

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, 10th August 2010**

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 13 JULY 2010 AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL,
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOOUTH, 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:

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

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. MINUTES

Moved (Scarlett / Davidson) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 8 June 2010, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Ewen reported that he has been liaising with staff and Councillors on the Amended Pest Plant Management Strategy. He has also dealt with enquiries regarding gravel extraction matters and 1080 issues with the Animal Health Board. Cr Ewen noted that the upgrade of the Greymouth Floodwall is now complete and spoke of the visit to the site with fellow councillors following last month's meeting. Cr Ewen is currently dealing with correspondence from three ratepayers which he will complete once he has gathered further information.

Cr Ewen reported that he has been contacted by Mr Andy England who has been carrying out a kayaking survey on local rivers. Mr England wants to speak to Cr Ewen about the function of councillors.

Moved (Ewen / Robb) *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 advised that the appeal period for the Coastal Plan Change 2 closed on the 8th of July and he has not received notification of any appeals. S. Moran stated that he would be checking with the Environment Court to confirm that there are no appeals.

S. Moran advised that submissions are due by the 23rd of July for the Pest Management Proposed National Plan of Action. He advised that more integration between agencies and organisations is being sought. S. Moran stated that there are concerns with the high handed approach from MaF in terms of working together and he feels a reminder is needed that funding by regional councils is guided by their LTCCP's and what their communities prioritise rather than directives from MaF. S. Moran advised that

Local Government New Zealand's draft submission does cover some of these points and he will be reiterating these points in his response.

S. Moran reported that the Government has announced that it wishes to progress the Foreshore and Seabed Act Repeal with the draft legislation being introduced to Parliament by August and enacted before the end of the year. S. Moran advised that the main issues are the effect on the 12,000 + existing privately held titles, the existing mining permits and resource consents be protected until the end of their term. S. Moran stated that it is unclear what will happen after this until the detailed legislation is available.

S. Moran reported that there have been further announcements from Government on what the Environmental Protection Agency will be responsible for, included are processing matters for proposals of national significance, ERMA functions and administering the Emissions Trading Scheme.

S. Moran advised that the installation date for the weather radar has been put back slightly to the end of the year rather than the middle of the year.

S. Moran reported that the "Get Ready" civil defence display banners are available for use for schools and councils around the region to use as a tool to get the message across to people. These banners are a resource that can be used for public displays when projects are being done on natural hazards.

S. Moran advised that there have been no floods during the reporting period. S. Moran reported that repeat sampling of groundwater bores is currently being carried out again. This was previously done three years ago.

S. Moran reported that there have been nine exceedences of the National Environmental Standard for PM¹⁰ in Reefton during the reporting period with the highest exceedence being 83 micrograms / m³. Cr Birchfield asked if there is any concern from residents in Reefton regarding air quality. S. Moran responded that there have been three public meetings regarding this issue and a couple of meetings with the Ministry for the Environment and one with the community. S. Moran advised that the general feeling from these meetings has been that while people are affected, residents like to be able to burn coal. S. Moran advised that one comment made at the meeting was that residents would like to be able to access EECA grants for upgrading insulation on their properties but they did not want this to be traded off against not being able to burn coal. Cr Scarlett stated that the submission council put forward reflects council views of having taken notice of what Reefton residents wanted. T. Scott asked if there is any evidence of the health effects air quality in Reefton is having on residents. S. Moran responded that a Masters Student from Canterbury University has done some work on this but it was inconclusive and they could not find that Reefton resident's respiratory health was any worse than any other place on the West Coast. S. Moran advised that there a paper was presented to the technical advisory group which was the precursor to this review and a copy was sent to this group. Cr Ewen asked for a comparison for a high PM¹⁰ exceedence for Christchurch. S. Moran responded that a high exceedence for Christchurch would be around 180 micrograms / m³.

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

Carried

5.1.2 AMENDED PEST PLANT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY NOTIFICATION AND HEARING

S. Moran spoke to this report in C. Ingle's absence. S. Moran advised that Council is required to review the Pest Plant Management Strategy and to formally notify the strategy by mid July with submissions closing in mid August. S. Moran advised that the strategy has been worked through by a subcommittee of Councillors with C. Ingle coordinating the project. S. Moran advised that a committee of council members is required to be appointed to a hearing panel with the hearing panel acting as a Board of Inquiry to hear submissions and make and release the decisions. It was agreed that those councillors involved with the review of the strategy would be appointed to the hearing committee and any other councillor who would like to be included. T. Scott advised that he wishes to be included in this process.

Moved (Archer / Robb)

That the Resource Management Committee appoint all Committee members, as available, to

- (i) *form a Board of Inquiry in terms of Section 79A of the Biosecurity Act to hear all submitters who wish to be heard; and*
- (ii) *make and release decisions on the Amended Pest Management Strategy in terms of Sections 79B and 79C of the Biosecurity Act.*

Carried

5.1.3 CONTINUATION OF THE CIVIL DEFENCE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GROUP THROUGH THE TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS

S. Moran spoke to this report advising that this is the same process council went through prior to the last triennial elections. The purpose of this is to ensure that the West Coast Civil Defence Group remains live until the new council comes in to force and makes its appointments.

Moved (Scarlett / Robb)

The Council resolves, as provided for by clause 30(7) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, that the West Coast Civil Defence Emergency Management Group, and any subcommittee constituted by that Group, shall not be deemed to be discharged on the coming into office of the new members of Council elected at the 2010 election, and will remain in force until a new CDEM Group is formally constituted by the new Councils.

Carried

5.2 CONSENTS AND COMPLIANCE GROUP

5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

C. Dall spoke to this report advising that it has been a normal month in the consent processing area with the consents granted covering the typical range of consent activities on the West Coast.

C. Dall reported that the Environment Court has released an interim decision on the appeal relating to TrustPower's proposed Arnold Valley Hydro Scheme. The court indicated that the J. Groome appeal is likely to be dismissed but amendments are being sought to some of the consent conditions in relation to adaptive management process to address adverse effects if they arise from the scheme. C. Dall advised that further work with TrustPower would be required to sort out the conditions to the Court's satisfaction.

C. Dall reported that the Hearing Committee heard the consent applications by Solid Energy for its Proposed Stockton Hydro Scheme and released its decision. The committee refused the applications on the grounds that the committee considered that the proposed scheme had more than minor adverse effects in some aspects and was either contrary or not consistent with some of the relevant planning provisions in the Buller District Plan.

Moved (Archer / Birchfield) *that the July 2010 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Carried

5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

C. Dall spoke to this report advising that Council has continued to field calls regarding the Westroads gravel extraction site in Blaketown relating to dust and dust management at the site. C. Dall advised that he has obtained monitoring results from the company who undertakes the monitoring of dust but the results don't indicate any levels that were unacceptable or exceeded nuisance levels based on the Ministry for the Environment's guidelines.

C. Dall reported that Pike River Coal Ltd undertook an external review following the earlier incident of coal fine discharges to Big River. As part of the external review, Pike River Coal Ltd will be taking further action to ensure no further discharges occur. Cr Davidson asked C. Dall what is the difference between a settling pond and a polishing pond. C. Dall responded that a polishing pond is generally pond at the tail end of a process and is likely to have vegetation growing around it.

C. Dall reported that council staff have visited the Globe Progress Mine – Oceana Gold Ltd site during the reporting period. C. Dall advised that the company is still complying with its discharge limit and has now do so for more than 40 weeks.

C. Dall reported that Solid Energy Ltd is undertaking a stowing trial at its Stockton Opencast Mine site. He advised that Solid Energy are looking at mining some older parts of the mine that were previously mined by underground means and to make this area safe they are filling the voids with a slurry material as a trial.

C. Dall advised that two abatement notices and two infringement notices have been issued during the reporting period. C. Dall advised that council staff have inspected the rehabilitation work relating to Teronick Mining Ltd and are satisfied with this work therefore the bond can be released.

Cr Archer asked C. Dall for an update on the sentencing of Oceana Gold Ltd in relation to Council's prosecution of the company with regard to the significant effects on Devils Creek downstream of the

mine. C. Dall responded that this has been adjourned and the date has yet to be confirmed. C. Dall advised that Oceana Gold Ltd is investigating options to rehabilitate this area more quickly as part of the Restorative Justice process in relation to the prosecution.

Discussion took place regarding gravel extraction from riverbeds close to highways and the impact this could have on bridges and roading. Cr Ewen feels that a close eye needs to be kept on contractors to ensure that a common sense approach is taken. C. Dall advised that in some cases the removal of gravel from riverbeds near bridges is beneficial as gravel build up can reduce flood carrying capacity in some cases.

Moved (Archer / Birchfield)

1. *That the July 2010 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
 2. *The Council release the bond for Resource Consent RC03274 to Teronick Mining Limited.*
- Carried*

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Chinn provided councillors with copies of correspondence from Hon Kate Wilkinson, Minister of Conservation and Hon Dr Nick Smith Minister for the Environment relating to the matter of significant wetland identification on the West Coast. Cr Ewen read the two letters to the meeting and advised that DoC is involved with this process. Cr Ewen reminded that meeting that this matter is currently before the Court. S. Moran advised that the Court has heard further evidence from the Ecologists, they had run out of time therefore written closing submissions were made and these are being worked through. S. Moran advised that there has not been an indication from the Court as to when a decision is likely or whether the Court wishes to hear from anybody else. S. Moran advised that DoC is continuing with the process of putting together a secondary list of wetlands on the West Coast. Cr Chinn is concerned that he is hearing mixed messages and feels a little lost as to where we are currently at. S. Moran advised that under Part 2 of the Act, Section 6 matters of National Importance, is one of the requirements to be addressed. S. Moran advised that in the Land and Riverbed Plan we addressed wetlands in a particular way, it went through the submission process but some other groups felt this wasn't addressed in a way to their liking so they appealed. Council has now been through the appeal process with mediation then to the Environment Court which is where we are now. S. Moran advised that in terms of what is outlined in Dr Smith's letter, central government has not yet issued a National Policy Statement giving clear direction. S. Moran advised that the Labour Government had a draft National Policy Statement on Biodiversity but they parked it, then it came out as a National Guidance document but not formal policy. Dr Smith is talking about making this a formal policy that will state what is required. S. Moran advised that in the interim Councils still have to work with Section 6 as the only direction from Central Government. Section 6 states that protection from wetlands from inappropriate subdivision and use is a matter of National Importance. S. Moran advised Cr Chinn that the matter is now before the Court and timeframes will be set by the Court. Cr Ewen stated that at the meeting he, Cr Scarlett and C. Ingle had with Hon Kate Wilkinson he invited the Minister to make a National Policy Statement on wetlands because it takes the identification of wetlands out of our hands. Cr Ewen stated that we have entered this train of processes and we have to go through with it. It was agreed that a copy of the letters would be made for each Councillor. Cr Ewen reiterated the comments of the CEO at a previous meeting where he stated that he remains confident of a positive outcome to this matter.

