

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

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

MONDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER 2013

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 **Monday, 11th November 2013**

P. EWEN
CHAIRPERSON

M. MEEHAN
Planning and Environmental Manager
J. ADAMS
Consents and Compliance Manager

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON 8 OCTOBER 2013 AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388
MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.34 A.M.**

PRESENT:

B. Chinn (Chairman), A. Robb, D. Davidson, A. Birchfield, I. Cummings, J. Douglas

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1. APOLOGIES

Moved (Robb / Davidson) *that the apologies from R. Scarlett, T. Archer and F. Tumahai be accepted.*

Carried

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3. MINUTES

Moved (Cummings / Robb) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 10 September 2013, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Chinn reported that he attended the Wanganui, Franz Josef, Lower Waiho and Kaniere annual rating district meetings. Cr Chinn stated that he received another inquiry from an owner of a wetland in South Westland. Cr Chinn invited J. Douglas to speak to this matter. J. Douglas reported that Mr Brian Cadigan, a runanga member from Whataroa inquired about the historical Maori land packages that he is involved with. J. Douglas stated that she has contacted M. Meehan and H. Fairbairn to ascertain what the implications are for Maori reserve land in South Westland, specifically Karangarua and Bruce Bay areas. J. Douglas stated that the main wetlands in this area need to be identified prior to a meeting being arranged with Makaawhio.

Moved (Chinn / Birchfield)

Carried

5. REPORTS

5.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

5.1.1 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to his report. Progress has been made with getting the Oeko Tube trial underway with \$5,000 received from Community and Public Health and the Ministry of Health for the trial. The Ministry for the Environment and the Coal Association of New Zealand have also been approached to provide similar contributions.

M. Meehan reported that he attended the Drought Committee meeting on the 16th of September. He advised that a summary of what happened during the drought was discussed at this meeting. M. Meehan advised that the drought committee has sent a letter to the Rural Support Trust and to council thanking these agencies for their support during the drought.

Cr Robb stated that council staff provided outstanding information to the Drought Committee and this was very well received by the committee. Cr Robb advised that he and C. Ingle met with the Minister after one of the drought committee meetings and the Minister was impressed with the level of information. Cr Robb stated that this shows the value of the contribution that staff made. Cr Chinn agreed with Cr Robb. Cr Chinn drew attention to the letter of thanks from Rural Support West Coast.

M. Meehan reported that Mr Elwell-Sutton's appeal on the Land and Water Plan is still before the Environment Court. He advised that a teleconference was held on the 19th of September and as a result of this teleconference the experts have been directed to take joint conferencing. M. Meehan explained that joint conferencing usually takes place between like for like experts where planning experts get together to talk about planning issues and in this case planning mechanisms need to be discussed in order to get what Mr Elwell-Sutton wants to get into the Plan. M. Meehan advised that Mr Elwell-Sutton has engaged an Ecologist against the directions of the Court, so joint conferencing of Ecologists and planning experts will be held to talk about the issues involved. A date and venue for this is yet to be decided.

M. Meehan reported that Council is submitting another funding application to MfE for the remediation of an historic mine site. He advised that the mine site is near the Alexander River in the upper Grey area. M. Meehan advised that DoC and MfE are funding this by 50% each with Council providing in kind support via Council's Environmental Scientist (J. Horrox) who will provide information. M. Meehan advised that if this application is successful it will be approximately \$1M worth of support that has been granted to the West Coast region this financial year.

M. Meehan reported that council lodged a submission in August in support of the Proposed Monitoring System for the RMA, he stated that council is in support of this if it is able to improve efficiencies with the RMA in particular around plan development and IT systems.

Cr Birchfield stated that he has been approached by some landowners that have been affected by the Wetlands decision. Cr Birchfield advised that these landowners are considering funding a legal opinion on the feasibility of making an appeal on the wetlands decision. Cr Birchfield stated that he would like council to fund the legal opinion. Cr Birchfield advised that he has a lawyer in mind to do this work as he has already done some work with private landowners. Cr Chinn stated that he is mindful of the fact that Schedule One landowners were consulted with and were able to make submissions whereas Schedule Two wetland owners did not get this opportunity. Cr Chinn stated that he feels this matter is open for challenge. Cr Robb asked Cr Birchfield if he has any idea of what the costs involved might be. Cr Birchfield advised that he has been given a quote of \$5,000.

C. Ingle stated that Council's lawyer informed him that if council seeks a legal opinion, then the lawyer is working for the council and there is a subtle difference between that and working for the landowners. Cr Robb feels that more information may be needed in the first instance but he is in support of this. Cr Birchfield stated that he thinks each bridge should be crossed as they come to it and if an opinion is sought then that will reveal whether or not an appeal is likely to succeed. Cr Chinn feels that this council needs to take a lead as it will end up in Council's plan. Cr Birchfield stated that this matter will be dealt with by the new council.

Cr Davidson asked if the landowners would then have any say in the direction that the lawyers may have. Cr Robb stated that the opinion will reveal if it is viable to pursue this and then it will be up to the new council or individuals as to whether or not they take up the challenge.

Moved (Birchfield / Cummings)

That Council fund a legal opinion on the feasibility of challenging the wetlands decision on behalf of Schedule 2 wetland landowners.

Carried

5.1.2 HYDROLOGY AND FLOOD WARNING UPDATE

M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised that the heavy rainfall event of the 10th and 11th of September affected the Hokitika, Grey, Buller and Karamea Rivers. He advised there was also a further heavy rainfall event on the 28th of September which affected the Karamea River.

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

Carried

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5.1.3 REEFTON AIR QUALITY SUMMARY

M. Meehan spoke to this report. There were 15 exceedances of the NES for Air Quality in Reefton this winter. M. Meehan advised that highest exceedance was 87 micrograms/m³ on 11 July. He advised that last year there were a lot more exceedances with a couple of them up in the 120's. M. Meehan stated that it is hard to know if the improved results for this year are climatic or as a result of the work the Reefton Airshed Committee has been doing. He stated that the committee has been doing some good work around education and this could have contributed to the improved results.

M. Meehan advised that the Envirolink funded report which is awaited, looks at how the meteorological conditions affect air quality in Reefton, he hopes that the report may answer these questions.

Moved (Douglas / Robb) *that the report is received.*

Carried

5.2.1 CONSENTS AND COMPLIANCE GROUP

J. Adams spoke to this report and advised that five consent visits were carried out, seven non-notified resource consents were granted and there were two changes to consent conditions granted. J. Adams advised that last month the Biodiversity League appealed the court's decision regarding the Cypress Mine consent. He advised that a teleconference between all the parties will be held tomorrow to try to get a date for court. J. Adams advised that Solid Energy Ltd have applied for costs but this has been put on hold.

J. Adams reported that the Supreme Court found in favour of Buller Coal Ltd in relation to the Greenhouse Gas Appeal with three of the Judges in favour of Buller Coal Ltd and one in favour of Forrest and Bird. J. Adams advised that this ruling reconfirms that Greenhouse Gases do not have to be taken into account when issuing consents.

Moved (Robb / Birchfield) *That the October 2013 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Carried

5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

J. Adams spoke to this report advising that 65 site visits were carried out during the reporting period. He advised that the dairy season has started well and due to the very mild winter there have been very large volumes of milk processed at Westland Milk Products.

J. Adams reported that inspections of whitebait stands have been made on the Hokitika, Waikatoto and Turnbull rivers. He stated that inspections were carried out on the Buller River after receiving complaints regarding the legitimacy of whitebait stands in this area from DoC. J. Adams advised that two formal warnings were issued to whitebaiters for building stands in the bed of the river. He stated that there are no registered whitebait stands on the Buller River. J. Adams reported that five formal warnings were issued during the reporting period along with one abatement notice and 15 infringement notices of which 14 were to the same company.

Moved (Cummings / Birchfield) *That the October 2013 report of the Compliance Group be received.*

Carried

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

Cr Chinn thanked his councillors for their time on council and wished them well for the elections to be held this Saturday.

The meeting closed at 11.00 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee – 11 November 2013
 Prepared by: Michael Meehan, Planning and Environment Manager
 Date: 1 November 2013
 Subject: **Planning and Environment Manager's Report**

Reefton Airshed Committee work

The Committee met on 21 October and received an update on the following:

- Council has been unsuccessful securing a small contribution from the Ministry for the Environment towards the field trial of the OekoTube on Reefton chimneys.
- The laboratory with the monitoring equipment for the trial has some concerns about undertaking a field trial rather than a lab trial, these will be discussed with the lab to seek a resolution.
- The Rural Fire Authority has advised that rules in the Air Plan and enforcement of fire permit conditions may be more effective to control smoky backyard fires in Reefton, rather than changing the local bylaw.

Land and Water Plan Update

The appeal from Mr. Paul Elwell Sutton remains before the Environment Court.

Joint conferencing of planning and ecology experts will take place on 26 and 27 November 2013 in Greymouth.

In June 2013 Council and the Department of Conservation made an application for security of costs.

The Department of Conservation withdrew its application for security of costs. Council sought a determination regarding its application which the court has declined on the basis that the court could not conclude that Mr Elwell Sutton would be unable to meet an award of costs and there is considerable public interest in Resource Management matters and public involvement should be promoted.

The court has made it clear that Mr Elwell Sutton is not immune to an award of costs at the conclusion of the case and has suggested that he actively listens to the courts directions and follow them accordingly.

Wetlands Coordinator

Work continues visiting Schedule 2 landowners, Council visited approximately 50 landowners following the original letter in October 2012. Council have received enquiries and is arranging site visits with a further 40 landowners following the recent follow up letter to landowners.

It is envisioned that the variation to the Land and Water Plan to correct obvious errors in mapping will be notified early in 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report is received

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting
 Prepared by: Stefan Beaumont, Hydrologist 11 November 2013
 Date: 31 October 2013
 Subject: **HYDROLOGY & FLOOD WARNING UPDATE**

Data Requests

5 Flow, 3 Groundwater and 2 Rainfall

Flood Warning

October was a very wet month for the West Coast with 7 out of the 31 days producing flood warning alarm sized floods. The flood on 14 October 2013 caused alarms in the Grey, Buller and Karamea Rivers, with the Karamea River recording it's highest flow on record.

Site	Time of peak	Peak level	Warning Issued	Alarm threshold
Karamea Rv at Gorge	14/10/2013 20:45	6053mm*	14/10/2013 16:00	4000mm
Karamea Rv at Gorge	22/10/2013 15:30	4529mm	22/10/2013 13:15	4000mm
Karamea Rv at Gorge	24/10/2013 18:45	4171mm	24/10/2013 17:45:	4000mm
Buller Rv at Te Kuha	15/10/2013 01:15	9973mm	14/10/2013 15:15	7400mm
Buller Rv at Te Kuha	27/10/2013 04:45	7653mm	**	7400mm
Grey Rv at Dobson	15/10/2013 03:30	4847mm	14/10/2013 18:35	3400mm
Grey Rv at Dobson	22/10/2013 18:35	4707mm	22/10/2013 12:20	3400mm
Grey Rv at Dobson	24/10/2013 22:05	3784mm	24/10/2013 18:30	3400mm
Grey Rv at Dobson	25/10/2013 19:40	4153mm	25/10/2013 14:10	3400mm
Grey Rv at Dobson	27/10/2013 06:45	3714mm	26/10/2013 23:35	3400mm
Hokitika Rv at Gorge	14/10/2013 14:30	5160mm	14/10/2013 08:00	3750mm
Hokitika Rv at Gorge	18/10/2013 14:15	3812mm	18/10/2013 13:45	3750mm
Hokitika Rv at Gorge	22/10/2013 05:30	3950mm	22/10/2013 03:30	3750mm
Hokitika Rv at Gorge	24/10/2013 11:15	4068mm	24/10/2013 08:30	3750mm

*Recorded flow at Karamea River @ Gorge peaked at 3202m³/s which is the largest on record for Karamea

** Alarm occurred at 02:00am, due to the timing of the alarm, the predicted peak occurring close to this time, and all agencies informed of the situation the alarm was observed but the flood action list were not notified.

Communication and Sensor Outages

Communication outages have occurred during the reporting period due to lightning and vandalism.

During the 14 October 2013 flood, Council lost communication from the Karamea River site between 19:00 and 21:00. This coincides with the Karamea River NIWA flow recorder being deliberately tampered with. The vandalism affected communication and the NIWA data collection, however the Council data was not affected.

Damage occurred as a result of lightening to the Buller River at Te Kuha site on 14 October 2013. Council was able to use the NIWA site (3 hourly updates) to make predictions on peak levels and timings.

On 24 October 2013 the entire radio network was affected between 6am and 9am. Lightning damaged two repeaters causing one of them to lock up. This problem was resolved by cutting the link at Hokitika, so that all of our data from south Westland that uses radio stopped, allowing the northern data to continue working normally.

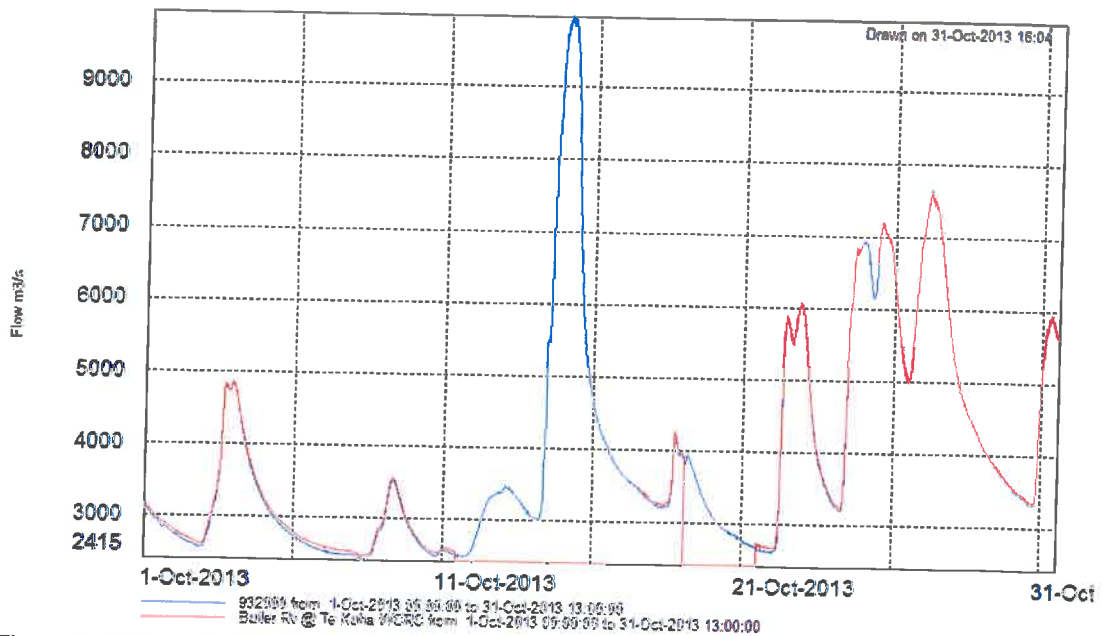


Figure 1: Graph of NIWA and WCRC data for Buller River at Te Kuha.

