



# **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, 13 October 2009**

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 SEPTEMBER 2009 AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL,  
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.****PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), S. Moran (Planning & Environmental Manager), C. Dall (Consents & Compliance Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk)

**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**2. MINUTES**

**Moved** (Davidson / Scarlett) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 11 August 2009, be confirmed as correct.*

*Carried*

**Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cr Ewen reported that he assisted with the finalising of the Greymouth Floodwall design tender. He advised that Good Earth Matters won the tender.

Cr Ewen stated that he followed up various consenting matters with staff over the past few weeks. Cr Ewen attended the Open Day at Stockton Mine recently; he stated he was impressed with the set up at the mine site. Cr Chinn and Cr Archer also visited Stockton the day prior to Cr Ewen's visit.

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

*Carried*

**5. REPORTS****5.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP****5.1.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT**

S. Moran spoke to his report advising that he attended mediation for Wetlands Variation 1, this was directed by the Court. S. Moran advised that a hearing date has been set for the week of the 14<sup>th</sup> of December. S. Moran reported that original submission period for Variation 2 closed with 10 submissions received and further submissions close on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September. Cr Chinn asked what is the reason for the second submission process. S. Moran responded that it is a two stage process and the second stage is for others to support or oppose the 10 submissions that have already been put forward. Cr Chinn asked S. Moran if it is advisable to put in another submission. S. Moran responded that the information is all there to see and that if there is disagreement with what others have put in then they should put in a further submission. Cr Birchfield sought confirmation that Variation 1 is for the 20 or so wetlands that went into schedule 1 of the Land and Riverbed Plan. Cr Birchfield stated that these are the wetlands that are to be "locked up". He feels that Council should have sought compensation for affected landowners before their land is "locked up". He stated that

he would be standing aside from the hearing process for Variation 2 because he felt compensation should have been provided.

Cr Ewen reminded Council of the unanimous vote made by this Council to pursue with Government the matter of compensation for landowners of the identified wetlands. Cr Archer stated that compensation can not be applied for until you know what you are being compensated for therefore the matter needs to run through the statutory process in order for recommendations to be made, then compensation can be considered. C. Ingle advised that the plan itself already has a method in it that talks about this Council encouraging DoC to purchase or exchange land so that the conservation value is recognised and the landowner is then compensated or exchanged land that they can use for other purposes. C. Ingle advised that there is no guarantee of compensation.

S. Moran reported that DoC has approved the concession for the weather radar and they are working towards the timeframe of 2011.

S. Moran reported that the Civil Defence Group Controllers Forum was held in early August. C. Ingle attended this forum and noted that there was good attendance from controllers of all four Councils. He stated this was pleasing in view of the upcoming Ru Whenua exercise next Friday.

S. Moran reported that 5,500 people have signed up for "West Coast Shake Out" to participate in the earthquake drill that is scheduled for the same day as Exercise Ru Whenua.

S. Moran reported that there is a national tsunami exercise scheduled for October 2010, this will be a monitoring exercise for this council.

S. Moran reported that there was a small fresh that triggered the alarm on the Grey River during the reporting period.

S. Moran reported that the number of exceedences of air quality recorded this year is similar to those reported in previous years. Cr Davidson stated that the figures are not alarming. Cr Ewen stated that the recent thesis received revealed that there isn't a health issue relating to air quality.

T. Scott asked for further information regarding warning systems for tsunamis. S. Moran advised that if a tsunami is coming from a long distance then there is time for the local Civil Defence to put out a warning. Cr Archer advised that for significant off shore tsunamis the first alarm would be activated by Civil Defence in Wellington but the dilemma is that there is no national warning system at a local level. S. Moran responded that the best advice is that if people feel a strong shake, and they are concerned, they should head for high ground. Cr Archer stated that in terms of risks, tsunamis are ranked 13 on the list of risks that are likely to face the people on the West Coast.

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

*Carried*

### **5.1.2 SUMMARY OF SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT ON RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (SIMPLIFYING AND STREAMLINING) AMENDMENT BILL 2009**

S. Moran spoke to this report stating that the main changes to the Bill are that proposed rules would not take force until after decisions are released on submissions. He advised that this probably won't affect our plans which will continue to have effect straight away. S. Moran stated it will be interesting to see what will happen with the discount policy for late consents, where applications are avoidably processed late. Cr Ewen stated that it is pleasing to see that an effort was made by staff to ensure that our concerns were made known.

Cr Archer stated that the outcome of the Bill is very disappointing and that despite all the political posturing that was going to refine and improve the outcomes of the Act, this does not achieve even window dressing level. Cr Archer feels that advantages for consent applicants in streamlining is a waste of time and effort as it will not achieve what the government has set out to do.

Cr Birchfield asked that when a National Standard is in place, how does that affect our plan? S. Moran responded that we would have to amend our plan at some point to come into line with the policy statement or National Environmental Standard, which is why we lodged this submission.

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

*Carried*

### **5.1.3 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT STRATEGY**

S. Moran spoke to this report advising that this is a summary on what other agencies have been doing to achieve the objectives and policies. T. Scott expressed concern at the statistics for crashes. Cr Robb drew attention to regional and national statistics, he explained that we are in line with the

rest of the country. Cr Ewen thanked staff for the very good report and commended the way it had been collated. Cr Chinn stated that the report shows imports of 1% to the West Coast and exports of 4% from the West Coast. Cr Chinn feels that the West Coast sometimes does not get recognised for this in government circles.

**Moved** (Archer / Scarlett)

*That the Council approve the 2008 / 2009 Annual Report on the West Coast Regional Land Transport Strategy.*

*Carried*

## **5.2 CONSENTS AND COMPLIANCE GROUP**

### **5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**

C. Dall spoke to his report stating that it has been another quiet month in the consents department. He reported that the hearing for Hydro Developments Limited proposed Stockton Plateau Hydro Scheme took place in Westport during the reporting period and the committee is currently deliberating on its decision. C. Dall advised that he attended a further mediation meeting for TrustPower's Arnold Valley Hydro Power Scheme appeals last week, which appears to have been successful. This means that the appeal can be resolved through a consent order, this appeal was from Mr Gordon Graham.

Cr Archer asked if there are any outstanding appeals that are likely to go to the Environment Court. C. Dall responded that John Groome's appeal is still subject to a strikeout application from TrustPower and if the strikeout doesn't succeed then a formal Environment Court hearing may be required. C. Dall advised that a decision on the strikeout application is imminent.

**Moved** (Robb / Davidson) *that the September 2009 report of the Consents Group be received.*

*Carried*

### **5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

C. Dall reported that a further complaint was received regarding the Greymouth Aquatic Centre Boiler but upon inspection the boiler was found to be working effectively and within compliance limits. Cr Scarlett asked if the boiler is supposed to run so that no discharge to the atmosphere is seen. C. Dall responded that you are supposed to see very little smoke but on occasions such as when firing up or opening the kiln door there could be puffs of smoke. Cr Robb stated he has spent time around this area and the hockey turf area. He stated that a couple of times he has seen puffs of smoke but only for approximately 20 seconds and on very few occasions. C. Dall stated that early on there was evidence of soot on the hockey turf but this is no longer happening. He stated that this is an operational issue and that ongoing monitoring of the boiler is in place.

C. Dall reported that staff are currently investigating a discharge from McLeans Pit, the findings will be brought to the next Council meeting.

C. Dall reported that staff are inspecting sewage treatment systems in the region and have recently visited the Westport area for this purpose.

C. Dall reported that Pike River Coal Limited have carried out further mitigation work and have installed an extra sump in the Coal Slurry Processing Area and in the Pit Bottom in Stone area.

C. Dall reported that a trigger limit was exceeded at the Stockton Open Cast Mine during the reporting period, this was only for a very short duration and could not be attributed to any works at the time.

C. Dall advised that there were a typical number of complaints / incidents recorded during the reporting period and no formal enforcement action was taken during this time.

**Moved** (Scarlett / Archer)

1. *That the September 2009 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
2. *That Council release the bond held for RC 02260.*

*Carried*

**6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.11 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: The Resource Management Committee  
Prepared by: S. Moran – Planning & Environmental Manager  
Date: 30 September 2009

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

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**PLANNING****Variation 1 (Wetlands) to the Proposed Regional Land and Riverbed Management Plan**

A second round of Environment Court directed mediation was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of October. An update will be provided at the Council meeting.

