



# West Coast Regional Council

Annual Plan

July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008



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*Cover Photograph:*  
*White Knight Stream, Atarau, West Coast.*  
*Courtesy of Stewart Nimmo*

## Introduction

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I have pleasure in presenting the Council's 2007/08 Annual Plan.

This is the first Annual Plan prepared by Council pursuant to the Council's 2006/16 Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP).

The intent of an Annual Plan is to present the year's budget and funding impact statement and to highlight any significant departures from the budgets and programmes outlined in the LTCCP.

Council has budgeted to spend \$16.810 million on its operations during 2007/08, compared to a budgeted \$16.544 million in the LTCCP. The main differences are:

- A. The size of the Animal Health Board Tb Possum control programme in the Region for 2007/08 (\$9200000 v LTCCP \$9665000)
- B. Greymouth Floodwall upgrade of approximately \$750,000 will now take place in 2007/08 rather than 2006/07 which was originally anticipated in the LTCCP.

Budgeted Revenues amount to \$16.569 million compared to a budgeted \$17.027 million in the LTCCP. The main reason is the reduced size of the Animal Health Board Tb Possum control programme commented on in A. above.

I am pleased to advise that no increase in Council's general rate is recommended.

Council investment fund balance is projected to exceed \$11.5 million as at 30 June 2007. This Investment portfolio continues to provide very good returns to Council and is a major reason why Council has been able to avoid increases in the general rate.

Council expects to earn \$1.1 million from this fund in 2007/08 of which \$550000 will be reinvested in the fund in accordance with Council policy to continue to grow this fund for the present and future benefit of West Coasters.

Councillors and staff have worked hard to keep budgeted spending within the limits of available income.

**John Clayton**  
Chairperson

## Your Regional Councillors

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The West Coast Councillors are elected from three constituencies

<b>Westland Constituency</b>	<b>Grey * Constituency</b>	<b>Buller Constituency</b>
Duncan Davidson Telephone: (03) 755 7717	Denis Shannahan Chair of Resource Management Committee Council Deputy Chair Telephone: (03) 762 5091	John Clayton Council Chair Telephone: (03) 732 3843
Bryan Chinn Telephone: (03) 755 4091	Peter Ewen Telephone: (03) 762 7859	Ross Scarlett Telephone (03) 782 6781

\* There will be a third Councillor elected for the Grey District Constituency at the October 2007 Elections bringing Elected Councillor numbers to seven in total.

## Mission Statement

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The mission of the West Coast Regional Council is:

To work with the people of the West Coast to sustainably manage the environment for the social, cultural and economic well being of present and future generations.

# Council Structure

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## The Council

The West Coast Regional Council sets overall policy direction and oversees the financial policy and performance of the Council. The full Council also considers any matters that fall outside the day-to-day activities, which require policy development or specific resolution.

All matters relating to the development of the LTCCP and Annual Plan, Finances and Assets, Funding Policy and Investment Strategy, are managed by the full Council.

It manages through policy direction, the Council's operations, river, drainage, and coastal protection works, quarries and Tb Vector management and control activities.

The Council has established a Committee structure to assist with the effective functioning of the Council. The Resource Management Committee is a standing Committee of Council that meets monthly. Its functions are set out below.

## Resource Management Committee

All Councillors are members of this Committee plus two Tangata Whenua representatives, one representing Te Runaka o Ngati Waewae and one representing Te Runanga o Makawhio.

The Committee:

- Analyses, develops and facilitates consultation on all policies, plans and strategies on environmental management, biosecurity matters, transport matters, and civil defence.
- Oversees and directs the Council's flood warning, research and environmental monitoring functions.
- Oversees and directs the Council's consents and enforcement functions.

## Regional Land Transport Committee

The Land Transport Management Act 1998 requires the establishment and servicing of a Regional Land Transport Committee to oversee the development, implementation and review of the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

This Committee has one appointee from the Council who is the Chair of the Committee, and a wide range of representatives appointed on recommendation from District Councils, and other agencies involved with land transport.

# Management Structure

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## Chief Executive Officer

*Chris Ingle*

Group	Manager	Functions
Corporate Services	<i>Robert Mallinson</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accounting Services</li><li>• Corporate Planning</li><li>• Rating</li><li>• IT/Computing</li><li>• Vector Control Business Unit</li></ul>
Vector Management	<i>Andrew Macalister</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tb Vector Management</li></ul>
Consents & Compliance	<i>Colin Dall</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Resource Consents</li><li>• Compliance Monitoring</li><li>• Complaints</li><li>• Oil Spill Response</li></ul>
Planning and Environmental	<i>Simon Moran</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RMA Policies, Plans &amp; Implementation</li><li>• Environmental Monitoring</li><li>• Flood warning &amp; Natural Hazards</li><li>• Civil Defence Emergency Management</li><li>• Transport</li><li>• Other Legislative Plans &amp; Strategies</li><li>• River Protection Works</li><li>• Quarries</li><li>• Rating Districts</li></ul>

## Legislation

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The West Coast Regional Council is an organisation complementary to the District Councils within the West Coast. It does not compete with or duplicate the functions of these Councils.

### Regional Councils

Regional Councils promote the sustainable management of our natural and physical resources for the benefit of present and future generations. As caretakers of our land, air and water, Regional Councils through granting resource consents for water and coastal uses, and for discharges, limit or control the use of our resources. Regional Councils plan and liaise with the community to create sustainable resource management policies and priorities, to administer programmes to control declared pests where appropriate, to construct and maintain river and sea protection works, and to carry out environmental monitoring and reporting.

### District Councils

District Councils meet the daily needs of society: managing roading, local civil defence, providing reticulated water and public amenities, disposing of waste and sewage, control of land use, and overseeing land subdivisions and building developments. These Councils also provide community facilities such as libraries, and recreation/sports grounds and facilities.

### Legislation

The Council's activities and responsibilities are controlled by a wide range of legislation.

#### Principal Legislation

- Local Government Act 2002.
- Resource Management Act 1991.
- Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.
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#### Other Significant Legislation

- Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Act 1941.
- Marine Pollution Act 1974.
- Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002.
- Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.
- Transit New Zealand Act 1989.
- Transport Services Licensing Act 1989.
- Land Transport Act 1998.
- Land Transport Management Act 2003.
- Privacy Act 1993.
- Maritime Transport Act 1994.
- Biosecurity Act 1993.
- Building Act 1991.
- Ngai Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998.
- Crown Minerals Act 1991.
- Coal Mining Act 1979.
- Mining Act 1971.

# Functions and Responsibilities

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The West Coast Regional Council is responsible for:

## **Resource Management**

Establish and implementing objectives, policies and methods to achieve the integrated management of the natural and physical resources of the West Coast, under the Resource Management Act 1991.

## **Water Quality Management**

Managing and preserving our water by monitoring, controlling and policing discharges to streams, rivers and lakes.

## **Pollution Control**

Operating a 24-hour pollution line throughout the entire West Coast region to combat the illegal discharge of contaminants to our land, air and water, and to enable early intervention and corrective action.

## **Pest Management**

Setting the Tb Vector Management programme, monitoring the performance of that programme, obtaining consents and approvals as appropriate and contracting the vector control activities to aerial, ground and council vector control operators.

## **Air Quality Management**

Monitoring emissions and ambient air quality with the aim of maintaining or enhancing air quality.

## **Coastal Management**

Minimising the damage to our environment by monitoring and managing discharges to the marine environment, discouraging pollution, and controlling sand and gravel removal.

## **Drainage Flood and Coastal Protection Work**

Minimising the dangers of flooding and coastal erosion by monitoring our rivers, preparing flood and coastal protection strategies and works, and managing flood-warning systems.

## **Land Management**

Promoting sustainable land use through education and assisting landholders with property planning, and controlling some land use activities through regional rules.

## **Regional Land Transport**

Co-ordinating safe, efficient, responsive and sustainable transport systems through the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

## **Civil Defence and Emergency Management**

Participate in and administer the West Coast Civil Defence Emergency Management Group.



# Governance

## Background:

Governance activities of the Council are carried out under the Local Government Act 2002, the Resource Management Act, and the Land Transport Act, among others. The Council conducts monthly meetings of the Council and the Resource Management Committee, and convenes other meetings and workshops as appropriate.

Individual Councillors attend other Committee and working group meetings as representatives of the whole Council, such as the Land Transport Committee, Civil Defence Emergency Management Group and Waste Management Working Group. Councillors also act as commissioners on resource consent and Plan hearings, as required.

## Key Changes from the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP):

There are no significant operational or financial changes from that outlined in the LTCCP.

## Performance Targets and Measures for 2007/2008

1. Conduct eleven monthly meetings of Council and the Resource Management Committee, plus other scheduled meetings and scheduled workshops during the year with 85% attendance by all Councillors.
2. Prepare and notify the Council's Annual Report by 31 October each year in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Local Government Act 2002.
3. Continue to invite attendance of Makawhio and Ngati Waewae representatives as appointees to the Council's resource management committee, to enable Maori participation in resource management decision-making.

