

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

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

TUESDAY, 12 AUGUST 2008

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, 12 August 2008**

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 JULY 2008 AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL,
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.35 A.M.****PRESENT:**

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1. APOLOGIES

Moved (Davidson / Ewen) *that the apology from A. Robb be accepted.*

Carried

2. MINUTES

Moved (Archer / Birchfield) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 10 June 2008, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters Arising

Cr Archer asked for clarification that the funding mentioned in S. Moran's report is for waste minimisation. S. Moran confirmed this is correct.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that June has been a quiet month. He fielded various telephone calls relating to council's role with imminent aerial operations of 1080. Enquires relating to the marine forum and exclusion zone for the Hector's dolphins have also been dealt with. The Chairman reported that various people have informed him that they feel consultation is not what it could have been for the marine forum matters.

The Chairman advised that viewed the Punakaiki sea protection wall yesterday as he had received a phone call from a concerned resident following the severe weather event last weekend. He stated that there is some small debris on top of the wall but otherwise it is in good order.

Moved (Ewen / Chinn) *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. He drew attention to the changes to the transport sector. The Bill is expected to be made law in mid July. This will change the functions the regional council has had in the past and changes the Regional Land Transport Committee to the Regional Transport Committee. The new committee will be smaller. S. Moran advised that the representation is two regional councillors, a councillor from each territorial authority and one person from the NZ Transport Agency. There are also six representatives from economic development, safety and personal security, public health, access and mobility, environmental sustainability and cultural interests. S. Moran advised that the full committee makes decisions on strategy; the local authorities and agency make funding decisions. WCRC will be seeking nominations for the six

representatives in July. S. Moran advised that the committee is required to be in place by the 1st of October.

S. Moran reported that the Walking and Cycling Strategy is progressing well. He is hopeful of a final draft of the strategy in the near future.

S. Moran advised there were no flood events during the reporting period.

S. Moran reported that there were a few higher spikes in air quality recordings in Reefton during June. S. Moran advised that Resource Science staff have been assisting Compliance staff with the potential effects of the major land development at Kawhaka Creek. There has been no sediment spikes attributed to this development recorded to date.

S. Moran reported that there is approximately \$5000 of funding available via the Honda Tree Fund. Applications close on 31 July. S. Moran advised that groups who have previously applied have been notified of this opportunity. An advertisement has been placed in the Messenger.

Two Envirolink Research Grants have been secured. S. Moran advised that one is for natural hazards and the smaller grant will be used to gather information from Crown Research Institutes relating to landslides on the West Coast.

The Chairman passed on his congratulations to staff in securing these grants.

Cr Ewen raised the matter of the Institute of Engineers idea of GPS's being used for car users. He voiced his concern with the appropriateness of this legislation for the West Coast in view of the fact that there is no public transport in our region.

Cr Birchfield asked S. Moran if the people of Reefton have been consulted regarding the air quality issue in their town. Cr Archer reported that a meeting has been held with residents and a media release has been circulated via the local Reefton newspaper. S. Moran reported that the Reefton Area School has put together a survey but as yet no feedback has been received. Cr Archer said that the purpose of improving air quality is to make housing warmer and healthier but with less cost. Cr Scarlett drew attention to the National Environmental Standards for air quality and the fact that these are being exceeded. Cr Scarlett spoke of the possibility of funding streams becoming available for improving home energy efficiency. Cr Ewen suggested sending a questionnaire via the WCRC newsletter seeking Reefton resident's opinion on air quality.

Moved (Archer / Birchfield) *that Council receive this report and that Chair and Deputy Chair of the West Coast Regional Council be Council's representatives on the Regional Transport Committee.*

Carried

5.1.2 MINISTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT - PROPOSED NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARD FOR ECOLOGICAL FLOWS AND WATER LEVELS

S. Moran spoke to this report. He advised Council that the staff view on this matter is that it is driven toward east coast conditions dry land and is very similar to the water metering NES that WCRC has previously made a submission on. S. Moran advised that if WCRC or applicants are required to do work in order to be granted an application there will be huge costs involved with no real benefit. Cr Scarlett stated that this is a very good submission. It picks up on the theme that is it designed for the east coast and the exemptions outlined in the submission suggested by staff are appropriate for the west coast. T. Scott asked for a practical example, C. Ingle used the example of the Hokitika Kowhitirangi area where we have a lot of ground water takes mostly consented and also permitted activities. People in this area go through the consenting process, these consents are largely granted because of the abundance of water in this area. When WCRC's water plan was written we did not see the need to have zones identified like Ecan do as there is plentiful water falling here. C. Ingle stated that now that the national standard is in place it seems that Ecan model is being used as the default position. C. Ingle added that we don't received complaints of wells drying up in these catchments. C. Ingle advised that this is about an appropriate level of management for the west coast that has an abundance of water. Cr Ewen stated that what is applicable for Canterbury may in fact be over the top for the West Coast.

Moved (Scarlett / Chinn) *that Council approve the draft submission.*

Carried

5.2 CONSENTS AND COMPLIANCE GROUP

5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

C. Dall spoke to this report. Cr Scarlett declared an interest in RC 08077 on page 15. C. Dall reported that the Trust Power hearing has been adjourned, hopefully for the final time. A decision is expected some time in November or December.

C. Dall provided council with an update of costs outstanding from Powelliphanta Augustus Incorporated Society outlining that this council and Buller District Council are both owed a total of \$12,420. C. Dall stated that the likelihood of payment being made is remote. He outlined various options available to pursue this debt. Considerable discussion ensued with Cr's Scarlett and Archer voicing their wishes that this is carried out in a cost effective manner. Cr Scarlett suggested writing to the court stating that we have not received the monies owed. Cr Ewen stated the Ministry for the Environment has provided funds to this group. C. Dall advised that Mfe confirmed to him that they had provided over \$20K for Environmental Court costs to Powelliphanta Augustus Incorporated. Cr Archer supports the concept of writing to the Ministry to express our concern at these organisations receiving funding to fight court proceedings. Cr Archer stated that in his view the security of costs provisions should be reinstated into the RMA. He feels that we should be putting pressure on MfE and the Department of Internal Affairs to get this underway. R. Mallinson advised that the Order for Examination is a simple process with very low costs involved and does not require legal representation. It was agreed that R. Mallinson would apply for an Order for Examination on Council's behalf.

Moved (Scarlett / Archer)

1. *That the July 2008 report of the Consents Group be received.*
2. *That the Council write to the Environment Court informing them that neither West Coast Regional Council or Buller District Council have received any payment of the costs awarded to them in relation to the Powelliphanta Augustus Incorporated Society Court action.*
3. *That West Coast Regional Council write to the Ministry for the Environment to advise that costs have not been paid and request groups no longer receive grants that simply cost ratepayers unnecessarily. Also to request that the Security for Costs be reinstated into the Resource Management Act.*

Carried

5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

C. Dall spoke to this report noting that 62 site visits have been carried out. Dairy farm visits have been undertaken with a small number of non-compliances. 72% of dairy farms visited were compliant. Cr Davidson asked what is the degree of non-compliance from the remaining 28% of dairy farms. C. Dall advised that the degree is recognised by what type of enforcement action is required. Cr Scarlett clarified that if they are mentioned in the report in terms of enforcement action then they are serious but the rest can therefore be considered as minor. C. Dall confirmed this is correct.

C. Dall advised that ongoing work is taking place with the Arahura Bridge Replacement. Council staff are attending a partnering workshop today.

C. Dall reported that there are issues with one of the discharge sampling sites at the Rapahoe Coal Handling Facility. Staff are following up on this matter.

Fewer complaints than usual have been received during the reporting period.

Cr Birchfield advised that he has inspected the site in Greymouth where a complaint regarding the alleged dumping of asbestos was received. He stated this is a tidy site and that Grey District Council is a high user of this site. C. Dall advised that Council has not found any unauthorised material disposed of at this site. He informed Council that this is a consented site and the issues relate to how the site looks. Cr Birchfield reiterated that it is a work in progress and will be a very nice site once work is complete.

Cr Birchfield expressed his interest in the content of a recent course Council Compliance staff attended. C. Dall agreed to obtain the course content for Cr Birchfield's perusal.

Moved (Scarlett / Davidson)

RECOMMENDATION

That the July 2008 report of the Compliance Group be received.

Carried

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.38 am

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
 Prepared by: S. Moran – Planning & Environmental Manager
 Date: 30 July 2008

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

PLANNINGProposed National Environmental Standard for Water Metering

Staff met with representatives from the Ministry for the Environment on Monday the 4th of August to discuss the implications of this Standard for the West Coast Region.

Proposed National Environmental Standard for Ecological Flows and Water Levels

Staff met with representatives from the Ministry for the Environment on Monday the 4th of August to discuss the implications of this Standard for the West Coast Region.

Proposed National Environmental Standard for On-site Wastewater Systems

The Ministry for the Environment has released a discussion document on a proposed national environmental standard to improve the management and environmental performance of on-site systems used to treat domestic wastewater. The proposal is that owners of properties with on-site wastewater systems in specific locations will be required to hold a current warrant of fitness that confirms their on-site wastewater system is functioning properly and is being maintained to an appropriate standard.

The proposal would authorise regional councils to require that system owners hold a warrant of fitness with inspections to be carried out every three years. The proposal was notified on 19 July, and submissions close on 26 September. Staff will be assessing the implications of the proposed standard for the West Coast, and will report to the September Resource Management Committee meeting.

Community Outcomes Monitoring and Reporting

Staff from the four West Coast Councils are in the process of identifying suitable indicators, collecting information and drafting a joint report on progress towards achieving the Community Outcomes in the Long Term Council Community Plans.

CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (CDEM)Tsunami Workshop

CDEM and Emergency Service representatives from the West Coast attended workshops in Nelson and Christchurch on the latest work undertaken in regards to tsunami planning. The workshop also outlined the draft programme the Ministry is intending for 2008/09. Graham Leonard from Geological & Nuclear Sciences (GNS) went through the evacuation mapping and identification of evacuation routes, with Antoinette Mitchell from Whangarei District Council showing how this had been implemented in Whananaki. The Ministry also took the opportunity to go over the newly prepared Guidelines on Mass Evacuation Planning.

Even though the West Coast is considered to have a low risk to tsunami, this hazard has been added to the Agenda for further consideration by the Co-ordinating Executive Group (CEG) at its next meeting.

CDEM Publication – Get Ready Get Thru

Copies of the Get Ready Get Thru publication went out to all households on the West Coast as an insert in the Messenger on 16 July. The publication provides messages to the community on what to do during different emergencies and general preparedness information. Creation of the publication was paid for through the advertising contained within, and distribution costs were met by the four councils.

