



# **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

## **THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** will be held in the Offices of the West Coast Regional Council, 388 Main South Road, Paroa, Greymouth on **Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 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 8 JUNE 2010 AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL,  
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.****PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**2. MINUTES**

**Moved** (Davidson / Robb) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 11 May 2010, be confirmed as correct.*

*Carried*

**Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cr Ewen reported that he attended the re-opening of the Brunner Mine site as part of the celebrations for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Westland. Cr Ewen advised that he has been liaising with the Chief Executive on the Proposed New Pest Management Strategy. Crs Ewen, Robb and Archer have now been through the final draft of this strategy. Cr Ewen also dealt with enquiries relating to 1080 and the Blaketown Beach gravel issues during the month. Cr Ewen reported that he has received a lot of favourable comments from the public on the upgrade of the Greymouth Floodwall. Cr Ewen stated that contractors and staff have done a terrific job of the floodwall and it is a credit to those involved.

**Moved** (Ewen / Scarlett) *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 decisions on the Coastal Plan Change 2 were released on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May and it is now out for the appeal period. S. Moran reported that if there are no appeals received then the rule becomes effective after the 8<sup>th</sup> of July but if there are any appeals then it won't have effect until the appeals are resolved.

S. Moran updated Council on the Proposed National Policy Statement for Fresh Water Management, he advised that the Minister has sent the Board of Inquiry's Report to the Land and Water Forum. The Forum was supposed to report back to the Minister by June but he has extended the date for the report to August. This means that for the National Policy Statement, the Minister will not be

making any decisions until late August or September at the earliest. Cr Davidson asked if Council gets the opportunity to view a draft of the report. S. Moran responded that the Board of Inquiry's report is out and he will provide Councillors with a copy of this.

S. Moran advised that there is a Possible National Environmental Standard on future sea level rise. He stated that the Ministry is still looking into it and they have outlined what they are looking at for this should it go ahead. S. Moran advised that the possible NES might come up at a later date and Council may make a submission.

S. Moran reported that work is on track for the installation of the weather radar with consents and authorisations now in place. He advised this would give more information on weather forecasting for heavy rain events.

S. Moran reported that monitoring of air quality at the Reefton Airshed has been continuous but not reported on as there have been no exceedences since September last year. He advised that the winter weather is now upon us there have been two exceedences of the 50 mcg standard of PM10 during May.

Cr Scarlett asked where would the weather radar be located. S. Moran advised that the weather radar would be located on the Blue Spur at Hokitika and covers approximately 200 kilometres in each direction. Cr Birchfield stated that he hopes nothing is done regarding the possible NES on future sea level rise and that commonsense will prevail as he feels that whole science is wrong and that as time goes on this will be proven. Cr Davidson stated he feels there is no immediate need for a NES but planning needs to be considered in low lying areas. Cr Archer stated that he is intrigued that they are now talking about an 800 mm rise as he thought that Government position was that there was only going to be a 500 mm rise. He feels that the difference of 300 mm is potentially likely to have a huge impact on low lying coastal properties and he understands why a definitive measurement needs to be put in place in view of the litigation possibilities if Councils don't do something and someone is affected. Cr Ewen commented that this is crystal ball gazing at the moment.

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

*Carried*

## 5.2 CONSENTS AND COMPLIANCE GROUP

### 5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

C. Dall took his report as read. He noted that the major consent matter during the month was the hearing for Solid Energy NZ's proposed Stockton Hydro Scheme which was commenced on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May and adjourned on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May. C. Dall advised that the committee is currently working through a number of issues before releasing its decision.

C. Dall reported that he still has not received any decision from the Environment Court in relation to the TrustPower appeal which was heard about 2 ½ months ago.

C. Dall reported that DoC and Meridian Energy Ltd have sought from the Environment Court to put the appeals on the Meridian consents on hold while they go back to discuss access and land swaps. C. Dall stated that this is sensible from a consenting authority perspective and the Regional Council and Buller District Council have supported this application. C. Dall advised that a land swap may be an option to settle this matter and a concession is also being considered. Various outcomes were discussed with C. Dall expanding on possible scenarios that might lead to agreement for the parties. Cr Scarlett asked if it is normal for a company like Meridian to spend so much money on a consent that runs the risk of DoC not granting them access. C. Dall responded that this is normal practice especially with consents for mining, as miners will often obtain consents prior to gaining access. C. Dall stated that consents do not guarantee right of access. Discussion took place of the processes followed around gaining access to conservation land. Cr Archer stated that the stumbling block is the Conservation Act because there is no mechanism that requires the landowner to deliver a decision in any given timeframe. C. Dall agreed with Cr Archer's comments.

T. Scott asked C. Dall why are we still allowing dairy effluents into rivers and freshwater ways. C. Dall responded that these consents to discharge dairy effluent are predominantly to land but there are periods especially during heavy rain when there may be a discharge but in most cases it is not a direct discharge to water.

**Moved** (Scarlett / Robb) *that the June 2010 report of the Consents Group be received.*

*Carried*

**5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

C. Dall spoke to this report advising that since writing this report, the beach profile report for Blaketown Beach has been received. C. Dall stated that the profiles do show a build up of 3000 m<sup>3</sup> in the Blaketown licence area with areas of change to the shape of the beach identified. C. Dall advised that this would account for some of the complaints that have been received. Cr Ewen stated that he has fielded a number of calls on this issue, he drew attention to the meeting with residents held here at Council in 2005. Cr Ewen spoke of the conditions put on gravel take and stated that the gentleman’s agreement regarding gravel take, the infra- red beam and dust gauges has now fallen by the wayside. He is concerned that it is now back to where we were originally and that it is now more of an honesty system and that if there aren’t checks and balances in place then we have progressed no further. Cr Ewen feels that Council monitoring needs to be more robust than what we are doing at the moment. C. Dall explained the beach profile report and confirmed that despite gravel being taken, the beach is still building up but there are certain areas that are hotspots where there has been a reduction in the beach profile but overall there has been a build up. Cr Ewen stated that the hotspots should be easily identifiable and if there is a build up and there is no erosion then this is where the focus for gravel extraction should be. Cr Ewen stated that the beach is getting steeper in a lot of places and this is a precursor where the beach could pull away. He feels a precautionary approach is required and maybe gravel should not be taken from the weaker, softer spots. C. Dall agreed with this and stated that this is why there has not been gravel extracted at the Merrick Street site and there hasn’t been for some time. Cr Ewen stated that Westroads would now be getting close to their 6000 m<sup>3</sup> limit for gravel extraction from Blaketown Beach for the year.

C. Dall advised that a report is awaited from Pike River Coal Ltd regarding the minor discharge that occurred at this site. He stated it had very minor effects to the environment.

C. Dall reported that the aerial 1080 operations have commenced for the season and staff will be monitoring these operations over the coming weeks. He stated that he has dealt with a number of inquiries over the past few weeks regarding 1080.

C. Dall reported that a further complaint has been received regarding water quality in Devils Creek but further investigation has revealed that this is the result of some re-suspension of material that was discharged some time ago during a higher flow event.

C. Dall reported that an average number of complaints and incidents were received during the month.

C. Dall reported that a number of work programmes for mining have been submitted; this is due to the number of alluvial gold mining operations that are taking advantage of the high gold price.

**Moved** (Archer / Scarlett) *that the June 2010 report of the Compliance Group be received.*

*Carried*

**6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 10.56 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting  
 Prepared by: S. Moran – Planning & Environmental Manager  
 Date: 25 June 2010

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

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**PLANNING**Coastal Plan Change 2

The appeal period on the decisions for the plan change will have closed on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July. At the time of writing this report no appeals have been received.

Pest Management Proposed National Plan of Action 2010-2035

This proposed plan of action is a strategic look at how pest management can be delivered over the next 25 years. It addresses changes in legislation, including obligating the Crown under the 'good neighbour' policy, as well as the integration between organisations to deliver more co-ordinated outcomes.

Submissions close on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July and staff are currently assessing the document.

Foreshore and Seabed Act Repeal

The Government has announced its intention to repeal the Foreshore and Seabed Act 2004. The main change in the new law will be to restore the right of Iwi to seek customary title from the High Court. The test for customary title requires Iwi to have had exclusive use and occupation of the foreshore and seabed from 1840 to the present, without substantial interruption.

With the exception of 12,000+ existing privately held titles, the foreshore and seabed will remain a public space which is not capable of private ownership, although customary title and other authorisations can be granted. If customary title is acknowledged, it provides property rights including the ability to control access (with some exceptions), the right to permit certain activities subject to existing use rights and authorisations, and the right to own non-nationalised materials in their area of customary title.

At this stage existing mining permits and resource consents are intended to be protected until the end of their term. Until detailed legislation is available, it is unclear what will happen with renewals of authorisations if customary title is also sought over the same site.

The Government aims to introduce draft legislation to Parliament by August this year, and have it enacted before the end of the year. There will be opportunity for the public to comment through the Select Committee process.