Budget 2006/07		Budget 2007/08	LTCCP 2007/08
<b>Governance</b>			
271755	Governance	292656	280799
3751	Community Consultation	3720	3924
2287	Maori Capacity	2984	2392
<u>277792</u>	<b>Total Operating Expenditure</b>	<u>299360</u>	<u>287115</u>
Funding			
User Charges			
Subsidies			
Targeted Rates			
<u>277792</u>	<b>General Rates &amp; Investment Income</b>	<u>299360</u>	<u>287115</u>
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## Consents and Compliance

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### Activities within this group include:

- Resource Consent Processing
- Consent Appeals
- Consent Enquiries
- Complaints
- Compliance Monitoring
- Enforcement

### Background

Resource consents are required for activities that are otherwise restricted under the Resource Management Act. The Council processes applications for water, coastal and discharge permits and land use consents, in accordance with the timeframes set out in the Act.

Resource consents and mining licences are monitored to ensure compliance with their conditions and to determine their effects on the environment. This is a duty of Council under section 35 of the Resource Management Act (RMA).

Complaints received in relation to breaches of resource consents, the RMA or Council's regional rules are recorded and responded to according to a priority system.

### Key Changes from the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP):

The only change in this area is to the dairy shed monitoring system, where compliant farms will now only be visited every third year, for permitted activity discharges to land. Consents and Compliance charge out rates have been increased – see pages 41 –44.

### Performance Targets and Measures for 2007/08

#### Consent Processing

- Process 90% of non-notified resource consent applications within the statutory timeframes.
- Work with consent holders to seek to reduce the need for formal requests for further information under Section 92 of the RMA.
- Advertise publicly all notified consent applications within 10 working days of receipt of all required information.
- Complete staff reports for all notified applications within the statutory timeframes.
- Report publicly through the monthly Resource Management Committee Meetings all consents granted.
- Provide advice on resource consent processes and requirements in a timely and helpful manner.
- Send details of all consent applications, which could be of concern to Iwi to the respective Runanga.
- Notify Te Runanga O Ngai Tahu of all resource consent applications affecting Statutory Acknowledgment Areas.

#### Compliance Monitoring and Complaints

- Identify resource consents that require ongoing monitoring and monitor those consents in accordance with set monitoring programmes.
- Inspect every consent for the discharge of dairy effluent at least every three years depending on compliance and where problems are identified to work with farmers so that consent compliance is achieved and environmental effects are reduced.
- Inspect 80% of new consents that involve construction works after completion of those works.
- Inspect all consents for whitebait stands at least once annually to check consent compliance and that the environmental effects of the stands are no more than minor.
- Inspect every consent and/or mining licence for operating mining activities at least once annually, and where problems are identified, undertake follow up (which may include further inspections) to ensure consent compliance is achieved and/or environmental effects are reduced.

- Process 80% of mining work programmes within 20 working days of receipt.
- Report all monitoring inspections through the monthly Resource Management Committee meetings.
- Release 80% of bonds within four months of the surrender, forfeiture or expiry of the corresponding mining licences or permits, provided that rehabilitation requirements have been met.
- Review bond levels for large-scale mines and where necessary set new bond levels to better reflect the environmental effects/risks of those mines.
- Report mining bond releases and other license administration activities monthly to the Resource Management Committee.
- Operate a 24-hour complaints service and record all complaints on the Incidents database in accordance with enforcement procedures of the RMA.
- Respond to breaches of the Resource Management Act, regional plan rules or resource consents.
- Take enforcement action through abatement notices, infringement notices or prosecution as appropriate and in accordance with Council policy.
- Report numbers and categories of complaints received to the Resource Management Committee.
- Assess farm compliance in the Brunner catchment, and allocate priority for any further targeted compliance work that is needed.

Budget 2006/07		Budget 2007/08	LTCCP 2007/08
	<b>Consents &amp; Compliance</b>		
400836	Resource Consent Processing	453098	474538
142793	Consents Support	146023	144450
39492	Consents Review	42390	40978
85335	Whitebait Consent Processing		0
56808	Consent Appeals	47434	55540
81490	Consent Enquiries	106268	84538
0	Building Act - Dams	7722	0
3400	Whitebait Stand Compliance	35646	3505
212252	Compliance Monitoring	216574	217838
113067	Compliance Monitoring Support	118372	120817
42387	Compliance Enquiries	42185	44336
49581	Mining Licence Compliance	51196	51401
24351	Mining Licence Support	24126	25240
46361	Dairy Farm Monitoring	58386	48078
149930	Complaints	156774	155427
40390	Enforcement Appeals	41503	41787
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1488473	Total Operating Expenditure	1547697	1508474
	Funding		
743250	User Charges	851000	733300
	Subsidies		
	Targeted Rates		
745223	General Rates & Investment Income	696697	775174
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1488473		1547697	1508474

## Planning Processes

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### Activities within this group include:

- RMA Plan Preparation and Review.
- Pest strategy implementation and bio-control.
- Responding to other agencies planning processes.
- Waste working Group participation.
- Transport planning, safety and total mobility.

### Background:

The Council has developed a number of regional plans under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) to manage the effects of activities on air, water, land and the coastal marine area in a consistent and integrated manner. The Act requires regional councils to have a Regional Policy Statement and a Regional Coastal Plan. The plans permit activities with no more than minor adverse effects to be carried out without needing resource consent, and also provide policy guidance on assessing activities with greater effects. The purpose of the plans is to practically apply the RMA legislation to sustainably manage the region's resources.

The Council has found recently that legal costs due to planning, enforcement or consent challenges are unpredictable. A new policy has been formed to manage unexpected legal costs: *"If major legal expenses are likely to be incurred at any time during the year, a report to Council will fully explain the upcoming court case and request that an additional funding allocation be made from the Forsyth Barr investment yield."*

The Council is required under the RMA to review and report on the efficiency and effectiveness of policy statements and plans every five years, as well as full reviews and renotification after 10 years of being operative.

The Biosecurity Act provides for regional councils to have a Pest Management Strategy. The Council has adopted a Regional Pest Plant Management Strategy to take a strategic and prioritised approach to managing pest plants in the region.

Council has allocated funds to research to introduce new biological controls for ragwort. Ragwort has been identified as a pest that could negatively impact on the West Coast economy.

Regional plans include non-regulatory methods, for example, education and investigation to help achieve the plans' objectives and policies. These methods are used to promote good practice and changes in behaviour, and to keep the community informed about Council's activities and emerging environmental issues.

The Council makes submissions, comments and responses to other resource management documents where these may affect the West Coast. This is a key role in ensuring that the regional community is represented in other processes.

The West Coast Waste Management Working Group comprises of representatives from the four West Coast councils, who combine resources to deal with regional waste issues in an integrated manner. The Regional Council provides administrative support for the group.

The Land Transport Act 1998 and the Land Transport Management Act 2003 require regional councils to have a regional land transport strategy, which includes how to achieve an integrated, safe, responsive, and sustainable land transport system. Councils also administers the land transport committee, prepares an annual land transport programme and an annual report on implementation of the Strategy.

The Council also maintains a register of passenger services operating in the region in accordance with the Transport Services Licensing Act 1989. Additionally, the Regional Council participates on the regional Road Safety Committee and oversees the Road Safety Co-ordinator with funding sourced from Land Transport New

Zealand. Council also administers subsidies for transport for those with limited mobility through the Total Mobility Programme.

**Key Changes from the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP):**

The key change in the annual plan targets, compared with the LTCCP, is the inclusion of a new Coastal Plan Change target. This new target does not result in any additional costs for the year; but does result in a delay to the notification of the merging of the three land and water plans until June 2008.

**Performance Targets and Measures for 2007/08**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING PERFORMANCE TARGETS**

- Notify the merging of the three Regional Plans relating to the Water Management Plan, Land and Riverbed Management Plan, and Discharge to Land Plan by June 2008.
- Participate in the Department of Conservation process for identifying marine protected areas on the West Coast, as required.
- Prepare a Proposed Plan Change for the Coastal Plan to enable opening of river mouths under certain conditions as a permitted activity.
- Provide support for farm plan completion and implementation.
- Prepare and disseminate information for resource users on rules and requirements, and best practice principles and practices as needed.
- Reward good practice with encouragement, including environmental award certificates at least once every three years.
- Prepare annual operational plans to implement the operative Pest Plant Management Strategy.
- Part-fund Landcare Research's Ragwort Bio Control Programme for the West Coast (\$5000).
- Investigate and respond where appropriate to any environmental policies or plans of other authorities or central government that may impact on West Coast interests, within required timeframes, and provide ongoing policy advice to Council as and when needed.
- Respond to simple RMA or Plan information requests within 10 working days, and within a reasonable timeframe for more complex requests.
- Participate in the West Coast Waste Management Working Group, and provide administrative support.

**TRANSPORT PLANNING PERFORMANCE TARGETS**

- Administer the West Coast Regional Land Transport Committee and the Regional Technical Advisory Group.
- Prepare and submit an Annual Programme to Land Transport New Zealand to secure funding support for West Coast projects by March of each year.
- Seek funding to undertake other transport projects identified in the Strategy as and when appropriate.
- Prepare an annual report on implementation of the Regional Land Transport Strategy by December each year.
- Oversee the Road Safety Co-ordinator to achieve road safety outcomes as per the Regional Road Safety Plan, and attend all Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee meetings.
- Issue Total Mobility vouchers to all applicants who meet eligibility criteria.
- Undertake annual monitoring of the Total Mobility Programme by checking use of vouchers, assessment forms and overall level of utilisation via the three taxi operators.
- Maintain a current register of passenger services.