RESOURCE SCIENCE

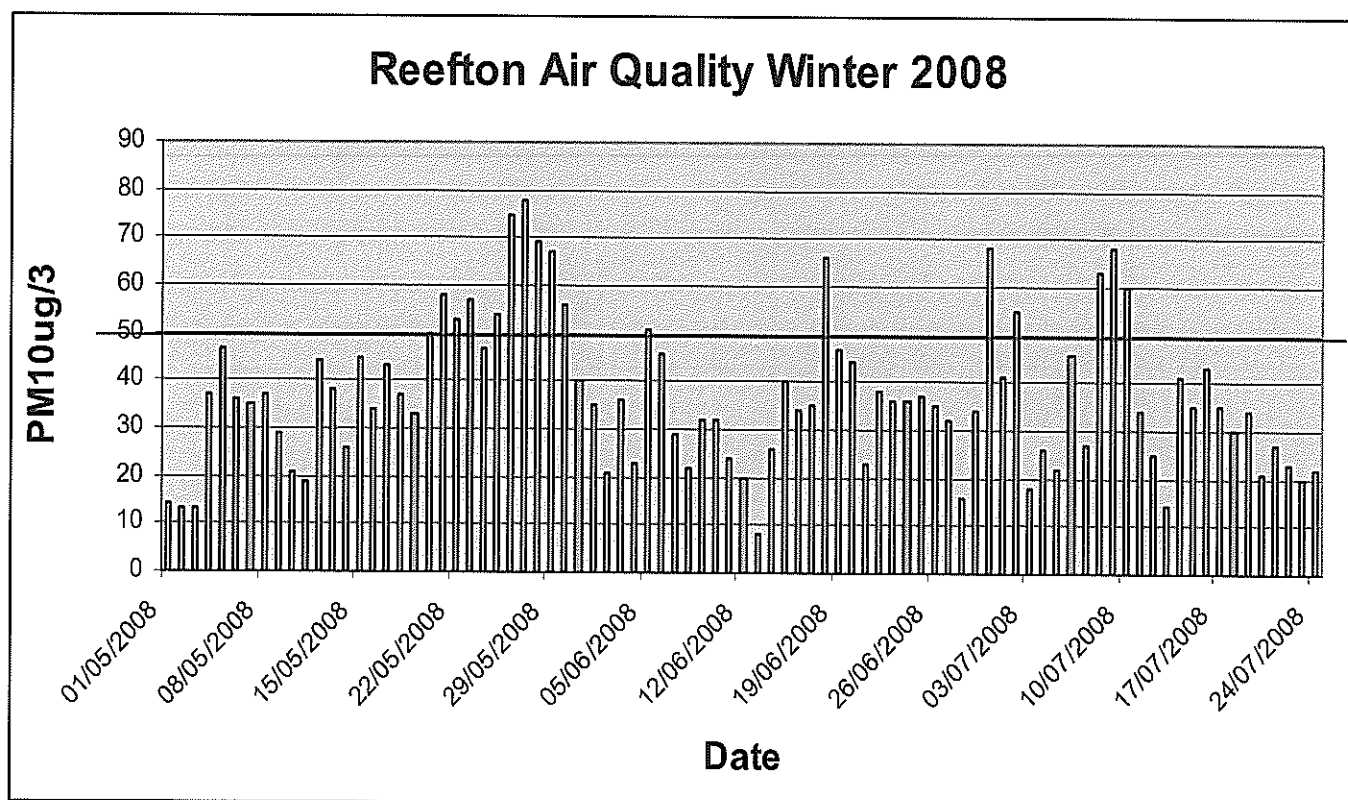
Hydrology/Flood Warning

There was one minor flood event during the reporting period.

Site	Time of peak	Peak level	Warning Issued
Grey Rv @ Dobson	27/6/2008 21:15	3616	14:00

Air Quality

There have been 18 exceedences of the National Environmental Standard for PM10 this winter. The highest recorded exceedence so far is 78ug/m³ for a 24 hour period which was recorded on the 25th of May. Since the last reporting period there have been 5 exceedences.



Water Quality

Science Programme

Staff will be assisting with a Development West Coast Education for Enterprise (E4E) programme to foster an interest in the sciences with West Coast students. This will involve working with Buller and Westland High Schools to involve science students undertaking water quality investigations with mentoring from WCRC staff. The aim is to provide 'real life' exposure to science investigations, and demonstrate potential 'Coast' career pathways for West Coast students.

Lake Brunner

Following on from the project that quantified Lake Brunner tributary nutrients, NIWA has completed another related project on modeling thermal stratification. Stratification is the process where warming in summer creates a warm surface layer (thermocline) that prevents

surface water mixing with deeper water. This thermocline breaks down heading into winter as the surface water cools and the lake can mix. The model created uses meteorological data, daily inflow and outflow data, and lake bathymetry. These are the things that regulate the lakes thermal regime.

The aim of this project was to determine whether such a computer model prediction could be carried out successfully enough to provide the basis for further water quality simulations looking at the impact of land use changes on the lake. There are some difficulties to figure out, but overall the model does a reasonable job at predicting the overall patterns of stratification and mixing, and maximum and minimum temperatures. We will be seeking further Envirolink support to attempt a lake water quality model using information gained from these two completed models.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report is received.

Simon Moran
Planning and Environmental Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
 Prepared by: Nichola Costley – Regional Planner
 Date: 30 July 2008

Subject: **END OF YEAR REPORT FOR THE TOTAL MOBILITY PROGRAMME**

Purpose

To provide Council with the end of year report on passenger satisfaction with the Total Mobility programme.

Total Mobility Passenger Survey

The Regional Council is required by Land Transport New Zealand to submit an end of year report on passenger services. Apart from maintaining a database of passenger services operating in the region the Total Mobility Scheme is the only passenger transport function undertaken by the Regional Council.

As part of the reporting requirements, a Total Mobility Passenger Survey was completed. One hundred survey forms were sent to Total Mobility patrons who had received a new book within the last 6 months. Of this, 68 surveys were returned (68% response rate), and 5 returned due to the patron having moved or for some other unexplained reason.

The following table outlines the quality of the service running in the three districts. Overall the service quality level is at a very good to excellent level. A copy of these results will also be forwarded to the three taxi services.

Table 1: Total Mobility Survey Results (shown in percentages)

	Dreadful	Very Poor	Poor	Good	Very Good	Excellent	DNA*
How do you rate the service overall?				6	32	62	
How do you rate the value you get for the fare you pay?				11	29	60	
How do you rate the availability of total mobility taxis?				15	41	44	
How do you rate the reliability and punctuality of total mobility taxis?			2	15	40	43	
How do you rate your safety and security during the trip?			1	2	30	67	
How do you rate the equipment provided to help you get in and out of the taxi?			1	11	34	44	10
How do you rate the quality and comfort of the taxi?				9	31	60	

* DNA – Did not answer

Total Mobility Users

There were a total of 16,829 total mobility trips undertaken in the 2007/2008 year. This is a relatively large decrease (11%) from the 2006/07-year, which had 18,833 trips undertaken. Total Mobility users currently number 626 permanent users and 1 temporary user. There were 75 new users registered in the 2007/08 year.

Total Mobility Pilot Shuttle Service

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In the 2007/08-year a pilot project was initiated enabling shuttles to provide the Total Mobility service between the West Coast and neighbouring regions. Of the two services that took up the opportunity of providing for Total Mobility users, only West Coast Shuttle had passengers use the service. The offer has been made to all shuttle providers again for the 2008/09 year, however at time of writing, only West Coast Shuttle has signed up to provide this service.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report is received.

Simon Moran
Planning and Environmental Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
 Prepared by: Nichola Costley – Regional Planner
 Date: 1 August 2008

Subject: **REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION**

Purpose

To provide Council with the nominees to be considered for the new West Coast Regional Transport Committee

Appointing The New Regional Transport Committee

As has been reported on to previous Council meetings, the Land Transport Management Amendment Act 2008 (the Act) requires a new Regional Transport Committee (RTC) to be constituted to replace the previous Regional Land Transport Committees (RLTC).

Organisations identified to represent the interests defined in the Act were contacted in July and asked to provide a nominee and a brief précis of the skills they bring as a potential member of the RTC. In some cases more than one organisation was identified e.g. either the West Coast District Health Board or Community and Public Health could meet the interest of public health. Therefore in these cases, organisations identified were asked to consult between each other and forward one nomination on behalf of both, or if a decision could not be made, to send a nomination from each organisation for consideration and final determination by the Regional Council.

The Ministry of Transport had undertaken to provide a Guideline to assist with the appointment of the RTC but at the time of consulting with the relevant organisations this had yet to be developed. The key consideration is that the representative must be able to represent the interests of the wider West Coast community on the new RTC.

The following nominations have been received.

Interest	Nominee	Organisation
Economic development	Warren Gilbertson	Development West Coast
Safety and personal security	Officer in Charge of Strategic Traffic Unit	New Zealand Police
Public health	Cheryl Brunton	Community and Public Health and West Coast District Health Board
Access and mobility	Gloria Hammond Robert Miedema	CCS Disability Action
Environmental sustainability	Jo Macpherson	Department of Conservation
Cultural interests	Terry Scott*	Te Runanga o Ngati Waewae

* This nomination is to be formally confirmed at a meeting 2nd - 3rd August with the appointment to be confirmed early in the week commencing 4 August.

Where there is more than one nominee to represent an interest, the Regional Council is required to select the final representative.

Correspondence received from Land Transport New Zealand has advised that the representative from the new Agency will be the Regional Director responsible for the West Coast. Appointments for these six positions throughout the country are currently underway and while these are finalised, the current LTNZ Partnership Manager will continue to represent the Agency. Transit's previous Regional Manager will attend meetings in a support role.

Section 105(6) of the Act states that regional council must appoint from its representatives the chair and deputy chair of the Committee.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE RTC

The RTC will have three primary responsibilities. These are to prepare for approval for the Regional Council:

1. A regional land transport strategy for the West Coast region, or any variations to the strategy or any reports on the strategy prepared under the Act; and
2. A three-year regional land transport programme for the West Coast region, or any variations to the programme prepared under the Act; and
3. A regional fuel tax scheme for the West Coast region if the Regional Transport Committee decides to recommend a scheme.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

A Terms of Reference (ToR) has been drafted for the new RTC. The ToR sets out the membership of the Committee, voting rights, and the responsibilities of the RTC. A copy of the draft ToR is appended to this report for consideration by Council.

RTC MEETING

The RTC is scheduled to meet on 28 August. Staff from the Ministry of Transport and the New Zealand Transport Agency will both be present to give an update to the RTC on the new Government Policy Statement, update on the New Zealand Transport Strategy, and preparation of the new Regional Land Transport Programmes in the morning, with the RTC meeting commencing after lunch.

Nichola Costley from the Regional Council and Rob Daniel from Westland District Council will attend the next transport officers meeting in Wellington on August 18. This session will cover primarily the development and consultation of the Regional Land Transport Programme. More information will be reported to Council following the meeting on this process.

RECOMMENDATION

1. *That the Council adopt the Terms of Reference for the Regional Transport Committee.*
2. *That the Council consider the nominees and appoint representatives to the new Regional Transport Committee in accordance with Section 105 of The Land Transport Management Amendment Act 2008.*
3. *That the Council confirm the Chair of the RTC as Cr Ross Scarlett, and Deputy Chair as Cr Peter Ewen.*

Simon Moran
Planning and Environmental Manager

**Regional Transport Committee
Draft Terms of Reference**

Membership

The Committee comprises two (2) Regional Councillors:

- Cr R. Scarlett (Chairman)
- Cr P. Ewen (Deputy Chairman)

Plus one (1) Councillor representing each Local Authority:

- Cr D. Barnes Buller District Council
- Cr P. Haddock Grey District Council
- Cr K. Eggeling Westland District Council

Plus one (1) representative from the New Zealand Transport Agency:

- To be named

Plus six (6) appointed members representing the following interests:

- Cultural Interests
- Environmental Sustainability
- Economic Development
- Access and Mobility
- Safety and Personal Security
- Public Health

Terms of Membership

Should any member appointed to represent an outside organisation or group be absent without prior leave from two consecutive meetings of the Committee, that person's appointment is automatically terminated.

