

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

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

TUESDAY, 10 APRIL 2012

The programme for the day is:

10.30 a.m: Resource Management Committee Meeting

On completion of RMC Meeting: Council Meeting

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** will be held in the Offices of the West Coast Regional Council, 388 Main South Road, Paroa, Greymouth on **Tuesday, 10th April 2012**

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CHAIRPERSON

M. MEEHAN
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 MARCH 2012 AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL,
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.32 A.M.**

PRESENT:

B. Chinn (Chairman), R. Scarlett, T. Archer, D. Davidson, A. Robb, A. Birchfield, I. Cummings, F. Tumahai

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3. MINUTES

Moved (Davidson / Robb) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 7 February 2012, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Chinn reported that he attended the Councillors Budget Workshop on the 24th of February and on the 28th of February he chaired the Regional Land Transport Committee meeting which was hosted by Council.

Cr Chinn welcomed Cr Cummings back to the council table following his recent spell of ill health.

Moved (Chinn / Archer) *that the Council receive this report.*

Carried

5. REPORTS

5.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

5.1.1 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to his report advising that four tenders have been received for the identification of areas of Outstanding Natural Character as part of the Coastal Plan review. He is currently going through the evaluation of these tenders with the district councils and the tender will be awarded next week.

M. Meehan reported that funding from Envirolink has been obtained to further investigate coastal hazards in the region. M. Meehan reported that NIWA will analyse this information for council and it will then be fed into the Coastal Plan Review.

M. Meehan reported that work has begun on the review of the Regional Air Quality Plan. He advised this plan has been operative for 10 years as of 31 July this year. M. Meehan advised that the main issue for council to look at is the Reefton Airshed.

M. Meehan reported that staff are in the final stages of finishing the recommending report for the Land and Water Plan submissions. He is hoping this will be completed by the end of the month with hearings scheduled for May / June.

M. Meehan reported that the Mt Frederick interference issue has now been resolved with the flood warning system being fully operational once again in the Buller region. Cr Birchfield asked M. Meehan how was this problem resolved. M. Meehan responded that the problem was a corroded aerial on the neighbouring Broadband site that was causing the interference.

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

Carried

5.1.2 CONTACT RECREATION REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to this report advising that these results are for the summer so far, but there are more results to come for March. He advised that overall the results are good but there are a few problem areas in the Buller river. Cr Davidson asked M. Meehan how serious is the water quality result in Lake Brunner as the result is moderate to high risk. M. Meehan responded that this is one result out of eight and it is a spot sample. He stated that on the day the sample was taken there could have been rain beforehand and runoff from subdivisions could have caused the spike. M. Meehan advised that the longterm monitoring trend is always looked at especially if there are several bad results in a row. He advised that each set of results is assessed with the results being passed on to the Compliance Team for further follow up if necessary. F. Tumahai asked if the results that are being analysed now would be reported back to the next meeting. M. Meehan confirmed that would be the case. Cr Cummings asked if the high results are related to the water temperature during the summer months. M. Meehan responded that high results are mainly linked to rainfall events and if rainfall has occurred a couple days prior to testing then this can flush contaminants through the waterways.

Cr Archer stated that Westport residents would have had an expectation that with the introduction and development of the new wastewater treatment system that the historically high readings from time to time in the Buller River would have improved. Cr Archer wonders what the cause of contaminants is in this area is. M. Meehan responded that the results from Shingle Beach and Marrs Beach have been passed onto the Compliance Team and they are linking these results with the work that Buller District Council does at the wastewater treatment plant. M. Meehan suggested he could look a providing a more detailed assessment of the Buller River sites at the next meeting.

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

Carried

5.1.3 CIVIL DEFENCE & REGIONAL TRANSPORT REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to this report advising that funding has been received from the Ministry to undertake the Public Preparedness Survey. He advised that the results of the survey would be reported back to the Coordinating Executive Group in April. C. Ingle reported that two new applications have been made to the Resilience Fund for 2012 / 2013 with first one being to make sure the West Coast has resilience for fuel. This will involve the hard wiring of emergency generators in service stations that do not already have this. C. Ingle reported that the second application is a joint one between Nelson and Marlborough to investigate providing a trainer for civil defence staff for the new information system software. C. Ingle advised that one staff member here and one at Grey District Council have been trained but it is important that everybody else is trained to use this software. C. Ingle reported that the national earthquake drill – Exercise Shakeout is schedule to take place at 9.26 a.m. on the 26th of September.

C. Ingle reported that the Regional Transport Committee met on the 28th of February. He advised that Cr Chinn chaired this meeting. C. Ingle reported that the Draft Land Transport Programme was approved at this meeting; this was notified last night for submissions. C. Ingle advised that the Hearing Panel has been appointed and consists of all the elected members from the four councils who are involved in this committee. C. Ingle advised that Cycleways were discussed at this meeting and also the need to spend the R Funding before it runs out in a couple of years time.

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

Carried

5.2 CONSENTS AND COMPLIANCE GROUP

5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

C. Dall spoke to his report advising that staff have been visiting farms in the Lake Brunner catchment to make farmers aware of the various requirements under the new Plan provisions. C. Dall advised that these visits are likely to result in a number of consent applications to authorise existing activities such as stock crossings and effluent discharges.

C. Dall reported that to date there has been no downturn in consent applications with 6 or 7 applications being received yesterday alone.

C. Dall reported that the consent applications that Solid Energy NZ Ltd have lodged for its proposed Mt William North Coal Mine were publicly notified and at this stage a number of submissions have been received.

C. Dall reported that he attended a Pre Hearing Conference for appeals against the consents that Buller District Council and West Coast Regional granted to Buller Coal Ltd for its proposed Escarpment Mine. C. Dall advised that Judge Newhook is currently sorting out a timeframe for appeals but one of the issues is declaration, which involves applying to the Environment Court and asking a series of questions, which are then answered by Court, based on the legal submissions put to it. C. Dall stated that the matter relates to whether or not the effects of burning coal (on climate change) are a matter that can be considered in the consent applications. C. Dall advised that Council's views and the views of the applicant were that they cannot be, whereas a number of the parties such as Forest and Bird will argue that they should be considered in the consent applications. C. Dall stated that this has wider ramifications on coal mining in general and as of yesterday, Forest and Bird and West Coast Environment have lodged their own declaration proceedings asking exactly the opposite questions to Solid Energy Ltd and Buller Coal Ltd so they are now assessing that and the declaration may be publicly notified which would mean that anyone in the country could join proceedings. Cr Archer stated that there are some fairly significant issues that may come out of this and in the unlikely event that this was successful then this could be the end of coal mining in New Zealand. C. Dall stated that the Judge made it very clear to the appellants that it would take a lot of convincing for him to change his mind. C. Dall stated that the Judge appreciates the urgency of the matter and therefore the declaration is due to be heard on the 27th of March. C. Dall stated that the effects of burning coal on climate change has been raised in numerous submissions on the Mt William North proposal. C. Dall advised that unfortunately even if the Judge does make the call that it should not be considered, that does not necessarily mean an end to the matter as that decision can be appealed to a higher court. This would mean that council could be up for ongoing costs in responding to these matters. Cr Birchfield stated that he cannot imagine this happening politically as the country is so dependant on coal, especially in the dairy industry which is the backbone of the country. Cr Scarlett stated that no other country is doing this. Cr Scarlett stated that there are no legal conventions in the world about climate change and they are just signalling that it is happening and something needs to be done at some stage. Cr Birchfield stated that this is being done through the carbon tax. C. Dall stated that the carbon tax applies to the burning of coal in this country and that is one of the arguments, that this would be double dipping. Discussion took place on the seeking of court costs on this matter. C. Ingle stated that to ensure that there is a link back to the Ministry for the Environment who are promulgating changes to the RMA, maybe this is something they could fix quite quickly while they carry out the rest of the changes they are looking at. C. Ingle asked C. Dall if he has a contact at the Ministry that he could contact to progress this matter. C. Dall confirmed that he is progressing this matter. Cr Archer stated that he is confident there will be a change in legislation in this area.

Moved (Robb / Davidson) *that the March 2012 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Carried

5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

C. Dall spoke to this report advising that 26 dairy sheds were inspected and only one was rated as significantly non-compliant.

C. Dall reported that staff are still working their way through a problem at the Stockton Mine and a formal warning was issued.

C. Dall reported that Spring Creek Mine has now recommenced mining operations and an inspection of this mine revealed that there are adequate environmental practices in place. C. Dall reported that the company's environmental staff are actively looking into ways of minimising the impact of this type of operation further.

C. Dall reported over recent month's there has been an issue with a number of alluvial gold mining operations which relates to paperwork and making sure the miners who have been granted consents are

meeting all the consent requirements. This includes making sure they have a work programme and making sure they have necessary bonds in place before they begin mining. Cr Birchfield stated that the new role that VCS are playing would help considerably in this area.

C. Dall reported that there has been a typical range of complaints during the reporting period.

C. Dall reported that five infringement notices were issued during the month with one farm being issued two infringement notices, one to the farm owner and one to the farm manager.

C. Dall reported that there are two bonds recommended for release with one of them being replaced immediately with a replacement bond by the new consent holder.

C. Dall advised that staff are continuing to provide support to the Rena Operation in Tauranga. Cr Archer asked how long this is likely to continue for. C. Dall advised that it likely that this will continue for at least another month. M. Meehan advised that Maritime NZ is very happy with the assistance from our staff.