Environmental Protection Authority

The Government has announced the establishment of a new stand alone Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to perform environmental regulatory functions. The EPA will be established as a Crown Agent, with a Board appointed who is accountable to the Minister for the Environment, and is expected to be operational by 1 July 2011.

The EPA will be responsible for national-level consenting and regulatory functions including:

- processing matters for proposals of national significance under the Resource Management Act 1991
- undertaking the functions currently performed by the Environmental Risk Management Authority under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996
- administering the Emissions Trading Scheme, except forestry, under the Climate Change Response Act 2002.

## CIVIL DEFENCE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

### Weather Radar

All arrangements are in hand for this radar in 2011. However, installation is now expected to be towards the end of the year.

### Get Ready Display Banners

The Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management has developed new Get Ready display banners to promote key preparedness messages to the public and has provided one of each of the two displays to the West Coast CDEM Group with both the Get Ready and CDEM Group branding. The displays remind people that they need to have an emergency plan and emergency survival items to be able to look after themselves for at least three days or more. One of the displays illustrates the kind of things people may need in an emergency.

The banners will be made available to the District Councils and schools throughout the region to set up for display.

## RESOURCE SCIENCE

### Flood Warning

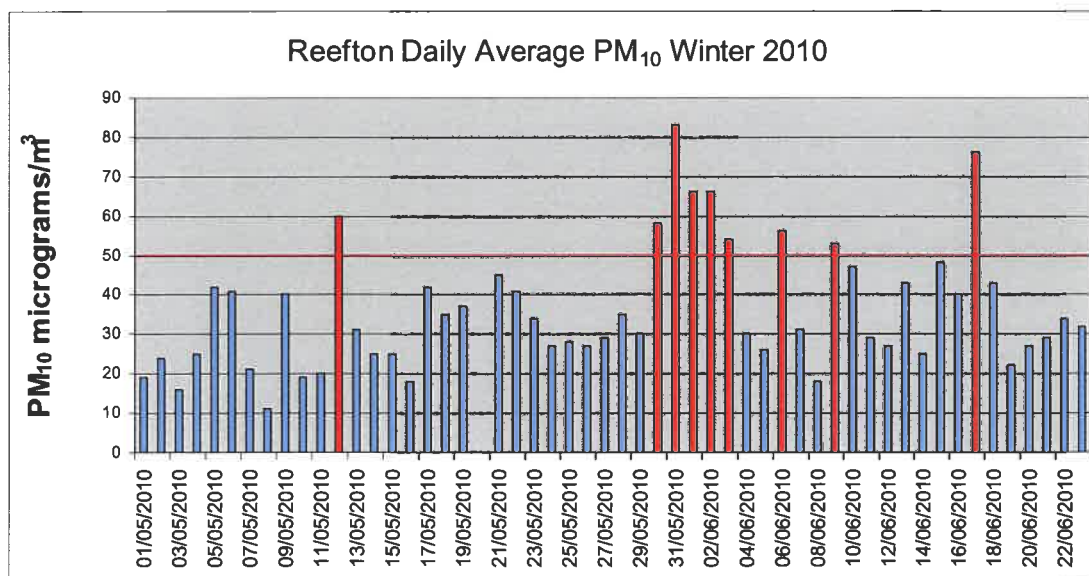
There have been no floods during the reporting period, in the five major rivers monitored.

### Water Quality

A repeat sampling of groundwater bores across the West Coast is underway. This builds on previous sampling efforts, testing continuity of earlier sample results, as well as furthering our knowledge of West Coast groundwater resources.

### Air Quality

At the time of writing this report there have been nine exceedences of the National Environmental Standard for PM<sub>10</sub> of an average of 50 micrograms/m<sup>3</sup> over a 24 hour period. The highest of these was June 1<sup>st</sup> where 83 micrograms/m<sup>3</sup> was recorded in a 24 hour period.



## RECOMMENDATION

*That this report is received.*

Simon Moran  
Planning and Environmental Manger



**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee, 13 July 2010  
Prepared by: Chris Ingle and Simon Moran  
Date: 28 June 2010

**Subject: Amended Pest Plant Management Strategy Notification & Hearings**

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to formally notify the Pest Plant Management Strategy for the West Coast and invite public submissions; and to appoint Committee Members to a hearing panel to hear submissions and to make and release decisions on those submissions.

**Background**

Council considered reviewing the Pest Plant Management Strategy for the West Coast at its April 2010 meeting. The Strategy expires on 9 August 2010 and the Biosecurity Act requires Council to decide whether to amend it, revoke it, or leave the strategy unchanged. At the April meeting Council resolved to move toward notifying an amended Strategy, prior to August 2010.

Three Councillors have workshopped the possible amendments to the Pest Plant Management Strategy for the West Coast, over the last few weeks. A draft Amended Strategy (enclosed) is now ready for public notification, inviting public submissions.

**Notification and Hearings**

It is recommended that the Amended Strategy notification occurs on Saturday 17 July, by Public notice in the Christchurch Press and regional newspapers. Submissions will be called for and the submissions are recommended to close on Friday 20 August.

The Strategy Document, showing amendments in underlined text, is enclosed. It will be made available for potential submitters at the Council offices, and on the Council website, and will be posted to interested people on request. Those who submitted on the Pest Strategy in 2005 will be advised by letter of the call for submissions, and will be sent a copy of the Review Summary document that is attached to this report. The Review Summary explains the proposed amendments to the Strategy, the proposed result of the review, and the reasons for the proposed result of the review (as required by Section 88 (9) and (10) of the Biosecurity Act).

This report also recommends appointing a hearings committee (referred to in the Biosecurity Act as a Board of Inquiry) to hear submissions and make decisions on submissions. The hearings date can be set at a later date. The Committee may wish to appoint a hearings panel to hear submissions and make and release decisions on submissions. The final Strategy as amended by decisions on submissions will come back to Council who may, following the review, decide to either amend, or revoke the Strategy, or leave it unchanged (S88 (3) Biosecurity Act).

**RECOMMENDATION**

*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.*

Simon Moran  
Planning and Environmental Manger

## Proposal to Review the Regional Pest Plant Management Strategy for the West Coast under Section 88 of the Biosecurity Act.

### Background

The Pest Plant Management Strategy for the West Coast expires on 9 August 2010. The Regional Council wishes to extend the duration of this Strategy by a further five years, and is therefore intending to review the Strategy under Section 88 of the Biosecurity Act. Several amendments to the Strategy are proposed, to further improve the Strategy.

The previous Strategy had some major success in achieving eradication of two of the four total control pest plants identified in the Strategy, within the timeframes set by the Strategy. Excellent progress has also been made in all progressive control areas identified in the Strategy.

The 2005 Strategy is therefore assessed as being very effective and has also been delivered at very low cost to landowners and ratepayers.

### The 2010 Proposed Amendments

This Proposal is notified under Section 78 of the Biosecurity Act. The Proposal is that the 2005 Strategy be amended, with existing provisions in the 2005 Strategy being left largely as they are, but with proposed new pest plants to be added as described below (The Department of Conservation will continue to undertake inspections and control work, with landowner permission, for these new pest plants):

1. Low incidence pest plants, to be eradicated:
  - Cathedral Bells (*Cobaea scandens*); Cape Ivy (*Senecio angulatus*); Woolly Nightshade (*Solanum mauritianum*); White Edged Nightshade (*Solanum marginatum*); Dense Oxygen Weed (*Egeria Densa*); Parrot's Feather (*Myriophyllum aquaticum*).
2. Plants thought to be eradicated from the region but proposed to be included for eradication in case they appear again in which case a rapid response is desirable:
  - Bushy asparagus (*Asparagus densiflorus*); Tree privet (*Ligustrum lucidum*) and Smilax (*Asparagus asparagoides*).
  - Spartina and Coltsfoot are already in the Strategy, and are now thought to be eradicated, but will remain in the Strategy in case they appear again.
3. Three plants are added to the Coast Road Progressive Control Area, with rules only to be applied to Crown land, at this stage.
  - Japanese Honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*); Banana Passionfruit (*Passiflora tripartite*) and Chocolate Vine (*Akebia quinata*).
4. New rules to be applied for two pest plants in three progressive control areas:
  - Gunnera (*Gunnera tinctoria*) and Wild Ginger (*Hedychium gardnerianum* and *H. flavescens*)

The rules for these two pest plants are proposed to be applied to all land occupiers in the Coast Road, Karamea-Little Wanganui and Cape Foulwind Progressive Control Areas.

This is because there has been a reluctance by some private landowners in these areas to allow Department of Conservation staff to undertake pest plant control of these two very invasive species on people's private land within these areas. The Conservation Department intends to continue offering this weed control service for private landowners free of charge in these progressive control areas. For the most part this approach has worked very well over the past five years.

5. Amendments are also proposed to update the National Pest Plant Accord list, and to update the non-regulatory surveillance section which indicates possible work Council may do in preparing for future pest strategies.