Should a vacancy occur in the membership of the Committee, the Secretary shall report this to the next meeting of the Council for determination as to whether or not the nominating organisation or group is to be invited to nominate a replacement.

Members of the Committee representing outside organisations or groups, are expected to regularly report back to their nominating organisation on matters discussed at Committee meetings.

Voting Rights

- 1) Only representatives from the Regional Council, Local Authority, or the New Zealand Transport Agency may vote on the preparation or approval of the regional land transport programme. Persons appointed to represent the above interests have speaking rights only in this process.
 - 2) The Chair has no casting vote.
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Functions

- 1) To prepare for approval by the Regional Council:
 - a) a regional land transport strategy for the West Coast region, or any variations to the strategy, or any reports on the strategy prepared under the Act; and
 - b) a three-year regional land transport programme for the West Coast region, or any variations to the programme prepared under the Act; and
 - c) a regional fuel tax scheme for the West Coast region if the Regional Transport Committee decides to recommend a scheme.
 - d) to provide the regional council with any advice and assistance the regional council may request in relation to its transport responsibilities.
- 2) Adopt a policy that determines significance in respect of variations made to regional land transport programmes and regional land transport strategies.
- 3) To regularly monitor and review progress towards the adoption and implementation of the Regional Land Transport Strategy.
- 4) To regularly monitor the implementation of the Regional Land Transport Programme.
- 5) To monitor and review any regional fuel tax scheme approved for the region.
- 6) To provide advice to Council on transport related issues as requested.

Delegated Authority – Power to Act

- 1) Does have the ability to appoint subcommittees to deal with any matters of responsibility within the Committee's Terms of Reference and areas of responsibility, and to make recommendations to the Committee on such matters and provided the subcommittee shall not have power to act other than by a resolution of the committee with specific limitations where there is urgency or special circumstance.
- 2) Does have the ability to make decisions in accordance with the Terms of Reference.

Power to Act (for the information of Council)

- 1) To prepare a three-yearly report on the Regional Land Transport Strategy.
- 2) To monitor transport activities of the Regional Council, Territorial Authorities and the New Zealand Transport Agency in order to report on progress of the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

Power to Recommend to Council

- 1) To prepare and recommend the Regional Land Transport Strategy.
- 2) To consider and recommend transportation planning studies and associated outcomes.
- 3) To provide recommendations to relevant Government agencies on transport priorities and the allocation of national regional transport funds.
- 4) To recommend a regional fuel tax scheme for the West Coast region.

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
 Prepared by: Colin Dall - Consents & Compliance Manager
 Date: 31 July 2008

Subject: CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**CONSENTS**Consents Site Visits from 25 June to 29 July 2008

DATE	ACTIVITY, NAME & LOCATION	PURPOSE
3/07/08	RC08106 – Road construction, J & Y Grant, Arnold Valley Road	To view the area for a proposed road and assess the erosion potential of the proposed construction earthworks.
4/07/08	RC08109 – Gold mining activities – M Mills, Atarua	To investigate the proposed mining site and discuss consent conditions with the applicant and DoC staff for the creek proposed diversion.
9/07/08	RC08114 – Gravel Extraction, N Mouat, Punakaiki River	To investigate the site and assess the available gravel resource.
9/07/08	Application Pending – Coastal protection works, A Becker, Punakaiki	To investigate the site and gain a better understanding of the proposed coastal protection works.
21/07/08	PA08035 – Domestic sewage discharge – B Church, Arnold Valley Road	To investigate the site and gain a better understanding of the proposed onsite sewage treatment and disposal system.
25/07/08	PA08037 – Domestic sewage discharge – C Morgan, Lake Brunner Road	To investigate the site and gain a better understanding of the proposed onsite sewage treatment and disposal system.

Non-Notified Resource Consents Granted From 25 June to 29 July 2008

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	TYPE AND PURPOSE OF CONSENT
RC07205 Break Creek Farm	To disturb the bed of Break Creek for the purpose of constructing a diversion channel, Karamea. To divert water in a section of Break Creek, Karamea. To discharge dairy effluent to land where it may enter water adjacent to Karamea DS874.
RC07239 Rough River Gold Mining	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining activities at Hukarere - Ikamatua. To take and use groundwater for alluvial gold mining activities at Hukarere - Ikamatua. To discharge sediment-laden water to alluvial gold mining settling ponds in circumstances where sediment may enter Blackwater Creek or its tributaries at Hukarere - Ikamatua.
RC08037 J C Gillman Ltd	To disturb land, including land on slope greater than 25 degrees, associated with forestry operations at Gillman's Forestry Block, Dobson.

RC08045 Animal Health Board / EPRO Ltd	To discharge stormwater containing sediment to land in circumstances where it may enter water, associated with forestry activities at Gillman's Forestry Block, Dobson.
	To authorise the aerial discharge of 1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate) possum control cereal or carrot baits (at a rate of between 2 to 6 kg per hectare) containing 0.15% weight/weight of 1080, to approximately 49,587 hectares of land within the "Karamea Operation" area.
	To authorise the aerial discharge of 1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate) possum control cereal or carrot baits (at a rate of between 2 to 6 kg per hectare) containing 0.15% weight/weight of 1080, to water bodies within the "Karamea Operation" area.
RC08060 L Collins	To discharge treated domestic sewage effluent to land at Punakaiki via an effluent disposal system.
RC08080 Camelback Farm	To discharge dairy effluent to land and water near DS206, Kowhitirangi.
RC08083 J Henderson	To disturb the bed of the Wanganui River for the purpose of removing stone (schist).
RC08087 Amethyst Hydro	To disturb the dry bed of the Wanganui River for the purpose of removing gravel.
RC08092 Animal Health Board / EPRO Ltd	To authorise the aerial discharge of 1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate) possum control cereal or carrot baits (at a rate of between 2 to 6 kg per hectare) containing 0.15% weight/weight of 1080, to approximately 10,145 hectares of land within the "Seddonville Operational" area.
	To authorise the aerial discharge of 1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate) possum control cereal or carrot baits (at a rate of between 2 to 6 kg per hectare) containing 0.15% weight/weight of 1080, to water bodies within the "Seddonville Operational" area.
RC08094 Forest Management	To disturb land, including land of slope greater than 25 degrees, associated with forestry activities at Omoto Valley.
RC08096 Ferguson Brothers	To disturb the dry bed of the Little Grey River for the purpose of gravel extraction.
RC08097 Ferguson Brothers	To disturb the dry bed of the Rough River for the purpose of gravel extraction.
RC08098 GP Contracting	To disturb the dry bed of the Buller River for the purpose of gravel extraction.
RC08099 Potae and van der Poel	To disturb the bed of Vickers Creek for the purpose of constructing three culverts.
RC08100 Nikau Farms	To take and use water from the Little Wanganui River for the purposes of irrigation.
RC08101 OnTrack	To occupy space in the Coastal Marine Area with the replacement Bridge 31, Hou Hou Creek.
	To remove and replace Bridge 31 within the Coastal Marine Area, Hou Hou Creek.
	To deposit gravel/clean fill for the abutments of Bridge 31 and temporary causeways within the Coastal Marine Area, Hou Hou Creek.

	To incidentally discharge sediment to the Coastal Marine Area in association with the removal and replacement of Bridge 31, Hou Hou Creek.
	To disturb the riparian margins of Hou Hou Creek for the purpose of replacing Bridge 31.
	To disturb the bed and banks of Hou Hou Creek for the purpose of replacing Bridge 31.
	To incidentally discharge sediment to water during the removal and replacement of Bridge 31, Hou Hou Creek.
RC08103 Grey District Council	To disturb the bed and banks of Sawyers Creek to install a stormwater outlet structure and associated rock protection works, Marsden.
RC08105 Dept of Conservation	To discharge of stormwater from a carpark to land in circumstances where it may enter water at Cape Foulwind.
RC08107 K Eggeling	To disturb the dry bed of the Turnbull River for the purpose of gravel extraction.
RC08116 Solid Energy NZ Ltd	To discharge stormwater from a truck washing facility to land in circumstances where it may enter Seven Mile Creek.

Changes to Resource Consents Granted During the Reporting Period

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	TYPE AND PURPOSE OF CONSENT
RC05091 Ferguson Brothers Big Grey River	To increase volume of gravel allowed to be extracted.
RC06215 Kaiata Developments Kaiata	To amend conditions to allow for a third stormwater "attenuation" basin at "Kaiata Park".

No publicly notified or limited notified consents were granted during the reporting period.

Notified Consents Updates

The hearing for Meridian Energy Limited's consent applications for its proposed Mokihinui Hydroelectricity Power Scheme is scheduled to commence in Westport on 25 August 2008. The Section 42A (Council Officers') report on the consent applications is currently being prepared. The provisional dates for the hearing are 25 to 29 August, 15 to 26 September, 6 to 24 October 2008 and, if necessary, 28 to 31 October 2008.

RECOMMENDATION

That the August 2008 report of the Consents Group be received.

Colin Dall
Consents & Compliance Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
 Prepared by: Colin Dall - Consents & Compliance Manager and Michael Meehan
 Compliance Team Leader
 Date: 1 August 2008
 Subject: **COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

Site Visits

A total of 71 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period, which consisted of:

Activity	Number of Visits	Fully Compliant (%)
Resource consent monitoring	17	88
Dairy shed inspections	30	67
Complaint response	10	60
Mining compliance & bond release	14	86

Specific Issues

- **Dairy Effluent Discharges:** Farm visits were undertaken in the Lake Brunner, Grey Valley, Kokatahi, Kowhitirangi, Hari Hari and Whataroa areas during the reporting period.

Council staff continue to encounter some non-compliances during the "dry" period of the year. Staff have investigated several non-compliant stand off areas and taken formal enforcement action where deemed necessary.

Compliance staff are following up on all the non-compliances found and will be inspecting more dairy sheds in the next reporting period.

- **Arahura Bridge Replacement Project:** Compliance staff undertook the first of what is to become regular monthly site inspections at the Arahura Bridge construction site. All conditions of the consent were being complied with at the time of the July visit.

Contractors undertook the diversion of the Arahura River in mid July and this was completed with no complaints received by Council.

Council staff also attended the partnering workshop in Hokitika. There were no issues relating to the Council's areas of jurisdiction that arose from this workshop.

- **Solid Energy Consent and Licence Monitoring:** Compliance staff carried out the following visits to Solid Energy sites:

- Stockton Opencast Mine	1
- Ngakawau Coal Handling Facility	1
- Terrace Mine	1
- Reefton Coal Handling Facility	1
- Spring Creek Underground Mine	1
- Rapahoe Coal Handling Facility	1
- Rocky Creek Coal Handling Facility	1
Total	7

Stockton Opencast Mine

Results from Council's monthly sampling showed discharges from the site to be within compliance limits at the time of sampling.