Cr Scarlett asked if it is necessary to get a contractor to remove a carcass from the Karamea River and would it not biodegrade. C. Dall advised that this is decided on a case by case basis depending on accessibility, whether or not it is near a public place, but there are times when it is not necessary to retrieve a dead carcass.

Cr Birchfield stated that there have been three visits to Awatuna during the reporting period. He stated that all of the complaints were unsubstantiated complaints. Cr Birchfield stated that he has been contacted by the person that they are complaining about and the complaints are now getting to the stage of becoming malicious harassment. Cr Birchfield stated if these complaints were coming from Karamea then staff would not be sent up there three times. Cr Birchfield stated that this person is being victimised because he is so handy to this office. C. Dall stated that he has been in regular contact with the person who the allegations have been made against and the latest allegations the person being complained against actually requested that staff visit, to confirm that the complaints did not have any validity. C. Dall stated that these complaints are not being treated as urgent or high priority but if someone is in the area they will check on things. Cr Scarlett asked if it is the same person complaining. Cr Birchfield stated that it is the same two people. C. Dall agreed with this.

Moved (Archer / Tumahai)

1. *That the February 2012 report for the Compliance Group be received.*
2. *That Council release the bond held for Resource Consents RC03120 (lodged by Solid Energy NZ Ltd) and RC07219.*

Carried

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.14 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting 10 April 2012
Prepared by: Michael Meehan, Planning and Environment Manager
Date: 29 March 2012
Subject: PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Coastal Plan Review

Tenders for the identification of areas of Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes, and Outstanding Natural Character as part of the Coastal Plan review closed on 20 February. Four tenders were received. The tenders were evaluated against several criteria and discussed with the three District Councils.

Brown New Zealand Ltd (BNZL) was chosen as the most suitable tender, costs will be divided between the Council's based on the work completed in each area, with the Regional Council funding the Coastal work. The Councils are meeting with BNZL in mid April to discuss the project. The first aspect of the project is a desktop assessment, once this is completed timeframes and costs will be much more accurate.

Westland District Council Proposed Plan Change

Staff have been involved in pre consultation work Westland District Council are undertaking around a change to the District Plan. The main changes are as a result of the Alpine Fault Avoidance Zone work, based on GNS technical work that WCRC sought through Envirolink advice grants.

Staff have also been involved in pre consultation work on a private proposed change to the Westland District Plan.

Wetlands

Staff are involved in mediation with the other parties to the appeals, to try and resolve outstanding issues, mainly relating to permitted activities within identified schedule 1 and 2 wetlands. It is not known how long this process will take.

On-site Sewage Effluent Disposal Training

A training session was held on 16 March for staff from both the Regional and District Councils who are involved with assessing compliance with permitted Rule 77 in the Proposed Land and Water Plan, for on-site sewage effluent discharge treatment and disposal systems. The training is provided as part of the Regional Council's transfer of this function to the Buller and Westland District Councils.

Resource Science

Contact recreation and summer State of Environment water quality sampling has been completed for the year. Staff are now moving onto the autumn round of sampling, which is more comprehensive including macro invertebrate (bug) and algal surveys.

Several small Envirolink projects are underway, to be completed by the end of this financial year. Projects include: a review of scientific literature around aluminium, antimony and ammonia toxicity, advice on sediment pond design for gold mining, preliminary research into potential changes in Lake Brunner catchment soil chemistry, and further analysis of wider west coast lake data.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report is received.

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting
 Prepared by: Emma Chaney, Resource Science Technician
 Date: 29 March 2012
 Subject: **BATHING BEACH WATER QUALITY SAMPLING RESULTS 2011-12**

The West Coast Regional Council carries out regular sampling for faecal indicator bacteria (*E.coli* or Enterrococci) at popular contact recreation sites over the summer period, from November through to March. Sampling has now been completed for the 2011 -2012 summer season. Results for this summer are shown in the table below.

Most samples were within the very low risk category, however there were a number of samples which exceeded the low and moderate to high risk thresholds. Samples taken in November and December which exceeded the very low risk threshold can be associated with rainfall around the time of sampling. There was only light rainfall prior to the samples taken in January and February which had elevated results.

SITE	Nov	Nov	Dec	Dec	Jan	Jan	Feb	Feb	Mar	Mar
Carters Beach at campground beach access	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
North Beach at tip head road steps	😊	😐	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
Buller River at Shingle Beach	😊	😐	😐	😊	😊	😐	😊	😊	😊	😊
Buller River at Marrs Beach	😊	😐	😐	😐	😊	😐	😐	😊	😊	😊
Rapahoe Beach at end of Statham St	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
Seven Mile Creek at SH6 Rapahoe	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😐	😊	😊
Nelson Ck at Swimming Hole Reserve	😐	😊	😐	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
Grey River at Taylorville Swimming Hole	😊	😊	😐	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
Cobden Beach at Bright South West end	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
Blaketown Beach at South Tiphead	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
Lake Brunner at Cashmere Bay Boat Ramp	😊	😐	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
Lake Brunner at Iveagh Bay	😊	😐	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
Lake Brunner at Moana	😊	😊	😐	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
Karoro Beach at Surf Club	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
Hokitika Beach at Hokitika	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
Kaniere River at Kaniere Kokatahi Rd	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
Lake Mahinapua at Shanghai Bay	😊	😐	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊

😊	Very low risk < 260 E. coli; < 140 Ent
😐	Low to moderate risk 260-550 E. coli; 140-280 Ent
😐	Moderate to high risk > 550 E. coli; > 280 Ent

Sampling will begin again for the 2012-13 season in November.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report is received

Michael Meehan
 Planning & Environmental Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting – 10 April 2012
 Prepared by: Nichola Costley – Regional Planner
 Subject: **CIVIL DEFENCE & REGIONAL TRANSPORT REPORT**

Civil Defence Emergency Management Update

Controllers Forum

The West Coast Group and Local Controllers, along with key emergency service staff, participated in a one day forum on 23 March 2012. The forum provided the opportunity for the Controllers to appreciate the challenges inherent in the role through a presentation based on the Christchurch and Canterbury earthquakes provided by Douglas Marshal, Local Controller for Selwyn. Facilitated workshops highlighted the issues expected to occur in an event and ways to overcome these.

Regional Transport Update

Submission on the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Strategy

A submission was made on the draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Strategy 2012 – 2042 (RLTS) in September 2011. The submission focused primarily on ensuring that adequate wording was incorporated in the document to provide for the earlier commencement of the improvement project on State Highway 73 - Mingha Bluff to Rough Creek. Chair of the West Coast Regional Transport Committee, Ross Scarlett, spoke to the Canterbury Hearing Panel in support of the submission.

The operative Canterbury RLTS has now been released. Some of the wording sought by the Council has been adopted and included in the RLTS extending the focus on State Highway investment in the short term (years 1-3) to include "Limited improvements to strategic rural parts of the State Highway network...".

Draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Programme 2012/15

The draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Programme 2012/15 (RLTP) has been released for consultation. The 2009/12 RLTP stated that the Mingha Bluff to Rough Creek improvement on State Highway 73 was likely to be recommended for inclusion in the next programme as a nationally or regionally significant activity. On review of the 2012/15 RLTP, this has not occurred. Instead, it has been listed as a nationally or regionally significant activity likely to be recommended for inclusion in the 2015/18 RLTP.

A submission has been drafted (attached to this report) seeking that expenditure for new and improved infrastructure for state highways is increased in order to accommodate the Mingha Bluff to Rough Creek improvement project within the 2012/15 programme. Submissions close on 20 April 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

1. *That this report be received.*
2. *That Council adopts the submission on the draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Programme 2012/15.*

Chris Ingle
 Chief Executive



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Submission on the Draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Programme

The West Coast Regional Council (the Council) appreciates the opportunity to submit on the *Canterbury Draft Regional Land Transport Programme 2012 – 2015* (RLTP), and wish to thank the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee for considering our submission.

The Council has submitted numerous times over the past seven years in order to see the improvement project for Mingha Bluff to Rough Creek progressed. The 2009/12 RLTP identified this project as a nationally or regionally significant activity likely to be recommended for inclusion in the next RLTP, the next RLTP being 2012-15. The rationale, when this Council sought that this project be brought forward to the 2009-12 RLTP, was that the timing of the design and designation project phases would enable construction to be completed at an appropriate time. The Council was satisfied with this outcome.

However, it is noted that this project has now been deferred. The draft RLTP 2012-2015 states that the Mingha Bluff to Rough Creek improvement is likely to be recommended for inclusion in the next programme as a nationally or regionally significant activity. The next programme is developed in 2015-2018 and there is certainly no guarantee that this project will not be deferred again.

The construction of the Oira viaduct has led to a steady increase in traffic as this section of State Highway 73 has become safer and more reliable. However, the Mingha Bluff to Rough Creek section is narrow and winding and can create potential difficulties, particularly for larger vehicles, making travel unsafe and increasing the risk of accidents for both trucks and vehicles passing in the other direction, along with campervans, and the increased number of cyclists and walkers seen on this section of road. This is one of the last low standard sections of State Highway 73 needing to be upgraded.