Budget 2006/07		Budget 2007/08	LTCCP 2007/08
<b>Planning Processes</b>			
4804	Regional Policy Statement	34529	4968
59296	Land & Riverbed mgmt Plan	40580	44920
28796	Discharge Contaminants to Land	7433	14954
12356	Air Quality Plan	3481	3593
129345	Water Mgmt Plan	108260	156765
4494	Oil Spill Plan	19097	18041
10810	Pest Mgmt Strategy	6177	11179
33244	Responses	29775	38071
7753	Regional Coastal Plan	41256	1735
63271	Policy & Plan Implem. & Review	41144	68492
30634	Public Enquiries	24939	31676
21911	Biological Controls	5860	22601
36350	Waste Management	32159	39403
29200	Pest Strategy Implementation	26000	31136
3400	Biodiversity Promotion	3500	3505
73032	Total Mobility	74551	74802
42483	Administration & Programme	24934	41042
96648	Safety Programme	97994	99659
<hr/> 687826	Total Operating Expenditure	<hr/> 621669	<hr/> 706541
<b>Funding</b>			
7000	User Charges	20558	20620
130500	Subsidies	130500	134546
11250	Targeted Rates	0	11599
539076	General Rates & Investment Income	470611	539776
<hr/> 687826		<hr/> 621669	<hr/> 706541

# Environmental Monitoring

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## Activities included within this group of activities:

- Hydrology
- Flood Warning
- Ground and surface water quality monitoring
- Groundwater level monitoring
- Potentially contaminated sites
- Air Quality Monitoring

## Background:

State of the Environment Monitoring assesses trends in environmental quality and detects emerging issues. This information is fundamental for assessing the effectiveness of resource management policies and plans. It assists Council to make decisions based on sound knowledge and information on environmental trends and emerging issues.

The focus on monitoring water resources reflects the region's climate, topography and land use, i.e. higher than average rainfall with many waterways flowing down through mainly intensive dairy farming on production land. Hydrology identifies what impacts human activities have on water quantity.

Flood warning services are provided for five of the West Coast's major rivers. This compliments Council's Civil Defence and Emergency Management functions.

Water quality monitoring ensures water resources, including lakes, rivers and coastal sites, are of a suitable standard for a particular use or value. Air quality monitoring is required under the new national air quality standards where the national standards are exceeded.

Council's role in administering potentially contaminated sites is limited by section 30 (ca) of the RMA to initial identification and assessment procedures and ongoing maintenance of a database of sites for the region.

## Key Changes from the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP):

The key change to the annual plan targets, compared with the LTCCP, is the delaying of the groundwater quality report by one year, to June 2009. This is to allow staff sufficient time to devote to completing the surface water quality report.

## Performance Targets and Measures for 2007/08

### Hydrology monitoring programme

- Maintain existing hydrometric sites and complete upgrades as required to ensure efficiency and effectiveness.
- Maintain a network of manual groundwater level monitoring sites.
- Maintain the hydrological database and produce technical summary and data analysis reports as required, including advice for plan and consent requirements.
- Maintain a database of water level, flow and rainfall data to enable hydrological analysis (including flood frequency, flood modelling, and data provision).
- Carry out low flow monitoring and water resource investigations as appropriate.

### Flood Warning:

- Maintain the Council's flood warning system to a level whereby any individual river flow station is operational for at least 95% of the time.
- Ensure essential real time data on river levels is available on the Council website and Info line (data is updated 12 hourly, and during floods 3 hourly at least).
- Provide a continuous flood monitoring service for the five rivers monitored and respond in accordance with the flood-warning manual.

- Review the flood-warning manual annually and liaise with work groups as required.
- Respond to information requests within a ten working day period for simple requests, and within one month for more complex requests.
- Maintain up to date rainfall and river level information on Council's website and Info line.

**Surface and Ground Water Quality Programme**

- Complete a full state of the environment report for surface water quality including condition and trend analysis by June 2008.
- Complete four surface water quality-sampling rounds per annum. Complete beach sampling monthly during summer months and report results promptly.
- Continue open water monitoring of Lake Brunner (including depth profiles).
- Prepare reports on investigations as required.
- Complete two ground water quality sampling rounds per annum.
- Develop an ongoing programme for groundwater monitoring in intensive agricultural areas.

**Potentially Contaminated Sites**

- Continue the 'Sites Associated with Hazardous Substances' programme, ensuring District Councils have access to updated information, and assist landowners by securing external funding to investigate or remediate high priority sites, where possible.

**Air Quality**

- Continue wintertime ambient air quality monitoring in the town most likely to exceed national standards, and provide annual summary reports to Council.

Budget 2006/07		Budget 2007/08	LTCCP 2007/08
<b>Environmental Monitoring</b>			
202676	Hydrology	276466	211693
32619	Ground Water Monitoring	37713	38843
237040	Surface Water Quality Monitoring	319797	261652
27554	Contaminated Sites	29306	29668
31274	Air Quality Monitoring	34895	27751
0	Stream Habitat Monitoring	0	8176
6500	Catchment Mgmt Projects	0	3609
<hr/> 537664	Total Operating Expenditure	<hr/> 698177	<hr/> 581392
	Funding		
	User Charges		
	Subsidies		
	Targeted Rates		
<hr/> 537664	General Rates & Investment Income	<hr/> 698177	<hr/> 581392
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# Emergency Management

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Under the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act 2002 the Regional Council is the administering authority for the West Coast CDEM Group. The functions of the CDEM Group include the co-ordination of civil defence emergency management planning, programmes and activities across the region, carrying out risk management, monitoring and reviewing the civil defence emergency management group plan, and delivering emergency management at the group level.

The Co-ordinating Executive Group (CEG) oversees implementation of the Plan and the CDEM Group's directives.

The Regional Council provides a Group Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) which must be maintained in a state of readiness at all times.

Under the Maritime Transport Act 1994 the Regional Council is responsible for responding to marine oil spills within the territorial waters of the West Coast. This Act requires Council to undertake certain activities regarding training and equipment maintenance.

Staff will respond to terrestrial hazardous substance spills and assist the responsible party to clean up spills in order to minimise environmental impacts.

## **Key Changes from the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP):**

There are no significant operational or financial changes from that outlined in the LTCCP.

## **Performance Targets and Measures for 2007/08**

### **Civil Defence Emergency Management:**

- Provide administrative support to the CDEM Group & its Co-ordinating Executive Group as per clauses 4.4 and 4.5 of the CDEM Plan 2005.
- Assist with preparation, completion, implementation, and annual review, within agreed timeframes, of the following:
  - CDEM Group Recovery and Welfare Plan
  - Communications Standard Operating Procedures
  - West Coast Engineering Lifelines projects
  - Group Warning Systems Standard Operating Procedures
  - Training Needs
- Prepare and organise the distribution of public information linked to the development and release of the national public information programme.
- Assist with facilitating, securing funding where possible for, and initiating high priority research work as directed by priorities in the CDEM Group Plan.
- Maintain a ready-to-operate headquarters in preparation for potential emergencies, in accordance with the Group Emergency Operation Centre Activation Plan and Group Controllers Guide.
- Maintain a warning system capable of receiving and transmitting information and instructions to all levels of control at all times.
- Review the West Coast Group Emergency Operation Centre Activation Plan and Group Controllers Guide.
- To respond to all four national warning tests within 1 hour.
- Appropriate personnel will participate in annual training in their Civil Defence roles.

**Marine Oil Spill Response:**

- Maintain a minimum pool of 25 qualified and trained personnel at all times to cope with maritime oil spills, including training in issues relating to wildlife in the region.
- Organise for West Coast personnel to attend one practical and one desktop training exercise per annum.
- Ensure response equipment is maintained to a level ready to respond to a Tier 2 response, and report quarterly to Maritime NZ on equipment checks.
- To evaluate the spill and alert response personnel within 1 hour.
- To mobilise equipment and personnel and commence the clean up within 2 hours.

**Terrestrial Hazardous Substance Spill Response:**

- Maintain a team of staff trained to deal with terrestrial hazardous substance spills.
- Complete a Contingency and Procedures Plan for terrestrial hazardous substance spill response by June 2007.
- Review the Contingency and Procedures Plan every three years.
- Regularly attend meetings of the West Coast Hazardous Substances Technical Liaison Committee and the West Coast Combined Emergency Services Co-ordinating Committee where these are relevant.

Budget 2006/07		Budget 2007/08	LTCCP 2007/08
<b>Emergency Management</b>			
56597	Civil Defence Response	74728	61251
28138	EM Plan Implementation	0	29067
16953	Oil Spill capability	18212	17532
28484	Natural Hazards	45500	29417
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130172	Total Operating Expenditure	138440	137268
<b>Funding</b>			
17000	User Charges	17527	17527
2000	Subsidies	2000	2062
25000	Targeted Rates	25000	25775
86172	General Rates & Investment Income	93913	91904
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130172		138440	137268

## River, Drainage and Coastal Protection Works

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### **Background:**

Council is authorised under the Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Act 1941 to mitigate soil erosion, and prevent damage by floods. Council manages protection works for 19 Rating Districts throughout the Region, participates on the Joint Greymouth Floodwall Committee, and rates for structural maintenance of the Floodwall. Council manages 10 quarries to provide rock for protection works, and owns a quarry truck, compressor and drilling rig, to ensure capacity on the West Coast for winning rock for river and coastal protection works.

