

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

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

TUESDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2010

The programme for the day is:

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

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

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** will be held in the Offices of the West Coast Regional Council, 388 Main South Road, Paroa, Greymouth on **Tuesday, 9th February 2010**

P.EWEN
CHAIRPERSON

S. MORAN
Planning and Environmental Manager
C. DALL
Consents and Compliance Manager

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON 8 DECEMBER 2009 AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL,
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.32 A.M.****PRESENT:**

P. Ewen (Chairman), R. Scarlett, D. Davidson, B. Chinn, A. Robb, A. Birchfield, T. Archer, T. Scott

IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), S. Moran (Planning & Environmental Manager), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), C. Dall (Consents & Compliance Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), The Media

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. MINUTES

Moved (Scarlett / Robb) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 9 November 2009, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. PRESENTAION

The Chairman welcomed Mr Stephen Keenan and Mr Graham Monk to the meeting. Mr Keenan is a Deer Farmer from Kowhitirangi and Mr Monk is a Dairy Farmer from the Kokatahi Kowhitirangi Valley. They wish to discuss water quality and farm effluent problems. Mr Keenan stated that the catalyst for their visit today is the \$50,000 fine imposed on Mr Keenan's neighbour, Mr Tom Taft, by the Environment Court for the discharge of untreated dairy effluent. Mr Keenan stated that the local community feel that Mr Taft's fine was bordering on the extreme. Mr Keenan gave a detailed description of Mr Taft's effluent system and spoke of the amount of rainfall the Kowhitirangi area receives annually. Mr Keenan stated that the heavy rainfall helps to mitigate the problem with effluent in the waterways. Mr Keenan spoke of the problems encountered with Canadian Geese and the pollution he feels they cause to the waterways. Mr Keenan stated that Didymo is now having a big environmental impact on waterways and he feels it is likely that it was introduced by the fishing fraternity. Mr Keenan stated the gorse covered river islands leach Nitrogen into waterways and may be more problematic than intensive dairy farms. Mr Keenan spoke of the problems tourists are causing by travelling in un-serviced vans. He stated that highway laybys are now resembling outside toilets, he feels this could be linked to the spread of E Coli and Giardia. Mr Keenan spoke of the fines imposed on OceanaGold and Pike River Coal Ltd he feels that they should have been proportioned on the same ratio as Mr Taft's fine. Mr Keenan spoke of other environmental concerns such as leaching of toxic sludge at Ruatapu and the Westland District Council Dumpsite. Mr Keenan stated that farm effluent is grass that has gone through the stomach of a cow and stated that it is organic. Mr Keenan stated that people come from all over the world to fish the creeks in his area. He spoke of the improvements made to the dairy industry with the fencing of riparian strips and the bridges for stock to cross. He stated that effluent systems have been greatly improved over the years. Mr Keenan requested that dairying be treated the same as every other industry or organisation. Mr Keenan is not happy about farmers being sent to the Environment Court in the first instance. He would like everyone to be treated evenly.

Mr Monk addressed the meeting and stated that he supports Mr Keenan. He thanked Council for hearing him. Mr Monk stated that if there is a problem with the way a farmer is operating then he

would like Council staff to meet with the farm owner on the spot and not talk to workers. Mr Monk stated that his run off receives 200 inches of rain a year and this is very hard to manage. He remains concerned with the fact that the Environment Court imposed such a large fine on Mr Taft. He drew attention to farm workers in South Westland who were given community service for their offences because they have no money to pay a fine.

Cr Ewen thanked Mr Keenan and Mr Monk for their presentation and stated that this Council does take an evenhanded approach to these matters. Cr Ewen reminded the meeting that the RMA is about affects and whether they are positive or adverse this Council has to address them. Cr Ewen stated if Council defaulted on its role then Council's function could be passed onto an Environmental Agency and if this were to happen, one chance would be given and that would be it. Cr Ewen reminded everyone present that the RMA has been in place for 20 years and the parties who have the privilege of utilising land, and have consents to do so, have an obligation to abide by those consents. Cr Ewen stated that once a case goes to Court then it is out of Council's hands.

Cr Birchfield stated that he does not like the way Council is going with prosecutions, he feels farmers are not being given a fair go, but he is in the minority and he agrees with Mr Keenan and Mr Monk.

C. Ingle reminded Councillors that during a presentation standing orders do not allow Councillors to express their opinions, just to ask a question of clarification. Cr Archer thanked Mr Keenan and Mr Monk for their presentations and stated that he takes on board their comments about fairness. Cr Archer asked Mr Keenan and Mr Monk if the performance objectives in the regional plans are unrealistic or should be changed as these are what are currently used as benchmarks. Mr Keenan responded that he has not had the chance to study these but he feels that some dairy farmers would have better effluent systems in place than a lot of residential townships in New Zealand. Mr Keenan stated that due to the high rainfall there is no way of avoiding some effluent entering water. Mr Keenan wants the same latitude afforded to farmers that is afforded to other industries. He would like the Environment Court to be the last call on the map and not the first cab off the rank when it comes to solving these problems, he would like the Council to solve these problems first up and as the last resort, go to the Environment Court. Cr Scarlett stated that the Council's position is firstly, let's get it right, secondly a fine is imposed, thirdly an abatement notice is issued, fourthly it is prosecution and this is the situation in this Council. Cr Scarlett stated that we try to be conciliatory and try to get things right but Council has a statutory obligation to take things further if it isn't put right.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Ewen reported that he and Cr Scarlett attended the Regional Land Transport Committee meeting earlier this month. Cr Ewen reported that three tenders were let during the month for minor work and reinstatement work. The evaluation process for the tenders for Greymouth Floodwall Upgrade was completed earlier this month. Cr Ewen advised that five tenders were shortlisted and the successful tender will be announced next Tuesday. Cr Ewen reported that he dealt with inquiries regarding gravel extraction at Blaketown and the Cobden floodwall and the Cobden outlet.

Moved (Ewen / Davidson) *that the Council receive this report.*

Carried

5. REPORTS

5.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

5.1.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

S. Moran spoke to his report advising that he has been busy working on his evidence for Wetlands Variation 1. Evidence in chief has been exchanged and he is currently working on rebuttal evidence. The hearing is due to start next Monday.

S. Moran provided an update on the Plan Merge, he advised a decision on the notification will be brought to the February Council meeting.

S. Moran reported that the weather radar remains on track.

S. Moran advised that transport matters were discussed at the recent Regional Land Transport Committee meeting. He offered to email information and maps to Councillors relating to the West Coast State Highway Route Security Studies Updates and the West Coast Passing Opportunities Study Update.

S. Moran reported that contact recreation monitoring programme has been reviewed against the Ministry for the Environment guidelines and as a result some of the sites that have been continually clean now do not need to be monitored anymore. He advised that some new sites have been put in and re-sampling of the good sites will be done again in a few years time. S. Moran offered to answer questions from Council.

Cr Archer asked if there has been any response to the letters that were sent out to the Ministers and DoC regarding the Wetlands hearing and the likely legal costs that might be incurred. Cr Scarlett stated that he has had a letter back from the Associate Minister, Kate Wilkinson, who said that she supports what DoC is doing and that it is their duty to be challenging it. Cr Scarlett stated he received a letter from the Director General of DoC, Mr Al Morrison. Cr Scarlett reported that Mr Morrison gets several things wrong, he thinks the Council is taking DoC to court, he believes that the answer to resolving the issue outside of the court hearing is to get back to the table and reignite the constructive decisions that (allegedly) Council unilaterally withdrew. Cr Scarlett stated that this was a most unsatisfactory letter. Cr Scarlett has been in contact with Hon Chris Auchinvole who is going to see both the Minister and Mr Morrison but the Minister is currently involved with the Copenhagen summit on climate change. Cr Scarlett stated that with the feedback to date it looks as though we are going to court. Cr Scarlett advised that if Council were to be successful in the court hearing then the Conservation Act could change. This would be because DoC have not considered the wellbeing of communities and have looked at it from a very narrow perspective and are saying that it is purely an ecology issue. Cr Scarlett stated the RMA requires us to take into consideration communities and economic considerations as well. He feels DoC is looking at this issue from a very lopsided point of view and Mr Morrison is completely bereft of the facts. Cr Scarlett is very surprised that the Director General could get this so wrong. C. Ingle explained the process from the start and where we are at now, he advised that DoC is acting under their own conservation legislation which says they shall be advocates for conservation. C. Ingle stated that the question is, is being an advocate for conservation going as far as taking someone to court or is being an advocate for conservation just being helpful and providing information and making submissions but not going as far as the Environment Court. C. Ingle suggests this may become a reason for the Government to consider making changes to the Conservation Act to make it clear that their advocacy role does not include taking councils to the Environment Court. C. Ingle stated that he believed that elected Councillors have a mandate to make decisions on behalf of the community and can't see why DoC has the right to overrule this. Cr Ewen clarified that DoC are taking the West Coast Regional Council to court and not the other way around. Cr Scarlett advised that unless DoC gets instruction from the Minister or the Conservator they are not going to withdraw. Cr Ewen stated that Council's decision was based on the fact that wetlands on private property were to be included and Council wishes to protect the rights of private property owners.

Cr Chinn is concerned that when the person at the top of DoC gets is so wrong we need to put him right. Cr Ewen asked that a very concise note be sent to Mr Morrison.

Cr Ewen asked S. Moran if the extra work being undertaken at Lake Brunner is being done out of the existing budget. S. Moran confirmed that it is.