### **The Proposed Result of the Review**

The proposed result of the review is that the current Strategy continues, and is amended to provide for more comprehensive pest plant pest eradication, thereby reducing the risk of serious pest plant infestations affecting the region's most important natural and production environments.

This result is promoted by including several new total control pest plants (where these are with the plants potential to cause serious problems, but are currently of very low incidence, or thought to be eradicated from the region) and by extending progressive control rules to apply to private landowners where there has been resistance to the 2005 strategy objectives.

### **Reasons for the Proposed Result of the Review**

The Regional Council wishes to manage the risk of pest plant infestations on the West Coast, particularly for those potentially invasive plants that are so far of very low incidence, and therefore inexpensive to eradicate. The reason for the Strategy is to reduce the risk of serious pest plant infestations affecting the region's most important natural and production environments. A Section 72 assessment of the plants has been undertaken to establish the cost-benefit. The Council is of the opinion that the new Pest Plants proposed to be included in the amended Strategy meet Section 72 of the Biosecurity Act. Section 72 states:

- (1) A regional council may notify, in accordance with section 78 of this Act, a proposal for a regional pest management strategy only if it is of the opinion that—
  - (a) The benefits of having a regional pest management strategy in relation to [each organism to which the strategy would apply] outweigh the costs, after taking account of the likely consequences of inaction or alternative courses of action; and
  - (b) The net benefits of regional intervention exceed the net benefits of an individual's intervention; and
  - (ba) Where funding proposals for the strategy require persons to meet directly the costs of implementing the strategy—
    - (i) The benefits that will accrue to those persons as a group will outweigh the costs; or

- (ii) Those persons contribute to the creation, continuance, or exacerbation of the problems proposed to be resolved by the strategy; and
- (c) [Each] organism in respect of which the strategy is under consideration is capable of causing at some time a serious adverse and unintended effect in relation to the region on one or more of the following:
  - (i) Economic wellbeing; or
  - (ii) The viability of [threatened] species of organisms, the survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals, or the sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity; or
  - (iii) Soil resources or water quality; or
  - (iv) Human health or enjoyment of the recreational value of the natural environment; or
  - (v) The relationship of Maori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, waters, sites, waahi tapu, and taonga.

The reason Council has formed this opinion is because:

- All of the plants are considered to be capable of causing a serious adverse and unintended threat to at least one element of S72 (1) (c), as they have been considered to present that threat in other parts of New Zealand as evidenced by their inclusion in regional pest strategies elsewhere in New Zealand;
- Strategy funding proposals will only require costs to be met by land occupiers where occupiers refuse Department of Conservation staff access for control work, and in these cases the occupier is clearly an exacerbator of one of the problems proposed to be resolved by the strategy;
- Council believes that to leave it to the discretion of each individual, as to whether to control the pest plant or not, will not effectively address the threat of these pests spreading, because some individuals may choose not to take action to control the plant. Therefore Council considers the benefits of regional intervention, in the case of these plants, are considered to exceed the benefits of single individual's intervention in the absence of a strategy.
- Because the costs of the strategy in respect of all the new plants being declared as pest plants are very low, and are to be met largely by the Department of Conservation, the benefits of having a regional pest management strategy in relation to these plants easily outweighs any costs.

**Chris Ingle**  
**Chief Executive**

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee – 12 July 2010  
Prepared by: S. Moran – Planning & Environmental Manager  
Date: 29 June 2010

Subject: **CONTINUATION OF THE CIVIL DEFENCE & EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT GROUP THROUGH THE TRIENNIAL  
ELECTIONS**

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**PURPOSE**

To ensure that the West Coast Civil Defence Group continues to function through the triennial elections.

**BACKGROUND**

The Civil Defence and Emergency Management (CDEM) Act 2002 requires local authorities to establish a CDEM Group as a joint standing committee under the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA), and states that every local authority must be a member of a CDEM Group.

CDEM Groups are treated by the CDEM Act as if they are permanent bodies, and always able to respond to emergencies. However, clause 30(7) of Schedule 7 of the LGA deems committees (including CDEM Groups) and subordinate bodies to be discharged on the coming into office of members elected after a triennial election, unless each local authority member resolves otherwise.

CDEM Groups must exist in order for their local authority members to exercise their functions and powers under the CDEM Act. If a CDEM Group is discharged, no activity will be able to be taken by it (and its members) until it is reconstituted. If there should be an emergency event during the time the CDEM Group is not in existence, this could create difficulties.

To prevent the CDEM Group being discharged following a triennial election, each local authority member of the CDEM Group must, before the election, formally resolve that the CDEM Group should not be discharged on the coming into office of the members of the Council elected at a triennial election of members. This action must be taken by each individual local authority, not the CDEM Group.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*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.*

Simon Moran  
Planning and Environmental Manager

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee  
 Prepared by: Colin Dall - Consents & Compliance Manager  
 Date: 2 July 2010

**Subject: CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**

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**CONSENTS**

Consents Site Visits from 27 May – 30 June 2010

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY, NAME &amp; LOCATION</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>
25/05/10	RC06110 - Ahaura Transport Ltd, Truck washdown, Ahaura	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the discharge from the washdown.
27/05/10	RC10096 - Cushla Lee Foster, Gold mining, Ahaura Valley	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the proposed gold mining operation.
01/06/10	RC10070 - Ray Thomas, Gold mining, Ross	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the proposed gold mining operation.
01/06/10	RC10109 – MR & GG Ferguson Partnership, Alluvial Gold mining, Squatters Creek	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the proposed gold mining operation.
09/06/10	RC10097 – West Stone, Stone removal, Waitaha River	To investigate the site and the amount of stone available for taking due to the high pressure of stone removal in this area.
11/06/10	RC10114 – Utopia Horizon Investments Ltd, Black sand mining, Westport to Granity	To investigate the site and gain a better understanding of the proposed mining methods and areas.
15/06/10	RC10121 - Horopito Jerseys Ltd, Dairy effluent discharge, Waitaha Valley	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the dairy effluent discharge.
17/06/10	RC10112 – McKay Mining Ltd, Alluvial gold mining, Maruia Valley	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the proposed gold mining operation.
18/06/10	RC10129 - Rossburn Farms Ltd, Dairy effluent discharge, Ahaura	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the dairy effluent discharge.
24/06/10	PA10025 – W & N Aitken, Onsite wastewater discharge, Camerons	To inspect the soils and general terrain to assess the suitability for the proposed sewage treatment and disposal system.
24/06/10	PA10020 – R & L Ridl, Onsite wastewater discharge, Welshman's Road	To inspect the soils and general terrain to assess the suitability for the proposed sewage treatment and disposal system.
24/06/10	PA10024 - M Stewart, Onsite wastewater discharge, Taramakau Settlement	To inspect the soils and general terrain to assess the suitability for the proposed sewage treatment and disposal system.
25/06/10	RC10139 – FH & MA Simpson, Dairy effluent discharge, Harihari	To investigate the site and observe the existing discharge system in place.
28/06/10	PA10018 – B & L Wakeford, Onsite wastewater discharge, Dobson	To re-inspect the site with the plumber to discuss alternate locations of discharge.
30/06/10	Application to be lodged – R Mudgeway, Onsite wastewater discharge, Franz Josef	To inspect the site of a proposed onsite wastewater treatment and disposal system for a motel.

Non-Notified Resource Consents Granted from 27 May – 30 June 2010

<b>CONSENT NO. &amp; HOLDER</b>	<b>PURPOSE OF CONSENT</b>
RC08008 West Coast Regional Council	To disturb the bed of the Waiho River for the purpose of extracting rock boulders.
RC10006 Peter Hilton	To disturb the foreshore within the Coastal Marine Area within Mining Permit 41558 for the purpose of undertaking black sand (gold) mining, Gillespies Beach.  To take sand within Mining Permit 41558 for the purposes of gold mining, Gillespies Beach.  To deposit sand/tailings to the Coastal Marine Area within Mining Permit 41558 associated with gold mining activities, Gillespies Beach.
RC10061 Iron River Company Ltd	To disturb land adjacent to the Coastal Marine Area within Mining Permit 41558 for the purposes of black sand including stockpiling, Gillespies Beach.  To take and use water associated with gold mining on Mining Permit 41558, Gillespies Beach.  To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining activities near Camerons Road, New River.  To take and use surface water from the New River or its tributaries for the purposes of alluvial gold mining activities near Camerons Road, New River.  To take and use ground water for the purposes of alluvial gold mining activities near Camerons Road, New River.  To discharge sediment-laden water to land in circumstances where it may enter water at Camerons Road, New River.
RC10062 South Pacific Forest Holdings Ltd	To undertake land and vegetation disturbance associated with forestry activities at Lake Brunner Station.  To discharge stormwater containing sediment to land in circumstances where it may enter water, as a result of forestry activities at Lake Brunner Station.
RC10066 Westpower Ltd	To disturb the bed of the Inangahua River for the purpose of constructing rock protection.
RC10072 Garvey Creek Farm Ltd	To discharge dairy effluent to land and water (an unnamed tributary of the Inangahua River) near DS556, Garveys Creek.
RC10076 T A Arnold Transport Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Wanganui River for the purpose of extracting gravel.  To disturb the dry bed of the Waiho River for the purpose of extracting gravel.  To disturb the dry bed of the Whataroa River for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC10086 MBD Contracting Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Fox River for the purpose of extracting gravel.  To disturb the dry bed of the Fox River within the Coastal Marine Area for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC10087 Westroads Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Waiho River for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC10088 Lloyd Harvey	To disturb the dry bed of Giles Creek for the purpose of extracting gravel.