Handling enquiries and providing engineering advice on flood and erosion control is carried out in response to ratepayer demand, and is charged for on a users pays basis where anything other than minor amounts of staff time is taken.

River cross-section studies and aerial photography of some riverbeds and coastal areas are carried out to monitor gravel build-up and changing patterns in river systems. This information helps to identify what, if any, maintenance or additional protection is needed. The cross section studies and aerial photography are also carried out on other larger rivers and coastal areas that are prone to build-up and increased risk of flooding or erosion. This information helps to identify gravel volumes and determine if new protection works might be needed.

### **Key Changes from the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP):**

The planned upgrade of the Greymouth Floodwall will now take place in the 2007/08 year. The LTCCP had anticipated that this work would occur in the 2006/07 year.

### **Performance Targets and Measures for 2007/08**

- Hold annual meetings with Rating District Committees to report financial and discuss maintenance of the works.
- Review Rating District Asset Management Plans in 2007/08 or where communities support a review of the service levels of existing infrastructure.
- Organise annual maintenance of the 20 rating district infrastructural assets to the service level consistent with the Asset Management Plan of each Rating District.
- Participate in the Greymouth Floodwall Committee, and complete the upgrade of the floodwall, once resource consents are granted.
- Continue to assist with organising and securing infrastructure loans for major capital works when required.
- Obtain rock from 9 quarries to facilitate river protection works within two weeks of requesting it, and at a cost in line with the relative operating cost of each quarry without subsidisation from general rates.
- Organise annual aerial photography of major rivers and other areas of interest within budget, and maintain records.
- Continue to carry out river cross section studies on the following rivers in order of priority, as funds are available:
  1. Taramakau at Inchbonnie
  2. Karamea
  3. Taramakau at Taramakau settlement
  4. Waitangitaona
  5. Hokitika River at Kowhitirangi
  6. Wanganui
  7. Grey River at Coal Creek
  8. Waiho (Canavan's Knob)
  9. Vine Creek

Budget 2006/07		Budget 2007/08	LTCCP 2007/08
<b>River, Drainage &amp; Coastal Protection</b>			
1465148	Works Within Rating Districts	1280792	605843
66975	Rating District Management	96625	68243
15595	Asset Mgmt Plans	13498	16113
19167	Free Inspections	4129	19806
64487	Technical Services	53709	65733
36019	Gravel Permit Administration	37704	38103
217385	Quarries	197472	189635
84727	River Cross Sections	64507	97694
<u>1969503</u>	<b>Total Operating Expenditure</b>	<u>1748436</u>	<u>1101169</u>
<b>Funding</b>			
419750	User Charges	233000	238704
<b>Subsidies</b>			
833904	Change in Rating District balances	652387	-108268
-33365	Change in Quarry Account Balance	33472	20551
482244	Targeted Rates	579405	665111
266970	General Rates & Investment Income	250172	285071
<u>1969503</u>		<u>1748436</u>	<u>1101169</u>

# Vector Management

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## **Background:**

The Animal Health Board (AHB) is the management agency under the Biosecurity (National Bovine Tuberculosis Pest Management) Order 1998 responsible for the implementation of the National Bovine Tuberculosis Pest Management Strategy (NPM Strategy).

The AHB and the West Coast Regional Council have a contract for the Council to provide vector management services and implement aerial vector control activities within the Region. The key vector targeted is the possum as this is the main cause of transmission of Tb to farm cattle and deer herds.

The Council also provides the regional funding percentage from rates for vector management services. Vector management fits well with Council's sustainable management work in terms of having conservation and biosecurity benefits, protecting regional income and providing employment.

## **Key Changes from the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP):**

The indicative programme for 2007/08 endorsed by the Animal Health Board for the West Coast region amounted to \$9200000, compared to \$9665000 in the LTCCP.

## **Performance Targets and Measures for 2007/08**

Undertake vector management activities in accordance with performance measures set out in the Contract for Services and associated plans, including:

- That 95% of the programme of works is completed each year and all targets set out in the programme of works are achieved.
- The Contracting Plan, Capacity Plan, Communications Plan and Community Interests Plan are submitted to AHB by the received deadline each year.
- All Vector Control contracts are awarded in accordance with the Contracting Plan.
- That there are no more than 3 complaints in any contract year alleging insufficient communication regarding Vector Control operations.
- That the residual trap catch index (rtci) targets ranging between 2% - 3% and "numbers of possums per line" (ppl) ranging between 1 and 3 will be met. (These targets will be as per the AHB requirements for each control contract.)

Budget 2006/07		Budget 2007/08	LTCCP 2007/08
<b>Vector Management</b>			
9070635	Programme	9200000	9664936
929365	Vector Mgmt Admin	967443	954364
832042	Regional % Share of Controls	856419	925405
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10832042	Total Operating Expenditure	11023862	11544705
Funding			
10165635	User Charges	10300000	10783301
Subsidies			
563250	Targeted Rates	563250	690000
81042	Retained earnings (Tb Special Rate)	105419	41835
22115	General Rates & Investment Income	55193	29569
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10832042		11023862	11544705
Subsidiary information to above table			
Budget 2006/07		Budget 2007/08	LTCCP 2007/08
<b>Regional Share of Controls</b>			
832042	Regional % Share of cost of controls	856419	925405
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832042	Total Operating Expenditure	856419	925405
Funding			
User Charges			
Subsidies			
563250	Targeted Rates	563250	690000
81042	Tb special Rate Retained Earnings	105419	41835
187750	General Rates & Investment Income	187750	193570
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832042		856419	925405

## Vector Control Business Unit

### Background:

Vector Control Services (VCS) enables some of the service delivery requirements for Animal Health Board possum control contracts to be met.

Operating as a business unit will enable service delivery functions of the Council such as vector (possum) control, pest plant and pollution control operations to be carried out efficiently and effectively in accordance with sound business practices. This is consistent with the principles of the Local Government Act 2002.

Upskilling the staff of the VCS business unit will ensure suitably trained staff and equipment is available at short notice for urgent or emergency work.

From July 2007, VCS will be competing on the open market for possum control work. VCS has the capability to compete for any other contract work, as appropriate, to maintain a profitable business and return a reasonable dividend to the Council.

### Key Changes from the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP):

There are no significant operational or financial changes from that outlined in the LTCCP.

### Performance Targets and Measures for 2007/08

- Meet the performance objectives set by Vector Management staff for vector control contracts.
- Keep sufficient pest plant work records to assist the review of the Pest Plant Management Strategy.
- Supply staff and associated equipment as a response unit to marine and terrestrial pollution spill events as per the MOU between the Council's Compliance section, Maritime New Zealand and Vector Control Services dated 11 November 2005.
- Maintain oil spill response equipment to the level required in the West Coast Tier 2 Oil Spill Response Plan.
- Operate the Unit on a fully competitive basis and provide an appropriate return to the Regional Council.
- Operate in accordance with Quality Assurance and Health and Safety Plans and safety procedures.
- Develop new business areas, complementary to existing roles.

Budget 2006/07		Budget 2007/08	LTCCP 2007/08
<b>Vector Control services Business Unit</b>			
659987	Operating Expenditure	732877	677962
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659987	Total Operating Expenditure	732877	677962
Funding			
775000	User Charges	832000	799025
	Subsidies		
	Targeted Rates		
-115013	General Rates & Investment Income	-99123	-121063
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659987		732877	677962

# Statement of Accounting Policies

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## **Reporting Entity**

The West Coast Regional Council (the Council) is a regional local authority governed by the Local Government Act 2002.

The prospective financial statements have been prepared in terms of Section 111 of the Local Government Act 2002 and New Zealand International Financial reporting Standards (NZIFRS).

West Coast Regional Council is a Public Benefit Entity whose primary objective is to provide goods and services for regional and social benefit and where any equity has been provided with a view to supporting that primary objective rather than for a financial return. All available reporting exemptions allowed under the framework for Public Benefit Entities have been adopted.

## **Cautionary Note**

Readers of these prospective financial statements should be aware that actual results are likely to vary from the information presented and that variations may be material.

The prospective financial statements have been prepared to meet the requirements for a Long Term Council Community Plan prescribed in the Local Government Act 2002.

The prospective financial statements are prepared to assist compliance with the purpose of the Annual Plan, which is to:

- Contain the proposed annual budget and funding impact statement for the year to which the annual plan relates.
- Identify any significant variations with the Council Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP).
- Support the LTCCP in providing integrated decision making and coordination of the resources of the Council.
- Contribute to the accountability of the Council to the community.
- Extend opportunities for participation by the public in decision making processes relating to the costs and funding of activities to be undertaken by the Council.

The information may not be appropriate for purposes other than those described.

## **Basis of Financial Statements Preparation and Measurement Base.**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with NZ IFRS requires judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses.

The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances and the results of which form the basis of making judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affect both current and future periods.

## **Specific Accounting Policies**

The following accounting policies, which materially affect the measurement of results and financial position, have been applied consistently to all years presented from 1 July 2006, unless otherwise stated.



