined in national guidance to manage the effects on freshwater from pugging (in areas that are used for IWG).
- We **support** the proposed amendment to Reg 26(4)(d) which will exclude sub-surface drains from the definition of drain.
- We **support** the proposed amendment to Reg 26(4)(e) which will remove the resowing date requirement and instead require farmers to resow ‘as soon as practicable’.
- We **support** the proposed new condition around critical source areas (CSAs), but **request** that guidance documentation provides clarity around the definition of CSAs so that CSAs are only identified where there is clear connectivity to water, rather than every hollow, depression and overland flow path being captured.
- We **agree** that the proposed changes will improve the workability of the permitted activity standards, with some amendments to CSA identification.
- We **support** the proposed deferment of the IWG regulations until November 2022. We **suggest** that it is critical that the certified FWFP pathway is in place by the time the regulations commence.

Feedback

For ease of reference, our comments are ordered by the relevant discussion document section(s) and the related discussion document questions.

Discussion Document Section 2: Why are we proposing changes?

Question 1. Do you agree with our framing of the issue? If not, why not?

The Council agrees that changes are needed in the NES-F in relation to IWG. As outlined in the discussion document there are impracticalities in implementing the current regulations and they will result in a large number of resource consents which was not the intention of the regulations. For the West Coast, these impracticalities are particularly around current pugging and resowing date requirements. Further, the current regulations will not always provide for the best outcomes relating to the effects of IWG activities on freshwater. In some places the activity would be better managed through a Freshwater farm plan (FWFP) to allow farm and catchment specific actions and outcomes. As noted in the discussion document this pathway is not yet available.

Feedback: We **support** the need to make changes in the regulations relating to IWG.

Question 2. What other information should we consider?

The discussion document raises discussion around CSAs which are not managed through the current intensive winter grazing regulations but are proposed to be included through the changes. The way that CSAs are defined will be especially relevant on the West Coast where there are a lot of hollows in humped and hollowed paddocks, and overland flow paths which move water during heavy rain events. Capturing these features as CSAs may not improve the workability of the IWG regulations for the West Coast and this should be considered if making any changes to the regulations to include requirements around CSAs. This is further discussed, and specific feedback given under Question 4 below.

Question 3. Are there any implementation issues with the current default conditions that have not been discussed above?

WCRC has no additional implementation issues with the current conditions to suggest. The Council's views on the various proposals are discussed in our responses to the questions below.

Discussion Document Section 3: What is being proposed?

Question 4. Do you think these proposed changes are the right way to manage intensive winter grazing? If not, why not?

The Council's view on each of the proposed amendments is outlined below.

Proposed Amendment

Reg 26(4)(a): *No change (i.e., the limit of area used for intensive winter grazing remains at 50 hectares or 10 per cent of the area of the farm, whichever is greater).*

The Southland Intensive Winter Grazing Advisory Group (SAG) has raised concerns about this restriction driving the wrong behaviour, such as farmers undertaking IWG more intensively to stay within limits rather than in a way that best manages effects (such as lower yielding crops or mixed species with lower intensity over a wider area). The discussion document recognises this but advises that officials are not proposing amendments to the current condition as controls on the extent of IWG are considered important and that it is still possible to apply for a resource consent to expand activities.

The Council agrees with the issues raised by the SAG and suggests that amending the condition is reconsidered. The regulation could still control expansion but could remove the cap from existing IWG so that the regulation required IWG as a permitted activity to be no greater than the highest annual amount of land used for IWG during the reference period (01 July 2014 – 30 June 2019).

Feedback: We **suggest** that the position on the area used for IWG is reconsidered and propose that the cap on existing IWG relates to the amount of land used for IWG during the reference period rather than a specified (50ha/10%) area cap.

Proposed Amendment

Reg 26(4)(b): *Amend to measure the slope threshold as maximum allowable slope instead of mean slope of a paddock (while keeping the existing threshold of 10 degrees).*

The WCRC **supports** the proposed change. The change to a maximum slope provides more clarity for determining compliance. ~~The proposed change may cause non-compliances for IWG in humped and hollowed paddocks (which are common on the West Coast) if the maximum slope of the humps is over 10 degrees. We are not aware of IWG commonly being undertaken on humped and hollowed land, as it is usually on flatter land.~~ However, it would be appropriate for any IWG in higher sloped humped and hollowed areas to be managed through a FWWP or a resource consent, and the proposed change does not preclude these options.