RC10092 Department of Conservation	To disturb the dry bed of the Waiho River for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC10093 Cooks Farms Ltd	To discharge dairy effluent to land and water (Kokatahi Track Creek) near DS194, Ross.
RC10098 Westpower Ltd	To undertake vegetation clearance in the riparian margin of the Ahaura River associated with installation of a power line.
RC10102 Dilligaf Developments Ltd	To undertake vegetation clearance and earthworks in Erosion Prone Area 2 associated with track formation on land adjacent to Paringa River.
	To discharge contaminants to land associated with track construction earthworks in circumstances where they may enter water in the Paringa River catchment.
RC10110 New Zealand Transport Agency	To place a structure (rock spur) on the bed of the Waitangitaona River.
RC10113 Department of Conservation	To disturb the bed of Lake Kaniere associated with the extension of a boat ramp at the Sunny Bight.
RC10120 Noel Robb	To undertake vegetation clearance and earthworks in Erosion Prone Area 2 associated with track formation on land adjacent to New River.
RC10126 B F C Group Ltd	To undertake earthworks and vegetation clearance in Erosion Prone Area 2 (slopes greater than 25 degrees) associated with track formation in the Ahaura Valley.
RC10132 Forme Consulting Group Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of Eel Creek for the purpose of removing gravel.
RC10135 BJ & DA Williams	To disturb the bed of Ongionui Creek to construct a diversion channel.
	To divert water through a diversion channel, Ongionui Creek.
RC10138 Westland Excavation Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Taramakau River downstream of the State Highway 6 Bridge for the purpose of extracting gravel.

Changes to Consent Conditions Granted from 27 May – 30 June 2010

<b>CONSENT NO. &amp; HOLDER</b>	<b>PURPOSE OF CONSENT</b>
RC98033 Westland Milk Products Hokitika River	To change conditions relating to the location of the outfall into the river.
RC03260 Department of Conservation Karamea	To change conditions relating to the volume of effluent that can be discharged to land.
RC06027 New Zealand Transport Agency West Coast	To change conditions relating to monitoring of the Calcium Magnesium Acetate discharge roads.
RC07124 L Christie & D Moore Rutherglen	To change conditions relating to the location of the dripline for the effluent discharge to land.
RC07183 Holcim (New Zealand) Ltd Cape Foulwind	To change conditions relating to the need for a hydrocarbon trap at the Cement Plant.
RC07208 B F C Group Ltd	To change conditions relating to the mining area and maximum disturbance area at Fox Creek.



<b>CONSENT NO. &amp; HOLDER</b>	<b>PURPOSE OF CONSENT</b>
RC06183 Buller District Council	To take groundwater from Smiths Creek for the purposes of a water supply for the Punakaiki community.
RC07103 Christopher Cowan	To disturb land associated with the harvesting of exotic forest and land preparation, Barrytown.  To discharge stormwater containing contaminants (sediment) to land in circumstances where it may enter water, Barrytown.
RC10097 West Stone West Coast NZ Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Waitaha River for the purpose of selected stone removal.

#### Notified Consents Updates

The Environment Court released an Interim Decision on the appeals relating to TrustPower's proposed Arnold Valley Hydro Scheme. The Court indicated that the J Groome appeal was likely to be dismissed, but wants amendments to some of the consent conditions.

The Decision on Solid Energy New Zealand Limited's applications for resource consents for its proposed Stockton Hydro Scheme was released. The Hearing Committee refused the applications on the grounds that some of the adverse effects of the proposed scheme were more than minor and some aspects of the proposed scheme were either contrary to, or not consistent with the requirements of a number of statutory documents including some objectives and policies in the Buller District Plan.

#### Public Enquiries

48 written public enquiries were responded to during the reporting period. 35 (73%) were answered on the same day, 6 (12.5%) the following day, 6 (12.5%) no more than 10 working days later and 1 (2%) 12 working days later.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That the July 2010 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Colin Dall  
**Consents & Compliance Manager**

## 5.2.2

### THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Prepared for: Resource Management Committee  
Prepared by: Colin Dall – Consents & Compliance Manager and Michael Meehan – Compliance Team Leader  
Date: 2 July 2010  
Subject: **COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

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#### **Site Visits**

A total of 76 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period, which consisted of:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Number of Visits</b>	<b>Fully Compliant (%)</b>
Resource consent monitoring	16	81
Dairy shed inspections	21	100
Complaint response	14	43
Mining compliance & bond release	25	96

\*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.

**Beach Gravel Extraction – Westroads:** The Council continued to field calls in relation to the Blaketown Beach gravel extraction operation, with some callers being concerned about dust management at the Westroads site.

The Council has obtained the latest dust monitoring records for the site. Those records do not indicate that dust levels from the site were unacceptable/exceeded nuisance levels over the sampling periods.

**IPL:** An inspection of the CCA spill site was carried out on 9 June. The covering of the spill site had almost been completed at the time of inspection.

**Pike River Coal Mine – Pike River Coal:** On 18 June a Compliance Officer visited the Coal Processing Plant to inspect remedial work undertaken by PRCL following the discharge of coal fines to Big River in January 2010.

An external review of the water treatment system was completed by consultants SKM. The CPP plant manager is confident that they have identified the problem, and that recommendations and subsequent treatment system modifications will be sufficient to prevent any further accidental discharges. Some of the plant modifications include:

- An extra 'polishing pond' to be added to the system.
- Process flow modifications that allow a site stormwater pond to be used as a temporary polishing pond.
- The turbidity probes have been replaced with scatter light meters which are considered more reliable and accurate.
- A manual valve, plus additional automated valves have been added to the Big River discharge pipeline.

One minor environmental non-compliance occurred during the reporting period involving a discharge of high turbidity water from the stone drive. The Council is awaiting a report from the Company regarding this incident, but understands the discharge occurred for a short period of time with minor effects on the receiving environment.

**Globe Progress Mine – Oceana Gold Limited (OGL):** Council staff visited mine as part of the assessment of the Company’s Quarterly Environmental Monitoring Report. The Globe Progress Pit, Devils Creek Silt Pond and the Bypass Drain were inspected during the site visit.

OGL has installed in-pit sumps in the Globe Progress Pit, which capture mine pit water which is then pumped to the Devils Creek Silt Pond when the pond has the necessary capacity to treat this mine water. Heavy rain had fallen in the days prior to the inspection and OGL staff indicated that there had been a “balancing act” managing the water and it was proving a real test for the water management infrastructure.

The Devils Creek Silt Pond was overtopping the decant pipe, however, this meant that the clean water at the top of the water column was being discharged.

The main improvement at the site is the clean water bypass pipeline. Clean water from un-disturbed areas is piped around the Devils Creek Silt Pond and discharged into Devils Creek upstream of the Progress Creek confluence.

Inspections to the site will now be undertaken on a quarterly basis, in conjunction with the Company’s Quarterly Environmental Monitoring Reports, and at other times as and when necessary.

Council staff reviewed the Annual Bio-monitoring Report supplied by OGL during the last reporting period. The report indicates that while the Suspended Solids and Turbidity levels have shown improvements there are still significant effects on stream health in Devils Creek (DC1) downstream of the mine. It is suggested that flood flows will eventually remove the fine sediment and silt that is currently present in Devils Creek, however, this has been estimated to take months to years. It is noted that the Company is investigating options to rehabilitate the affected section of Devils Creek more quickly as part of the Restorative Justice process relating to the Council’s prosecution of the Company.

### **Solid Energy (SENZ) Consent and Licence Monitoring:**

#### Stockton Opencast Mine

Compliance staff undertook a site inspection to Stockton Mine at the request of SENZ. This site visit focused on water quality issues in St Patrick Stream (at sampling site S16) that had been traced back to the ‘A Drive’ area of Stockton Mine. SENZ staff outlined their plans to mitigate the seeps that were adversely impacting water quality in St Patrick Stream which are expected to be undertaken within two weeks.

There was also a discussion around a ‘stowing’ trial. SENZ plans to use cement-like slurry to fill underground voids in order to make the voids safe to travel over during the course of mining. If this feasibility trial proved successful, then SENZ would apply for resource consent to allow the ongoing use of the slurry for this purpose.