**Variation 2 (Wetlands) to the Proposed Regional Land and Riverbed Management Plan**

The further Submission period for Variation 2 (Wetlands) closed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September 2009 with a total of six further submissions received.

**National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission**

Staff have reviewed the National Policy Statement (NPS) on Electricity Transmission to assess whether there is a requirement to amend any of the Regional policies or rules. The current Plan framework meets the requirements of the NPS.

**CIVIL DEFENCE****Exercise Ru Whenua**

Exercise Ru Whenua held on 18 September provided Council staff with a real challenge to manage information, prioritise resources, and coordinate the response throughout the region. Staff from the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management (MCDEM) were pleased with how the Group acted during the Exercise with improvements from the last Exercise in 2007. The involvement of the three District Councils provided a real opportunity to practice the flow of information. Several of the Lifeline organisations also participated and Opus provided staff during the day to act as a Lifelines Coordinator. The Welfare Advisory Group came together at the Regional Council during the course of the Exercise while welfare centres were activated in each of the Districts.

The Exercise highlighted the importance of establishing good communications between organisations and ensuring that information is provided to all agencies involved in the response. Staff commitment and enthusiasm to the Exercise was evident throughout.

The Co-ordinating Executive Group (CEG) is scheduled to meet on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October at which time the formal evaluations from each of the four councils will be reviewed. Staff will continue to work on the minor issues that came up during the Exercise to improve the flow of the Emergency Operations Centre.

**West Coast Shake Out**

West Coast Shake Out, the community exercise held in conjunction with Ru Whenua proved very popular with the West Coast public. Over 8,000 people registered in the earthquake drill which saw people West Coast wide drop, cover, and hold during a hypothetical 8.2 magnitude earthquake at 10.10am 18 September. The drill was complemented with the use of the civil defence Sting and commentary on the radio.

**Tsunami Warning – Samoan Earthquake 30 September**

MCDEM issued a Tsunami warning following the 8.3 magnitude earthquake in the Samoa Islands region on the 30 September. Staff reviewed the limited information available and



determined that there would be only a negligible effect on the West Coast as a result of our location and the state of the tide at the estimated time of wave arrival. Staff continued to monitor the MCDEM situation reports and the effects on the North Island's East Coast as this was the first area to be impacted with a significant time lag (approximately three and a half hours) before any projected effect on the West Coast.

Information was provided to local media to advise them of what was known by CDEM staff, and to advise people to be vigilant on West Coast beaches and river mouths as there may be some 'minor tidal variation'. The tsunami warning was downgraded to an advisory during the course of the event.

## **TRANSPORT**

### Regional Land Transport Strategy

The Regional Transport Advisory Group met on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September. The main agenda item was the review of the Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS). The Council received a deferral for the review to enable the Regional Land Transport Programme to be developed, and for staff to take into account the numerous legislation amendments. The RLTS review date is now August 2010.

A draft layout for the RLTS will be taken to the Regional Transport Committee in November along with the key issues for the West Coast for their approval. Consultation on the draft RLTS is anticipated to commence in April 2010. This RLTS will have an outlook of 30 years now be reviewed on a 6 year cycle as opposed to 3 years.

## **RESOURCE SCIENCE**

### Water Quality

The Resource Science team are underway with sampling of mussels from the Arahura mussel beds, south of the Arahura River. This investigation follows up previous work that determined these mussels were unsuitable for consumption due to pathogen contamination from faecal sources.

Analysis of data collected at our contact recreation monitoring sites has been used in conjunction with catchment assessments to estimate swimming suitability grades, as per MfE 2003 guidelines. These guidelines use a method that grades a site from very poor to very good. Outcomes from this analysis will help us review our contact recreation monitoring program prior to its commencement in November.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council receives this report.*

Simon Moran  
Planning and Environmental Manger

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Prepared for: The Resource Management Committee  
Prepared by: S. Moran – Planning & Environmental Manager  
Date: 30 September 2009

Subject: **COASTAL HAZARD INFORMATION PAMPHLET**

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**Purpose**

To present to Council the coastal hazard information pamphlets that have been produced for the West Coast.

**Background**

The popularity of coastal property linked with the current erosion cycle that is evident at many locations has resulted in a number of enquiries to the Council about who is responsible for protecting their property. It is important that there is basic information on possible risks available to people who either have coastal property already or are thinking of buying.

Staff secured Envirolink funding to contract Dr Doug Ramsay of NIWA to put together a basic outline that addressed the main issues. Two pamphlets were produced "*Thinking of buying a home on the coast?*" and "*Coastal erosion: Reducing the risk to your property*". The message is clear in both of these that 'holding the line' is not an option in most cases.

**Availability**

Initially the pamphlet information will be provided to the District Councils as well as being available on our website. However, staff are looking at options, including making real estate companies aware of it, to ensure this information gets to the right people.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council receives this report.*

Simon Moran  
Planning and Environmental Manger

*The shoreline of the West Coast region does not stay in one place. It changes position in response to storms, large waves and high tides. Landward movement of the shoreline, or coastal erosion, is usually in response to these natural processes. Such changes are typically only a problem when property, infrastructure or other human assets have been built too close to the shoreline and become threatened.*



## Thinking of buying a home on the coast?

If you are thinking about buying a house on the coast you can reduce the risk of purchasing a property that may be affected by coastal erosion or flooding by:

- ◆ Getting a Land Information Memorandum (LIM) report from the District Council.
- ◆ Finding out about the history of the area. Ask local people who have lived in the area for a long time about how the shoreline has changed and how much erosion has happened in the past.
- ◆ Tracking down old photographs (the Regional or District Council or the Department of Conservation may have old aerial photographs) to see how the shoreline has changed.
- ◆ Checking out your potential purchase during a storm or when the tide is running high.
- ◆ Thinking about how the location of the shoreline may change over the next few decades, based on past changes and possible future accelerated change due to sea-level rise.
- ◆ Assessing whether there is room to relocate your property further landward on your section if erosion threatens it, and check the council's consent requirements for relocating.
- ◆ Being aware that building seawalls to protect your property is rarely an effective long-term solution. It may be difficult to gain resource consent to build a new seawall because seawalls can worsen the erosion effects on your neighbours.
- ◆ Being aware a resource consent is needed from the Regional Council for any earthworks within 50 m of the Coastal Marine Area on an open coastline, or 20 m elsewhere (i.e., the sides of a river mouth). Removing soil or other material too close to the coastal strip can accelerate the erosion process. It is also a good idea to retain any existing vegetation as that can assist with slowing an eroding shoreline.

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**NIWA**  
Taihoro Nukurangi



*Locations on the West Coast where erosion is a problem include:*

Karamea  
Mokihinui  
Hector  
Ngakawau  
Granity  
Carters Beach  
Charleston  
Barrytown  
Punakaiki  
Rapahoe  
Cobden  
Karoro  
Okarito  
Bruce Bay  
Hunts Beach  
Hannahs Clearing  
Neils Beach  
Jackson Bay

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*The shoreline of the West Coast region does not stay in one place. It changes position in response to storms, large waves and high tides. Landward movement of the shoreline, or coastal erosion, is usually in response to these natural processes.*

*However, many coastal properties on the West Coast have been built too close to the shoreline to accommodate these natural fluctuations or future landward trends in the position of the shoreline.*



## Coastal erosion: Reducing the risk to your property

- ◆ **Treat your back garden as a buffer zone**

Slow down the rate of landward retreat of the shoreline by planting as wide a buffer zone as possible of natural coastal vegetation, such as flax, between the shoreline and your property.

Where dunes are present, help enhance the protection afforded by the dunes by planting native species such as Spinifex and Pingao these are two of the most effective native sand-trapping plants.

- ◆ **Get some advice**

Check the information reports on the West Coast Regional Council website: [www.wcrc.govt.nz](http://www.wcrc.govt.nz). Reports have been prepared for Granity, Hector, Rapahoe and Blaketown. Further advice can be sought via the Council. However, there are no magic solutions, and ultimately retreating back from the coast may be the only option if erosion continues. Be aware a resource consent is needed from the Regional Council for any earthworks within 50 m of the Coastal Marine Area on an open coastline, or 20 m elsewhere (i.e., the sides of a river mouth). Removing soil or other material too close to the coastal strip can accelerate the erosion process.