The Canterbury Regional Land Transport Strategy highlights the requirement to finish what has been started. This Council supports that concept and recommends that the RLTP be reviewed to finish what has been started on the network in order to provide a safe and efficient route between our two regions. With the identification of State Highway 73 as a strategic transport network, investment in projects is required to ensure that an efficient transport link between suppliers and users, as well as for the tourism market, is maintained and that travel between the two regions is safe. This is certainly not considered to be the case at present.

In summary, the Council requests that the expenditure for new and improved infrastructure for state highways is increased in the RLTP in order to accommodate the Mingha Bluff to Rough Creek Improvement project within the 2012-2015 funding programme.

I would like to be heard in support of this submission.

Yours faithfully

Ross Scarlett
Chairman West Coast Regional Council

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
 Prepared by: Colin Dall - Consents & Compliance Manager
 Date: 30 March 2012

Subject: CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

CONSENTS

Consents Site Visits from 1 – 27 March 2012

DATE	NAME, ACTIVITY & LOCATION	PURPOSE
2/03/12	Shaffrey Partnership, Discharge of dairy effluent, Inchbonnie	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the discharge.
2/03/12	J Keeney, Discharge of dairy effluent, Inchbonnie	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the discharge.
2/03/12	Cashmere Bay Ltd, Discharge of dairy effluent, Rotomanu	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the discharge.
6/03/12	P & E Ltd, Discharge of dairy effluent and stock crossing, Inchbonnie	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the discharge and stock crossings.
6/03/12	G & R Rooney, Irrigation of Dairy Effluent, Inchbonnie	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the discharge.
6/03/12	Lake Brunner Dairy Farm 2005 Ltd, Discharge of dairy effluent, Inchbonnie	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the discharge.
7/03/12	RC12041 – Birchfield Coal Mines Ltd, Gravel extraction, Little Grey (Mawheraiti) River at SH7	To investigate the site to assess the available gravel resource.
7/03/12	RC11262 – AA Thomson, Coastal works, Totara River	To discuss the resource consent application for opening the river with the applicant and the Department of Conservation.
9/03/12	W & M Gault, Discharge of dairy effluent, Inchbonnie	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the irrigation of dairy effluent.
15/03/12	RC12021 - Whyte Gold Ltd, Gold Mining, Kapitea	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the proposed gold mining operation.
21/03/12	D Marley, Discharge of dairy effluent, Rotomanu	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the discharge of dairy effluent.
21/03/12	Sueton Kriss Ltd, Discharge of dairy effluent and stock crossings, Rotomanu	To investigate the site to gain a better understanding of the discharge and stock crossings.

Non-Notified Resource Consents Granted from 1 – 27 March 2012

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	PURPOSE OF CONSENT
RC09045 I Whyte	To disturb the bed of Maori Creek associated with its partial diversion. To divert a section of Maori Creek.
RC10131 Westroads Greymouth Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Grey River near Cobden Bridge (SH6) for the purpose of gravel extraction.

RC11063 B.B.C Excavation Ltd	<p>To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining at Waimangaroa.</p> <p>To disturb the dry bed of the Waimangaroa River associated with alluvial gold mining at Waimangaroa.</p> <p>To take and use surface water from a pond at Waimangaroa for alluvial gold mining.</p> <p>To take and use groundwater via seepage into a pond at Waimangaroa for alluvial gold mining.</p> <p>To discharge sediment-laden water to land at Waimangaroa where it may enter water in the Waimangaroa River.</p>
RC11101 J Subritsky & A Wedding	<p>To disturb the foreshore within the Coastal Marine Area within Mining Permits 52024, 41788 and 52016 for the purpose of undertaking black sand (gold) mining at Hunt Beach.</p> <p>To take sand within the Coastal Marine Area within Mining Permits 52024, 41788 and 52016 associated with gold mining at Hunt Beach.</p> <p>To deposit sand/tailings in the Coastal Marine Area within Mining Permits 52024, 41788 and 52016 associated with gold mining activities at Hunt Beach.</p> <p>To deposit (stockpile) sand adjacent to the Coastal Marine Area within Mining Permits 52024, 41788 and 52016 associated with gold mining at Hunt Beach.</p> <p>To take and use water for gold mining activities within Mining Permits 52024, 41788 and 52016 at Hunt Beach.</p>
RC11218 Department of Conservation	<p>To undertake earthworks and vegetation clearance within the riparian margins of Jamie Creek for the purpose of developing the Lake Paringa camping area.</p>
RC11244 PF Olsen Ltd	<p>To erect a bridge in the bed of Cockeye Creek and the associated disturbance of the bed.</p>
RC11249 New Zealand Transport Agency	<p>To occupy the Coastal Marine Area (CMA) as a result of the placement of rock riprap for State Highway drop out repairs, Woodpecker Bay.</p> <p>To undertake State Highway drop out repairs, Woodpecker Bay.</p>
RC12009 AG & HJ Dawson	<p>To disturb the Coastal Marine Area while constructing a diversion channel, including gravel relocation, New River.</p> <p>To release sediment during the construction of a diversion channel in the Coastal Marine Area, New River.</p> <p>To divert water in the Coastal Marine Area, New River.</p>
RC12011 B.B.C Excavation Ltd	<p>To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining at Waimangaroa.</p> <p>To take and use surface water from a pond at Waimangaroa for alluvial gold mining.</p> <p>To take and use groundwater via seepage into a pond at Waimangaroa for alluvial gold mining.</p> <p>To discharge sediment-laden water to land at Waimangaroa in circumstances where it may enter groundwater.</p>
RC12022 New Zealand Transport Agency	<p>To disturb the bed of One Mile Creek to undertake stream training works.</p> <p>To disturb the bed of Rough Creek to undertake stream training works.</p> <p>To disturb the bed of Jackson Creek to undertake stream training</p>

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To disturb the bed of Casolis Creek to undertake stream training works.

To disturb the bed of Kellys Creek to undertake stream training works.

To divert water, One Mile Creek.

To divert water, Rough Creek.

To divert water, Jackson Creek.

To divert water, Casolis Creek.

To divert water, Kelly's Creek.

To discharge sediment to water from stream training works, One Mile Creek.

To discharge sediment to water from stream training works, Rough Creek.

To discharge sediment to water from stream training works, Jackson Creek.

To discharge sediment to water from stream training works, Casolis Creek.

To discharge sediment to water from stream training works, Kelly's Creek.

RC12028
PB & DM Langford Ltd

To disturb the dry bed of Granite Creek, Karamea at two sites for the purpose of extracting gravel.

RC12034
Buller District Council

To take and use surface water from a reservoir for a community water supply at Granity.

RC12041
Birchfield Coal Mines Ltd

To disturb the dry bed of the Little Grey (Mawheraiti) River, Ikamatua for the purpose of extracting gravel.

RC12042
New Zealand Transport Agency

To disturb the riparian margins of the Otira River associated with rock protection works.

To disturb the riparian margins of the Rocky Creek associated with rock protection works.

To disturb the riparian margins of the unnamed creek upstream of the SH73 Culvert 19 (Wainihinihi) associated with rock protection works.

To disturb the bed of the Otira River to undertake rock protection works.

To disturb the bed of the Rocky Creek to undertake rock protection works.

To disturb the bed of the unnamed creek upstream of the SH73 Culvert 19 (Wainihinihi) to undertake rock protection works.

To divert water, Otira River.

To divert water, Rocky Creek.

To divert water, the unnamed creek upstream of the SH73 Culvert 19 (Wainihinihi).

To discharge sediment to water from rock protection works, Otira River.

To discharge sediment to water from rock protection works, Rocky Creek.

To discharge sediment to water from rock protection works, the unnamed creek upstream of the SH73 Culvert 19 (Wainihinihi).

RC12044 Westland Milk Products	To disturb the bed of the Hokitika River, at two sites for the purpose of extracting gravel. To deposit extracted gravel at two sites on the bed of the Hokitika River. To divert water by the removal of gravel in the Hokitika River.
RC12052 Eco Investments Ltd	To undertake earthworks on slopes greater than 12 degrees associated with road construction, Karamea.
RC12054 RD Robinson	To disturb the dry bed of the Crooked River for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC12057 S Langridge	To disturb the dry bed of the Taramakau River for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC12058 Westreef Services Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Little Grey (Mawheraiti) River, SH7 Ikamatua for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC12063 Ferguson Brothers Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Mikonui River (SH6) for the purpose of extracting gravel.

Changes to Consent Conditions Granted from 1 – 27 March 2012

CONSENT NO, HOLDER & LOCATION	PURPOSE OF CHANGE
RC00323 [v16] Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Ltd Globe Progress Mine, Reefton	To increase the maximum crest height of the embankments of the Fossickers Creek Tailings Storage Facility allowed by the consent.
RC00323 [v17] Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Ltd Globe Progress Mine, Reefton	To increase the maximum footprint area of the Souvenir Pit and Union Creek Waste Rock Stack allowed by the consent.
RC05067 Iain Whyte Dunganville	To allow for extension of the gold mining area.
RC07085 Animal Health Board Kokatahi	To increase the size of the discharge area allowed by the consent.
RC11219 Clayton Farms Ltd Little Grey (Mawheraiti) River	To increase the height of the bridge allowed by the consent.

Limited Notified or Notified Resource Consents Granted from 1 – 27 March 2012

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	PURPOSE OF CONSENT
RC11104 Ross Moore	To discharge treated dairy effluent to land, groundwater and surface water (an unnamed tributary of the Inangahua River) from near DS558, Reefton.