There were three reported exceedances of the "trigger limit" in the Mangatini Stream during the last reporting period. All of these results can be attributed to periods of intense rainfall where the water management systems at the site came under increased pressure.

SENZ informed the Council of these exceedances within the 48-hour timeframe that we expect SENZ to report to us by. Ongoing sampling has shown that the water quality improved a short time after the exceedances were recorded. The Mining Compliance Officer will inspect the water management systems during the next scheduled visit to the mine.

Ngakawau Coal Handling Facility

The results from the July water quality sampling round showed discharges from the facility were within compliance limits at the time of sampling.

Terrace Mine & Reefton Coal Handling Facility

The results from the July water quality sampling round for both sites showed that their discharges were within compliance limits at the time of sampling.

Spring Creek Underground Mine, Rapahoe & Rocky Creek Coal Handling Facilities

Due to a mine closure, water quality sampling for the Spring Creek mine site was carried out at a later date than planned and the results of that sampling had not been received at the time of writing this report.

The results from the Council's July round of water quality sampling for the Rocky Creek and Rapahoe sites showed discharges from most sites were within compliance limits at the time of sampling. The sampling result for sampling site "RP9" (Rapahoe site) showed that the discharge standard pertaining to this site had been exceeded. SENZ was notified of the exceedance and reported back with the following probable explanations:

1. The settling ponds upstream of the sampling site had received a substantial cleanout a few days before the sampling date. This cleanout would have disturbed and increased sediment levels.
2. A heavy rainfall event of 50 mm occurred between the 11 and 13 July 2008.

It is expected that a week is required for the ponds to return to normal. There have been other exceedances of the discharge standard this year and so SENZ has been advised that the Council may take formal enforcement action in relation to discharge should further exceedances occur in the rest of the year.

- **AHB Aerial 1080 Operations:** Compliance staff monitored the aerial 1080 operations carried out by the AHB in late July in the Karamea, Kaiata and Taipo areas. No issues of concern were identified during this monitoring in regard to compliance with the consents granted by the Council for these operations.

Complaints Received Between 28 May and 30 July 2008

There were 16 complaints being received during the reporting period. A summary of these is as follows:

Activity	No. of Complaints	Description	Location	Action/Outcome
Gravel take	1	Gravel being taken outside of consent conditions	Arthurstown	Compliant
Dumped cow	1	Dead cow dumped close to river	Karamea	Removed by owner following phone call
Dairy stand off pad	1	Stand off pad sited close to river	Ahaura	Abatement notice issued
Log removal	1	Log removal from riverbed	Waitoto	Compliant with the consent for this activity
Stormwater	1	Complaint from neighbour regarding potential scouring	Fox River	Still under investigation

Discharge to Water	3	"Trigger limit" exceeded at Stockton	Stockton mine	Further monitoring undertaken
Discharge to Water	1	Unusual water quality results	Rudolph Stream	Further monitoring undertaken.
Illegal Dump	1	Fly dumping found beside railway lines	Ahaura	Followed up with offending parties
Septic tank	1	Complaint regarding septic tank discharge	Ahaura	Still under investigation
Discharge to Water	1	Gold mine discharge to water	Cockabulla Creek	Still under investigation
Car dumped	1	Car dumped near waterway	Westport	Followed up with offending parties
Discharge to water	1	Gravel take outside consent conditions	Greymouth	Still under investigation
Land Disturbance	1	Land contouring near water	Inchbonnie	Compliant
Discharge to Air	1	Pesticide discharge	Stafford	Compliant

Enforcement

The following 7 abatement notices were issued during the reporting period:

Activity	Location
Dairy effluent discharge from stand off pad to land where it may enter water	Cronadun
Dairy effluent discharge from stand off pad to land where it may enter water	Lake Haupiri
Dairy effluent discharge from stand off pad to land where it may enter water	Ahaura
Dairy effluent discharge to land where it may enter water	Whataroa
Dairy effluent discharge to land where it may enter water	Whataroa
Dairy effluent discharge to land where it may enter water	Whataroa
Dairy effluent discharge from stand off pad to land where it may enter water	Franz Josef

MINING

Work Programmes

The Council received the following five mining work programmes over the reporting period, four of which were approved (shown in italics):

Date	Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location
<i>30/6/08</i>	<i>RC07186, MP 50143</i>	<i>VH Mining Ltd</i>	<i>Granville</i>
<i>17/7/08</i>	<i>RC07195, MP 50125</i>	<i>John Dunbier</i>	<i>Ross</i>
<i>17/7/08</i>	<i>RC07208, MP 50322</i>	<i>Barry Foster Contracting</i>	<i>Fox Creek, Waimea</i>
17/7/08	RC05100 & RC04291, MP 41865	Barrett and Mathieson	Maori Creek Road
<i>22/7/08</i>	<i>RC01150, MP 41702</i>	<i>Birchfield Ross Mining</i>	<i>Ross</i>

Bonds Received

A single bond was received - Diamond Gully Mining (RC08052/MP41845).

Bond Releases

Release of the following bond is recommended:

Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location	Amount
RC06266	Palmer & Cummings	Goldsborough	\$8,000

Compliance staff consulted with the affected 'landowner' (Timberlands) and all rehabilitation requirements for the mining sites have been met.

During the month, the Council received a request from Ray Thomas to release the bond that he had lodged in relation to the mining operations that have been undertaken immediately adjacent to Ross township as soon as possible. These operations resulted in what is commonly known as "Ross Pit" or "Ross Lake". Council staff have been dealing with Mr Thomas, the miner (Birchfields Ross Mining Limited) and Department of Conservation staff for some time regarding rehabilitation requirements for the site. The Council staff involved in this matter were satisfied that the consent rehabilitation requirements had been met after receiving a geotechnical report confirming that the embankments of the lake were sound and stable. Given the overall circumstances surrounding this matter, the request for urgent release of the bond was not unreasonable and was accommodated by obtaining approval from Crs Scarlett and Ewen.

OIL SPILL RESPONSE

No marine oil spills were reported in the reporting period.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the August 2008 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
- 2. That the Council approves the release of the bond for Resource Consent RC06266.*

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, 12 August 2008** commencing on completion of the Resource Management Committee Meeting.

A.R. SCARLETT
CHAIRPERSON

C. INGLE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

<u>AGENDA NUMBERS</u>	<u>PAGE NUMBERS</u>	<u>BUSINESS</u>
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7.		GENERAL BUSINESS

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 8 JULY 2008,
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD,
GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.39 A.M.**

PRESENT:

R. Scarlett (Chairman), P. Ewen, B. Chinn, D. Davidson, T. Archer, 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), C. Pullen (Vector Programme Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), The Media

1. APOLOGIES:

Moved (Ewen / Davidson) *that the apology from A. Robb be accepted.*

Carried

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no presentation.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (Birchfield / Archer) that the minutes of the Council Meeting 10 June 2008 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 spoke to his report. He informed Council that since writing his report there has been a second contract for works in the Lower Waiho rating district. This was due to a breach in the stopbank and is required to prevent further damage. S. Moran advised council that the Lower Waiho Rating District would need to raise a loan to pay for these works. C. Ingle clarified that the second lot of work was not included in the rating district's budget as it is emergency works. C. Ingle stated that formal commitment from Council is required to borrow for this work. Staff have consulted with the rating district informing them of the need to borrow \$75,000 over a two-year period to pay for the works.

Moved (Birchfield / Ewen) *that West Coast Regional Council approve the loan of \$75,000 for repair works in the Lower Waiho Rating District.*

Carried

Cr Scarlett requested that the range of contracts awarded in this report be listed in highest tender range.

Moved (Davidson / Chinn) that the report be received.

Carried

C. Pullen spoke to this report. He advised that 99% of the programme for 2007 / 08 has been completed by the end of June. The final 1% is on track to be finished over the next few days.

C. Pullen advised that he and his staff have been meeting with residents of the Kumara community to discuss their concerns regarding the water catchment and the effects that 1080 is alleged to have on this. C. Pullen also advised that some properties in Karamea have been pulled out of the aerial operation as the property owners have withdrawn their consent. The aerial operation in Karamea is still going ahead on a smaller scale. C. Pullen stated that it is a few hundred hectares of smaller sized properties. These areas can be covered by ground control. C. Pullen reported that he has met with members of the Kumara community regarding their water catchment. The area that has been taken out of the aerial operation will now be subject to a ground control operation. The Chairman asked C. Pullen how would the areas in Karamea that have been withdrawn be approached. C. Pullen advertised that these areas would be treated via ground control method. The Chairman asked if a landowner withdraws his consent to enter his land is there provision in the Act to carry on with the aerial drop. C. Pullen confirmed there is provision in The Biosecurity Act if the landowner did not have any form of possum control on his property to enforce control. C. Pullen stated that most of the people that are opposed to the 1080 operation are not opposed to possum control but aerial drops of 1080. Most of these people have given permission for ground control operations to go ahead. Cr Davidson asked if there were extra costs with ground control. C. Pullen stated that ground control is expensive but is not a huge extra cost overall.

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

Carried

4.3 CORPORATE SERVICE MANAGER'S REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to this report. He advised that we are now in the 11th month of the financial year. He stated that this report is very similar to those of the past few months. R. Mallinson said this is another satisfactory financial result for Council but once again our investment fund returns have been disappointing. R. Mallinson informed council that from now on the Animal Health Board is making the vector programme contract payments direct. Therefore several million dollars worth of turnover will disappear from Council's working and expenditure statements from 1 July onwards.

Cr Ewen asked R. Mallinson if he felt an adjustment to the projections in place for next year's Annual Plan are required in view of the increase in fuel prices. R. Mallinson advised that the mileage rate was increased last year and this is not a risk area for this Council. R. Mallinson reassured council that our fuel expense to date for the year is close to what was budgeted for.

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

Carried

4.3.1 SETTING OF RATES FOR 2008 / 09

R. Mallinson spoke to this report advising council that it is self explanatory.

Moved (Ewen / Birchfield)

RECOMMENDATION

1. *That Council set rates for the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 as per the Funding Impact Statement contained on pages 35 to 41 of the 2008/09 Annual Plan.*
2. *As per the 2008/09 Annual Plan, there are two instalments;*

The first instalment is due on 1 September 2008 with a 10% penalty date of 20 October 2008 as per sections 57 and 58 of the LGRA 2002.

The second instalment is due on 1 March 2009 with a 10% penalty date of 20 April 2009 as per sections 57 and 58 of the LGRA 2002.

A further 10% penalty will be charged on all accumulated rate arrears as at 1 July 2009.