The meeting closed at 11.09 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting – 9 August 2010
 Prepared by: S. Moran – Planning & Environmental Manager
 Date: 30 July 2010

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

Government's Statement of Intent

The Ministry for the Environment recently released its work priorities for the next three years. They are:

- Implementation of the Emissions Trading Scheme, particularly allocation of emission units to trade-exposed, emissions-intensive sectors
- Negotiations on a successor agreement to the Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change, with rules for forestry and land use
- Progress the *New Start for Fresh Water Strategy*
- Establish the Environmental Protection Authority
- Progress the second phase of RMA reforms focusing on sector-specific issues, including aquaculture, infrastructure, and urban design, and improving interaction between the RMA and other statutes
- Improve environmental reporting
- Work on a National Policy Statement on Biodiversity

New Waterways Centre

On 9 July the Minister for the Environment opened the new Waterways Centre in Christchurch - a joint initiative between Canterbury and Lincoln Universities that creates a centre for excellence in water resource education and research. The Centre will bring together the engineering, agricultural, geology, environmental and geography disciplines of Canterbury and Lincoln Universities. The Government is contributing \$1 million to the Centre from the Tertiary Education Commission's Encouraging and Supporting Innovation Fund.

First waste minimisation funding approved

The Government has accredited Plasbak (administered by Agpac) as one of the first Product Stewardship Schemes under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008, along with the Glass Packaging Forum. Plasbak received a \$130,000 grant from the Waste Minimisation Fund for an educational campaign in Canterbury to encourage farms to recycle or reuse plastic items. Nationwide, the scheme provides a collection service for bale wrap, silage sheeting, polypropylene bags, HDPE drums, and agrichemical containers from farms for a fee, and sends material to Christchurch for recycling into new products. 100 and 200L HDPE drums are collected free subject to conditions. On the West Coast, the Plasbak collection point is based in Hokitika.

There are now two farm plastic recovery services on the West Coast, Plasbak and Agrecovery.

Honda Tree Fund

The Council had \$2885 to distribute this year on behalf of the Honda Tree Fund and the following projects received funding:

Kaniere Reserve Trust,
 West Coast Speedway Planting Project,
 Kumara Village Upgrade,
 John Paul II High School Sports Field,
 Bois Gentil Kiwi Creche – Paparoa Wildlife Trust,
 Tauranga Bay Creek Coastal Plantings,
 Greymouth High School Recreation Field

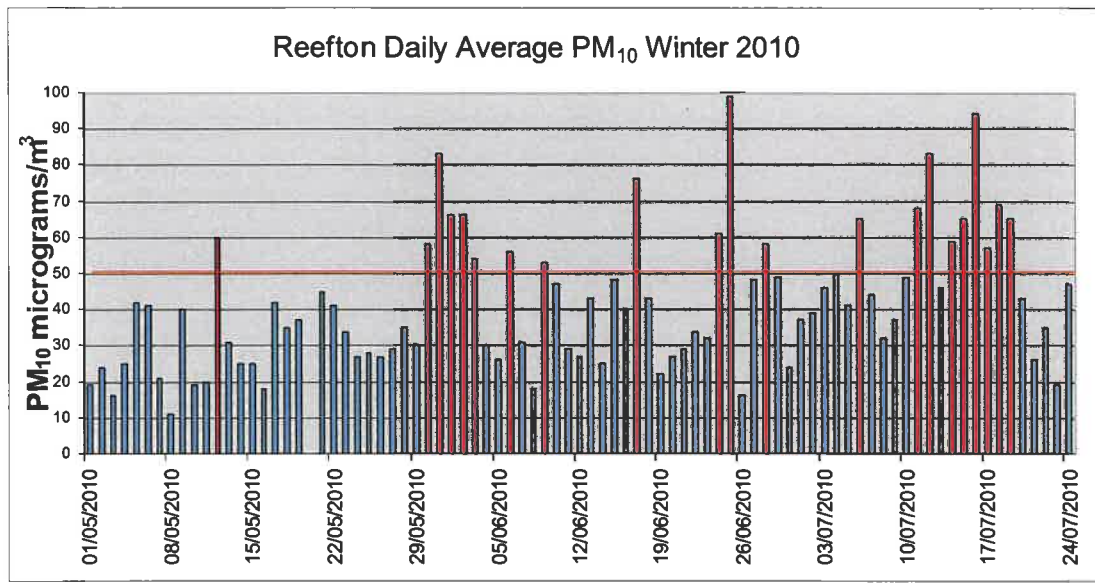
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Flood Warning

There have been no floods in the Karamea, Buller, Grey, Hokitika, or Waiho rivers during the reporting period.

Air Quality

There have been 21 exceedences of the National Environmental Standard for PM₁₀ of an average of 50 micrograms/m³ over a 24 hour period. The highest of these was 25th of June where 99 micrograms/m³ was recorded in a 24 hour period.



Water Quality

At the request of Karamea Community Business Ltd a public presentation was made on water quality issues in their area. It covered a broad range of topics including ground and surface water monitoring, landfills, dairying, and Otumahana Estuary. Earlier in the month a similar presentation was also given to the Ruatapu residents association.


An information pamphlet called "How well is your Well?" has been adapted from an Environment Southland publication. It is available from the Council's office and has been added to the website.


Biannual sampling of a wider group of twenty wells has begun, starting in Karamea. This will continue for three years at which point the data and programme will be reviewed. These wells have been chosen due to their water chemistry and were selected from a wider group sampled as part of an initial synoptic survey in 2007.


RECOMMENDATION

That this report is received.

Simon Moran
Planning and Environmental Manger


 If you are having a new bore drilled, make sure it is located as far as practical from potential sources of contamination such as septic tanks, ofal holes and effluent disposal areas.

 If renewing a pressure tank, explore the option of fibreglass replacement. These do not corrode and will last longer than a steel tank.

 Add a backflow prevention device, especially if your water system is connected to stock water troughs or used to fill sprayers or tankers. This will prevent contaminated water flowing back into your water supply.

 Remember to protect pumps, hoses and fittings from frost damage.

 Avoid spraying herbicide around your bore or well to control weed growth.

 Unused or abandoned wells and bores should be securely sealed and preferably filled in with clean clay or soil.

 The usual life span of a bore is between 20-30 years.

Using the metal casing as an earth for an electric fence or power supply increases the rate of corrosion and will shorten the life of your bore.

Our thanks to Environment Southland for the creation and supply of text and images that make up the majority of this pamphlet

How well is your Well?

A guide to protecting the quality and reliability of your groundwater supply

For further information about topics listed in this pamphlet or any matters related to groundwater quality or quantity please contact:

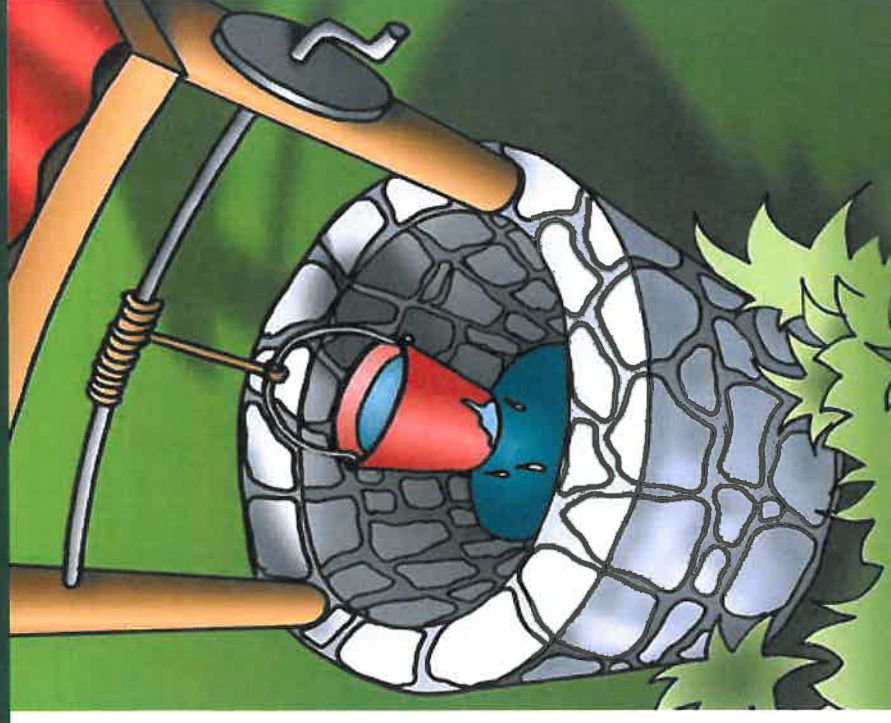
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Protect the quality of your water supply

Contamination of bores and wells by bacteria is a major cause of groundwater quality problems on the West Coast.

Taking 10 minutes to check the condition of your bore or well may help prevent you or your family getting sick and will protect the quality of our groundwater resource.

Run through the checklist below to see how safe your water supply is:

- Check the casing extends far enough above ground to prevent stormwater runoff entering the bore or well. If possible, place a sloping concrete pad around the casing to deflect stormwater and prevent weed growth.
- Check the top of the bore or well is securely sealed to prevent entry of foreign material.

(Tip: silage tape is excellent for sealing around pipes and cables to make your wellhead secure).

- Remove chemicals, fertilisers etc in vicinity of bore or well and keep the area free of rubbish.
- Fence off the bore or well to prevent stock access.
- Check all pipes and fittings for leaks.
- Check pumps are not leaking oil or grease.

Maintenance tips

In many cases, problems with the reliability of bores and wells can be avoided by regular maintenance. Regular maintenance may also help reduce pumping and equipment replacement costs

- Regularly flush out pressure tank to remove sediment and ensure sufficient air is retained.

Insufficient air in the pressure tank reduces its ability to hold pressure requiring frequent running of the pump to maintain supply. This increases power consumption and wear and tear on pumps.

- Have your bore regularly flushed out by an experienced contractor.

Over time, bores and wells become less efficient as the casing corrodes and fine sediment accumulates around the well screen. This progressively reduces the rate water is able to flow into the bore or well until it can no longer keep up with the pump and it effectively "runs dry". Regular flushing will maintain yield and extend the life of the bore.