Notified Consents Updates

The Consents & Compliance Manager attended the hearing for the applications for declarations jointly lodged by Buller Coal Limited (BCL) and Solid Energy New Zealand Limited (SENZ) relating to the consent applications for the proposed Escarpment and Mt William North Mines. BCL and SENZ seek confirmation that the decision maker must not have regard to the effects on climate change of discharges into the air of greenhouse gases arising from the subsequent combustion of the coal both within New Zealand and overseas. The West Coast Regional Council and Buller District Councils support the declarations whereas West Coast ENT and the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society Incorporated oppose them, with West Coast ENT lodging counter declarations, which are supported by the Society.

Judge Newhook heard the declarations and is expected to release his decision on them in about a month.

Public Enquiries

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26 written public enquiries and one official information request were responded to during the reporting period. 22 (85%) were answered on the same day and the remaining 4 (15%) the following day. The official information request was responded to within the 20 working day limit.

RECOMMENDATION

That the April 2012 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 Colin Helem – Senior Compliance Officer
 Date: 30 March 2012
 Subject: **COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

Site Visits

A total of 53 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period, which consisted of:

Activity	Number of Visits	Fully Compliant (%)
Resource consent monitoring	3	67
Dairy shed inspections	34	91
Mining compliance & bond release	13	85

These totals include 3 visits in response to complaints.

Specific Issues

Dairy Effluent Discharges: 34 dairy sheds were inspected during the reporting period, with two discharge systems being rated as "significantly non-compliant" due to a lack of effluent storage and for having a poorly maintained effluent treatment pond system. Formal enforcement action was also undertaken when a farmer in the Lake Brunner Catchment allowed a large number of stock free access to two waterways in breach of the relevant regional rules.

Solid Energy New Zealand Limited (SENZ) – Stockton Coal Mine: The Annual Work Programme has been received at the Council and is currently being reviewed by Compliance staff. The work programme will be followed up with a site visit in the next few weeks.

A meeting of the Stockton Community Consultation Group was held on 8 March where a summary of water quality in the Ngakawau River and the fish survey done in the river last year was given, followed by a mine update.

Alluvial Gold Mining: On 15 March 2012 the Council received numerous complaints regarding the discolouration of the New River at Camerons. The subsequent investigation by Council staff established that the discolouration was caused by the discharge of sediment from a gold mining operation. Enforcement action was taken to cease the discharge and further enforcement action is being considered.

Complaints/Incidents between 27 February and 26 March 2012.

The following 16 complaints/incidents were received during the reporting period:

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome
Gravel Extraction	Gravel extracted outside of the consented area	Westport	Site visited – operator reminded of consent conditions, no further action required.
Dairy Effluent Discharge	Complaint regarding a creek discoloured with dairy effluent.	Butlers	Not substantiated by the site visit.
Discharge to Water	Complaint that Kawhaka Creek is discoloured with sediment.	Arahura	Not substantiated by the site visit.

Discharge to Air	Complaint that a contractor is spreading lime at the Greymouth Airport and the dust is covering other properties.	Greymouth	Site visited several times during the operation. The contractor was formally warned for breach of the relevant regional rule.
Stock Access to Waterways	Council staff discovered that dairy cows had free access to two creeks in the Lake Brunner Catchment.	Rotomanu	Site visited and enforcement action undertaken.
Stock Access to Waterway	Complaint that stock have heavily pugged and damaged the banks of a creek.	Harihari	Still under investigation.
Rubbish Dumping in Coastal Marine Area	Complaint that building material and rubbish has been dumped in the CMA near the Westport Yacht Club.	Westport	Buller District Council already aware of the complaint and has been investigating it as the dump site is located on Harbour Board land.
Gold Mining	Complaint from a trumper on Alborns Track that he has seen a chemical discharged to a waterbody at a mine site.	Reefton	Further enquiries with the complainant establish that he had seen Fossicker Dam, which is part of the Globe Progress Mine's water treatment system.
Stock Access to Waterway	Complaint that stock have access to a waterway	Fairdown	Complainant advised of the regional rule for grazing riparian margins. To be followed up with a site visit.
Gold Mining	Complaint that the New River is discoloured with sediment.	Camerons	Site visit established unauthorised discharge from a mining operation – enforcement action taken.
Sand Extraction	Complaint regarding beach sand extraction at North Beach.	Westport	Site visited – compliant with resource consent conditions
Road Works	Complaint that road works are being undertaken in the vicinity of Welcome Creek in breach of the relevant regional rules.	Mokihinui	The road works relate to the construction of the Lyle Cycleway. The site visit did not reveal any works in breach of the relevant regional rules.
Creek Diversion	Complaint that there has been works in the bed and possibly diversion of a creek	Taipo	Still under investigation.
Discharge to Water	Complaint that Cats Creek appears to be contaminated.	Westport	Site visited – water samples obtained and testing results awaited.
Discharge to Air	Complaint that dust from the public road is a nuisance.	Kaiata	Complainant given advice.
Landfill	Complaint that the Westland District Council Landfill is located partially off its property boundary.	Hokitika	Still under investigation.

Formal Enforcement Action

The following 4 abatement notices were issued during the reporting period:

Activity	Location
Stock access to waterways within the Lake Brunner Catchment (2 notices – 1 to the farm owner and the other to the farm lessee).	Rotomanu
Discharge of sediment associated with gold mining activities (2 notices – 1 to the Consent Holder and the other to the miner operating under the consent).	Camerons

The following 5 infringement notices were issued:

Activity	Location
Unauthorised diversion of a creek by a gold mining operation (one notice). Another two notices issued for breach of the associated abatement notice to cease diversions of creeks and for failure to install sufficient sediment retention systems.	Duffers Creek
Stock access to two waterways within the Lake Brunner catchment (2 notices issued to the farmer).	Rotomanu

One formal warning was issued to an agricultural contractor for a discharge to air of fertiliser that was in breach of the relevant regional rule.

The Sentencing Hearing for the Council's prosecution against Barry Foster for an unauthorised discharge of sediment from a mining operation and breach of an abatement notice relating to the mine site took place on 26 March 2012. The Court convicted him of both, discharged him on the first charge and fined him \$34,000 on the abatement notice charge.

This matter followed the successful prosecution that the Council took against the miner (David Marsh) operating under the consent held by Mr Foster for the mine site.

The Court findings are significant in that it ruled that Mr Foster was at least as culpable for the discharge as Mr Marsh even though Mr Foster did not himself perpetrate the discharge. The fact that Mr Foster gave permission and did not do the works himself did not divest him of responsibility; giving permission as consent holder put him under the duty to ensure that the consent conditions were complied with when he gave permission.

The Court also made comments about the importance of deterring others and miners from failing to take their consent conditions or mine management sufficiently seriously.

MINING

Work Programmes

The Council received the following 4 work programmes during the last reporting period, with 2 programmes being processed in the 20 day timeframe. The remaining 2 (shown in *italics*) were put on hold while additional information was sought.

Date	Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location
5/3/12	<i>RC10213</i>	<i>Acker</i>	<i>Waimea</i>
5/3/12	<i>CML37-150</i>	<i>SENZ</i>	<i>Westport</i>
8/3/12	RC09009	Hampton	Waiuta
14/3/12	RC11100	Barrett & Mathieson	Marsden

Bonds Received & Bond Releases

No bonds were received during the reporting period and no bonds are recommended for release.

OIL SPILL RESPONSE

The Council is continuing to provide support to the Rena operation in Tauranga, with two Council staff from Vector Control Services on constant rotation in a role that is overseeing beach clean up crews of up to 40 people.

RECOMMENDATION

That the April 2012 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, 10TH April 2012** commencing on completion of the Resource Management Committee Meeting.

A.R. SCARLETT
CHAIRPERSON

C. INGLE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 13 MARCH 2012,
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH,
COMMENCING AT 11.15 A.M.**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1. APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (Archer / Birchfield) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 7 February 2012, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

REPORTS:

4.1 ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to this report advising that work has been completed in the Taramakau rating district and Wanganui rating district. M. Meehan reported that the upgrade of the Last Resort stopbank has started with Ferguson Brothers Ltd winning this contract.

M. Meehan reported that a meeting would be held this morning with the ratepayers in the Taramakau rating district to discuss a resource consent application. He advised that these ratepayers are considered an affected party.

M. Meehan reported that there has been the usual number of requests for rock in the Kiwi, Blackball and Whataroa quarries.

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

Carried

4.1 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to this report advising that there is an operating surplus of \$467,000 for the seven month period. R. Mallinson reported that there are positive budget variances amounting to \$110,000 in the general rate funded activities. He reported that the operating surplus improved by \$96,000 during January, which was mainly attributable to the \$100,000 improvement in the portfolio results. Cr Scarlett stated that the budget and actual are very close and this shows good budgeting. Cr Archer drew

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attention to the expenditure for river, drainage and coastal protection, he asked if the difference between the year to date figures and actual figures are just a timing matter as there is a \$300,000 variation. R. Mallinson stated that this is catch up work that has been done throughout the financial year. R. Mallinson advised that in addition to rates income, council has received local contributions for this work as well. C. Ingle advised that the works in the Whataroa rating district has had an impact on these figures.