Carried

4.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to his report. He spoke of various meetings he attending during the month including a meeting regarding air quality issues for Reefton. He concurred with Cr Birchfield that it is important that the Reefton community is consulted with in terms of health effects and that the community's needs are met. S. Moran advised that work is underway via an Envirolink funding grant, a Master's Student from the University of Canterbury is carrying out this project. Cr Archer asked if EECA have reported back with any funding propositions. C. Ingle advised that he has met with EECA again and they are seeking funding partners. C. Ingle spoke of the meeting he had with the CEO from Landcorp Farming, they have now withdrawn the major parts of humping and hollowing project on the Weka Block that could have fed into Lake Brunner. C. Ingle reported that the secondment agreement for staff to the Animal Health Board has now been signed off. C. Ingle re-attached the Enforcement Policy for Stock Crossings. The wording of dairy farm raceway has now been included in this policy. Cr Birchfield asked how much land was withdrawn from the Weka Block. C. Ingle stated that it was approximately 77 hectares in the Kangaroo Lake area, and a larger area in the Crooked River catchment. The Chairman expressed his disappointment at the response from Hon Trevor Mallard regarding legal costs for the Mokihinui River proposed hydro scheme. The point of the letter was the likely costs to ratepayers, which was not been addressed by the Minister.

Moved (Davidson / Ewen)

1. *That the Chief Executive's Report is received.*
2. *That council approves the amendment to the West Coast Regional Council Enforcement Policy for Stock Crossings, as shown in the attached document.*

Carried

5.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT (VERBAL)

The Chairman advised it has been a quiet month for him. He met with the C. Ingle during the month to discuss relevant matters and enjoyed a holiday.

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

Carried

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 12.08 p.m

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting
 Prepared by: W. Moen – River & Drainage Engineer
 Date: 22 July 2008

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

1. RIVER AND DRAINAGE INSPECTIONS

- Maruia River – Flood Damage
- Hokitika River – Westland Milk Products – Channel Improvements

2. WORKS

a) Wanganui Rating District – Contract R 2008/4 - Stockpile Replenishing and Quarry Cleanout

This job is being carried out at present by MBD Contracting Ltd. on an hourly rate basis. The work involves the cleaning out of the quarry, the formation of a new upper bench, the replenishment of 2 existing stockpiles – 470 tonnes and the formation of 2 new stockpiles – 2,000 tonnes.

b) Karamea Rating District – Contract R 2008/9 – Flood Damage

This contract has been completed by Selwyn Lowe Ltd. at a cost of \$96,820.00 (G.S.T. Exclusive). The work involved the carting and placing of 4,000 tonnes of rock at 6 sites (3,000 tonnes in the Little Wanganui River catchment and 1,000 tonnes in the Karamea River downstream of the Area School).

c) Okuru Rating District – Minor Maintenance

This work has been completed by J.J. Nolan Contracting Ltd. at a cost of \$4,335.00 (G.S.T. Exclusive). This work, involved the relocation of and the topping up with gravel of a small bund and the placement of a small amount of rock rubble along the outer batter under the guidance of the Chairman, Mr. Graeme Anderson.

3. FUTURE WORKS

Matainui Creek Rating District – Channel Cleanout

4. OTHER

- Cross Section and other survey work for Waiho River, Waitangitaona River, Inchbonnie, Hokitika River and Punakaiki have been completed.
- River Analysis requirements for Waiho River, Waitangitaona River, Kowhitirangi Flood Control Scheme and Taramakau River (Settlement) have been completed.

5. QUARRIES

Blackball Quarry has been drilled and blasted in this period.

Wanganui Quarry is being progressively cleaned out as weather permits.

ROCK MOVEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JUNE TO 30 JUNE 2008

QUARRY	ROCK IN QUARRY @ 31/05/08	ROCK USED	ROCK QUARRIED	ROCK IN QUARRY @ 31/05/08
Blackball	100	3040	5440	2500
Camelback	0	1512	1512	0
Inchbonnie	9340	0	0	9340
Kiwi	1280	0	0	1280
Miedema	0	4000	4000	0
Okuru	1840	0	0	1840
Taramakau	0	0	0	0
Wanganui	20	0	0	20
Wanganui Stockpile	3648	0	0	3648
Whataroa	2040	2500	810	350
TOTALS	18268	11052	11762	18978

WORK PERMITTED SINCE 1 JULY 2008

QUARRY	CONTRACTOR	TONNAGE REQUESTED	PERMIT START	PERMIT FINISH
Whataroa	Arnold Contracting	400	15/7/08	25/7/08
Wanganui	Arnold Contracting	200	30/6/08	11/7/08
Blackball	G.H. Foster	1200	26/6/08	26/7/08
Camelback	Henry Adams	1000	9/7/08	31/7/08

RECOMMENDATION

That this report is received.

Simon Moran
Planning and Environmental Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Prepared for: Council Meeting – August 2008
Prepared by: Chris Pullen
Date: 5 August 2008

Subject: **VECTOR PROGRAMME MANAGER'S REPORT**

1.0 Contracts awarded

Contracts have been awarded to the following Ground control areas:

- Upper Ahaura
- Grey Valley East
- Grey Valley North
- New Creek
- Marsden
- Rotomanu
- Taramakau
- Buller South
- Hokitika South
- Fox Franz Josef
- Karamea Blocks 1-5

2.0 Operations completed

All the above ground operations planned for the first round have started as planned, and are ongoing. The monitors have started in late July. At this stage there are no completed ground operations. With regard to aerials the following aerials have been carried out:

- Karamea North
- Karamea South
- Seddonville.

Other aerials that have been partially completed include the Taipo, this operation has been put on hold, awaiting reasonable weather. Other aerial operations that are due to start in early August include Kumara and Turiwhate.

3.0 General

1. There has been significant media interest in the current and planned operations.
2. The Programme Manager has been involved in dialogue with many people concerned with the programme. This is likely to continue well after the aerial operations have been completed.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Chris Pullen
Vector Programme Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting
 Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager
 Date: 4 August 2008
 Subject: **CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT**

1. Financial Report to 30 June 2008

FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2008				
	ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	ACTUAL % ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET
REVENUES				
General Rates	1,852,725	1,835,000	101%	1,835,000
Penalties	57,159	80,000	71%	80,000
Investment Income	-165,164	1,100,000	-15%	1,100,000
Regulatory	1,061,514	851,000	125%	851,000
Planning Processes	190,477	151,058	126%	151,058
Environmental Monitoring	29,437	0	0%	0
Emergency Management	83,889	44,527	188%	44,527
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	1,144,308	812,405	141%	812,405
AHB Programme	10,183,337	9,200,000	111%	9,200,000
Vector Mgmt	1,116,667	1,100,000	102%	1,100,000
Regional % Share Controls	567,340	563,250	101%	563,250
VCS Business Unit	2,589,656	832,000	311%	832,000
	18,711,345	16,569,240	113%	16,569,240
EXPENDITURE				
Representation	337,251	299,360	113%	299,360
Regulatory Activities	1,863,736	1,547,697	120%	1,547,697
Planning Processes	572,919	621,669	92%	621,669
Environmental Monitoring	614,051	698,177	88%	698,177
Emergency Management	184,187	138,440	133%	138,440
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	1,188,179	1,748,436	68%	1,748,436
AHB Programme	10,179,801	9,200,000	111%	9,200,000
Vector Mgmt	936,301	967,443	97%	967,443
Regional % Share Controls	963,203	856,419	112%	856,419
VCS Business Unit	2,236,875	732,877	305%	732,877
Portfolio Management	31,168	0		0
Legal costs Glenharrow Holding Ltd Claim	10,000	0		0
	19,117,671	16,810,518	114%	16,810,518
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	-406,326	-241,278		-241,278
Transfer Rating District Interest	-166,910			
Prior period adjustment	-32,115			
To Transfer to Balance Sheet	-605,351			

BREAKDOWN OF SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET Year to date	ANNUAL BUDGET
Rating Districts	141,317	-652,387	-652,387
Quarries	60,031	-33,472	-33,472
Regional % Share of AHB Programmes	-395,863	-293,169	-293,169
Investment Income	-196,332	1,100,000	1,100,000
VCS Business Unit	352,781	99,123	99,123
AHB Programmes	3,536	0	0
Vector Mgmt	180,366	132,557	132,557
Other	-10,000	0	0
All Other Activities	-542,162	-593,930	-593,930
TOTAL	-406,326	-241,278	-241,278

Net Contributors to "Other Activities" Surplus (-Deficit)	Actual	Budget ytd	Annual Plan	Net Variance Actual v budget ytd
Rates	1,852,725	1,835,000	1,835,000	17,725
Penalties	57,159	80,000	80,000	-22,841
Representation	-337,251	-299,360	-299,360	-37,891
Regulatory Activities	-802,222	-696,697	-696,697	-105,525
Planning Activities	-382,442	-470,611	-470,611	88,169
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection (excl. RD's and Quarries)	-245,219	-250,172	-250,172	4,953
Environmental Monitoring	-584,614	-698,177	-698,177	113,563
Emergency Management	-100,298	-93,913	-93,913	-6,385
	-542,162	-593,930	-593,930	51,768

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2008

	@ 30/06/2008	@ 30/06/2007
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Cash	80,047	144,518
Short term Deposit - Westpac	1,704,438	0
Accounts Receivable - Rates	203,613	247,151
Accounts Receivable - General Debtors	631,654	866,649
Prepayments	51,691	50,944
Sundry Receivables	682,810	891,846
Stock - explosives	716	371
Stock - VCS	225,612	26,325
Stock - Rock	61,680	21,132
Stock - Office Supplies	12,493	17,317
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	3,654,754	2,266,253
<u>Non Current Assets</u>		
Investments	11,035,323	11,542,615
Fixed Assets	3,247,069	3,356,349
Infrastructural Assets	39,403,646	39,403,646
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	53,686,038	54,302,610
TOTAL ASSETS	<hr/>	<hr/>
	57,340,792	56,568,863
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Bank OD		0
Accounts Payable	1,758,364	913,070
GST	91,603	0
Deposits and Bonds	338,486	342,342
Sundry Payables	464,615	307,369
Accrued Annual Leave, Payroll	193,522	192,549
Other Revenue in Advance	491,250	0
Rates Revenue in Advance		59,363
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	3,337,840	1,814,693
<u>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Future Quarry restoration	85,800	85,800
Punakaiki Loan	316,217	346,548
Office Equipment and IT Leases	136,819	252,355
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	538,836	684,703
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<hr/>	<hr/>
	3,876,676	2,499,396
<u>EQUITY</u>		
Ratepayers Equity	19,931,932	19,931,932
Surplus Tsfrd.	-605,351	
Rating District Equity Mvmts	-112,935	
Rating Districts Equity	2,413,020	2,300,085
Tb Special Rate Balance	470,998	470,998
Revaluation	22,222,728	22,222,728
Quarry Account	-77,276	-77,276
Investment Growth Reserve	9,221,000	9,221,000
TOTAL EQUITY	<hr/>	<hr/>
	53,464,116	54,069,467
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<hr/>	<hr/>
	57,340,792	56,568,863