The Council also notes that it is important that a mechanism for measuring maximum slope is provided. Therefore, we also support the definition of maximum slope based on the Proposed Southland Land and Water Plan which measures slope as the average slope across any 20-metre distance.

Feedback: We **support** the proposed amendment to Reg 26(4)(b) to measure the slope threshold as a maximum allowable slope instead of mean slope of a paddock (while keeping the existing threshold of 10 degrees), providing a mechanism for how maximum slope is measured is also defined. We **support** the Proposed Southland Land and Water Plan definition of maximum slope which measures slope as the average slope across any 20-metre distance.

Proposed Amendment

Reg 26(4)(c): *Amend so that farmers have to take reasonably practicable steps to manage the effects on freshwater from pugging (in areas that are used for intensive winter grazing). Officials will develop guidance to ensure that farmers and councils have a shared understanding of what reasonable and practicable steps are.*

The WCRC **supports** the proposed change. The current regulations impose conditions requiring pugging across no more than 50% of a paddock, and no more than 20cm deep at any point. These regulations would be difficult to regulate, as well as impractical to achieve. The proposed change will allow for the appropriate management of IWG areas in line with good management practices and what is reasonable and practical at a site. The Council considers that in line with the overall changes proposed (including that around CSAs discussed later) the proposed change will still provide for the appropriate management of the effects of IWG activities.

Feedback: We **support** the proposed amendment to Reg 26(4)(c) to remove the area and depth requirements in relation to pugging and instead require that farmers have to ~~undertake reasonably practicable steps~~ good management practices as outlined in national guidance to manage the effects on freshwater from pugging (in areas that are used for IWG).

Proposed Amendment

Reg 26(4)(d): Amend the definition of 'drains' to exclude sub-surface drains (as originally intended). Manage sub-surface drains (where known to exist) through critical source areas (see proposed new condition below).

The proposed change to exclude sub-surface drains from the definition of drain is not significant for the West Coast. However, the proposed change makes sense and is therefore supported.

Feedback: We **support** the proposed amendment to Reg 26(4)(d) which will exclude sub-surface drains from the definition of drain.

Proposed Amendment

Reg 26(4)(e): Remove the requirement to resow by 1 October (1 November in Otago and Southland) and, instead, require farmers to resow 'as soon as practicable', i.e., in order to minimise the amount of time that bare ground is exposed to the weather, and clarify that other methods of establishing ground cover (e.g., companion planting) are included. Officials will develop guidance to provide more clarity for farmers and councils as to what steps could demonstrate that farmers were resowing as soon as practicable.

The WCRC **supports** the proposed change. The current regulations impose a resowing date of 01 October which is highly impractical on the West Coast and would make it near impossible for farmers to comply with the regulation. The proposed change to instead require farmers to resow 'as soon as practicable' will better allow for paddocks to be resown when ground conditions are suitable (i.e., not too cold or too wet). It is also noted that this change recognises that farmers aim to resow paddocks as soon as possible and practicable, as this is more beneficial for their overall farm pasture growth and systems.

Feedback: We **support** the proposed amendment to Reg 26(4)(e) which will remove the resowing date requirement and instead require farmers to resow 'as soon as practicable'.

Proposed Amendment

***New condition:** Include a new condition requiring that critical source areas must be protected (uncultivated and ungrazed). See the proposed definition of critical source areas in table 1. Officials will develop guidance to ensure that farmers and councils have a shared understanding of how critical source areas will be identified and protected.*

While WCRC agrees that CSAs should be identified, the proposed new conditions could have implications for the West Coast, particularly around the definition of CSAs. Two possible definitions are proposed in the discussion document.

The first proposed definition is from the *Proposed Southland Water and Land Plan (Decisions Version, 4 April 2018)*, p.105, which defines a CSA as:

- (a) a landscape feature like a gully, swale or a depression that accumulates runoff (sediment and nutrients) from adjacent flats and slopes, and delivers it to surface water bodies (including lakes, rivers, artificial watercourses and modified watercourses) or subsurface drainage systems; and
- (b) areas which arise through land use activities and management approaches (including cultivation and winter grazing) which result in contaminants being discharged from the activity and being delivered to surface water bodies.

The second proposed definition is from the Freshwater farm plan regulations: Discussion document (Ministry for the Environment and Ministry for Primary Industries, 2021), p.47, which defines a CSA as:

Critical source areas (CSAs) are hydrological (or physical) features in the landscape where water flow naturally accumulates and where there is a connection to water.