Staff are busy resolving the issues identified above and will investigate options to reduce the risk of communication outages further.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report is received

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
 Prepared by: Jackie Adams - Consents & Compliance Manager
 Date: 31 October 2013
 Subject: **CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**

Non-Notified Resource Consents Granted 27 September – 31 October 2013

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	PURPOSE OF CONSENT
RC11212 Phoenix Mining Ltd	<p>To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining and associated activities at Browns Terrace, within MP41944.</p> <p>To take and use water for alluvial gold mining activities within MP41944 at New River.</p> <p>To discharge sediment-laden water to land in circumstances where it may enter water (New River).</p> <p>To discharge water containing contaminants (sediments from an alluvial gold mining operation) to water at New River.</p>
RC12157 BRM Developments Ltd	<p>To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining near Lake Ianthe.</p> <p>To take and use surface water from Allen Creek and Duffers Creek for alluvial gold mining.</p> <p>To discharge sediment-laden water to land near Lake Ianthe in circumstances where it may enter Allen Creek.</p>
RC13038 Logburn Farm (2005) Ltd	<p>To disturb the bed of an unnamed tributary of Logburn Creek to undertake water diversion and general channel works.</p> <p>To hump and hollow and/or flip land at Atarau.</p> <p>To divert an unnamed tributary of Logburn Creek, Atarau.</p>
RC13098 Wayne Whyte	<p>To disturb and occupy the foreshore within the Coastal Marine Area within Mining Permit 54335 for the purpose of undertaking black sand (gold) mining, near Totara Lagoon, Westland.</p> <p>To take sand from within Mining Permit 54335 for the purposes of gold mining.</p> <p>To take and use water associated with gold mining on Mining Permit 54335, near Totara Lagoon, Westland.</p>
RC13119 Aratika Farm Limited Partnership	<p>To take and use surface water from Glen Creek for dairy shed use.</p> <p>To divert flow of Glen Creek associated with stream training and a water take.</p> <p>To disturb the bed of Glen Creek associated with channel clearance and stream training.</p>
RC13135 Westland District Council	<p>To alter the foreshore/seabed to maintain the outlet for the Okarito Lagoon.</p> <p>To divert water via the constructed outlet for the Okarito Lagoon.</p> <p>To deposit natural material in the Coastal Marine Area, Okarito Lagoon.</p>

RC13138 Graeme Patrick Condon	To disturb the bed of the Tatare Stream for the purposes of diversion.
	To divert the Tatare Stream.
RC13140 Birchfields Ross Mining Ltd	To disturb the bed of Robinson Creek to undertake water diversion.
	To divert Robinson Creek associated with mine water treatment.
RC13144 JD & RA Canard	To disturb the bed of an unnamed tributary of Darkies Creek to form a diversion channel.
	To divert water, an unnamed tributary of Darkies Creek.
RC13146 Birchfields Ross Mining Ltd	To discharge treated mine water containing contaminants (namely sediments) into the Coastal Marine Area at Ross.
	To undertake earthworks within 50 metres of the Coastal Marine Area at Ross for the purposes of installing a pipe associated with water treatment management.
RC13148 Addison Mines Ltd	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining at Virgin Terrace.
	To take and use groundwater at Virgin Terrace for alluvial gold mining.
	To discharge sediment-laden water to land at Virgin Terrace in circumstances where it may enter groundwater.
RC13155 Paul Francis Berry	To disturb the bed of the Grey River associated with the excavation of an overflow channel.
	To divert flow of the Grey River through an overflow channel.
RC13156 Westland District Council	To undertake earthworks and vegetation clearance within and outside riparian margins associated with construction of a cycle track, Kaniere.
	To disturb the bed and banks of various waterbodies associated with the installation of culverts and bridges, Kaniere.
	The incidental discharge of sediment to water associated with the installation of culverts and bridges, Kaniere.
RC13157 River Terrace Farms Ltd	To disturb the bed of the Waitahu River associated with the removal of rock and construction of a stop bank.
RC13159 Christina Ada Lowe	To alter the foreshore/seabed to form and maintain the outlet for the Oparara River and construct a rock wall.
	To occupy space in the Coastal Marine Area (CMA) with a rock wall, Oparara River.
	To construct a structure (rock wall) in the CMA, Oparara River.
	To divert water via the constructed outlet for the Oparara River and a rock wall.
	To deposit natural material (rock) in the CMA, Oparara River.
RC13160 Forest Management Ltd	To disturb land on slopes greater than 25 degrees associated with the harvesting of exotic forest, Kotuku.
	To discharge stormwater containing sediment to land from exotic forest harvesting activities, Kotuku.
	To discharge sediment to water as a result of exotic forest

RC13161 New Zealand Transport Agency	harvesting activities, Kotuku. To disturb the bed of the Waitangitaona River to undertake rock protection (spurs) works.
RC13162 Westland District Council	To permanently divert water from rock protection (spurs) works, Waitangitaona River. To undertake earthworks and vegetation clearance within and outside riparian margins associated with the construction of a cycle track, Kumara Tramway.
RC13163 MBD Contracting Ltd	To disturb the bed and banks of various waterbodies associated with the installation of culverts and bridges, Kumara Tramway. The incidental discharge of sediment to water associated with the installation of culverts and bridges, Kumara Tramway.
RC13164 Westreef Services Ltd	To disturb the dry bed of the Grey River at Kiwi Point for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC13166 Casey Construction Ltd	To undertake earthworks and vegetation clearance associated with the excavation of a pond at Waterworks Road, Westport.
RC13168 T Croft Ltd	To undertake earthworks (sand removal) within 50 metres of the Coastal Marine Area (CMA) at Okari Road, Westport.
RC13173 Grey District Council	To disturb the dry bed of the Grey River at Kiwi Point for the purpose of extracting gravel.
RC13178 New Zealand Transport Agency	To disturb the dry bed of the Grey River at Taylorville for the purpose of extracting gravel. To disturb the bed of Pivot Creek and the Haast River to undertake river protection works.
RC13179 Maurice Allan Marquet	To divert water from rock protection work and as a result of stream training, Pivot Creek and the Haast River. To discharge sediment to water from stream training works, Pivot Creek. To discharge treated sewage effluent to land at 28 Boatmans Road, Reefton.

Changes to Consent Conditions granted 27 September – 31 October 2013

CONSENT NO, HOLDER & LOCATION	PURPOSE OF CHANGE
RC98024[v4] Blakely Mining Ltd Dunganville	To change conditions relating to maximum allowable unrehabilitated area for gold mining.
RC09059[r1] P and R Mining Ltd Blackwater, Reefton	S128 initiated review of conditions relating to discharge of sediment laden water from a gold mining operation.
RC10123[v1] Moir Farms Maimai Ltd Maimai	To change conditions relating to dairy herd size and milking frequency.
RC12202[v1] Solid Energy New Zealand Ltd Rockies Mining Block, Stockton Mine	To change the location of a diversion channel.

RC13103[v1]
Moir Farms Maimai Ltd
Maimai

To change conditions relating to dairy herd size and milking frequency.

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Limited Notified or Notified Resource Consents 27 September – 31 October 2013

CONSENT NO, HOLDER & LOCATION	PURPOSE OF CHANGE
RC13045 New Zealand Transport Agency	To disturb the bed of Butler Creek to undertake river protection and stream training works. To divert water, Butler Creek. To discharge sediment to water from river protection and stream training works, Butler Creek. To disturb the bed of Dusty Millar Creek to undertake river protection and stream training works. To divert water, Dusty Millar Creek. To discharge sediment to water from river protection and stream training works, Dusty Millar Creek.

Notified Consents Updates

The appeal by Forest and Bird in relation to Bathurst mining has been rejected by the courts. At the time of writing this report no further appeal has been submitted.

Public Enquiries

33 written public enquiries were responded to during the reporting period. 29 were answered on the same day, 2 the following day, and the remaining 2 no more than 10 working days later. 2 LGOIMA requests were responded to, all within the required timeframe.

RECOMMENDATION

That the November 2013 report of the Consents Group be received.

Jackie Adams
Consents & Compliance Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
 Prepared by: Jackie Adams – Consents & Compliance Manager
 Date: 31 October 2013
 Subject: **COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

Site Visits

A total of 131 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period (25 September 2013 to 31 October 2013), which consisted of:

Activity	Number of Visits ¹
Resource consent monitoring	42
Mining compliance & bond release	15
Dairy	52
Complaint Related	22

Out of the 131 site visits for the reporting period, 109 were compliant, 22 were non-compliant.

Seven abatement notices and seven infringement notices have been issued in relation to these visits.

Specific Issues**Dairy farms:**

Inspections for the 2013-14 season are well underway despite the recent spell of bad weather. 59 sheds have been inspected to date: 43 are compliant; 5 are awaiting sampling results for their treatment pond discharges; 11 were either technically non complaint or significantly non compliant.

Complaints/Incidents between 1 October 2013 & 31 October 2013

The following 15 complaints/incidents were received during the reporting period:

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome
Discharge to Air	Complaint regarding the discharge of dust from a sand blasting operation.	Hokitika	Site visit undertaken and established that the activity was in breach of the rules. The operator was required to stop the sand blasting.
Discharge to water	Complaint that the discharge from a coal mining operation was discolouring the receiving creek.	Reefton	Enquiries established that the operations water management system could not cope with the torrential rain. The operator is carrying out improvements to the system.
Flood protection	Complaint regarding unconsented works in the bed of a river for flood protection.	Maruia	Site visit undertaken – enquiries established the work was unconsented, enforcement action was undertaken.
Dead stock	Dead calves washed up on the Hokitika Beach.	Hokitika	A contractor was organised to dispose of the carcasses.

¹Two of these site visits came about as a result of a complaint and these have been entered twice – once as a complaint and once as a mining site visit. This is in order to keep both tables accurate for audit purposes. Hence the table shows 131 visits when in fact only 129 took place.

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome
Discharge to water	Complaint regarding a chemical smell in a sewer line.	Paroa	Enquiries carried out and the source of the discharge could not be located.
Unauthorised structure in the bed of a river	Complaint regarding an unauthorised white bait stand on the Buller River.	Westport	The person responsible was issued with an abatement notice to remove the structure.
Discharge to land	Complaint regarding the placing of coal fines onto a dairy farm race.	Mawheraiti	Enquiries are continuing.
Discharge to water	The Inangahua River has eroded the river bank which exposed a closed landfill discharging rubbish into the river.	Reefton	Site visit undertaken – an abatement notice was issued requiring to cease the discharge.
Dead stock	Dead cow washed up on the Cobden beach.	Cobden	A contractor was organised to dispose of the carcasses.
Gold Mining	Complaint regarding the discharge of sediment laden water to a drain	Kumara	Enquiries are ongoing
Discharge to water	Complaint regarding the discharge of dairy effluent.	Kowhitirangi	Enquiries are ongoing
Discharge to water	Sediment discharge from a coal mining operation.	Blackball	Enquiries are ongoing
Discharge to air	Complaint regarding the discharge of odour from a slink skin operation.	Karamea	Site visit undertaken – it was found on site that a slink skin operation was being undertaken at a private residence and the odour from the dead calves was offensive. Enforcement action undertaken.
Discharge to air	Complaint that tyres were being burnt causing an offensive odour.	Greymouth	Site visit was carried out. The person responsible was advised of the relevant rules and required to stop the activity.
Discharge to water	Complaint received that rubbish buried near a river has been exposed by floods and has littered the beach	Karamea	Site visit undertaken and the operator has been required to undertake remedial work.

Abatement notices: 7 abatement notices were served during the reporting period:

Activity	Location
Dairy Effluent discharge (2) one notice issued to cease the discharge of effluent and one notice issued to undertake remedial work.	Harihari
Unauthorised works in the bed of a river	Maruia
Landfill: Discharge of rubbish from a landfill where it may emanate to water	Reefton
Slink Skin Operation (3) one notice issued to cease the discharge of animal carcasses. One notice issued to cease the discharge of offensive odour and one notice issued to undertake remedial work.	Karamea

Infringement Notices: 7 infringement notices were issued during the reporting period.

Activity	Location
Municipal waste water discharges: 5 notices issued to the Westland District Council for the discharge of waste water where the discharge was in breach of compliance limits.	Franz Josef & Haast
Unauthorised works in the bed of a river	Maruia
Forestry: deposition of sediment on the bed of a river	Ikamatua

Mining Work Programmes

The Council received the following 7 work programs during the last reporting period. One programme was approved in the 20 day timeframe. The remaining work programmes have been recently received, are awaiting bonds to be lodged or require site visits prior to approval.

Date	Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location
9/10/13	RC11081	Roberts Mining Ltd	Rimu
10/10/13	RC12212	SJ Rothera	Camerons
10/10/13	CML37175	SENZ	Spring Creek
16/10/13	RC09084	Humphreys Mining Ltd	Humphreys Gully
18/10/13	RC00023	Heaphy Mining Ltd	Berlins
21/10/13	RC04290	Graeme Hobbs	Nelson Creek
23/10/13	RC09009	Brent Hampton	Cariboo

The following bonds were received during the reporting period:

Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location	Amount
RC12212	SJ Rothera, RF Marshall, MR Craw, SR Craw	Camerons	\$18,000
RC12033	Phoenix Mining Ltd	Dunganville	\$20,000

The following bonds are recommended for release:

Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location	Amount
RC05085	Greid Minning Ltd	Stafford	\$6,000
RC12011	BBC Excavation Ltd	Waimangaroa	\$12,000
RC12033	Phoenix Mining Ltd	Dunganville	\$12,000

RECOMMENDATION

That the November 2013 report of the Compliance Group be received.

Jackie Adams
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 **Monday, 11th November 2013** commencing on completion of the Resource Management Committee Meeting.

A.J. ROBB
CHAIRPERSON

C. INGLE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 8 OCTOBER 2013,
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD,
GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.01 A.M.**

PRESENT:

B. Chinn (Chairman) , A. Robb, D. Davidson, A. Birchfield, I. Cummings

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1. APOLOGIES:

Moved (Robb / Davidson) *that the apologies from R. Scarlett and T. Archer be accepted.*

Carried

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (Cummings / Birchfield) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 10 September 2013, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

REPORTS:

4.1 ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to this report. He stated that Westland Contractors Ltd carried out emergency repair works in the Lower Waiho rating district at a cost of just over \$60,000. He reported that \$11,000 work of work was completed in the Okuru rating district with this work being completed by JJ Nolan Ltd.

M. Meehan advised that work on the Hokitika seawall is going well. He stated that the unfavourable weather and large tides have proved challenging to contractors at times.

M. Meehan reported that good progress is being made in the Camelback Quarry with the winning of rock for the Hokitika seawall.

M. Meehan reported that holes have been drilled at the Okuru quarry. He stated that another contractor's drill was at the quarry so the opportunity was taken to prepare for blasting for when rock is required.

Cr Chinn asked if M. Meehan if there has been any progress with the funding from NZTA. C. Ingle advised that he has been informed that this has been entered as a project in the NZTA system which is a good sign.