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

Carried

5.1.2 BIOSECURITY ACT REVIEW

C. Ingle spoke to this report. He advised that this is really a pre-warning that changes are to Biosecurity Act are being considered. C. Ingle advised that the Act has been in place since 1993 and there has been very little change to it during this time. The Minister has advised that there are improvements that need to be done to bring it up to the demands that are impacting on it today.

C. Ingle advised that the Biosecurity Act is perhaps our most important piece of legislation second to the RMA. He stated the most relevant part of the Act to this council is the pest management area where we have a Regional Pest Plant Strategy in place. C. Ingle advised that the discussion document states that the Act has a lack of obligation on any particular agency to undertake activities in pest management thus allowing for a situation where no one takes the lead and no decision is made. C. Ingle stated it is possible that government is saying that because we don't have an animal pest management strategy in place for the West Coast nobody is taking the lead on this on the West Coast. He suggests that clarification is sought regarding this issue so that we can assess the impact it could have on this Council. Cr Ewen stated that the varroa outbreak is an example of a poor response and the lack of a good strategy in place to deal with such an outbreak. Cr Ewen would like to see this tightened up to avoid a repeat of this scenario to ensure that the crown takes responsibility where necessary. Cr Archer asked if C. Ingle has an indication of the costs involved to

participate in the review. C. Ingle responded that he has not had time to do a detailed assessment of the review but he feels the costs will not be significant.

Moved (Archer / Birchfield)

1. *That Council receive this report.*
2. *That Council agree to write a short submission to MAF Biosecurity by 23 December 2009, expressing:*
 - a. *Support for the changes to bind the crown as a land owner;*
 - b. *Support the changes to broaden enforcement options; and*
 - c. *Request more information on the implication under bullet point 4 of pest management that pest strategies may become mandatory.*

Carried

5.2 CONSENTS AND COMPLIANCE GROUP

5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

C. Dall reported that the month has gone quickly as he has been busy preparing evidence for the Wetlands hearing. C. Dall reported that one further mediation meeting is to be held before the end of the year between TrustPower and Mr Groome; this is scheduled for the 21st of December. He stated should this fail to resolve the matter then it will proceed to an Environment Court hearing early next year. T. Scott asked C. Dall what is the purpose of diverting Duffers Creek. C. Dall responded that this is in relation to a gold mining operation. Cr Chinn advised that Duffers Creek is cutting in and eroding in this area. C. Dall advised that it is a small section of the creek that is being permanently diverted.

Moved (Scarlett / Birchfield) *that the December 2009 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Carried

5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

C. Dall reported that it is unusual the high proportion of complaints this month were found to be in breach of rules or the RMA with only 31% fully compliant. C. Dall reported that dairy sheds visits to inspect dairy effluent discharges have revealed some non-compliances and compliance staff noted that most related to poor maintenance of the effluent system. C. Dall reported that staff are having ongoing discussion with Westland District Council regarding wastewater treatment systems. C. Dall reported that IPL are continuing to pump the CCA contaminated groundwater to a sump for re-use in the timber treatment process. He advised that approximately 4,400 kgs have been retrieved to date. C. Dall advised that complaints are being received regarding the ongoing gravel extraction at Blaketown Beach. C. Dall stated that Westroads intend to move from the site by the end of this week and will relocate elsewhere until February next year. C. Dall advised that the main issue is the stockpiling of gravel on the beach. Cr Scarlett asked how far from the CMA are they? C. Dall responded that he had not measured it, but he estimated it is about 30 metres. C. Ingle advised that the reason for the 50 metres from the CMA in the Land and Riverbed Plan is to avoid people digging into the shoreline that could cause erosion of the land. A stockpile is building up the shoreline and if anything would be preventing erosion. C. Dall advised Cr Scarlett that in the Council's view the stockpiling of gravel affects are minor at worst.

C. Dall reported that there have been ongoing complaints about water quality in the Ngakawau River. He stated this seems to be a case of where people notice the discolouration of the water, which is an aesthetic affect but the actual impact on the aquatic ecosystem is positive.

C. Dall reported that the Strongman Mine Harrison Ridge Cutback Project has been successfully carried out with the contractor concerning having done a good job. Cr Ewen concurred that this is a big improvement and he is pleased that the moving of the ridge has been avoided.

C. Dall reported that the seven work programmes for mining were processed within the 20 day target.

Moved (Scarlett / Archer)

1. *That the December 2009 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
2. *That Council release the bonds held for Resource Consents RC03204 and RC08052.*

Carried

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Ewen thanked T. Scott for the copy of Makaawhio's Pounamu Management Plan and stated that it was a very interesting and well prepared document.

Cr Ewen wished the meeting well for the Christmas and New Year holiday break.

The meeting closed at 11.28 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
 Prepared by: S. Moran – Planning & Environmental Manager
 Date: 29 January 2010

Subject: **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT**

PLANNING

Coastal Plan Change 2 hearing

The Hearing for submissions on the Coastal Plan Change 2 for permitting clearing blocked river and creek mouths will be held on Wednesday 3rd February, starting at 9am. The Hearing is anticipated to take one day.

CIVIL DEFENCE

Weather Radar

The resource consent application was lodged in mid December 2009 for the weather radar. Target operational date remains April 2011.

RESOURCE SCIENCE

Hydrology/Flood Warning

After a couple of months with no floods, we had a very busy period over December/January with 8 weather events, causing 24 flood events.

We have had some trouble with equipment in Karamea, however the equipment has been replaced and the alarm system re-checked. The repeater on Mt Deelaw, near Haast has also had some technical problems, but has been fixed.

Site	Date	Time of peak	Peak level (mm)	Warning Issued
Haast Rv @ Roaring Billy	09/12/2009	14:30	6069	Repeater down, no warning issued
Whataroa Rv @ SHB	09/12/2009	18:30	4761	N/A
Waiho Rv @ SHB	10/12/2009	00:30	7145	Acknowledged at 00:48, monitored by FDO
Karamea Rv @ Gorge	12/12/2009	07:00	4057	Sensor malfunction, helicopter flight at 11:30
Grey Rv @ Dobson	12/12/2009	13:30	3696	11:30
Waiho Rv @ SHB	14/12/2009	01:15	6811	Not issued due to size of event
Grey Rv @ Dobson	14/12/2009	05:00	3413	05:00
Waiho Rv @ SHB	18/12/2009	22:30	6978	21:35
Grey Rv @ Dobson	27/12/2009	17:15	3433	Not issued due to size of event
Waiho Rv @ SHB	02/01/2010	03:45	7325	04:10
Whataroa Rv @ SHB	02/01/2010	06:00	4771	N/A
Karamea Rv @ Gorge	02/01/2010	14:30	4922	Sensor malfunction, flood event missed
Grey Rv @ Dobson		20:00	3740	Acknowledged at 17:37,

	02/01/2010			monitored by FDO
Waiho Rv @ SHB	03/01/2010	13:45	7823	08:30
Whataroa Rv @ SHB	03/01/2010	14:15	5342	N/A
Hokitika Rv @ Colliers	03/01/2010	15:30	6014	16:30
Buller Rv @ TeKuha	03/01/2010	19:30	7571	Not issued due to size of event
Grey Rv @ Dobson	04/01/2010	03:45	4891	18:30 (3/1/10)
Waiho Rv @ SHB	07/01/2010	07:45	7826	02:30
Whataroa Rv @ SHB	07/01/2010	09:30	4967	N/A
Hokitika Rv @ Colliers	07/01/2010	11:30	6041	Not issued due to size of event
Grey Rv @ Dobson	08/01/2010	02:00	3654	23:37
Whataroa Rv @ SHB	10/01/2010	10:15	4381	N/A
Grey Rv @ Dobson	10/01/2010	22:00	3931	18:35

RECOMMENDATION

That this report is received.

Simon Moran
Planning and Environmental Manger

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
 Prepared by: Colin Dall - Consents & Compliance Manager
 Date: 29 January 2010

Subject: CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**CONSENTS**Consents Site Visits from 25 November 2009 to 27 January 2010

DATE	ACTIVITY, NAME & LOCATION	PURPOSE
9/12/09	RC06052 – GDC, Municipal sewage discharge, Runanga/Dunollie	To discuss the concerns of the submitting parties with the applicant and options to alleviate them.
21/12/09	RC09181 - R & P Adams, Alluvial Gold Mining, Rutherglen	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the proposed operation.
6/01/20	MP41928 – Lyman, Black sand mining, Karamea	To advise the applicant on resource consent requirements for the proposed operation.
15/01/10	RC09053 - Westco Lagan Ltd, Gold Mining, Ruatapu	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the proposed operation.
18/01/10	RC09180 – Westland District Council, Landfill, Kumara	To assess the site in terms of potentially affected parties.
25/01/10	RC10006 – Hilton, Black sand mining, Gillespie Beach	To investigate the mining site.

Non-Notified Resource Consents Granted From 24 November 2009 to 27 January 2010

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	PURPOSE OF CONSENT
RC05085 Colin Thompson Contracting Ltd	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining activities at German Gully within MP 41887. To take and use surface water within MP 41887 for alluvial gold mining activities at German Gully. To discharge sediment-laden water to land in circumstances where it may enter water at German Gully within MP 41887. To discharge sediment-laden water from settling ponds to water at German Gully within MP 41887.
RC08067 West Coast Regional Council	To undertake earthworks associated with quarrying activities at Blackball.
RC08084 Westland District Council	To discharge solid waste to land at the Denis Road Landfill, Haast.
RC09035 Francis Mining Co Ltd	To undertake land disturbance, vegetation removal, and earthworks associated with an opencast coal mine on Mining Permits 41269 and 41685, at or about map reference NZMS 260 L30: 236-930.
RC09036 Artson Farming Ltd	To disturb the bed of the Poerua River associated with channel clearance.