- ◆ **Plan a retreat**

Determine whether there is scope to relocate your property, either further landward on your section, or to another location. This should be a particular consideration when planning to re-develop, upgrade or extend the property. Despite the up-front costs, on severely eroding coasts, relocation can often be the most cost-effective and appropriate solution in the longer-term. Relocating your dwelling may require a permit from the District Council.

*The traditional 'solution' to such coastal erosion problems is to build a seawall to 'hold' or 'advance the line'. Such actions unfortunately are rarely the most effective option in the long-term, often being only effective for a few years, and can lead to a false sense of security and further development behind the seawall. Seawalls can also exacerbate erosion along adjacent sections of coast.*

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Karoro  
Okarito  
Bruce Bay  
Hunts Beach  
Hannahs Clearing  
Neils Beach  
Jackson Bay

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## THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Prepared for: Resource Management Committee  
Prepared by: Colin Dall - Consents & Compliance Manager  
Date: 1 October 2009

**Subject: CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**

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### **CONSENTS**

#### Consents Site Visits from 24 August – 30 September 2009

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY, NAME &amp; LOCATION</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>
23/09/09	RC09132 - L & B Manera, River Protection, Duffers Creek	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the proposed river protection.
23/09/09	J Ferguson, River Protection, Mikonui River	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the proposed river protection.

#### Non-Notified Resource Consents Granted From 24 August – 30 September 2009

<b>CONSENT NO. &amp; HOLDER</b>	<b>PURPOSE OF CONSENT</b>
RC04005 S Sandrey	To disturb the dry bed of Tuhua Creek for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC04128 Westland Schist Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of MacGregor Creek and the Waitaha River for the purpose of track formation and selected stone removal.
RC04196 Weststone	To disturb the dry bed of the Grey River near the Cobden Rail Bridge for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC08131 J & T Kersten	To discharge dairy effluent from a stand-off pad to land near the Grey River at Totara Flat (DS459).
RC08170 TrustPower Ltd	To undertake works in the bed of Outlet Creek for the purpose of constructing fish recovery pools, Lake Wahapo.
RC09057 Holcim (New Zealand) Ltd	To discharge contaminants (dust) to air from the crushing and screening of aggregate, Cape Foulwind Quarry.
RC09058 Cranley Farms Ltd	To undertake land disturbance associated with the humping and hollowing in the Arahura Valley.  To discharge sediment-laden water to land where it may enter water as a result of humping and hollowing in the Arahura Valley.  To divert unnamed tributaries of Kawhaka Creek.
RC09073 New Zealand Transport Agency	To place a structure (rock spur) on the bed of the Waitangitaona River.
RC09084 PH Morrison	To undertake earthworks at Humphreys Gully associated with alluvial gold mining activities.  To take and use surface water from unnamed creeks at Humphreys Gully associated with alluvial gold mining activities.  To discharge sediment-laden water to land where it may enter water via seepage at Humphreys Gully.

RC09086 Matai Mining Ltd	<p>To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining activities at Quinns Terrace, Three Mile.</p> <p>To take and use surface water within MP41756 for alluvial gold mining activities at Quinns Terrace, Three Mile.</p> <p>To discharge sediment-laden water to land in circumstances where it may enter water at Quinns Terrace, Three Mile.</p> <p>To discharge sediment-laden water to a man made pond known as "LMM pond".</p>
RC09087 G & M Smith	<p>To deposit clean fill (gravel and concrete) on land at 55 Camerons Road, Camerons.</p>
RC09090 Dept of Conservation	<p>To discharge effluent to land from a pit toilet, Bain Bay, Lake Brunner.</p>
RC09091 New Zealand Transport Agency	<p>To reconstruct the State Highway 6 Bridge and associated rock rip-rap at Ten Mile Creek.</p> <p>To disturb the bed of Ten Mile Creek for the purpose of reconstructing the State Highway 6 Bridge and associated rock rip-rap.</p> <p>To undertake earthworks and vegetation clearance associated with the reconstruction of the State Highway 6 Bridge at Ten Mile Creek.</p> <p>To divert water from the State Highway 6 Bridge and associated rock rip-rap at Ten Mile Creek.</p> <p>To discharge sediment to water associated with the reconstruction of the State Highway 6 Bridge and associated rock rip-rap at Ten Mile Creek.</p>
RC09092 Amalgamated Mining Ltd	<p>To undertake earthworks at Cape Terrace associated with alluvial gold mining activities.</p> <p>To take and use surface water from Little Fuchsia Creek at Cape Terrace associated with alluvial gold mining activities.</p> <p>To discharge sediment-laden water to land where it may enter water at Cape Terrace.</p>
RC09095 NZ Transport Agency	<p>To reconstruct a culvert in the bed of Kokatahi Track Creek.</p> <p>To undertake earthworks and vegetation disturbance within the riparian margin of Kokatahi Track Creek associated with the reconstruction of a culvert.</p> <p>To disturb the bed of Kokatahi Track Creek for the purpose of installing a culvert.</p> <p>To temporarily divert water of Kokatahi Track Creek to allow the reconstruction of a culvert.</p> <p>To discharge sediment to water in Kokatahi Track Creek associated with the reconstruction of a culvert.</p>
RC09096 NZ Transport Agency	<p>To reconstruct a culvert in the bed of Woolhouse Creek.</p> <p>To undertake earthworks and vegetation disturbance within the riparian margin of Woolhouse Creek associated with the reconstruction of a culvert.</p> <p>To disturb the bed of Woolhouse Creek for the purpose of installing a culvert.</p> <p>To temporarily divert water of Woolhouse Creek to allow the reconstruction of a culvert.</p> <p>To discharge sediment to water in Woolhouse Creek</p>

RC09100 Sandrey Contracting Ltd	<p>associated with the reconstruction of a culvert.</p> <p>To disturb the dry bed of the Hokitika River at Arthurstown (Site 1) for the purpose of extracting gravel.</p> <p>To disturb the dry bed of the Hokitika River downstream of Arthurstown (Site 2) for the purpose of extracting gravel.</p> <p>To disturb the dry bed of the Hokitika River adjoining the True Right Bank, upstream of the Kaniere Bridge (Site 4) for the purpose of extracting gravel.</p>
RC09101 Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Ltd	<p>To disturb the dry bed of the Hokitika River adjoining the True Left Bank, upstream of the Kaniere Bridge (Site 4) for the purpose of extracting gravel.</p> <p>To install a culvert in the beds of Blackwater Creek and Long Gully.</p> <p>To disturb the beds of Blackwater Creek and Long Gully for the purpose of installing culverts.</p> <p>To discharge sediment to water in Blackwater Creek and Long Gully associated with the installation of culverts.</p>
RC09107 PJ Fitzgerald	<p>To construct and maintain a stop bank and rock spurs in the bed of the Taramakau River.</p>
RC09109 NZ Transport Agency	<p>To disturb the bed and banks of Goat Creek for the purpose of removing and replacing the road bridge including protection works, SH73 near Otira.</p> <p>To erect structures and undertake stream training works on the bed and banks of Goat Creek, SH73 near Otira.</p> <p>To disturb the riparian margins of Goat Creek for the purpose of removing and replacing the road bridge, SH73 near Otira.</p> <p>The incidental discharge of sediment to Goat Creek for the purpose of removing and replacing the road bridge, SH73 near Otira.</p> <p>To undertake the temporary and permanent diversion of Goat Creek for the purpose of removing and replacing the road bridge, SH73 near Otira.</p>
RC09116 Fulton Hogan Ltd (Central)	<p>To disturb the dry bed of the Haast River at Burke Flat for the purpose of extracting gravel.</p>
RC09118 MBD Contracting Ltd	<p>To disturb the dry bed of the Grey River near Ruby Creek for the purpose of extracting gravel.</p>
RC09121 Fish & Game NZ	<p>To discharge contaminants (fish food and waste) to water as a result of rearing trout, Kawhaka Water Race.</p>
RC09122 Public Trust for LP Hughson	<p>To alter the Coastal Marine Area (CMA), Twelve Mile.</p> <p>To erect a structure (erosion protection wall) in the CMA, Twelve Mile.</p> <p>To deposit concrete into the CMA, Twelve Mile.</p> <p>To occupy space in the CMA, Twelve Mile.</p>
RC09131 P & E Todd	<p>To disturb the dry bed of the Arawhata River for the purpose of extracting gravel.</p>

<b>CONSENT NO. &amp; HOLDER</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>
RC99001 Goldsouth Ltd Greenstone River	To change a condition to allow for an increase in the mining area.
RC00321 Dept of Conservation Mokihinui River Catchment	To change a condition to allow for an increase in the area on which 1080 can be discharged.
RC03174 Dept of Conservation Kahurangi National Park	To change a condition to allow for a one-off aerial 1080 discharge within a less than a 3-year period of the last discharge.
RC07208 Barry Foster Contracting Fox Creek area	To change a condition to allow for an increase in the mining area.
RC93019, RC95001 & RC07142 Solid Energy New Zealand Ltd Seven Mile Creek	To change conditions to allow for integration and consistency in water quality monitoring and compliance limits.