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

Carried

4.2 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to his report advising that he has been heavily involved in post audit follow up matters. He advised that provided the audited Annual Report is adopted by 31 October council will still be compliant with the legislation. R. Mallinson stated that he is proposing that the audited Annual Report be adopted at the triennial meeting following the election.

R. Mallinson advised that the investment returns have stayed in positive territory during August and gains have been generated of just under \$144,000 for the year to date.

Cr Chinn stated that he feels the financial position of council is very sound which is good as the present councillors have left council in good hands for whoever is to be elected. Cr Chinn thanked R. Mallinson and his staff for their efforts. Cr Chinn stated a few years ago council needed to get its budget right and staff have done well since that time.

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

Carried

4.2.1 TRANSFER OF FUNCTONS

C. Ingle spoke to this report and advised that this paper is seeking Council approval to accept the transfer of RMA functions from the Westland District Council for consents and compliance for mining activities in Westland District. C. Ingle advised that the draft Deed has been written up by L. Sadler, Council's Policy Analyst who has administered other transfers of functions such as the septic tank function that this council transferred to the district councils. Cr Davidson noted that Westland District Council has the ability to revoke the transfer of function at any stage. Cr Davidson asked if this would impact on staff or finances if extra staff were employed in this area and it was revoked, is there any surety for council. C. Ingle stated that this is a risk but he feels this would be unlikely. C. Ingle advised that this extra work will be absorbed into the consents and compliance team. Cr Robb stated that if this was revoked then Westland District Council would still need to go through a plan change or consider how they would resource this themselves. J. Adams that the mining team was increased slightly in view of Bathurst Mining Ltd starting and mining staff were having to inspect these sites anyway. Cr Chinn stated that if Westland District Council were to make mining a permitted activity then this function would not be required and Westland would fall into the same category as Grey District Council where mining is a permitted activity. Cr Robb doubts that this function would be rescinded as this is a cost saving measure and that is what people want. Cr Birchfield stated that this is a move in the right direction and it is a pity that the other district councils don't go down the same track.

Moved (Birchfield / Cummings)

1. *That pursuant to Section 33(6) of the Resource Management Act 1991 the West Coast Regional Council hereby accepts the transfer of functions from the Westland District Council as set out in the attached Deed of Agreement.*
2. *That the Council delegates to the CEO and the Chairman the role of finalising the transfer process (after the District Council has completed the Local Government Act*

special consultative procedure) by signing the deed and affixing its seal, and agreeing to an appropriate commencement date.

Carried

5.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to his report and advised that he attended four rating district meetings. He stated that the changes made to the format of these meetings were very successful and well received. C. Ingle advised that there were no complaints from those who didn’t have a meeting this year and some very positive feedback was received. C. Ingle advised that the Whataroa rating district met amongst themselves and got back to M. Meehan on matters that they were concerned about. C. Ingle advised that due to the work involved with the Hokitika seawall the engineering department is quite stretched at the moment. C. Ingle reported that the concept of rating districts having a prudent reserve in the bank account was very well received and people understood the rationale behind this. C. Ingle stated that he is pleased with the improvement to the rating district meetings format.

C. Ingle advised there is a New Zealand River’s Award event that is being organized in Wellington in November. He advised that this award is being organized by the Morgan Foundation who have asked us to put together a three minute video on what council is doing for its rivers and which rivers have improved. C. Ingle advised that the information he will provide will come from the Annual Report with the main focus being on water quality and information around what rivers are suitable for swimming.

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

Carried

6.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT (VERBAL)

There was no chairman’s report.

7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.17 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 11 November 2013
 Prepared by: Michael Meehan – Planning and Environment Manager
 Date: 4 November 2013
 Subject: **ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT**

WORKS COMPLETED AND WORKS TENDERED FOR

Taramakau Rating District

Four tenders were received for the placement of approximately 1,500 tonne of rock, with the tender awarded to Westland Contractors Ltd. at a price of \$20,940 (G.S.T. Exclusive).

Waitangitona Rating District

Five tenders were received for the placement of approximately 2,000 tonne of rock, with the tender awarded to Westland Contractors Ltd. at a price of \$36,900 (G.S.T. Exclusive).

Wanganui Rating District

Three tenders were received for the placement of approximately 1,400 tonne of rock, with the tender awarded to Westland Contractors Ltd. at a price of \$31,080 (G.S.T. Exclusive).

Hokitika Foreshore - Erosion Protection

Westland Contractors Ltd. commenced construction of the 650m long seawall at Hokitika on 6 August 2013.

Work is progressing well ahead of the timeline below:

Seawall construction completed	Date
100m	13 September
200m	27 September
300m	11 October
400m	25 October
500m	8 November
600m	22 November
650m	29 November
Project completed and surveyed	5 December

The aggradation of sand along the beach has resulted in much less quarry rubble being required for the project. This has resulted in the quarry rubble carting and placement being much more advanced than originally planned.

Below is a table of the quantities of material used on the project to date:

Total Quantities up to 20 October 2013

Quarry Waste	7,494m ³ (solid)
River Gravels	8,989m ³ (solid)
Rock onsite	24,541 tonne

QUARRIES

Work continues in Camelback quarry to win the 38,500 tonne of rock required for the Hokitika seawall project.

Council is in the process of winning a small amount of rock from the base of the Waiho Loop in Franz Josef, this is required for the upgrade of the Rubbish Dump Stopbank. Council has received approval from the Department of Conservation for the work and is working closely with the Department on further rock removal from the moraine. This work will greatly reduce costs to the community in Franz Josef and potentially reduce the aggradation of gravel in the Waiho River.

Rock available as at 20 October 2013

Quarry	Rock Available	Emergency Stockpile
Blackball	2,300	
Camelback	8,000	2,000
Inchbonnie	8,000	
Kiwi	4,000	-
Whataroa	1,500	2,000
Okuru	500	-

RECOMMENDATION

That the report is received

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 11 November 2013
Prepared by: Michael Meehan – Planning and Environment Manager
Date: 4 November 2013
Subject: **Rating District Liaison Meetings Report**

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the minutes from the annual round of Rating District Liaison meetings.

Meetings

In June 2013 Council discussed the way in which it engages with its 25 special Rating Districts. Council elected to change the way we engage with the Rating Districts to take into account the size and complexity of the various schemes.

Council endorsed a protocol which requires meetings to be held where there are specific issues to discuss, with the option of not holding a meeting where there is little to discuss.

Eleven meetings were held in 2013, the minutes from these meetings are attached to this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report is received.

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
TARAMAKAU RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT STEVEN LANGRIDGE'S RESIDENCE
ON MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2013, COMMENCING AT 12.02PM.

PRESENT

M. Stewart, A. Stewart, D. Groot, S. Langridge, M. Dyke, P. Stevenson

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

I. Cummings, A. Birchfield, A. Robb (Councillors)

M. Meehan, W. Moen, T Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

BUSINESS

Cr Robb opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
 He introduced himself and the Council staff.

Moved: *"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 8 October 2012, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting, with the removal of Cr Birchfield's attendance and the change to the venue."*
M. Stewart / M. Dyke – Carried

MATTERS ARISING

Cr Birchfield advised that he was not present at last year's meeting. The minutes were corrected.
 M. Stewart advised that the venue was S. Langridge's residence and not his residence.

Action points were updated. M. Stewart stated that he did not get the cross section information that he wanted. He stated that he wants the very old information from when cross section data was first done back in 1982.

M. Meehan advised that he did supply the breakdown of staff time to the committee.

M. Meehan stated that P. Birchfield has GPS'd the stopbank and she has been keeping an eye on what spraying has been done.

M. Meehan stated that rock sources would be discussed in general business.

T. Jellyman advised that she sent the rating district minutes out as requested.

FINANCIAL REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to the financial report and stated the opening balance was \$44,658.18 in deficit. He advised that staff time has been high this year with consenting matters on behalf of the rating district. He stated that there has also been some consultants fees and contractor costs due to the works that have been done throughout the year. M. Meehan advised that following the December 2010 floods, council applied for money through the Ministry of Civil Defence to compensate council rating districts for the work that was required in response to the flood event. M. Meehan advised that it took a long time to get this funding through government with the Minister needing to sign

off on this. M. Meehan reported that the Taramakau rating district was granted \$45,500. He stated that this is the government's 40% share of the work that has been done and this amount now brings the rating district's account back into a positive balance of around \$5,500. He stated that this money went into the rating district account over the weekend. M. Stewart voiced his concern about the consultant's fee as he thought it was going to be \$5,000 and stated that he finds it frustrating that the rating district has to pay for this. M. Meehan advised that the cost of the consultant was just over \$5,000. W. Moen stated that M. Stewart was the applicant for the consent, the rating district was an affected party and M. Stewart could be seen as having a conflict of interest with this. This is why M. Stewart could not be involved with the peer review process. It was agreed that M. Meehan would supply a breakdown of the consultant's time to the rating district. Discussion took place on the interest charged (\$3,252.07). M. Meehan advised that he would get back to the rating district regarding this matter. The meeting agreed that it would be good if the rating district account could avoid going into deficit so that interest is not charged.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013. W. Moen advised that there was \$118,086.64 worth of works done during the reporting period.

W. Moen advised that he carried out an inspection on 19 August 2013 and no works were identified. W. Moen stated that he has allowed \$20,000 for unforeseen maintenance.

RATES 2014 / 2015

W. Moen advised that the proposed rate strike be \$80,000 which has been the rate strike for the last few years. M. Stewart stated that he would like to see a minimal rate strike and to pay for work as it comes up. He stated that every other business runs that way. Cr Robb reminded M. Stewart that this is not a business, it is a stopbank that protects the farms in the rating district and it is a council asset for the region. Cr Robb advised that if the rating district account is built up it will add value to the farms in the district for the future. Cr Birchfield agrees with Cr Robb and feels that money in the bank is good to have and the rate strike should be maintained. It was agreed that the rate strike for the 2014 / 2015 financial year would be \$80,000.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

T. Jellyman stated that traditionally all ratepayers in the rating district are members of the committee. S. Langridge is the current spokesperson and A. Stewart is the current deputy spokesperson. It was agreed that the spokesperson role would be rotated alternate years.

M. Stewart nominated P. Stevenson. A. Stewart seconded this.

Moved: *"That the committee will comprise of all current ratepayers."*

Moved: *"That P. Stevenson be elected as Spokesperson for the 2013 / 2014 financial year".*

M. Stewart / A. Stewart

Moved: *"That D. Groot be appointed as Deputy Spokesman for the 2013 / 2014 financial year."*

S. Langridge / M. Dyke

GENERAL BUSINESS

Rock sources: M. Meehan advised that rock sources were discussed last year and he noted that there are some small stockpiles of rock in the rating district that can be called upon if required. M. Meehan stated that using rock from the gold claim is a temporary measure and it is uncertain how much longer the gold claim will go for. M. Meehan stated that it might be wise to stockpile rock from the gold claim while it is still there but there are costs associated with moving the rock and stockpiling it. M. Meehan stated that options could be investigated for using rock from the Langridge's quarry if S. Langridge is open to this by either setting it up as a council quarry or paying S. Langridge for rock. M. Meehan stated that he does not envisage there being a huge amount of costs involved but the bridge would need to be certified. M. Meehan stated that there is another quarry further upstream but he is not sure of the quality of the rock and the bridge would need to be certified for this as well. M. Meehan encouraged the meeting to get some more permanent options in place for rock sources. M. Meehan stated that the rating district could build up stock piles of rock over time and as works are carried out in the area as trucks will be in the vicinity. P. Stevenson suggested negotiating a deal to secure rock at the gold claim. He stated that this is DoC land. M. Meehan stated that there would be a restoration plan in place in this area and this would need to be considered. P. Stevenson stated that he thinks there is about 10,000 tonne available. Cr Robb asked W. Moen how many tonnes of rock per year the rating district usually needs. W. Moen responded that they usually use at least 2,000. Cr Robb stated that this rock could last four years. M. Stewart stated that the rock is on DoC and Timberlands land. Cr Birchfield encouraged the meeting to grab the rock while it is available. It was noted that the cost of this rock is \$8 per tonne this includes a royalty. It was agreed that M. Meehan and P. Stevenson would visit the rock source to gather further information. P. Stevenson stated that there could be an option of getting rock from another gold mining operation in the Greenstone area. M. Meehan suggested that the rating district does need to look at rock options for the long term. He stated that the quarry further up the valley may not be an option as if this area is cut off by a flood and rock is needed then access is a big problem.

S. Langridge stated that he is not prepared to open up the quarry on his land if the rating district are not going to use his rock and it is not worth the effort for him.

W. Moen stated that he would rather have the rock sitting on the edge of the river than at the gold claim. He acknowledged that it would be the rating district that would need to pay for the rock to be carted.

M. Stewart stated he thinks it would be a good idea to sell the bridge and install a culvert in its place. He stated that the bridge is underwater during a flood but a culvert would be much easier to manage. M. Stewart stated that the bridge needs to be certified but a culvert does not require certification.

There being no further rating district business to be discussed, the meeting closed at 12.38 pm.

Action Points:

- W. Moen to supply historic cross section information to Murray Stewart.
- W. Moen to supply a breakdown of the consultant's time plus costs and staff time to the rating district.
- M. Meehan to supply information regarding the interest figure in the financial report to the rating district.
- M. Meehan and P. Stevenson to visit rock sources and to ascertain availability of the rock, confirm the prices and to report back to the committee.
- M. Meehan to investigate removal of bridge and installation of culvert.

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE RED JACKS CREEK RATING DISTRICT HELD AT NGAHERE FIRE STATION ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2013, COMMENCING AT 4.30PM.

PRESENT

R & S. Norris, R. McLaughlin, C. Levy, P. Donaldson, L. Whitcombe, J. Matthews

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
I. Cummings, A. Birchfield, A. Robb (Councillors)
M. Meehan, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

C. Norris.

BUSINESS

Cr Cummings opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He introduced himself and the Council staff.

Moved: *"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 8 October 2012, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

R. Norris / R. McLaughlin - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL REPORT

M. Meehan presented the financial statements for the period ending 30 June 2013. M. Meehan advised that at the start of the financial year there was \$16,976.13 in the account and at June this year the balance was \$11,672.96 in deficit. M. Meehan advised that close to \$29,000 worth of works were done over the year. M. Meehan advised council made an application to the Ministry of Civil Defence on behalf of the rating district following the 2010 flood event. M. Meehan advised that the Red Jacks rating district was granted just under \$15,000. He advised that this money was paid into the rating district account over the weekend and will give the rating district a positive balance of just over \$3,000.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013. He advised that \$28,870.20 worth of works were carried out during the reporting period.

W. Moen reported that following an inspection carried out on 9 August 2013 no works were identified. He suggested that \$6,000 be allowed for unforeseen works.

M. Meehan advised that the recommended that the rate strike is \$10,000. He stated that when the rate strike was being worked out the rating district was still in around \$11,000 deficit. He advised that even with the money from the Ministry coming into the account the account balance is still very low and it needs to be built up. It was noted that the council set the rate for \$10,000 last year. R. McLaughlin stated that \$10,000 rate strike is too much for the rating district.