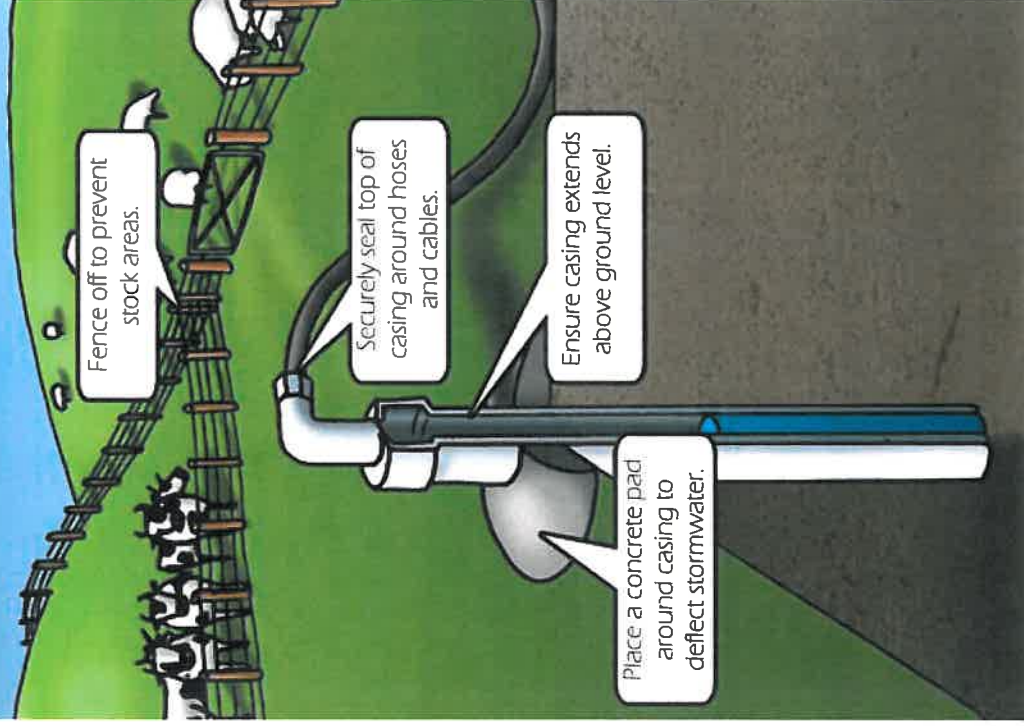
- Simple treatment options are available to control slime growths in the bore or reticulation system.

Naturally occurring bacteria, which live on iron or manganese in groundwater, occur in many bores and wells. In excessive numbers, these bacteria cause slime growth which can clog pumps, pipes and fittings such as ball cock valves on stock troughs. This problem can be treated relatively simply, contact the West Coast Regional Council for details.

Have a sample of your well or bore tested once a year for Faecal Coliform bacteria at one of the laboratories listed in the Yellow Pages (approximate cost \$25)

Contact Community & Public Health or the West Coast Regional Council for advice if sample results indicate contamination of your water supply.

Ensure water filters are regularly maintained.



THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
Prepared by: Lillie Sadler – Policy Analyst
Date: 21 July 2010

Subject: **ADOPTION OF PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 2 – REGIONAL COASTAL PLAN**

Purpose

To request that Council adopt the Proposed Coastal Plan Change 2.

Background

The period for lodging appeals on Council's decisions on the Proposed Plan Change 2 to the Regional Coastal Plan closed on 8 July 2010. No appeals were received.

Under Clause 18 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act, the next step is for Council to formally adopt the Plan Change 2, and affix its seal.

The Plan Change

Attached to this report is a copy of the new permitted rule and schedule of river and creek outlets that can be opened under the rule, which are to be added to the Regional Coastal Plan.

Once the Council has adopted the Plan Change, clause 18 of the First Schedule requires the Plan Change to be sent to the Minister of Conservation for her approval. When the Minister's approval is received, the Plan Change can be made operative.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council adopt the attached Plan Change 2 to the Regional Coastal Plan in accordance with Clause 18 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, and affix its seal.

Simon Moran
Planning and Environmental Manager

9.5.3.1A For the waterbodies set out in Schedule 6, disturbance of the foreshore or seabed, including in Coastal Hazard Areas, associated with clearing the outlet of a river or creek is a **permitted** activity, provided:

- a) The outlet closure is causing a backwater flooding hazard to adjoining land or infrastructure; and
- b) The disturbance is limited to the extent necessary to resume flow and remove the hazard; and
- c) The outlet shall be reinstated where the channel was last actively flowing prior to closure; and
- d) Where available, an existing access route shall be used and in all cases access shall minimise disturbance to dunes, vegetation, indigenous species' nesting areas or habitat, or sites of importance to iwi; and
- e) The area from which the material is taken is smoothed over and the site is left tidy on completion of the work; and
- f) No refueling or lubrication or any mechanical repairs shall be undertaken in the coastal marine area; and
- g) The Regional Council is notified of which river or creek outlet is to be opened, when, and by whom, prior to the works being undertaken; and
- h) All equipment, machinery, and plant is removed from the coastal marine area at the completion of works.

Note:

The purpose of this rule is to minimise a hazard risk by enabling the re-opening of river or creek outlets which become closed, where there is little or no surface flow to the sea, and where the closure is creating a flood risk.

This rule only allows the opening of a river or creek outlet through the last main channel that was flowing before it became closed. Relocating a river or creek outlet requires a resource consent. The rule also does not permit clearing outlets to permanently drain lagoons or estuaries, or to allow fish passage.

Persons exercising this rule should be aware that permission may need to be obtained, at their own expense, from the legal owner or administering body of the riverbed or mouth.

Where practicable, the excavation should be cut to allow release of water immediately after high tide.

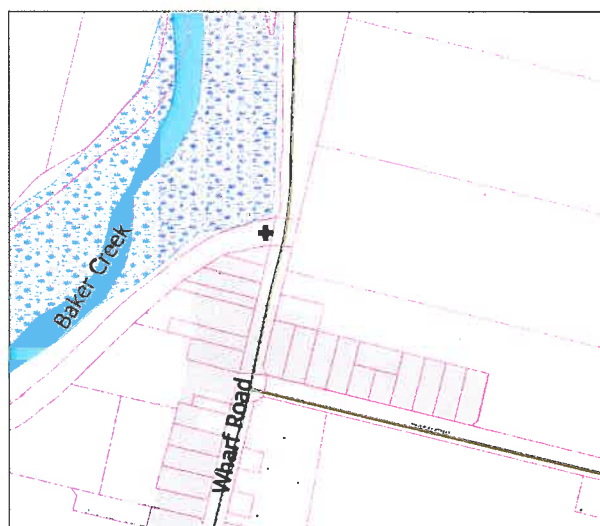
For the purposes of this Rule "infrastructure" includes legal road.

SCHEDULE 6: OUTLETS PERMITTED TO BE OPENED UNDER RULE 9.5.3.1.A

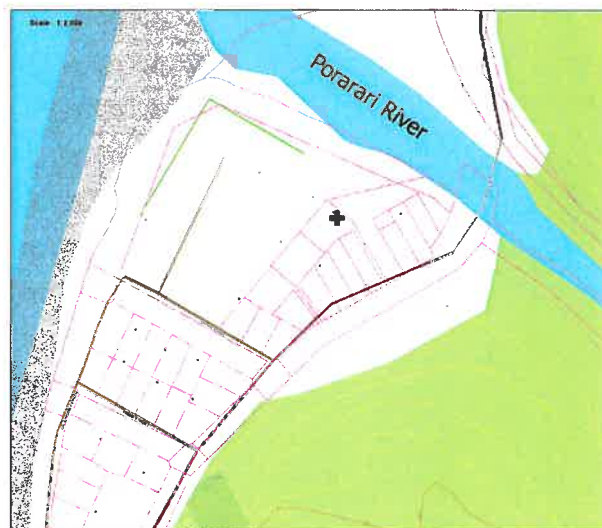
Stony Creek, north of Karamea
 Candle Creek, north of Karamea
 Break Creek, Oparara
 Chatterbox Stream, Nikau
 Patten Stream, Nikau
 Dufty Stream, Miko
 Lamplough Stream, Miko
 Dean Stream, Miko
 Ngakawau River, Ngakawau
 Cooper Stream, Granity
 Bradley Stream, Granity
 Granity Stream, Granity Stream
 Twins Stream, Granity
 Jones Creek, Birchfield
 Waimangaroa River, Waimangaroa
 Deadmans Creek, Fairdown
 Bull Creek, Cape Foulwind
 Marris Creek, Cape Foulwind
 Totara Rivers, Charleston
 Punakaiki River, Punakaiki
 Hibernia Creek, North Barrytown Flats
 Canoe Creek, Barrytown
 Granite Creek, Barrytown
 Fagan/Tipperary Creek, Barrytown
 Barrytown dredge ponds
 Bakers Creek, South Barrytown Flats
 Seven Mile Creek, Rapahoe
 Range Creek, Cobden
 Watsons Creek, Karoro
 Mill Creek, South Beach
 Jacks Creek, Paroa
 Clough Creek, Paroa
 Serpentine Creek, Serpentine Bend
 Acre Creek, Chesterfield (west channel, not the Kapitea/Acre Creek lagoon)
 Waimea Creek, Awatuna
 Flowery Creek, Arahura, only where it enters into the Arahura River
 Little Houhou Creek, north Hokitika
 Houhou Creek, north Hokitika
 Mikonui River, Ross, provided it does not adversely affect Mikonui lagoon to the north or Waikoriri lagoon to the south
 Manakaiaua River, north of Bruce Bay
 Mahitahi River, Bruce Bay
 Arawhata River, Jackson Bay

Schedule 6 Rivers with trigger points

Karamea River, when the water level reaches 0.75m below Wharf Road, measured at the flood gate culvert at the north end of the residential area



Porarari River, Punakaiki, when the water level reaches the nikau palm on the north side of Lot 16, DP 1275, Blk 1, Punakaiki SD



New River, Paroa, when backup reaches the top of the culvert on the beach access road alongside the Paroa School sports field



Prepared for: Resource Management Committee – 10 August 2010
 Prepared by: Nichola Costley – Regional Planner
 Date: 26 July 2010
 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 the New Zealand Transport Agency to submit an end of year report on passenger services. The Total Mobility Scheme is the only passenger transport function undertaken by the Regional Council (apart from maintaining a database of passenger services operating in the region).

As part of the reporting requirements, a Total Mobility Passenger Survey was completed. A total of 132 survey forms were sent to Total Mobility patrons who had received a new book within the last 8 months. Of this, 101 surveys were returned (77% response rate).