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

Carried

4.2.1 PROPOSED FINANCIAL STRATEGY PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT ACT 2010

R. Mallinson spoke to this report advising that the Local Government Amendment Act requires council to adopt this strategy. R. Mallinson advised that this document is included in the LTP, which is being audited this week by Audit NZ. R. Mallinson advised that the theme underlying this strategy is one of financial prudence and minimizing costs to ratepayers. Cr Scarlett stated that you couldn't argue with this, as it is good for the ratepayer.

Moved (Archer / Robb) *that Council approve the Draft Financial Strategy for inclusion in the LTP.*

Carried

C. Ingle advised that by adopting this strategy council is actually constraining itself into the future, and future councils. He advised that where this strategy could bite is if things changed dramatically, if VCS doesn't work out as well as it has been or if the investment fund doesn't perform as well as usual or both the proposed caps may have to be breached. He advised that this would then require a change to the LTP and council would need to go through two processes, which would mean that a council decision would have to be made to exceed this and to publicly notify that council is going to go through a plan change to change the caps in the LTP. Cr Archer advised that this process is already available to council in Standing Orders, to reverse a decision. C. Ingle advised that he is not expecting this to happen but there is a risk that it may happen. Cr Robb stated that this would be a good process to go through, as people are made aware of change. Cr Birchfield asked what would happen if a rating district needed to rate higher what would happen. R. Mallinson drew attention to the report where it states that "*river, drainage & coastal protection scheme rates will not exceed the sustainable level of annual maintenance expenditure identified in the relevant asset management plan + 33%. (This is to enable sufficient flexibility to react to requests by these protection scheme communities for protection works. If the community supports a level of scheme rates that exceed these limits, then the community wish will prevail)*". R. Mallinson clarified that council does not want community wishes constrained in any way by the cap. R. Mallinson explained that there is a considerable amount of wiggle room if a cap of 25% was to be adopted for targeted rates. Cr Birchfield stated that some of the rating district rates are too low and one day they will need to catch up. Cr Robb stated that one of the biggest targeted rates is the Tb rate. C. Ingle advised that there is still scope to make further amendments.

6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to his report and spoke of the various meetings he attended during the reported period. He advised that he met with the team from the office of the Auditor General who are reviewing the delivery of the biodiversity services that the Department of Conservation carries out. C. Ingle advised that discussions took place on how the two organisations have interrelated over the last few years. C. Ingle advised that he suggested that there must be a better way of doing things rather than meeting across the courtroom table, although, that there are some areas where the two organisations have worked well together.

C. Ingle reported that the Audit NZ team is on site at the moment to review the Draft LTP. He advised once this review is complete the Draft Plan will come back to Council at the April meeting for release for public submissions.

C. Ingle reported that the review of the Enforcement Policy is following on from council adopting the new Alternative Justice Policy that Cr Robb promoted. C. Ingle reported that he has now built this into the new enforcement policy, which is attached to his report. He stated that he has now simplified the flowcharts to ensure that they are easier to follow. C. Ingle advised that the formal warning option has been included in the policy, and the prosecution procedures refers to the Alternative Justice Policy now as well. Cr Cummings stated that this is a very good idea and he feels that people should be given a copy of

the Enforcement Policy when they are given their resource consent so that they know exactly where they stand. Cr Cummings stated that he has been a miner for over 30 years and this document would have been very helpful over the years.

Cr Archer stated that he is still not quite certain who makes the decision in terms of the Alternative Justice Policy. Cr Archer stated that he feels it would be helpful if those who make the decision were named in the document. C. Ingle advised that it would be himself and C. Dall or himself and M. Meehan who make the decisions. It was agreed that this would be included in the document. C. Ingle stated that the only judgement call that needs to be made is whether or not the offender meets the eligibility criteria.

Moved (Archer / Davidson)

1. *That this report be received.*
2. *That the attached Enforcement Policy is approved.*

Carried

7.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT (VERBAL)

The Chairman reported that he attended the Regional Sector Group meeting in Christchurch. He stated this was a very interesting meeting, which started off with a tour of the CBD. He stated that this was a pretty sobering look. Cr Scarlett stated that parts of the CBD are unrecognisable with 80% of the floor area having been lost. He advised that rebuilding is unlikely to get underway for about 15 months, as it will take 15 months to get some of the buildings down. Cr Scarlett stated that one of the matters discussed at this meeting is that the government is looking at rationalisation in councils and Ministers do like the unitary council approach. Cr Scarlett stated that this is not for everyone but regions like Southland and Taranaki may be interested. Cr Scarlett stated that the government is to look at this again but the view is that they won't force it but they will be encouraging councils to amalgamate and to look at the benefits in doing this. Cr Scarlett stated that Local Government is engaging with this government and they are pleased with the new Minister as he makes decisions.

Cr Scarlett reported that he attended the Zone 5 meeting. He advised that there is going to be a 10% increase in LGNZ fees over 2 – 3 years. He advised that this is because Auckland has said they are not paying as because of the amalgamation it has made the fees very high and they have had their fees reduced by \$300,000 - \$400,000, which now leaves a shortfall. Cr Scarlett stated that for this council our payment to LGNZ would increase by about \$2,500 over three years.

Cr Scarlett reported that he dealt with general queries from constituents during the reporting period.

C. Ingle reported that Mayor Kokshoorn has sent a letter relating to unitary councils. Cr Scarlett stated that there has been two goes at this in the past and it has not been successful. Cr Scarlett stated that unitary means one council and not three and he feels that Buller would not want to join Grey and others may not be keen either. Cr Robb stated that the Mayor had stated in the media that the regional council functions could be split between the three councils so one council do air quality, one might do something else. Cr Robb stated he does not see how this would work, as the people of Greymouth would have no voting rights or submission process over this. He stated this is flawed. C. Ingle advised that this would be discussed more at the next Mayors and Chairs forum. Cr Scarlett stated that he is all for cost effectiveness and efficiency and it is up to the ratepayers to say this is what we want. Cr Robb stated that prior this being put to the people there needs to be some in depth analysis of the costs and the benefits to the ratepayers otherwise it is just political grandstanding. Cr Davidson stated that it needs to be workable, he feels it would be a mess if each council was doing a little bit of the regional councils function. Cr Robb asked Cr Scarlett if he felt that there was a drive to take the regional functions from councils. Cr Scarlett stated that the councils with high debt and increased costs will be looked at. Cr Scarlett stated that we can stand tall as a regional council as we have had no rate increases and our debt is incredibly low. He stated that when this council is compared to others it is run very efficiently. Cr Scarlett stated we are a small council, serving 31,000 people, we are compliant with the RMA and this council is run efficiently. Cr Robb stated that he is concerned that this council could lose its decision making autonomy around the regional functions. Cr Scarlett stated that this has never been mentioned. Cr Birchfield stated he would be very concerned if the consenting function for this council was to be given to Grey District Council, as they are one of the slower council's in the country for processing consents and this council is one of the top ones in the country. Cr Chinn commented that Westland is also slow. Cr Birchfield stated that district councils are not efficient with regard to consent processing.

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

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS



Cr Chinn asked if there has been a response back from the Minister for the Environment regarding the media article in the Greymouth Evening Star cautioning this council. Cr Scarlett responded that a letter from us has been written and a reply received stating that the Minister will respond in due course. Cr Scarlett stated that the response will be circulated to councilors as soon as it has been received.

The meeting closed at 11.48 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting 10 April 2012
 Prepared by: W. Moen – River Engineer and Paulette Birchfield – Engineering Officer
 Date: 28 March 2012
 Subject: **ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT**

RIVER AND DRAINAGE INSPECTIONS

- Nelson Creek –Hill & Butcher – Inspection / Advice
- Nelson Creek RD – Inspection
- Karamea RD – Supervision
- Punakaiki RD – Inspection
- Redjacks Creek RD - Inspection

WORKS COMPLETED & WORKS TENDERED FOR

Karamea Rating District – Last Resort Stopbank Upgrade

Work involving the placing of 6,400 m³ of compacted hardfill and installation of 1 culvert has been completed by Ferguson Brothers Ltd at a cost of \$87,457 (G.S.T. Exclusive)

This work was completed within time and budget.

Nelson Creek Rating District

Work involving the topping up of 900 tonnes of rockwork and the placement of 640 m³ of compacted hardfill, has been tendered out. The successful tender was G.H. Foster at a price of \$18,600 (G.S.T. Exclusive).

Punakaiki Rating District – Emergency Works

Recent storm events have substantially lowered the beach profile at Punakaiki. This has caused the "toe" rock to slump and resulted in some movement in the rock armouring in 3 locations near Webb Street. It is estimated that approximately 2,500 tonnes of rock will be required to remediate these slumps.

At the October 2010 AGM, the Punakaiki Rating District asked that should rock work be required in the future that quotes be obtained for rock from Kiwi Quarry and also a closer source. A meeting was held with the Rating District Committee on 24 March, quotes from three contractors were presented and discussed. The quality of rock was discussed along with the additional costs of transporting from Kiwi Quarry.

The committee elected to accept the tender from MBD Contracting Ltd with a price of \$55,000 (G.S.T. Exclusive). The rock will be supplied from MBD's Rapahoe Quarry and work is commencing on 2 April and is likely to take a week.

OTHER WORKS

Taramakau Rating District – M. Stewart / J. Pugh Resource Consent

A further meeting has been held with the applicants and their Engineer to discuss potential affects of the proposed major development of protection works on the south side of the Taramakau River at Turiwhate. Discussions are ongoing.