P. Donaldson stated that he is annoyed that \$16,000 was spent on Foster's left bank when this area is not in the rating district. R. Norris stated that he discussed this with W. Moen at the time. It was noted that as a result of the work done by OPUS and Grey District Council there is more water than ever coming down from the top of the catchment and causing problems in this area. C. Levy stated that he is annoyed that the rating district has had to pay for work due to the OPUS works.

Grey District Council Contribution and Proposed Extension of Rating District

M. Meehan drew attention to the report regarding Grey District Council's contribution and proposed extension of the rating district. M. Meehan advised that a reclassification of the rating district has been put to council and was put out to public consultation and there were submissions received against this. M. Meehan stated that fair submissions from landowners were received who should not have been included in the rating district. He stated that submissions were also received from NZTA. M. Meehan advised that council rejected the reclassification because more work was required on this. M. Meehan advised that a Memorandum of Understanding is being pursued between NZTA, GDC and Kiwi Rail to include cost sharing arrangements for work undertaken within the scheme. M. Meehan advised that he will be seeking the costs for any work done upstream from the road bridge to be shared evenly between NZTA, GDC and the rating district and in between the road and the railway line is where Kiwi Rail would fund work and downstream of this area it would be the rating district that pays for work. Extensive discussion took place with the meeting becoming quite heated at times. W. Moen stated that the culvert on Osborne property is the problem as it is not big enough. He stated that this culvert needs to be made bigger and realigned and this would solve the problem. W. Moen advised that the resource consent for this work is yet to be signed off. M. Meehan stated that the work has been done, it cannot be undone and as a way forward a MOU is the best outcome. M. Meehan advised that once the MOU is agreed to it is likely that GDC will provide the \$14,000 worth of funding for the rating district. M. Meehan advised that once the rating district gives permission for this to happen then and the consent is signed off then the MOU will be brought back to R. Norris to discuss with the committee then there will be another \$14,000 in the rating district account. Cr Robb advised the meeting that they have to sit down with GDC and get the MOU underway so that they get a resolution so that the rating district can move forward and get something that they are happy with. He stated that the rating district must move forward and get back to operating in a good way and so that the assets in the scheme are protected. Cr Robb encouraged the rating district to give a little, sign the resource consent, and get some terms in the MOU that the rating district will be happy with so that they can move forward. Cr Robb advised the meeting that M. Meehan is very clear on what the rating district wants and when he meets with GDC he will pass this information on to them.

M. Meehan advised that the reclassification work that was done to expand the rating district needs to be reinvestigated. W. Moen was proposing to take the rate strike to

capital value which in some cases rates were going to quadruple and this would be unfair. M. Meehan advised that this needs to be looked at again and it needs to be right and fair.

Further discussion took place on the rate strike. Cr Robb stated that council's role is to make sure that the assets that council look after are looked after properly and serviced. Council needs to make sure that the rate strike is going to maintain the asset for the future. It was agreed that the rate strike would be \$10,000 this year and consider lowering it to \$5,000 next year. M. Meehan stated that once the rating classifications are relooked at then it might be possible to extend the rating area.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: *"That R. Norris be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2013/ 2014 financial year and all present make up the committee of the Rating District for this year".*

R. McLaughlin / J. Matthews – Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.12 pm.

Action Point

- Discuss remediation with GDC, NZTA and ensure that R. Norris is present and to sign off resource consent.
- M. Meehan to meet with the parties (GDC, NZTA and Kiwi Rail and R. Norris) to discuss the MOU and to work towards getting the MOU signed.
- M. Meehan relooks at rating district classifications.

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
COAL CREEK RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL OFFICES
ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2013, COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM.**

PRESENT

B. Jones, F & M. Riordan, S. McGeady, W. Brennan, A. Inman, M. McGeady, P. Kerridge, A. Beck, J. Fitzpatrick

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

I. Cummings (Councillor), A. Birchfield, A. Robb (Councillors).

M. Meehan, W. Moen, P. Birchfield, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

O. Norton, M. Sutherland and P. Pretorius (GDC - Council meeting tonight)

BUSINESS

Cr Birchfield opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

He introduced himself and the Council staff.

Moved: *"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 8 October 2012, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

B. Jones / F. Riordan - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

A. Inman disputed that rate strike for 2012 / 13. He feels that the rate strike was not \$10,000. M. Meehan confirmed that the \$10,000 recommended rate strike is correct. It was noted that the proposed rate strike was \$15,000. A. Inman moved an amended rate strike of \$12,000 but this motion was lost. Cr Birchfield advised the meeting that if council is not happy with the rate strike they have the ability to increase it. T. Jellyman checked the notes from last year's meeting and confirmed that the rate strike for the 2013 / 2014 year was \$10,000.

It is noted the Coal Creek rating district recommended a \$10,000 rate strike for the 2013 / 14 year. At the December 2013 council meeting council elected to strike a rate of \$15,000 for the 2013 / 14 year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

M. Meehan presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2013. He stated that the major cost during the year was the contract to construct partial stopbank upgrade at a cost of \$135,284.60 in total. M. Meehan reported that the closing balance was just under \$19,000. M. Meehan stated that the stopbank upgrade was in response to the December 2010 flood event that affected the entire West Coast region. M. Meehan advised that following this flood event the regional council engineering team put together an application to the Ministry of Civil Defence for assistance to offset some of the costs for repairing floodwalls, and raising stop banks in various

rating districts. He advised that the Coal Creek rating district was granted just under \$70,000 and will be added to the financial statement. This amount will bring the financial statement up to just under \$90,000. This money went into the rating district account over the weekend.

WORKS REPORT

B. Jones stated that the cost of dismantling the fence and reinstating the fence should not have been charged to the rating district as S. McGeady did this work and did not charge the rating district. S. McGeady also provided gravel for this work. W. Moen stated that the dismantling and reinstating of the fence was not included in the contract price. W. Moen stated that he would get back to S. McGeady regarding this. Discussion took place on the rehabilitation of the farm access road. B. Jones stated that the \$1,700 charged for this work was pretty excessive for what was actually done which was to give access to the paddock area once the job was completed. B. Jones stated that this was the actual farm race and not an access road for the stopbank upgrade. A. Inman agreed with B. Jones and feels that S. McGeady should be reimbursed for this work. S. McGeady stated that he provided 500 metres of gravel at no charge but the contractor charged \$14.19 per metre for the gravel.

M. Meehan reported that \$77,879.60 worth of works were carried out during the reporting period.

W. Moen advised that he carried out an inspection in August 2013 and no maintenance works were identified but he advised that \$10,000 be allowed for unforeseen maintenance.

RATES 2014/ 2015

M. Meehan advised that each rating district has a target balance for the "prudent reserve" for their rating district account. He advised that the Coal Creek rating district target balance is \$150,000 as this amount should cover any works required following a major flood event. M. Meehan advised that now that the rating district account has close to \$90,000 in its account it is now well on the way to the target balance. M. Meehan recommends a maintenance rate strike of \$15,000 for the coming financial year. He advised that once the target balance is reached then a maintenance rate would be all that is required in order to keep the account at around \$150,000. Cr Birchfield invited the meeting to discuss the rate strike. B. Jones stated that it is unfair that the West Coast Rugby Football League Club gets a rate rebate; he feels that this portion of the rate strike is made up by the rest of the ratepayers in the Coal Creek rating district. B. Jones stated that it is a West Coast sports ground and not Coal Creek, he feels this should come out of the general rate. B. Jones stated that based on a rate strike of \$10,000 it costs him an extra \$186 for the sports ground. Cr Birchfield asked if sports grounds are given a discount. W. Moen confirmed that this is correct. It was agreed that the rate strike would be \$15,000 for the 2014 / 2015 financial year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

T. Jellyman read out the names of the current committee and the current Spokesperson. It was agreed that the status quo would remain.

Moved: *"That the present committee remains the same for the 2013 / 2014 financial year:
O. Norton
F. Riordan
A. Beck
B. Jones
be the committee for the 2012 / 2013 financial year."*

Moved: *"That S. McGeady be re - elected as the spokesperson for the 2013 / 2014 financial year."*

P. Kerridge / A. Beck – Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

M. Meehan handed out copies of the latest erosion line, upstream from the stopbank. He stated that this information was requested at last year's meeting. M. Meehan advised that the GPS information reveals that there has been approximately 15 metres of erosion during the year. He advised that monitoring will continue. P. Birchfield confirmed that flood damage during the year has been a contributing factor. M. Meehan advised that this area will be re-GPS'd after flood events and on a regular basis. M. Meehan advised that the Kaniere rating district has a similar issue with erosion and they have drawn a line and should the erosion get to this line, the rating district will instruct council to build a wall to protect this area. M. Meehan stated that Graeme Smart from NIWA has advised that the river may change its channel and stop eroding into this area. M. Meehan advised the Grey District Council and NZTA will be kept informed as they will be affected should this erosion continue. A. Inman asked if it was thought that the bank would hold up in a big flood. S. McGeady said there is no way this would hold up and stated that during a big flood he would not be staying in a house in the Coal Creek area. S. McGeady feels that the area is not far away from needing some large rock placed to protect this area. W. Moen stated that he has been advising the rating district for a number of years now that sooner or later this area will need to have rock work done. He stated that this would be a very expensive job and would almost be beyond the realms of the rating district to be able to afford to do the work required. F. Beck asked if there is anything that could be done now to stop the erosion. W. Moen said that spur groynes could help considerably but he is unsure if they would actually stop the erosion. He stated that spur groynes would deflect the flow of floodwaters from the bank. W. Moen stated that a few years ago is priced this work and it would have cost around \$60,000 - \$80,000 but he feels now it would be closer to \$100,000. It was noted that the removal of the gravel island opposite this area could relieve pressure in this area. W. Brennan stated that there is a consent in place to remove this gravel but nobody seems to want it at the moment. M. Meehan suggested that a meeting is arranged with Grey District Council and NZTA to see when they would be prepared to take action to protect the road. M. Meehan stated that it would be good to have a plan of attack in place for when the rating district feels that the time has come to do some work in this area. It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged to progress this matter. M. Meehan stated that the rating district would benefit by involving these other parties at an early stage rather than waiting until the works have become urgent. S. McGeady stated that he is the only member of the rating district who does not live in the coal creek rating district. He stated that those with houses in this area need to consider having a serious look at this. S. McGeady stated that he has already lost a lot of land in this area. B. Jones stated that ten years ago, when this proposal was first talked about, he was by far the major ratepayer in this area, he agreed at the time to the works but the smaller ratepayers would not agree to pay in. B. Jones stated that now it is going to cost him a lot more. S. McGeady stated that when the \$12,000 worth of rock was placed in the creek he wanted it to go into groynes as the river had hardly started to cut in at this stage. He advised that at the time he offered to match whatever the rating district put in but the rating district turned this offer down. S. McGeady stated that he was asked last year how much how much money he was prepared to put in to protect this area. He stated that he now has no land left to protect so therefore he is not prepared to pay for this. Cr Birchfield stated that it would be good to see this progress and to see if outside funding can be obtained.

A. Inman asked if there has been any progress with regard to the spraying of the willows in Coal Creek. M. Meehan advised that he contacted DoC regarding this and they advised him that they do

not have any budget for this as they are concentrating on the work they are doing on Cobden Island. M. Meehan offered to raise this matter with DoC once again.

Action Points:

- M. Meehan to investigate the rates rebate paid to the West Coast Rugby League Club.
- W. Moen to report back to S. McGeady regarding the reinstatement of the fence, the price charged for the 22 posts and wire and the 500 metres of gravel.
- W. Moen to report back to S. McGeady regarding the rehabilitation of the farm access road.
- M. Meehan to arrange a site visit with Grey District Council and NZTA to discuss the potential works in this area.
- M. Meehan contact DoC regarding the spraying of willows in Coal Creek.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL/GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE GREYMOUTH JOINT FLOODWALL COMMITTEE
HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2013,
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL,
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 3.00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

A. Robb (Chairman), T. Kokshoorn, I. Cummings, A. Birchfield, P. Berry, D. Truman

IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Ingle (WCRC Chief Executive), M. Meehan (WCRC Planning and Environmental Manager), P. Birchfield (WCRC Engineering Officer), P. Pretorius (GDC Chief Executive), M. Sutherland (GDC Assets Manager), M. Gardner (Consultant), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk).

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

BUSINESS

A. Robb welcomed all present to the meeting and introductions were made.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: *That the minutes of the Joint Floodwall Committee meeting held 23 October 2012, as circulated, be confirmed as correct*

T. Kokshoorn / I. Cummings - Carried

MATTERS ARISING:

Action Points were updated.

C. Ingle advised that he did write to Grey District Council requesting that Saltwater Creek / New River rating district business be included in this meeting each year.

PUBLIC FORUM TIME – SPEAKING RIGHTS

There was no request for public speaking rights.

FINANCIAL REPORT

M. Meehan presented the financial statement for the financial period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013. He reported that the closing balance in the maintenance account is \$112,365.12 and the closing balance in the loan account is \$16,708.80.

C. Ingle advised that the closing balance in the New River / Saltwater Creek account is \$1,393.69. T. Kokshoorn asked how many times the New River / Saltwater Creek outlet has been opened. P. Birchfield advised that the outlet has been opened twice during the reporting period and once recently in the current financial year. She advised the New River opened a new mouth opposite the Highway bridge recently but the beach is now building up again. M. Meehan advised that Graeme Smart (NIWA scientist) is going to do some more work in this area. An Envirolink grant will be used to fund this.

WORKS REPORT

P. Birchfield advised that spraying around Preston Road, Cobden floodwall and Greymouth and Blaketown floodwalls have been taking place throughout the year.

P. Birchfield reported that projected works for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 amount to \$80,000 which includes \$10,000 for the spraying of Cobden Island, \$25,000 for the removal of wooded vegetation along the floodwall, \$10,000 for rock for the main wall and \$10,000 for unforeseen maintenance and \$25,000 for consultant costs associated with floodwall investigations.

C. Ingle advised that the works reports are maintenance only and not capital works. He stated that should a new asset or capital work decision need to be made then this would be dealt with separately.

2014 / 2015 RATE STRIKE

P. Pretorius asked if the rate strike of \$50,000 is for maintenance only. C. Ingle responded that any capital works would be discussed separately. Cr Robb noted that the rate strike is for the coming year and that the balance in the account at the beginning of the next financial year would be around \$82,000. T. Kokshoorn asked if there is a policy in place of having a target balance of around \$100,000. C. Ingle stated that for a rating district of this size a balance of around \$100,000 is ideal. He stated that this was discussed last year and it was agreed that affordability for ratepayers needs to be taken into account. Cr Birchfield stated that last year's recommended rate strike was \$100,000 but the meeting agreed to lower it to \$50,000. T. Kokshoorn stated that he is happy with a \$50,000 rate strike. It was agreed that the rate strike would be \$50,000.

Cobden Flooding

M. Meehan stated that over the years there have been ongoing problems with flooding in Cobden. M. Meehan advised that Council has engaged the services of Matt Gardner, from River Edge Consulting Ltd to provide a report on the flood mitigation options for Cobden Lagoon and Range Creek. M. Meehan introduced M. Gardner to the meeting.

