

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 MAY 2019, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT:

N. Clementson (Chairman), A. Robb, T. Archer, P. Ewen, P. McDonnell, A. Birchfield, S. Challenger, J. Douglas, F. Tumahai

IN ATTENDANCE:

M. Meehan (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), H. McKay (Consents & Compliance Manager), H. Mills (Planning, Science & Innovation Manager), R. Beal (Operations Director), N. Costley (Strategy & Communications Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), The Media.

1. APOLOGIES

Moved (Archer / Birchfield) *That the apology from F. Tumahai be accepted.*

2. *Carried*

2. MINUTES

Moved (Birchfield / Challenger) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 9 April 2019, be confirmed as correct, with the minor amendment made as requested by Cr McDonnell.*

Carried

Cr McDonnell requested that the word "South" be removed from the third recommendation on page 2 of the minutes.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. PRESENTATION

Mr Mark Davies from the Department of Conservation (DoC) addressed the meeting. M. Davies spoke to his presentation on the planned predator control programme for 2019 for the West Coast. M. Davies answered questions from Councillors. Cr Clementson thanked M. Davies for his presentation.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Clementson reported that he has attended two meetings recently for the MARRS BEACH project. He and Cr Archer also attended the Westport 2100 meeting.

5. REPORTS

5.1 PLANNING AND OPERATIONS GROUP

5.1.1 PLANNING REPORT

H. Mills spoke to his report and advised that the proposal to amalgamate the three Buller Freshwater Management Units (FMU) will save on resources and deliver a better service. He advised that iwi support the proposal, and the NPS allows for this type of flexibility.

H. Mills explained the implementation timeframes for the RPS and Regional Plans.

H. Mills reported that there was one flood event during the reporting period which was on the Hokitika River. He advised a further vandalism and theft occurred at the Orikaka River, with three theft and damage sites in the last six months with the most recent one costing Council \$11,000.

Cr McDonnell asked H. Mills if it is likely that the FMU's for Hokitika and South Westland would be combined in view of the proposed amalgamation of the Buller FMU's. H. Mills responded that because of the land area and the resource management issues it is probably not appropriate for South Westland. He stated that DoC land and travel time for FMU members was considered to be too far.

Cr Archer expressed concern with some the changes to the NPS for Freshwater Management Regional Implementation Strategy. H. Mills provided further clarification and agreed to make the minor corrections as suggested.

H. Mills advised that very good progress has been made by the Marris Beach Working Group with recommendations expected to come to the July Council meeting.

Moved (Archer / Birchfield)

1. *That the report is received.*
2. *That the Resource Management Committee approve the amalgamation of the Buller, Inanaghua and Paparoa Freshwater Management Units (FMUs).*
3. *That the Resource Management Committee approve the updated West Coast Implementation Strategy for the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, subject to minor corrections.*
4. *That the Resource Management Committee confirm Councillor Clementson as the Regional Council's representative for the amalgamated Freshwater Management Unit.*

Carried

5.1.2 CONTACT RECREATION WATER QUALITY SAMPLING UPDATE

H. Mills spoke to this report and advised that sampling for this season is now complete. He confirmed that the sampling site for Hokitika Beach is in front of the Beachfront Hotel. H. Mills advised that there is no obvious source of contamination at this site but high rainfall events could be associated with the higher readings. H. Mills advised that monitoring at this site will continue next season and a careful eye will be kept on the results.

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

Carried

5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

H. McKay spoke to this report and advised that one site visit was carried out, six non-notified resources consents were granted, and two changes to consent conditions, and two limited notified consents were granted during the reporting period. Cr Archer requested that the words "where it may" are added to the purpose of consent to RC-2019-0015.

Moved (Archer / McDonnell) *That the May 2019 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Carried

5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

H. McKay spoke to this report and advised that 59 site visits were carried out during the reporting period. H. McKay reported that there were 20 complaints or incidents were received with 10 resulting in site visits. H. McKay reported that there were eight non-compliances during the reporting period. H. McKay reported that two abatement notices were issued during the reporting period, both relating to dairy effluent, and five infringement notices were issued.

H. McKay reported that 17 work programmes were received with 16 of these approved, three bonds were received and five bonds recommended for release. H. McKay answered questions from Councillors. Cr Birchfield stated that OceanaGold has posted a bond for Blackwater, and this is good to see.

Moved (Archer / Birchfield)

- 1. That the May 2019 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
- 2. That the bonds for RC10061 Iron River Company Limited of \$6,000, RC09030 Crescent Creations Limited of \$30,000, RC98005 Titan Resources Limited of \$24,000, RC01287 GJ Cooper of \$10,000 and RC 12032 GJ Cooper of \$20,000 are released.*

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.23 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date