Coal Creek Rating District

An on-site meeting was held with the committee to decide on the raising of the upper threatened section of stopbank, Council is awaiting a decision from the committee before commencing any work.

FUTURE WORKS

Vine Creek Rating District
 Coal Creek Rating District
 Inchbonnie Rating District

QUARRIES

Work is steady in the quarries with some development work occurring in Kiwi Quarry.

Council has invited tenders for work in its main four quarries (Kiwi, Blackball, Inchbonnie and Camelback). The tender documents are available on our website and close on 1 May 2012.

Quarry Work Permitted from 6 February to 29 March 2012

Quarry	Contractor	Tonnage Requested	Permit Start	Permit Finish
Kiwi	Paul Steegh Contracting Ltd	2,500	10 February	31 March
Blackball	GH Foster Contracting Ltd	1,000	10 February	30 February
Camelback	Henry Adams Contracting Ltd	2-300 (rubble)	29 March	5 April
Camelback	Westland Contractors Ltd	400	27 March	27 May
Camelback	Westland Contractors Ltd	500+	27 March	27 April
Camelback	Westland Contractors Ltd	400+ (rubble)	29 March	29 April

Approximate rock in quarry as at 28 March 2012 (in tonnes)

Quarry	Rock Available	Emergency Stockpile
Blackball	300	
Camelback	500	2,000
Inchbonnie	13,000	
Kiwi	2,500	-
Whataroa	1,000	4,000
Okuru	1,500	-

RECOMMENDATION

That the report is received

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting
 Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager
 Date: 30 March 2012

1. Financial Report

FOR THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2012	ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	ACTUAL % ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET
REVENUES				
General Rates	1,319,801	1,320,000	67%	1,980,000
Rates Penalties	48,390	50,000	65%	75,000
Investment Income	57,284	697,500	5%	1,046,250
Regulatory	926,684	711,051	90%	1,033,727
Planning Processes	184,649	136,433	90%	204,650
Environmental Monitoring	0	0	0%	0
Emergency Management	59,382	33,333	119%	50,000
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	926,752	815,038	76%	1,222,557
Regional % Share Controls	435,607	433,333	67%	650,000
VCS Business Unit	2,976,606	1,923,333	103%	2,885,000
	6,935,155	6,120,023	76%	9,147,184
EXPENDITURE				
Governance	233,212	257,029	60%	385,543
Regulatory Activities	1,417,110	1,220,977	78%	1,811,878
Planning Processes	515,038	485,438	71%	728,157
Environmental Monitoring	500,748	510,877	65%	766,316
Emergency Management	109,534	96,601	76%	144,902
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	1,272,678	895,186	95%	1,342,779
Regional % Share Controls	593,009	543,015	73%	814,523
VCS Business Unit	1,817,519	1,541,333	79%	2,312,000
Portfolio Management	43,858	40,000	73%	60,000
	6,502,706	5,590,457	78%	8,366,098
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	432,449	529,566		781,086

BREAKDOWN OF SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	Variance Actual V Budgeted YTD	ACTUAL	BUDGET Year to date	ANNUAL BUDGET
Rating Districts	-281,489	-106,317	175,172	262,758
Quarries	-87,766	-110,649	-22,883	-34,324
Regional % Share of AHB Programmes	-47,720	-157,402	-109,682	-164,523
Investment Income	-644,074	13,426	657,500	986,250
VCS Business Unit	777,087	1,159,087	382,000	573,000
General Rates Funded Activities	183,845	-365,693	-552,541	-842,075
TOTAL	-97,117	432,449	529,566	781,086

Net Contributors to General Rates Funded Surplus (-Deficit)		Actual	Budet ytd	Annual Plan
	<u>Net Variance</u>			
	<u>Actual V YTD</u>			
Rates	-199	1,319,801	1,320,000	1,980,000
Rates Penalties	-1,610	48,390	50,000	75,000
Representation	23,817	-233,212	-257,029	-385,543
Regulatory Activities	19,499	-490,426	-509,925	-778,151
Planning Activities	18,616	-330,389	-349,005	-523,507
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection (excl.)	103,477	-128,960	-232,437	-348,656
Environmental Monitoring	10,129	-500,748	-510,877	-766,316
Emergency Management	13,116	-50,152	-63,268	-94,902
	183,845	-365,693	-552,541	-842,075

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION @ 29 FEBRUARY 2012

	@ 29/02/2012	@ 30/06/2011
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	-55,367	35,009
Short term Deposit - Westpac	0	1,502,947
Accounts Receivable - Rates	201,576	286,950
Accounts Receivable - General Debtors	372,900	1,747,428
Prepayments	188,951	227,482
Sundry Receivables	302,770	233,453
Stock - VCS	26,588	143,635
Stock - Rock	286,790	31,886
Stock - Office Supplies	11,232	11,232
Accrued Rates Revenue	606,899	0
Unbilled Revenue	244,877	113,060
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	2,187,216	4,333,082
Non Current Assets		
Investments	12,000,423	11,473,175
Investments-Catastrophe Fund	516,882	0
Fixed Assets	4,325,648	4,168,272
Infrastructural Assets	49,007,111	49,007,111
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	65,850,064	64,648,558
TOTAL ASSETS		
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	68,037,280	68,981,640
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CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Bank Short Term Loan	350,000	0
Accounts Payable	446,232	1,310,545
GST	-42,730	0
Deposits and Bonds	516,876	590,305
Sundry Payables	333,080	480,466
Accrued Annual Leave, Payroll	281,063	294,522
Other Revenue in Advance		1,070,622
Rates Revenue in Advance	646,102	60,940
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	2,530,623	3,807,400
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Future Quarry restoration	60,000	60,000
Greymouth Floodwall	2,011,993	2,048,291
Inchbonnie	70,729	82,877
Punakaiki Loan	182,023	209,856
Office Equipment Leases	34,306	58,060
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	2,359,051	2,459,084
TOTAL LIABILITIES		
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	4,889,674	6,266,484
EQUITY		
Ratepayers Equity	----- 18,577,120	18,577,120
Surplus Tsfrd.	432,449	
Rating District Equity Mvmts	287,388	
Rating Districts Equity	----- 1,252,814	1,540,201
Tb Special Rate Balance	1,037	1,037
Revaluation	32,316,638	32,316,638
Quarry Account	379,160	379,160
Investment Growth Reserve	9,901,000	9,901,000
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TOTAL EQUITY	63,147,606	62,715,156
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
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	68,037,280	68,981,640

2. Investment Portfolio

PORTFOLIO @ 29 February 2012 Summary & Reconciliation		Cash	Bonds	Australasian Equities	International Equities	Property Equities	Alternative Asset Classes	Total	
Portfolio Value @ Start	01 July 2011	\$ 2,883,140	\$ 2,186,007	\$ 2,084,788	\$ 3,051,043	\$ 576,726	\$ 659,819	\$ 11,441,524	
Contributions)	\$ 829		\$ 749,827		\$ 250,000		\$ 1,000,656	500,000
Withdrawals)	-\$ 1,257,989			-\$ 274,319	\$ 0	\$ 31,652	-\$ 1,500,656	
Realised Gains/(Losses)		-\$ 16,069	722	-\$ 112,602	\$ 273,653	\$ 60,149	40,414	\$ 244,823	9,098
Unrealised Gains/(Losses)		\$ 6,160	\$ 8,313	-\$ 33,599	-\$ 448,955	-\$ 61,641	-\$ 97,829	-\$ 627,552	
Mgmt Fee		-\$ 829			\$ 885			\$ 56	
Income		\$ 59,163	\$ 75,133	\$ 68,376	\$ 42,390	\$ 21,796	\$ 70,137	\$ 336,996	
Changes Accrued Interest		\$ 10,025	\$ 26,554					\$ 36,580	
Portfolio Value @ End Period	29 February 2012	\$ 1,684,430.01	\$ 2,295,286	\$ 2,756,790	\$ 2,644,698	\$ 847,030	\$ 704,193	\$ 10,932,427	
yld return for 8 months		2.55%	5.52%	-3.87%	-4.07%	3.76%	1.27%	-0.08%	

Asset Allocation %'s @ 29 February 2012	Benchmarks	Tactical asset allocation range	
Cash	15%	25%	10% - 50%
Bonds	21%	25%	10% - 50%
Australasian Equities	25%	15%	0% - 20%
International Equities	24%	15%	0% - 20%
Property Equities	8%	5%	0% - 10%
Alternative Asset Classes	6%	15%	0% - 20%
	100%	100%	

3. Total Investments.

This includes:

Westpac Catastrophe Fund Portfolio	\$516,880
Westpac General Portfolio	\$1,036,347
Ministry Economic Development & DOC Bond Deposits	\$31,651
Forsyth Barr Ltd (as per above table)	\$10,932,427
Total	\$12,517,305

Investment Income/-Loss includes:

Forsyth Barr Ltd -loss (as per above table)	-\$9,098
Westpac	\$66,382
Total	\$57,284

4. General Comment

This financial report covers the eight months to 29 February 2012.

Highlights

- Surplus of \$432,449
- Positive budget variances amounting to \$186,000 in general rate funded activities.

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: 30 March 2012

Subject: **Adoption of Audited Long Term Plan 2012/22 Statement of Proposal**

Background

The Audit team was on site week commencing 12 March.

The draft LTP went to so called "Hot Review" (a review panel within Audit NZ) on 26 March and the Chief Executive and myself received the panel feedback on 28 March.