M. Gardner addressed the meeting and gave a history of the flooding in this area. He provided a PowerPoint presentation and spoke to this. M. Gardner advised that originally Cobden Lagoon was draining freely into the Grey River but since 1988, Cobden Lagoon has been separated from the Grey River by a stopbank and is connected by a culvert with a control gate. This gate can be manually closed to prevent backflows into Cobden when the Grey River is high.

If heavy rainfall occurs in the Cobden catchment whilst the Grey River is already high, water backs up in the lagoon, causing floodwaters to inundate the properties nearest to the lagoon and increases general levels in Range Creek. To help alleviate this problem, a channel has been cut from the lagoon directly to the sea. During a flood event, the cut relieves pressure on the lagoon if the tide is not too high to prevent drainage at this outlet. However, it has been reported that if the sea is too high, then this cut is ineffective.

Water levels are also known to back up at the Bright Street Culvert during regular events, requiring the road to be closed. In large flood events, water is also known to spill from Range Creek and flow overland towards the lagoon.

M. Gardner advised that has liaised with both Grey District Council staff and West Coast Regional Council staff on this matter. He spoke to local residents and was given some very good photographs of the area which he included in his report. He displayed the photographs and explained them to the meeting.

M. Gardner advised that option 1 is to create storage in park area. He stated that the first option considers creating storage in the park adjacent to Cobden Lagoon. He stated that this park area is equal to or slightly higher than the land on the adjacent properties. It may be advantageous to

lower this area by some degree. Lowering this land will allow some of the extra volume of water to first fill up this area before spilling onto the residential properties. M. Gardner stated that he has modeled two options for this scenario. Option 1a considers lowering the land by a fixed amount. Option 1b considers lowering the land to a fixed level, creating a level surface (approximately 0.6 metres below Nelson Quay levels). It was agreed that this area is not used that much. T. Kokshoorn stated that the dog run area would still be able to be used.

Option 2 consists of constructing a raised earth embankment. This would be compacted gravel and compacted earth and would be around a metre high. He stated that in order to prevent water ponding in behind the bank, preventing it from draining to the lagoon, it may be necessary to place some culverts through the base of the embankment with one way flap valves attached to them.

M. Gardner explained Option 3 which is a combination of options 1b and 2 and the aim would be to create storage and construct a raised bund which is providing the extra storage is intended to compensate for the increase in flood levels demonstrated in Option 2.

Option 4 is a combined Flood wall and the construction of a raised bund along the left bank of range creek with a raised bund similar to that in options 2 and 3.

M. Gardner advised that Option 5 - Channel smoothing out the channel bed downstream from the Clifford Street Bridge to the 90 degree bend.

Option 6 is Diversion to Lake Ryan. M. Gardner advised that the concept of diverting water from the upper reaches of Range Creek into Lake Ryan has been discussed for the last 30 – 40 years. It is believed that there are concept plans for a similar option dating back to the 1970's however council staff were unable to locate these plans. M. Gardner stated that based on personal observations on site and inspection of contours provided by Grey District Council, it is apparent that significant earthworks would be required to construct this option. The main obstacle is that the land slopes upwards before dropping down a steep terrace into Lake Ryan. This option will require: Excavation of a large channel from Range Creek to the top of the terrace, Construction of some form of energy dissipation structure to get the water from on top of the terrace into Lake Ryan, raising the access road to prevent adjacent farmland from flooding as well as maintaining access plus purchase of land.

Option 7 is lowering of the existing cut to sea, so that it is more effective. Lowering the invert by approximately 0.5 metres to an invert level of 1.2 metres allows the water to begin to flow out of the cut, prior to inundating any properties.

Option 8 -Lowering of cut to sea and installing outlet culvert. M. Gardner advised that this option would work out to be quite expensive and involves lowering the invert of the cut as was investigated in Option 7. Instead of relying on the need to manually make a cut each time through the dune system, a culvert could be placed through the dunes allowing the water to freely flow to the sea. A 6x1.5 metre culvert has been modeled to allow sufficient flow through out to sea. The culvert would need to be approximately 50 metres in length. The culvert will likely need unblocking at the start of a flood. Restriction of access to the culvert may be necessary also (such as installation of a grill). M. Gardner stated that this option would be expensive and would require a lot of maintenance.

Option 9 involves installing a pump station adjacent to the sewerage treatment plant. A range of pump capacities have been investigated, however the pump for the presented results has a maximum capacity of 5 cumecs.

M. Gardner advised that Option 10 is a combination of Options 3 and 7. Option 10 has been modeled to determine the likely benefits of combining both Option 3 and Option 7.

Based on both cost and effectiveness, Option 10 is the most recommended option. This involves lowering the ground levels in the park adjacent to the lagoon, constructing a bund around the

properties adjacent to the lagoon as well as lowering the existing cut to the sea by approximately 0.5 metres. This option is the most promising low cost option that does not generate adverse effects to adjacent properties. Whilst flooding is still present in the catchment, the worst affected properties are expected to be relatively flood free to a greater than a 1 in 20 year event. Where flooding still occurs, water levels are expected to be significantly lower than existing levels. M. Gardner advised that Option 10 will provide significant advantages compared to the existing situation, however the catchment will not be completely flood free. He advised that his study has highlighted the potential hazards in larger flood events, and highlights the need for adequate emergency response plans for the area. M. Gardner recommended that serious consideration be given to implementing Option 10. He feels that as a minimum, he recommends that Option 7 should be implemented as a first priority.

M. Gardner stated that with sea levels currently increasing and predicted to increase more rapidly in coming years, the effectiveness of the cut to sea is likely to decrease in time. He feels that more expensive options in the future or long term planning measures may need to be considered.

M. Gardner answered various questions from those present. Discussion took place on flood events that have occurred since the installation of the floodwall. T. Kokshoorn advised that the flood in 2010 was the closest scenario to what is trying to be modeled here. M. Meehan agreed and stated that property was flooded but not the inside of any houses with the worst affected being the properties on Nelson Quay. M. Gardner stated that this work could be implemented in stages. T. Kokshoorn asked what the percentage rate increase would be. M. Meehan stated that the cut is the obvious option to do this financial year and there are funds in the account to do this. He stated that the ponds could be done in year two and this could be done within the existing rate. M. Sutherland advised that a walkway is now in place all the way around the lagoon. He stated that where the Range Creek outlet comes into the lagoon there is a bridge to be placed in this area. Cr Robb stated that it seems as though Option 10 is the preferred option and over a period of two to three years that this is progressed so that rates do not go up significantly.

Moved: *That the meeting adopts the recommendation for the half metre cut in the spillway.*

T. Kokshoorn / A. Birchfield – Carried

General discussion took place on where to from here. P. Pretorius asked when the report would become final. M. Gardner advised that he can finalise the report today.

Cr Berry stated that it would be good to get some more accurate information and to be able to get this area dry. It was noted that more survey data will be required prior to progressing with option 10. T. Kokshoorn stated that he is keen to see this work progress. M. Meehan stated that the half metre cut needs to be done now and costings are required now as well.

M. Gardner stated that if LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) would greatly assist in developing and assessing options to further mitigate the flood risk to properties in the Cobden area. M. Gardner stated that the cost of obtaining LiDAR data has significantly fallen in recent years. This data would have many beneficial uses, not only for flood mitigation studies but also for cost cutting reasons as well.

Cr Robb thanked M. Gardner for his assistance.

GENERAL BUSINESS

C. Ingle advised that there has been an approach from DoC staff to present to the committee about the work that they are doing in the Cobden Lagoon area. M. Meehan advised that they are currently working towards an MOU with DoC. M. Meehan stated that it would be good to see a report from the conservation group coming to this meeting each year.

C. Ingle advised the meeting of the possibility of some of the NIWA flood warning sites potentially being removed. He stated that the Grey River is not affected apart from the Ahaura site which

NIWA is offering to council. T. Kokshoorn stated that it is extremely important that the tributaries are gauged for Greymouth's sake.

There being no further business, the meeting went into committee at 4.18 p.m.

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
WANGANUI RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE HARI HARI RESTROOMS
ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2013, COMMENCING AT 10.10 AM.**

PRESENT

A. Campbell, J. Stewart, R. Hodgkinson, B. Thomson, B. McGrath, M. Aynsley, D. Malone, M. Lawn

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
B. Chinn, (Councillor), D. Davidson (Councillor)
M. Meehan, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

R. McKenzie

J. Stewart / A. Campbell - Carried

BUSINESS

Cr Chinn opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
He introduced himself and the Council staff.

Moved: *"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 10 October 2012, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

A. Campbell / J. Stewart - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

M. Meehan advised that the reclassification of the rating district was done and went out to public consultation via the annual plan process. M. Meehan advised that there is now a single urban classification for the township. This has reduced the rates for those ratepayers in the township.

W. Moen advised that new maps for the rating district will be to hand shortly, he stated that this job is about half way through.

It was noted that the class in the rating district which do not pay into the scheme is actually the old Poerua scheme. M. Meehan stated that the reason they don't pay in is because they do not get any direct benefit from the works. M. Meehan asked if the rating district would like this area to become part of the scheme and to work with the committee to see if they should or shouldn't pay and if so how much should they pay. B. Thomson suggested that the map is consulted to see if this area should be in the scheme.

FINANCIAL REPORT

M. Meehan presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2013. He advised that the closing balance as at 30 June 2013 was \$178,959.86. M. Meehan advised that \$111,422.75 was spent during the financial year.

M. Meehan advised that following the December 2010 flood event, council staff has successfully applied to the Ministry of Civil Defence for a flood claim and this rating district

was granted \$166,500. He advised that this money was paid into the rating district account over the weekend. This now brings the rating district account balance to \$345,500. M. Meehan stated that this is a big boost to the rating district coffers.

A. Campbell asked if the quarry has been sold. Cr Chinn confirmed the sale of the Wanganui quarry. M. Meehan stated that the road was almost paid off and there is now nothing owing on this. M. Meehan advised that the quarry has been brought by Sicon Fergusons Ltd and they intend to get rock from the quarry and this rock will be available for work in this area.

A speaker asked what the consultancy fee in the financial report is for. W. Moen advised this fee is for the consultant (M. Gardner, River Edge Consulting Ltd) who has been contracted to provide theoretical flood level information for the rating scheme. W. Moen stated that once this report is finalised any weak spots or potential problem areas will be identified and pinpointed to see what improvements are required.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period: 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013. He advised that a total \$107,293.68 worth of works were carried out during the reporting period with \$77,063.60 of this being for capital works, this money was recovered from the individuals who had this work done, and \$30,230.08 for maintenance works.

W. Moen advised that he carried out an inspection with the committee on 14 August 2013, \$60,000 worth of works were identified, this figure includes \$20,000 for unforeseen maintenance.

It was noted that the work carried out in September 2012 was on Tom Denham's frontage and not J. Stewart's as in the works report on page 1.

W. Moen advised that there is about \$6,000 worth of works required on J. Stewart's frontage which will be carried out shortly. W. Moen asked the meeting if they were happy with the recent rock work that was done. W. Moen stated that J. Stewart and A. Campbell are happy with this work. W. Moen expressed his concern with the supply of rock in the area. He stated that A. Birchfield has rock available and so does B. McGrath but there is not a lot of rock in reserve aside from rock at the Whataroa quarry and that costs money to cart to Hari Hari.

RATES 2013 / 2014

M. Meehan advised the meeting that council is now looking at a target balance for a 'prudent reserve' for rating districts. He explained that this come about because some rating districts are concerned about paying more rates and more rates and not knowing how much is a sensible target balance, especially for those rating districts that do not spend a lot of money on works. M. Meehan advised that a prudent reserve for this rating district would be around \$500,000 and noted that the rating district is well on its way to this figure with a current balance of around \$345,000. M. Meehan advised that the Asset Management Plan for this rating district states that potential damage exposure could be anywhere from \$1.1M to \$2.3M. M. Meehan stated that once this rating district gets to \$500,000 then the rate could be cut down to a maintenance rate. A. Campbell stated that he is in favour of keeping the rate strike at \$100,000 for this year to try to get to \$500,000. B. Thomson agrees with this and stated that as long as the rating district is not tempted to spend money, then this is a good idea.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Cr Chinn reminded the meeting that this rating district has a rotation policy in place.

It was suggested that the rotation policy would stay in place with the two on the top of the list each year standing down therefore Mr J. Arnold and Mr J. Stewart are due to

stand down this year. Cr Chinn advised that they are eligible for re-election. Therefore their names go to the bottom of the list.

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A. Campbell
R. Hodgkinson
G. Robertson
M. Aynsley (represents ratepayers in the township)
J. Arnold
J. Stewart be elected as the committee for the 2013/ 2014 financial year."

A. Campbell was re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2013 / 2014 financial year.

Cr Chinn thanked the rating district committee and A. Campbell; he stated that the rating district is functioning much better now than it was a few years ago. Cr Chinn stated that by sorting issues out prior to the meeting helps everything run smoothly.

B. Thomson drew attention to the extra "1" in the minutes of the financial report. This should read \$115,689.36.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Davidson stated that the rating district should be looking for another quarry. It was noted that there are another couple of rock sources available locally (new the gold claim). W. Moen stated that it is important that a reasonable amount of rock is available for emergencies. It was noted that there could be a rock source at One One Valley. This land is Maori land. M. Meehan offered to look into this for the rating district.

A. Campbell thanked Cr Chinn for being the councillor for the Wanganui rating district over the years. Cr Chinn stated that he has enjoyed the river works side of council as he has been involved with the Waitaha River and the Mikonui River with his farming operations in this area.

Cr Chinn thanked the meeting for their attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.40 a.m.

Action Points for follow up

- Consider whether the land that used to be the Poerua scheme should be included in the rating district or not. M. Meehan to check map of this area and liaise with the committee.
- M. Meehan investigate possible rock source at One One Valley.

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRANZ JOSEF RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE MUELLER COMPLEX , FRANZ JOSEF ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2013, COMMENCING AT 12.32 PM.

PRESENT

C. Brooks, T. Gibb, G. Gibb, G. Molloy, T. Skinner, K. Gibson, R. Bungeruth, A. Tschampel, I. Hartshorne, C. Roy

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
B. Chinn, (Councillor), D. Davidson, (Councillor)
M. Meehan, P. Birchfield, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

BUSINESS

Cr Davidson opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
He introduced himself and the Council staff.

Moved: *"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 11 October 2012, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

C. Brooks / G. Gibb - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL REPORT

M. Meehan presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2013. The opening balance for the year was \$203,313.30. He reported that \$82,728.86 of expenses were accrued during the reporting period with most of this being spent on contractor costs. The closing balance is \$227,477.73. M. Meehan advised that following the December 2010 floods, the stopbank had to be raised. He stated that a lot of work was required in other council rating districts following this flood event. M. Meehan advised that Council staff lodged a claim with the Ministry of Civil Defence seeking funding following this flood event and the Franz Josef rating district was granted just over \$101,000. This money went into the rating district account over the weekend and brings the account balance up to \$328,800. M. Meehan stated that this is a nice healthy balance for the rating district account.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013. He reported that \$69,000 work of contracting works were completed during the

reporting period with \$3,114 spent on the annual cross sections, this was the rating districts share of the cost section works. W. Moen reported that above the bridge there has been a slight erosion of material coming down. Below the bridge to the Terminal Moraine there has been a buildup of about half a million cubic meters of sediment.