### **Goods and Services Tax**

All items are exclusive of goods and services tax (GST), excluding accounts receivable and payable, which are recorded inclusive of GST in the Statement of Financial Position.

### **Revenue Recognition**

Rates and other revenue excluding grants are recognised when rates are struck and/or invoices have been issued. Grant revenue is recognised as income when conditions of entitlement have been met. Dividends are recognised in the period that they are authorised and approved. Interest income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance as it accrues, using the effective interest method.

### **Overhead Allocation**

Overheads have been allocated against activity centres on the basis of staff costs.

### **Taxation**

West Coast Regional Council is only subject to income tax in respect of income received from Council Controlled Trading Organisations.

Income tax on the profit or loss for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognised in the income statement except to the extent that it relates to items directly recognised in equity, in which case it is recognised in equity. Current tax is expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is provided using the liability method, providing for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. A deferred tax asset is only recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

Current and deferred tax is calculated using tax rates enacted or substantially enacted at the balance sheet date

### **Cost of Service Statements**

The Cost of Service Statements report the net cost of service delivery for significant activities of West Coast Regional Council.

The statements represent all revenue and costs that can be allocated either directly or indirectly to these activities.

### **Stock on Hand**

Stocks, except rocks and that held for distribution, are valued at the lower of costs on a FIFO basis and net realisable value.

Stocks of rock are valued at the lower of cost and expected realisable value of the volume of useable rock on the quarry floor.

Stock held for distribution is valued at the lower of cost and current replacement cost

### **Leases**

Leases under which the Council assumes substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases. Assets acquired by way of finance lease are stated initially at an amount equal to the present value of the future minimum lease payments and are depreciated over the period the Council is expected to benefit from their use.

Operating lease payments are charged as expenses to the Statement of Financial Performance in the period in which they are incurred.

### **Property, Plant and Equipment**

Property, Plant and Equipment consist of:

- Operational assets. These include land, buildings, motor vehicles, plant & equipment, office furniture, computer equipment and improvements used in the operating activities of the Council.
- Infrastructural Assets. These assets are drainage and coastal protection works.

Valuation. All assets are valued at historical cost except for the following:

*Infrastructural Assets* – River, drainage and coastal protection works are valued at replacement cost. Revaluations are carried out on a three yearly cycle, based on methodology developed by Council's engineers and peer reviewed by a retired River Works Engineer.

Public Benefit Entity Revaluation. Revaluation increases and decreases relating to individual assets within a class of assets are offset. Revaluation increases and decreases in respect of assets in different classes are not offset. Where the carrying amount of a class of assets is increased as a result of a revaluation, the net revaluation increase is credited to the revaluation reserve. The net revaluation increase shall be recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance to the extent that it reverses a net revaluation decrease of the same class of assets previously recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance. A net revaluation decrease for a class of assets is recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance, except to the extent that it reverses a revaluation increase previously recognised in the revaluation reserve to the extent of any credit balance existing in the revaluation reserve in respect of the same class of asset.

### **Depreciation**

Depreciation is fully funded on a straight-line basis, which writes off the value of the assets over their expected remaining lives after allowing for residual values where applicable. The depreciation rates are as follows:

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|----------------------------------|----------------|-------|
| • Buildings                      | 10 to 67 years | 1.5 % |
| • Truck                          | 7 years        | 15%   |
| • Plant and equipment            | 6.7 years      | 15%   |
| • Officer furniture and fittings | 6.7 years      | 15%   |
| • Computer equipment             | 4 years        | 25%   |

Some assets purchased prior to 1 July 2002 are depreciated using the Diminishing Value method. The value of those assets is < 5% of the net book value of Council's assets.

Rates are based on the assumption that no catastrophic events will occur that will materially affect the useful lives of the assets.

Flood scheme assets – the nature of those assets is equivalent to land improvements and, as such, they do not incur a loss of service potential over time. Land and flood scheme assets are not depreciated.

### **Impairment**

The carrying amount of the Council's assets, are reviewed at each Statement of Financial Position date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Council estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Where the future economic benefits of an asset are not primarily dependant on the asset's ability to generate net cash flows, and where the Council, if deprived of the asset, replace its remaining future economic benefits, value in use shall be determined as the depreciated replacement cost of the asset.

Where the Council accounts for revaluations of property, plant and equipment on a class of asset basis, an impairment loss on a revalued asset is recognised directly against any revaluation reserve in respect of the same class of asset to the extent that the impairment loss does not exceed the amount in the revaluation reserve for that same class of asset.

Where the Council accounts for revaluations of property, plant and equipment on a class of asset basis, a reversal

of an impairment loss on a revalued asset is credited directly to the revaluation reserve. However, to the extent that an impairment loss on the same class of asset was previously recognised in the income statement, a reversal of that impairment loss is also recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance.

### **Employee Entitlements**

Provision is made in respect of the liability for annual leave, long service leave, retirement gratuities and short term compensated absences.

The provision for annual leave and other short-term compensated absences has been calculated on an actual unused entitlement accumulated at the balance sheet date.

The provision for long service leave and retirement gratuities has been calculated on an actuarial basis bringing to account what is likely to be payable in the future in respect of service that employees have accumulated up until twelve months after balance sheet date.

### **Financial Instruments**

Financial assets and liabilities are recognised in the Council's Statement of Financial Position when the Council becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Accounts Receivable. Accounts receivable are stated at estimated realisable value after providing for debts where collection is doubtful.

Loans and Receivable. Loans and receivables, such as general loans and deposits, are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They are measured at initial recognition, at fair value, and subsequently carried at amortised cost less impairment losses.

Other investments. Investments other than held-to-maturity are classed as either investments held-for-trading or as available-for-sale and are stated at fair value. For assets designated as held-for-trading, any resultant gain or loss from changes in the fair value are recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance. For assets designated as available-for-sale, any resultant gain or loss from changes in the fair value is recognised in equity.

Cash and cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and demand deposits, and other short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a know amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Bank borrowings. Interest-bearing bank loans and overdrafts are initially measured at fair value, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method. Finance charges, premiums payable on settlement or redemption and direct costs are accounted for on an accrual basis to the income statement using the effective interest method and are added to the carrying amount of the instrument to the extent that they are not settled in the period in which they arise.

### **Statement of Cash Flows**

The following is the definition of terms used in the Statement of Cash Flows:

Cash means cash balances on hand, held in bank accounts, demand deposits and other highly liquid investments in which Council invests as part of its day to day cash management.

Operating activities include cash received from all income sources of the Council and record the cash payments made for the supply of goods and services.

Investing activities are those relating to the acquisition and disposal of non current assets.

Financing activities comprise the change in equity and debt capital structure of the Council.

### **Changes in Accounting Policies**

There have been no changes in Accounting policies.

## Forecast Statement of Financial Performance

2006/07		2007/08	2007/08
Budget		Budget	LTCCP
<b>Cost of Services</b>			
277792	Governance	299360	287115
1488473	Regulatory Consents & Compliance	1547697	1508474
687826	Planning Processes	621669	706541
537664	Environmental Monitoring	698177	581392
130172	Emergency Management	138440	137268
1969503	River, Drainage & Coastal Protection	1748436	1101169
10832042	Vector Management	11023862	11544705
659987	Vector Control Services Business Unit	732877	677962
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16583459	Total Expenditure	16810518	16544626
<b>Revenue</b>			
1835000	General Rates	1835000	1890000
65000	Penalties	80000	70000
910000	Investment Income	1100000	946000
743250	Regulatory Consents & Compliance	851000	733300
148750	Planning Processes	151058	166765
44000	Emergency Management	44527	45364
901994	River, Drainage & Coastal Protection	812405	903815
10728885	Vector Management	10863250	11473301
775000	Vector Control Services Business Unit	832000	799025
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16151879	Total Revenue	16569240	17027570
-431580	Surplus / (-Deficit)	-241278	482944
833904	Transfers to/from Rating District Reserve	652387	-108268
-33366	Transfers to/from Quarry Account Reserve	33472	20551
81042	Transfers to/from Tb Special Rate Reserve	105419	41835
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450000		550000	437062
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-450000	Transfer to Reserves	-550000	-437062
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## Forecast Statement of Movements In Equity

Projected 2006/07		Budgeted 2007/08	LTCCP 2007/08
37667000	Opening Balance	53263000	42041420
1010000	Operating Surplus	-241278	482944
14586000	& Revaluations	0	0
15596000	Total recognised Revenues & Expenses	-241278	482944
53263000	Closing Balance	53021722	42524364

## Forecast Statement of Financial Position

Projected		Budgeted	LTCCP
30/6/2007		30/6/2008	30/6/2008
2700000	Current Assets	2648656	3048696
2000000	Current Liabilities	2000000	2000000
700000	<u>Net Working Capital</u>	648656	1048696
	<u>Non Current Assets</u>		
11600000	Investments	11469069	10856561
2720000	Property, Plant & Equipment	2594048	2608579
38739000	Infrastructural Assets	38739000	28447000
53059000		52802117	41912140
53759000	<u>Total Assets</u>	53450773	42960836
496000	<u>Term Debt</u>	429051	436472
	<u>Equity</u>		
20204000	Ratepayers Equity	20093653	20053803
2300000	Rating District Equity	1619069	1219561
21459000	Revaluation Reserve	21459000	11614000
9300000	Other Funds	9850000	9637000
53263000		53021722	42524364
53759000	<u>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</u>	53450773	42960836