Notified & Limited Notified Resource Consents Granted From 24 August – 30 September 2009

<b>CONSENT NO. &amp; HOLDER</b>	<b>PURPOSE OF CONSENT</b>
RC08180 M Pfahlert	To disturb the foreshore within the Coastal Marine Area in Mining Permit 41738 for the purpose of undertaking black sand (gold) mining.  To disturb the foreshore within the Coastal Marine Area in Mining Permit 50786 for the purpose of undertaking black sand (gold) mining.
RC09046 Meridian Energy Ltd	To alter the foreshore/seabed, Mokihinui.  To erect a structure (rock revetment) on the foreshore/seabed of the CMA, Mokihinui.  To deposit rock on the foreshore/seabed in the CMA, Mokihinui.  To occupy space within the CMA, Mokihinui.  To undertake earthworks within 50 metres of the CMA, Mokihinui.  To divert water associated with the construction of a stopbank, Mokihinui River.  To discharge contaminants (sediment) associated with the construction works to water, Mokihinui.

Notified Consents Updates & Other Matters

The Environment Court (Judge Borthwick and Commissioners Manning and Menzies) released its decision on TrustPower's application to strike out J Groome's appeal on the consents granted by the Council for the proposed Arnold Valley Hydro Power Scheme. While the majority of the Court declined to strike out those parts referring to the 'Council's' consents, a minority decision of Cr Manning indicates a view that the strike out should have succeeded.

Wild West Adventure Company Limited withdrew its appeals on the consents after reaching an agreement with TrustPower. This leaves Mr Groome's appeal as the last remaining unresolved appeal. Further mediation for this appeal is currently being considered.



## Public Enquiries

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35 written public enquiries were received in September. 21 (60%) were answered on the same day, 7 (20%) the following day, and 6 (17%) within two to five days and 1 more than five days due to the request requiring some research (file checking).

## **RECOMMENDATION**

*That the October 2009 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: 2 October 2009  
 Subject: **COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

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**Site Visits**

A total of 81 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period, which consisted of:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Number of Visits</b>	<b>Fully Compliant (%)</b>
Resource consent monitoring	19	79
Dairy shed inspections	35	94
Complaint response	18	67
Mining compliance & bond release	9	78

**Specific Issues**

**Dairy Effluent Discharges:** Compliance staff began routine inspections of effluent systems around the region, including some follow-up work from the previous season. Effluent field days in conjunction with Dairy NZ are being organised for the coming season.

**Globe Progress Mine – Oceana Gold:** Three Infringement Notices were issued to the Company in the last reporting period in relation to the discharge of mine water and sediment to Oriental and Devils Creek from a collapsed adit on 22 July 2009.

The Company notified the Council of a breach of the compliance limit in Devils Creek that had occurred on 2 September 2009. This matter is still under investigation.

Compliance staff will be increasing the monitoring of the operation in the future.

**CCA Spill - IPL:** On 25 September, IPL (Gladstone) reported a spill of approximately 4,000 litres of timber treatment chemical from a tank on site containing Copper, Chromium and Arsenic (CCA). This was spilt to ground as a result of a pipe being knocked off the tank in high winds.

A large amount of the chemical was collected in a sump nearby and was pumped back into storage. There were no drains or water bodies near the spill. Council staff are monitoring the clean-up.

**Pike River Mine – Pike River Coal Limited:** One non-compliance was reported by Pike River Coal Ltd for September, where a discharge to Pike Stream exceeded compliance limits due to an influx of high turbidity water from a hopper located near the Portal. This resulted in minor discolouration of Pike Stream for a short period.

A site inspection is planned for early October.

**Westport Wastewater Treatment Plant – Buller District Council:** On 7 September the Buller District Council (BDC) reported that the digester at the Westport Wastewater Treatment Plant had a fault and would not be working effectively while the problem was fixed. As the sewage effluent was only partially treated there was a possibility that the Buller River may be contaminated below the discharge point on the Buller River SH 6 Bridge.

Signs were erected by the BDC to warn whitebaiters of the risks of fishing during this time, and radio broadcasts were also made over the local stations.

Results from testing of the Buller River to date have been within compliance limits.

Stockton Opencast Mine

The Council received the following notifications from SENZ regarding activities at the mine during the last reporting period:

- There had been a landslip in the Mine Creek catchment during the month of July. SENZ discovered this after investigating a number of complaints from locals in Ngakawau regarding a loud bang and poor water quality in Mine Creek and the Ngakawau River. This was not attributed to mining activities.
- On 27 August there were two spills of approximately 80-100 L of waste oil and diesel after a hose blew on a pump, and a hose blew on a refueling truck. Spill response action was initiated in both cases and the spills were contained. SENZ undertook sampling in nearby waterways to ascertain if they had been adversely affected. The results showed there was no contamination of the waterways.
- On 15 September there was a spill as a result of fuel hose damage on an excavator. There was approximately 50 L spilt onto shot ground, so the clean up was limited. There was no noticeable adverse environmental effect from this spill.
- On 21 September the Council received a complaint regarding the quality of the water in the Ngakawau River. The Council contacted SENZ and was advised that the yellow tinge that was evident in the river was attributable to the lime dosing in the Mangatini Stream. The flow increased with decanting commencing from the Mangatini Sump in order to provide storage for forecast rainfall. Samples taken by SGS showed no significant effect on turbidity in the river. There were no mining activities that were causing discolouration of the Ngakawau River.

Terrace Mine, Spring Creek Underground Mine and Strongman Mine

No site visits were undertaken by Council in the reporting period. All water quality results received from SENZ were within the relevant compliance limits.

**Complaints/Incidents between 26 August to 29 September 2009**

The following 21 complaints/incidents were received during the reporting period:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Action/Outcome</b>
Mining	Sediment discharge from mining operation	Kaniere	Remediated by miner
Earthworks	Dumping of vegetation on private property	Paroa	Compliant
Earthworks	Drainage/flooding concerns	Cobden	Compliant
Sand removal	Sand removal from beach causing erosion concern	Fairdown	Compliant
Landfill	Discharge from Hokitika landfill	Hokitika	Working with WDC to achieve compliance
Burning plastic	Burning plastic	Berlins	Offender required to cease burning
Sewage effluent	Discharge from Westport Wastewater Treatment Plant	Westport	Testing indicated in compliance with consent conditions
Earthworks	Discolouration of creek reported	Waimea Creek, Stafford	Unfounded
Paint spill	Dumped paint entered stormwater drain and Sawyers Creek	Lydia Street, Greymouth	Paint cleaned up to prevent further discharge
Oil spill	Alleged small oil spill from industrial site	Westport	Unsubstantiated