W. Moen advised that as a result of the inspection carried out on 18 July 2013 no works were identified. W. Moen advised that \$20,000 should be allowed for unforeseen works. G. Molloy asked if there is any sign of the amount of rock that is stockpiled in the report. W. Moen advised that the amount of rock stockpiled in this rating district would be shown in the asset management plan. W. Moen advised that it is important that members of the rating district keep an eye on the stockpiles to ensure that they are not removed without his knowledge. M. Meehan explained to G. Molloy that the information contained in the asset management plan is on the council website. G. Molloy requested that the total of assets be included in the financial report.

RATES 2013 / 2014

M. Meehan advised the meeting that Council is now looking at a target balance for a 'prudent reserve' for rating districts. He explained that this come about because some rating districts are concerned about paying more rates and more rates and not knowing how much is a sensible target balance, especially for those rating districts that do not spend a lot of money on works. M. Meehan advised that a prudent reserve for this rating district would be around \$280,000. He stated that the balance in the rating district account at the beginning of the 2014 / 2015 year is likely to be around \$417,000. T. Gibbs thanked M. Meehan for the work Council staff did in gaining the \$101,000 worth of funding from the Ministry of Civil Defence. T. Gibb stated that the rating district was keen to go with the \$100,000 rate strike but now that there is extra money in the account this will need to be discussed again at a further meeting of the rating district committee. G. Molloy stated that the extra money is good news for the rating district. It was agreed that decision on the rate strike would be deferred until later in the meeting once the decision on the work required upstream is made.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

T. Jellyman read out the names of the current members of the rating district committee. It was agreed that Kathy Hartshorne is replaced by her husband Ian. It was agreed that the status quo would remain.

Moved: *"That the present committee, namely:*

Chris Brooks

Kevin Gibson

Chris Roy

Grant Gibb

Tim Gibb

Ian Hartshorne

Gavin Molloy

Peter York

be appointed as the committee for the 2013 / 2014 financial year."

G. Molloy / C. Roy - Carried

Moved: *"That G. Gibb be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2013 / 2014 financial year."*

G. Molloy / C. Roy - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

G. Gibb requested that the cross section reports are sent out in July so that they can be discussed prior to the meeting. It was noted that the rating district is keen to have the cross sections done

every year and that they are updated so that they have current information each year as there is a lot of money at stake for work based on these reports. Discussion took place on what height floodwalls should be built to. It was agreed that at one in 400 year level be aimed for. G. Gibb stated that it would be handy to have the 400 year level on the report each year.

G. Gibb stated that over the years there has been discussion as to whether or not the south bank should be included in the rating district. He stated that it has got to the stage where NZTA should be looking after the full south bank downstream from the bridge. G. Molloy stated that the rating district has 350 metres of bank in between two NZTA banks and there are only two properties within this area that are rated and only one is affected. G. Molloy suggested that a meeting is arranged with NZTA to progress this matter. It was noted that there are no proposed works on this side anyway so therefore it was felt that NZTA may be happy to take over this bank. M. Meehan stated that if this did happen then the motels would be removed from the rating district but NZTA would need to protect this area. It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged. The meeting stated that they do not want NZTA to use the rock in this area to make spurs.

Discussion took place on the possible straightening up of the river and recovering rock from the Waiho Loop. M. Meehan advised that Council's Quarry Manager has looked at this as there is some good floating rock in this area. It was noted that this area is National Park. M. Meehan advised that this matter would need to be discussed with DoC at a high level. W. Moen stated that there would need to be a lot of river control work done in this area. It was agreed that this matter would be discussed at the Lower Waiho meeting later today. Cr Davidson stated that this is a positive proposal and it is worth pursuing. M. Meehan stated that rock options in this area have been investigated and this would help a lot. G. Molloy stated that sooner or later the river is going to go through the Tartare within the next two or three years.

Bush Block Cut – Off Stopbank Proposal (Bob Hall report 2012)

This proposal involves the construction of a 300 metre long, single stopbank situated approximately 20 - 30 metres away from and generally aligned parallel to the right bank of the Waiho River, through that area of Westland National Park locally known as the "Bush Block". The stopbank would be built to a 6 metre top width with 2:1 batter slopes and the stopbank heights would take into account the design levels of a 2,300 cumec flood event in the Waiho River as outlined in the Good Earth Matters design report dated May 2011. This would contain approximately 8,000m³ of compacted hard fill and 3500 tonnes of heavy rock armouring. The estimated cost of this option would be approximately \$203,500 GST Excl.

G. Gibb stated that the rating district is not happy with this proposal and they feel that it is not a good solution and is not worth pursuing at this stage. He advised that the rating district has done its own levels and they have found that the south bank is a few metres lower and if there is two metres of freeboard on that side they do not know how this would go over the top of the bank. W. Moen stated that in the Bob Hall report Mr Hall states that this area is the most vulnerable area to the Franz Josef Township. W. Moen explained the concept of this report to the meeting. G. Gibb stated that they are keen to get the cross section information for this area. W. Moen agreed to supply this information to the spokesperson of the rating district. G. Molloy stated that he would like to move that the proposal to build a bank on top of a bank is parked until the information is to hand or if the river changes. M. Meehan advised that a further meeting would be arranged once further information is to hand. The meeting is to be arranged for around two months' time.

It was noted that the biggest threat at the moment is the first groyne above the bridge on the north end of the river. The river is chewing in at this location.

Cr Davidson asked if everyone is in agreement with the idea of having a further meeting in a couple months' time to discuss where to from here. All present agreed.

The rate strike was discussed again. G. Molloy stated that everyone was in favour of a \$100,000 rate strike but now that the money from Civil Defence has come into the account, he suggests that the rate strike is cut down to \$50,000. M. Meehan stated that the rating district is above the

prudent reserve at the moment. G. Gibb stated that he feels it would be a good idea to leave it the rate strike at \$100,000 as it would be hard to put it back up again. Cr Davidson asked for a show of hands. Everyone present was in favour of staying with \$100,000 except for G. Molloy. G. Gibb asked what the process around decisions being made is. He stated that the committee is concerned that decisions could be made against their wishes. Cr Davidson stated that council always has the final decision but it would need to be something that was a major threat to the township for council to take this stance. G. Gibb stated that there is concern that if there was an emergency situation, that money from the rating district account could be used for this. M. Meehan advised that if there was damage to the floodwall it would need to be repaired but if the wall needed to be raised then this would be discussed with the committee. M. Meehan stated that council assets always need to be maintained but any decisions around proposed work would be discussed with the committee. Cr Davidson stated that in view of the amount of money in the rating district account and the prudent attitude of the rating district he feels that this rating district is in a good position.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.25 p.m.

Action Point

- G. Molloy requested that the total of assets be included in the financial report.
- W. Moen to distribute the cross section survey report to the committee.
- M. Meehan to arrange a meeting with NZTA to discuss the south bank.
- Arrange a meeting with rating district committee for around two months' time.
- Invite NZTA to rating district meeting each year.
- Allow one hour for this meeting each year as it run over time.

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LOWER WAIHO RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE MUELLER COMPLEX, FRANZ JOSEF ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2013, COMMENCING AT 1.25 PM.

PRESENT

C. Brooks, L. Richards, P. Dennehy, R. Molloy, L. Molloy, T. Bruning, N. Frendrup, C. Frendrup, K. Frendrup, L. Frendrup (Franz Dairies), P. Halford, R. Richards

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
B. Chinn, (Councillor), D. Davidson (Councillor)
M. Meehan, W. Moen, P. Birchfield, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

R. Quaife

BUSINESS

D. Davidson opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He apologised for the late start to today's meeting and stated that next year an hour will be allowed for the Franz Josef meeting which run over time today.

He introduced himself and the Council staff.

Moved: *"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 11 October 2012, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

T. Bruning / C. Brooks - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

M. Meehan advised that at last year's meeting he was asked to investigate what happens to the funds in the Canavans Knob rating district account. He advised that Council needs to look at the asset and discuss with the community and NZTA as to how the asset would be managed in the future. M. Meehan advised that there is currently about \$30,000 in this account. M. Meehan stated that the most likely scenario could be that the rating district would be completely dissolved and NZTA would be asked to look after this asset as per its design and the money would be re-distributed back to those ratepayers who paid into the Canavan's Knob rating district. This depends entirely on NZTA and the community as to the future management of this asset.

M. Meehan stated that at last year's meeting he was asked to report back to the rating district on loan options for proposed capital works. He advised that this information is included in the proposed works proposal and he has a spread sheet available so that he can work this out on the spot.

FINANCIAL REPORT

M. Meehan presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2013. He advised that the opening was just over \$17,000. He advised that the expenditure for the financial year was just over \$41,000. The closing balance is just under \$27,000.

WORKS REPORT

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W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013. He reported that just over \$32,000 worth of works was carried out during the reporting period.

W. Moen reported that he carried out an inspection on 18 July 2013. He stated that this inspection highlighted works required at Milton and Others stopbank, he advised that this work has just been completed. The rubbish dump bank was also topped up at this time. W. Moen suggested that an additional \$10,000 should be allowed for unforeseen maintenance over the coming year. He stated that the total amount for the recent work and the unforeseen maintenance equates to \$79,000. W. Moen advised that this figure does not include the proposed raising of the Rubbish Dump stopbank as this would be capital work. W. Moen stated that he is very happy with the workmanship for the job at Milton & Others stopbank.

It was agreed that the rate strike would be discussed once the proposed upgrade of the Rubbish Dump stopbank has been discussed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

T. Jellyman read out the names of the present committee. Cr Davidson asked if anyone has left the area or if anyone present would like to come onto the committee. T. Bruning advised that he would be stepping down from the committee and as spokesperson as he is moving away.

Moved: *"That the present committee be all those present namely:*

Lee Frendrup

Neil Frendrup

Lorraine Richards

Robin Richards

Chris Brooks

Richard Molloy

Peter Halford for the 2013 / 2014 financial year."

Discussion took place on a replacement spokesperson committee. C. Brooks was nominated for this. R. Molloy was then nominated. M. Meehan advised that the role of the spokesperson is to liaise with W. Moen and the rating district committee and it needs to be someone who is on the ground and can respond to potential emergency works. M. Meehan advised that it is also important to have a good deputy spokesperson as well. L. Richards stated that it is very important that someone is on hand for this position. Cr Davidson asked for a show of hands for the voting. The result was 6 / 4 in favour of R. Molloy.

Moved: *"That R. Molloy is elected as the spokesperson for the 2013 / 2014 financial year."*

R. Richards / L. Richards – Carried

Moved: *"That Robin Richards be elected as the deputy spokesperson for the 2013 / 2014 financial year."*

GENERAL BUSINESS

L. Richards asked why the rating district wasn't given more notice for today's meeting. She stated that she and her husband only received their letter last night. M. Meehan responded that normally there is two weeks' notice given but this time it was a little shorter as the meetings were brought forward by a month in view of the local body elections being held in October. M. Meehan advised that at least two weeks' notice would be given for future meetings.

W. Moen advised that at last year's meeting the rating district requested that the survey work and design work is carried out so that accurate costings can be presented to this year's meeting. W. Moen advised that he has now done this work. The design is that the stopbank would be built up to a 6 metre top width with 2:1 batter slopes and stopbank heights would reflect the design levels of a 2,700 cumec flood event in the Waiho River as outlined in the Good Earth Matters design report from July 2008. This equates to an approximate average of 1.50 metres in height over the full length of 836 metres. The upgraded stopbank would be continuously rock armoured up to the new full height. This alignment would contain approximately 20,500m³ of compacted hardfill and 5,000 tonnes of rock. The estimated cost would be around \$257,500 (GST Excl).

M. Meehan advised that meeting that they would require a loan for this capital work but a competitive tender price may bring the price down. He advised that a loan on \$257,000 would be approximately \$22,000 per year over 20 years. This would be in addition to the maintenance rate.

A speaker advised that at a recent meeting at the river bank, N. Frendrup had stated that there is good rock to be had in the Moraine loop. M. Meehan asked N. Frendrup if there is rock on his private land that could be used for this work. N. Frendrup confirmed this and stated that he would sell rock if the correct licences were applied for. It was noted that the rock in the DoC estate is closer and N. Frendrup wonders why this cannot be used. M. Meehan advised that there are two options for getting rock, one is getting rock from DoC and the other is the rock on N. Frendrup's property. It was agreed that it would be much cheaper for the rating district to source rock locally rather than Whataroa as the cost of carting this rock is high. M. Meehan advised that he would liaise with DoC regarding access to this area. M. Meehan advised that getting rock from the National Park may take longer than getting the rock from N. Frendrup. M. Meehan stated that after viewing the stopbank today it seems that the raising of the stopbank is becoming more and more urgent. A speaker stated that an option was to use a dozer to redirect the river. W. Moen stated that the use of a dozer in the Waiho River has been discussed many times over the years. W. Moen stated that this would be a waste of time as there is no way this would work for the Waiho River. He stated that the next fresh would wash the work away. M. Meehan advised that the Franz Josef Rating District is interested in a cut being made through the Moraine loop and get rock at the same time. M. Meehan advised that this could be investigated but warned that DoC may not like this idea.

W. Moen stated that the raising of the Rubbish Bank stopbank is the number one priority for the rating district. He stated that it has already blown out once this year and looking at it today when there is only minor fresh in the river, this is very concerning. W. Moen advised that over the last nine months over half a million cubic metres of gravel has been deposited onto the riverbed with the riverbed building up all the time and this is reducing the potential of the stopbank all the time. W. Moen confirmed to R. Richards that the bank would be raised by 1.5 metres. A speaker stated that he does not want rock to come from Whataroa anymore as it is too expensive. W. Moen stated that they have been looking for a local rock source for years and that once the quarry at the Tartare was closed by DoC then Whataroa has been the only option. It was agreed that local rock sources would be sought as soon as possible. M. Meehan advised that the quickest way to resolve the risk of the bank overtopping is to be able to move quickly to get this stop bank job done. He stated that if the rock from N. Frendrup's property could be used then this would be ideal. M. Meehan stated that a decision on getting local rock from DoC could take up to a year but the rock on private land would be by far the easiest option. W. Moen asked N. Frendrup if he is prepared to sell rock and if there would be 5,000 tonne of rock available. N. Frendrup was in agreement with this. R. Richards commented that the stopbank was built in 1983 and has only been topped up once. Extensive discussion took place on the pros and cons of the stopbank upgrade. It was agreed that a further meeting would be arranged for a month's time and a revised price would be presented at this meeting which will include the use of rock from N. Frendrup's rock. L. Richards stated that this needs to be done urgently and before it is too late.