There is a technical issue with part b of the Southland Land and Water Plan definition, whereby winter grazing areas would become CSAs, making the proposed condition requiring CSAs to be uncultivated and ungrazed, unworkable.

Both the proposed definitions would likely could capture hollows and overland flow paths, which are common on West Coast farms, within the definition of CSAs. The Council notes that it is proposed in the discussion document that guidance documentation is developed to provide clarity around the identification of CSAs. The Council suggests that this guidance documentation provides clarity so that CSAs are identified where they can be defined with clear connectivity to water rather than capturing every hollow, depression and flow path created by land contouring. It is also critical that the certified FWFP pathway is available by the time that the IWG regulations take effect, so that where there are CSAs they can be managed through FWFPs where appropriate rather than requiring resource consent.

Feedback: We **support** the proposed new condition around CSAs, but **request** that guidance documentation provides clarity around the definition of CSAs so that CSAs are only identified where there is clear connectivity to water, rather than every hollow, depression and overland flow path being captured.

Question 5. Do you think these proposed changes would improve the workability of the permitted activity standards? If not, why not?

WCRC agrees that the proposed changes, particularly around pugging and resowing dates, will improve the workability of the conditions. The current regulations make achieving the permitted activity standards highly impractical, meaning many farmers would need to obtain a resource consent which is not understood to be the purpose of the regulations. The proposed changes will significantly reduce the number of resource consents required by West Coast farmers, providing CSAs are appropriately identified.

Feedback: We **agree** that the proposed changes will improve the workability of the permitted activity standards, with some amendments to CSA identification.

Question 6. Do you think the proposed changes would manage adverse environmental effects of intensive winter grazing effectively? If not, why not?

The WCRC has no specific suggestions on this matter. The Council notes the best management of adverse environmental effects of intensive winter grazing differs by farm and features within or near to the IWG area. When taken as a whole, the proposed changes will allow for better farm specific management. Particularly the addition of a condition around CSAs will allow for better focus on areas that may readily transport contaminants out of an IWG area (provided CSAs are appropriately identified as discussed earlier), rather than blanket pugging and resowing date rules.

Question 7. Do you have any comments on implementation timeframes and whether a further deferral would be necessary?

The Council **supports** the proposed deferment of the IWG regulations from May 2022 until November 2022. Commencing the regulation in May, by which time crops are already planted and established,

and in some cases grazing of them is commencing, does not make sense. Deferring until November will allow farmers to be clear on what the regulations are and plan their IWG activities for the following winter in accordance with the regulations. It is important that the certified FWFP pathway is in place by the time the regulations commence, so that where permitted activity regulations cannot be met but it is appropriate to manage the activity via a FWFP, this is available and does not trigger unintended resource consenting requirements.

Feedback: We **support** the proposed deferment of the IWG regulations until November 2022. We **suggest** that it is critical that the certified FWFP pathway is in place by the time the regulations commence.

End of submission

Report to: Resource Management Committee	Meeting Date: 12 October 2021
Title of Item: Te Tai o Poutini Plan Update	
Report by: Jo Armstrong, Project Manager	
Reviewed by: Heather Mabin, Acting Chief Executive	
Public excluded? No	

Report Purpose

Update the Resource Management Committee (RMC) on matters relating to the Te Tai o Poutini Joint Plan Committee.

Report Summary

The TTPP Committee met on 27 September 2021. There was discussion on a large variety of topics presented, including significant natural areas (SNAs), outstanding natural landscapes (ONLs) and planning for natural hazards.

Draft Recommendations

It is recommended that Resource Management Committee resolve to:

1. Note the report.

Issues and Discussion

Notices of Motions

Councillor Birchfield proposed two motions to exclude SNAs and ONLs on private land from TTPP. Each Committee member spoke to the issues. Although all members expressed deep concern about the impacts of this legislation, the majority felt that the legal obligation to include all such areas must be complied with or West Coast ratepayers would have large court costs to contend with. The motion was defeated 7 to 4.

Update on Natural Hazards Rules Discussion

Work continues on developing provisions for natural hazard management. Consideration is being given to a variety of hazards including coastal hazards, coastal and lake tsunamis, flooding, landslides and fault lines.

Committee members requested individual district council and iwi workshops to drill down into the hazard overlays, so they can fully understand the implications of any rules they propose in the draft plan due out in January 2022. Publishing the draft plan provides an opportunity to receive informal feedback which can be considered before the proposed plan is notified in July 2022. Formal submissions will be taken at that time.