## Forecast Statement of Cash Flows

Budgeted 2006/07		Budgeted 2007/08	LTCCP 2007/08
<b>Cash Flow from Operating Activities</b>			
Cash From:			
910000	Investment Income	1100000	946000
2917000	Rates	3003000	3173000
12324879	Other Income	12466240	12908570
<u>16151879</u>		<u>16569240</u>	<u>17027570</u>
Less Cash Paid for:			
38668	Interest	34000	35419
16298094	Operating Expenditure	16495566	16245243
<u>16336762</u>		<u>16529566</u>	<u>16280662</u>
-184883	Net Cash Flow Operations	39674	746908
<b>Cash Flow from Investing Activities</b>			
Cash From:			
860163	Redemption of Investments	680769	0
0	Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0
<u>860163</u>		<u>680769</u>	<u>0</u>
Cash Paid For:			
140000	Purchase of Fixed Assets	155000	144240
450000	Investments Made	550000	516886
<u>590000</u>		<u>705000</u>	<u>661126</u>
270163	Net Cash Flow from Investing	-24231	-661126
<b>Cash Flow from Financing Activities</b>			
Cash From:			
40000	Loans raised	42000	41240
Cash Paid For:			
94229	Loan Principal Repaid	108787	109377
<u>-54229</u>	<b>Cash Flow from Financing Activities</b>	<u>-66787</u>	<u>-68137</u>
31051	<b>Total Net Cash Flows</b>	-51344	17645
46000	Opening Cash Balances	77051	77051
<u>77051</u>	Closing Cash Balances	<u>25707</u>	<u>94696</u>

## Budgeted Capital Expenditure

Budgeted 2006/07		Budgeted 2007/08	LTCCP 2007/08
25000	Hydrology Site Upgrades	25000	26000
0	Datasonde	16000	0
5000	Air Quality Monitoring equipment	0	0
2000	Water Quality Monitoring equipment	0	0
18000	Engineering Equipment	0	0
5000	Vector Mgmt Equipment	2000	5000
7000	Satellite Phone	4000	0
20000	Software	9000	21000
0	Satellite/Aerial Images	30000	0
18000	Furniture/Office equipment	5000	51000
40000	IT Equipment	42000	41000
0	Vehicle - VCS Business Unit	22000	0
<hr/> 140000		<hr/> 155000	<hr/> 144000



## Funding Impact Statement

2006/07		2007/08	2007/08
Budget		Budget	LTCCP
	Expenditure		
38668	Interest	34135	35419
246697	Depreciation	280952	263964
16298094	Other Operating Expenditure	16495431	16245243
16583459	Total Operating Expenditure	16810518	16544626
140000	Capital Expenditure	155000	144240
450000	Transfers to Reserves	550000	437062
94229	Loan Principal Repaid	108787	109377
17267688	TOTAL FUNDING REQUIREMENT	17624305	17235305
	Funded by		
1962000	User Fees and Charges	1954085	1809176
132500	Subsidies	132500	136608
10165635	Animal Health Board Contract Income	10300000	10783301
910000	Investment Income	1100000	946000
	Targeted Rates		
563250	Tb Pest Management	563250	690000
11250	Varroa Bee Mite Strategy	0	11599
482244	River, Drainage & Coastal Protection	579405	665111
25000	Regional Emergency Management	25000	25775
65000	Penalties	80000	70000
1835000	General Rates	1835000	1890000
16151879	Total Operating Revenues	16569240	17027570
206167	Depreciation Funds Applied	233457	223287
-33365	Use of Quarry Account Reserves	33472	20551
81042	Use of Tb Special rate reserves	105419	41835
861965	Use of Rating District Reserves	682717	-77938
17267688	TOTAL FUNDING	17624305	17235305

**FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT - RATES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2008**

**Note**

All amounts are stated inclusive of GST.

**Rating Instalment Information**

Rates will be payable by two instalments;

**First instalment**

Due date 1 September 2007

Final date 20 October 2007

**Second instalment**

Due date 1 March 2008

Final date 20 April 2008

A penalty for late payment will be applied at the amount allowed by the Local government Rating Act 2002 of 10% on all instalments not paid by the penalty dates of 20 October 2007 and 20 April 2008.

A further 10% penalty will be charged on all accumulated rate arrears as at 1 July 2008

**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.

	Estimated rateable Capital Value	Factor per \$ of Capital Value	Estimated to Yield
Rateable Value of Land in the Buller District Local authority Area	1,300,050,750	0.00049225	639,956
Rateable Value of Land in the Grey District Local authority Area	2,093,986,450	0.00038448	805,106
Rateable Value of Land in the Westland District Local authority Area	<u>1,535,690,650</u>	0.00040328	<u>619,313</u>
	4,929,727,850		<u><u>2,064,375</u></u>

**2. TARGETED RATES**

- (a) A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 and 146 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.

<u>Vine Creek Rating District</u>	Estimated rateable Land Value	factor per \$ of Land Value	Estimated to yield \$
Class A	\$ 2,507,600	0.0052776	13,234
Class B	\$ 2,766,530	0.0036943	10,221
Class C	\$ 4,156,690	0.0026388	10,969
Class D	\$ 10,569,310	0.0010555	11,156
Class E	\$ 9,559,929	0.0005278	5,045
			<u><u>50,625</u></u>

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- (b) A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 and 146 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.

<u>Wanganui River Rating District</u>	Estimated rateable Land Value	factor per \$ of Land Value	Estimated to yield \$
Class A	\$ 14,189,600	0.001206	17,110
Class B	\$ 12,690,800	0.000844	10,713
Class C	\$ 18,630,600	0.000543	10,110
Class D	\$ 2,412,500	0.000121	291
Class U1	\$ 2,417,000	0.002412	5,829
Class U2	\$ 784,000	0.001206	945
			<u>45,000</u>

- (c) A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 and 146 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land situated in the Kaniere Area Separate Rating Area and calculated on the land value of each rating unit, for maintaining the protection works in the scheme.

<u>Kaniere Rating District</u>	Estimated rateable Land Value	factor per \$ of Land Value	Estimated to yield \$
Class A	\$ 245,900	0.005236	1,288
Class B	\$ 99,000	0.003142	311
Class C	\$ 242,000	0.002094	507
Class D	\$ 1,363,000	0.000785	1,071
Class E	\$ 380,000	0.000524	199
			<u>3,375</u>

- (d) A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 and 146 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land situated in the Kowhitirangi Area Separate Rating Area and calculated on the capital value of each rating unit, for maintaining the protection works in the scheme.

<u>Kowhitirangi Flood Control Rating District</u>	Estimated rateable Capital Value	factor per \$ of capital Value	Estimated to yield \$
Class A	\$ 10,510,027	0.000319	3,353
Class B	\$ -	0.000000	-
Class C	\$ 23,176,848	0.000160	3,697
Class D	\$ -	0.000000	-
Class E	\$ 22,478,800	0.000093	2,092
Class F	\$ 39,647,703	0.000053	2,108
			<u>11,250</u>

- (e) 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.

<u>Coal Creek Rating District</u>	Estimated rateable Capital Value	factor per \$ of capital Value	Estimated to yield \$
	\$ 4,853,605	0.001159	<u>5,625</u>

- (f) A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 and 146 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land situated in the Karamea Riding Separate Rating Area and calculated on the capital value of each rating unit, for maintaining the protection works in the scheme.

<u>Karamea Riding Rating District</u>	Estimated rateable Capital Value	factor per \$ of capital Value	Estimated to yield \$
Class A	\$ 785,300	0.000760	597
Class B	\$ 21,836,770	0.000608	13,282
Class C	\$ 2,734,400	0.000456	1,247
Class D	\$ 67,322,020	0.000076	5,119
Class E	\$ 29,702,960	0.000038	1,129
			<u>21,375</u>

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- (g) A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 and 146 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	factor per \$ of capital Value	Estimated to yield \$
Class A	\$ 485,000	0.004064	1,971
Class B	\$ 10,179,000	0.003048	31,024
Class C	\$ 3,999,000	0.002032	8,126
Class D	\$ 2,685,000	0.001219	3,274
Class E	\$ -	0.000000	-
Class F	\$ 991,000	0.000610	604
			<u>45,000</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

	Estimated rateable Capital Value	factor per \$ of capital Value	Estimated to yield \$
	\$ 625,171,100	0.0002699	<u>168,750</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 (Maintenance) Separate Rating Area and calculated on the capital value of each rating unit, for maintaining the protection works in the scheme.

## Okuru Rating District (Maintenance)

	Estimated rateable Capital Value	factor per \$ of capital Value	Estimated to yield \$
	\$ 8,128,000	0.001246	<u>10,125</u>

- (j) A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 and 146 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land situated in the Redjacks Separate Rating Area and calculated on the land area of each rating unit, for maintaining the protection works in the scheme.