RC09081 NZRC trading as OnTrack	To disturb the bed of Butler Creek and an unnamed creek for the purpose of replacing Rail Bridges 55 and 94, Otira and Arnold Valleys.
	To disturb the riparian margins of Butler Creek and an unnamed creek for the purpose of replacing Rail Bridges 55 and 94, Otira and Arnold Valleys.
	The incidental discharge of sediment to Butler Creek and an unnamed creek for the purpose of replacing Rail Bridges 55 and 94, Otira and Arnold Valleys.
	To undertake the temporary diversion of Butler Creek and an unnamed creek for the purpose of replacing Rail Bridges 55 and 94, Otira and Arnold Valleys.
RC09108 Francis Mining Co Ltd	To undertake land disturbance, vegetation removal, and earthworks associated with an opencast coal mine on Mining Permits 41269 and 41685, at or about map reference NZMS 260 L30: 235-928.
RC09120 Francis Mining Co Ltd	To undertake land disturbance, vegetation removal, and earthworks associated with an opencast coal mine within the area covered by Coal Mining Permit 41269, at or about map reference NZMS 260 L30: 234-934.
	To disturb the riparian margin of Wellman Creek associated with water diversion within the area covered by Coal Mining Permit 41269.
	To undertake disturbance of the wet bed of Wellman Creek associated with water diversion within the area covered by Coal Mining Permit 41269.
	To divert Wellman Creek associated with an opencast coal mine within the area covered by Coal Mining Permit 41269.
RC09126 L & M Petroleum Ltd	To undertake vegetation clearance in Erosion Prone Area One (slope exceeds 12 degrees) and Erosion Prone Area Two (slope exceeds 25 degrees) associated with seismic surveying in the Grey District.
	To undertake vegetation clearance in the riparian margin of waterways associated with seismic surveying in the Grey District.
RC09130 New Zealand Transport Agency	To extend and alter existing stopbanks along the bed of the Waiho River.
RC09140 Perkins Developments Ltd	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining activities at Bell Hill Road.
RC09143 Holcim (New Zealand) Ltd	To discharge contaminants to air from the burning of blended spent activated carbon as a fuel source in the cement kilns, Cape Foulwind.
RC09148 B Fernandez-Rivera	To take and use surface water from an unnamed tributary of the Upper Grey River for hydro electricity generation, Newcombes.
RC09149 NZRC trading as OnTrack	To undertake earthworks on the bed and banks of "Tunnel Stream" associated with the "day-lighting" of Tunnel 19, Midland Line, Kiwi Point.
	To undertake earthworks and vegetation clearance associated with the "day-lighting" of Tunnel 19, Midland Line, Kiwi Point.

	To temporarily and/or permanently divert water in "Tunnel Stream" associated with the "day-lighting" of Tunnel 19, Midland Line, Kiwi Point.
	To temporarily discharge sediment to "Tunnel Stream" associated with the "day-lighting" of Tunnel 19, Midland Line, Kiwi Point.
RC09156 Ferguson Brothers Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Mokihinui River for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC09158 Tru-line Drainage Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of Otira River at its confluence with Goat Creek for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC09159 Bruce McLeod Holdings Ltd	To disturb the bed of the Hokitika River for the purpose of erecting a rock wall. To discharge sediment to water as a result of erecting a rock wall in the bed of the Hokitika River.
RC09160 Raupo Farms Ltd	To discharge dairy effluent to land and water (a tributary of Grey River) near DS480, Totara Flat.
RC09162 Westroads Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Mahitahi River for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC09165 TrustPower Ltd	To undertake earthworks within slopes greater than 25 degrees associated with a tunnel realignment, Big Wainihinihi River. To deposit clean fill on the bed and banks of the Wainihinihi River associated with a tunnel realignment.
RC09167 Granville Mining Ltd	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining activities at Nelson Creek on Section RS 4230. To take and use surface water within MP 52104 for alluvial gold mining activities at Nelson Creek. To discharge sediment-laden water to land in circumstances where it may enter water at Nelson Creek on Section RS 4230.
RC09168 JR Jones	To disturb the dry bed of the Hokitika River at four sites for the purpose of extracting gravel. To disturb the dry bed of the Kokatahi River at two sites for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC09169 'The Wilderness' Inangahua Ltd	To discharge contaminants to land in circumstances where it may enter water associated with the onsite sewage discharge from concert facilities in Inangahua.
RC09172 G C Smith Contracting Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Otira River at the Otira Settlement (Site 1) for the purpose of extracting gravel. To disturb the dry bed of the Otira River at its confluence with Kelly's Stream (Site 2) for the purpose of extracting gravel. To disturb the dry bed of the Otira River at its confluence with Barrack Creek (Site 3) for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC09174 FH & MA Simpson Family Trust	To disturb the bed and banks of the Poerua River for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a stop bank.
RC09176 AT Wedding	To disturb the dry bed of the Mahitahi River for the purpose of extracting gravel.

	To disturb the dry bed of the Arawhata River for the purpose of extracting gravel.
	To disturb the dry bed of the Okuru River for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC09182 MBD Contracting Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Taramakau River for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC09184 Taylors Contracting Company Ltd	To undertake earthworks in the Greymouth Earthworks Control Area associated with the infilling of an old limestone quarry, Omoto.
RC09186 Heney & Whetter	To discharge treated domestic sewage effluent into land at Lot 2 DP 386984, 1976D Arnold Valley Road, Moana from a sewage treatment and disposal system.
RC09187 Tai Poutini Polytechnic	To disturb the dry bed of Devils Creek for the purpose of extracting gravel.
	To disturb the dry bed of Carton Creek for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC10003 New Zealand Transport Agency	To deposit natural material in the CMA, Rapahoe Bluffs.
RC10005 Taylors Contracting Company Ltd	To undertake earthworks associated with depositing fill to land, Omoto Valley.

Changes to Consent Conditions Granted From 25 November 2009 to 27 January 2010

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	PURPOSE OF CONSENT
RC04265 Westside Mining Ltd	To increase the disturbed area associated with gold mining activities at Notown.

Notified & Limited Notified Resource Consents Granted From 25 November 2009 to 27 January 2010

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	PURPOSE OF CONSENT
RC08149 Hydro Developments Ltd	42 consent applications associated with the construction and operation of a hydropower scheme, Stockton Plateau.

Notified Consents Updates

The Consents & Compliance Manager attended a further mediation meeting on 21 December 2009 in relation to the J Groome appeal on the resource consents granted to TrustPower Limited for its proposed Arnold Valley Hydro Power Scheme. It was agreed at the meeting that Mr Groome would not proceed with some aspects of his appeal and that caucusing would take place between Mr Groome's and TrustPower's freshwater ecological experts. Since then, caucusing between the planning experts (including the Consents & Compliance Manager) has also been agreed to, with the caucus meeting scheduled to occur in Christchurch on 3 February.

The Hearing Committee for the consent applications lodged by Hydro Development Limited (HDL) for its proposed hydropower scheme on the Stockton Plateau released its decision on consent applications on 18 January. The Committee granted HDL all the consents it sought and recommended to the Minister of Conservation that she grant the consent required for the installation of the offshore discharge outfall for the scheme. The appeal period closes 10 February.

Public Enquiries

49 written public enquiries were responded to during the reporting period. 32 (65%) were answered on the same day, 11 (22%) the following day, and the remaining 6 (12%) no more than 10 working days later.

RECOMMENDATION

That the February 2010 report of the Consents Group be received.

Colin Dall
Consents & Compliance Manager

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
 Prepared by: Colin Dall – Consents & Compliance Manager and Michael Meehan – Compliance Team Leader
 Date: 29 January 2010
 Subject: **COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

Site Visits

A total of 162 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period, which consisted of:

Activity	Number of Visits	Fully Compliant (%)
Resource consent monitoring	21	81
Dairy shed inspections	90	81
Complaint response	22	68
Mining compliance & bond release	29	66

Specific Issues

Dairy Effluent Discharges: Inspections continued throughout the Region. Council staff found some instances of non-compliance which have been dealt with in accordance with the Council's Enforcement Policy. These non-compliances mostly related to poor maintenance of the effluent system.

Council staff have continued to push the importance of storage for those farms irrigating effluent to land. This has been well received by the majority of farmers and the Council will host an effluent management field day in the Springs Junction/Maruia area in February.

Beach Gravel Extraction – Westroads: Westroads has submitted work programmes for all four of its mining licences for gravel extraction from South Beach to Blaketown.

The work programmes did not include recent beach profile information. The Council will not authorise the extraction of gravel for 2010 until the beach profile information has been submitted and that information shows gravel volumes above the 1994 levels.

Pike River Coal Mine – Pike River Coal: The Company is still testing the mine's coal processing plant to ascertain whether an additional thickener will be required to ensure compliance with the consent limits for the process water discharge to Big River.

Subsidence monitoring is due to begin in-line with the start of the hydro-mining. The Company is installing field equipment for terrestrial surveying and photographing the steep slopes/outcrops. The mine site has also been flown for LiDAR as a baseline study.