Also under discussion at the meeting were:

- Natural Heritage
- Public Access
- Financial Contributions
- Scenic Visitor Zone
- Jackson Bay Port Zone

Further information on topics under development, and the anticipated delivery schedule for TTPP can be found on the Te Tai o Poutini Plan website at: <https://tpp.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/TTPP-Monthly-Report-31-August-2021-1.pdf>

Report to: RMC Committee	Meeting Date: 12 October 2021
Title of Item: Consents Monthly Report	
Report by: Leah Templeman, Consents & Compliance Business Support Officer	
Reviewed by: Colin Helem	
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 September 2021 activities.

RECOMMENDATION

That the October 2021 report of the Consents Group be received.

Site Visits

Two Consents Sites Visit were undertaken 1 September 2021 to 31 September 2021

09/09/2021	RC-2021-0113 The Proprietors of Mawhera Incorporation Kaiata	To view application area and ascertain runoff areas.
24/09/2021	RC-2021-0128 Kelvin Douglas Contracting Limited Fox River	To view application area and ascertain if there is enough gravel in the area for application to be granted.

Non-notified Resource Consents Granted

Twelve non-notified resource consent applications were granted 01 September 2021 to 31 September 2021

RC-2021-0116 Rhys & Shelly Martin 28 East Road Hokitika	To discharge treated onsite sewage wastewater from a domestic dwelling to land at Lot 1 DP 495108, 28 East Road, Hokitika.
RC-2021-0109 Lynette Hourston & Charles Cabraal Haydens Road, Welshmans	To discharge treated onsite sewage wastewater from a domestic dwelling to land at Lot 14 DP 368004, Haydens Road, Welshmans.
RC-2021-0011 Birchfields Ross Mining Limited Southside Hokitika. MP 41354	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining within mineral permit (MP) 41354 at Southside. To take and use surface ground water via seepage, associated with gold mining within MP 41354 at Southside.

<p>RC-2021-0115 Coastwide Forage Solutions Limited Grey River, Omoto</p>	<p>To disturb the dry bed of the Grey River at Kaiata for the purpose of removing gravel.</p>
<p>RC-2021-0108 AJ Milong Trust Maruia</p>	<p>To undertake earthworks within the riparian margin associated with reinstatement of the creek bank, Station Creek, Maruia.</p> <p>To undertake works within the bed of Station Creek for the purpose of bank reinstatement.</p> <p>To disturb the dry bed of Station Creek for the purpose of extracting gravel associated with the reinstatement of the creek bank, Maruia.</p> <p>To temporarily divert the North Channel of Station Creek for the purpose of bank reinstatement, Maruia.</p> <p>To temporarily discharge sediment to water associated with creek works.</p>
<p>RC-2021-0102 Mark Perana Tauranga Bay Beach</p>	<p>To disturb the Coastal Marine Area for the purpose of black sand gold mining, Tauranga Bay Beach.</p> <p>To take sand for the purpose of black sand gold mining, Tauranga Bay Beach.</p> <p>To deposit sand/tailings to the Coastal Marine Area associated with black sand gold mining activities, Tauranga Beach Bay.</p> <p>To take water from the Coastal Marine Area (Williams Stream and Walls Creek) associated with black sand gold mining activities, Tauranga Bay.</p>
<p>RC-2021-0122 Rosco Contractors Ltd Punakaiki River</p>	<p>To disturb the dry bed of the Punakaiki River for the purpose of extracting gravel.</p>
<p>RC-2021-0121 Haast Digger Services Limited Haast River, Okuru River, Turnbull River</p>	<p>To disturb the dry bed of the Haast River for the purpose of removing gravel</p> <p>To disturb the dry bed of the Okuru River for the purpose of removing gravel.</p> <p>To disturb the dry bed of the Turnbull River for the purpose of removing gravel.</p>
<p>RC-2021-0123 Rosco Contractors Ltd Canoe Creek</p>	<p>To disturb the dry bed of the Canoe Creek for the purpose of removing gravel.</p>
<p>RC-2021-0092 Road Metals Company Ltd Moeraki River</p>	<p>To disturb the dry bed of the Moeraki River for the purpose of removing gravel.</p>

RC-2021-0119
Eric Reeves & Natalia
Chernousova
Cashmere Bay Road

To discharge treated onsite sewage wastewater from a domestic dwelling to land at Lot 4 DP 474747, Cashmere Bay.