## Redjacks Rating District

	Estimated Rateable Land Area (ha.)	Rates per hectare	Estimated to yield \$
Class A	0.1000000	\$ 3,785.63	379
Class B	1.1005000	\$ 1,814.52	1,997
Class C	0.1168000	\$ 1,714.47	200
Class D	2.3013000	\$ 428.73	987
Class E	1.4882000	\$ 537.86	800
Class F	1.8520000	\$ 143.66	266
Class G	21.9674000	\$ 18.95	416
Class H	49.6806000	\$ 9.74	484
Class I	23.7542000	\$ 4.05	96
			<u>5,625</u>

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

<u>Raft Creek</u>	Estimated Rateable Land Area (ha.)	Rates per hectare	Estimated to yield \$
	762.2501000	11.80715	<u>9,000</u>

- (l) **A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 and 146 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.**

<u>Nelson Creek Rating District</u>	Estimated Rateable Land Area (ha.)	Rates per hectare	Estimated to yield \$
Class A	0.9012000	1559.92635	1,406
Class B	2.9043000	761.24303	2,211
Class C	10.7731000	155.29618	1,673
Class D	10.3000000	148.69496	1,532
Class E	18.5536000	117.65550	2,183
Class F	65.1578000	72.28473	4,710
Class G	18.1062000	82.17548	1,488
Class H	20.0432000	76.67385	1,537
Class I	7.8016000	17.45988	136
			<u>16,875</u>

- (m) **A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 and 146 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.**

<u>Taramakau Settlement Rating District</u>	Estimated Rateable Land Area (ha.)	Rates per hectare	Estimated to yield \$
Class A	306.2555000	54.814526	16,786
Class B	130.0039000	44.938075	5,842
Class C	111.9839000	30.876648	3,458
Class D	127.1295000	26.043326	3,311
Class E	174.4299000	25.046953	4,369
Class F	140.2890000	21.254785	2,982
Class G	392.7389000	17.272926	6,784
Class H	429.4846000	16.231228	6,971
Class I	48.6613000	2.496851	122
			<u>50,625</u>

- (n) **A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 and 146 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 protection works in the scheme.**

<u>Kongahu Rating District</u>	Estimated Rateable Land Area (ha.)	Rates per hectare	Estimated to yield \$
Class A	709.3929000	11.428871	8,108
Class B	73.8247000	5.993115	442
			<u>8,550</u>

- (o) **A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 and 146 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rateable land situated in the Waitangi-taona River Separate Rating Area and calculated on the land area of each rating unit, for maintaining the protection works in the scheme.**

<u>Waitangitaona Rating District</u>	Estimated Rateable Land Area (ha.)	Rates per hectare	Estimated to yield \$
Class A	607.4194000	7.1667592	4,353
Class B	721.2266000	5.4939866	3,962
Class C	2091.3451000	3.7792404	7,904
Class D	695.6700000	0.9423060	656
			<u>16,875</u>

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- (p) **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 Pororai river, State Highway 6 and the Tasman sea at Punakaiki calculated on the capital value of each rating unit for repayment of the loan raised by Council to carry out the sea wall protection works.**

## Punakaiki Loan Repayment Rating District

	Estimated rateable Capital Value	factor per \$ of capital Value	calculated yield \$
Class A	\$ 2,700,000	0.011453059	30,923
Class B	\$ 2,959,000	0.006871836	20,334
Class C	\$ 3,496,000	0.002290612	8,008
			<u>59,265</u>
Area A Differential	1.00		
Area B Differential	0.60		
Area C Differential	0.20		

- (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 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 Maintenance Rating District

	Estimated rateable Capital Value	factor per \$ of capital Value	calculated yield \$
Class A	\$ 2,700,000	0.003261122	8,805
Class B	\$ 2,959,000	0.001956673	5,790
Class C	\$ 3,496,000	0.000652224	2,280
			<u>16,875</u>
Area A Differential	1.00		
Area B Differential	0.60		
Area C Differential	0.20		

- (r) **A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on all rural rateable land greater than or equal to two (2) hectares situated in the Tb Pest Management Separate Rating Area and calculated on the capital value of each rating unit.**

**Endemic Area means property is in the movement control or vector risk areas as classified by the current Animal Health Board operational plan.**

**Non Endemic Area means property that is in the vector fringe and surveillance areas as classified by the current Animal Health Board operational plan.**

Differential  
Rateable properties within the Buller District area to yield 33.33% of the total rate.  
Rateable properties within the Grey District area to yield 33.33% of the total rate.  
Rateable properties within the Westland District area to yield 33.33% of the total rate.

## Tb PEST MANAGEMENT

	Estimated rateable Capital Value	factor per \$ of capital Value	Estimated to yield \$
Buller District- Endemic Area	\$ 551,826,800	0.00037238	205,487
Buller District- Non Endemic Area	\$ 61,560,500	0.00009309	5,731
Grey District-Endemic Area	\$ 718,768,000	0.00029386	211,219
Westland District-Endemic Area	\$ 563,609,900	0.00035417	199,611
Westland District-Non Endemic Area	\$ 131,101,200	0.00008854	11,608
	<u>\$ 2,026,866,400</u>		<u>633,656</u>

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- (s) A targeted rate set differentially in accordance with sections 16, 17, 18 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 on various properties on the south bank of the Hokitika River calculated on the capital value of each rating unit, for repayment of the loan raised by Council to carry out the protection works.

This Separate rating Area includes those properties which elected the loan option rather than the Lump Sum contribution option to finance the protection works carried out in 2003 on the south bank of the Hokitika River.

## Hokitika River South Bank

	Estimated rateable Capital Value	factor per \$ of capital Value	calculated yield \$
Area A	\$ 245,000	0.014430	3,535
Area B	\$ 376,100	0.001443	543
			<u>4,078</u>
Area A Differential	1.000000		
Area B Differential	0.100000		

- (t) A targeted rate 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 calculated on the capital value of each rating unit for the maintenance of flood protection works.

## Franz Josef

	Estimated rateable Capital Value	factor per \$ of capital Value	calculated yield \$
	\$ 67,681,000	0.000582	<u>39,375</u>

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

## Canavans Knob

	Estimated rateable Capital Value	factor per \$ of capital Value	calculated yield \$
	\$ 9,524,122	0.000532	<u>5,063</u>

- (v) 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 separate rating area and calculated on the capital value of each rating unit for the maintenance of flood protection works.

## Lower Waiho

	Estimated rateable Capital Value	factor per \$ of capital Value	calculated yield \$
	\$ 8,139,077	0.006911	<u>56,250</u>

- (w) 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 flood protection works.

## Matainui Creek

	Estimated rateable Capital Value	factor per \$ of capital Value	calculated yield \$
	\$ 8,905,500	0.000253	<u>2,250</u>

(x) **A Targeted rate to fund Regional Emergency Management activities.**

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.

	Estimated rateable Capital Value	factor per \$ of capital Value	calculated yield \$
Rateable Value of Land in the Buller District Local authority Area	1,300,050,750		
Rateable Value of Land in the Grey District Local authority Area	2,093,986,450		
Rateable Value of Land in the Westland District Local authority Area	<u>1,535,690,650</u>		
	4,929,727,850	0.0000057	<u><u>28,125</u></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 Twelve Mile separate rating area calculated on the capital value of each rating unit for the funding of further investigations.**

**Twelve Mile**

	Estimated rateable Capital Value	factor per \$ of capital Value	calculated yield \$
\$	1,500,000	0.000225	<u><u>338</u></u>



## West Coast Regional Council Charges

### Introduction

The West Coast Regional Council charges users for the performance of some of its functions under the Resource Management Act 1991, the Crown Minerals Act 1991 and the Local Government Act 2002. The charges have been increased for the 2007 / 08 year.

### The Resource Management Act 1991

The Resource Management Act allows the Council to charge resource consent applicants and resource consent holders for costs related to those consents.

The Council has a policy of recovery of all actual and reasonable costs from those who receive the benefit from or create the need for an activity within its region. Applicants and resource consent holders will pay the costs of processing and monitoring of resource consents. The provision of information in respect of plans, resource consents and supporting documents is also to be recovered.

### Crown Minerals Act 1991, Mining Act 1971 or Coal Mines Act 1979

Pursuant to section 150 of the Local Government Act 2002 the Council may prescribe certain charges for the carrying out of its functions in relation to mining legislation. The Council will recover all actual and reasonable costs for all monitoring and transactions in respect of any privilege, including operations for expiry or forfeiture of any privileges.

## Resource Consent Minimum Application Deposit Fees

Table 1: Schedule of Deposit Fees

Application for Resource Consents	Minimum Application Fee GST Exclusive	GST Inclusive
Land Use Consent & associated consents for dry bed gravel extraction	\$350.00	\$393.75
Land Use Consent & associated consents for river protection works	\$475.00	\$534.38
Discharge Permits for dairy effluent discharges	\$475.00	\$534.38
Land Use Consent & associated consents for humping & hollowing/ flipping earthworks	\$675.00	\$759.38
Land Use Consent & associated consents for land based alluvial gold mining operations	\$850.00	\$956.25
Land Use Consent & associated Consents for alluvial gold mining operations involving watercourse diversions	\$1,800.00	\$2,025.00
Coastal Permits for Restricted Coastal Activities	\$5,000.00	\$5,625.00
Application for a Change or Cancellation of consent conditions	\$250.00	\$281.25
Application for a Certificate of Compliance or an Existing Use Certificate	\$250.00	\$281.25
Applications for transfer of a water permit to another site within the same catchment under S 136 (2) (ii) RMA	\$350.00	\$393.75
All other Resource Consents	\$350.00	\$393.75

## **Charges Pursuant To Section 36 of the Resource Management Act**

Pursuant to section 36(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991 the West Coast Regional Council intends to fix charges from time to time on the basis of the reasonable costs incurred by the Council's actions to which the charge relates.