Notifications were also received regarding non compliant water samples being recorded at Mine Creek (sampling site S6). Initial investigations by SENZ staff have indicated that a combination of heavy rainfall and increased activity on the roads in this area have contributed to increased sediment runoff to Mine Creek (S6). A site visit is planned for Compliance staff to view this area to assess what further action is necessary to address the matter.

### **Complaints/Incidents between 27 May and 30 June 2010**

The following 22 complaints/incidents were received during the reporting period:

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome
Earthworks	Alleged illegal earthworks in the CMA	Karamea	Still under investigation
Gravel extraction	Alleged illegal extraction	Blaketown	Warning letter issued

Offal dumping	Offal dumped on private property	Hokitika	Offal was contained, however, dumper directed to cease using site for this purpose unless he obtains a resource consent
Earthworks	Sediment and gravel had been deposited downstream as a result of earthworks	Aratika	Still under investigation
Gold mining	Sediment discharge as a result of gold mining	Waimea	Formal warning issued to miner
Gold mining	Sediment discharge as a result of gold mining	Waimea	Abatement notices issued to consent holder and contractor
Gravel extraction	Gravel extraction occurring too close to highway bridge	Little Grey River	Letter of direction issued - contractor remediated site
Gold mining	Creek running dirty due to sediment run off	Hou Hou Creek	Problems on site remediated prior to Council staff arriving on site
Gravel extraction	Gravel extraction occurring close to bridge	Grey River	Contractor required to cease extracting
Gravel extraction	Gravel and sand extracted from the beach	Westport	Compliant
1080 application	Loading zone complaint	Ross	Compliant
Rubbish dumping	Fly tipping complaint on private property	Kumara	Referred to Westland District Council
Gravel extraction	Complaint regarding area where gravel is being extracted	Kokatahi	Compliant
Sewage overflow	Pipe failure causing sewage overflow	Runanga	Bunded and remediated
Hydrocarbon spill	Hydraulic fuel spilt to land due to burst pipe	Stockton Mine	Minor spill, contaminated soil moved to dedicated site
Coal mining	3 notifications of trigger limit being exceeded at S6	Stockton Mine	Site visit to assess next month
Coal mining	Notification of trigger limit being exceeded at S16	Stockton Mine	Site visit to assess next month
Gold mining	2 separate complaints regarding sediment discharge	Waimea	No non compliance found
Dumping	Bitumen and roading spoil dumped on private property	Franz Josef	Still under investigation

### **Formal Enforcement Action**

The following 2 abatement notices and two infringement notices were issued during the reporting period:

<b>Notice</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
Abatement	Discharge of sediment to water (gold mining)	Waimea
Abatement	Discharge of sediment to water (gold mining)	Waimea
Infringement	Discharge to land where it may enter water (dairy)	Ross
Infringement	Discharge to land where it may enter water (dairy)	Ross

## MINING

### Work Programmes

The Council received the following 5 work programmes during the reporting period, 4 of which were processed within the 20-day target (shown in italics):

<b>Date</b>	<b>Mining Authorisation</b>	<b>Holder</b>	<b>Location</b>
<i>3/6/10</i>	<i>MP50322, RC07208</i>	<i>B F C Group Ltd</i>	<i>Fox Creek</i>
<i>9/6/10</i>	<i>MP41942, RC09039</i>	<i>Blacktopp</i>	<i>Rimu</i>
<i>10/6/10</i>	<i>MP41870, RC05172, RC07067</i>	<i>Peter Fielding</i>	<i>Hart Creek</i>
11/6/10	MP41756, RC09086	Matai Mining	Quinns Terrace
<i>24/6/10</i>	<i>RC94094</i>	<i>Wayne Hassan (V Alborn)</i>	<i>Reefton</i>

The remaining work is in the process of being reviewed.

### Bonds Received

The following 4 bonds were received during the reporting period:

<b>Mining Authorisation</b>	<b>Holder</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
RC10068	Blacktopp Mining Ltd	Stafford	\$6,000
RC09167	Granville Mining Ltd	Totara Flat	\$14,000
RC08138	B F C Group Ltd	Kapitea Creek	\$10,000
RC07208	B F C Group Ltd	Fox Creek	\$2,000 (bond increase)

### Bond Releases

Staff recommend that the bond of \$5000 for Resource Consent RC03274 be released to Teronick Mining Limited. RC03274 was transferred to Rosco Contractors Limited in July 2009. In December 2009 Compliance staff inspected the rehabilitation completed prior to Rosco Contractors commencing work under the consent, and were satisfied that there was no outstanding work required by Teronick Mining.

## OIL SPILL RESPONSE

The Compliance Team Leader, Michael Meehan, attended a Regional On-Scene Commander course held in Auckland.

## RECOMMENDATION

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

Colin Dall  
**Consents & Compliance Manager**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

## THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that an **ORDINARY MEETING** of the West Coast Regional Council will be held in the Offices of the West Coast Regional Council, 388 Main South Road, Greymouth on **Tuesday, 13 July 2010** commencing on completion of the Resource Management Committee Meeting.

A.R. SCARLETT  
CHAIRPERSON

C. INGLE  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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<b>6.0</b>		<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT</b> No report this month
<b>7.</b>		<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 8 JUNE 2010,  
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD,  
GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.56 A.M.****PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**1. APOLOGIES:**

There were no apologies.

**2. PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no presentation.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Cr Chinn drew attention to the comment in the minutes regarding the use of RPR. He advised that it is his neighbour who has used RPP for a number of years but not himself.

**Moved** (Archer / Robb) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 11 May 2010, be confirmed as correct with the appropriate amendments above made.*

*Carried*

**Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**3.1.2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 31 MAY 2010**

**Moved** (Birchfield / Davidson) *that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting dated 31 May 2010, be confirmed as correct.*

*Carried*

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

S. Moran spoke to his report and took it as read.

C. Ingle advised that following today's meeting it has been suggested that he and S. Moran take Councillors on a tour of the new works of the Greymouth Floodwall. He stated that S. Moran would be available to answer questions from Councillors regarding the construction of the floodwall during the tour.

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

*Carried*



R. Mallinson spoke to his report advising that trends are consistent with what has previously been reported. He reported that total expenditure during the reporting period amounted to just over \$6M and total revenue was \$7.3M before expenditure on the Greymouth Floodwall upgrade which to the end of April totaled just under \$1.9M. R. Mallinson advised that fairly substantial amounts of loan money have been drawn down during the month for the Greymouth Floodwall upgrade with more being drawn down on the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month. R. Mallinson reported that the investment portfolio return has eased back as expected and he is expecting further easing back during May and June due to the current turbulence in international equity markets. R. Mallinson advised that there have been some fairly substantial budget variances in a number of areas to the end of April. R. Mallinson reported that accrued prosecution costs are now matched by amounts received from fines whereas previously those costs had been carried before the receipt of fine income. Cr Archer asked R. Mallinson if the VCS Business Unit income versus expenditure and the under representation of the budgeted figures are based on timing issues. R. Mallinson confirmed this is correct as the main activity in the aerial area occurs in May, June and July. Cr Scarlett asked if it is normal practice to treat the upgrade of the Greymouth Floodwall as an operational expense. R. Mallinson responded that this is an unusual situation as the floodwall is not this council's asset therefore any money spent on it is classed as operating expenditure and not capital expenditure. P. Ewen asked R. Mallinson why planning processes are only 40% of actual budget. R. Mallinson advised that this figure is related to the transport programme, and is dependant on total expenditure as to the amount we claim as subsidies and the total size of the programme spend is a lot less than budgeted. S. Moran added that a turnover in staff has also resulted in under spending in this area.

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

*Carried*

### 5.1.1 DECISIONS ON SUBMISSIONS AND ADOPTION OF THE 2010 /11 ANNUAL PLAN

R. Mallinson spoke to this report advising that the hearing for the Annual Plan was held on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May. He advised that the recommendations listed result from the hearing and subsequent staff advice at the workshop following the hearing.

Cr Scarlett invited comments from Councillors.

Cr Ewen stated that all ratepayers could save themselves 2.5% of the GST increase if they pay their rates prior to the increase in GST. R. Mallinson advised that ratepayers would be informed of this saving via the rates newsletter as long as they pay their rates in full by the 30<sup>th</sup> of September.

1. Submitter no. 1 (Federated Farmers) made several points but requested no specific changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff will respond to the submitter relating to the discharges to land plan, which is to be amended later this year as part of the Regional Plan merger process.

*Recommended Decision:* Note submission. No amendment to the Annual Plan.

2. Submitter no. 2 (Mr Suchanski) asked Council to change the current system of rating the TB special rate from capital value to land value.

Staff will respond to the submitter explaining the basis of the funding for TB strategy work, via the Biosecurity Act funding tests, and also note that many other larger Regional Councils use the same rating system.

*Recommended Decision:* Reject submission. No amendment to the Annual Plan.

