

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, 4th September 2012**

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CHAIRPERSON

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

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON 14 AUGUST 2012 AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL,
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

1. MINUTES

Moved (Archer / Robb) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 10 July 2012, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Chinn reported that he has nothing to report this month.

5. REPORTS

5.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

5.1.1 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to his report advising that the final decision on wetlands variation 1 has now been released by the Environment Court. He stated that a teleconference with the Court will be held next week and the next step will be to incorporate the decisions into the Land and Water Plan.

M. Meehan reported that five areas were chosen from seven areas that were recommended to the Ministers of Conservation and Fisheries by the West Coast Marine Protection Forum for Marine Reserves Applications for West Coast sites. M. Meehan advised that the marine reserves applied for are exactly the same location and size as what the Forum recommended except for the Ship Creek reserve which has been reduced at the northern end so it does not overlap with an adjoining proposed mataitai reserve.

Cr Archer asked in view of the amount of interim decisions released on the wetlands variation, now that the final whole decision is to hand, is the whole decision to be incorporated as a single document or will there be a whole lot of interim decisions. M. Meehan responded that staff are in the process of taking all the decisions from the Court through the Land and Water Plan. Cr Archer stated that it would be difficult for the layperson to pick up on a whole raft of interim decisions and try to ascertain just what the

outcome of the Court has been. C. Ingle stated that he feels that it is unlikely that the Court will tidy the process up for us, as the Court will want Council to tidy up the loose ends. C. Ingle advised that the appeals for the Water Plan need to be worked through next week and then Variation 2 needs to also be worked through. C. Ingle advised that careful consideration needs to be given to what the actual "loose ends" are and to make sure they are tidied up, as the wetlands process has been a very long process. He stated that it is important that Council does not stumble at the last hurdle and end up back in Court on some minor technicality. C. Ingle stated that this could take two to three months. Cr Birchfield asked if we now know where and what land has been locked up in the wetlands process. C. Ingle responded that the land area has not been calculated but this could be done. Cr Birchfield stated that this land has effectively been confiscated by the DoC. C. Ingle stated that this land needs to gain resource consent prior to any development taking place and DoC would be an affected party but this is not to say that it would be declined but it needs to go through the process of identifying wetland values and this involves an Ecologist's report at extra cost to the applicant. Cr Birchfield stated that this process locks land up because it makes it too difficult and costly for the owner of the private land to proceed with a resource consent. C. Ingle responded that these were the legal arguments that council presented but other parties put the opposite view and this is where the Court ended up. Cr Chinn asked M. Meehan if private landowners have been informed of wetlands on their properties. M. Meehan responded that staff are now working through this and hope to advise landowners shortly. Cr Chinn asked if a legal challenge is mounted by a private landowner, does this put Council in a difficult position for putting the wetlands into the Plan. C. Ingle responded that the Council did not put the wetlands into the Plan, as the wetlands were put into the Plan by an environment court process and the proposed wetlands were put forward by DoC and the court accepted the reasons for putting the wetlands into the Plan. C. Ingle advised that he is unsure how this would be appealed as the Court accepted the reasons for putting the wetlands in and unless you were party to the court case and then took the appeal to the High Court as council did, then you do not have any rights of appeal. Cr Scarlett queried if there grounds for a legal argument in the High Court. C. Ingle stated that he suspects that a lot of landowners are aware that they have wetlands on their properties and that there would be some rules around what they can do on those wetlands. Cr Birchfield stated that there are no provisions for compensations for these landowners. C. Ingle confirmed this and stated that he and Cr Scarlett visited the Minister regarding compensation for landowners and they did not get a response. Cr Birchfield believes this is confiscation of private property without compensation.

Moved (Davidson / Birchfield) *that this report is received.*

Carried

5.1.2 HYDROLOGY AND FLOOD WARNING UPDATE

M. Meehan spoke to this report advising that there was a recent heavy rainfall event which seriously affected the Buller catchment and triggered flood alarms in the Karamea, Buller and Grey Rivers on the 14th and 15th of July. M. Meehan reported that the Grey River reached 5 metres at Dobson, which required a meeting of the flood committee, but the impact on the Buller River was far greater. M. Meehan reported that the Buller River peaked at 11.48 metres which works out to a one in 18 year return period flood. He reported that the Karamea River peaked at 5 metres. M. Meehan reported that during this event engineering staff flew over the area to gauge where water bodies were sitting and to identify potential flood protection plans for the future. M. Meehan reported that there was a lot of surface flooding in Westport with stormwater systems becoming overloaded. He advised that there were around six properties who reported significant damage but it was very fortunate that the river level did not go any higher and that it was daytime and the peak coincided with low tide. M. Meehan advised that there would be further discussions with Buller District Council about future flood protection works. Cr Archer stated that should the flood event have occurred at high tide there would have been a significantly different outcome for Westport. Cr Archer asked what is the status of the NIWA report on Westport flooding that was done three or four months ago. M. Meehan responded that the NIWA report has been rolled into a document put out by MfE relating to the effects of climate change on small towns. Cr Archer asked if this is a public report. M. Meehan advised that the information from the report is available on MfE's website. M. Meehan stated that he would circulate this information to councillors. M. Meehan stated that there are two other comparable floods around a similar level from the recent flood to the 1971 flood.

Moved (Cummings / Birchfield) *That Council receive this report.*

Carried

5.1.3 REEFTON AIR QUALITY SUMMARY

M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised that since this report was written there have been two more exceedances of the National Environment Standard (NES) for PM₁₀ in Reefton with the total now being 27 exceedances. M. Meehan reported that this is the highest year on record for exceedances with a couple of these exceedances being over double the allowed level. M. Meehan stated that exceedances would continue to be advertised publicly. He stated that generally there are no exceedances after August.

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

Carried

5.1.4 CIVIL DEFENCE & REGIONAL TRANSPORT REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to this report advising that a region wide exercise on pandemic scenario was held on the 19th of July. He advised that this exercise was led by the health sector and was held at the hospital. C. Ingle advised this exercise was a good opportunity to trial the Emergency Management Information System (EMIS) with the development of situation reports. C. Ingle reported that the South Island Exercise will be a major exercise will be held in May next year and will probably be based on the Alpine Fault rupture.

C. Ingle reported that there has been some success with the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Programme – Mingha Bluff to Rough Creek with several changes to the Canterbury programme being made but there still may not be any work done in this area as it is up to NZTA as to where money is spent.