Mining	Sediment discharge from mining operation	Blackball	Compliant
Kokiri	Offal discharged to drain	Kokiri	Company remediated and cleaned up drain
Earthworks	Humping and hollowing works causing sediment run off to creek	Aratika	Abatement Notice issued
Stock in watercourse	Stock in watercourse	Whites Creek, Kokatahi	Resolved
Mining	Dirty discharge observed	Ngakawau	Slip identified as causing discolouration of river
Dairy farming	Foamy chemical discharge reported	Stafford	Natural foam
Truck crash	Truck crash carrying molasses on Lower Buller Gorge Road	Ohikanui River	No spill
Offal Pit	Offal Pit found too close to river and causing offensive odour	Inangahua River	Site remediated
Chemical spill	CCA spill at IPL timber processing yard	Gladstone	WCRC monitoring site
Stock in watercourse	Water buffalo in waterway	Barrytown	Unsubstantiated
Sediment discharge	Complaint regarding waterways running dirty	Deadmans Creek, Westport	Unsubstantiated

### **Formal Enforcement Action**

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

<b>Notice</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
Abatement	Discharge to land where it may enter water (Dairy)	Westport
Abatement	Discharge to land where it may enter water (Mining)	Cape Terrace Road
Abatement	Discharge to land where it may enter water (Earthworks)	Aratika
Infringement (3 notices)	Discharge to land where it may enter water (Mining)	Devils Creek

## **MINING**

### **Work Programmes**

The Council received the following 6 work programmes during the reporting period, which were all processed within the 20-day target:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Mining Authorisation</b>	<b>Holder</b>	<b>Location</b>
2/9/09	RC08109	M Mills	Atarau
7/9/09	RC09059	P & R Mining	Reefton
15/9/09	RC09088	P Hampton	Atarau
16/9/09	RC04021	Darryl Oates Contracting	13-Mile
16/9/09	RC94096	Colin Thompson Contracting	Cockabulla Creek
28/9/09	RC09047	AY Mining	Capeleston

**Bonds Received**

The following 4 bonds were received in the reporting period:

<b>Mining Authorisation</b>	<b>Holder</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
RC09092	Amalgamated Mining	Cape Terrace	\$18,000
RC09088	Phil Hampton	Atarau	\$6,000
RC09059	P & R Mining Ltd	Blackwater	\$4,000
RC09047	AY Mining Ltd	Capleston	\$4,000

**Bond Releases**

<b>Mining Authorisation</b>	<b>Holder</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
RC06070	B Blacktopp	Big Dam Hill	\$5,000
RC08029	Drake and Sweeney	Mossy Creek	\$3,000

Council staff have visited the sites to ensure that all rehabilitation requirements have been satisfied and landowner approval of rehabilitation works has been obtained.

**OIL SPILL RESPONSE**

No marine oil spills were reported.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That the October 2009 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
- 2. That the Council release the bonds held for RC06070 and RC08029.*

**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, 13 October 2009** commencing on completion of the Resource Management Committee Meeting.

A.R. SCARLETT  
CHAIRPERSON

C. INGLE  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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6.0	12 – 15	<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT</b>
7.		<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2009,  
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD,  
GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.26 A.M.****PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), C. Dall (Consents and Compliance Manager), S. Moran (Planning and Environmental Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk)

**1. APOLOGIES:**

There were no apologies.

**2. PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no presentation.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved** (Archer / Birchfield) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting 11 August 2009, be confirmed as correct.*

*Carried*

**Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

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

S. Moran spoke to his report advising that the stopbank upgrade at Inchbonnie is nearing completion and has gone very well.

S. Moran advised that the design tender for the upgrade design for the Greymouth Rating District has been let to Good Earth Matters Ltd, their tender is for \$174,580.

S. Moran reported that the rating district meeting at Whataroa would be confirmed once the results of the survey sent to ratepayers in this area are to hand.

**Moved** (Chinn / Birchfield) *that the report be received.*

*Carried*

**5.1 CORPORATE SERVICE MANAGER'S REPORT**

C. Ingle spoke to this report in R. Mallinson's absence. He advised that this is a short report in view of the time spent on finalising the Annual Report. It was noted that there has been an encouraging rally in our portfolio with gains of \$283,902 and the return of 2.85% for the year to date. Total gains since March 2009 are approximately \$677,000. C. Ingle stated it great to see the investment portfolio heading in the right direction again.

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

*Carried*



### 5.1.1 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 30 JUNE 2009

C. Ingle spoke to this report advising that it is a draft version of the Annual Report. C. Ingle advised that the Auditors will be on site again next week, some minor adjustments are yet to be finalised but there are no fundamental or material concerns from Audit New Zealand regarding the Annual Report.

**Moved** (Davidson / Ewen)

*That the un-audited Annual Report be received.*

*Carried*

### 5.1.2 ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST FROM ANIMAL HEALTH BOARD FOR TB CONTROL

C. Ingle spoke to this report stating there has been a communication breakdown between the AHB and Council. C. Ingle reported that AHB made submissions to the LTCCP requesting further funding but their submission was unclear on the consequences of not getting the funding. AHB have now written to Council outlining their concern at not getting the additional funding. Cr Scarlett stated that Council's view during the LTCCP process was that not only was the funding request not greatly explained but when AHB were asked by Councillors for justification for the additional funding there was no clear answer and Council were not prepared to grant the funding without justification.

C. Ingle advised that should Council be inclined to grant the money, there are three options, but he recommends that the money is carried in deficit throughout the year. To have a full blown LTCCP change and go through the LTCCP submissions process again would cost money and he is not recommending this option. The third option is to use a clause out of the Rating Act Section 23 that allows Council to fund an extra amount when Council feels that it has been unforeseen. C. Ingle stated that it is not a huge amount of money to carry and will not impact on cashflow. Cr Scarlett asked councillors for their opinions.

Cr Chinn stated he is not in favour of any of the recommendations, as he does not have a lot of faith in the AHB and that by upping the rate they are not solving the problem. He feels that if 10% was taken back on the area of rateable land and they don't increase it by 10%; then there would be no need to increase the amount by \$85,000. Cr Chinn said that AHB are treating land that has not had a possum caught on it for 15 years. He would like AHB to move from areas where there are no possums and to treat the hotspots. Cr Chinn said that Mr McCook from the AHB stated in his letter to Council that for every dollar regional councils put in we get \$9 back, therefore if we put in \$100,000 in we would get \$900,000 back. Mr McCook stated this would be a great cash injection for the West Coast, Cr Chinn agrees with this but he feels that landowners should not pay more rates, as there is not that many possums left. Cr Chinn feels that rural landowners should not be expected to fund this increase.

Cr Ewen stated that funding request is an oversight on the part of the AHB and not this Council. He understands Cr Chinn's view but he appreciates that for \$85,000 we get \$850,000 back. This is good for employment for contractors on the West Coast. Cr Ewen stated that it would be pointless doing any Tb control if we don't support the programme as in six months all the work will be undone. Cr Ewen feels that it is a necessity that we do continue, but he is mindful that we are helping out the AHB for their error, not ours.

Cr Robb stated that he is disappointed with AHB for not explaining themselves well during the LTCCP process and that because of this they were turned down in the first place. Cr Robb feels that the Tb strategy and the work that AHB is doing is working and it is important that Council keeps it working for the benefit of the West Coast. Cr Robb feels that this request for further funding comes from an administration level and he supports the recommendation to grant additional funding.

Cr Davidson feels that if the additional funding is not granted then there will be a gap in the programme. Cr Davidson is in favour of the eradication of Tb and on the positive side there will be over \$800,00 injected into the West Coast.

Cr Scarlett stated that continuity of the programme is important and there is a risk that should there be a six month hiatus and then there are no jobs for the contractors, they could leave the district to seek employment elsewhere and it would be difficult to get them back again. Cr Robb stated there is concern that if the funding isn't granted then expertise of those contractors on the ground will be lost and new contractors would need to be brought in and trained.

Cr Archer stated he is disappointed with the letter from AHB. Cr Archer said that the point is if the money isn't available then we are going to lose a significant degree of coverage and control of the Tb programme. Cr Archer asked that if we don't contribute the \$85,000 is this going to have a significant impact on the strategy or Tb control within our district.

Cr Scarlett responded that it would have a negative impact; there will be a six month gap in the programme. He stated that we are the beneficiaries of the funding that is well over and above of what we contribute by a huge amount to the tune of \$10 – 12M. Cr Scarlett stated that this sends a very bad signal to the rest of the funders if we are not prepared to fund \$85,000 as the West Coast is the worst Tb infected area in New Zealand. Cr Scarlett advised that if there were any type of export bans relating to Tb then we would be at the top of the list and this would affect our economy seriously. Cr Scarlett feels that even though this funding request has been handled poorly, for the sake of \$85,000 it is important that we do it. Cr Archer is in favour of supporting the funding request but remains disappointed with Mr McCook, CEO of the AHB with the handling of this matter.