The Council has resolved to fix charges based on a formula of an hourly rate fixed for the particular officer or consultant undertaking the function multiplied by the number of hours which are required to undertake the function. In some cases, the hourly rate specified will not be sufficient to recover the Council's full actual and reasonable costs.

For some specific activities relating to resource consents, a fixed fee applies.

Where the formula is inadequate to enable the Council to recover the actual and reasonable costs incurred by the Council then an additional charge may be imposed under section 36(3) of the Act. Those additional charges will be passed on having regard to the matters contained in section 36(4) of the Act.

Section 36(5) of the Act provides that the Council may in any particular case at its absolute discretion remit the whole or any part of the charge, including fixed and additional charges which would otherwise be payable. It should also be noted that the Council is entitled to withhold the issue of resource consent until such charges are paid under section 36(7) of the Act. It is also able to request charges to be paid prior to performing any action to which the charge relates (in addition to the deposit fees set in Table 1 above).

An applicant or a resource consent holder may object to any additional charge imposed under s36(3) pursuant to section 357A of the Act to the Council and if further dissatisfied with the Council's charges may appeal to the Environment Court under section 358 of the Act.

The Council must fix charges from time to time for carrying out of certain functions by resolution and procedures in the Local Government Act. There is no right to object to charges once they are fixed.

### **Fixed Fees**

**Pursuant to section 36(1) the Council has fixed the charges for the following functions based on fixed rates listed below (all amounts shown exclusive of GST)**

**(A) Receiving, processing and granting of applications for resource consents, certificates of compliance, changes or cancellation of conditions, transferring consents to new locations, review of conditions, surrenders of consent and extensions of lapsing periods of consents.**

Council officers	\$80.00 per hour
Council senior officers	\$95.00 per hour
Council managers	\$110.00 per hour
Council clerical support staff	\$50.00 per hour

Independent consultants at \$200.00 per hour – (not more than)

Note that Council engages consultants for:

- Receiving and processing resource consent applications
- Providing any report under sections 42A or 92 of the Resource Management Act
- Peer review of Council employees reports
- Providing advice on technical aspects of any application

Council Hearings and/or decisions undertaken by one or more councillors, at hourly rates as determined from time to time by the Remuneration Authority (currently \$68 / hour for Councillors and \$85 / hour by the Chairperson of a hearing).

Independent Hearing Commissioners at (not more than) \$1200.00 per day/per Commissioner.

Legal advice at \$300.00 per hour (not more than).

In addition:

- File establishment fee \$50 (excluding applications for changes or cancellation of conditions, surrenders of consent and extensions of lapsing periods of consents)
- Vehicle mileage at 65 cents per kilometre
- The actual cost of hire or use of any other mode of transport required during the processing of the application, e.g. Aircraft and boat hire
- Advertising and telephone tolls at cost
- Photographs and Laboratory costs at cost
- Venue hire, including any catering required for the hearing at cost
- Technical equipment hire and use, (including but not limited to Overhead Projectors, teleconferencing and audio visual equipment) at cost
- Accommodation and meals at cost
- Postage & Courier costs at cost
- Photocopying at 10c/copy or \$2/colour copy

NB. In the event that the charges fixed under this special order are inadequate to enable the Council to recover its actual and reasonable costs for carrying out its functions the Council will render an additional charge pursuant to section 36 (3) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

The Council reserves the right not to perform any action to which any of the above charges relate until the charge has been paid in full, pursuant to section 36(7) of the Resource Management Act.

**(B) Notwithstanding (A), for the following whitebaiting resource consent applications the fee will be fixed as follows:**

Applications for whitebait stand structures: \$200.00.

(NB there are also supervision, monitoring and administrative charges in accordance with (C)).

Transfer of whitebait consents and permits to any other person: \$50.00 \*

Transfer of whitebait consents and permits to another site (relocations): \$100.00 \*

Monitoring of whitebait stands: \$80.00 per annum

Issuing of an Abatement Notice: \$200.00

*\* These fees are required to be paid at the time of submitting the transfers.*

NB. In the event that the charges fixed under this special order are inadequate to enable the Council to recover its actual and reasonable costs for carrying out its functions the Council will render an additional charge pursuant to section 36(3) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

The Council reserves the right to not perform any action to which any of the above charges relate until the charge has been paid in full, pursuant to section 36(7) of the Resource Management Act.

**(C) Transfer of consents and permits to another person that does not involve a change of consent site: \$50.**

**(D) Administration, supervision and monitoring of resource consents, including the preparation and service of any abatement or enforcement proceedings required to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of resource consents.**

Council officers	\$80.00 per hour
Council senior officers	\$95.00 per hour
Council managers	\$110.00 per hour
Council clerical support staff	\$50.00 per hour

Independent consultants engaged by the Council: Not more than \$200 per hour.

Legal advisers: Not more than \$300.00 per hour

In addition:

- The actual cost of hire or use of any other mode of transport e.g. Aircraft and boat hire.
- Vehicle mileage at 65 cents per kilometre
- Advertising at cost
- Laboratory costs at cost
- Telephone Tolls at cost
- Accommodation and meals at cost
- Postage & Courier costs at cost
- Photographs at cost
- Photocopying at 10c/copy and \$2/colour copy.

**(E) Application for preparation of plan and applications to change a policy statement or plan.**

- Preparation of a plan \$10000.00
- Change of policy statement or plan \$10000.00

The fees are required to be paid at the time of submitting applications.

NB. In the event that the charges fixed under this special order are inadequate to enable the Council to recover its actual and reasonable costs for carrying out its functions the Council will render an additional charge pursuant to section 36(3) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

**(F) The provision of information in respect of plans and resource consents payable by persons requesting information, which includes but is not limited to pre and post consent application advice, advice on regional plans, and any enquiries regarding resource consents or plans.**

Council officers	\$80.00 per hour
Council senior officers	\$95.00 per hour
Council managers	\$110.00 per hour
Council clerical support staff	\$50.00 per hour

In addition:

- Vehicle mileage at 65 cents per kilometre
- Tolls at cost
- Photographs at cost
- Photocopying at 10c/copy or \$2/colour copy

Except that information for general education and public use there will be no charge for the first hour of Council time or for the first 10 A4 photocopies.

**(G) Charges for the supply of documents are as follows:**

All Regional Plans and Strategies (except for the Regional Coastal Plan) and the Regional Policy Statement (operative and/or proposed) will be supplied at a price of \$25 per volume.

Regional Coastal Plan is \$35.00

Note that all Regional Plans and Strategies, and State of the Environment Reports are all available on the Council website.

**Charges under Section 150 Local Government Act 2002**

**(A) Dairy Effluent Inspection**

Council charges \$90.00 plus GST for Dairy Shed inspections required under Rule 13 of the Regional

Plan for Discharges to Land. Follow up visits, where non-compliance is still occurring, will be charged at the standard hourly rate, plus mileage and any sampling costs.

**(B) Assessment of Onsite Sewage Discharges**

Council charges \$60.00 + GST for assessments as to whether or not proposed onsite sewage discharges meet Rule 6 of the Regional Plan for Discharges to Land where no site inspection is undertaken or \$90.00 + GST where a site inspection is undertaken.

**(C) Mining Privileges (All amounts shown exclusive of GST)**

The following charges are payable by holders of mining privileges and coal mining privileges issued under the Crown Minerals Act 1991, Mining Act 1971 or the Coal Mines Act 1979 and relate to the monitoring and enforcement of privilege conditions, the approval of privilege surrenders and disbursement of bonds and including operations for expiry or forfeiture of any privilege.

Council officers	\$80.00 per hour
Council senior officers	\$95.00 per hour
Council managers	\$110.00 per hour
Council clerical support staff	\$50.00 per hour

Independent consultants at not more than \$200.00 per hour.

Legal advisors at not more than \$300.00 per hour.

In addition:

- Vehicle mileage at 65 cents per kilometer
- The actual cost of hire or use of any other mode of transport. eg. Aircraft and Boat hire.
- Laboratory charges at cost
- Equipment specially required for the monitoring of the mining or coal mining privilege.
- Tolls at cost
- Photographs at cost
- Photocopying at 10c/copy, or \$2/colour copy

## **Other Charges**

### **Regional Pest Plant Management Strategy (RPPMS)**

The Council's RPPMS was made operative in August 2005.

The cost of site inspections in response to complaints can be recovered from the land occupier as set out in section 5.3 of that Strategy (i.e. where a land owner fails to comply with a Notice of Direction).

Malicious or vexatious complaints may also be charged the cost of undertaking inspections, as set out under section 6.7 of the Strategy.

### **Quarry charges**

The Council operates various quarries to ensure rock availability for river protection works. Council reserves the right to adjust the price per tonne of rock from any particular quarry, at any time, in order to recover the full costs of managing these quarries, including the cost of any development planning, health and safety requirements and remediation works.



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