Moved (Archer / Robb) *That Council receive this report.*

Carried

5.1.5 END OF YEAR REPORT FOR THE TOTAL MOBILITY PROGRAMME

C. Ingle spoke to this report. He stated that this is the annual report for the Total Mobility Programme and noted that the results are good. Cr Archer asked if there would be any follow up on the dissatisfaction for this service. C. Ingle responded that this is a confidential survey so there is no way of following up on the three people who are not happy with this service.

Moved (Robb / Scarlett) *That Council receive this report.*

Carried

5.1.6 TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP REPORT ON RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991 PRICIPLES

M. Meehan spoke to this report advising that it is an update on the Technical Advisory Group Report (TAG) to the Minister for the Environment on changes needed to sections 6 and 7 of the RMA 1991 and any potential implications for council. M. Meehan stated that the full report can be viewed at www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/rma. M. Meehan advised that section 6 deals with 'matters of national importance' that must be recognised and provided for and section 7 deals with 'other matters' that particular regard must be had to when carrying out functions under the Act. These sections strongly influence how the RMA's purpose is given effect to through both planning and decision making processes. M. Meehan advised that the terms of reference for the TAG required it to focus on whether sections 6 and 7 could be improved. He stated that parts of these sections need to be modernised, as the RMA is now 20 years old.

M. Meehan stated that the TAG recommend significant changes to sections 6 and 7. M. Meehan advised that a modernised version for section 6 is being sought. M. Meehan stated that TAG has taken a principles based approach to the redrafting of section 6. He advised that TAG consider NPS's and NES's to be more appropriate mechanisms to provide direction for national planning priorities rather than through the statute itself. M. Meehan stated that TAG notes that natural hazard issues are not reflected in either the current section 6 or 7.

M. Meehan advised a review of the Environment Court's role is included in the TAG report. M. Meehan explained key amendments and implications for council in detail. He stated that some of the changes expected could be quite positive especially changes around hearings and appeal and the length of time a plan goes from being notified to being operative which for wetlands, has been around eight years.

Cr Robb asked if plan hearings would also have independent commissioners. M. Meehan confirmed this and advised that a retired Environment Court Judge could be the chair of a hearing and depending on the type of hearing if it was a water plan then a water expert would be in attendance to give confidence to the process. M. Meehan advised that the big advantage would be not having to go to court with appeals. C. Ingle advised that another advantage will be to get the process through quicker so that if there is an issue that council wants to deal with through a change to the Plan it can be done within two or three years rather than eight years to get a final decision through from the court. C. Ingle advised that LGNZ are advocating for the change to the planning process and they are trying to retain a mix of elected members in these panels. C. Ingle and M. Meehan answered various questions from Councillors and clarified various points regarding the hearing processes that are proposed.

Moved (Archer / Robb)

1. *That Council receives this Report;*
2. *That Council continue with the review of the Regional Coastal and Air Quality Plans; and*
3. *That Council delay the review of the Regional Policy Statement until further clarification on whether the recommendations of the TAG Report will be adopted by Government through its Phase Two reform work.*

Carried

C. Ingle advised that he raised that matter of the implications of TAG on small councils who are not well resourced at a recent meeting. He stated that he very much supports what TAG has come up with as it cements in place the regional council way of looking at the world as they are now putting all of the decision making into our Regional Policy Statement. C. Ingle stated that it needs to be recognised that this is a vote of confidence in regional councils. He advised that although he supports the changes a realistic approach needs to be taken with regard to the costs that could be involved. Cr Davidson commented that these changes are to be made over a five year period but he is concerned with how is council going to cope with these costs. C. Ingle responded that most of this is to do with the regional policy statements and that they want areas of significance, biodiversity and habitats identified in the regional policy statements which means that the costs are on council and its ratepayers to pay for those processes. C. Ingle advised that if a new regional policy statement is required then council will need more staff resources. C. Ingle stated although it will cost money the benefits of having a more robust planning document that will have less appeals with save in the long term.

5.1.7 PROPOSED CANTERBURY REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT

M. Meehan spoke to this report advising that notification has been received on the decisions on submissions to the Proposed Canterbury Regional Policy Statement. He advised that Council's submission on seeking an additional method to be added to Chapter 5 – Land use and Infrastructure, to provide a means of working with other regions where cross boundary issues arise. M. Meehan advised that this is primarily for the Mingha Bluff to Rough Creek section of state Highway 73. He advised that our submission has been accepted in part and hopefully this will give more weight to this matter.

Moved (Scarlett / Archer) *That Council receive this report.*

Carried

5.1.8 MARINE OIL SPILL NOTIFICATIONS

M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised that three oil spill notifications were received during the reporting period. He advised that the most major of these oil spills occurred in the Blaketown Lagoon on the 11th of July. M. Meehan reported that at the time of the notification he was in Westport meeting with staff from Grey Port, Westport Harbour and Maritime NZ, he then travelled back to Greymouth with Maritime NZ staff. M. Meehan advised that initially staff were unsure of the amount that they were dealing with. M. Meehan reported that it took a couple days to clean up this area. He stated that the investigation into the spill revealed that it occurred during the early hours of 10 July and between 500 and 1000 litres of diesel were spilt. M. Meehan stated this was a major spill for this area. 350 litres of diesel were recovered.

M. Meehan reported that on the 22nd of July a notification was received from Maritime NZ that the HMNZ Taupo while on routine inspections of foreign fishing vessels had sighted two oil spills 27 nautical miles west of Hokitika. He advised one slick was around 100 metres in diameter and the second slick was 50

metres in diameter. M. Meehan reported that council staff carried out an aerial inspection of this area but could not locate the spill. M. Meehan reported that Maritime NZ was notified and they are now following up with vessels that were in the area at the time.

M. Meehan reported that a cray fishing boat, the Albacore, sunk three nautical miles off the coast of Cascade Point in South Westland. There were approximately 400 litres of diesel involved.

M. Meehan confirmed that the source of the spill in Blaketown was a fishing boat. Cr Archer asked if the Albacore has now sunk or is it a shipping hazard. M. Meehan responded that the Albacore has sunk but Maritime NZ did warn shipping in the area at the time. Cr Scarlett asked if there has been any further results from HMNZ Taupo regarding the oil spill they sighted. M. Meehan responded that he has not heard anything more about this event. Cr Scarlett asked if diesel was released from the Albacore sinking. M. Meehan confirmed that it would have been released but given the local landscape it was quickly dispersed.