3. Submitter no. 3 (Adie Leng) requested \$3,000 contribution to Enviroschools.

*Recommended Decision:* Reject submission. No amendment to the Annual Plan.

4. Submitter 4 and 5 (TB Free committee and Historic Places Trust) supported the Plan

*Recommended Decision:* Accept submissions. No amendment to the Annual Plan.

5. Submitter 6 (Paul Elwell Sutton) submitted on ethical investments.

Staff will respond to the points the submitter has made.

*Recommended Decision:* Note submission. No amendment to the Annual Plan.

6. Submitter 7 (Active West Coast) raised points relating to health impact assessment and walking and cycling.

Staff will respond to the submitter addressing the points made.

*Recommended Decision:* Note submission. No amendment to the Annual Plan.

7. Submitter 8 and 9 are staff submissions relating to GST changes, and providing floodwall maintenance funding for the Greymouth Floodwalls.

These matters were discussed during the workshop.

*Recommended Decision:* Accept submissions and amend Annual Plan accordingly.

**Moved** (Archer / Robb)

*That the seven recommendations above be accepted, and that the Draft Annual Plan for 2010 / 11 be confirmed.*

*Carried*

## 6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to his report noting the meetings that he attended during the reporting period. C. Ingle drew attention to the aquaculture changes that were advised at the Regional Affairs Committee meeting, which he and Cr Scarlett attended. He advised that Minister Phil Heatley spoke at this meeting advising that Government is looking at being able to free up some of the regulatory process put in place by the previous government, which has stifled the industry. C. Ingle advised that we would be keeping an eye on this, as the regulatory process that is in place at the moment is much more complex than any other similar RMA process for any other land based or water based activities. C. Ingle stated that there is justification in making the changes in order to free this up and the government sees this as a way of helping the economy to move forward. C. Ingle advised that this region would probably not be affected but Northland, Bay of Plenty and the Marlborough Sounds are affected with new direction in this industry such as fin fish, which have different requirements than mussels.

C. Ingle reported that the Chairs of Regional Councils have approved a trial period for the new information portal which will be a new website covering all regional councils and informing the public of the sort of functions that regional councils deliver. C. Ingle advised that Cr Scarlett was asked to respond to Horizons Regional Council who is leading this project, if the council as a whole supports this project. Cr Scarlett added that he feels this is a good move to put technical information onto websites in a comprehensive and coherent manner. He stated that this council is probably one of the leaders in water management in New Zealand has a lot of information to offer lay people and non-technical people. Cr Scarlett stated that he supports this initiative, he noted that there is no cost involved to us and he is keen to see how this project goes and how the information gets back to the general public.

**Moved** (Chinn / Davidson) *that this report be received and that the Council supports in principle the Regional Councils Information Portal Project.*

*Carried*

Cr Chinn asked for further information on the meeting C. Ingle attended at Grey District Council regarding SNA's and Regional Plan Wetlands. C. Ingle advised that he would have more to report on this matter shortly as he is about to leave for Christchurch to attend the Environment Court case on wetlands. Cr Birchfield asked if DoC has completed the mapping process for wetlands. C. Ingle responded that they are about a third of the way through. Cr Scarlett advised that he has written to Minister Heatley suggesting that the aquaculture changes cater for the West Coast as we have a different marine environment. He would like to see the West Coast included in case there is technology that allows marine farmers to come here, as this would be a big boost economically for this region.

## 7.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT (VERBAL)

The Chairman reported that he attended the recent RAC Biosecurity meeting. He advised that the TB National Pest Strategy was discussed at this meeting with Mr Chris Bradley, MAF Biosecurity Manager of Policy speaking. Mr Bradley advised that the West Coast is the only area that has held out for a Board of Inquiry in terms of AHB. Cr Scarlett advised that he has received a letter back from Mr John Dalzell, Chair of the AHB. Cr Scarlett advised that if a concession were to be made then we would consider withdrawing. Cr Scarlett reported that there is a proposal of having an on farm database with all landowners over a certain area so that in a serious outbreak the government or MaF can take action in an efficient way. Cr Scarlett advised that tight legislation would be required to assure farmers that privacy is maintained with regard to tax or financial issues.

Cr Scarlett attended the Environmental Defence Society Conference in Auckland. He stated this was a good conference and advised that this society balances economic outlook with environmental considerations. Cr Scarlett reported that the Prime Minister and Hon Nick Smith and various scientists spoke at this conference.

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

*Carried*

## GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.20 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 12 July 2010  
Prepared by: S. Moran – Planning & Environmental Manager  
Date: 25 June 2010

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

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**1. Contracts**

- a) Karamea Rating District – Flood Damage  
This work involving the placing of 600 tonnes of rock has been completed by Selwyn Lowe Contracting Ltd at a cost of \$16,200 (G.S.T. Exclusive).
- b) Taramakau Rating District – Emergency Flood Damage  
This work involving the placing of 2,425 tonnes of rock and 125 tonnes of rubble, as spurs, has been completed by MBD Contracting Ltd at a cost of \$34,550 (G.S.T. Exclusive).
- c) Taramakau Rating District – Aerial Spraying  
This work involving the aerial spraying of the scheme stopbanks has been completed by Anderson Helicopters Ltd at a cost of \$5,322 (G.S.T. Exclusive).
- d) Greymouth Rating District – Maintenance  
This work involving the topping up of slumped rockwork on the South Tip Road with 1,440 tonnes of rock, has been completed by MBD Contracting Ltd at a cost of \$34,560 (G.S.T. Exclusive).

**2. Works**

- a) Greymouth Flood Wall Upgrade  
The contract has been completed within the budget set for the original works. The work has been completed to a high standard and with minimal interruption to the public.
- b) Rating Districts  
All Annual Rating District inspections are to be carried out in July 2010.

**3. New River/Saltwater Creek**

The mouth of the New River at Paroa has been migrating north for some time now and Council staff have had several discussions with members of the local community about what this means for the properties located between the State highway and the beach.

In June the Council asked Dr Graeme Smart to write a short report setting out his opinion about where the mouth is likely to end up in the future as well as the potential risks and possible actions in the meantime. A copy of the report has been provided to those people who provided comments for the report and will be a basis for the community to assess whether they wish to form a rating district to implement any of the possible courses of action.

The key points are:

- That although the mouth may continue further north for a while it is likely to reset further south at some point although it is not possible to be certain how far south this reset will occur.
- Any new opening to the south, whether natural or assisted, is likely to migrate northwards again over time if not maintained.
- The main risk at present is if the channel erodes through the landward dune and 'drops' into old river channels or the dune slack which would bring the river further toward the State Highway.

A copy of the report is attached.

#### 4. QUARRIES

##### Quarry Rock Movements For The Period 1 May 2010 To 31 May 2010

Quarry	Rock In Quarry 01/05/10	Rock Used	Rock Quarried	Rock In Quarry 31/05/10
Blackball	3,936	0	0	3,936
Camelback	0	1,657	1,657	0
Inchbonnie	5,972	0	0	5,972
Kiwi	350	7,478	7,528	400
Miedema	0	600	600	0
Okuru	3,000	430	0	2,570
Taramakau	0	0	0	0
Wanganui	0	0	0	0
Whataroa	3,422	840	0	2,582
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16,680</b>	<b>11,005</b>	<b>9,785</b>	<b>15,460</b>

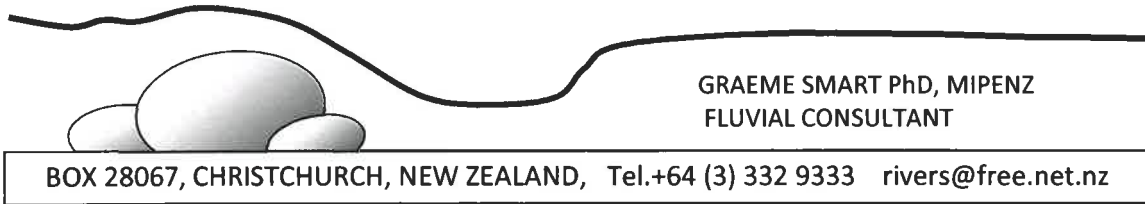
##### Quarry Work Permitted Since 31 May 2010

Quarry	Contractor	Tonnage Requested	Permit Start	Permit Finish
Camelback	Henry Adams Contracting	100	15/6/10	15/6/10

#### RECOMMENDATION

*That this report is received.*

Simon Moran  
Planning and Environmental Manger



## Report on the River Mouth Situation at Paroa

On Friday 11 June I visited the Paroa – Camerons coastal strip south of Greymouth. This is where the Salt Water Creek (catchment area 27 km<sup>2</sup>) and the New River (catchment area 117 km<sup>2</sup>) combine and flow into the Tasman Sea. I inspected the coastal strip and discussed with local residents the conditions which are causing concern.

### Historical Situation (Bill Johnston).

In pre-European times the Taramakau R. had its mouth at Paroa (according to Maori legend and borehole evidence).