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
How do you rate the service overall?				6	29	65
How do you rate the value you get for the fare you pay?				10	26	64
How do you rate the availability of total mobility taxis?				12	24	64
How do you rate the reliability and punctuality of total mobility taxis?				17	30	53
How do you rate your safety and security during the trip?				8	27	65
How do you rate the equipment provided to help you get in and out of the taxi?			2	15	36	47
How do you rate the quality and comfort of the taxi?				10	28	62

Total Mobility Users

There were a total of 15,217 total mobility trips undertaken in the 2009/2010 year (similar to the 2008/09 where 15,231 trips were made). There are currently 580 people registered for the service. There were 65 new users registered in the 2009/10 year.

Total Mobility Shuttle Service

In 2007/08-year the Council contacted shuttle companies to investigate the provision of Total Mobility services between regions for West Coast users. West Coast Shuttle again provided this return service to Canterbury. A total of 39 trips were made by Total Mobility users on this service for 2009/10, an increase of 11 trips over the 2008/09 year.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report is received.

Simon Moran
 Planning and Environmental Manager

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
 Prepared by: Colin Dall - Consents & Compliance Manager
 Date: 30 July 2010

Subject: CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

CONSENTS

Consents Site Visits from 1 – 27 July 2010

DATE	ACTIVITY, NAME & LOCATION	PURPOSE
28/06/10	Mahitahi Roopu meeting in Hokitika	To keep in touch with resource management issues raised by Iwi, WDC and DoC.
1/07/10	RC10144 – Westland Milk Products, Ocean outfall, Hokitika	To canvass consenting issues associated with the possible construction of and discharge from an ocean outfall pipeline.
1/07/10	RC10145 (PA10024) – Steward, Onsite wastewater discharge, Taramakau Settlement	To measure the discharge set back distances from watercourses and to advise the applicant on resource consent requirements.
9/7/10	PA10034 – Kling & Le Couteur, Onsite wastewater discharge, Stuart & Chapman Drive	To assess the proposed discharge and to request the need to undertake a percolation test.
13/7/10	PA10033 – Cropp & Weir, Onsite wastewater discharge, Welshmans	To assess the proposed discharge and to discuss the proposed variation to the discharge site.
13/7/10	PA10034 – Kling & Le Couteur, Onsite wastewater discharge, Stuart & Chapman Drive	To inspect the percolation test undertaken at Stuart & Chapman drive in response to the site visit on 9/7/10.
15/7/10	PA10025 – Aitken, Onsite wastewater discharge, Camerons	To talk with the applicant regarding the proposed discharge.

Non-Notified Resource Consents Granted from 1 – 27 July 2010

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	PURPOSE OF CONSENT
RC07069 PC & SG Niven	To discharge dairy effluent to land and water (Deep Creek) near DS403, Bell Hill.
RC09180 Westland District Council	To discharge solid waste to land at the Kumara Landfill. To discharge contaminants (odour, dust and landfill gas) to air from the Kumara Landfill.
RC10028 GP Contracting Ltd	To undertake earthworks associated with stockpiling material at Westport. To undertake earthworks associated with depositing clean fill on land at Westport. To deposit (discharge) clean fill to land at Westport.
RC10068 Blacktopp Mining Ltd	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining and associated activities at Stafford. To take and use water within MP52365 for alluvial gold mining activities at Stafford. To discharge sediment-laden water to land in circumstances where it may enter Waimea Creek and its tributaries.

RC10069 Seafield Resources Ltd	<p>To discharge water containing contaminants to Waimea Creek and its tributaries.</p> <p>To remove sand, shingle and other natural material from within the Coastal Marine Area from Karamea to Jackson Head associated with prospecting.</p> <p>To disturb the foreshore or seabed from Karamea to Jackson Head associated with prospecting.</p> <p>To deposit sand, shingle and other natural material in the Coastal Marine Area from Karamea to Jackson Head associated with prospecting.</p>
RC10081 Von Ah Holdings Ltd	<p>To discharge water or contaminants into the Coastal Marine Area from Karamea to Jackson Head from prospecting.</p> <p>To discharge dairy effluent to land and water ("Duncans Stream"), near DS242, Kowhitirangi.</p>
RC10107 Jet West Ltd trading as Haast River Safari	<p>To disturb the bed of the Haast River associated with diverting a channel for the purposes of providing a boat access point.</p> <p>To divert water in the Haast River associated with channel reinstatement.</p>
RC10108 JR Schwass	<p>To discharge dairy effluent to land and water at (Milligans Creek) near DS590, Rotokohu.</p>
RC10118 L & B Manera	<p>To disturb the bed of Duffers Creek for the purpose of erecting a bridge.</p> <p>To disturb the dry bed of Duffers Creek for the purpose of extracting gravel.</p> <p>To discharge sediment to water in Duffers Creek incidental to the erection of a bridge.</p>
RC10119 B F C Group Ltd	<p>To disturb the bed of an unnamed tributary of Fox Creek associated with alluvial gold mining activities and a creek diversion, Waimea Forest.</p> <p>To divert the unnamed tributary of Fox Creek associated with alluvial gold mining activities at Waimea Forest.</p>
RC10121 Horopito Jerseys Ltd	<p>To discharge dairy effluent to land and water (Ellis Creek) near DS169, Waitaha Valley.</p>
RC10134 Paparua Farms Ltd	<p>To discharge dairy effluent to land where it may enter water (Little Grey River) near DS526, Maimai.</p>
RC10136 John Dimmick Contracting Ltd	<p>To disturb the dry bed of the Hokitika River for the purpose of gravel extraction.</p>
RC10140 MBD Contracting Ltd	<p>To disturb the dry bed of Ford Creek for the purpose of extracting gravel.</p>
RC10143 R & M Tuinier	<p>To discharge dairy effluent to land where it may enter water (an ephemeral channel of the Wanganui River) near DS160, Harihari.</p>
RC10145 M & A Stewart	<p>To discharge treated domestic sewage effluent to land at 175 Nicholas Road, Taramakau Settlement from a sewage treatment and disposal system.</p>
RC10149 NZRC trading as KiwiRail	<p>To disturb the bed of two unnamed creeks for the purpose of replacing Rail Bridges 53 and 54, near Maimai.</p> <p>To disturb the riparian margins of two unnamed creeks for the purpose of replacing Rail Bridges 53 and 54, near Maimai.</p> <p>The incidental discharge of sediment to two unnamed creeks for the purpose of replacing Rail Bridges 53 and 54, near</p>

Maimai.

To undertake the temporary diversion of two unnamed creeks for the purpose of replacing Rail Bridges 53 and 54, near Maimai.

RC10150
Michael Pugh

To disturb the dry bed of the New River within the Coastal Marine Area for the purpose of extracting gravel.

RC10152
Camelback Farm Ltd

To discharge dairy effluent to land where it may enter water (the Hokitika River) near DS212, Kowhitirangi.

RC10155
GP Contracting Ltd

To disturb the dry bed of the Mokihinui River for the purpose of extracting gravel.

To disturb the dry bed of the Buller River in the Buller Gorge for the purpose of extracting gravel.

RC10158
Fulton Hogan Ltd

To disturb the dry bed of the Buller River at Te Kuha for the purpose of extracting gravel.

RC10159
Westland District Council

To take and use surface water from a spring for a community water supply (Kumara).

Changes to Consent Conditions Granted from 1 – 27 July 2010

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER

CHANGE

RC07208
B F C Group Ltd
Fox Creek

To amend conditions to allow mining on an area not previously not covered by the Resource Consent.

No Limited Notified or Notified Resource Consents were granted during this period.

Notified Consents Updates

A pre-hearing conference was held in Christchurch for appeals on the consents granted for TrustPower's proposed Arnold Valley Hydro Scheme. The Environment Court will recommence the hearing for the appeals to address its concerns on some of the consent conditions on 13 September 2010. The hearing will be Christchurch and is expected to last two days.

At the time of writing this report, a notice of appeal had been received by the Council from Solid Energy New Zealand Limited (SENZ) against the joint decision of the West Coast Regional Council and Buller District Council to decline its applications for resource consents for its proposed Stockton Hydro Scheme. The Council subsequently received a Section 274 Notice from Hydro Development Limited to joint the proceedings in opposition to SENZ's appeal.

Public Enquiries

50 written public enquiries were responded to during the reporting period. 39 (78%) were answered on the same day, 5 (10%) the following day, and the remaining 6 (12%) no more than 10 working days later.

RECOMMENDATION

That the August 2010 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: 30 July 2010
 Subject: **COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

Site Visits

A total of 35 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period, which consisted of:

Activity	Number of Visits	Fully Compliant (%)
Resource consent monitoring	9	56
Dairy shed inspections	4	100
Complaint response*	19	26
Mining compliance & bond release	3	67

*Note that some of the complaint response visits were to mining sites.

Specific Issues

Dairy Effluent Discharges: Compliance staff undertook inspections of remedial works required to improve effluent discharges, and at the request of farm owners who required advice regarding effluent management. Staff will continue with this work and respond to any issues as they arise.

Westport Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) – Buller District Council: As a result of changes to the programming of the computer system that runs the Plant, an excess of sludge had built up which was not sufficiently treated before discharging to the Buller River. The results of the water sampling undertaken when the malfunction was noticed, show non-compliance with resource consent conditions.

Compliance staff subsequently issued the Buller District Council with a formal warning following the discharge of partially treated effluent from the Plant.

Pike River Coal Mine - Pike River Coal Limited (PRCL): PRCL resumed discharging to Big River on 30 June 2010 following modifications to the Coal Processing Plant.

South Westland Aerial 1080 Operations – Animal Health Board Incorporated: Compliance staff monitored the various aerial 1080 operations carried out in South Westland and responded to a number of complaints and information requests relating to the operations during the reporting period. No significant consent non-compliances issued were identified from the monitoring and follow-up of complaints, although Compliance staff recommended to the contractor doing the operations some better procedures to follow in future when signposting discharge areas.