PORTFOLIO @ 30 June 2008 Summary & Reconciliation		Cash	Bonds	Australasia Equities	International Equities	Property Equities	Alternative Asset Classes	Total
Portfolio Value @ Start	01 July 2007	4076756	2906798.26	928921	1204811	672386	1730842	11520514
Contributions)	2768777	2085000	587810	1046529	155000	239594	6882709
Withdrawals)	-4451123	-1698948	-22810	-165978	0	-858851	-7197709
as per Annual Plan								
Realised Gains/(Losses)								
Price		-174468	-27586	-90	-34585	208	-49986	-286506
FX				-75571	72235	4891	166251	167806
Unrealised Gains/(Losses)								
Price		120281	-2733	-206980	-482191	-191677	-272875	-1036174
FX				140077	150364	39630	-18673	311399
Mgmt Fee					-602		1542	940
Interest Income		392851	150800	10609	3504	5869	28793	592426
Changes Accrued Interest			8451					8451
Dividends				40954	89057	43307	31221	204539
reversal Hedges 30.6.07					-11479		-35027	-46506
Hedges @ 30.06.08				-21045	-59398	-5363	-22860	-108666
Portfolio Value @ End Period	30 JUNE 2008	2733074	3421783	1381877	1812269	724251	939971	11013224
Total gains (-losses) during 12 month reporting period		338664	128932	-112044	-273094	-103135	-171614	-192290
							cash	2291
							Structured credit	82775
							Emerging market debt	877765
							Hedge positions	-22860
								939971

Asset Allocation %'s @ 30 June 2008	Benchmarks	Tactical asset allocation range
Cash	25%	10% - 50% complies
Bonds	31%	10% - 50% complies
Australasian Equities	13%	0% - 20% complies
International Equities	16%	0% - 20% complies
Property Equities	7%	0% - 10% complies
Alternative Asset Classes	9%	0% - 20% complies
	100%	

2. General Comment

1. Total operating expenditure for the year was \$19.118 million, of which AHB programme expenditure made up \$10.180 million.
2. Total revenues for the period amounted to \$18.711 million.
3. The total deficit was \$406,000.
 - (a) Rating District surplus was \$141000 instead of the budgeted deficit of \$652000; mainly due to the deferral of the Greymouth Floodwall upgrade work to 2008/09.
 - (b) Quarries performed very well with a surplus of \$60000 compared to the budgeted deficit of \$33000
 - (c) Cost of Regional % share of AHB controls amounted to \$396000 compared to the budgeted cost of \$293000. This is due to the actual total of AHB programme payments totaling \$10.180 million instead of the budgeted \$9200000.
 - (d) Investment loss of \$165000 compared to budgeted surplus of \$1100000.
 - (e) VCS Business Unit has performed very credibly.
 - (f) Surplus from vector management was better than expected.
 - (g) Positive budget variances amounting to \$51000 with regard to "all other activities".

- (h) Council has performed well financially given the challenging Investment environment during the year.

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: 1 August 2008
Subject: **REFUND OF VARROA RATE**

In December we received \$11902 from the Varroa Agency, being a refund of Varroa rates collected by the Council and paid to the Agency that were not required.

The same ratepayers paid the Varroa rate as pay the Tb Pest Management rate that is the owners of rural rateable land greater than or equal to two (2) hectares.

The costs of calculating and processing refunds to those ratepayers that paid the Varroa rate would be very high.

Targeted rates can only be spent for the purpose for which they were raised.

However, Council can agree to transfer the \$11902 to the Tb Pest Management rate.

As identical groups of ratepayers are involved, no ratepayers would be disadvantaged by this decision.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Varroa rate refund of \$11902 be transferred to the Tb Separate rate credit balance.

Robert Mallinson
Corporate Services Manager

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 12 August 2008
Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager
Date: 20 February 2008

Subject: **TWELVE MONTH REVIEW - 1 JULY 2007 – 30 JUNE 2008**

Attached is the Twelve Month Review of the 2007 /2008 Annual Plan.

This report shows Achievements/Progress measured against the performance targets.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Robert Mallinson
Corporate Services Manager

Project Name: **Governance**
 Project Manager: Corporate Services Manager

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress																														
1. Conduct eleven monthly meetings of Council and the Resource Management Committee, plus other scheduled meetings and scheduled workshops during the year with 85% attendance by all Councillors.	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Councillor</u></th> <th><u>No. of meetings Attended</u></th> <th><u>%</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Scarlett</td> <td>13 out of 15 meetings</td> <td>87%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ewen</td> <td>15 out of 15 meetings</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Davidson</td> <td>15 out of 15 meetings</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chinn</td> <td>15 out of 15 meetings</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Robb</td> <td>10 out of 10 meetings</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Birchfield</td> <td>10 out of 10 meetings</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Archer</td> <td>10 out of 10 meetings</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>*Clayton</td> <td>4 out of 4 meetings</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>*Shannahan</td> <td>4 out of 4 meetings</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>* = Until October 2007 only</p> <p><u>Note:</u> Total of 11 meetings, 1 Triennial Meeting, 1 Annual Plan meeting, 2 workshops = 15 meetings</p>	<u>Councillor</u>	<u>No. of meetings Attended</u>	<u>%</u>	Scarlett	13 out of 15 meetings	87%	Ewen	15 out of 15 meetings	100%	Davidson	15 out of 15 meetings	100%	Chinn	15 out of 15 meetings	100%	Robb	10 out of 10 meetings	100%	Birchfield	10 out of 10 meetings	100%	Archer	10 out of 10 meetings	100%	*Clayton	4 out of 4 meetings	100%	*Shannahan	4 out of 4 meetings	100%
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2. Prepare and notify the Council's Annual Report by 31 October each year in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Local Government Act 2002.	Adopted on 9 October 2007 at Council Meeting.																														
3. Continue to invite attendance of Makaawhio and Ngati Waewae representatives as appointees to the Council's resource management committee, to enable Maori participation in resource management decision-making.	Achieved.																														

Project Name: **Resource Consent Processing**
 Project Manager: Consents and Compliance Manager

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress
1. Process 90% of non-notified resource consent applications within the statutory timeframes.	Achieved. 92.4% of non-notified resource consent applications were processed within statutory timeframes.
2. Work with consent holders to seek to reduce the need for formal requests for further information under Section 92 of the RMA.	Achieved. Only 25 Section 92 requests were made in relation to the consent applications granted. This is fewer than in the previous two years.
3. Advertise publicly all notified consent applications within 10 working days of receipt of all required information.	Not achieved. 58.5% of publicly notified consents applications (31/53 applications relating to 5 consent proposals) were advertised within this statutory timeframe. Another 9 applications were advertised within 12 working days.
4. Complete staff reports for all notified applications within the statutory timeframes.	Achieved. Four consent hearings were held and during the reporting period and the staff reports for the associated consent applications were provided to relevant parties within 5 working days.

5. Report publicly through the monthly Resource Management Committee Meetings all consents granted.	Achieved. Each monthly consents report included a list of non-notified, limited notified and notified consent applications granted.
6. Provide advice on resource consent processes and requirements in a timely and helpful manner.	Achieved. No negative feedback received from consent applicants in this regard.
7. Send details of all consent applications, which could be of concern to Iwi to the respective Runanga.	Achieved. Details of applications were provided to Iwi on a regular basis. Iwi continued to be emailed a weekly summary of all applications every week.
8. Notify Te Runanga O Ngai Tahu of all resource consent applications affecting Statutory Acknowledgment Areas.	Achieved.

Project Name: **Compliance Monitoring & Complaints**
Project Manager: Consents and Compliance Manager

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress
1. Identify new resource consents that require ongoing monitoring for compliance and adverse environmental effects, and monitor those consents in accordance with set monitoring programmes.	Achieved. Each new consent is allocated to a Compliance Officer and assessed as to whether it is going to require ongoing monitoring. The monitoring of such consents is prioritized in terms of their actual and potential environmental effects.
2. Inspect every consent for the discharge of dairy effluent at least every three years depending on compliance and where problems are identified to work with farmers so that consent compliance is achieved and environmental effects are reduced.	Ongoing. A total of 151 site visits were made to dairy farms, which includes follow-up visits to farms identified as having discharges that were not complying with the relevant resource consents and/or regional rules.
3. Inspect 80% of new consents that involve construction works after completion of those works.	Achieved. Compliance staff have undertaken regular inspections of new consents for major construction works.
4. Inspect all consents for whitebait stands at least once annually to check consent compliance and that the environmental effects of the stands are no more than minor.	Not achieved. 447 whitebait stands were inspected. The stands that were not inspected were either in isolated areas or on river where no significant issues arose during the whitebait season.
5. Inspect every consent and/or mining licence for operating mining activities at least once annually, and where problems are identified, undertake follow up (which may include further inspections) to ensure consent compliance is achieved and/or environmental effects are reduced.	Achieved. Every active gold and coal mining consent and/or licence was inspected during the year and a total of 211 visits were made to those sites.
6. Process 80% of mining work programmes within 20 working days of receipt.	Achieved. 91.4% (53/58) of the work programmes received during the year were processed within 20 working days. The remaining 5 programmes all required outside consultants to assist in the review process and were processed within 30 working days.

7. Report all monitoring inspections through the monthly Resource Management Committee meetings.	Achieved. The inspections were reported in each monthly compliance report.
8. Release 80% of bonds within four months of the surrender, forfeiture or expiry of the corresponding mining licences or permits, provided that rehabilitation requirements have been met.	Achieved. All requests for bond releases received during the year were recommended for release within four months after rehabilitation requirements had been met. Staff also made good progress with resolving bond releases for historic mining operations.
9. Review bond levels for large-scale mines and where necessary set new bond levels to better reflect the environmental effects/risks of those mines.	Ongoing.
10. Report mining bond releases and other license administration activities monthly to the Resource Management Committee.	Achieved. A section of mining administration activities was included in each monthly compliance report.
11. Operate a 24-hour complaints service and record all complaints on the Incidents database in accordance with enforcement procedures of the RMA.	Achieved. The Council continued to operate a 24 hour complaint response service and all complaints were recorded on the incidents database.
12. Respond to breaches of the Resource Management Act, regional plan rules or resource consents.	Achieved. 154 complaints were received during the reporting period.
13. Take enforcement action through abatement notices, infringement notices or prosecution as appropriate and in accordance with Council policy.	Achieved. A total of 31 abatement and 13 infringement notices were issued during the year.
14. Report numbers and categories of complaints received to the Resource Management Committee.	Achieved. The total number and categories of complaints were reported in each monthly compliance report, together with a brief description of each complaint.
15. Assess farm compliance in the Brunner catchment, and allocate priority for any further targeted compliance work that is needed.	Achieved.