Oceana Gold Globe – Progress: The "Year 6 Annual Work Plan" for the mine was submitted and accepted during the last reporting period. Council staff undertook a site visit as part of this process.

It was noted that the Company had improved some aspects of the mine's water management systems, especially at Devils Creek with the installation of a clean water by-pass pipeline. This increases the effectiveness of the Devils Creek sediment dam by allowing sediment-laden mine water to be retained longer, thus providing improved settling/treatment.

The Council received the 2009 "Bond Review and Risk Assessment Report" for the mine, which was prepared by Golder Associates. This report recommended that the bond for the mine be increased for the coming year for the following reasons:

- Increased disturbance area
- Increased backfill volumes for the General Gordon Pits
- A marked increase in estimated costs for walkway re-establishment
- A marked increase in costs in operating the water treatment plant at closure
- A increase in the estimated cost of the Saddle Dam spillway construction
- Increases in closure monitoring costs and the cost of dam safety inspections

Solid Energy (SENZ) Consent and Licence Monitoring:



Stockton Opencast Mine

The Annual Work Programme for the mine was approved by the Council during the last reporting period after a detailed examination of the programme and a visit to the mine to view areas of interest.

A number of interesting sediment control initiatives are currently being tested by SENZ, including the pumping of sediment (sludge) from settling ponds to geo-textile bags in order to de-sludge difficult to reach areas of settling ponds. The sludge is mixed with flocculant and left to settle in the geo-textile bags, with clean water seeping through the bags leaving the sludge contained inside.

SENZ notified the Council late last year of an exceedance of the consent compliance turbidity limit at the Ngakawau River monitoring site relating to the limestone dosing of the Mangatini Stream. This reflects the increase in complaints Council received during the latter part of 2009. Since then, SENZ notified the Council in early January 2010 that the turbidity levels had dropped to within the compliance limits imposed by Resource Consent RC06206.

This issue is likely to be resolved when the limestone dosing is moved upstream of the Mangatini Sump, which is scheduled to occur in March 2010. The Council has requested ecological monitoring results from SENZ in order to determine what, if any, adverse effects were caused by the increase in turbidity. A decision will be made on the most appropriate course of action once this information has been received.

Reefton Sites

A site visit was made to the Reefton coal load-out facility and Burkes Creek coal processing plant. The purpose of the visit was primarily to familiarise Council staff with the operations, and also to ensure there were sufficient mitigation measures in place to limit any contamination of surrounding waterways, particularly the Waitahu and Inangahua Rivers.

Disputes Tribunal Claim – J Cornish-Wright: The Council received notice of a claim lodged with the Disputes Tribunal by J Cornish-Wright relating to the charges that the Council invoiced to her for the monitoring of her whitebait stand consent in the Paringa River. The Consents & Compliance Manager will be defending the claim on behalf of the Council and has provided a statement of evidence to the Disputes Tribunal and Ms Cornish-Wright regarding the claim.

Complaints/Incidents between 27 November 2009 to 27 January 2010

The following 30 complaints/incidents were received during the reporting period:

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome
Whitebaiting	Complaint regarding rubbish left by people whitebaiting in CMA	Totara Lagoon	Rubbish removed by offenders
Waste dumping	Complaint regarding asbestos dumping outside consent conditions	Gladstone	Site visited and dumper advised of resource consent conditions
Coal mining	Several complaints regarding dirty water	Granity	Abatement Notice served
Coal mining	Trigger limit exceeded at S16	Stockton Coal Mine	Result of extreme heavy rain event
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Creek diversion	Complaint that Evans Creek had been diverted into Cowhide Creek	Harihari	Unfounded
River works	Complainant concerned about the works	Totara River, Ross	Warning and directed to cease works
Gold mining	Several complaints regarding alleged dirty water discharge from mine site	Waimea	Tested water and within consent limits

Coal mining	Notification of exceedance of 30-day rolling mean turbidity limit in Ngakawau River	Stockton Coal Mine	Attributed to very heavy rain over holiday period, back within compliance at time of writing this report
Burning	Complaint regarding burning of plastic	Westport	Burner warned and sent follow-up letter
Gold mining	Complaint regarding sediment discharge to waterway	Ahaura	Mine site visited and found to be complying at time of visit
Riverbed disturbance	Complaint regarding works in wetbed	Taramakau River	Works taking place outside bed and riparian margin
Gravel extraction	Complaint regarding gravel extraction on private land	Carters Beach	Compliant with relevant rules
Sediment discharge	Complaint regarding sediment discharge from unknown source	Waimea	Not substantiated
Gold mining	Notification from miner that water is running dirty and he was attempting to rectify problem	Hou Hou Creek	Visit undertaken to assess compliance with consent conditions
Fuel spill	Minor fuel spill reported	Stockton Coal Mine	Contaminated soil taken to dedicated dump site
Gravel extraction	Complaint regarding gravel take impacting on stopbank	Harold Creek, Harihari	Compliant with relevant rules
Water take	Complaint regarding water take affecting waterway	Christmas Creek	Still under investigation
Burning plastic	Complaint regarding burning of plastic covered wire	Runanga	Burner warned and sent follow-up letter
Coal Mining	Complaint regarding dirty water discharge	Granity	Abatement Notice issued
Discharge of oil and grease	Complaint regarding oil and grease discharge from industrial site	Kaiata	Site visit undertaken, no signs of discharge found
Septic tank discharge	Complaint regarding overflow from DoC toilets	Jacksons Bay	DoC engaged contractor to rectify issue
Oil discharge	Complaint regarding oil discharging from mill site	Ruatapu	No oil found in drain
Gravel extraction	Complaint regarding gravel extraction	Charleston	Still under investigation
Spray drift	Complaint regarding spray drift causing die off on neighbouring property	Franz Josef	Still under investigation
Gold mining	Complaint regarding digger working in creek bed	Waimea	Site visit undertaken and found that miner is operating within consent conditions
Gold mining	Complaint regarding dirty water in Hou Hou Creek	Hou Hou Creek	Still under investigation
Stormwater	Complaint regarding storm water being diverted around property	Powerhouse Road	Still under investigation
Dairy factory discharge	Complaint regarding clarity and odour of water in Hokitika River	Hokitika River	Remediation work undertaken
River works	Complaint regarding rock work diverting water and causing erosion	Taramakau River	Still under investigation

Formal Enforcement Action

The following 3 abatement and 2 infringement notices were issued during the reporting period:

Notice	Activity	Location
Abatement	Discharge to land where it may enter water (dairy effluent)	Whataroa
Abatement	Discharge to land where it may enter water (dairy effluent)	Arahura
Abatement	Discharge to land where it may enter water (coal mining)	Granity
Infringement	Discharge to land where it may enter water (dairy effluent)	Whataroa
Infringement	Discharge to land where it may enter water (dairy effluent)	Arahura

MINING**Work Programmes**

The Council received the following 12 work programmes during the reporting period, all of which were processed within the 20-day target, except for the one covering the Westroads licences:

Date	Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location
23/11/09	MP41806,RC03204	Phoenix Mining Ltd	Redjacks
24/11/09	MP41871, RC05067	IL Whyte	Dunganville
4/12/09	MP41164, RC00323	Oceana Gold	Reefton
9/12/09	ML41-453, RC02020	Pike River Coal	Atarau
14/12/09	MP41782, RC04265	Westside Mining Ltd	Notown
15/12/09	MP41-542, RC00023	Heaphy Mining Ltd	Berlins
22/12/09	ML41-818, RC04027	Whyte Gold Ltd	Dunganville
22/12/09	ML50851, RC08067	West Coast Regional Council	Blackball
5/1/10	CML37-058 & 37-162, RC03120	Solid Energy	Terrace, Reefton
5/1/10	CML37-160, RC97011	Solid Energy	Island Block
6/1/10	MP50322, RC07208	B F C Group	Fox Creek
12/1/10	ML323235,323209, 323211 & 323250	Westroads	Blaketown-South Beach

Bonds Received

The following two bonds were received in the reporting period:

Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location	Amount
RC04265	Westside Mining	Notown	\$12,000
RC09167	Granville Mining Ltd	Nelson Creek	\$6,000

Bond Releases

No bonds are recommended for release this reporting period.

OIL SPILL RESPONSE

No spills occurred during the reporting period that required a response from the Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the February 2010 report of the Compliance Group be received.

Colin Dall
Consents & Compliance Manager

COUNCIL MEETING

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that an **ORDINARY MEETING** of the West Coast Regional Council will be held in the Offices of the West Coast Regional Council, 388 Main South Road, Greymouth on **Tuesday, 9 February 2010** commencing on completion of the Resource Management Committee Meeting.

A.R. SCARLETT
CHAIRPERSON

C. INGLE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 8 DECEMBER 2009,
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD,
GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.29 A.M.****PRESENT:**

R. Scarlett (Chairman), P. Ewen, A. Robb, T. Archer, D. Davidson, B. Chinn, A. Birchfield

IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), C. Dall (Consents and Compliance Manager), S. Moran (Planning and Environmental Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), The Media

1. APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no presentation.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (Archer / Birchfield) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 9 November 2009, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

REPORTS:**4.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON ENGINEERING OPERATIONS**

S. Moran took this report as read. He advised that tenders close next Monday for the Greymouth Rating District Upgrade. The evaluation of tenders will be done on Tuesday and S. Moran will email Councillors to update them on progress on Tuesday evening.