Moved (Scarlett / Archer) *That Council receive this report.*

Carried

5.2 CONSENTS AND COMPLIANCE GROUP

5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

J. Adams spoke to his report advising that three Consents site visits were carried out during the reporting period and nine notified consents granted during this time. J. Adams reported that there were eight changes granted to consent conditions and one limited notified consent granted during the reporting period. J. Adams reported that the decisions on the consent applications for TrustPower Ltd's for the operation and maintenance of the Kaniere Forks Hydro Electric Power Scheme and McKay's Creek Hydro Electric Power Scheme have now been released. He advised that the appeal period for these consents closes on the 16th of August. J. Adams reported that the consent applications for Grey District Council's proposed new Wastewater Treatment Plant at Preston Road were publicly notified on 30 of July with submissions closing on the 27th of August. J. Adams reported that evidence was exchanged for the upcoming Environment Court hearing for outstanding matters relating to the appeals on the consents granted to Buller Coal Ltd for its proposed Escarpment Coal Mine.

Cr Davidson declared an interest in RC11083. Cr Chinn declared an interest in RC10223.

Moved (Robb / Archer) *That the August 2012 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Carried

5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

J. Adams spoke to this report and advised that 34 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period with 12 of these visits related to resource consent monitoring, two dairy shed inspections and 20 related to mining compliance and bond release. J. Adams reported that during July Compliance staff undertook the annual dairy inspection flights with the majority of dairy farms on West Coast flown over to check compliance with the regional rules. J. Adams reported that as a result of these flights a number of investigations are being followed up in relation to possible breaches. J. Adams reported that the flight revealed that one of the alluvial gold mining operations was dewatering by pumping sediment into a local water body source which had then become polluted. J. Adams stated that photographs were taken at the time and enforcement action is pending. J. Adams reported that 18 complaints were reported during the month with the vast majority of these complaints being unsubstantiated once checks were carried out. J. Adams advised that one of the complaints related to a gold mining operation that was operating without consent but resource consent has since been obtained. J. Adams reported that two abatement notices were issued during the reporting period, one for Duffers Creek which as the alluvial gold mining operation that was noted during the aerial inspection and second abatement notice was for the unauthorised gold mining operating. He advised the second abatement notice was withdrawn as consent was obtained a few days later. J. Adams reported that three formal warning were issued with one for unauthorised gold mining and two for gravel extraction which were in breach of consent conditions. J. Adams reported that seven work programmes were completed during the reporting period and two have been completed since the writing of his report. J. Adams reported that two bonds were received during the reporting period. Cr Chinn declared an interest in RC10223 in the work programme and in the bonds received.

Moved (Robb / Archer) *That the August 2012 report for the Compliance Group be received.*

Carried

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.43 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting 4 September 2012
Prepared by: Michael Meehan, Planning and Environment Manager
Date: 27 August 2012
Subject: Planning and Environment Manager's Monthly Report

Changes to EEZ and Continental Shelf Bill

The Government has considered submissions and is suggesting further changes to the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Bill. The key changes the Government proposes to make are:

- Amend the purpose of the Bill to incorporate the concept of sustainable management to reflect the Resource Management Act;
- Increase the maximum penalty for companies that breach marine consents from \$600,000 to \$10million;
- Clarify that a transitional period for planned petroleum activities will cover the 2013/2014 drilling season; and
- Provide a maximum statutory timeframe of six months for a marine consent process.

Environment Minister Amy Adams considers the revised penalty for non-compliance will provide significant incentive to comply with the regime when operating in the EEZ. Ms Adams further explained that changing the purpose of the Bill to align with the concept of sustainable management makes it clear that the policy intent is for a similar broad judgment to be applied in the EEZ context.

The proposed changes to the Bill will be put forward in a supplementary order paper during the Bill's Committee of the Whole House stage.

Biodiversity Advice and Condition Fund

Council has been successful in obtaining funding for a 'Biodiversity Co-ordinator' to work with landowners with wetlands identified in the Land and Riverbed Plan, to assist them to obtain funding to protect these areas.

In the same funding round Council also received funding for a small wetland enhancement project at Carew Bay, Lake Brunner. This application was submitted on behalf of the landowner.

Contaminated Land National Environmental Standard (NES)

The NES requires District Councils to undertake more checks and balances to ensure land contamination does not affect human health. This has resulted in an increased work load for all councils, and greater protection of the community. The NES has resulted in more District Council involvement at the front end of sub division processes looking at contaminated land management. West Coast Regional Council met with Grey District Council planning staff to discuss systems around managing sites associated with hazardous substances and some options and strategies were agreed on. If this is successful WCRC will consider a similar approach with the Buller and Westland District Council's.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report is received.

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting 4 September 2012
 Prepared by: Krystal Williams, Resource Science Technician
 Date: 23 August 2012
Subject: REEFTON AIR QUALITY SUMMARY

There have been 27 exceedances of the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Air Quality) Regulations 2004 (NES) for PM₁₀ in Reefton during the period from 1 May to 22 August 2012 (see Figure 1).

The highest 24hr average PM₁₀ so far this winter was 115 micrograms/m³ on 28 June and 5 July.

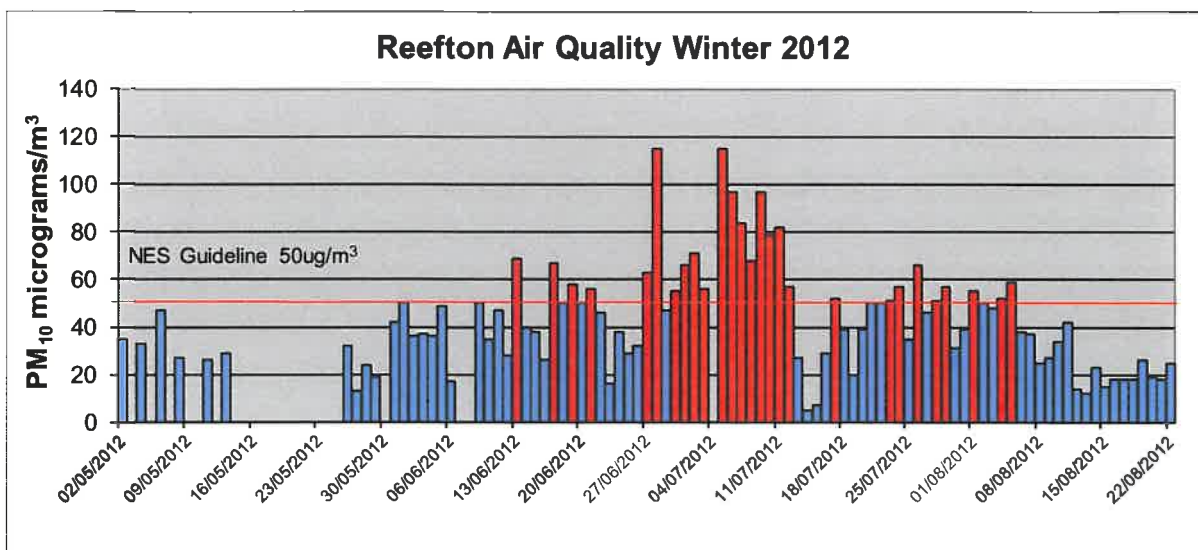


Figure 1. Graph showing daily average PM₁₀ for Reefton Winter 2012 with exceedances of the national guideline in red (NB: missing data due to machine failure).