Cr Scarlett advised that he was only recently advised by Mr McCook that \$33,000 of the \$85,000 was to go into the national programme. Cr Scarlett advised that following a stern conversation with Mr McCook the West Coast would now receive the entire \$85,000 of funding.

Cr Birchfield stated that he feels the reservoir for Tb is in DoC land and this where the possums are coming from. 87% of the land area is DoC's and they should be funding more of the Tb programme. He is against hitting ratepayers for any more money.

Cr Chinn asked if Development West Coast might be interested in funding the shortfall. Cr Scarlett responded that Development West Coast would say that this is the AHB's and Council's area and that it is AHB's and Council's responsibility. Cr Scarlett advised that if there was a business involved or a new business starting up that would be different.

**Moved** (Davidson / Ewen)

1. *That Council agrees to fund an additional \$85,000 toward the AHB regional share for the 09/10 year, noting that we will also carry a \$30,000 deficit from last year's overspend, on the understanding that all of this be spent in-region.*
2. *That Council agrees to carry this additional expenditure in deficit for the 09/10 year, with the intention of increasing the TB special rate next year to recover the shortfall.*

*Against  
Cr Chinn  
Cr Birchfield  
Carried*

## 6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to his report advising that he attended the Regional Chief Executive's meeting in Wellington on 20<sup>th</sup> of August. He also met with EECA staff on the same day to discuss an energy strategy for the West Coast and is currently talking with Development West Coast to see if they are prepared to move forward with this project under their banner.

C. Ingle reported that he and Cr Scarlett attended the Regional Affairs Committee meeting in Wellington on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of August. C. Ingle reported that the Mayors and Chairs Forum was held yesterday.

C. Ingle spoke of the Climate Change Position Statement, which was tabled at the recent Regional Affairs Committee meeting. The Local Government New Zealand National Council Climate Change Sub Committee has approved this. Cr Scarlett stated that they want all regional councils to put their signatures to the statement. Cr Birchfield stated he would be voting against this.

**Moved** (Davidson / Robb) *that the Chief Executive's Report be received.*

*Carried*

## 7.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT (VERBAL)

The Chairman reported that he attended the Regional Affairs Committee meeting in Wellington on 20 August where it was decided to have a strategy day for two days in October. Cr Scarlett reported

that this is because regional councils are coming under pressure from various groups and some are suggesting regional councils be replaced with a national EPA (Environmental Protection Agency). It was felt that the general public don't know what regional councils do and how important the role of regional councils is in terms of the environment.

Cr Scarlett reported that a further presentation was made by the AHB at the Regional Affairs Committee meeting. He stated that this presentation was on the basis that some regional councils are reluctant to buy into a funding programme, as the AHB wants a commitment of five years. Cr Scarlett advised that the Chairman and CEO of the AHB were given a very clear message that regional councils are unhappy. Cr Scarlett now feels that with this clear message being given he is hopeful of moving on in a more positive and inclusive way with the AHB. Cr Scarlett reported the Hon Nick Smith spoke of the changes to the RMA. Cr Scarlett stated that the changes are not as wide ranging as he was hoping for but phase 2 is coming up and he is hopeful of further progress. Cr Scarlett stated that Hon Rodney Hide was also present at the RAC meeting and spoke about the expected changes with the Auckland Super City merge.

Cr Scarlett reported that yesterday's Mayors and Chairs Forum revealed that there are no games scheduled for the West Coast for the Rugby World Cup in 2011. A report has been requested from Tourism West Coast to see what they are planning in terms of trying to attract overseas visitors to the West Coast during the Rugby World Cup event.

Cr Scarlett stated that members of the Mayors and Chairs Forum are to write to Land Transport New Zealand regarding the amount of rubbish on the sides of the road and to ask what is being done about this matter.

Cr Scarlett advised that next year marks the 150 year commemoration of the purchase of the West Coast from Maori. Cr Scarlett advised that district councils are planning various celebrations for Buller, Greymouth and Westland.

Cr Robb asked Cr Scarlett if other regional councils are considering pulling out of regional share funding for the AHB Tb Free strategy. Cr Scarlett replied that Taranaki have their own programme which they believe is better than the AHB's. Southland is now funding at a lower level and have only committed to one year, Waikato fund the AHB but they also have their own large programme.

Cr Scarlett confirmed that regional councils fund 10% of the programme; other funders included the government, dairy industry and the deer industry.

Cr Archer spoke of the rubbish on roadsides becoming problematic again, he is unsure of what the strategy now is. He stated that in the past children have been used to get the message through to adults to ensure that they are not littering. Cr Archer feels that there nothing in place to discourage people from littering. Cr Scarlett agreed to speak with LTNZ to see if an awareness campaign can be implemented.

Cr Scarlett raised that matter of Climate Change Position Statement that the Regional Affairs Committee has asked Council to endorse. Cr Birchfield confirmed again that he is against this.

C. Ingle advised that he heard at the RAC meeting from the promoters the purpose is to make it clear that Local Government's role is not to do with climate change mitigation, that is the government's role, our role is to do with adaptation to climate change. For example if storm water pipes needed to be 10% bigger because rainfall is going to increase then that is local government's job. C. Ingle stated there is no new direction but more of a clarification of roles. Cr Archer stated he supports this as the document is worded in a way that leaves the discretion up to individual councils to implement. Cr Archer feels that climate change is an issue that we have to deal with and we need to show a leadership role. He feels this document is a stepping stone. Cr Scarlett stated that test of the document is how does it stack up in terms of this regional council and in terms of what we might do. Cr Chinn does not endorse the document, as it is not specific. Cr Birchfield stated that he does not support it as he feels that they don't know what the world is going to do. He feels that once support is shown for this document then you are buying into the carbon tax and emission trading issue, Cr Birchfield stated that this would break the country if it goes ahead. Cr Davidson is against it as he feels we would be supporting carbon tax and emission trading issues as well. Cr Robb stated he has serious reservations with some areas around climate change and he is not comfortable with the document. Cr Ewen stated he is super cautious about putting his okay to a document such as this. Cr Scarlett confirmed that this council would not be endorsing the Climate Change Position Statement. C. Ingle stated that it is a LGNZ initiative not a government initiative and was developed within our own group of regional councils.

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

*Carried*

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 12.12 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 13 October 2009  
 Prepared by: Simon Moran – Planning & Environmental Manager  
 Date: 28 September 2009

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

**1. WORKS**

- a) **Inchbonnie Rating District – Stopbank Upgrade**  
 This major work involving the placing of four culverts and approximately 54,185 m<sup>3</sup> of compacted hardfill has been completed. MBD Contracting Ltd was the successful tenderer and they completed the contract within the programmed timeframes.
- b) **Greymouth Rating District – Upgrade Design**  
 Good Earth Matters Consulting is maintaining progress in terms of their proposed timelines. Design work is continuing and is to be completed by 31 October 2009.
- c) **Southside Rating District – Maintenance involving 550 tonnes of rock to top up slumped rockwork.** Three verbal quotes were sought and the successful tenderer was MBD Contracting at \$11,400 (G.S.T. Exclusive)
- d) **Redjacks Creek Rating District**  
 300 tonnes of rock to top up slumped rockwork, channel clearing and drain clearance. Two verbal quotes were sought and the successful tenderer was MBD Contracting at \$8,820 (G.S.T. Exclusive)

**2. FUTURE POTENTIAL WORKS**

There are maintenance works identified for the following rating districts Lower Waiho, Franz Josef, Waitangitona, Matainui, Wanganui, Raft Creek, Kowhitirangi, Vine Creek, Taramakau, Nelson Creek, and Karamea.

**3. QUARRIES**

There were no rock movements for the period 1 August to 31 August 2009.