Moved (Davidson / Robb) *that the report be received.*

Carried

4.1.2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM THE RATING DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

S. Moran spoke to this report. Cr Ewen advised that the minutes of the Inchbonnie and Taramakau meetings are from 2008.

Moved (Scarlett / Davidson) *that the Council receive and adopt the attached Rating District minutes and endorse all resolutions with the exception of Inchbonnie and Taramakau Rating Districts, which will be brought to the February meeting.*

Carried

5.1 CORPORATE SERVICE MANAGER'S REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to his report noting that it is the four month financial report to the end of October. R. Mallinson reported that investment returns tailed off in October but were still positive for the month and the investment portfolio returned just over \$649,000 for the four month period. R. Mallinson reported that there were negative budget variances in the general rate funded areas of just over \$30,000, one of the contributing factors to this is the costs of the wetlands variation appeals which are now starting to impact. R. Mallinson stated that total costs to date are just over \$47,000 with the hearing still to come.

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

Carried

5.1.1 FOUR MONTH REVIEW 1 JULY 2009 – 31 OCTOBER 2009

R. Mallinson spoke to this report advising that it is important to report to Council on what progress is being made on achieving the objectives as outlined in the LTCCP. R. Mallinson offered to answer questions from Councillors. Cr Ewen stated that the outcome of 124 / 125 consents being processed within 20 working days is very good. Cr Archer stated that this is a very impressive report. Cr Scarlett asked if the target of inspecting whitebait stands is achieved or not. C. Dall responded that this is a two year target. Not all stands have been inspected but all rivers or stands where there have been issues have been inspected. Cr Scarlett asked that for consistency purposes achieved or not achieved be put into the report, he sees this target as not being achieved.

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

Carried

5.1.2 REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

R. Mallinson spoke to this report. He advised that Mr John Mackey from Audit New Zealand is present today. Cr Scarlett advised that following this meeting Mr Mackey will have a private meeting with Councillors and he will answer any questions Councilors may have. R. Mallinson advised that two performance measures have been identified in the Annual Report that require attention from the management team. R. Mallinson advised that Councillors had previously confirmed that they are happy with the approach to Risk Management, however in this instance R. Mallinson stated he is recommending that we do not adopt the Audit New Zealand recommendation.

Moved (Robb / Archer) *that the Audit NZ management report for the year ended 30 June 2009 be received.*

Carried

5.1.3 CABINET DECISIONS REGARDING TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (TAFM) OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

R. Mallinson spoke to this report and asked that it be taken as read. He advised he recently attended a meeting in Christchurch regarding the TAFM decisions. He stated that the sector did well with the lobbying against the proposal for referenda which would have cost this Council \$60,000 every three years.

Cr Birchfield asked if the costs of prosecutions are being itemised somewhere. R. Mallinson reported that the total costs of accrued prosecution costs is \$70,000. R. Mallinson advised that he has a breakdown of prosecution costs relating to specific prosecutions which he will present to the in committee section of today's meeting.

C. Ingle advised that from the information he has received from SOLGM and the Regional Affairs Committee meeting it is felt that this TAFM change is both positive and negative. There are

some issues that have been simplified and some new things that need to be done and it is thought that the administrative burden for councils will be about the same that it is now.

Moved (Davidson / Chinn) *that this report be received.*

Carried

6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to his report. He advised that he and S. Moran met with most of the Grey District Councillors on the 13th of November to explain the design for the floodwall. C. Ingle stated that the Grey District Council is the owner of the floodwall and in accordance with our agreement with Grey District Council they manage the aesthetics, the amenity and the access to the floodwall. West Coast Regional Council's function in relation to the floodwall is to keep the floodwaters out of the town. C. Ingle stated this was a very good informal meeting and Grey District Council had some very useful input into how the floodwall could be made to look nicer and be an asset to the town. C. Ingle advised that the floodwall upgrade is scheduled to commence in January / February and should be completed by May. He stated that there will be some disruptions around Mawhera Quay and other floodwall areas during this time but there are other areas where the floodwall is not being raised and there won't be any disturbance in those areas. C. Ingle advised that S. Moran has arranged for a media article to be placed in The Greymouth Evening Star advising the public of what is happening with the floodwall so that there are no surprises once construction starts.

C. Ingle reported that he attended a meeting with the Ministry of Tourism to progress the cycleway proposal for the West Coast. He has also met with the Ministry of Social Development regarding this matter. C. Ingle stated that the cycleway is a big opportunity for the tourism sector of the West Coast if we can have a cycleway granted. C. Ingle advised he is assisting the district councils with their proposals for the cycleway. Grey District and Westland District Councils are joining forces to form a single cycleway rather than two separate ones. He advised there is a separate proposal for the Buller area which goes from the Lyell to Mokihinui, some of these roadways were formed by miners in the early days. C. Ingle stated he feels positive about the Cycleways because of the natural beauty of our area and the variety of landscapes that people will see off the main roads.

C. Ingle stated that the Wetlands court case is taking up a lot of his time.

C. Ingle drew attention to both Council's and VCS's submissions for the Proposed Tb Strategy for the West Coast. He thanked Cr Robb for his input to this and stated that it is important that the West Coast is treated fairly and not left out in terms of the new strategy.

Moved (Davidson / Chinn) *that this report be received.*

Carried

7.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT (VERBAL)

The Chairman reported that he attended the Regional Land Transport Committee meeting on the 17th of November. Cr Scarlett attended the Regional Affairs Committee, he stated that it was decided that a much more collaborative approach should be taken among regional councils. It was felt that there is a lot of information that regional councils have, in particular for water management and other environmental matters and it was agreed that this information would be pooled for the benefit of not only regional councils but also the rest of New Zealand.

Cr Scarlett spoke of the discussion at the Regional Affairs Committee meeting regarding the role and responsibilities of Local Government in treaty settlements, development and implementation. Cr Scarlett stated that this is borne out of the Tainui settlement from the Waikato, which has the potential to spread right throughout New Zealand, and it was felt that this matter needs to be discussed in committee today.

Cr Scarlett advised that the new proposed AHB Pest Strategy was discussed at the Regional Affairs Committee meeting. He advised the four main points to come out of the meeting were; that local funding is to be spent within each region, the RAC Biosecurity subcommittee and the AHB representatives are to meet on an annual basis to review progress and effectiveness. AHB are to advise funding requirements for the three year long LTCCP period prior to public consultation to ensure council support for the Tb programme. Financial reporting arrangements

will be agreed to meet individual council requirements for example this could agreement to pay the regional funding share monthly, quarterly or biannual progress payments.

Cr Scarlett reported that the Regional Affairs Committee meeting also discussed the matter of regional councils needing to identify more to the general public as a lot of people don't understand what regional councils do. Cr Scarlett feels that the confusion arises because they are not always called regional councils. He gave the example of Horizons and Ecan's names and stated that some kind of branding that relates to the environment and the pooling of information that regional councils hold for the benefit of all of New Zealand would be helpful.

Cr Scarlett stated that he has met with the Chief Executive on various occasions during the reporting period.

Moved (Scarlett / Davidson) *that this report be received.*

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.56 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 9 February 2010
 Prepared by: S. Moran – Planning & Environmental Manager
 Date: 29 January 2010

Subject: **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER MONTHLY
 ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS REPORT**

STAFF

Gary Hilton has resigned to take up a position with Stracon. His responsibilities will be distributed to other staff until a decision about replacement has been taken.

WORKS

- a) **Greymouth Rating District – Upgrade Design**
 Design work has been completed. The successful tenderer for the physical works was MBD Contracting Ltd with a price of \$2,768,000.
- b) **Waitangitona Rating District – Retard Extension**
 The successful tenderer was MBD Contracting Ltd. This work involving 2,700 cubic metres of fill, 1,750 tonnes of rock and 702 tonnes of rubble to extend the bottom retard has been completed at a cost of \$54,183.76. (G.S.T. Exclusive).
- c) **Kowhitirangi Rating District**
 The successful tenderer was Taylors Contracting Co. Ltd. This work involving 250 tonnes of rubble and 500 tonnes of rock to top up existing works has been completed. Final accounts have not been completed to date.
- d) **Vine Creek Rating District**
 The successful tenderer was Taylors Contracting Co. Ltd. This work involving 1,938 tonnes of rubble to top up existing works has been completed at a cost of 10,542.00 (G.S.T. Exclusive).
- e) **Wanganui Rating District**
 The successful tenderer was Henry Adams Contracting Ltd. Emergency capital works have been carried out. This work involving approximately 1,976 tonnes of rock from stockpiles and 1,890 tonnes ex Wanganui Quarry has been completed at a cost of \$51,975.00 (G.S.T. Exclusive).
- f) **Wanganui Rating District**
 The successful tenderer was Henry Adams Contracting Ltd. Emergency capital works have been carried out on the main stopbank structure. This work involving emergency gravel replacement been completed at a cost of \$11,315.00 (G.S.T. Exclusive).
- g) **Wanganui Rating District**
 The successful tenderer was Arnold Contracting Ltd. Emergency capital works have been carried out. This work involving approximately 3,000 tonnes of rock from Whataroa Quarry has been completed. Final accounts have not been completed to date.
- h) **Taramakau Rating District**
 The successful tenderer was Taylors Contracting Ltd. Emergency works have been carried out. This work involving emergency rock repair work involved 2,452 tonnes of rock, 2,325 tonnes of rubble and 1,000 tonnes of stockpiled rock. Final accounts have not been completed to date.
- i) **Lower Waiho Rating District**
 The successful tenderer was Graham Condon Contracting Ltd. Emergency works have been carried out. This work involving the recovery of approximately 1,054 tonnes of rock from existing stockpiles has been completed. Final accounts have not been completed to date.