RECOMMENDATION

That this report is received.

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared For: Resource Management Committee – 4 September 2012
 Prepared By: Michael Meehan - Planning and Environment Manager
 Date: 27 August 2012
 Subject: **Air Quality Plan Review**

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to make recommendations in regard to the review of the Regional Air Quality Plan.

Background

The Regional Air Quality Plan approved 2 July 2002, is currently undergoing its ten year review. A major part of this review is giving effect to the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Air Quality) Regulations 2004 (NES) for PM₁₀.

Reefton Airshed Committee

Input is required from the community at the front end of the plan review process. It is proposed that Council form a Reefton Airshed Committee (RAC). This committee would be tasked with making recommendations to Council in regard to meeting the NES.

It is proposed that Council form an Appointments Committee to control who is represented on the RAC. The RAC will include representatives from the local community, West Coast Regional Council, Buller District Council, the energy industry, and local iwi. The committee would also require staff from the Regional Council as advisors to the committee.

The committee would be tasked with providing recommendations to Council in regard to changes needed to meet the NES. Terms of reference would need to be drafted to guide the committee in regard to scope and timeframes.

Principles Guiding the Drafting of the Air Quality Plan

At the August workshop on Reefton air quality, Councillors were asked to confirm the following principles to use when drafting changes to the plan. These same principles can be used to guide the proposed RAC.

1. The National Environmental Standard for Air Quality has set a limit of 3 PM₁₀ exceedances by 2016 and 1 by 2020; and the Regional Council is legally obliged to take steps they consider to be reasonable to comply with this mandatory government standard.
2. Reefton residents need to be able to warm their homes in winter. Having warm homes is just as important to good health and well being as is having good winter air quality outdoors.
3. During an emergency event involving power outage, residents may need to use 'non compliant' burners to keep warm. This is considered reasonable.
4. Residents need to be given time to change their heating systems, if there is a new capital cost involved. Because Council is offering financing assistance these timeframes do not need to be too long. Proper insulation of homes is considered just as important as an efficient low emission burner.
5. If an individual has recently purchased a new multifuel appliance, they should be entitled to use it for a reasonable time before being required to move towards a MfE compliant wood burner or heat pump.

RECOMMENDATION

1. *That Council receives this Report; and*
2. *That Council form an Appointments Committee, tasked with forming the Reefton Airshed Committee, and confirming the Terms of Reference it will operate under.*

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environmental Manager

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Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
 Prepared by: John Adams - Consents & Compliance Manager
 Date: 24 August 2012

Subject: CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

CONSENTSConsents Site Visits from 1 – 24 August 2012

DATE	NAME, ACTIVITY & LOCATION	PURPOSE
22/08/12	RC12100, DS441 – D & W Kennedy, Discharge dairy effluent, Atarau	To gain a better understanding of the consent application and to select sampling points for monitoring of the discharge.

Non-Notified Resource Consents Granted from 1 – 24 August 2012

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	PURPOSE OF CONSENT
RC05292 Rosco Contractors Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Grey River near Ikamatua for the purpose of gravel extraction.
RC08157 Ahaura Farms Ltd	To discharge dairy effluent from a stand-off pad to land near an unnamed tributary of the Grey River, Ngahere.
RC11121 D Hampton	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining at Goats Terrace, Blackball, within MP41521 and within SECS 4086 4115 4559 II III MAWHERANUI SD. To take and use water for alluvial gold mining activities at Goats Terrace, Blackball, within MP41521 and within SECS 4086 4115 4559 II III MAWHERANUI SD. To discharge sediment-laden water to land in circumstances where it may enter water at Goats Terrace, Blackball, within MP41521 and within SECS 4086 4115 4559 II III MAWHERANUI SD.
RC11238 Gallagher Farms Ltd	To discharge treated dairy effluent to land, groundwater and surface water (an unnamed tributary of the Orowaiti River) near DS775, Westport.
RC12021 Whyte Gold Ltd	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining near Kapitea Creek. To disturb the bed of unnamed tributaries of Kapitea Creek associated with their diversion. To divert water of unnamed tributaries of Kapitea Creek. To take and use water from Kapitea Creek and unnamed tributaries of Kapitea Creek. To discharge sediment-laden water to land in circumstances where it may enter water (Kapitea Creek and unnamed tributaries of Kapitea Creek).

<p>RC12088 Transpower New Zealand Ltd</p>	<p>To disturb the beds of waterbodies associated with the maintenance and replacement of structures, including culverts, power poles and river protection works, as a result of the maintenance of the local electricity transmission network, West Coast Region.</p> <p>To undertake earthworks and vegetation clearance within and outside riparian margins and on sloping land associated with the maintenance of the local electricity transmission network, West Coast Region.</p> <p>To permanently divert water from structures in the bed of various waterbodies associated with the maintenance of the local electricity transmission network, West Coast Region.</p> <p>To discharge herbicide to water associated with a weed control programme for the maintenance of the local electricity transmission network, West Coast Region.</p>
<p>RC12119 B.B.C Excavation Ltd</p>	<p>To disturb the bed of the Waimangaroa River associated with the construction of river protection.</p> <p>To divert flow of the Waimangaroa River.</p>
<p>RC12123 Bonar Farms Ltd</p>	<p>To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining near Lake Ianthe.</p> <p>To take and use water from Allen Creek for alluvial gold mining.</p> <p>To take and use water from an unnamed tributary of Duffers Creek for alluvial gold mining.</p> <p>To discharge sediment-laden water to land where it may enter water (groundwater via seepage) near Lake Ianthe.</p>
<p>RC12124 New Zealand Transport Agency</p>	<p>To disturb the bed of Summit Creek to undertake stream training works.</p> <p>To divert water, Summit Creek.</p> <p>To discharge sediment to water from stream training works, Summit Creek.</p>
<p>RC12126 Leslie Smith</p>	<p>To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining at Mawheraiti.</p> <p>To take and use water from Adamstown Creek for alluvial gold mining.</p> <p>To discharge sediment-laden water to land where it may enter water in Adamstown Creek.</p>
<p>RC12128 Larrys Creek Farms Ltd</p>	<p>To disturb the bed of Larrys Creek associated with the construction of a stopbank.</p> <p>To divert flow of Larrys Creek.</p>
<p>RC12129 Hokitika Airport Ltd</p>	<p>To undertake earthworks (including infilling) at the Hokitika Airport associated with the extension of a runway.</p>
<p>RC12131 TrustPower Ltd</p>	<p>To disturb the bed of Zalas Creek associated with the upgrade of a fish pass (installation of a swale).</p>
<p>RC12132 Buller District Council</p>	<p>To occupy the Coastal Marine Area (CMA) as a result of the placement of rock rip rap for erosion protection, Carters Beach.</p> <p>To construct a structure (rock rip rap) for erosion protection, Carters Beach.</p>