In the 1860's there was a boat-able lagoon system stretching from near the Taramakau R. to near Greymouth.

In the 1940s there were footbridges across the lagoons to access available land area seaward of the lagoons (Figure 1).



**Figure 1. Present situation near Trickies Rd, Gladstone. In the 1940s there was a football field across the main road which was accessed by footbridge.**

By the early 1950's the combined mouth of the New River and Saltwater Creek was directly opposite the present Salt Water Creek road bridge.

By early 1957 the mouth had moved to the north of the present Regional Council offices to enter the sea opposite Clough Rd.

In 1957 the mouth became blocked, water backed up during a flood and a new mouth burst out 4.8 km South of Paroa near Pandora Av., Camerons.

From 1957 the mouth again slowly progressed northwards.

In the early 1960s the position of the mouth was stable for 4-5 years opposite the New R. road bridge (Figure 2).



**Figure 2. Present situation looking West opposite the New River road bridge. This was the location of a stable river mouth in the early 1960s.**

From 1965 the river mouth location moved northwards again.

In the 1978 flood (Figure 3) a new mouth formed near the confluence of Salt Water Creek and New River (Figure 4).



**Figure 3. Salt Water Creek and Paroa Hotel during 1978 flood.**





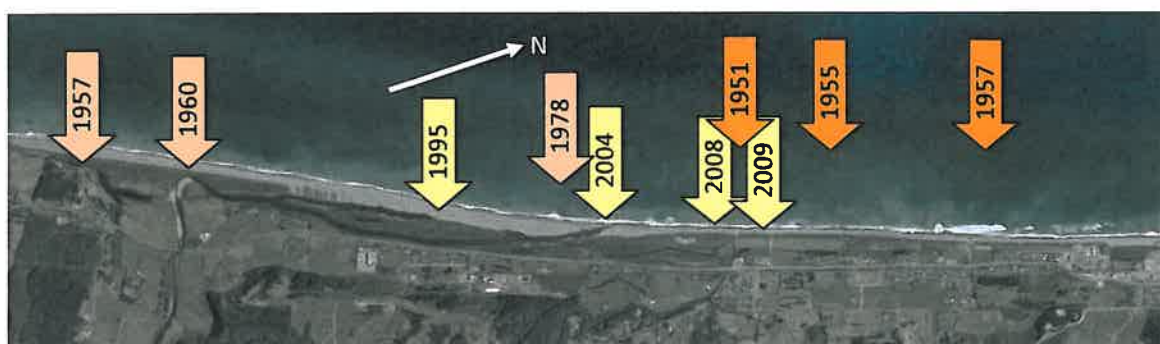
**Figure 4. December 2008 photograph showing the confluence of Salt Water Creek (foreground) and New River (top of picture). The 1978 flood formed a new mouth opposite the confluence.**

The mouth moved south again by 1995 and since then has continued to move northwards.

The northwards movement seems to accelerate during freshes. During dry spells and neap tides the mouth may close for a week and then reopen. Water backs up into the old lagoons when the mouth is closed.

### Diagram of progression.

Three sequences of mouth migration since 1951 are shown on Figure 5.



**Figure 5. Sequences of mouth migration since 1951, shown on 2004 air photo. The dark coastal lagoons are remnants of previous river channels.**



### Other factors according to local residents.

According to Karl Tolley, the coastline south of the Taramakau River mouth is sandy and some places have receded at 50 m per year over the past 3 years. The Taramakau River delivers 2.5 million tons of sediment to the sea each year.

There is a large bar off the Taramakau mouth which may affect wave impact and coastal erosion.

The beach north of the Taramakau River mouth is mainly gravel but has increasing amounts of sand in recent years. It has been receding at a rate of 3 m per year at Camerons since 2004 (Doug Baker).

A narrow neck of land is holding the present north boundary of the Taramakau R. mouth. If this neck should erode the Taramakau mouth is likely to move north (Bill Johnston).

The way in which Salt Water Creek discharges into the New River (which has a larger flow) before the outlet to the Tasman Sea causes Salt Water Creek to back up. The backing up is getting worse (Mel Sutherland).

### Sediment and water yields.

There has been no major destabilization of sediment in the Salt Water Creek or New R. catchments since the 1968 earthquake.

There has been drainage and land clearance in the New River catchment which may have increased the rate of runoff.

Approx 0.15 million tons of gravel are extracted from the Taramakau R. each year but no reliable figures are available. Selective gravel sizes are removed (Fran Cohen).

### Evaluation of the situation.

The configuration of the confluence of the New River and Salt Water Creek as shown in Figure 4, has the New River flowing directly into Salt Water Creek. This will exacerbate flooding in Salt Water Creek when the New River is high.

The northwards displacement of the rivers' mouth is caused by long-shore migration of beach gravel. The gravel encroaches as a bar on the south side of the rivers' mouth and, to maintain the flow, the river erodes the north side of the mouth (Figure 6).



**Figure 6. Shows the gravel bar migrating into the river mouth from the south (June 2010 situation).**

It would appear that the gravel originates from the Taramakau River but other sources could include coastal erosion north of the Taramakau, gravel from New River sources and bank erosion caused by migration of the rivers.

As rivers preferably erode the outside bank of curves in their channel, this increases the migration rate of a northwards deflected river mouth compared to a “straight out to sea” mouth, or a southwards deflected mouth (Figure 7).



**Figure 7. View looking upstream from the June 2010 mouth position showing how the river erodes the outside of the bend where it turns from being parallel to the coast to enter the sea.**

Tidal flushing will assist in keeping the mouth open. A mouth associated with a long inland river channel will undergo greater tidal flushing than a mouth from an inland river system with little in-channel storage capacity.

The rivers' mouth will "reset" to a new location when flow is restricted by a blocked or constricted mouth or by a decrease in river slope associated with a long river distance to the mouth. Such a reset would be most likely during high river flows but could also occur when river flow is insufficient to keep the present mouth open. Another reset mechanism could occur if beach erosion intercepted the inland river where it is parallel to the coast.

Because of the complex dynamics of sea-river-sediment interaction, it is not possible to predict the future long-term behavior of a new natural or assisted river mouth opening. Depending on its location it is probable it would either close or migrate northwards with time. However, should a hazardous situation develop (see below) it may be necessary to assist the opening of a new mouth.

### **Main risks associated with movement of the river mouth.**

The present mouth is separated from earlier river courses (lagoons) by a low sand dune. The recent migration of the river is roughly parallel to the shore but unforeseen events such a change in the height or strength of the exposed dune, a stranded log in the river redirecting flow against the dune or strong long-shore transport at the time of a river fresh could all change the heading of the river. If the river should erode through this dune it could flood into old river courses and present a hazard to local infrastructure on the seaward side of the State highway.

At some stage in the future the river mouth will again reset to the south. Depending on the location of the new mouth this could present a hazard.

### **Possible courses of action (requiring further studies before implementation).**

1. Monitor migration of the present mouth. Prepare contingency plans to deal with a potential dune breach (monitor and do nothing option).
2. Survey low-lying areas and narrow sections of the coastal strip to locate points at which a future river channel change or mouth breakout is likely. Discourage and restrict development in parts of the coastal strip that are previous - and potential future - river channel locations (managed retreat option).
3. In conjunction with the above survey, select a preferred position for the next river mouth. Plan for an assisted re-opening of a mouth at the preferred location should this become necessary (assisted mouth switch option).
4. Create a more stable "non closing" mouth by directing the combined rivers 2 km southwards to flow into the Taramakau River instead of flowing into the Tasman Sea (river engineering option).

## THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting  
 Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager  
 Date: 1 July 2010

**1. Financial Report**

FOR THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED 31 MAY 2010	ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	ACTUAL % ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET
<b>REVENUES</b>				
General Rates	1,766,568	1,753,583	92%	1,913,000
Rates Penalties	64,927	68,750	87%	75,000
Investment Income	953,219	710,417	123%	775,000
Regulatory	1,018,323	889,317	104%	976,191
Planning Processes	74,357	155,238	44%	169,350
Environmental Monitoring	0	0	0%	0
Emergency Management	43,332	45,833	87%	50,000
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	1,523,955	1,001,567	139%	1,092,618
Regional % Share Controls	526,842	527,083	92%	575,000
VCS Business Unit	2,902,787	3,426,317	78%	3,737,800
	<b>8,874,310</b>	<b>8,578,104</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>9,363,959</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Representation	327,254	352,003	85%	384,003
Regulatory Activities	1,655,476	1,549,344	98%	1,686,568
Planning Processes	518,185	540,791	88%	589,954
Environmental Monitoring	569,724	675,733	77%	737,163
Emergency Management	104,573	120,644	79%	131,612
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	1,464,547	1,057,315	127%	1,153,434
Regional % Share Controls	779,900	691,957	103%	754,862
VCS Business Unit	2,232,030	3,048,316	67%	3,325,436
Portfolio Management	58,581	0	0%	0
	<b>7,710,270</b>	<b>8,036,103</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>8,763,032</b>
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) Before Greymouth Floodwall Upgrade</b>	<b>1,164,040</b>	<b>542,001</b>		<b>600,927</b>
Less Upgrade Costs treated as Opex.	2,656,898	3,666,667		4,000,000
<b>Adjusted SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>-1,492,858</b>	<b>-3,124,666</b>		<b>-3,399,073</b>