Complaints/Incidents between 30 June and 30 July 2010

The following 24 complaints/incidents were received during the reporting period:

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome
Gravel extraction	Gravel take without consent	Taramakau River	Consent had expired - contractor subsequently obtained a new consent
Gravel extraction	Gravel extraction occurring close to whitebait stand site	Hokitika River	Consented activity occurring relating to construction of new pipeline for dairy factory
Sand extraction	Sand extracted in the CMA	Fairdown	Discussed the rules with contractor and resolved issue

Wastewater discharge	Mechanical problems resulted in a sludge discharge from the wastewater treatment plant	Westport	Formal warning and monitoring
Burning plastic	Complaint regarding plastic being burnt on farmland	Hector	Found to be damp vegetation being burnt
Stock in waterway	Stock heavily grazing adjacent to waterway	Kokatahi	Farmer advised to graze stock away from waterways
Mining	Gravel in streambed from mining operation	Blue Spur	Operation compliant
Dairy grazing	Complaint regarding odour from standoff area	Karamea	Still under investigation
Earthworks	Dirty discharge from earthworks	Stillwater	Still under investigation
1080	Complaint regarding signs not being in place during aerial drop	Hari Hari	Still under investigation
1080	Complaint regarding wind during 1080 aerial operation	Whataroa	No consent non-compliance established
Earthworks	Complaint regarding sediment discharge to Deep Creek	Bell Hill	Still under investigation
Riverworks	Complaint regarding log extraction from riverbed	Bruce Bay	Still under investigation
Coastal works	Sand mining undertaken on beach without required consent	Barrytown	Contractor required to apply for resource consent
1080	Complaint regarding 1080 baits found in water catchment	Ferguson's Bush	No consent non-compliance established
Dairy grazing	Complaint regarding cows stood off in river	Kokatahi	Farmer required to fence area and maintain set back distances
Dairy grazing	Heavy dairy grazing seen from aerial flight	Cronadun	Ground site visit undertaken - decision yet to be made on further action
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Dairy grazing	Heavy dairy grazing seen from aerial flight	Reefton	Ground site visit undertaken - decision yet to be made on further action
Riverworks	Complaint regarding riverworks	Kokatahi	Resource consent required
Gold mining	Complaint regarding sediment discharge to Hou Hou Creek	Hou Hou Creek	Discharge caused by "blow out" of settling pond wall - further action to follow
Waste dumping	Bitumen dumped on land	Gladstone	Still under investigation

Formal Enforcement Action

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The following infringement notice was issued during the reporting period:

Activity	Location
Contravention of an abatement notice	Aratika

MINING

Work Programmes

The Council received the following 2 work programmes during the reporting period, one of which was processed within the 20-day target by the end of the reporting period (shown in italics):

Date	Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location
<i>8/7/10</i>	<i>RC07208</i>	<i>B F C Group</i>	<i>Fox Creek</i>
29/7/10	RC10162	Blue Spur Trustee Company Ltd	Lamplough Track

The remaining work programme cannot be processed until the consent is granted.

Bonds Received & Bond Releases

No bonds were received or are recommended for release.

OIL SPILL RESPONSE

No incidents were reported during the reporting period.

RECOMMENDATION

That the August 2010 report of the Compliance Group be received.

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, 10 August 2010** commencing on completion of the Resource Management Committee Meeting.

A.R. SCARLETT
CHAIRPERSON

C. INGLE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

<u>AGENDA NUMBER S</u>	<u>PAGE NUMBERS</u>	<u>BUSINESS</u>
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6.0	23	CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT
7.		GENERAL BUSINESS

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 13 JULY 2010,
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD,
GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.09 A.M.****PRESENT:**

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), S. Moran (Planning and Environmental Manager), C. Dall (Consents and Compliance Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), The Media

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 dated 8 June 2010, 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 contract for the Greymouth Floodwall Upgrade is now complete with a few minor matters to be tidied up to complete this task due to working in with the dredging contractor. S. Moran advised that the annual inspections of rating districts are being carried out during July in preparation for the annual meetings scheduled for September.

S. Moran advised that there has been quite a bit of rock from Council quarries used during May and work needs to be done in these quarries to replenish rock supplies.

S. Moran drew attention to the report from Dr Graeme Smart from NIWA regarding New River. Dr Smart visited this area to identify potential risks due to the movement of the mouth. S. Moran advised that the history of the mouth of New River at Paroa is that it moves north for a while then at some point it will move south again somewhere between the Taramakau River and wherever its northern most mouth has been. S. Moran advised that there is no way of telling when or where that would happen but it will open to the south again. S. Moran advised that Dr Smart sees the main risk at the moment being if for some reason the mouth came back 100 metres landward through the dune and drops into one of the old river channels and then it could migrate a lot faster north than what it currently has been and could affect properties. S. Moran advised that the local people that Dr Smart spoke with have been given a copy of his report. S. Moran stated it is now up to the community to see if they want to go ahead with works to manage the issue. Cr Davidson asked if DoC would be opposed to the opening of the river mouth. S. Moran responded that this river mouth is in the Coastal Plan Change and it is permitted to open up this river mouth if it is closed. S. Moran advised that to open up the mouth further south would be a consent matter. S. Moran advised that

the mouth is going to migrate north over time unless deliberate engineering is done to keep it in one place. He stated that costs are involved with all the different options and the community that is going to benefit from the works would need to pay for the works to be done. Cr Scarlett stated that the report is here and it is now up for consultation for the community to decide what they would like to do. Cr Ewen stated that the costs associated with any engineering would not necessarily be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars and it could be in the tens of thousands.

S. Moran stated that this report is just an overview of the risks and is not an engineering report.

Cr Birchfield stated that there is concern in the Paroa area about potential flooding. He feels there must be provision for the council to take action to sort this out under the RMA under emergency work. S. Moran advised there is provision for emergency works if there is a structure under threat that the Council has financial responsibility for. He advised that in the case of coastal erosion that is threatening a road then NZTA would be able to do the works and then apply for a retrospective resource consent. Cr Archer stated that there has to be infrastructure in place that is likely to be compromised. Cr Birchfield requested that a report is brought back to the next Council meeting recommending where the preferred outlet would be. Cr Davidson supports this idea. S. Moran advised that he could provide a report based on the options in the back of Dr Smart's report but a full engineer's report and design is generally done once a rating district is formed and they agree to pay for the report. Cr Davidson stated that only a few people are affected on the western side and people on the eastern side may not want to pay into a rating district. Cr Birchfield agreed that there might not be enough people to form a rating district. He feels the Council should get in and do the work under emergency works. Cr Scarlett asked if it could be done under emergency works. S. Moran responded that this Council could not do the work under emergency works, as there are no council assets affected. S. Moran advised that the report he brings back to the next meeting would give the community some indication of what a permanent solution might cost and what an alternative solution may cost.

Cr Chinn advised that Mr Jon Sullivan of Harihari has a quantity of floaters on his freehold land that could be used in the Wanganui Rating District. Cr Chinn stated that he has inspected the area with Mr John Stewart from the rating district committee and the rock is within easy access and available. Mr Sullivan has invited council staff to visit Mr Sullivan to discuss this further.

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

Carried

5.1 CORPORATE SERVICE MANAGER'S REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to his report advising that this is for the 11 month's up to the end of May. He reported that there is a surplus of \$1.164M prior to the Greymouth Floodwall Upgrade costs. R. Mallinson advised that council has now fully drawn down the borrowing for the floodwall. He advised that the investment portfolio returned just under 9% for the 11 months but it is expected this will come a little further to the end of June. R. Mallinson stated that there were net positive budget variances amounting to \$180,000 during the reporting period. R. Mallinson is confident that the full 12 month result will not be dissimilar to what has been previously reported. R. Mallinson advised that his main emphasis of work is on the end of the financial year, financial statements and the Annual Report. He advised that a draft Annual Report would be put to the September meeting.

R. Mallinson drew attention to the use of the Council Seal for the extension of the multi option credit line with Westpac to 1 July 2011 and for the DoC funding grant of \$84,000 for work with wetland landowners. Cr Scarlett stated that this is a very good financial result. Cr Davidson asked R. Mallinson if we are still behind following on from the recession. R. Mallinson responded that we have recovered and made some gains.

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

Carried

5.1.1 INSURANCE RENEWALS 2010 / 11

R. Mallinson spoke to this report advising that this renewal is pursuant to Council's risk management policy and is now renewed until 2011.

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

Carried

5.1.2 SETTING OF RATES FOR 2010 / 11

R. Mallinson spoke to this report.

Moved (Robb / Archer)

1. *That Council set rates for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 as per the Funding Impact Statement contained on pages 39 – 45 of the 2010/11 Annual Plan.*
2. *As per the 2010/11 Annual Plan, there are two instalments:*
 - *The first instalment is due on 1 September 2010 with a 10% penalty date of 20 October 2010 as per sections 57 and 58 of the LGRA 2002.*
 - *The second instalment is due on 1 March 2011 with a 10% penalty date of 20 April 2011 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 2011.*

Carried

6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT

There was no report this month due to C. Ingle being on annual leave.

7.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT (VERBAL)

The Chairman reported that it has been a very quiet month. He chaired the recent Mayors and Chairs forum meeting which was hosted by this Council. Cr Scarlett advised that the Chief Executive is currently on annual leave and will be returning later this month.

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

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.28 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Prepared for: Council Meeting – 9 August 2010
Prepared by: S. Moran – Planning & Environmental Manager
Date: 30 July 2010

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

1. RIVER AND DRAINAGE INSPECTIONS

All annual rating district inspections have been completed.

2. FUTURE POTENTIAL WORKS

- a) Redjacks Creek Rating District – Flood Damage
- b) Nelson Creek Rating District – Flood Damage
- c) Inchbonnie Rating District – Flood Damage
- d) Vine Creek Rating District – Channel Cleanout
- e) Okuru Rating District – Maintenance
- f) Matainui Creek Rating District – Flood Damage
- g) Lower Waiho Rating District – Flood Damage
- h) Raft Creek Rating District – Channel Cleanout
- i) Punakaiki Rating District – Maintenance
- j) Karamea Rating District – Flood Damage
- k) Kongahu Rating District – Maintenance
- l) Mokihinui Rating District – Flood Damage
- m) Wanganui Rating District – Flood Damage

3. Quarry Rock Movements For The Period 1 June 2010 To 30 June 2010

Quarry	Rock In Quarry 01/06/10	Rock Used	Rock Quarried	Rock In Quarry 30/06/10
Blackball	3,936	0	2,500	6,436
Camelback	0	104	104	0
Inchbonnie	5,972	0	11,000	16,972
Kiwi	400	0	200	600
Miedema	0	0	0	0
Okuru	2,570	0	0	2,570
Taramakau	0	0	0	0
Wanganui	0	108	108	0
Whataroa	2,582	1,552	0	1,030
Totals	15,460	1,764	13,912	27,608

4. Quarry Work Permitted Since 30 June 2010

Quarry	Contractor	Tonnage Requested	Permit Start	Permit Finish
Inchbonnie	MBD Contracting Ltd	1500	12/7/10	23/7/10
Inchbonnie	MBD Contracting Ltd	150	17/7/10	23/7/10
Camelback	Henry Adams Contracting	500	16/7/10	30/7/10