	To disturb the foreshore or seabed by constructing a structure (rock rip rap including deposition of rock) for erosion protection, Carters Beach.
RC12136 Flowery Creek Farms Ltd	To undertake earthworks within 50 metres of the coastal marine area at Arahura associated with the construction and maintenance of a coastal erosion protection bund.
RC12140 Westland District Council	To install river protection (rock rip-rap) on the bed and banks of the Waitangitaona River.
RC12141 Rosco Contractors Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Inangahua River, at Golf Links Road, for the purpose of extracting gravel. To disturb the dry bed of the Inangahua River, at the Oceana Gold Bridge, for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC12147 Mackley Ferguson	To undertake earthworks and vegetation clearance within the Greymouth Earthworks Control Area associated with gravel extraction.

Changes to Consent Conditions Granted from 1 – 24 August 2012

CONSENT NO, HOLDER & LOCATION	PURPOSE OF CHANGE
RC00323[v19] Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Ltd Globe Progress Mine, Reefton	Increase in maximum height of Union Creek South waste rock stack and alteration to monitoring requirements for turbidity in Devils Creek and Progress Creek.
RC06163[v1] Steve Grant Excavating Ltd Blue Spur Road, Hokitika	To allow the use of two flocculants in the treatment of sediment-laden water associated with gold mining activities.
RC06292[v1] D & M Truman Punakaiki	To change conditions relating to the type of septic tank system installed.
RC08180[v2] Grabeth Holdings Ltd Coastal Marine Area, Takutai	To change conditions relating to operating hours and extracting levels relating to a black sand (gold) mining operation.
RC11013[v1] R Belcher North Beach, Westport	To increase the sand extraction area.
RC11230[v1] Humphreys Mining Ltd Fox Creek, Westland	To change consent conditions relating to the bond requirements.
RC12009[v1] A & H Dawson New River	To amend the map referred to in the consent conditions to show the location of the proposed rock.
RC12079[v1] G T Liddell Contracting Ltd Taramakau	To increase the volume of contaminants to be discharged to land.
WS871[v1] GJ & FA Barclay Family Trust Okuru River	To change conditions to allow a temporary walkway structure to be constructed in conjunction with the whitebait stand for the purpose of accessing the whitebait stand.
WS1615[v1] R & D James Little Wanganui River	To change conditions to allow a for a change of design of whitebait structure.

Limited Notified or Notified Resource Consents Granted from 1 – 24 August 2012

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	PURPOSE OF CONSENT
RC11181 Solid Energy New Zealand Ltd	To undertake activities associated with opencast coal mining at Mt William North, Stockton Plateau.
RC12066 Raupo Farms Ltd	To disturb the bed and banks of Hatters Creek to construct a diversion channel. To disturb the bed of Hatters Creek for the purpose of gravel extraction. To divert water through a diversion channel, Hatters Creek.

Notified Consents Updates

The Decision on the consent applications for Solid Energy New Zealand Ltd's application to undertake activities associated with opencast coal mining at Mt William North on the Stockton Plateau was granted on 17 August 2012 by the joint Hearing Committee appointed by the West Coast Regional Council and the Buller District Council.

TrustPower Ltd has lodged an appeal in the Environment Court against the imposition of two of the conditions associated with the recent granting of the consents for the operation and maintenance of the Kaniere Forks Hydro Electric Power Scheme and the operation, enhancement and maintenance of the McKays Creek Hydro Electric Power Scheme, and a submitter has lodged an appeal against the granting of a water take consent.

The High Court has upheld the decision of the Environment Court that in considering applications for resource consents regard cannot be had to the effects on climate change of discharges into the air of greenhouse gases that might arise from the burning of coal.

Public Enquiries

22 written public enquiries were responded to during the reporting period. 20 (91%) were answered on the same day, 1 (4.5%) the following day, and the remaining 1 (4.5%) no more than 10 working days later. 7 LGOIMA requests were responded to, all within the required timeframe.

RECOMMENDATION

That the September 2012 report of the Consents Group be received.

Jackie Adams
Consents & Compliance Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
 Prepared by: Jackie Adams – Consents & Compliance Manager and Martina Armstrong - Compliance Officer.
 Date: 23 August 2012
 Subject: **COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

Site Visits

A total of 36 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period, which consisted of:

Activity	Number of Visits	Fully Compliant (%)
Resource consent monitoring	12	92
Dairy shed inspections	5	20
Mining compliance & bond release	11	55

These totals include 11 visits in response to complaints.

Specific Issues

Dairy Effluent Discharges: Follow up to the annual dairy flights is underway with stand off pads and crop paddocks being the main concern, as some farmers appear to be breaching the permitted activity rules.

Whitebait: Council staff are taking a new approach to marking out whitebait stands. GPS units are being utilised to accurately determine stand locations to ensure consistency throughout future whitebait seasons.

Complaints/Incidents between 1 August 2012 and 22 August 2012

The following 11 complaints/incidents were received during the reporting period:

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome
Works in the riparian margin of a river	Complaint about earthworks being undertaken in a riparian margin.	Te Kinga	Not substantiated by site visit.
Dumping rubbish	Complaint about an unauthorised landfill.	Cape Foulwind	Formal letter of direction to cease any further dumping. Consent required if this is to continue in the future.
Sediment discharge	Complaint about sediment discharge into a creek.	Greymouth	Formal warning issued.
Air discharge	Complaint about a resident burning rubbish.	Hokitika	Site visit carried out. Rules regarding prohibited materials were provided.
Coal mining	Notification of a compliance limit exceedence.	Granity	Enquiries ongoing.
Works in the riparian margin/bed of a river	Complaint received regarding unconsented earthworks in the bed/riparian.	Whataroa	Site visit carried out. Subsequently consent has been applied for and granted.