The issues raised were mainly format and disclosure issues. No fundamental issues were raised by the Audit NZ panel. It is expected that the Audit report will be a standard one without any qualifications. At the time of writing this report, it is expected that the Audit report on the LTP Statement of Proposal will be available for tabling at the Council meeting on 10 April.

The final LTP document is enclosed with this Agenda.

If Councillors approve the LTP Statement of Proposal for public consultation, the document will be publicly notified on 11 April. The statutory consultation period is one month. Submissions would close on Monday 14 May.

A summary will be published in the West Coast Messenger on 18 April 2012.

Councillors will need to agree on an appropriate date for public hearings on LTP submissions received. It may be appropriate to schedule those hearings some time during the week ending 25 May.

Final adoption of the LTP, after consideration of public submissions, can take place at the Council meeting on 12 June.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Council approve the Draft Long Term Plan Statement of Proposal for public consultation pursuant to sections 83 and 94 of the Local Government Act 2002.*
- 2. That Council decide on an appropriate date for public hearings of submissions following the statutory consultation period.*

Robert Mallinson
Corporate Services Manager

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting
 Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager
 Date: 26 March 2012
Subject: Indicative Remuneration Pool for July 2012 to June 2013

Background

The Remuneration Authority has advised The Chairperson salary for 12/13 and advised that the amount of the pool for the other six Councillors will amount to \$167,822. This is a 1.50% increase.

In accordance with our existing approach the allocation of the pool would be as follows:

Deputy Chairman	1	* \$33,025	\$33,025
Councillors	5	* \$26,959	\$134,797
Total			\$167,822

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the indicative pool allocations as per above.

Robert Mallinson
 Corporate Services Manager



15 March 2012

To: Chairs and Chief Executive Officers, Regional Councils

ELECTED OFFICIAL REMUNERATION

You will be aware that the Remuneration Authority has been undertaking a review of the current process for setting levels of remuneration of elected members.

The Authority had hoped to have the review complete in time to implement in July this year.

It has become clear however that the level of engagement required with local government to ensure the smooth implementation of the review could not take place prior to 1 July this year.

The Authority intends to issue a response to submissions to the review in late April and will engage with elected members through the latter half of the year.

In the meantime this remuneration for the coming year will be set using the existing mechanisms.

INDICATIVE POOL - JULY 2012 TO JUNE 2013

The enclosed table sets out the pools and Chairs' salaries for 2012/2013.

Where the pool levels would have reduced the indicative pool has been maintained at 2011/12 levels.

The Authority has applied a 1.5% increase to the base lines in the model used to determine pools.

Chairs' salaries are based on a 1.5% increase in our 2011 payline.

Would you please now consider the new figures and forward to the Authority, by **7 May 2012** your recommendations for the distribution of the indicative pool. (Forms enclosed.) Your assistance in meeting this deadline will enable the early issue of the final determination for this year.

Remuneration Authority

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Telephone 04 499 3068 Facsimile 04 499 3065 Email info@remauthority.govt.nz

Cars

The Authority needs to obtain confirmation of details of any vehicle currently allocated to the Chair. (Form enclosed.) It is important whenever a change in the vehicle is authorised by council that the Authority be advised immediately in order that appropriate adjustments, up or down, can be made to the net salary of the Chair. This adjustment can only be validated through the issue of a determination.

2013 Onwards

The Authority is planning to undertake some broader work in the area of council/community board remuneration during this year, with the view to any changes being implemented in 2013-2014. As this work progresses, the Authority will engage with Local Government New Zealand and councils to seek their views.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Errington', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Errington
Chairman

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Regional Authorities

2012/13 Residual Pools and Chair Salaries

Council	2011/12 residual pool	2012/13 residual pool (min 2011/12)	2011/12 Chair salary	2012/13 Chair salary
Environment Bay of Plenty	569,655	585,397	128,500	128,600
Environment Canterbury	725,378	737,123	148,000	148,700
Environment Southland	306,900	313,817	85,100	87,300
Environment Waikato	666,633	666,758	142,100	142,100
Hawkes Bay Regional	388,038	389,144	109,500	109,500
Horizons.mw	440,840	451,462	117,500	117,500
Northland Regional Council	388,841	388,841	106,700	106,700
Otago Regional Council	450,633	464,840	118,200	118,200
Taranaki Regional Council	313,053	320,890	88,200	88,200
Wellington Regional Council	735,607	739,797	157,500	161,900
West Coast Regional Council	165,342	167,822	67,995	69,015

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 13 December 2011
Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager
Date: 29 November 2011

Subject: **EIGHT MONTH REVIEW - 1 JULY 2011 – 29 FEBRUARY 2012**

Attached is the Eight Month Review of the 2011 /2012 Annual Plan.

This report shows achievements as measured against the performance targets in the 2011 / 12 Annual Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Robert Mallinson
Corporate Services Manager

Performance Targets	Achieved / Progress		
<p>Conduct eleven monthly meetings of Council and the Resource Management Committee, plus other scheduled meetings and scheduled workshops during the year with at least 80% attendance by each elected Councillor.</p>	<p><u>Councillor</u> Scarlett Chinn Davidson Robb Birchfield Archer Cummings</p>	<p><u>Number attended</u> 8 out of 8 8 out of 8 8 out of 8 8 out of 8 8 out of 8 7 out of 8 6 out of 8</p>	<p><u>%</u> 100% 100% 100% 100% 100% 88% 75%</p> <p>Seven Council meetings and one Councillor workshop occurred in the reporting period.</p>
<p>Prepare and notify the 2012/22 Long Term Plan by 31 May 2012 in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Local Government Act 2002.</p>	<p>In progress. LTP Project is underway.</p>		
<p>Prepare and notify the Council's 2011 Annual Report by 31 October 2011 in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Local Government Act 2002.</p>	<p>Achieved. Audited Annual Report was adopted on 11.10.11</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 prepared and sent with the first and second rates instalment in September 2011 and March 2012.</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.</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. Council has continued to invite attendance by Iwi Representatives.</p>		

Resource Consent Processing (Consents & Compliance Manager)

Performance Targets	Achieved / Progress
Process at least 99% of non-notified resource consent applications within the statutory timeframes.	Almost achieved: 98% (385/394) of non-notified consents were processed within the statutory timeframes.
Work with consent applicants to seek to reduce the need for formal requests for further information under Section 92 of the RMA.	Achieved: 16 Section 92 requests were made in relation to the consent applications being processed in the reporting period.
Complete staff reports for all notified consent applications within 10 working days of receipt of all required information.	Achieved: The consent applications for 3 proposals were notified during the period, with one still awaiting receipt of all required information. The staff reports for remaining two notified consent applications were completed 10 working days of all the required information being received.
Respond to written enquiries on resource consent processes and requirements within 10 working days and requests for such information made under the Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act no later than the statutory 20 working days.	Achieved: 99.3% (285/287) of written enquiries were responded to within 10 working days. 100% (10/10) of LGOIMA enquiries were responded to within 20 working days.
Process at least 95% of mining work programmes ¹ within 20 working days of receipt.	Achieved: 46 work programmes were received during the reporting period. 11 of these work programmes required further information to be submitted. All the remaining 35 valid work programmes were processed within the 20 day timeframe.
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.	In progress: 115 visits to active mining operations were undertaken in the reporting period.
Inspect all new consents that involve major ² construction works after completion of those works, and follow up to ensure compliance is achieved.	In progress: Compliance staff are liaising with contractors to compile a list of construction projects that meet this criterion.

¹This target assumes the work programme is submitted with all necessary information provided.

² Major, in this situation, means the project costs more than approx. \$200,000.

Performance Targets	Achieved / Progress
<p>Inspect all consents for whitebait stands on the Little Wanganui, Taramakau, Hokitika, Wanganui, Paringa and Waiatoto Rivers annually and the remaining rivers with whitebait stand consents at least once every three years to check consent compliance and ensure that any environmental effects are no more than minor.</p>	<p>Achieved: Visits were undertaken to the following rivers during the last Whitebait season – the Little Wanganui, Orowaiti, Mokihinui, Taramakau, Hokitika, Waitaha, Wanganui, Karangarua, Jacobs, Ohinemaka, Paringa, Moeraki, Haast, Okuru, Waiatoto and Arawhata.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>In progress: 168 dairy shed inspections were undertaken in the reporting period. A further 25 visits were undertaken relating to inspection of remedial works and non compliant standoffs.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>In progress: 11 of the 21 farms in the catchment were visited in the reporting period.</p>
<p>Operate a 24-hour complaints service, responding to all complaints and report all complaints to the monthly Resource Management Committee.</p>	<p>Achieved: All complaints received were responded to and reported to the Resource Management Committee.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Achieved: 23 infringement notices and 18 abatement notices were issued in the reporting period. No prosecutions were recommended.</p>

Performance Targets	
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.	Achieved. There are 28 Maritime NZ trained personnel.
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. No major spills in this region but staff have assisted with the Rena response in Tauranga.
Ensure response equipment is maintained quarterly to a level ready to respond to a Tier 2 marine oil spill response.	Achieved. Maintenance inspections were undertaken at the required quarterly intervals.