Project Name: **Environmental Planning**
Project Manager: Planning and Environmental Manager

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress
1. Notify the merging of the three Regional Plans relating to the Water Management Plan, Land and Riverbed Management Plan, and Discharge to Land Plan by June 2008.	Not achieved. Staff have prioritised work on the Wetlands Variation and the Coastal Plan Change. An amended timeframe was approved by Council through the annual plan process.
2. Participate in the Department of Conservation process for identifying marine protected areas on the West Coast, as required.	Achieved. We have had a representative attend all meetings with support from staff to assess relevant discussion documents and proposals.
3. Prepare a Proposed Plan Change for the	Achieved. The proposal was notified on

<p>Coastal Plan to enable opening of river mouths under certain conditions as a permitted activity.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Provide support for farm plan completion and implementation. 5. Prepare and disseminate information for resource users on rules and requirements, and best practice principles and practices as needed. 6. Reward good practice with encouragement, including environmental award certificates at least once every three years. 7. Prepare annual operational plans to implement the operative Pest Plant Management Strategy. 8. Part-fund Landcare Research's Ragwort Bio Control Programme for the West Coast (\$5000). 9. Investigate and respond where appropriate to any environmental policies or plans of other authorities or central government that may impact on West Coast interests, within required timeframes, and provide ongoing policy advice to Council as and when needed. 10. Respond to simple RMA or Plan information requests within 10 working days, and within a reasonable timeframe for more complex requests. 11. Participate in the West Coast Waste Management Working Group, and provide administrative support. 	<p>10th April and 14 submissions were received.</p> <p>Achieved. All farm plans have been completed. A second check on implementation is to be carried out next year.</p> <p>Achieved. Humping & Hollowing pamphlet finished. There are sediment control and coastal pamphlets underway.</p> <p>Not achieved. Other work was given a higher priority.</p> <p>Achieved.</p> <p>Achieved</p> <p>Achieved. Key responses were on DOCs Marine Protected Area classification & protection standard, the NZ Coastal Policy Statement, the Proposed NPS on Fresh Water Management, the Proposed NES on Ecological Flows and Water Levels, Draft NES on Electricity Transmission, Standard Operating Procedures for the Waste Minimisation Bill, and the Land Transport Management Bill. Also presented evidence at the hearing on DOCs West Coast Region Conservation Management Strategy.</p> <p>Achieved.</p> <p>Achieved. All meetings attended. The 2007/08 SMF Waste Minimisation Officer project was completed and all deliverables met. We successfully applied for a further years funding.</p>
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Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress
1. Administer the West Coast Regional Land Transport Committee and the Regional Technical Advisory Group.	Achieved - RLTC meetings held August 2007 and February 2008; RTAG meeting held 30 October 2007.
2. Prepare and submit an Annual Programme to Land Transport New Zealand to secure funding support for West Coast projects by March of each year.	Achieved - R Funding priorities submitted to LTNZ 28 March. Annual Land Transport Programme submitted 22 February. Improvement Programme submitted 28 March.
3. Seek funding to undertake other transport projects identified in the Strategy as and when appropriate.	Achieved – Walking and Cycling Strategy to be funded in part by 4 Councils and Transit. State Highway Strategic Projects now to be funded by Transit as opposed to R.
4. Prepare an annual report on implementation of the Regional Land Transport Strategy by December each year.	Achieved - approved at September Council meeting and forwarded to parties as required in S182 of the Land Transport Act 1998.
5. Oversee the Road Safety Co-ordinator to achieve road safety outcomes as per the Regional Road Safety Plan, and attend all Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee meetings.	Achieved – staff attended all road safety meetings, including AGM. Managers from 4 councils met to discuss funding applications for the 2008/2009-year and put together the contract for the new coordinator role.
6. Issue Total Mobility vouchers to all applicants who meet eligibility criteria.	Achieved - vouchers continue to be issued by District Councils – steady demand.
7. Undertake annual monitoring of the Total Mobility Programme by checking use of vouchers, assessment forms and overall level of utilisation via the three taxi operators.	Achieved - eligibility forms are checked by Transport Planner as entered into regional user database. Few enquiries made. User database currently includes 626 permanent users and 1 temporary. 75 new users registered in the 2007/08-year.
8. Maintain a current register of passenger services.	Achieved - register is being amended and added to as required.

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress
1. Maintain existing hydrometric sites and complete upgrades as required to ensure efficiency and effectiveness.	Achieved. Alpine sites at the Cropp and Paparoa's have had maintenance flights. Ahaura and Styx sites have been upgraded. Undertaking an investigation of the available technology to improve data capture and efficiency.
2. Maintain a network of manual groundwater level monitoring sites.	Achieved. The quarterly rounds were completed.
3. Maintain the hydrological database and produce technical summary and	Achieved. Have provided advice to the consents group.

<p>data analysis reports as required, including advice for plan and consent requirements.</p> <p>4. Maintain a database of water level, flow and rainfall data to enable hydrological analysis (including flood frequency, flood modelling, and data provision).</p> <p>5. Carry out low flow monitoring and water resource investigations as appropriate.</p>	<p>Achieved. Quality Assurance of hydrology data is up to date.</p> <p>Achieved. Low flow monitoring was undertaken in 10 rivers in the Grey and Hokitika catchments.</p>
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Project Name: **Environmental Monitoring – Flood Warning Services**
Project Manager: Planning and Environmental Manager

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress
1. Maintain the Council's flood warning system to a level whereby any individual river flow station is operational for at least 95% of the time.	Achieved. All sites were operational for at least 95% of the time or greater.
2. Ensure essential real time data on river levels is available on the Council website and Info line (data is updated 12 hourly, and during floods 3 hourly at least).	Achieved. There were a couple of down-time issues that were rectified quickly. These did not occur during a flood event.
3. Provide a continuous flood monitoring service for the five rivers monitored and respond in accordance with the flood-warning manual.	Achieved. Currently four trained duty officers on call as needed.
4. Review the flood-warning manual annually and liaise with work groups as required.	Achieved. The review was completed including soliciting feedback from the various agencies.
5. Respond to information requests within a ten working day period for simple requests, and within one month for more complex requests.	Achieved. All requests were completed on time.
6. Maintain up to date rainfall and river level information on Council's website and Info line.	Achieved - maintained up to date with data available from sites.

Project Name: **Environmental Monitoring – Surface and Ground Water Programme**
Project Manager: Planning and Environmental Manager

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress
1. Complete a full state of the environment report for surface water quality including condition and trend analysis by June 2008.	Not achieved by June 2008. A draft of the report has been completed (as of July 2008) and is being reviewed. Will be completed by September 2008.
2. Complete four surface water quality-sampling rounds per annum. Complete beach sampling monthly during summer months and report results promptly.	Achieved. The four State of the Environment rounds required for the year have been completed. All contact recreation sampling has been completed for the 2007-2008 season.

3. Continue open water monitoring of Lake Brunner (including depth profiles).	Achieved. All sampling is up to date and completed for the year.
4. Prepare reports on investigations as required.	Achieved. Reports have been compiled to support the consents and compliance groups.
5. Complete four ground water quality sampling rounds per annum.	Achieved. The four rounds required have been completed.
6. Develop an ongoing programme for groundwater monitoring in intensive agricultural areas.	Achieved. The synoptic survey has been completed with a site framework for further synoptic sampled established. Further work is planned.

Project Name: **Potentially Contaminated Sites**
Project Manager: Planning and Environmental Manager

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress
1. Continue the 'Sites Associated with Hazardous Substances' programme, ensuring District Councils have access to updated information, and assist landowners by securing external funding to investigate or remediate high priority sites, where possible.	Achieved. 'Sites Associated with Hazardous Substances' locations have been audited and advice provided on enquiry. The database is continually updated following changes or new information becoming available for a site.

Project Name: **Air Quality**
Project Manager: Planning and Environmental Manager

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress
1. Continue wintertime ambient air quality monitoring in the town most likely to exceed national standards, and provide annual summary reports to Council.	Achieved. Reefton continues to be monitored and the results reported to council.

Project Name: **Civil Defence & Emergency Management**
Project Manager: Planning and Environmental Manager

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress
1. Provide administrative support to the CDEM Group & its Co-ordinating Executive Group (CEG) as per clauses 4.4 and 4.5 of the CDEM Plan 2005.	Achieved - CEG meetings held 8 November 2007 and 7 May 2008. CDEM Group updates provided at Mayors and Chair Forums.
2. Participate in reviewing the CDEM Plan, which is due to be fully reviewed by April 2010, or earlier if deemed necessary by the CDEM Group.	Not required at this time.
3. Assist with preparation, completion, implementation, and annual review, within agreed timeframes, of the following:	Achieved as follows:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDEM Group Recovery and Welfare Plan. 	Group Recovery Plan adopted at CEG 7 May 2008. Welfare Plan reviewed January 2008.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications Standard Operating Procedures. 	Updated as required. To be merged with the Communications protocol under development.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Coast Engineering Lifelines projects. • Group Warning Systems Standard Operating Procedures. • Training Needs <p>4. Prepare and organise the distribution of public information linked to the development and release of the national public information programme.</p> <p>5. Assist with facilitating, securing funding where possible for, and initiating high priority research work as directed by priorities in the CDEM Group Plan.</p> <p>6. Maintain a ready-to-operate headquarters in preparation for potential emergencies, in accordance with the Group Emergency Operation Centre Activation Plan and Group Controllers Guide.</p> <p>7. Maintain a warning system capable of receiving and transmitting information and instructions to all levels of control at all times.</p> <p>8. Review the West Coast Group Emergency Operation Centre Activation Plan and Group Controllers Guide.</p> <p>9. To respond to all four national warning tests within 1 hour.</p>	<p>Councils and Utility providers have adopted recommendations. Progress followed up at biannual meetings. Fuel Storage Research Report completed and endorsed by both CEG and Lifelines.</p> <p>Review completed March 2008.</p> <p>Exercise Pandora tested all staff in realistic 24-hour activation of EOC in September 2007. Chris Pullen attended Group Recovery Manager training in November 2007, and Controller training in April 2008. Further training needs identified through Exercise Pandora will be followed up in the 2008/09 year.</p> <p>Achieved – provision of more information and links on WCRC website and Get Ready statements to media as required.</p> <p>Achieved – Received funding from MCDEM and EQC to complete Fuel Storage Research.</p> <p>Achieved - Headquarters maintained in a ready state. EOC activated and tested as in Exercise Pandora in September 2007 including IT and communications.</p> <p>Achieved - HF and VHF radio links are maintained with the three districts and MCDEM (Christchurch). Testing undertaken weekly (Thursdays).</p> <p>Achieved - Further review of documents is being undertaken as a result of Exercise Pandora. Controllers Guide has been reviewed at national level and distributed to Group and Local Controllers.</p> <p>Achieved – National Warning System reviewed and changed in December 2007. Have received and actioned national warning tests within timeframes required.</p> <p>Achieved – Full WCRC staff attendance at Exercise Pandora September 2007. The next round of training is to be undertaken in 2008/09.</p>
<p>Appropriate personnel will participate in annual training in their Civil Defence roles.</p>	<p>Achieved – Full WCRC staff attendance at Exercise Pandora September 2007. The next round of training is to be undertaken in 2008/09.</p>

Project Name: **Marine Oil Response Capability**
Project Manager: Consents and Compliance Manager

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress
<p>1. Maintain a minimum pool of 25 qualified and trained personnel at all times to cope with maritime oil spills, including training in issues relating to wildlife in the region.</p>	<p>Achieved. Currently there are 26 trained responders.</p>

2. Organise for West Coast personnel to attend one practical and one desktop training exercise per annum.	Not achieved. However, a field exercise is planned for August 2008.
3. Ensure response equipment is maintained to a level ready to respond to a Tier 2 response, and report quarterly to Maritime NZ on equipment checks.	Achieved. Vector Control and Buller Port Services are contracted to store and assist in the maintenance of MNZ equipment.
4. To evaluate the spill and alert response personnel within 1 hour.	No marine oil/fuel spills occurred during the year.
5. To mobilise equipment and personnel and commence the clean up within 2 hours.	No marine oil/fuel spills occurred during the year.