Coal mining	Coal discharge into the Inangahua River.	Reefton	Enforcement action pending.
Dumping rubbish	Rubbish dumped on cycleway.	Greymouth	Rubbish cleaned up by Council staff.
Sediment discharge	Complaint about sediment discharge in New River.	Marsden	Enquires ongoing.
Drainage	Complaint regarding dried up watercourse.	Westport	Enquires ongoing.
Stockpiling	Complaint regarding stockpiling/disposal of coal in lagoon.	Westport	Enquires ongoing.
Logging	Complaint about harvesting outside of consented area.	Barrytown	Enquires ongoing.

Formal Enforcement Action

The following three infringement notices were issued during the reporting period:

Activity	Location
Work undertaken in bed of a river.	Rotomanu
Unauthorised diversion of a river.	Notown
Unauthorised gold mine discharge.	Notown

One formal warning was also issued for an unauthorised sediment discharge in Greymouth.

MINING

Work Programmes

The Council received the following five work programmes during the last reporting period, with four programmes being processed in the 20 day timeframe. The remaining work programme (shown in italics) requires a site inspection before it can be processed.

Date	Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location
<i>01/08/12</i>	<i>CML37150</i>	<i>Stockton Alliance - SENZ</i>	<i>Stockton Plateau</i>
08/08/12	RC08068	WCRC Inchbonnie Quarry	Inchbonnie
08/08/12	RC08031, RCN99253	WCRC Camelback Quarry	Kowhitirangi
08/08/12	RCN99256	WCRC Okuru Quarry	Haast
15/08/12	RC06163	Steve Grant Excavating	Hokitika

RECOMMENDATION

That the August 2012 report of the Compliance Group be received.

Jackie Adams
Consents & Compliance Manager

COUNCIL MEETING

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that an **ORDINARY MEETING** of the West Coast Regional Council will be held in the Offices of the West Coast Regional Council, 388 Main South Road, Greymouth on **Tuesday, 4th September 2012** commencing on completion of the Resource Management Committee Meeting.

A.R. SCARLETT
CHAIRPERSON

C. INGLE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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3.1

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 14 AUGUST 2012, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.43 A.M.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1. APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (Birchfield / Archer) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 10 July 2012, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

ADDRESS BY MR JOHN MACKEY, DIRECTOR – AUDIT NEW ZEALAND

The Chairman welcomed Mr Mackey to the meeting to speak to the Audit Report. Mr Mackey apologised to Council for being unable to make it to the December 2011 meeting. Mr Mackey reported that Long Term Plan process for this council went smoothly compared to other councils around the country. He commented that Council and staff can take credit for this and our LTP was fit for its purpose. Mr Mackey stated that West Coast Regional Council has more diversity in its revenue streams and is able to get income from the VCS Business Unit and the investment account. Mr Mackey stated that investment account is more volatile and there is risk in trying to maximise return. Mr Mackey commented that it would be good to see the investment return council 7% year on year but this will be a challenge over the next ten years. Mr Mackey noted that it was good to see councillors declaring their interests during the RMC meeting. Mr Mackey stated that Audit NZ has noted that there is not a formal policy and process for handling consents where a council member is involved in the transaction. Mr Mackey stated that Audit NZ is not questioning whether decisions are being made appropriately but they are talking about public perception of transactions where a councillor is an applicant, that they could be seen to receive beneficial or preferential treatment. Cr Scarlett asked Mr Mackey what do other councils do in this situation. Mr Mackey responded that other councils use independent commissioners. C. Ingle advised that he checked council's Delegations Manual and this showed that, for example, if the Greymouth floodwall was being upgraded and council is the applicant then we have independent commissioners making the decisions, but we do not have this element in place where an individual councillor may be making an application. C. Ingle stated that this is always handled in a way that does not create conflict of interest but what Mr Mackey is pointing out is that council does not have a formal policy saying so. C. Ingle stated this is a very minor matter that is easily fixed. Mr Mackey noted that council is currently implementing a new financial and information system. Mr Mackey stated that council is to be commended in relation to credit card expenditure procedures as the prior year recommendations were made and they have now been implemented. Mr Mackey stated that the only issue he has raised is that

council is now assisting people with resource consent applications. Mr Mackey stated that this could be seen as a perceived conflict of interest as others may see the engagement of council staff for this purpose as an advantage to the applicant. Mr Mackey stated that this service would rely on the integrity of staff involved. Mr Mackey suggested that a policy be drafted that shows to people that all consent applications are treated equally. Mr Mackey is not aware of another council that provides this service. Mr Mackey answered various questions from councillors. The Chairman thanked Mr Mackey.

REPORTS:

4.1 ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to this report advising the river and drainage inspections are currently being carried out in preparation for the annual rating district meetings which are due to be held in October. M. Meehan reported that the stopbank upgrade works in the Coal Creek rating district have now been completed. M. Meehan advised that he is very pleased with the work done by Westland Contractors. M. Meehan reported that works have been carried out in the Taramakau, Lower Waiho and Redjacks Creek rating districts. M. Meehan reported that further repair work is required on the seawall at Punakaiki. He advised a source of rock has now been found on private land, which is closer to Punakaiki. M. Meehan reported that work is being done in the Kiwi Quarry and once this work is completed then there should be a good stockpile of rock in this quarry. Cr Chinn asked if the resource consent for work at Whataroa is for work on private property. M. Meehan advised that the consent was for river works on the Whataroa River.

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

Carried

4.2 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to this report advising that this is for the full 12 months until the end of June, which will be then fed into the Annual Report which will be subject to audit in due course. R. Mallinson reported that the surplus is just \$200,000 which is a disappointing result when compared to the budgeted surplus of over \$781, 000. R. Mallinson reported that this result is heavily influenced by the non-performing investment portfolio which yielded less than \$100,000 on an \$11M portfolio. R. Mallinson reported that the invested income from Westpac was \$67,000 on a \$1.5M portfolio. He stated that the total investment returns were only \$165,000 compared to the budgeted return of in excess of \$1M.

R. Mallinson reported that there continues to be a heavy demand for rock from council quarries with the deficit in the quarry area being less than budgeted. R. Mallinson reported that a highlight is another excellent performance for the VCS business unit. Cr Birchfield commented that it is very good to see the VCS business unit performing so well with the outside contracting work paying dividends to the ratepayers. Cr Scarlett commented that with what is happening in the world at the moment it is hard to predict in terms of budgets and what is likely to happen with investment portfolios on a year to year basis. Cr Scarlett stated that Council can be thankful that it has not come out of this with a loss and hopefully council can look forward to better things next year.