j) Lower Waiho Rating District

The successful tenderer was MBD Contracting Ltd. Emergency works have been carried out. This work involving the cartage of approximately 1,200 tonnes of stockpiled rock and 400 tonnes of rock for erosion protection placement has been completed. Final accounts have not been completed to date.

k) Raft Creek Rating District

The successful tenderer was Henry Adams Contracting Ltd. This work involving the carting of rubble for bank protection purposes has been carried out. This work involving 705 tonnes of rubble from Camelback Quarry has been completed. The final cost was \$8,460.00 (G.S.T. Exclusive).

l) Raft Creek Rating District

The successful tenderer was John Dimmock Contracting Ltd. This work involving the placing of rubble for bank protection purposes has been carried out. This work involving 705 tonnes of rubble has been completed. A specialised low ground pressure tracked truck was required. The final cost was \$4,905.00 (G.S.T. Exclusive).

m) Kowhitirangi Rating District

This work involving 250 tonnes of heavy rock to top up existing works has been tendered. The successful tenderer was Henry Adams Contracting at a price of \$5,500.00 (G.S.T. Exclusive)

QUARRIES**Quarry Rock Movements For The Period 1 November To 31 December 2009**

Quarry	Rock In Quarry 31/10/09	Rock Used	Rock Quarried	Rock In Quarry 31/12/09
Blackball	904	1468	6000	5436
Camelback	0	0	0	0
Inchbonnie	7320	0	0	7320
Kiwi	1138	0	0	1138
Miedema	0	0	0	0
Okuru	3000	0	0	3000
Taramakau	0	0	0	0
Wanganui	2000	1890	0	0
Whataroa	3500	2622	0	872
Totals	17862	5980	6000	17766

- a) Whataroa Quarry has been "shot" and a stockpile created
 b) Blackball Quarry has been "shot" and a stockpile created

Quarry Work Permitted Since 31 December 2009

Quarry	Contractor	Tonnage Requested	Permit Start	Permit Finish
Camelback	Henry Adams Contracting	500	28-12-09	10-01-10
Inchbonnie	Taylor's Contracting	500	7-01-10	15-01-10
Whataroa	Arnold Contracting	600	9-01-10	24-01-10
Kiwi	G H Foster contracting	1000	12-01-10	12-02-10
Blackball	G H Foster contracting	500	12-01-10	15-01-10
Whataroa	MBD Contracting	T.B.A.	14-01-10	29-01-10

RECOMMENDATION

That this report is received.

Simon Moran
Planning and Environmental Manager

4.1.2

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting
Prepared by: Simon Moran – Planning and Environmental Manager
Date: 25 January 2010

Subject: **MINUTES FROM THE RATING DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS
FOR INCHBONNIE AND TARAKAU RATING DISTRICTS**

Purpose

To address rating district matters from the December meeting.

Background**Inchbonnie and Taramakau Rating Districts**

I attach the minutes from the 2009 round of Rating District Annual Meetings for the Inchbonnie and Taramakau Rating Districts. The minutes of the 2008 meetings for these two rating districts were inadvertently put to the December meeting.

The minutes contain recommendations from the Rating Districts with regard to the level of rating they endorse for 2009/10.

These recommendations will be included in our 2009/10 LTCCP and will be formally set as part of that LTCCP process.

Wanganui Rating District

The rating district put forward the following recommendation "*That the \$30,000 S. Moran is holding goes toward the paying off of the road*". It was explained to the rating district that this money is required for the restoration of the quarry because there is as yet no agreement to develop the quarry further.

My recommendation is that a formal resolution be taken by Council not to adopt the recommendation from the rating district.

RECOMMENDATION

1. *That the minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Inchbonnie and Taramakau Rating Districts be received.*
2. *That the Council does not endorse the following recommendation of the Wanganui Rating District - "That the \$30,000 S. Moran is holding goes toward the paying off of the road".*

Simon Moran
Planning and Environmental Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
INCHBONNIE RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT WARWICK GAULT'S RESIDENCE
ON 12 OCTOBER 2009, COMMENCING AT 10.05 AM.**

PRESENT

W. Gault, J. Keeney, D. Shaffrey, G. Rooney, J. Adams, R. Adams, D. Walton (arrived 10.20)

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
P. Ewen, (Councillor)
S. Moran, W. Moen, T Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

Cr Andrew Robb

W. Gault / D. Shaffrey - Carried

BUSINESS

P. Ewen opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
He introduced himself and the Council staff.

Moved: *"That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Monday 13 October 2008, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

W. Gault / D. Shaffrey - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2009. He advised the account has a current credit balance of approximately \$61,793.26. W. Moen offered to answer questions.

Moved: *"That the financial report for the 2008 / 2009 year be adopted".*

D. Shaffrey / J. Keeney - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009. W. Moen advised that a large amount of expense related to the survey work carried out (\$30,085.00).

W. Moen carried out an inspection with W. Gault and D. Shaffrey on the 10th of August and as a result of this inspection \$54,090.00 worth of projected works were identified. D. Shaffrey noted that \$10,000 has been allowed for aerial spraying this year and last year it was only \$5,000.

W. Moen responded that this is only an estimate and he expects it to be less than \$10,000 as it is to be done by helicopter. This job will be worked in with aerial spraying in the Taramakau Rating District so that a better price can be obtained.

W. Moen advised that \$100,000 from Grey District Council is to go towards the upgrade of the stopbank. S. Moran confirmed that grass seed has been sown on the stopbank.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Works Report covering the 2008 / 2009 financial year be adopted.

2. That the 2009 / 2010 works proposals be approved.

J. Keeney / D. Shaffrey – Carried

RATES 2010 / 2011

W. Moen provided a rough outline of the costs to date for the stopbank. He stated that the original cost was approximately \$400,000 less the \$100,000 that Grey District Council contribution. MBD's quote was for \$147,000 and with fill required and widening of the road the whole job has come to \$181,478.00. Surveying from Chris Coll was costed at \$34,000, this included surveying on J. Keeney's property which was required by Electronet for the re-alignment of a power pole, this cost \$8,000. Culverts and floodgates came to \$43,500 and W. Moen's time to supervise the contract and to let the contract out came to just over \$3,000, vehicle charges were just over \$1000 and resource consent application was \$473. The total is approximately \$272,000.00. W. Moen stated this is a lot less than the \$400,000 that was estimated at the start of the stopbank upgrade. Cr Ewen stated that a good job has been done. Cr Ewen confirmed that 11 contractors tendered for the contract. D. Shaffrey asked what is the interest rate on the loan. S. Moran advised that he thought it might be about 6%.

Discussion ensued regarding the rate strike. W. Moen advised that with proposed works and the previous rate strike of \$40,000 the likely balance at the beginning of the financial year would be approximately \$78,000.00. He recommended a rate strike for the 2010 /2011 of \$40,000.

D. Shaffrey stated that in view of the loan and survey work planned he would like the rates kept lower. W. Moen warned of not having enough funds in the kitty in the event of major works being required. J. Keeney stated that he feels this could be got away with for one year. Discussion took place on the likelihood of a major flood event and the risk of not having enough funds in the kitty.

D. Shaffrey asked if Grey District Council would be likely to contribute in the event of emergency works being carried out. S. Moran advised that although it is not open ended they possibly would.

D. Shaffrey stated that there is also \$20,000 allowed for unforeseen maintenance. S. Moran advised that the top is going to be taken off the quarry and this rock is available for use. He advised that in view of the contractor situation this might be a good opportunity to rip rap part of the stopbank.

S. Moran explained the purpose of the LAPP fund to the meeting, he advised that it is unlikely the Government would pay out their 60% in this area as the usual practice is that they only pay out if the town is affected in the event of a major catastrophe.

Moved: "That the recommended rate strike for the 2010 / 2011 financial year is \$ 20,000 GST Excl."

D. Shaffrey / J. Keeney - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: *"That W. Gault be re-elected as the spokesperson for the Inchbonnie Rating District for the 2009/ 2010 financial year and the committee consists of all members present."*

D. Shaffrey / J. Keeney – Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

W. Moen reported that the cross sections were done this year. These were previously done in August 2006 and it is recommended that they be done every three years. W. Moen advised that the results have revealed that there is a general build up in the area from the Stanley Gooseman bridge downstream to roughly opposite the quarry, there is build up all the way down and there is a depletion in the last section towards the gap. Overall there is a buildup of approximately 93,000 cubic metres of gravel. J. Keeney asked how much gravel was used for the new stopbank; W. Moen confirmed 48,000 cubic metres were used.

S. Moran commented that all parties were very cooperative through the resource consent process for the upgrade of the stopbank and a good job has been achieved.

Cr Ewen spoke of a recent seminar he attended. GNS Scientists were present, they used the alpine fault example with the Inchbonnie area being one of the scenarios. Core samples were obtained from trees in Lake Poerua, which revealed that as recently as 400 – 500 years ago the Taramakau River entered Lake Brunner.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.55 a.m.

Action Point:

- S. Moran to advise people of likely loan repayment costs.

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
TARAMAKAU RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE TARAMAKAU SETTLEMENT SCHOOL
ON MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2009, COMMENCING AT 1.35 PM.**

PRESENT

M. Stewart, A. Stewart, D. Groot, P. Stevenson, S. Langridge

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
P. Ewen, (Councillor)
S. Moran, W. Moen, T Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

J. Stewart, Cr A. Robb

M. Stewart / S. Langridge - Carried

BUSINESS

Cr. Ewen opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
He introduced himself and the Council staff.