Project Name: **Terrestrial Hazardous Substance Spill Response**
 Project Manager: Consents and Compliance Manager

PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACHIEVEMENTS/PROGRESS
1. Maintain a team of staff trained to deal with terrestrial hazardous substance spills.	Achieved. Compliance staff undertake regular training to deal with such spills.
2. Review the Contingency and Procedures Plan every three years.	Not Applicable.
3. Regularly attend meetings of the West Coast Hazardous Substances Technical Liaison Committee and the West Coast Combined Emergency Services Co-ordinating Committee where these are relevant.	No meetings occurred during the year.

Project Name: **River, Drainage & Coastal Protection Work**
 Project Manager: Planning and Environmental Manager

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress
1. Hold annual meetings with Rating District Committees to report financial and discuss maintenance of the works.	Achieved. All meetings were held in September 2007.
2. Review Rating District Asset Management Plans in 2007/08 or where communities support a review of the service levels of existing infrastructure.	Not achieved. There has been a substantial amount of investigation undertaken this year to determine theoretical flood levels. This information is a very important part of the review.
3. Organise annual maintenance of the 20 rating district infrastructural assets to the service level consistent with the Asset Management Plan of each Rating District.	Maintenance contracts continue to be let as required.
4. Participate in the Greymouth Floodwall Committee, and complete the upgrade of the floodwall, once resource consents are granted.	Achieved. The Committee met in September 2007. The consents are yet to be granted for the floodwall upgrade.

<p>5. Continue to assist with organising and securing infrastructure loans for major capital works when required.</p>	<p>No new schemes in the reporting period.</p>
<p>6. Obtain rock from 9 quarries to facilitate river protection works within two weeks of requesting it, and at a cost in line with the relative operating cost of each quarry without subsidisation from general rates.</p>	<p>Achieved.</p>
<p>7. Organise annual aerial photography of major rivers and other areas of interest within budget, and maintain records.</p>	<p>Achieved. Organised in March 2008.</p>
<p>8. Continue to carry out river cross section studies on the following rivers in order of priority, as funds are available:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Taramakau at Inchbonnie 2. Karamea 3. Taramakau at Taramakau settlement 4. Waitangitaona 5. Hokitika River at Kowhitirangi 6. Wanganui 7. Grey River at Coal Creek 8. Waiho (Canavan's Knob) 9. Vine Creek 	<p>Achieved. All cross sections that we have been directly responsible for have been completed. We are now negotiating with Transit to undertake the Waitangitaona and Waiho work.</p>

Project Name: **Vector Management**
 Project Manager: Vector Programme Manager

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress
<p>1. That 95% of the programme of works is completed each year and all targets set out in the programme of works are achieved.</p>	<p>Achieved</p>
<p>2. The Contracting Plan, Capacity Plan, Communications Plan and Community Interests Plan are submitted to AHB by the received deadline each year.</p>	<p>Achieved</p>
<p>3. All Vector Control contracts are awarded in accordance with the Contracting Plan.</p>	<p>Achieved</p>
<p>4. That there are no more than 3 complaints in any contract year alleging insufficient communication regarding Vector Control operations.</p>	<p>Achieved</p>
<p>5. That the residual trap catch index (rtci) targets ranging between 2% - 3% and "numbers of possums per line" (ppl) ranging between 1 and 3 will be met. (These targets will be as per the AHB requirements for each control contract.)</p>	<p>Achieved (Where first round controls have failed second round control work achieved desired result.)</p>

Performance Targets	Achievements/Progress
1. Meet the performance objectives set by Vector Management staff for vector control contracts.	100% achievement for 07/08
2. Keep sufficient pest plant work records to assist the review of the Pest Plant Management Strategy.	Achieved
3. Supply staff and associated equipment as a response unit to marine and terrestrial pollution spill events as per the MOU between the Council's Compliance section, Maritime New Zealand and Vector Control Services dated 11 November 2005.	Five staff trained for an Oil response unit
4. Maintain oil spill response equipment to the level required in the West Coast Tier 2 Oil Spill Response Plan.	Achieved at quarterly maintenance checks
5. Operate the Unit on a fully competitive basis and provide an appropriate return to the Regional Council.	Achieved
6. Operate in accordance with Quality Assurance and Health and Safety Plans and safety procedures.	Achieved
7. Develop new business areas, complementary to existing roles.	Currently tendering for monitoring work for Department of Conservation, developing as a research assistant for Landcare Research, and supplying Agricultural spray work services for Pike River Coal Ltd.

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting 12 August 2008
Prepared by: Chris Ingle – Chief Executive
Date: 30 July 2008

Subject: **CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT**

Meetings Attended

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

- Chaired the FoRST funded AMD project governance committee meeting held at Kingsgate Hotel.
- Joined the Local Government Pre-Conference weekend tour in Rotorua and Taupo looking at lakes and nutrient management.
- Attending Mayors and Chair forum with the Chairman
- Attending Regional Council Chief Executives forum in Wellington and Chief Executives Environmental Forum.

I also took six days annual leave during the month.

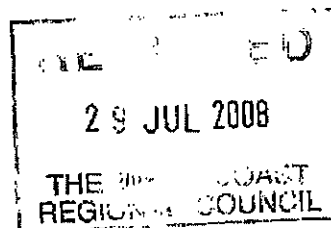
RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Chris Ingle
Chief Executive

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25 July 2008

Ross Scarlett
Chairman
West Coast Regional Council
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Dear Ross

This month the Animal Health Board formally assumed direct management of the bovine tuberculosis vector control programme previously managed for the Board by your Council.

This has brought to an end a very longstanding and effective partnership between our organisations.

I therefore take this opportunity to thank your council and staff for the vital contribution you have made to bovine TB control in New Zealand through management of the vector programme in your region.

I know that vector control can present difficult issues for landowners and communities. Management of these issues can be challenging and stressful, and on behalf of the Animal Health Board I wish to record my appreciation of the efforts of all those who have been involved in the programme. I hope you will pass this letter on to them.

Although we have embarked on major change in how TB vector control is managed, I look forward to a continued positive relationship with your Council. The changes we have made are a rational approach to the future needs of the TB strategy, but in no way are they an adverse reflection on the excellent service your Council and various staff have provided to the Animal Health Board for the benefit of New Zealand.

Yours sincerely

John Dalziell
Chairman

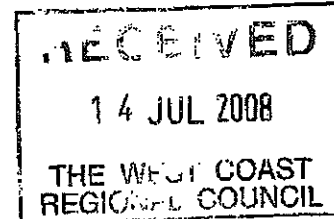


Hon Trevor Mallard
Minister for the Environment
Minister of Labour
Minister of Broadcasting
Minister for State Owned Enterprises
Associate Minister of Finance

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10 JUL 2008

Ross Scarlett
Chairman
West Coast Regional Council
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Dear Mr Scarlett,

Thank you for your letter regarding West Coast Regional Council funding.

In relation to your responsibilities under the Resource Management Act (RMA), you will be aware that you are able under sections 36 (1) and 36 (3) of the Resource Management Act to cover all actual and reasonable costs incurred by the council's actions.

You argue that the cost of preparing regional plans and state of the environment monitoring are not recoverable. Regional plans are for the benefit of the whole community, and as such the cost for their preparation and development should be borne by the whole community through rates revenue. I further note that where any individual seeks a plan or policy change, it is your council's policy to require a deposit of \$10,000 and further impose an additional charge under section 36 (3) to cover the actual and reasonable costs incurred.

In terms of state of the environment monitoring, the collection of this information is to assist councils to manage their resources in a sustainable manner over time. Should monitoring be required as a result of a resource consent under the Resource Management Act, you would be able to recover this amount from the relevant resource consent holders.

As to the other matters, including the use of Crown royalties, it would be inappropriate for me to comment as these do not fall within my responsibilities as Minister for the Environment.

Sincerely yours,

Hon Trevor Mallard.
Minister for the Environment



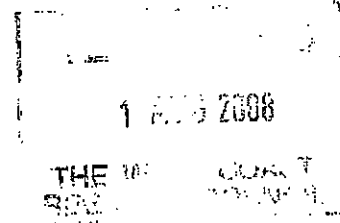
**Office of Hon Harry Duynhoven
MP for New Plymouth**

Minister for Transport Safety
Associate Minister of Energy

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29 July 2008

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



Dear Mr Scarlett

Re: West Coast Regional Council Funding

I refer to your letter dated 17 March 2008 to Hon Damien O'Connor, which was copied to other Ministers including myself, regarding West Coast Regional Council funding.

In order to ease what you describe as the West Coast Regional Council's tight financial situation, you have requested the reallocation of Crown royalty and/or Energy Resource Levy ('ERL') collected on West Coast coal, and other minerals won there, to your council. The basis for your request appears to centre on an incorrect assertion that royalties helped fund the monitoring of West Coast coal mines prior to 1991, when monitoring was undertaken directly by the Crown via the then Mines Inspectorate.

For your information, before 1991 neither the royalty and/or ERL take were used to fund the monitoring of West Coast coal or minerals mines by the Mines Inspectorate. All royalty and ERL monies went, as they do now, into the Crown Consolidated Fund. In fact, there is no statutory basis under either the Crown Minerals Act 1991 or the Energy Resources Levy Act 1976 for collection and retention of royalty or ERL for Crown-owned minerals by a regional council. Both Acts mandate financial return to the Crown.

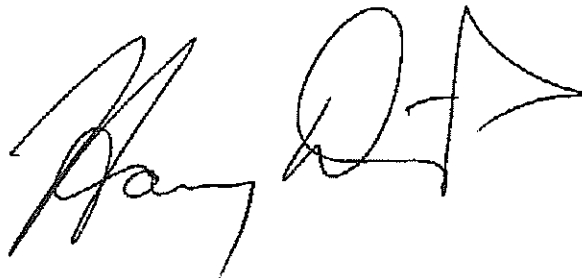
Licence monitoring by the then Mines Inspectorate was mainly third party funded and through the levy of annual charges (rents/fees) on licences. The Crown Minerals (Fees) Regulations 1991, which also apply to existing privileges such as coal mining licences, were recently amended to reflect significant changes that have occurred in international and domestic exploration and production, and in the manner in which the Crown Mineral estate is managed. The costing model used to determine the current fees structure did not factor in environmental monitoring costs because those functions were transferred to local authorities in 1991.

The basis for your request for the reallocation of Crown royalty and/or ERL is therefore incorrect on a number of counts. Further, there would be no basis to transfer part of the current annual fees for mineral permits to WCRC.

As to the other matters, including cost recovery mechanisms under the Resource Management Act 1991, it would be inappropriate for me to comment as these do not fall within my responsibilities as Associate Minister of Energy. However, I understand that Hon Trevor Mallard, Minister for the Environment, has written to you addressing those particular matters.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Harry Duynhoven', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon Harry Duynhoven
Associate Minister of Energy

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.

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| 29 - 30 | 8.1 | Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 8 July 2008 |
| 31 | 8.2 | Overdue Debtors Report |
| 32 – 33 | | |
| | 8.3 | Icon Mining Company Report |

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 July 2008		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 (to be circulated)		
8.3	Report Icon Mining		

I also move that:

- Chris Ingle
- Robert Mallinson
- Chris Pullen
- 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.