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

Carried

4.2.1 12 MONTH REVIEW 1 JULY 2011 – 30 JUNE 2012

R. Mallinson spoke to this report and stated that this report is about actual performance during the same period as the financial report just dealt with.

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

Carried

C. Ingle advised that in terms of resource consent processing we are virtually 100% within the timeframes which is very pleasing. C. Ingle stated that the only area where this is a couple of non-achieved performances is in the planning area but this reflects the fact that this area is running on low resources and in view of the TAG report this may be an area that needs to be resourced up in the future. C. Ingle stated that he feels that staff have achieved wonderful things over the past year.

R. Mallinson spoke to this report advising that this scheme was introduced during the recent Long Term Plan process and the first six applications have now been received for processing. R. Mallinson explained that council would only fund work where there were an EECA grant in place as well. R. Mallinson advised that EECA recently announced substantial reduction in heating grants (as distinct from insulation grants) with heating grants now only available within the Reefton Airshed. R. Mallinson advised that EECA has asked council to extend the Council financing scheme to include heating units without matching EECA grants. R. Mallinson stated that the advantage of the involvement with EECA grants is that they are closely involved in the quality assurance and post implementation audit process. R. Mallinson stated that he is sympathetic to EECA's request to increase our involvement where there is no heating grant from EECA and he is recommending the installation of heat pumps where there is no EECA heating grant in place but he would not recommend financing solid fuel heating units as at the moment council is not that confident about the quality assurance issues that would be involved. Cr Scarlett asked R. Mallinson if this would contribute to council's overall debt in view of government looking at councils and assessing their debt. Cr Scarlett is concerned that some may perceive that debt loading to be quite high even though the debt is secured? R. Mallinson advised that the EECA scheme has been factored into our long term plan and we would be well within what would be considered a reasonable debt level for a council. Cr Archer stated that there seems to be little or no financial risk to council. R. Mallinson agreed with this. C. Ingle advised that when the West Coast Clean Air and Warm Homes Scheme were put into the LTP, heating was part of the offer that EECA made, but the grant for heating was only \$500 unless you are in an affected air shed such as Reefton where you can get up to \$2,000. C. Ingle stated that there would probably not be a lot of demand for new heat pumps outside of Reefton especially now that EECA have withdrawn the heating grants outside of Reefton. C. Ingle advised that he and R. Mallinson met with Henry Nepia from EECA on Friday to discuss criteria for quality control. C. Ingle stated that even though EECA are no longer involved, if council follow the EECA steps this would be the easiest way to make sure the scheme does not fail. C. Ingle outlined the five steps required to Councillors. C. Ingle noted that there is no rule in place to stop people from keeping their old wood burner (outside Reefton). R. Mallinson advised that those who uplift loans this year which start to repay their loans via their rates next year. They will be charged interest on the advance until the next rating year and then the loan is repaid over the next ten years. C. Ingle advised that the highest loan application so far has been for \$10,000 and this was for insulation and a compliant wetback wood burner for a homeowner in Reefton. R. Mallinson advised that administratively, it is a lot more economical for homeowners to take out a loan with council rather than the banks.

Moved (Robb / Cummings)

1. *That Council note the scaling back of the EECA involvement with regard to heating grants and the implications for the Warm West Coast Voluntary Targeted Rate scheme.*
2. *That Council agree to extend its involvement to include heat pumps where there is no EECA heating grant, subject to satisfactory quality assurance processes being put in place.*

Carried

4.2.4 SUBMISSION ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT BILL

C. Ingle spoke to this report advising that he recently emailed this report to councillors.

Moved (Archer / Birchfield) *It is recommended that Council formally adopt the attached submission.*

Carried

4.2.5 BACKGROUND REPORT TO SOUTH ISLAND STRATEGIC ALLIANCE (SISA)

C. Ingle spoke to this report advising this matter is Richard Kempthorne's (Mayor of Tasman District) brainchild in trying to match the political impetus of the North Island alliance which is Bay of Plenty, Waikato, Northland and Auckland regions. C. Ingle advised that the objective is to try and get the South Island councils and particularly the regions talking to each other and lobbying government for benefits such as for R Funding (transport). C. Ingle advised that councils around the South Island have already adopted the Terms of Reference. Cr Scarlett advised that this matter has been well thrashed out with other councils and it is about speaking with one voice and this will be very good for the South Island.

1. *That this report is received.*
 2. *That Council adopt the attached Terms of Reference, and the Chairman be the authorised signatory.*
- Carried*

4.2.6 PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION – REGULATION INQUIRY

C. Ingle spoke to this report. He advised that the Productivity Commission is looking at what local government should be delivering including what should be done by central government and what the split should be. C. Ingle stated that he is yet to draft a submission on this and he is keen to hear councilors views first. Cr Scarlett stated that a small council cannot be carrying out the functions of central government and not be compensated, as times are tough for the financial sector and government. He feels we cannot expect ratepayers to fund this. Cr Archer agrees with Cr Scarlett. Cr Archer stated that there seems to be different interpretations from council to council but generally they are based on different communities needs and interests. He feels this is a healthy process and it should not change. C. Ingle stated that there are a lot of things that this council does well and this should not be overlooked such as resource consent applications that are always processed in a very timely fashion.

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

Carried

6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to his report. He advised that the Shared Services Agreement with Otago Regional Council’s senior procedural specialist in resource consent processing will give us a little more depth in our consents team especially in view of C. Dall’s departure. C. Ingle advised that this would be helpful with notified consent applications and those that are a little more complex. He stated that this is a good example of a shared service with a neighbouring region.

C. Ingle advised that the Local Government Efficiency Taskforce is looking at the Local Government Act and the Long Term Plan process and the role of Audit NZ. C. Ingle stated that this group is coming up with some quite radical ideas and it will be interesting to see what develops in this area. Cr Scarlett stated that the Minister David Carter is keen to connect provinces between industries and council and to allow industry to be able to function well and efficiently for the benefit of the country.

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

Carried

7.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT (VERBAL)

The Chairman reported that he attended the recent LGNZ Annual General Meeting in Dunedin. He advised that the meeting had a metropolitan flavour and there was not a lot in it for the provinces. The Chairman reported that the message from the Minister was that they are onto reform and there is no turning back. Cr Scarlett advised that a committee has been formed for the next annual meeting and he feels this indicates that they are getting ready to make change and to have a broader spread on matters.

Cr Scarlett stated that it has been a reasonably quiet month and he has dealt with the usual constituency matters.