Moved: *"That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 18 October 2008, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

M. Stewart / P. Stevenson - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

S. Langridge asked what is happening with NIWA and the flood gauge in place at the William Stewart Bridge. S. Moran advised that the information is downloaded quarterly and is available roughly every five months. S. Moran advised that WCRC is able to relate the levels back to a particular event if a flood is marked out on the gauge at the time and if the date of the event is known. M. Stewart stated that this is useful information. S. Langridge asked if a mark on the piles at a particular time then NIWA should be able to tell how much water is coming through that section at the time. W. Moen suggested that if cross sections are done then the velocity of the water going through could be gauged. S. Moran advised that there is a possibility of putting a staff gauge on but all it would do would give an indication as to how high the river is, more accurate information would be available once NIWA have downloaded the data and processed it. Someone would need to note dates when the river has been high to enable accurate results. S. Langridge asked if the recent floods have been analysed, S. Moran responded that results revealed that both were no more than 20 year flood events. S. Moran advised that the biggest cost involved would be putting the gauge onto the bridge. W. Moen reported that the price for the survey of the stopbank requested at last year's meeting was \$6,5000 + GST. M. Stewart suggested putting this on the back burner for this year in view of money being tight.

W. Moen asked S. Langridge if there has been any development with the quarry. S. Langridge responded that there is plenty of rock around and is mindful that if the quarry is opened up then royalties would need to be increased to cover costs. S. Langridge stated that not all rock needs to come from a quarry, as there is plenty in paddocks.

W. Moen suggested to the meeting that they might want to consider stockpiling rock in case of emergency works. S. Langridge stated that there is already 500 – 600 tonnes dug out. S.

Moran stated that it is more convenient if the rating district buys the rock that way if rock is required for emergency work then it is already bought and paid for by the rating district. S. Langridge confirmed he is happy to stockpile the rock. Discussion ensued as to how much how is stockpiled, it is estimated that there is approximately 2000 tonnes stockpiled for emergency. It was agreed that W. Moen would ascertain how much rock is stockpiled and get back to S. Langridge with the figures and the exact location of the rock. S. Moran suggested that the rating district engage a contractor to stockpile the rock on their behalf. S. Langridge stated that careful consideration would need to be given to the price paid to contractors for stockpiling rock. W. Moen stated that \$2.50 per tonne would be a rough figure to recover rock out of the ground and to stockpile the rock. It was agreed that W. Moen would get prices from contractors for the stockpiling of rock with a view to having 2000 tonne of rock stockpiled behind the hook.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

S. Moran drew attention to the annual quarry fee. He reminded the meeting that the fee from 2007 / 08 was left out of last year's report and that is why there are two fees in this year's report. W. Moen advised that the closing balance is approximately \$4,757.14.

Moved: "That the financial report for the 2008 / 2009 year be adopted".

S. Langridge / M. Stewart – Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the financial minutes.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009. W. Moen advised that he carried out an inspection on 10 August 2009. Projected works for aerial spraying are \$10,000 and \$20,000 has been allowed for unforeseen maintenance. M. Stewart asked W. Moen if a price has been obtained for the aerial spraying. W. Moen advised that a price is not yet to hand but he is hoping to combine this job with Inchbonnie rating district's aerial spraying. Discussion took place on what area is sprayed and who pays for it. It was agreed that M. Stewart would work out the areas to be sprayed and pass this information onto W. Moen. W. Moen will then work out the payment for each individual. M. Stewart stated that he feels there may be the need to put one or two spurs out from Dymac Farms Limited area and also some work at the Hook Groyne. W. Moen stated that he would inspect this area in about a week or so to confirm if this work needs to be carried out. S. Moran advised it would be prudent to add this work to the proposed works report for 2009 / 2010. He advised with the proposed works in the Dymac area then the account could already be in deficit. Discussion took place on the cost of this work.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Works Report covering the 2008 / 2009 financial year be adopted.**
- 2. That the 2009 / 2010 works proposals be approved.**
- 3. That the proposed work at Dymac Farms Limited be included in the 2009 / 2010 works proposals.**

S. Langridge / A. Stewart – Carried

RATES 2010 / 2011

W. Moen stated that with the rates coming in for this year and the works for the coming year this would leave approximately \$36,000 (GST Excl) in the account.

D. Groot asked what is the urgency for the groyne work in the Dymac Farms area. S. Langridge stated that the work that Nelson Cook has carried out on his property has altered the meander pattern of the river and this needs to be sorted out as the river is now cutting in on his property. S. Langridge is concerned that this work further up the river is now affecting this rating district and his property. It was agreed that D. Groot would send a letter to WCRC expressing the rating districts concern with the works carried out further up the river. Discussion took place regarding the cost of the proposed works would have on the rate strike. W. Moen advised that in view of these extra works then the rate strike for the coming year needs to be carefully considered. S. Langridge stated that he feels that the rate strike can stay at \$60,000 as long as everyone is clear that if there is an event then they need to pay up for this. W. Moen stated that in view of the extra work then the account could go into overdraft fairly quickly. M. Stewart stated that this work needs to be timed so that it is completed before next spring's floods.

RECOMMENDATION

"That the rate strike for the 2010 / 2011 financial Year is \$60,000 (GST Excl)."

S. Langridge / M. Stewart – Carried

W. Moen stated that had he have been aware of the extra work required in the Dymac Farm area at the time of writing this report, his recommendation would not have been \$60,000 but close to \$100,000. Cr Ewen stated that Council would not be keen on any rating district having a negative balance and advised that if this happens then an extra meeting for this rating district would be called.

M. Stewart wondered if it would be worthwhile talking to landowners from Inchbonnie to ascertain what is now happening with the river. W. Moen stated the changes in the river might relate to illegal works carried out by new landowners further up the river as these works may have been carried out without a resource consent. S. Moran explained the usual procedure when someone applies for a resource consent and the impact of not applying for consent can have on others. S. Moran advised the meeting that should they see illegal works in their area they need to contact Council as soon as possible in order to avoid damage. W. Moen stated that sometimes an aerial inspection is warranted but this is costly.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It was agreed that all positions would roll over for this year.

Moved: ***"That the committee will comprise of all current ratepayers."***

P. Stevenson / A. Stewart - Carried

Moved: ***"That M. Stewart be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2009 / 2010 financial year."***

P. Stevenson / A. Stewart - Carried

Moved: ***"That S. Langridge be appointed as Deputy Spokesman for the 2009 / 2010 financial year."***

P. Stevenson / A. Stewart - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

W. Moen advised that the cross section work that was carried out in June of this year revealed that there is an overall depletion of 132,00 cubic metres between the top and bottom cross section. There is general erosion at the bottom end of the stopbank and a build up under the access road on the main stopbank and a general build up to the Old Christchurch Road up to the end of the sand.

M. Stewart asked if there have been any prospective buyers visiting council to discuss the rating district; in view of the fact that Dymac Farms Limited is for sale. S. Moran confirmed that a Real Estate Agent had visited him and he provided a copy of the contract to be signed by ratepayers relating to emergency work. S. Moran also emailed the real estate agent information relating to rating districts.

There being no further rating district business to be discussed, the meeting closed at 3.00 pm

Action Point

- W. Moen to ascertain how much rock is stockpiled and get back to S. Langridge with the figures and the exact location of the rock.
- W. Moen to get a price from contractors for the stockpiling of rock.
- S. Moran to investigate staff gauge.

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting
 Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager
 Date: 29 January 2010

1. Financial Report

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009	ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	ACTUAL % ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET
REVENUES				
General Rates	962,555	956,500	50%	1,913,000
Rates Penalties	50,050	37,500	67%	75,000
Investment Income	849,229	387,500	110%	775,000
Regulatory	495,949	514,946	51%	976,191
Planning Processes	47,212	84,675	28%	169,350
Environmental Monitoring	0	0	0%	0
Emergency Management	20,345	25,000	41%	50,000
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	730,311	546,309	67%	1,092,618
Regional % Share Controls	287,368	287,500	50%	575,000
VCS Business Unit	1,434,973	1,868,900	38%	3,737,800
	4,877,992	4,708,830	52%	9,363,959
EXPENDITURE				
Representation	183,538	192,002	48%	384,003
Regulatory Activities	904,026	863,227	54%	1,686,568
Planning Processes	312,133	294,977	53%	589,954
Environmental Monitoring	321,386	368,582	44%	737,163
Emergency Management	56,789	65,806	43%	131,612
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	917,404	2,576,717	18%	5,153,434
Regional % Share Controls	424,333	377,431	56%	754,862
VCS Business Unit	608,568	1,662,718	18%	3,325,436
Portfolio Management	28,304	0		0
	3,756,481	6,401,459	29%	12,763,032
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	1,121,511	-1,692,629		-3,399,073

BREAKDOWN OF SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	Variance Actual V Budgeted YTD	ACTUAL	BUDGET Year to date	ANNUAL BUDGET
Rating Districts	1,703,523	-194,059	-1,897,582	-3,795,164
Quarries	71,398	63,715	-7,683	-15,366
Regional % Share of AHB Programmes	-47,034	-136,965	-89,931	-179,862
Investment Income	433,425	820,925	387,500	775,000
VCS Business Unit	620,223	826,405	206,182	412,364
Other	0	0	0	0
General Rates Funded Activities	32,605	-258,510	-291,115	-596,045
TOTAL	2,814,140	1,121,511	-1,692,629	-3,399,073