**Quarry Work Permitted Since 31 August 2009**

Quarry	Contractor	Tonnage Requested	Permit Start	Permit Finish
Inchbonnie	MBD	1500	7-9-2009	18-9-2009
Kiwi	MBD	300	11-9-2009	18-9-2009
Camelback	Henry Adams	600	14-9-2009	18-9-2009
Wanganui	Westland Schist	200	21-9-2009	30-9-2009

- Note: a) Okuru Quarry is to be "shot" and a stockpile created.  
 b) Inchbonnie Quarry – New access to top of hill has been constructed blasting is to proceed shortly.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That this report be received.*

Simon Moran  
 Planning and Environmental Manger

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 13 October 2009  
Prepared by: Simon Moran – Planning & Environmental Manager  
Date: 28 September 2009

Subject: **PROPOSED WHATAROA RATING DISTRICT**

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**Purpose**

To advise Council of the outcome of the vote on forming the Proposed Whataroa Rating District.

**Background**

The Council was asked earlier this year to investigate forming a rating district in relation to the maintenance of some existing river protection works near the Whataroa bridge from the catchment board days. After several meetings we recently sent out a voting papers to the affected people with the following results:

- We had a 56% return (17 out of 30)
- Of the votes returned 64% were in favour of setting up a rating district (11 out of 17)

There have been a few questions raised during this process that need addressing if any rating district is to go ahead and these relate to:

- What type of scheme should be being proposed?
  - Should it be maintenance only, or capital and maintenance within the footprint of the existing scheme, or a whole river scheme over time
- What is the level of protection they would get from the scheme?

Whilst there are no set thresholds the Council requires to form a rating district my view is that there has been insufficient support for a rating district to be imposed.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council decline to form the Proposed Whataroa Rating District.*

Simon Moran  
Planning and Environmental Manger

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Council Meeting  
 Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager  
 Date: 1 October 2009

**1. Financial Report**

FOR THE TWO MONTHS ENDED 31 AUGUST 2009	ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	ACTUAL % ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET
<b>REVENUES</b>				
General Rates	321,699	318,833	17%	1,913,000
Rates Penalties	27,326	12,500	36%	75,000
Investment Income	438,926	129,167	57%	775,000
Regulatory	216,560	215,449	22%	976,191
Planning Processes	3,817	28,225	2%	169,350
Environmental Monitoring	0	0	0%	0
Emergency Management	6,780	6,667	14%	50,000
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	161,110	182,103	15%	1,092,618
Regional % Share Controls	95,789	95,833	17%	575,000
VCS Business Unit	1,175,292	622,967	31%	3,737,800
	2,447,299	1,611,743	26%	9,363,959
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Representation	63,741	64,001	17%	384,003
Regulatory Activities	296,151	281,095	18%	1,686,568
Planning Processes	80,750	98,326	14%	589,954
Environmental Monitoring	98,962	122,861	13%	737,163
Emergency Management	15,730	21,935	12%	131,612
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	274,808	858,906	5%	5,153,434
Regional % Share Controls	120,210	125,810	16%	754,862
VCS Business Unit	260,649	554,239	8%	3,325,436
Portfolio Management	13,614	0		0
	1,224,615	2,127,172	10%	12,763,032
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	1,222,684	-515,429		-3,399,073

BREAKDOWN OF SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	Variance Actual V Budgeted YTD	ACTUAL	BUDGET Year to date	ANNUAL BUDGET
Rating Districts	560,448	-72,079	-632,527	-3,795,164
Quarries	-14,710	-17,271	-2,561	-15,366
Regional % Share of AHB Programmes	5,556	-24,421	-29,977	-179,862
Investment Income	296,145	425,312	129,167	775,000
VCS Business Unit	845,916	914,643	68,727	412,364
Other	0	0	0	0
General Rates Funded Activities	44,758	-3,500	-48,258	-596,045
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,738,113	1,222,684	-515,429	-3,399,073

Net Contributors to General Rates Funded Surplus (-Deficit)		Actual	Budget ytd	Annual Plan
	<u>Net Variance</u>			
	<u>Actual V YTD</u>			
Rates	2,866	321,699	318,833	1,913,000
Rates Penalties	14,826	27,326	12,500	75,000
Representation	260	-63,741	-64,001	-384,003
Regulatory Activities	-13,945	-79,591	-65,646	-710,377
Planning Activities	-6,832	-76,933	-70,101	-420,604
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection (excl.	17,366	-24,348	-41,714	-250,286
Environmental Monitoring	23,899	-98,962	-122,861	-737,163
Emergency Management	6,319	-8,950	-15,269	-81,612
	44,758	-3,500	-48,258	-596,045

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 AUGUST 2009**

	@ 31/08/2009	@ 30/06/2009
<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>		
Cash	313,750	66,831
Short term Deposit - Westpac	700,000	1,303,942
Accounts Receivable - Rates	137,880	209,243
Accounts Receivable - General Debtors	239,801	728,118
Prepayments	137,268	103,062
Sundry Receivables	6,579	145,750
Stock - explosives	0	0
Stock - VCS	25,306	32,437
Stock - Rock	51,826	49,603
Stock - Office Supplies	14,624	14,624
Accrued Rates Revenue	561,331	
Unbilled Revenue	452,534	227,560
	<u>2,640,899</u>	<u>2,881,170</u>
<b><u>Non Current Assets</u></b>		
Investments	10,951,506	10,513,944
Fixed Assets	3,819,038	3,780,748
Infrastructural Assets	39,403,646	39,403,646
	<u>54,174,190</u>	<u>53,698,338</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>56,815,089</u>	<u>56,579,508</u>
<b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>		
Bank OD	0	0
Accounts Payable	363,103	1,131,602
GST	45,292	83,965
Deposits and Bonds	413,636	403,400
Sundry Payables	227,883	388,778
Accrued Annual Leave, Payroll	233,101	234,902
Other Revenue in Advance	15,000	15,000
Rates Revenue in Advance	0	0
	<u>1,298,015</u>	<u>2,257,647</u>
<b><u>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>		
Future Quarry restoration	85,800	85,800
Punakaiki Loan	277,719	283,435
Lower Waiho Loan	35,964	45,295
Office Equipment and IT Leases	91,453	103,877
	<u>490,936</u>	<u>518,407</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>1,788,951</u>	<u>2,776,054</u>
<b><u>EQUITY</u></b>		
Ratepayers Equity	20,479,822	20,479,822
Surplus Tsfrd.	1,222,684	
Rating District Equity Mvmts	222,254	
Rating Districts Equity	2,185,613	2,407,867
Tb Special Rate Balance	-36,374	-36,374
Revaluation	22,714,725	22,714,725
Quarry Account	152,414	152,414
Investment Growth Reserve	8,085,000	8,085,000
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<u>55,026,138</u>	<u>53,803,454</u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u>56,815,089</u>	<u>56,579,508</u>



## 2. Investment Portfolio

PORTFOLIO @ 31 August 2009 Summary & Reconciliation		Cash	Bonds	Australasian Equities	International Equities	Property Equities	Alternative Asset Classes	Total
Portfolio Value @ Start	01 July 2009	2707972	3898343	1128754	1243964	583366	930569	10492968
Contributions		19434	0	516000	163	0	0	535596
Withdrawals		-163	-516000	-7015	-6660	-1341	-4417	-535596
Realised Gains/(Losses)								0
Price		-28798	1680					-27118
FX		0		5653	6498	1341		13492
adj.		3469						3469
Unrealised Gains/(Losses)								0
Price		8291	8575	179904	103440	53320	50176	403705
FX				-14089	-47257	-1922	-49726	-112994
Mgmt Fee								0
Interest Income		35029	23753	1028		935	4417	65161
Changes Accrued Interest		7247	15894					23141
Dividends				7358	6583	335		14276
reversal Hedges 30.6.09				-8843	-26079	-1691	-33142	-69755
Current Hedges @ 31.08.09				5308	44250	853	73748	124159
Portfolio Value @ End Period	31 August 2009	2752480	3432245	1814057	1324901	635196	971625	10930504
ytd return for	2 months	0.80%	1.46%	11.20%	5.70%	5.73%	0.54%	
weighted average return ytd of								3.56%

Asset Allocation %'s @ 31 August 2009	Benchmarks
Cash	25%
Bonds	31%
Australasian Equities	17%
International Equities	12%
Property Equities	6%
Alternative Asset Classes	9%
	100%

Tactical asset allocation range
10% - 50%
10% - 50%
0% - 20%
0% - 20%
0% - 10%
0% - 20%

## 3. General Comment

Total operating expenditure for the two month period to 31 August was \$1.225 million. Total operating revenues for the same period amounted to \$2.447 million.