RC-2021-0096
Arahura Resources Limited
Kaniere Forest

To undertake alluvial gold mining within Mineral Permit (MP) 60606, within the Kaniere Forest.

To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining within MP 60606, within the Kaniere Forest.

To take and use water for alluvial gold mining activities within MP 60606, within Kaniere Forest.

To discharge sediment-laden water to land in circumstances where it may enter water, namely the Kaniere River and its tributaries, associated with alluvial gold mining within MP 60606, within the Kaniere Forest.

Changes to Consent Conditions

One application to change consent conditions was granted in the period 01 September 2021 to 31 September 2021

RC-2018-0068-V2
Westland District Council
Franz Josef

To change the monitoring point

No Limited Notified and no Notified Resource Consent were Granted 01 September 2021 to 31 September 2021

No applications for Limited Notified were granted in the period 01 September 2021 to 31 September 2021

Report to: RMC Committee	Meeting Date: 12 October 2021
Title of Item: Compliance and Enforcement Monthly Report	
Report by: Colin Helem Acting Consents and Compliance Manager	
Reviewed by: Heather Mabin, Acting Chief Executive	
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 September 2021 activities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the October 2021 report of the Compliance Group be received.

Site Visits

A total of 89 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period, which consisted of:

Activity	Number of Visits
Resource consent monitoring	78
Mining compliance & bond release	8
Complaints	3
Dairy farm	0

This report covers the period of 1 September 2021 to 1 October 2021.

- A total of 8 complaints and incidents were recorded.

Non-Compliances

There were no non-compliances that occurred during the reporting period.

Other Complaints/Incidents

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

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome	INC/Comp
Dead stock	Complaint received that there was a dead cow on Cobden Beach.	Cobden	A contractor was engaged to remove it.	Complaint
Stormwater	Complaint received that a person has filled in a drain which may cause an issue to the neighbouring property.	Inangahua	Enquiries are ongoing	Complaint

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome	INC/Comp
Discharge to water	Complaint received that Watson Creek was discoloured with sediment.	Karoro	Enquiries established that a person had installed a culvert into a drain that flows into Watson Creek. The drain had minimal flow in it at the time the culvert was installed but had earlier released sediment into Watson Creek. At the time the complaint was investigated the upstream of Watson Creek had cleared. No further action was required.	Complaint
Discharge to Air	Complaint received that a business premises had been burning rubbish including plastics on regular occasions.	Stillwater	The site was investigated and established that there was no breach of the rules at the time of the inspection. The operator was advised of what materials are prohibited from being burnt.	Complaint
Discharge to water	Complaint received that a road side drain was discoloured with sediment from a nearby earthworks operation. The caller was concerned that this may have been going into a nearby creek.	Taylorville	The site was investigated and established that the road side drain was running clean at the time of the inspection.	Complaint
Dead stock	Complaint received that there was a dead sheep in Saltwater Creek.	Paroa	A contractor was engaged to remove it.	Complaint
Earthworks	Complaint received that earthworks was causing a creek bank to become unstable.	Paroa	The site was investigated and established that there was no issue with the earthworks.	Complaint
Gravel Extraction	Complaint received that gravel extraction was causing erosion.	Fox River	The site has been investigated and established that there was no issue with the gravel extraction.	Complaint

Update on Court proceedings

Cargill RD Barrytown Limited appeared in the Greymouth District Court for sentencing on the 9th of September 2021. The company was convicted under section 13(1)(b) of the RMA 1991 for the unlawful disturbance of Fagan Creek at Barrytown. The company has been fined \$28,000 and an enforcement order issued for the company to undertake rehabilitation works in Fagan Creek.

Formal Enforcement Action

No formal enforcement action was undertaken during the reporting period.

The Council received one work programme during the reporting period, which has been approved.

Date	Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location	Approved
13/09/2021	RC13016	Da Ba Jin Kuang Limited	Cape Terrace	Yes

No bonds were received during the reporting period

There are no bonds recommended for release

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 14 September 2021
- 8.2 Response to Presentation (if any)
- 8.3 In Committee Items to be Released to Media

Item No.	General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 7 of LGOIMA for the passing of this resolution.
8.			
8.1	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 14 September 2021		Clause 7 subclause 2 (a)
8.2	Response to Presentation (if any)		Clause 7 subclause 2 (a)
8.3	In Committee Items to be Released Media		Clause 7 subclause 2 (a)

I also move that:

- Heather Mabin
- Neil Selman
- Randal Beal
- Jo Armstrong
- Colin Helem
- 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.