

Media release

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Franz Josef contracts awarded

The first two contracts for the second stage of floodwall works at Franz Josef have been awarded.

Both contracts are for repair and strengthening of the Rubbish Dump Stopbank, part of the Franz Josef Waiho River Flood Protection Scheme Upgrade (Stage 2 South Bank and North Bank Havill Wall Extension).

WCRC Capital Programme Manager Tom Hopkins says Greymouth-based MBD Contracting has been awarded both contracts. Work is expected to start next week.

“One contract is for repairs to the rock rip-rap on the upriver half of the stopbank, while the other is for constructing rip-rap on the downriver section.

“The work will enable Council to support the community by improving protection for properties on the south bank while decisions are made about future land use on the Waiho Flat.

Tom Hopkins says requests for tenders for the Milton Stopbank and Havill Wall extension works will be on the Government Electronic Tender Service (GETS) over the next two months.

Funding for the works is through the Government’s Regional Infrastructure Fund as announced in August last year. Central government is meeting 60% of the cost (\$6m) with co-investment of the remaining 40% (\$4m) coming through WCRC.

The Franz Josef Joint Committee endorsed the works in November last year, with WCRC approval made in December.

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