The operating surplus for the period amounted to \$1.222 million.

The Investment portfolio showed a \$437,000 increase in value since 30 June 2009.

In the general rate funded area, there were positive budget variances amounting to \$44,758 for the two month period.

## 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 October 2009

**Subject: ADOPTION OF AUDITED ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 30 JUNE 2009**

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The un-audited Annual Report for the Year to 30 June 2009 was submitted to the 8 September meeting.

The audit field work was completed on 17 September and at the time of preparing this report I am expecting to receive the audit report on 13 October for tabling at this meeting.

I attach a copy of the 1 October 2009 version for Councillor's information. There have been format improvements and a reduction in page numbers from 70 to 63 compared to the version received by Councillors on 8 September.

The reported deficit in the audited accounts increases from \$157,071 to \$164,010. This is due to an adjustment to our calculated long service leave liability of \$6,939.

The statement of cash flows on page 22 and the reconciliation note on page 35 will be completed shortly with Audit NZ assistance so as to comply with their requirements. These pages will be circulated prior to the meeting.

Our Audit Director John Mackey will either attend the 9 November or 8 December meeting, depending on how soon Audit NZ are able to finalise the "Report to Management and Council", commonly referred to as the Audit Management Report. Councillors will have the opportunity for a private meeting with John Mackey in accordance with the Risk Management policy.

In accordance with section 98 of the Local Government Act 2002, Council must adopt the audited annual report by resolution.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council adopt the audited Annual report for the year to 30 June 2009 in accordance with section 98 of the Local Government Act 2002.*

Robert Mallinson  
Corporate Services Manager

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Council Meeting 13 October 2009  
Prepared by: Chris Ingle – Chief Executive  
Date: 25 September 2009

Subject: **CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT**

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**Meetings Attended**

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

- Met with Warren Gilbertson of DWC to further discuss the possibility of DWC overseeing a Renewable Energy Strategy process.
- Laurence Yule, President of Local Government New Zealand, visited on 14 September and met with myself, the Chair and Deputy Chair.
- Met John Mackie, Audit NZ Director, on 16 September for a general catch up.
- Westland Milk Products management visited on 16 September, including the new CEO Rod Quinn, to discuss our 'working together' agreement.
- Visited the Minister for Energy and Resources, Hon Gerry Brownlee in Wellington on 17 September with the Chair and Deputy Chair.

**Exercise Ru Whenua**

I participated in the Civil Defence Exercise Ru Whenua and carried out the role of Controller for the first shift, from 6am to Midday on 18 September. All staff participated in this exercise which went very well from my perspective although there were shortcomings with communications that will need to be addressed over coming weeks.

**Sponsorship**

I have recently had two requests for sponsorship. The Council does not budget for sponsorship, so Council would either have to award funding outside budget, or just support in principle, if Councillors feel inclined.

The first was an informal approach by the organisers of "a day at the beach" – two young men who have hiked the beach from Karamea to Franz Josef doing beach cleanups, beach plantings and generally spreading environmental and sustainability messages. They request \$5,000 – \$10,000 to help fund a film & an educational exhibition both which will tour communities coastwide, particularly focused at engaging young people.

The second is the attached letter from the Department of Conservation, for a celebration of 50 years of Westland National Park in March, for an unspecified amount.

**Annual Leave**

I am taking ten days annual leave from 28 September to 10 October to take a short holiday.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That this report be received.*

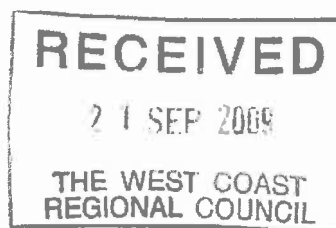
Chris Ingle  
Chief Executive



Department of Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*

18 September 2009

The Marketing Manager  
West Coast Regional Council  
PO Box 66  
GREYMOUTH 7840



Dear Sir/Madam

### **Sponsorship of the Westland *Tai Poutini* National Park 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Westland *Tai Poutini* National Park is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 29 March 2010, and planning is underway to celebrate this special anniversary. The Park holds a special place in the hearts of many New Zealanders, and we want to acknowledge and celebrate the community spirit and passion that led to the formation of this unique national park.

Fifty years on the Park's stunning scenery, amazing geology, rare flora and fauna, and rich history attracts over half a million visitors annually and is a jewel in the conservation and tourism crowns.

The Department is planning celebrations for the weekend of 26-28 March 2010 with activities in both the Franz Josef and Fox Glacier areas. It will be a weekend full of activities, opportunities to reminisce and a great chance for people to come from far and wide to share special memories about the Park and its environs.

We expect the weekend event will attract a lot of attention; it's already scheduled in three Ministers diaries; and we will proactively promote and profile the Park and event leading up to and during the anniversary weekend.

Your organisation has strong ties with the West Coast, conservation and tourism and we believe your organisation would benefit from being involved, therefore we would like to invite you to help the weekend celebration be a success. Sponsorship of the weekend will secure your connection with the high profile anniversary weekend event.

Sponsors are needed to ensure a successful event and to keep costs down for all those attending. Your organisation will of course be recognised for its contribution in promotional material, media and during the weekend's celebration.

We trust that you will give this proposal your consideration and we look forward to your favourable response, preferably by October 8<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Please do not hesitate to contact Katrina Henderson, 03 752 0081 or email [wnp50anniversary@doc.govt.nz](mailto:wnp50anniversary@doc.govt.nz), if you would like more information on this opportunity.

We look forward to partnering with you to deliver something truly special for this important event.

Yours sincerely

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Wayne Costello and Jo Macpherson  
Area Managers *Poumanabere*  
Franz Joscf *Waiau* and South Westland *Webeka*

21 September 2009

Mr John Clayton

West Coast Regional Council

388 Main South Road

GREYMOUTH



Dear Mr Clayton

WEST COAST ART IN THE PARK INC.

We are writing to enquire whether the West Coast Regional Council would be willing to assist with funding for the next Art in the Park event coming up in March 2010?

As you know, this vibrant and exciting Arts Festival is becoming an established event on the West Coast, attracting people from all over New Zealand as well as tourists. This provides considerable income to the region for that particular weekend

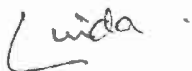
The event is now going into it's 4<sup>th</sup> year and the decision to move to Shantytown proved to be very popular. We are a registered charitable entity (CC#37670) and a not-for-profit organization. We rely almost solely on sponsorship and donations.

The budget for the coming event is \$32600.00 – this includes the cost of purchasing a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand marquee, which will do away with the expense of hiring marquees from Christchurch annually. We raise as much as we can by holding raffles, sausage sizzles, from registration fees and commissions and also – as from the next event – a small entrance fee. However this still leaves a shortfall of approx. \$25000.00. Once we have purchased the marquee we intend hiring it out for a nominal fee of \$300 for a weekend event. This will relieve some of the financial pressure for future events. However, we wont realize this income until such stage as the marquee is actually purchased!

We would be most grateful if West Coast Regional Council could make a grant of \$3000 towards the event.

We look forward to your reply in anticipation and hope for your favourable consideration. Thank you

Kind regards



Linda Morley Inc. Art in the Park



## 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.			
16 – 17	8.1	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 8 September 2009	
18	8.2	Overdue Debtors Report (tabled)	
19 – 60	8.3	Regional Waste Services Analysis	
61 - 94	8.4	Untreated Dairy Effluent Discharge from DS49	
95 – 118	8.5	Discharge of Landfill Leachate from McLeans Pit	

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>General Subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution.</b>
8.			
8.1	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 8 September 2009		Section 48(1)(a) and in particular Section 9 of 2nd Schedule Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.
8.2	Overdue Debtors Report		
8.3	Regional Waste Services Analysis		
8.4	Untreated Dairy Effluent Discharge from DS49		
8.5	Discharge of Landfill Leachate from McLeans Pit		

I also move that:

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

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

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