Moved: *"That the rating district proceed with the upgrade of the Rubbish Bank Stopbank to 1.5 metres, as soon as possible and at the best possible price"*

*L. Richards / R. Richards
Carried*

Cr Davidson asked for a show of hands. The voting was 6 / 4 in favour of the upgrade. W. Moen advised that he will sort out the rock source, then get a contract out and then discuss the tender prices with the spokesperson so that work can commence as soon as possible. M. Meehan advised the rock at N. Frendrup's property will be assessed in a couple of days' time.

M. Meehan advised that there is also another proposal that W. Moen has been working on which is to join the banks with compacted gravel or fully rocking it. W. Moen has put together some prices for this work. M. Meehan stated that this job could be done at the same time at the stopbank upgrade and a tender price could be received at the same time as the tender is put out for the stopbank upgrade.

He stated that this would be under the proviso that the committee looks at the prices received and only proceeds if the price is acceptable. W. Moen stated that this could be tagged onto the current proposed works. W. Moen stated that the tender prices are very competitive at the moment and he is currently getting prices that he was getting in the 1970's. He stated it is a good time to do works at the moment. M. Meehan advised that he would bring the information on the rock in the Canavan's Knob area to the meeting next month.

RATES 2013 / 2014

Cr Davidson advised that the recommended rate strike is \$75,000. M. Meehan advised that the rate strike has been \$100,000 in the past, it was taken back to \$50,000 and now the account will be in deficit at the start of the 2014 / 2015 year. This is why it is recommended that the rate strike is increased to \$75,000 for the coming financial year. M. Meehan stated that there would also be the loan should the proposed stopbank upgrade go ahead. He stated that with a loan as well this would bring the rate strike to around \$100,000 but this price is dependent on the tender prices for the proposed works.

W. Moen thanked T. Bruning for the work that he has done over the years as spokesperson for the rating district. W. Moen stated that he will miss T. Bruning's input but he looks forward to working with R. Molloy.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.30 pm.

ACTION POINT:

- Proceed with raising Rubbish Dump Stopbank.
- Receive tenders for the joining of the Rubbish Dump and Milton and Others Stopbanks and proceed if the committee approves the price.
- Ensure that the rating district is given at least two weeks' notice for annual meeting.
- M. Meehan to liaise with DoC regarding access rock source.
- M. Meehan to check quarry in the Canvans Knob area.

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
PUNAKAIKI RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE PUNAKAIKI TAVERN
ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2013, COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM.**

PRESENT

S. Casey, M & F. Keating, S. Griffin (Buller District Council), G & A. Beynon, I & L. Ryder, P. Volk, D & G. Freeman, J. Lightfoot, C. King, B & J. Gerard, N & D. Wilkins, C. Findlay, S. Gasson, T. Sullivan

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
T. Archer (Councillor)
M. Meehan, W. Moen, T Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

BUSINESS

T. Archer opened the meeting and welcomed those present to the meeting. He introduced himself and the Council staff. He asked if all present are members of the Punakaiki Rating District. This was confirmed.

Moved: *"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 17 October 2012, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

J. Lightfoot / F. Keating - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL REPORT

M. Meehan presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2013. M. Meehan advised that the balance in the loan account as at 30 June 2013 of \$1,826.08. He advised that the maturity date of this loan is November 2015.

M. Meehan presented the expenses and revenue in the maintenance account. He advised that the opening balance was close to \$35,000 in deficit. He advised that expenses during the reporting period amounted to just over \$26,000. The closing balance in this account as at 30 June 2013 is \$30,647.72 in deficit. M. Meehan stated that this financial situation is not ideal.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the 2012 / 2013 works report. He advised that the total cost of works was \$20,096, which included the survey costs. W. Moen advised that the repair work was carried out by MBD Contracting Ltd. W. Moen spoke to the cross section report and advised that overall there has been a buildup of just over 14,045^{m³}. He stated that there is currently no serious erosion happening. W. Moen reported that he carried out on 9 August 2013 and identified a total of \$34,500 worth of maintenance works, included in this is the cost to repair slumping of the wall between Mabel and Webb Streets and two other areas along the seawall. He stated that that estimated cost of this

repair work is \$22,500 and this work was tendered out several weeks ago with Sicon Ferguson Contracting Ltd winning the contract at a cost of \$16,000. W. Moen advised that the rock required for this work was sourced from further up the Punakaiki River. He advised that he has allowed \$12,000 for unforeseen maintenance for the period from now until the end of June 2014. W. Moen advised that the proposed works cost of \$34,500 will be reduced in view of the cheaper contract price for the recent works.

M. Keating stated that he is concerned about the figure of \$7,500 for the cleanup along Dickinson Parade. W. Moen stated that he does not have the exact figure to hand for this work but he estimated that it was for eight hours digger hire at a cost of approximately \$140 per hour. He stated that the \$7,500 is just an estimate. F. Keating asked for further clarification of what work was involved in the Dickinson Parade area. W. Moen explained that rock was moved off the road by using a digger. F. Keating asked if Buller District Council has any obligation to fund this work. S. Griffin stated that this area is a road and Buller District Council is responsible for this area but the rock is coming from the seawall. S. Griffin stated that Buller District Council maintains the road area. A speaker noted that the top of the stopbank is not the road. It was noted that the sea pushes the rock work back up onto the road several times a year. F. Keating asked who is responsible for cleaning up the road. S. Griffin stated that this road has always been classified as a low maintenance road and it is not maintained to the same standard as the other roads in this area. S. Griffin stated that there if there is a lot of rock on the road then the road can be closed until it has been cleared. M. Meehan asked S. Griffin if there was a lot of rock on the road would Buller District Council clear it off the road or would it just be left. S. Griffin stated that Buller District Council does maintain the road but is not always immediate. Cr Archer advised that the issue is who should be paying for the cleanup as the estimate was \$7,500 for the cleanup but the price came in cheaper at \$5,000. It was noted that Dickinson Parade is the area is the whole road, the land between the stopbank and the front properties. W. Moen stated that this is a gray area and it has happened three or four times this year. It was agreed that S. Griffin and W. Moen would discuss this after tonight's meeting to look for a way forward and report back to the spokesperson for the rating district. P. Volk suggested that if the road is closed and it just becomes a walkway might be a way forward. P. Volk stated the only people making money out of this are the contractors who clear the road. He feels it would be easier just to wait for the council to clear this area and keep it as a walkway when there is rock on it. M. Meehan stated that it seems that the general view is to leave Dickinson Parade as a walkway and not to spend rating district money on clearing the road.

RATES 2014 / 2015

M. Meehan advised that in view of the lower tender price it is now looking like the rating district will be in deficit by \$15,000 at the beginning of the 2014 / 15 financial year. He stated that if there is no unforeseen maintenance required with the \$12,000 allowed for this the deficit may only be \$3,000 but this is dependent on what happens during the year. M. Meehan advised that the rate strike is \$45,000 in time the rating district account will get back into credit. Cr Archer advised the meeting that when it comes to the setting of the rate strike council becomes very nervous about the lack of funds and council likes to see rating districts having a positive account balance. M. Meehan reminded the meeting that the rating district's loan will be paid off by November 2015. He feels this will be quite a major thing for the rating district. M. Meehan confirmed that once the loan is paid off then a maintenance rate will be all that is required. M. Meehan advised that council is recommending a rate strike of \$45,000 for the coming financial year. Cr Archer confirmed that the \$45,000 is the same as last year. The meeting agreed with this figure.

POTENTIAL CAPITAL WORKS TO RAISE THE SEAWALL HEIGHT

W. Moen advised that over the past couple of years there has been a series of storm events that have overtopped the seawall and washed heavy material onto properties in this area. W. Moen stated that a few years ago when the seawall was designed there was an intention to raise it by about a metre in years to come. M. Meehan stated that Council is very conscious that the rating district has a loan in place at the moment and Council would not want the rating district to have

another loan in place before the current loan is paid off. M. Meehan stated that this is just a point for discussion purposes and that the rating district might like to consider this. Cr Archer asked the meeting if they wished to consider P. Volk's suggestion of covering the top of the seawall with something that it not going to move every time there is a storm event. Cr Archer stated that if the seawall was to be increased in height or to have a more permanent topping then this would need to be very heavy material. He stated that the rating district may also need to consider just living with the fact that during storm events there will be some material that needs to be put back to where it came from.

I. Ryder stated that the rating district is concerned about the corner of the wall and he feels that the problem is that NZTA caused this by the shape of the wall and this is impacting on the area by the motels. It is felt that this is what is taking out the toe at the end of the embankment. I. Ryder stated that the action of the waves is causing problems in this area. W. Moen advised that at the time the wall was built he tried to talk NZTA into continuing the wall to make it longer. J. Lightfoot stated that it would be good if both of the ends of the wall could be lined up to solve this problem. M. Meehan stated that he would speak to M. Piner from NZTA about this matter. M. Meehan suggested an Envirolink Grant could be applied for to look for a solution to this problem. I. Ryder stated that a metre high increase in wall would not work, it would need to be at least two metres high and this would be very expensive. S. Casey stated that the idea of turning Dickinson Parade into a walking track may not be a good idea as large machinery needs access to this area so that it can be tidied up after a storm event. S. Casey is stated that it would be cheaper to tidy the road up as it is because if it is a walking track it will become too hard to get to this area with big machinery. W. Moen explained how he intends for this job to be done. S. Griffin stated before consideration is given to increasing the height of the seawall, there needs to be some idea of costs to do this work and ongoing maintenance costs as well. Extensive discussion ensued. M. Meehan asked the meeting if it was there wish for staff to cost out the increasing of height for the seawall. It was agreed that an Envirolink Grant would be applied for and that M. Hicks (NIWA Coastal Engineer) would be asked to look at the swirling problem on the seawall corner. This information will be reported back to the committee. I. Ryder asked how many people are in the rating district. T. Jellyman advised that there are around 30 ratepayers in the rating district. W. Moen was asked for a ball park figure for the raising of the seawall. W. Moen advised that a rough figure for a metre high increase would be around \$120,000 to \$140,000 and assuming that the rock is reasonably cheap. Cr Archer stated that there are three classifications in this rating district and he feels that it would be unlikely that the rating district could be extended. W. Moen stated that there is no other rateable land that could be included in the rating district. It was stated that DoC do not pay rates.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Cr Archer read out the names of those on the committee. Cr Archer asked if anyone wishes to either come off or go on to the committee. J. Lightfoot asked if everyone would be happy if he made a mass nomination of all those on the current committee be re-elected. T. Sullivan seconded this motion

Moved: *"That the committee for 2013 / 2014 financial year consist of G. Beynon, N. Wilkins, S. Casey, M. Keating, A. Beynon, I. Ryder, L. Totzauer, and J. Lightfoot".*

J. Lightfoot / T. Sullivan – Carried

J. Lightfoot stated that he would be away from the away area each fortnight for a couple of days. I. Ryder stated that this could be worked around. It was agreed that a deputy Spokesperson would be appointed to deal with any matters in J. Lightfoot's absence.

Moved: *"J. Lightfoot be re-elected as Spokesperson and G. Beynon be elected for the 2012 / 2013 financial year."*

I. Ryder / N. Wilkins – Carried

Moved: *"That P. Volk, C. Findlay and T. Sullivan be elected to the rating district committee for the 2013 / 14 year".*

J. Lightfoot / D. Wilkins – Carried

The rating district committee now consists of G. Beynon (Deputy Spokesperson), N. Wilkins, S. Casey, M. Keating, A. Beynon, I. Ryder, L. Totzauer, J. Lightfoot (Spokesperson), P. Volk, C. Findlay and T. Sullivan.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Archer advised that council has 22 rating districts spread across the region. He advised the during the year council was concerned about the costs of holding these annual meetings as in many of the rating districts there was not a lot achieved or a lot of outcomes. Cr Archer advised that some rating districts were therefore given the opportunity of having a biannual meeting or being contacted to determine whether or not the committee felt there was a need for a meeting. Cr Archer asked the meeting whether or not they prefer to continue with annual meetings or whether they would like to go to biannual meetings. Cr Archer advised that each rating district has to pay for the staff time for these meetings. M. Keating stated that he feels that there is two years to go with the rating district loan for the seawall. He feels that once this loan is paid off then consideration could be given to go to biannual meetings. J. Lightfoot stated that there are a lot of changes in some areas with people moving away.

Cr Archer thanked those present for their attendance and their contributions to tonight's meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.

Action Points:

- S. Griffin and W. Moen to find a way forward for the ongoing maintenance of Dickinson Parade.
- M. Meehan to investigate NZTA coastal works and report back to rating district.
- M. Meehan to apply for Envirolink Grant for seawall improvements.
- Analysis cross section data history.

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
KONGAHU RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE LITTLE WANGANUI HOTEL
ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2013, COMMENCING AT 11.00 AM****PRESENT**

C. Hellyar, R. Hedgman, B. Jones, K. Kees, F & B. Bjerring, R. Anderson, G & F. Volckman

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
R. Scarlett, T. Archer, (Councillors)
C. Ingle, (CEO), W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

B. Meek. L. Kees

B. Jones / K. Kees - Carried

BUSINESS

R. Scarlett opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He introduced himself and the Council staff.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Moved: *"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 18 October 2012, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting, with the amendment of the typographical error on page 3."*

B. Jones / R. Hedgman - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no further matters arising from the minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2012 / 2013

C. Ingle spoke to this report. He advised that there is quite a bit of staff time and resource consent fees this year. C. Ingle stated that it was easier to get the resource consent through for the stopbank at L. Kees's property that it was for the estuary consent. C. Ingle stated that this took up a lot of time but he got there in the end. C. Ingle advised that the closing balance as of 30 June 2013 was \$34,843.05.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen spoke to this report advising that \$4,587.20 worth of works were done during the 2012 / 2013 financial year, this included some minor surveying work done by Murray Watts for the proposed stopbank. W. Moen reported that after an inspection and discussion with the spokesperson on 13 August 2013 no additional works were identified. He advised that letters were

sent out to all ratepayers to ascertain any drain clearing requirements. W. Moen advised that he has allowed \$4,500 for unforeseen works, which includes the aerial spraying for the coming year.

C. Ingle explained the target balance and "prudent reserve" system. He advised that all rating districts have been given a prudent reserve figure which sets an amount of money that might need following an emergency flood event. C. Ingle advised that a target balance for this rating district has been set at \$50,000. He stated that once this figure has been reached then a smaller rate strike can be considered.

2014 / 2015 RATE STRIKE

The recommended rate strike is \$7,600 GST Excl for the coming financial year. Discussion took place on the rate strike.

Moved: *"That the rate strike for the Kongahu Rating District remains at \$7,500 for the 2014 / 2015 financial year."*

G. Volckman / B. Jones – Carried

PROPOSED NEW CAPITAL WORKS

W. Moen advised that at the annual meeting in 2012 he was asked to bring a proposal for the proposed diversion of a stopbank on L. Kees's property. W. Moen advised that a resource consent is in place for this work to be done. The next step is now to get the green light from the rating district to progress this work. W. Moen stated that the resource consent is to put a stopbank across L. Kees's property to the Wildlife Sanctuary to try slow down the flow. W. Moen advised that he is expecting this work to come in at a cost of around \$22,000.