Net Contributors to General Rates Funded Surplus (-Deficit)	Actual	Budget ytd	Annual Plan
<u>Net Variance Actual V YTD</u>			
Rates	6,055	956,500	1,913,000
Rates Penalties	12,550	50,050	75,000
Representation	8,464	-183,538	-384,003
Regulatory Activities	-59,796	-408,077	-710,377
Planning Activities	-54,619	-264,921	-420,604
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection (excl.)	68,394	-56,749	-250,286
Environmental Monitoring	47,196	-321,386	-737,163
Emergency Management	4,362	-36,444	-81,612
	32,605	-258,510	-596,045

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION @ 31 DECEMBER 2009

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	@ 31/12/2009	@ 30/06/2009
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	87,223	140,632
Short term Deposit - Westpac	854,884	1,303,942
Accounts Receivable - Rates	337,885	283,982
Accounts Receivable - General Debtors	359,900	728,118
Prepayments	146,303	103,062
Sundry Receivables	223,060	151,989
Stock - explosives	0	0
Stock - VCS	36,145	26,198
Stock - Rock	65,517	49,603
Stock - Office Supplies	14,624	14,625
Accrued Rates Revenue	0	0
Unbilled Revenue	159,420	227,560
	<u>2,284,961</u>	<u>3,029,711</u>
Non Current Assets		
Investments	11,366,926	10,513,944
Fixed Assets	4,008,403	3,780,746
Infrastructural Assets	<u>39,403,646</u>	<u>39,403,646</u>
	<u>54,778,975</u>	<u>53,698,336</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>57,063,936</u>	<u>56,728,047</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Bank OD		0
Accounts Payable	107,662	1,131,601
GST	3,049	83,965
Deposits and Bonds	445,624	403,400
Sundry Payables	310,295	537,318
Accrued Annual Leave, Payroll	219,397	241,840
Other Revenue in Advance	15,000	15,000
Rates Revenue in Advance	<u>523,278</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>1,624,305</u>	<u>2,413,124</u>
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Future Quarry restoration	85,800	85,800
Punakaiki Loan	266,064	283,436
Lower Waiho Loan	23,208	45,294
Office Equipment Leases	<u>104,820</u>	<u>103,878</u>
	<u>479,892</u>	<u>518,408</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>2,104,197</u>	<u>2,931,532</u>
EQUITY		
Ratepayers Equity	20,472,883 }	20,472,883
Prior Year Adjustment	-51,287 }	
Surplus Tsfrd.	1,121,511 }	
Rating District Equity Mvmts	232,107 }	
Rating Districts Equity	2,175,760	2,407,867
Tb Special Rate Balance	-36,374	-36,374
Revaluation	22,807,725	22,714,725
Quarry Account	152,414	152,414
Investment Growth Reserve	<u>8,085,000</u>	<u>8,085,000</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>54,959,739</u>	<u>53,796,515</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>57,063,936</u>	<u>56,728,047</u>

2. Investment Portfolio

PORTFOLIO @ 31 December 2009 Summary & Reconciliation		Cash	Bonds	Australasian Equities	International Equities	Property Equities	Alternative Asset Classes	Total
Portfolio Value @ Start	01 July 2009	2707972	3898343	1128754	1243964	583366	930570	10492968
Net Contributions		-246076	-653000	719985	728952	-118341	-431519	0
Realised Gains/(Losses)		-29580	5546	9201	71490	1765	120940	179363
adj.		104						104
Unrealised Gains/(Losses)		17473	-21172	258687	90539	67110	-59832	352805
Mgmt Fee					-237			-237
Income		88053	139436	43707	6878	21024	34924	334022
Accrued Interest		-51	-13563					-13614
Current Hedges @ 31.12.09				-6172	81	-894	-2475	-9461
Portfolio Value @ End Period	31 December 2009	2537894	3355591	2154161	2141668	554029	592608	11335950
Portfolio performance year to date		2.82%	3.28%	18.84%	11.48%	15.64%	10.40%	8.12%

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Asset Allocation %'s @ 31 December 2009	Benchmarks		Tactical asset allocation range
Cash	22%	25%	10% - 50%
Bonds	30%	25%	10% - 50%
Australasian Equities	19%	15%	0% - 20%
International Equities	19%	15%	0% - 20%
Property Equities	5%	5%	0% - 10%
Alternative Asset Classes	5%	15%	0% - 20%
	100%	100%	

3. General Comment

Total operating expenditure for the six month period to 31 December was \$3.756 million.
Total operating revenues for the same period amounted to \$4.877 million.

The operating surplus for the period amounted to \$1.121 million

The Investment portfolio has shown a return of \$842,000 or 8.12% for the six months to 31 December 2009. This is very encouraging however I expect this to ease back somewhat given the dip in international markets in the latter part of January 2010. The budgeted return for the whole year was \$750,000 or 7.50%.

The Greymouth Floodwall upgrade is now underway. As Council does not own the Floodwall, the upgrade expenditure will appear as "above the line" operating expenditure, rather than capital expenditure.

I estimate that the loan drawdown required from Westpac for the Greymouth Floodwall upgrade project will be in the region of \$2.65 million. Funds arranged to borrow amounted to \$3 million, so there is scope to meet the borrowing requirements of other rating districts such as Inchbonnie and Lower Waiho, which was also envisaged in the LTCCP.

\$800,000 is programmed to be withdrawn from the Investment portfolio on 19 February 2010 representing existing Greymouth Floodwall credit balances. This is in accordance with the LTCCP.

In the general rate funded area, there were net positive budget variances amounting to \$32,605 for the six month period, despite cost pressures resulting from the Wetlands Variation Environment Court hearing and accumulated prosecution costs.

4. Annual Presentation by our Fund Managers Forsyth Barr Ltd

The team from Forsyth Barr Ltd will make their annual presentation to Councillors following the conclusion of the 9 March Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Robert Mallinson
Corporate Services Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting 9 February 2010
Prepared by: Chris Ingle – Chief Executive
Date: 31 January 2010
Subject: **CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT**

Meetings Attended

The meetings I have attended since the 8 December Council meeting include:

- Attended the opening of the Arahura Bridge with the Chairman on 11 December.
- Met with Chris Hickford from DoC on 11 December to discuss matters relating to the Wetlands hearing.
- Met with Mike Slater from DoC on 14 December.
- Hosted the quarterly Mayors and Chair Forum on 14 December.
- Attended the Environment Court Hearing for the Wetlands Court Case on the afternoon of 14 December and over 15th – 17th December at Greymouth Court.
- Attended mediation for Wetlands on 18 January.
- Met with DoC on 26 January to further discuss Wetlands and the Coastal Plan.
- Met to discuss water quality in Lake Brunner on Wednesday 27 January, at Rotomanu Hall.
- Attended Futures Planning forum at Shantytown on 28 January.
- Meeting with District Council CEO's on 4 February to discuss shared services.

National Tb Strategy Submissions

Attached is a letter from the Agriculture Ministry advising that they have received the submissions from the Council that were made late last year.

Wetland Mediation and Progress towards Resolution

Good progress is being made with finalising the wetland chapter and agreeing on the new schedule 2 wetlands. The Heads of Agreement was signed initially by Federated Farmers, Department of Conservation and Solid Energy, and was then signed by myself on behalf of the Council, and finally the other two parties also signed it after a day of mediation and a few minor changes. The Council and the Department are now working on consequential changes to the Plan, and organising a field worker to visit the proposed Schedule 2 wetland areas. The main focus of the fieldwork will be assessing the need for a buffer margin to ensure scheduled wetlands are not inadvertently affected by drainage activities on adjacent land.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

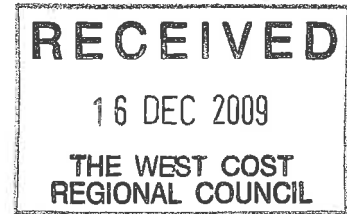
Chris Ingle
Chief Executive

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11 December 2009

Ross Scarlett
Chairman
West Coast Regional Council
P.O. Box 66
GREYMOUTH 7840



Dear Ross Scarlett

Thank you for your submission on the Amendment Proposal prepared by the Animal Health Board for the review of the National Bovine Tuberculosis Pest Management Strategy.

Submissions on the Amendment Proposal have now closed, and the issues raised in submissions are being considered. The Minister of Agriculture, Hon David Carter, will then decide whether a board of inquiry will be needed to inquire into and report on the proposals. His decision will be based on the extent of opposition to the proposal.

If a board of inquiry is appointed, your submission will be forwarded to the board, and you will have the right to be heard on your submission if you wish.

Yours sincerely



p.p. Ian Govey
Senior Policy Analyst
Policy and Risk



THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

To: Chairperson
West Coast Regional Council

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely, -

Agenda Item No. 8.

- 8.1 Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 8 December 2009
- 8.2 Overdue Debtors Report (to be tabled)

Item No.	General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution.
8.			
8.1	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 8 December 2009		Section 48(1)(a) and in particular Section 9 of 2nd Schedule Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.
8.2	Overdue Debtors Report		

I also move that:

- Chris Ingle
- Robert Mallinson
- Simon Moran
- Colin Dall

be permitted to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge on the subject. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed.

The Minutes Clerk also be permitted to remain at the meeting.