BREAKDOWN OF SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	Variance Actual V Budgeted YTD	ACTUAL	BUDGET Year to date	ANNUAL BUDGET
Rating Districts	893,262	-2,585,638	-3,478,900	-3,795,164
Quarries	169,322	155,236	-14,086	-15,366
Regional % Share of AHB Programmes	-88,185	-253,058	-164,874	-179,862
Investment Income	184,221	894,638	710,417	775,000
VCS Business Unit	292,757	670,757	378,000	412,364
General Rates Funded Activities	<b>180,430</b>	<b>-374,793</b>	<b>-555,223</b>	<b>-596,045</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,631,808</b>	<b>-1,492,858</b>	<b>-3,124,666</b>	<b>-3,399,073</b>

Net Contributors to General Rates Funded Surplus (-Deficit)	Actual	Budget ytd	Annual Plan
<u>Net Variance</u>			
<u>Actual V YTD</u>			
Rates	1,766,568	1,753,583	1,913,000
Rates Penalties	-3,823	64,927	75,000
Representation	24,749	-327,254	-384,003
Regulatory Activities	22,875	-637,153	-710,377
Planning Activities	-58,274	-443,828	-420,604
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection (excl.	62,341	-167,088	-250,286
Environmental Monitoring	106,009	-569,724	-737,163
Emergency Management	13,570	-61,241	-81,612
	<b>180,430</b>	<b>-374,793</b>	<b>-596,045</b>

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION @ 31 MAY 2010**

	@ 31/5/2010	@ 30/06/2009
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash	1,553,865	140,632
Short term Deposit - Westpac	603,772	1,303,942
Accounts Receivable - Rates	301,815	283,982
Accounts Receivable - General Debtors	167,804	728,118
Prepayments	75,555	103,062
Sundry Receivables	1,392,131	151,989
Stock - VCS	19,603	26,198
Stock - Rock	45,202	49,603
Stock - Office Supplies	14,624	14,625
Unbilled Revenue	181,669	227,560
	<hr/> 4,356,040	<hr/> 3,029,711
<b>Non Current Assets</b>		
Investments	10,657,909	10,513,944
Fixed Assets	4,073,820	3,780,746
Infrastructural Assets	39,403,646	39,403,646
	<hr/> 54,135,375	<hr/> 53,698,336
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<hr/> 58,491,415	<hr/> 56,728,047
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<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Bank OD		0
Accounts Payable	2,005,710	1,131,601
GST	-219,930	83,965
Deposits and Bonds	450,528	403,400
Sundry Payables	208,301	537,318
Accrued Annual Leave, Payroll	219,162	241,840
Other Revenue in Advance	415,000	15,000
Rates Revenue in Advance	280,969	0
	<hr/> 3,359,740	<hr/> 2,413,124
<b>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Future Quarry restoration	85,800	85,800
Greymouth Floodwall	2,100,000	0
Inchbonnie	100,000	0
Punakaiki Loan	251,062	283,436
Lower Waiho Loan	6,749	45,294
Office Equipment Leases	92,694	103,878
	<hr/> 2,636,305	<hr/> 518,408
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<hr/> 5,996,045	<hr/> 2,931,532
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Ratepayers Equity	20,472,883 }	20,472,883
Prior Period Adjustment	-51,287	
Surplus Tsfrd.	-1,492,858 }	
Rating District Equity Mvmts	381,991 }	
Rating Districts Equity	2,025,876	2,407,867
Tb Special Rate Balance	-36,374	-36,374
Revaluation	22,957,725	22,714,725
Quarry Account	152,414	152,414
Investment Growth Reserve	8,085,000	8,085,000
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<hr/> 52,495,370	<hr/> 53,796,515
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<hr/> 58,491,415	<hr/> 56,728,047

## 2. Investment Portfolio

PORTFOLIO @ 31 May 2010 Summary & Reconciliation		Cash	Bonds	Australasian Equities	International Equities	Property Equities	Alternative Asset Classes	Total
Portfolio Value @ Start	01.07.09	2707972	3898342.57	1128754	1243964	583366	930570	10492968
Net Contributions		-247859	-1153000	588787	544235	-118341	-413821	-800000
Realised Gains/(Losses) adj.		-30197	5273	-4488	33090	-1849	101329	103157
Unrealised Gains/(Losses)		35216	15225	87785	186391	33391	29266	387273
Unrealised Hedging Gains/(Losses)				11949	-20171	241	-44824	-52806
Mgmt Fee					186			186
Income		116909	222787	74353	11946	34005	36838	496837
Accrued Interest		9388	-10069					-681
Portfolio Value @ End Period	31.05.2010	2591429	2978557	1887140	1999640	530812	639357	10626935
Portfolio performance year to date		5.18%	7.36%	10.61%	13.50%	10.61%	15.23%	8.96%

Asset Allocation %'s @ 31 May 2010	Benchmarks	Tactical asset allocation range	
Cash	24%	25%	10% - 50% }
Bonds	28%	25%	10% - 50% }
Australasian Equities	18%	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 eleven month period to 31 April was \$7.710 million.

Total operating revenues for the same period amounted to \$8.874 million.

The operating surplus before GFW upgrade costs for the period amounted to \$1.164 million.

The total cost of the Greymouth Floodwalls upgrade 1 July 2009 to 31 May amounted to \$2.657 million. The costs for June 2010 are still to accrue.

Loan funds drawn down year to 31 May are as follows:

- Greymouth Floodwall upgrade \$2,100,000
- Inchbonnie \$100,000

The Investment portfolio has shown a return of \$0.934 million or 8.96% for the eleven months to 31 May 2010. Further easing is expected to 30 June.

In the general rate funded area, there were net positive budget variances amounting to \$180,000 for the eleven month period despite cost pressures arising from the Wetlands variation.

The major area of emphasis for me now will be working on the full year ending 30 June 2010 financial statements. Unaudited provisional results will be reported to the August meeting and the Draft Annual Report will be put to the September 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;

- Variation to the Multi Option Credit Line with Westpac extending the term of the facility to 1 July 2011.
- DOC Funding Grant for \$84,000 regarding WCRC work with landowners of wetlands.

## RECOMMENDATION

*That this report be received.*

Robert Mallinson  
Corporate Services Manager

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Council Meeting 8 June 2010  
 Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager  
 Date: 10 June 2010  
**Subject: INSURANCE RENEWALS 2010/11**

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Pursuant to the Council's risk management policy, I advise that insurance cover has been renewed for the year to 30 June 2011 on the following basis.

<b>Cover</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Provider</b>
Public Liability	\$100,000,000	Riskpool
Materials Damage & Business Interruption	\$5,063,600 (Includes 388 Main South Road, Jacks Road, Plant + contents)  Cover levels based on May 2010 insurance valuations.	Civic Assurance
Motor Vehicle	\$461,000	Civic Assurance
Electronic Equipment (Computer Breakdown)	\$222,000	Civic Assurance
Personal Accident (Elected members + senior mgmt to fund by-election, recruitment costs)	\$100,000	ACE
Fidelity Guarantee (Comprehensive Crime Policy)	\$500,000 (Increased from \$250,000)	Civic Assurance
Statutory Liability	\$750,000 (Increased from \$500,000)	Vero
Employers Liability	\$500,000	Vero

Total costs amount to \$54,875 (budgeted \$52,750).

This small budget variance is due to the increased cover levels with regard to Fidelity Guarantee and Statutory Liability cover.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That this report be received.*

Robert Mallinson  
 Corporate services Manager

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Council Meeting  
Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager  
Date: 1 July 2010  
**Subject: Setting of Rates for 2010/11**

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Council adopted the Annual Plan for 2010/11 at the meeting on 8 June, which included the Rates Funding Impact Statement for 2010/11 on pages 39 – 45.

The Local Government (Rating) act 2002 (LGRA 2002) requires Council to now pass a resolution to formally set rates for 2010/11.

The following resolution will meet the requirement of sections 23 and 24 of the LGRA 2002.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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.*

Robert Mallinson  
Corporate Services Manager



## THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

To: Chairperson  
West Coast Regional Council

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely, -

Agenda Item No. 8.  
18 - 21      8.1      Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 8 June 2010  
22            8.2      Overdue Debtors Report (to be tabled)

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>General Subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution.</b>
8.			
8.1	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 8 June 2010		Section 48(1)(a) and in particular Section 9 of 2nd Schedule Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.
8.2	Overdue Debtors Report		

I also move that:

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

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

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