5. Schedule of 2010 Annual Rating District Meetings

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Inchbonnie	Monday 13 September 2010	10.00 a.m.	Warwick Gault's Residence
Taramakau	Monday 13 September 2010	1.30 p.m.	Taramakau Settlement School
Redjacks Creek	Monday 13 September 2010	4.30 p.m.	Ngahere Fire Station
Nelson Creek	Monday 13 September 2010	5.00 p.m.	Ngahere Fire Station
Coal Creek	Monday 13 September 2010	7.00 p.m.	West Coast Regional Council Offices
Greymouth	Tuesday 14 September 2010	3.00 p.m	West Coast Regional Council Offices
Punakaiki	Tuesday 14 September 2010	7.00p.m	Punakaiki Tavern
Wanganui	Wednesday 15 September 2010	9.30 a.m.	Harihari Rest Rooms
Okuru	Wednesday 15 September 2010	3 pm	Okuru Hall
Franz Josef	Thursday 16 September 2010	9.00am	Franz Josef Community Hall
Lower Waiho	Thursday 16 September 2010	9.30am	Franz Josef Community Hall
Canavans Knob	Thursday 16 September 2010	10.00am	Franz Josef Community Hall
Matainui	Thursday 16 September 2010	1pm	Whataroa Community Hall
Waitangi-taona	Thursday 16 September 2010	1.30pm	Whataroa Community Hall
Kongahu	Friday 17 September 2010	11.00am	Little Wanganui Hotel
Karamea	Friday 17 September 2010	2.00 p.m	Karamea Fire Station
Mokihinui	Friday 17 September 2010	5.30 pm	Mokihinui Community Hall
Kaniere	Monday 20 September 2010	6.30 pm	St Johns Rooms, 134 Stafford St, Hokitika
Southside	Monday 20 September 2010	7.30 p.m.	St Johns Rooms, 134 Stafford St, Hokitika
Raft Creek	Tuesday 21 September 2010	10.00 a.m.	Kowhitirangi Hall
Kowhitirangi	Tuesday 21 September 2010	10.30 a.m.	Kowhitirangi Hall
Vine Creek	Tuesday 21 September 2010	11.00 a.m.	Kowhitirangi Hall

RECOMMENDATION

That this report is received.

Simon Moran
Planning and Environmental Manger

Prepared for: Council Meeting
 Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager
 Date: 3 August 2010
 Subject: Corporate Services Manager's Report

1. Financial Report

FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2010				
	ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	ACTUAL % ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET
REVENUES				
General Rates	1,928,034	1,913,000	101%	1,913,000
Rates Penalties	64,927	75,000	87%	75,000
Investment Income	894,098	775,000	115%	775,000
Regulatory	1,091,627	976,191	112%	976,191
Planning Processes	77,688	169,350	46%	169,350
Environmental Monitoring	0	0	0%	0
Emergency Management	46,797	50,000	94%	50,000
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	1,638,444	1,092,618	150%	1,092,618
Regional % Share Controls	574,737	575,000	100%	575,000
VCS Business Unit	3,650,097	3,737,800	98%	3,737,800
	9,966,449	9,363,959	106%	9,363,959
EXPENDITURE				
Representation	356,756	384,003	93%	384,003
Regulatory Activities	1,758,170	1,686,568	104%	1,686,568
Planning Processes	551,841	589,954	94%	589,954
Environmental Monitoring	610,882	737,163	83%	737,163
Emergency Management	108,192	131,612	82%	131,612
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	1,578,205	1,153,434	137%	1,153,434
Regional % Share Controls	848,889	754,862	112%	754,862
VCS Business Unit	3,077,558	3,325,436	93%	3,325,436
Riskpool Call	55,050	0		0
Portfolio Management	58,581	0		0
	9,004,124	8,763,032	103%	8,763,032
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) Before Greymouth Floodwall Upgrade	962,325	600,927		600,927
Less Upgrade Costs treated as Opex.	3,296,221	4,000,000		4,000,000
Adjusted SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	-2,333,896	-3,399,073		-3,399,073

BREAKDOWN OF SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	Variance Actual V Budgeted YTD	ACTUAL	BUDGET Year to date	ANNUAL BUDGET
Rating Districts	606,715	-3,188,449	-3,795,164	-3,795,164
Quarries	164,969	149,603	-15,366	-15,366
Regional % Share of AHB Programmes	-94,290	-274,152	-179,862	-179,862
Investment Income	60,517	835,517	775,000	775,000
VCS Business Unit	160,175	572,539	412,364	412,364
Riskpool Call	-55,050	-55,050	0	0
General Rates Funded Activities	222,141	-373,904	-596,045	-596,045
TOTAL	1,065,177	-2,333,896	-3,399,073	-3,399,073

Net Contributors to General Rates Funded Surplus (-Deficit)	Actual	Budet ytd	Annual Plan
Net Variance Actual V YTD			
Rates	15,034	1,928,034	1,913,000
Rates Penalties	-10,073	64,927	75,000
Representation	27,247	-356,756	-384,003
Regulatory Activities	43,834	-666,543	-710,377
Planning Activities	-53,549	-474,153	-420,604
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection (excl.	53,150	-197,136	-250,286
Environmental Monitoring	126,281	-610,882	-737,163
Emergency Management	20,217	-61,395	-81,612
	222,141	-373,904	-596,045

<u>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION @ 30 JUNE 2010</u>		
	@ 30/06/2010	@ 30/06/2009
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Cash	70,406	140,632
Short term Deposit - Westpac	995	1,303,942
Accounts Receivable - Rates	308,868	283,982
Accounts Receivable - General Debtors	3,082,977	728,118
Prepayments	276,291	103,062
Sundry Receivables	101,014	151,989
Stock - VCS	17,066	26,198
Stock - Rock	89,727	49,603
Stock - Office Supplies	17,518	14,625
Unbilled Revenue	126,817	227,560
	<u>4,091,680</u>	<u>3,029,711</u>
<u>Non Current Assets</u>		
Investments	10,598,000	10,513,944
Fixed Assets	4,092,960	3,780,746
Infrastructural Assets	49,007,111	39,403,646
	<u>63,698,071</u>	<u>53,698,336</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>67,789,750</u>	<u>56,728,047</u>
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Bank OD	0	0
Accounts Payable	1,930,005	1,131,601
GST	-38,745	83,965
Deposits and Bonds	446,552	403,400
Sundry Payables	403,307	537,318
Accrued Annual Leave, Payroll	255,059	241,840
Other Revenue in Advance	823,679	15,000
Rates Revenue in Advance	59,145	0
	<u>3,879,003</u>	<u>2,413,124</u>
<u>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Future Quarry restoration	56,700	85,800
Derivatives	165,618	
Greymouth Floodwall	2,100,000	0
Inchbonnie	100,000	0
Punakaiki Loan	248,003	283,436
Lower Waiho Loan	6,768	45,294
Office Equipment Leases	90,193	103,878
	<u>2,767,282</u>	<u>518,408</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>6,646,285</u>	<u>2,931,532</u>
<u>EQUITY</u>		
Ratepayers Equity	19,200,460 }	20,472,883
Surplus Tsfrd.	-2,333,896 }	
Rating District Equity Mvmts	1,046,408 }	
Rating Districts Equity	1,361,459	2,407,867
Tb Special Rate Balance	-34,554	-36,374
Derivates Reserve	-165,618	
Revaluation	32,561,190	22,714,725
Quarry Account	302,017	152,414
Investment Growth Reserve	9,206,000	8,085,000
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>61,143,466</u>	<u>53,796,515</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>67,789,751</u>	<u>56,728,047</u>

2. Investment Portfolio

PORTFOLIO @ 30 June 2010 Summary & Reconciliation	Cash	Bonds	Australasian Equities	International Equities	Property Equities	Alternative Asset Classes	Total
Portfolio Value @ Start 01.07.09	2707972	3698342.57	1128754	1243964	583366	930570	10492968
Net Contributions	-299311	-1153000	588787	567793	-118341	-385928	-800000
Realised Gains/(Losses) adj.	-31345	5273	-4488	9532	-1940	73435	50466
Unrealised Gains/(Losses)	34041	37793	25307	105761	23341	24431	250672
Unrealised Hedging Gains/(Losses)			23482	15685	1312	-5385	35094
Mgmt Fee				365			365
Income	135680	248695	79272	15020	41594	36838	557100
Accrued Interest	512	-20358					-19846
Portfolio Value @ End Period 30.06.2010	2547549	3016744	1841113	1958120	529331	673961	10566819
Portfolio performance year to date	5.50%	8.74%	7.91%	9.67%	10.31%	15.23%	8.31%

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Asset Allocation %'s @ 30 June 2010	Benchmarks	Tactical asset allocation range	
Cash	24%	25%	10% - 50% }
Bonds	29%	25%	10% - 50% }
Australasian Equities	17%	15%	0% - 20%
International Equities	19%	15%	0% - 20%
Property Equities	5%	5%	0% - 10%
Alternative Asset Classes	6%	15%	0% - 20%
	100%	100%	

3. General Comment

Total operating expenditure excluding the Greymouth Floodwalls (GFW) upgrade for the twelve month period to 30 June was \$9.004 million.

Total operating revenues for the same period amounted to \$9.966 million.

The operating surplus before GFW upgrade costs for the period amounted to \$0.962 million.

The total cost of the completed Greymouth Floodwalls upgrade 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 amounted to \$3.296 million.

The Investment portfolio has shown a return of \$873,850 million or 8.31% for the twelve months to 30 June 2010. This more than recovers the losses of -\$165,164 for year to 30 June 2008 and -\$280,124 for the year to 30 June 2009.

In the general rate funded area, there were net positive budget variances amounting to \$222,000 for the twelve month period despite cost pressures arising from the Wetlands variation.

My emphasis will now be on compiling the 2010 Annual Report. The Draft Annual Report will be put to the September meeting and the team from Audit NZ will be on site from 6 September to complete the 2010 Audit.

As has been the practice in previous years, there will be no report for the one month to 31 July presented to the September meeting. A report for the two months to 31 August will be presented to the October meeting.