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

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 12.36 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 4 September 2012
 Prepared by: W. Moen – River Engineer and Paulette Birchfield – Engineering Officer
 Date: 23 August 2012
 Subject: **ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT**

RIVER AND DRAINAGE INSPECTIONS

- Ikamatua – D. Butcher – Flood Damage
- Nelson Creek RD – Flood Damage
- Grey River – G. Woodman – Flood Damage
- Wanganui RD – Annual Inspection
- Kowhitirangi RD – Annual Inspection
- Vine Creek RD – Annual Inspection
- Kaniere RD – Annual Inspection
- Southside Hokitika RD – Annual Inspection
- Punakaiki RD – Damage Inspection
- Redjacks Creek RD – Inspection

WORKS COMPLETED & WORKS TENDERED FOR**Redjacks Creek Rating District**

Work involving the placing of 1,548 tonnes of rockwork has been completed by Westland Contractors Ltd. at a cost of \$28,870 (G.S.T. Exclusive)

Taramakau Rating District

Work, involving the placing of 810 tonnes of rock, has been tendered out.

Wanganui Rating District

Work, involving the placing of 710 tonnes of rock, has been tendered out.

Punakaiki Rating District

Work involving the placing of 514 tonnes of rockwork has been completed by MBD Contracting Ltd. at a cost of \$4,112 (G.S.T. Exclusive)

FUTURE WORKS

- Inchbonnie Rating District
- Whataroa Rating District
- Taramakau Rating District
- Franz Josef Rating District
- Wanganui Rating District
- Nelson Creek Rating District
- Lower Waiho Rating District
- Karamea Rating District
- Vine Creek Rating District

QUARRIES**Quarry Work Permitted from 20 August 2012**

Quarry	Contractor	Tonnage Requested	Permit Start	Permit Finish
Kiwi	Westland Contractors Ltd	1,200	19 July	3 August

Approximate rock in quarry as at 20 August 2012 (in tonnes)

Quarry	Rock Available	Emergency Stockpile
Blackball	2,300	
Camelback	2,000	2,000
Inchbonnie	3,000	
Kiwi	4,000	-
Whataroa	500	4,000
Okuru	1,500	-

RECOMMENDATION

That the report is received

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Prepared for: Council Meeting
 Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager
 Date: 27 August 2012

1. Financial Report

As per practice in previous years, there is no financial report for the one month to 31 July 2012. My efforts have been focused on finalising the 2012 Annual Report and Financial Statements.

The Investment portfolios rebounded strongly during July, with the Forsyth Barr Ltd portfolio increasing in value by 1.64% during the month.

2. Investment Portfolio

PORTFOLIO @ 31 July 2012 Summary & Reconciliation	Cash	Bonds	Australasian Equities	International Equities	Property Equities	Alternative Asset Classes	Total	
Portfolio Value @ Start 01 July 2011	\$ 1,746,702	\$ 2,369,104	\$ 2,737,916	\$ 2,365,682	\$ 895,703	\$ 625,146	\$ 10,740,253	
Contributions	-\$ 75,186			\$ 47,031		\$ 27,984	-\$ 171	0
Withdrawals	\$ 171						\$ 171	
Realised Gains/(Losses)	-\$ 64		-\$ 23	\$ 433,902		-\$ 27,984	\$ 405,832	176,223
	-\$ 171						-\$ 171	
Unrealised Gains/(Losses)	\$ 2,669	-\$ 2,653	\$ 105,538	-\$ 502,082	\$ 36,548	\$ 15,382	-\$ 344,597	
Unrealised hedging gains/losses				\$ 38,398		\$ 41,243	\$ 79,641	
Mgmt Fee							\$ -	
Income	\$ 2,017	\$ 10,574	\$ 852	\$ 21,976	\$ 99		\$ 35,518	
Changes Accrued Interest							\$ -	
Portfolio Value @ End Period 31 July 2012	\$ 1,676,139	\$ 2,377,025	\$ 2,844,284	\$ 2,404,907	\$ 932,350	\$ 681,771	\$ 10,916,475	
ytd return for 1 months		0.27%	2.08%	3.88%	-0.34%	4.09%	4.55%	1.64%

Asset Allocation %'s @ 31 July 2012	Benchmarks	Tactical asset allocation range	
Cash	15%	25%	10% - 50%
Bonds	22%	20%	10% - 50%
Australasian Equities	26%	20%	0% - 30%
International Equities	22%	20%	0% - 30%
Property Equities	9%	5%	0% - 10%
Alternative Asset Classes	6%	10%	0% - 10%
	100%	100%	

3. Total Investments.

This includes;

Westpac Catastrophe Fund Portfolio	\$579,585
Westpac General Portfolio	\$899,736
Ministry Economic Development & DOC Bond Deposits	\$31,651
Forsyth Barr Ltd (as per above table)	10,916,475
Total	\$12,427,447

Investment Income includes

Forsyth Barr Ltd (as per above table)	\$176,223
Westpac	\$25,510
Total	\$201,733

4. General Comment

The implementation plan for the new core financial systems proceeds. This has required substantial effort by myself and other Corporate Services staff over the last few months in particular. "Go live" date is scheduled for the first week of October.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Robert Mallinson
 Corporate Services Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting
 Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager
 Date: 27 August 2012
 Subject: **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 30 JUNE 2012**

A copy of the unaudited 2012 Annual Report will be circulated shortly.

The following adjustments occurred to the \$199,832 surplus for 2011/12 reported to the August meeting;

Surplus reported	\$199,832
Less	
Late accrual adjustments	-\$13,681
Adjusted surplus	\$186,151

The team from Audit NZ commenced their final audit work on 3 September.

It is anticipated that the audited Annual Report will be adopted at the 9 October Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the unaudited 2012 Annual Report.

Robert Mallinson
 Corporate Services Manager

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.			
9 – 11	8.1	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 14 August 2012	
	8.2	Overdue Debtors Report (to be tabled)	
12 - 32	8.3	Enforcement Matters	
33 - 137	8.4	Enforcement Matters	
	8.5	Response to Presentation (if any)	
	8.5	In Committee Items to be Released to Media	

Item No.	General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution.
8.			
8.1	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 14 August 2012		Section 48(1)(a) and in particular Section 9 of 2nd Schedule Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.
8.2	Overdue Debtors Report		
8.3	Enforcement Matters		
8.4	Enforcement Matters		
8.5	Response to Presentation (if any)		
	In Committee Items to be Released to Media		

I also move that:

- Chris Ingle
- Robert Mallinson
- Michael Meehan
- Jackie Adams

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

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