Environmental Planning (Planning & Environmental Manager)

Performance Targets	
Hold hearings on the submissions on the proposed Wetlands variation 2 as soon as the court proceedings on variation 1 are concluded.	Still waiting for the release of the environment court decision on wetlands variation 1. Currently this is still before the courts in mediation.
Commence hearings on the Proposed Land and Water Plan (merged plan) submissions by April 2012.	Not achieved. Recommending report has been drafted. On target for May/June 2012 for commencing hearings.
Prepare a report to Council on the proposed new structure and content of the West Coast Regional Policy Statement by May 2012.	In progress. Report will be presented at the May meeting.
Commence a full review of the Regional Air Quality Plan by July 2012.	Achieved. Review begun in February 2012 (reported to March 2012 Council Meeting).
Prepare a Draft Regional Coastal Plan, to be considered by Council, by July 2012.	In progress. Natural Character work is underway along with Envirolink funded work examining hazards in the Coastal area.
Prepare and disseminate information for resource users on rules, and best practice, as detailed in the annual communications programme.	Ongoing. Newsletter content was prepared and information boards in the lobby are regularly updated.
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, most recently have submitted on the Proposed Environmental Reporting Bill.

Performance Targets	
Facilitate at least two public Regional Transport Committee meetings per year and arrange working group meetings as requested by the Committee.	In progress. The Regional Transport Committee met on 28 February. The Committee resolved that the Hearing Panel would confirm the Regional Land Transport Programme following the hearing of submissions. A second Regional Transport Committee meeting is not needed in 2011/12.
Prepare and submit, by 30 June 2012, a triennial programme to secure funding for West Coast transport projects that meet New Zealand Transport Authority guidelines.	In progress. The draft Regional Land Transport programme 2012/15 (RLTP) was notified on 13 March 2012. Consultation on the draft RLTP closes on 13 April. A Hearing Panel has been appointed to hear submissions, make decisions, and approve the final RLTP to be lodged with the Regional Council in June 2012.
Participate, with the three district councils, NZ Police, and others in the West Coast Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee.	In progress. The Road Safety Coordinating Committee met on 21 July, 8 December and 29 March. Projects are continuing in the Road Safety Action Plan, designed under the 'Safer Journeys' national direction.
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	To be assessed at the end of the 2011/12 financial year.

Environmental Monitoring (Planning & Environmental Manager)

Performance Targets	
Complete all regular water sampling programmes and an annual Lake Brunner summary report every December, for Council's web site.	In progress. Summer round completed, Lake Brunner report completed mid December
Report monthly summer contact recreation results to Council, and to media, and complete any follow-up investigations required by Council as they arise.	Achieved. Contact recreation sampling is completed. A system is in place to publish results in local papers.
Continue wintertime ambient air quality monitoring in Reefton and provide monthly summary reports to Council during winter months.	Achieved. The results were reported through the Council meetings and on our website.
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.	Achieved. Advice and information given to requesters of SAHS information. All sites have been reclassified according to current protocols. Hard files have been scanned so all SAHS files are now electronic.

Performance Targets	
Provide a continuous flood monitoring service for the five rivers monitored and respond in accordance with the flood-warning manual. Ensure data on these river levels is available on the Council website and Info line (data is updated 12 hourly, and during floods 3 hourly at least).	Achieved. Continuous flood warning service provided, All responses to floods were in accordance with flood-warning manual. Problems have been encountered and resolved with the Buller sites data transfer.
Review the flood-warning manual annually and liaise with work groups as required.	Achieved. Review completed
Publish on the Council web site a Hydrometric and Meteorological Data Summary Report by December 2011.	Not achieved. Deferred due to flood report taking precedence. Report will be available in May 2012.

Emergency Management (Chief Executive)

Performance Targets	
Prepare and organise the distribution of public information linked to the development and release of the national public information programme.	In progress. The Get Ready Get Thru booklet was distributed throughout the Region in the Messenger. This was supported with a community comment question in the following publication. Council newsletter continues to provide CDEM information - March issue related actions to take in response to a tsunami.
Maintain a ready-to-operate headquarters in preparation for potential emergencies, in accordance with the Group Plan and Group Controllers Guide.	Achieved. The Group Emergency Operations Centre is ready to operate for potential emergencies. The alternate Emergency Operations Centre at Grey District Council was tested in November during Exercise Pacific Wave and this alternative is now also ready to use at any time.
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. Council has 32 staff who have received training to various levels (not including VCS staff (3) or Chris Pullen). 17 staff participated in Exercise Pacific Wave in November including several new staff members.

River, Drainage, and Coastal Protection Work (Planning & Environmental Manager)

Performance Targets	Achieved/ Progress
Review Rating District Asset Management Plans 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.	In progress, currently reviewing Asset Management Plans to add additional information in the form of aerial maps.
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.	In progress, action points from the AGM's in October are underway and in most cases completed.
Complete all annual maintenance works identified in the adopted annual works report for each rating district, and complete all rating district meetings by November.	Achieved. Rating District meetings completed in October, the annual maintenance work has been completed for most areas while some are still in progress.
Assist with organising and securing infrastructure loans for major capital works as and when required.	No loans required during the reporting period.
Provide civil engineering advice on Council's behalf for consent applications and compliance matters within statutory timeframes.	Achieved. Advice is provided when required.

Quarry Administration (Planning & Environmental Manager)

Performance Targets	
Oversee implementation of the quarry management plans, and review those plans by 2011.	Achieved. Quarry management plans are current.
Monitor and review quarry contracts and permits and visit sites to ensure Health and Safety and other legal requirements are met.	Achieved. Regular visits are undertaken to quarry sites to ensure compliance with all regulations.
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. Rock has been supplied for requests within the 2 week timeframe.

Performance Targets	Achieved / Progress
<p>Tender for, and win, sufficient contracts to provide or exceed the annual budgeted return to Council.</p>	<p>Achieved. Currently on target to exceed Annual budgeted return to Council.</p> <p>11/12 will be the largest amount of ground control contracts ever carried out by the unit (approx 100,000 hectares).</p> <p>Unsuccessful with North Island AHB Aerial tenders.</p>
<p>Meet the performance objectives and contractual obligations set by the Animal Health Board for ground and aerial pest control contracts.</p>	<p>Achieved. 13 contract blocks completed and monitored. Currently achieving 100% pass rate.</p>
<p>Keep sufficient pest plant work records to assist the review of the Pest Plant Management Strategy.</p>	<p>Achieved. Nodding thistle inspections at Mai Mai on going.</p> <p>Assisted with African feather grass inspection in Westport.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Achieved. Three staff have assisted with the Rena incident.</p> <p>Two staff were booked to attend MSA training in November but the training course was cancelled due to Rena incident.</p>
<p>Maintain oil spill response equipment to the level required in the West Coast Tier 2 Oil Spill Response Plan.</p>	<p>Achieved with quarterly inspections</p>
<p>Develop new business areas as appropriate, complementary to existing roles.</p>	<p>Achieved. Tendering for work in the Tasman and Otago regions.</p> <p>Employed new staff member and developing new marketing material to target potential clients who need RMA service for consents and looking after consent compliance.</p>

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting 10 April 2012
Prepared by: Chris Ingle – Chief Executive
Date: 30 March 2012
Subject: **CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT**

Meetings Attended

The key meetings I have attended since my last report include:

- Met with representatives from Westpac to discuss Warm West Coast funding and Council's Investment Portfolio on 22nd of March.
- Attended the West Coast Civil Defence and Emergency Management Controllers Forum on the 23rd of March.
- Attended a meeting with Westpower on the 29th of March.

Draft Long Term Plan 2012 - 22

Robert Mallinson and I have been busy making final changes to the Draft Long Term Plan 2012- 2022. The Audit review process was very thorough, but the issues Audit have raised with us were not fundamental. They were happy with our performance framework this time, and raised no concerns with the community outcomes changes.

The major structural change to the document they requested was to place the new financial strategy at the front end of the Draft Long Term Plan, which we have agreed to.

Warm West Coast Insulation and Home Heating Scheme

Once the Long Term Plan has been approved, Council will be able to start offering people loans (recovered through an individual targeted rate) to top-up the existing EECA grants that help people to insulate their homes. Our loans will also help people to replace their older heating devices with either a heat pump or a compliant wood burner. The scheme will be available to all West Coasters in homes built before 2000.

In the Reefton Airshed, EECA are offering an additional grant for the replacement of their old burner with an MfE compliant burner or heat pump, in recognition that Reefton is currently a non-compliant Airshed and investing in new clean-air heating devices will substantially improve air quality in the town in wintertime.

It is suggested that Council publicises this initiative with Reefton residents in particular, so that the air quality benefits of the Warm West Coast scheme can begin to be realised. It is suggested a letter be sent to each homeowner in the Reefton Airshed, explaining the EECA grants and complementary Council loan scheme. This would encourage Reefton homeowners to utilise the scheme. This programme will help our communities, including Reefton, achieve both warmer homes in winter, and cleaner air.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That this report be received.

Chris Ingle
Chief Executive

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.			
25 – 26	8.1	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 13 March 2012	
27	8.2	Overdue Debtors Report	
	8.3	Response to Presentation (if any)	
	8.4	In Committee Items to be Released to Media	

Item No.	General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution.
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8.1	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 13 March 2012		Section 48(1)(a) and in particular Section 9 of 2nd Schedule Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.
8.2	Overdue Debtors Report		
8.3	Response to Presentation (if any)		
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I also move that:

- Chris Ingle
- Robert Mallinson
- Michael Meehan
- 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.