4. Use of Council Seal

As required by the Council delegations manual, I wish to report the following instances where the Council seal has been affixed by Council CEO + Manager;

- 20 year repayment agreements for the \$2.2 million borrowing from Westpac.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Robert Mallinson
Corporate Services Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 13 April 2010
Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager
Date: 19 March 2010

Subject: **12 MONTH REVIEW - 1 JULY 2009 – 30 JUNE 2010**

Attached is the Twelve Month Review of the 2009 /2010 Long Term Council Community Plan.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Robert Mallinson
Corporate Services Manager

Governance (Corporate Services Manager)

Performance Measure	Performance Targets	Achieved / Progress																								
<p>Number of public meetings held and individual Councillor attendance</p>	<p>Conduct eleven monthly meetings of Council and the Resource Management Committee, plus other scheduled meetings and scheduled workshops during the year with 80% attendance by all Councillors.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Achieved Councillor</th> <th>Number attended</th> <th>%</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Scarlett</td> <td>14 out of 14</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ewen</td> <td>13 out of 14</td> <td>93%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Davidson</td> <td>14 out of 14</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chinn</td> <td>14 out of 14</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Robb</td> <td>14 out of 14</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Birchfield</td> <td>14 out of 14</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Archer</td> <td>14 out of 14</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Eleven Council meetings occurred in the reporting period plus two special meetings and one workshop.</p>	Achieved Councillor	Number attended	%	Scarlett	14 out of 14	100%	Ewen	13 out of 14	93%	Davidson	14 out of 14	100%	Chinn	14 out of 14	100%	Robb	14 out of 14	100%	Birchfield	14 out of 14	100%	Archer	14 out of 14	100%
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<p>Compliance with statutory timeframes</p>	<p>Prepare and notify the Council's Annual Plan by 31 May each year in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Local Government Act 2002.</p>	<p>Not achieved. The approved 2010 / 11 Annual Plan was adopted at the June 2010 Council meeting.</p>																								
<p>Compliance with statutory timeframes</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Achieved. The audited 2009 Annual Report was adopted by Council on 13 October 2009.</p>																								
<p>Timing and number of newsletters</p>	<p>Publish an informative Council newsletter twice a year to be circulated to all ratepayers, with their rate demand, in March and September.</p>	<p>Achieved. Newsletters were issued in September 2009 and March 2010.</p>																								
<p>Website is kept up to date</p>	<p>Maintain the Council website up-to-date at all times, as the Council's primary information transfer point and an information resource for the community.</p>	<p>Achieved. Website reviewed and improvements made in March and June.</p>																								
<p>Attendance of Iwi appointees at Resource Management Committee meetings</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Achieved. Good attendance by Makaawhio's representative.</p>																								

Resource Consent Processing (Consents and Compliance Manager)

Performance Measure	Performance Targets	Achieved / Progress
Percentage of total consents processed within statutory timeframes	Process at least 95% of non-notified resource consent applications within the statutory timeframes	Not achieved. 93.6% (320/342) of applications were processed within the timeframes. Most of the applications that weren't processed within the timeframes were lodged in the later part of the year, when there was a noticeable increase in application numbers/workload.
Number of section 92 additional information requests per year	Work with consent applicants to seek to reduce the need for formal requests for further information under Section 92 of the RMA	Achieved. A total of 14 Section 92 requests were made in relation to the consent applications being processed in the reporting period, compared with 17 in the previous year.
Timing of report preparation for notified consents	Complete staff reports for all notified consent applications within 10 working days of receipt of all required information	Achieved for 9 out of the 10 notified consent applications processed during year.
Timing of responses to enquiries	Respond to enquiries on resource consent processes and requirements within 10 working days	Achieved except for 4 out 364 enquiries, with close to 90% of the enquiries being responded to within 2 days. [A new system for recording written enquiries was implemented on 1 September 2009.]

Compliance Monitoring (Consents and Compliance Manager)

Performance Measure	Performance Targets	Achieved / Progress
Percentage of mining work programmes processed within a set timeframe (over 90% achieved in the 2007/2008 year)	Process at least 95% of mining work programmes ¹ within 20 working days of receipt.	Achieved. All 61 work programmes received were processed within 20 days.
Percentage of bond releases processed within a set timeframe (100% achieved in the 2007/2008 year).	Release 100% of bonds within four months of the surrender, forfeiture or expiry of the corresponding mining licence or permit, provided that rehabilitation requirements have been met	Achieved. 7 bonds were released in the reporting period, all within the four month target.
Meeting 2011 deadline set for bond reviews.	Review bond levels for all large-scale mines ² by 2011 and set new bond levels to better reflect the environmental effects/risks of those mines.	In progress. The reviews of the bonds for Solid Energy's mine sites commenced, but had not been completed by the end of the reporting period. The bond review for Oceana Gold's Globe Progress Mine was completed and resulted in an increase in the bond.
Number (proportion) of mine site inspections (over 200 mine site visits occurred in the 07/08 year)	Inspect every consent and/or mining licence for operating mining activities at least once annually, and where problems are identified follow up to ensure compliance is achieved and/or environmental effects are reduced.	Achieved. 145 mine inspections were undertaken during the reporting period. [61 mines (excluding quarries and gravel extraction sites) were operating during the year.]
Number (proportion) of site inspections	Inspect all new consents that involve major ³ construction works after completion of those works, and follow up to ensure compliance is achieved.	Achieved. The Arahura Bridge was completed during the reporting period, along with the day lighting of the rail tunnel near Stillwater and several other bridge constructions.
Number (proportion) of site inspections	Inspect all consents for whitebait stands at least once every two years to check consent compliance and ensure that any environmental effects are no more than minor.	Not achieved. Whitebait stands were not inspected in some rivers because there were no significant issues regarding whitebait stands in those rivers.
Number (proportion) of site inspections (over 150 dairy shed visits occurred in the 07/08 year out of a total of approximately 400)	Inspect every dairy shed effluent discharge at least once every three years, depending on compliance, and work with farmers so that consent compliance is achieved and environmental effects are managed.	Achieved. 427 dairy shed inspections were undertaken during the reporting period, this includes re-inspections where previous non compliance was found [385 dairy farms were operating during the year.]

¹ This target assumes the work programme is submitted with all necessary information provided.
² Large Scale in this case means with a current bond exceeding \$100,000.
³ Major, in this situation, means the project costs more than approx. \$200,000.

Performance Measure	Performance Targets	Achieved / Progress
Regularity and number of site inspections	Assess farm compliance in the Lake Brunner catchment annually, in recognition of the need for stricter environmental management in this sensitive lake catchment, and follow up to ensure compliance is achieved.	Achieved. All 21 farms were inspected, and a field day on effluent management was held in April 2010.
Number of complaints reported to Council (154 incident complaints were received in the 2007/2008 year)	Operate a 24-hour complaints service, responding to all complaints and report all complaints to the monthly Resource Management Committee.	Achieved. 224 complaints were received and responded to during the reporting period.
Number of notices issued (31 abatement notices and 13 infringement notices were issued in the 2007/2008 year)	Respond to breaches of the RMA, regional plan rules or resource consents by taking enforcement action through abatement notices, infringement notices or recommend prosecution in accordance with Council Enforcement Policy.	Achieved. 20 abatement and 27 infringement notices were issued, and prosecutions were laid in relation to 4 illegal activities, during the reporting period.

Hazardous Substance Spill Response (Consents and Compliance Manager)

Performance Measure	Performance Targets	Achieved / Progress
Number of trained staff	Maintain a team of at least 25 Maritime NZ trained personnel at all times to deal with marine oil spills and terrestrial hazardous substance spills (There were 26 trained staff in 2008).	Achieved. Currently there are 27 trained personnel, and 2 Regional On Scene Commanders.
Timing of responses	Respond within 4 hours to all terrestrial hazardous substance spills, and where necessary use Council or MNZ spill equipment to manage containment and clean up to minimise adverse environmental impacts.	Achieved. The most significant spill during the reporting period was the 4,000 litre spill of CCA at IPL.
Regularity of spill equipment maintenance	Ensure response equipment is maintained quarterly to a level ready to respond to a Tier 2 marine oil spill response.	Achieved. The equipment was inspected 4 times during the reporting period.
Timing of Plan reviews	Contribute to four yearly reviews of the Tier 2 Marine Oil Spill Response Plan within statutory timeframes in 2009/10, and 2014/15, or as agreed with MNZ.	Achieved. The Tier 2 Plan is current.
Timing of Plan reviews	Review the Contingency and Procedure Plan for terrestrial hazardous substance spill responses in 2009/10 and 2014/15.	Not achieved. The review will be a priority in the first quarter of the 2010/11 year.

Planning Processes (Planning and Environmental Manager)

Performance Measure	Performance Targets	Achieved / Progress
Timing of consultation commencing and notification of Variation	Commence landowner consultation on a second Variation to the Land & Riverbed Management Plan relating to Significant Wetlands and notify the Variation by December 2009. Commence consultation on the Variation merging of the Land and Riverbed, Water, and Discharge to Land Plans by December 2009 and notify by December 2010.	Achieved. Variation 2 was notified in June 2009. Achieved - Consultation on the proposed Lake Brunner changes commenced in July 2009. Several meetings have been held with stakeholders in the catchment regarding the proposed changes. Consultation was undertaken with the District Councils in Nov/Dec 2009 on possible changes to the permitted sewage effluent discharge to land rule. Public notification of the merged plan is expected by October 2010.
Timing of commencing review	Commence a full review of the Regional Policy Statement by February 2010	Achieved - Assessment begun of what new provisions need to be added to give effect to new NPS, NES, and RMA requirements for electricity transmission and infrastructure.
Release of best practice information	Prepare and disseminate information for resource users on rules, and best practice, as detailed in the annual communications programme.	Achieved. Two coastal hazard information pamphlets have been prepared and disseminated. Website maintained and updated as needed. Two Council newsletters distributed plus information displays in foyer.
Number of submissions made to other agencies	Investigate and respond where appropriate to central government policies or plans that may impact on West Coast interests, within required timeframes, and provide ongoing policy advice to Council as and when needed.	Achieved. Responded to the Review of Air Quality National Environmental Standard. Attended the Board of Inquiry on the National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management. Assessed the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission. Reported back on the Summary of the Select Committee's Report on the Resource Management (Simplifying and Streamlining) Amendment Bill 2009. Policy advice provided on the proposed plan merge of the Discharge to Land, Land and Riverbed Management, and Water Management Plans and also Variation 2 (Wetlands).

Regional Transport Planning (Planning and Environmental Manager)

Performance Measure	Performance Targets	Achieved / Progress
Number of public meetings held	Facilitate at least two public Regional Transport Committee meetings per year and arrange working group meetings as requested by the Committee.	Not achieved. The Regional Transport Committee met on 17 November 2009. A second meeting has not been held due to a delay in the release of NZ Transport Agency material. Therefore there was no requirement for the RTC to meet prior to the end of June 2010. The RTAG met on 28 August.
Timing of Strategy review (the current RLTS was approved in 2006).	Complete a review of the RLTS within the timeframe set under Transport legislation, to a standard acceptable to the Regional Transport Committee	In progress. The review of the RLTS has commenced in line with timeframes set within the legislation. The RTC has extended the review timeline. It is anticipated that the draft RLTS will be available for consultation by December 2010 depending on the timing of contributions from external stakeholders.
Number of road safety meetings hosted and description of projects delivered	Participate, with the three district councils, NZ Police, and others in the West Coast Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee.	Achieved. The Road Safety Committee met on 27 August for the Annual General Meeting. Normal meetings have been held on the 27 th August, 2 nd December, 31 st March, and 29 th June. Meeting frequency has been reduced to three meetings per year. The Council funds 'Bikewise' activities which have included the development of the "Homelink" road safety workbook for schools, and involvement in the Mayoral Cycle Challenge in Greymouth. Further promotion of the safe cycling message (helmets & visibility) is programmed for April/May.
User satisfaction (100% of users rated the overall service as good, very good or excellent in the 2007/2008 year).	Implement the total mobility programme where taxi services exist, ensuring at least 90% of users rate the overall service and value for money as good, very good or excellent	Achieved. Over 90% of users rated the service and value for money as good, very good, or excellent.

Emergency Management (Planning and Environmental Manager)

Performance Measure	Performance Targets	Achieved / Progress
Timing of Plan review (current plan commenced in 2005)	Review the current CDEM Plan by April 2010, including input from the district councils and other agencies.	Achieved. The review was completed and consultation has been undertaken. The draft, incorporating amendments as a result of submissions, was adopted 21 June 2010 by the West Coast Civil Defence Group and has now been submitted to the Minister for sign off.
Number of public information activities	Prepare and organise the distribution of public information linked to the development and release of the national public information programme.	Achieved. The main public education initiative has been Exercise Shakeout, run in conjunction with Exercise Ru Whenua in September 2009. New CDEM banner displays have been obtained for the West Coast CDEM Group to assist with public displays. These were displayed in the WCRC foyer for one month.
Headquarters is properly equipped	Maintain a ready-to-operate headquarters in preparation for potential emergencies, in accordance with the Group Plan and Group Controllers Guide.	Achieved. The Emergency Operations Centre continues to remain ready for activation as required. Exercise Ru Whenua tested the arrangements for responding to events.
Number of trained staff (currently over 30 staff are properly trained)	Train at least 30 Council staff as EOC personnel so that we have three shifts of EOC staff trained and exercised in case of a regional emergency.	Achieved. Exercise Ru Whenua assisted with further training staff in the roles required to respond in an event. 35 staff participated in the exercise (includes 3 AHB seconded staff).

Environmental Monitoring (Planning and Environmental Manager)

Performance Measure	Performance Targets	Achieved / Progress
<p>Completion of sampling and timing of publishing reports (the current surface water quality report was published in 2008)</p>	<p>Complete all regular water sampling programmes and prepare State of the Environment reports for surface water quality by June 2011, June 2014 and June 2017; plus an annual Lake Brunner summary report every December, for Council's web site.</p>	<p>Achieved. State of the Environment (SOE) water quality monitoring is up to date with all four sampling rounds completed.</p> <p>The Contact Recreation water quality monitoring programme has been reviewed and revised in accordance with the Ministry for the Environment microbiological water quality guidelines for marine and freshwater recreational areas 2003. The Contact Recreation exceedance protocols were also updated in December 2009.</p> <p>Lake Brunner SoE monitoring was reviewed and monitoring of the central lake site was increased to monthly sampling. The Brunner water Quality Update has been redone for data up until May 2010. Lakes Haupiri will be sampled bi-monthly until a satisfactory detailed data record has been established.</p> <p>The West Coast Lake water quality survey was completed. The scope of this report has been expanded with more data added that requires incorporation into the results – it will be completed by September 2010.</p> <p>Investigations of Totara Lagoon and the Arahura Mussel Beds were undertaken. The Totara Lagoon results were presented to Council in December 2009 and the Arahura Mussel Beds report is being finalised.</p>
<p>Timing of publishing reports (The latest groundwater report was published in 2005).</p>	<p>Complete all regular water sampling programmes and prepare reports on groundwater quality and quantity in 2009, 2012, 2015, and 2018 for Council's web site.</p>	<p>Achieved. The Groundwater Report was presented to Council in June 2009.</p> <p>All 2009 / 2010 sampling has been completed. Further sampling of a wider group of wells has commenced as of winter 2010. Sampling will be twice yearly for three years, prior to review of sampling frequency.</p>
<p>Regular reporting to Council</p>	<p>Report monthly summer contact recreation results to Council, and to media, and complete any follow-up investigations required by Council as they arise.</p>	<p>Achieved. The Contact Recreation sampling programme has been completed. Council asked for follow up reports on the Orowaiti Lagoon and Seven Mile Creek sites which were presented at the April Council meeting.</p>

<p>Regular reporting to Council</p>	<p>Continue wintertime ambient air quality monitoring in Reefton and provide monthly summary reports to Council during winter months.</p>	<p>Achieved. There were 17 exceedences over the 2009 winter monitoring period and results were reported to Council meeting in July, August and September. There were 9 exceedences in May and June 2010.</p>
<p>Number of funding applications</p>	<p>Maintain the 'Sites Associated with Hazardous Substances' (SAHS) database, ensure District Councils and land buyers have access to up to date information and assist landowners to securing external funding to investigate or remediate high priority SAHS sites, where landowners are interested and funding is available.</p>	<p>Achieved. The database is maintained with all SAHS classifications updated according to the newly reviewed WCRC Contaminated Land Strategy.</p> <p>Funding from the Contaminated Sites Remediation Fund was obtained to assist with the investigation of the Totara Lagoon in relation to potential historic PCP contamination. Further investigations were completed in Bittern Creek, Rutapu's western drain, and the Ruatapu dredge pond.</p>
<p>Availability of information about high flow events and the staff response to those.</p>	<p>Provide a continuous flood monitoring service for the five rivers monitored and respond in accordance with the flood-warning manual and ensure 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).</p>	<p>Not achieved.</p> <p>Karamea River: A sensor malfunctioned in December. A ground and helicopter check was done to assess the situation. An alarm malfunctioned in January. Alarm settings were reconfigured and tested.</p> <p>Haast River: The Mt Deelaw repeater was down in November and was repaired on December the 8th 2009). This site is a secondary flood warning site and is not one of the five key flood warning rivers monitored.</p> <p>An investigation into additional reporting tools from hydrotel has been completed. Transcripts of communication failures can now be generated. A forthcoming software upgrade will eliminate the additional step between hydrotel and the internet for generating graphs of the data - the webpage will soon be directly integrated with hydrotel.</p>
<p>Timing of flood manual review</p>	<p>Review the flood-warning manual annually and liaise with work groups as required.</p>	<p>Achieved. Work groups have been liaised with and contacts updated. Technical section has been completely revised, some sections removed and new sections added. This task was completed in February.</p>

Quarry Administration (Planning and Environmental Manager)

Performance Measure	Performance Targets	Achieved / Progress
Delivery of each plan's action points, and timing of plan review	Oversee implementation of the quarry management plans, and review those plans by 2011.	Achieved. Action points are being completed as demand for rock allows. Camelback, Blackball, Whataroa, and Inchbonnie quarries have been developed into 'benched' quarries.
Number of site inspections to monitor contractor health and safety performance	Monitor and review quarry contracts and permits and visit sites to ensure Health and Safety and other legal requirements are met.	Achieved. Health and Safety plans updated annually and completed. Three site visits have been undertaken.
Timing of acting upon requests.	Obtain rock from quarries to facilitate river protection works within two weeks of any request, and at a cost in line with the relative operating cost of each quarry without subsidy from general rates.	Achieved. Stockpiles are maintained in most quarries to meet this target.

Rating District Administration (Planning and Environmental Manager)

Performance Measure	Performance Targets	Achieved / Progress
Meeting timeframes for plan review	Review Rating District Asset Management Plans in 2009/10, 2012/13, and 2015/16 – or earlier where information indicates a significant change from what is stated in the asset management plan or where communities support an early review of the service levels of existing infrastructure.	Achieved. All Asset Management Plans have been reviewed and the valuations updated as at 31 December 2009.
Completion of rating district works and annual meetings, and proportion of schemes performing to their agreed service level.	Organise and oversee maintenance of all rating district infrastructural assets to the service level consistent with the Asset Management Plan of each Rating District, or whatever level the community and the Council decide on as an acceptable risk.	Achieved. Inspections carried out, discussed with the rating districts, including works to be carried out. All rating districts are maintained in line with the service levels stated in the LTCCP.
Completion of rating district works and annual meeting, and meeting the floodwall upgrade timeframe	Participate in the Greymouth Floodwall Committee, undertake annual maintenance works, and complete the upgrade of the floodwall by December 2010.	In progress. The Floodwall Committee meeting was held in October 2009. With the exception of a couple of minor tasks the upgrade was complete as at the end of June 2010.
Number of loans secured and promptness of loan money availability	Assist with organising and securing infrastructure loans for major capital works as and when required.	Achieved. Loan arrangements secured for Inchbonnie and Greymouth Rating Districts.
Number of advice items provided compared to number of requests for advice	Provide civil engineering advice on Council's behalf for consent applications and compliance matters within statutory timeframes.	Achieved. Advice has been sought and provided for six applications since recording began in December 2009.

Vector Control Business Unit (Vector Control Business Unit Manager)

Performance Measure	Performance Targets	Achieved / Progress
Achievement of budgeted financial return	Tender for, and win, sufficient contracts to provide or exceed the annual budgeted return to Council.	Achieved and exceeded. Budgeted surplus will be exceeded.
Number of blocks passed or failed	Meet the performance objectives and contractual obligations set by the Animal Health Board for ground and aerial pest control contracts.	Achieved. 21 out of 24 blocks passed, one re-monitor required on one block. Two limited input reworks required.
Number of recorded complaints and responses to assist the review of the Strategy	Keep sufficient pest plant work records to assist the review of the Pest Plant Management Strategy.	Achieved. One complaint received and actioned.
Availability of trained staff	Have staff available as a response unit for 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.	Achieved. Seven staff trained to meet this target.
Compliance with Tier 2 oil spill response plan requirements	Maintain oil spill response equipment to the level required in the West Coast Tier 2 Oil Spill Response Plan.	Achieved. Quarterly inspections and maintenance programme carried out.
Number of new business areas	Develop new business areas as appropriate, complementary to existing roles.	Achieved. Providing research assistance, operational management, GIS and consent processing to Land care Research and project management services. Providing monitoring services to DOC.

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting 10 August 2010
Prepared by: Chris Ingle – Chief Executive
Date: 30 July 2010
Subject: **CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT**

Meetings Attended

The meetings I have attended since my last report include:

- Environment Court in Christchurch - the second Land and Riverbed Plan Wetlands hearing, on the 9th and 10th of June.
- Hosted the Shared Service IT Workshop on 15 June with senior staff representatives from the three District Councils.
- Attended the Mayors and Chairs Forum on 21 June.
- Met with two ratepayers on 2 July relating to alleged effects of mining in their area.

Annual Leave

I took three weeks of annual leave from 5 July to 23 July.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Chris Ingle
Chief Executive