G. Volckman feels that he is an affected party to these works and this is stated in the minutes. W. Moen explained that the consenting department processes the resource consents and decides who is an affected party. Cr Scarlett stated that there are remedies if someone believes they are an affected party. G. Volckman stated that it was requested previously that the levels on the houses close to the spurs be taken but this has not been done. C. Ingle stated that these levels can still be done before the works go ahead. W. Moen advised that he has levels done around Mrs Kees property. Discussion took place on the consent process. It was agreed that M. Watts would be asked to undertake the survey levels in this area as soon as possible. C. Ingle suggested that on the basis that the levels work out and are not likely to cause problems then a meeting is reconvened so that this work can be progressed. R. Hedgman stated that before the swamp was developed the water used to come through this area but it did take longer to get there because there was bush and scrub it had to get through first. R. Hedgman stated now the flood waters come through fast and three farms can be underwater for up to three weeks.

Moved: *"That survey levels be taken, this information be circulated and a meeting is convened and a decision is made at this meeting."*

K. Kees / R. Anderson – Carried

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE AND SPOKESPERSON

It was noted that all ratepayers in the rating district are members of the committee.

Moved: *"That the entire rating district are on the rating district committee for the 2013 / 2014 financial year."*

R. Anderson / C. Hellyar - Carried

Moved: *"That B. Jones re- elected as the spokesperson for the 2013 / 2014 financial year."*

R. Anderson / C. Hellyar – Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

B. Jones advised that the spread of Parrots Feather through the swamp has now become quite a big issue for the rating district. He stated that Round Up spray is not a strong enough spray to deal with this, he asked if there a spray that will deal with this. C. Ingle asked if DoC is managing Parrots Feather in the area. G. Volckman stated that DoC were dealing with it but last year they opted out of this. R. Anderson stated that nothing is working with this pest. G. Volckman stated that Parrot Feather is the biggest threat to the swamp. B. Jones stated he has been able to keep it under semi control by using Round Up but this only keeps it at bay and does not kill it. B. Jones asked if another sort spray could be used. R. Anderson stated that he cannot believe how much it has spread in the last 12 months.

B. Jones expressed his thanks to P. Birchfield and C. Ingle for their work with the consent process for the estuary. C. Hellyar stated that the slip at the top of Granite Creek is now stable and now vegetated.

R. Hedgman asked if there has been any progress with the cleanout of Granite Creek. It was noted that Buller District Council are now looking into Granite Creek problem and are looking at clearing the bridge area. C. Ingle stated that the tricky thing is what to do with the spoil. R. Hedgman stated that it is a good thing that the district council are now looking at this matter. It was agreed that C. Ingle and W. Moen will discuss this matter with Buller District Council.

T. Archer thanked the meeting for their attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.15 pm.

Action Points for follow up

- W. Moen to arrange for M. Watts to carry out survey work, urgently.
- Arrange a further meeting for later in October.
- C. Ingle to follow up with Parrots Feather control methods.

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
KARAMEA RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE KARAMEA FIRE STATION
ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2013, COMMENCING AT 1.02 PM.**

PRESENT

B. Langford, H & M. Macbeth, P. McClintock, P. Langford, R. Sampson, W. Alber, B. Jones, B. Lodge, D. Simkin, G. Volckman, C. Hellyer, P. Curry

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
T. Archer, R. Scarlett (Councillor)
C. Ingle (CEO), W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

R. Barton, P. Sampson

H. Macbeth / M. Macbeth - Carried

BUSINESS

T. Archer opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He introduced himself and the Council staff.

It was confirmed that all present are members of the Karamea Rating District.

Moved: *"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 18 October 2012, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting, with the corrections made as listed below."*

B. Jones / D. Simkin - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that Cr Scarlett was not present at last year's annual meeting. P. Sampson's name was mentioned twice on page three. It was agreed that P. Moynihan should have been included in this.

Cr Archer drew attention to the new format of the reports. Cr Archer advised that some rating districts have opted not to have an annual meeting. He stated that Karamea can choose not to have an annual meeting if they wish.

H. Macbeth expressed his concern with the late notice of the meeting; he stated he only got his letter last week, only eight days before the meeting. H. Macbeth asked for more notice to be given for the meeting.

R. Sampson asked about the action in point in last year's minutes about the Oparara River mouth being included in the permitted activity rule via the Coastal Plan Review. C. Ingle advised that this was investigated and it could not be done but the person who was interested in this he understands is now applying for resource consent. W. Moen advised that he carried out an inspection with the landowner in this area about six weeks ago. It was noted at this time that there was a breach in the rock the wall and the landowner asked him if he could repair it. W. Moen stated that the rock wall is not in the Asset Management Plan and is therefore a private structure and the repair work was funded by the landowner and not the rating district. W. Moen stated that he would need a directive from the rating district if it is to be included in the Asset Management Plan. It was noted

that this structure predates the rating district. G. Volckman stated that the wall was built in 1937. Cr Archer suggested that the asset is included in the Asset Management Plan.

Moved: *"That once the Oparara rock wall is completed that this is included in the Karamea Rating District Asset Management Plan."*

R. Sampson / G. Volckman – Carried

Discussion ensued. Cr Archer put the motion, the voting was 6 / 5 in favour of the motion being carried. B. Langford is concerned about how long some of these works go back and he feels this could be a can of worms. B. Langford stated that the rock wall is only a small section of what could end up being included. It was noted that this breach happened quite a long time ago.

Moved: *"That the previous motion is rescinded until more complete information is to hand and all works are collated and reviewed to see if they should be put into the Asset Management Plan."*

*R. Scarlett / P. Langford - Carried
(unanimous)*

GRANITE CREEK

H. Macbeth asked if the rating district has paid any money towards the opening up of Granite Creek. W. Moen advised that there has not been anything spent on Granite Creek. B. Jones stated that there has not been any work requested so there are no costs involved. C. Ingle stated that Granite Creek has been discussed at the rating district meetings for a number of years now. The issue has now resolved itself at the very top end as there is no more material now flowing down off the hillside into the creek but it will be some years before it works its way down the creek into the estuary. P. Langford advised that the district council recently inspected the slip and the area concerned is about 5 kms of river and is 1.5 to 2m deep. He stated that the district council is worried about the road.

FINANCIAL REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to this report. He advised that a contribution from the Ministry of Civil Defence was recently received for the flood damage that occurred in 2010. He advised that the Karamea rating district received \$48,345 which brings that account balance to around \$112,000. C. Ingle advised that staff were very pleased about this. C. Ingle explained the current insurance system to H. Macbeth. He advised that the Catastrophe Fund now has replaced the LAPP Fund. He stated that the LAPP Fund was exhausted following the Christchurch earthquakes so now that council is self-insuring this means that there will always be cover.

C. Ingle explained the prudent reserve theory to the meeting. He stated that target balance for the prudent reserve for this rating district is \$150,000. H. Macbeth asked how much it costs for staff to come to Karamea for its meeting. C. Ingle advised that this meeting is combined with the Kongahu meeting and the cost is minimal. He stated that he would consider not having a meeting only if there was nothing to discuss.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen spoke to this report. He advised that a total of \$10, 920 worth of work was carried out during the reporting period around G. Volckman's property.

W. Moen advised that as a result of an inspection carried out on the 13th of August no immediate works were identified. He suggested that \$5,000 is allowed for removal of trees on the stopbank, \$15,000 for damage repairs to stopbank batters and \$10,000 for

unforeseen maintenance. He stated that this amount equates to \$30,000 and it may or may not be used.

A speaker asked how the rates are worked out. W. Moen stated that there are several different rating classifications in this rating district. Cr Archer stated that it is up to the rating district to decide if they would like the classifications reviewed. C. Ingle advised that the rating district would have to pay for this. Cr Archer advised that this matter may be better left for the new committee to work through. G. Volckman stated that it would cost a lot of money to change the rating district classifications. Cr Scarlett asked why the rating district would want to change the classifications. A speaker stated that he feels it is now timely for the classifications are reviewed. Cr Scarlett stated that Terms of Reference would need to be used for the review of classifications. He feels this needs to be looked at before the committee makes recommendations. Cr Scarlett feels that this should be worked through today as those present might have some thoughts on this. H. Macbeth stated he would like to know whether or not the rating classifications are appropriate. B. Jones said risks should be assessed to see if they have changed. G. Volckman warned the meeting that this could back fire and he feels careful consideration needs to be given to ramifications as to what changes could be found. C. Ingle suggested that the question could be whether some people are benefiting more than others compared with the time when the rating district was initially set up. He stated that if the answer is no, then nothing further needs to be done. Cr Scarlett stated this needs to be kept very simple.

Moved: *"That the incoming committee reviews the rating district classifications over the next few months."*

R. Scarlett / D. Simkin - Carried

C. Ingle advised that the trees on the stopbank are a bigger problem than initially thought, down at the school end. C. Ingle advised that work will start on the trees. Cr Scarlett asked whose idea was it that trees on a stopbank are a problem. Cr Archer stated that this was Dr Graeme Smart's advice. A speaker asked who owned the trees in question. Cr Scarlett stated that he owns three of these trees. Further discussion took place on the removal of trees from the stopbank. C. Ingle stated that people were not aware trees on stopbanks were a problem until Graeme Smart mentioned this in his report. C. Ingle stated that his approach would be that the landowner is requested to take the trees out and if landowner did not remove the trees then the rating district would have to pay for this work. C. Ingle stated that tree roots may need to be removed in some cases. It was noted that the trees in the domain belong to Buller District Council. H. Macbeth suggested that an article be placed in the local newspaper advising the community that woody vegetation on the stopbank is not being encouraged. He also suggested that the rating classification review also be put into this newspaper.

RATES 2014 / 2015

The proposed rate strike is \$50,000 GST Excl. The meeting were happy with this.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Cr Archer read out the names of the current committee. G. Volckman nominated P. McClintock, P. Langford seconded this nomination. H. Macbeth nominated all members of the current committee, B. Jones seconded this nomination. G. Volckman nominated P. Langford, B. Jones seconded this nomination.

Moved: *"That the present committee be:
Paul McClintock, Peter Langford, Darryl Simkin, Brian Jones,*

***Margaret Macbeth, Roger Barton and Bevan Langford
be the committee for the 2013 / 2014 financial year."***

H. Macbeth / B. Jones Carried

Moved: ***"That the incoming committee appoints a spokesperson for the 2013 / 2014 financial year."***

*Volckman / P. Langford - Carried
H. Macbeth against*

GENERAL BUSINESS

M. Macbeth stated that she has heard that NIWA are considering taking out some of the weather sites. C. Ingle advised Karamea at gorge which is the flow monitoring site that council relies on for flood warning is under question along with other five or six sites that they are looking at. Cr Scarlett stated that the Karamea site would always be needed for safety reasons. Cr Archer advised that these discussions have been at staff level and there has been no formal notification to council from NIWA about any changes at this stage. Discussion ensued. Cr Scarlett stated that he would be very surprised if NIWA pulled out of Karamea. He stated that he thinks NIWA will stay involved with all the major rivers on the West Coast but may pull out of some of the smaller tributaries. Cr Scarlett stated that NIWA needs the data from this end of the West Coast.

H. Macbeth suggested that the committee reports back to the rating district on the priority list from Graeme Smart's report. C. Ingle stated that work is progressing well with this.

T. Archer thanked the meeting for their attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.28 p.m.

Action Points

- Ensure more notice is given for the next annual meeting.
- Place advert in Karamea Chronicle.
- Committee to review classifications.

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
KANIERE RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE St JOHNS ROOMS, STAFFORD STREET, HOKITIKA
ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2013, COMMENCING AT 6.35 PM.**

PRESENT

M. Orchard, J. Jones, G. Linklater, H. Collett, M. Dyne, K. Burrows, K. Apperley, A. Tacon, I. Mitchell

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
D. Davidson, (Councillor)
B. Chinn, (Councillor)
W. Moen, C. Ingle, T. Jellyman, (Staff)

APOLOGIES

A. Dyne, P. Burrows

H. Collett / G. Linklater - Carried

BUSINESS

Cr Davidson opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He introduced himself and the Council staff.

Moved: *"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 15 October 2012, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

H. Collet / M. Orchard - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen advised that D. Diedrichs's side road was used for access to the area where the survey work was done.

FINANCIAL REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2013. He advised that at the start of the reporting period there was \$59,226.18 in the account. He advised that outgoings were \$6,639.75 with the survey costs coming in slightly cheaper than anticipated. The closing balance as at 30 June this year is \$58,369.02.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen spoke to the works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013. He advised that just over \$3,000 worth of works were carried out during the reporting period with \$2,137.50 being spent on survey work. W. Moen carried out an inspection in August and no maintenance works were identified. W. Moen advised that further increased erosion that has taken place upstream of the existing works and it is recommended that remedial works be considered as escalation of erosion is occurring in the upper unprotected part of the scheme. W. Moen advised that he included a paper in the agenda that

outlines the proposed works and costs for this work. W. Moen suggested that \$3,000 is allowed for unforeseen maintenance.

C. Ingle advised that the focus is now more on maintenance works rather than capital works in the works report and that is why there is a separate report on the proposed capital works, which is the big issue. C. Ingle stated that under the Local Government Act council has particular responsibilities to maintain assets. He stated that maintenance is a necessary, but rating districts do have discretion over new capital works.

RATES 2013 / 2014

Cr Davidson advised that the recommended rate strike is \$10,000. H. Collett moved that the rate strike is \$5,000. M. Dyne seconded this. C. Ingle explained the prudent reserve to the meeting and advised that all rating districts have now been encouraged to have a prudent reserve. This is to cover for when there might be a flood event when significant damage is done to the rating district's assets. C. Ingle advised that a prudent reserve for the Kaniere rating district is around \$40,000.

PROPOSED CAPTIAL WORKS

W. Moen displayed a map of the area where the proposed works are located. C. Ingle stated that the river is slowly eating away in this area. M. Dyne spoke of historic photos that he has and stated that he feels it the river could also build up and go back out again. W. Moen stated there is a large channel in the back of this area. Cr Davidson asked the meeting if they wished to proceed with the works or leave it for another 12 months and review this again. C. Ingle stated that should the river get into the old river channel there would be cause for concern. W. Moen advised that four metres have been lost in around ten months. A. Tacon commented that this is cyclic and that there would be lots of changes. Extensive discussion ensued. M. Dyne moved that the work is put in abeyance for a year and relooked at. G. Linklater is keen for this work to be completed. C. Ingle advised that if a loan was to be taken out it would need to be for over \$100,000 and would result in a rate rise of at least double of what is being paid now. M. Orchard stated that another option is to keep adding to the rating district account and that way they are earning interest and not paying interest.

Moved: *"That the erosion protection proposal is placed in abeyance for another year and considered again next year. "*

*M. Dyne / K. Apperley
G. Linklater against*

M. Orchard asked for further discussion on this motion. C. Ingle stated that the main concern is that if the proposed works need to be done as emergency works at any time, it will cost a lot more. C. Ingle advised that if the works are done via a tender process then a much better price would come in a lot cheaper.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The names of the current committee and spokesperson were read out. Cr Davidson asked if all were still available, this was confirmed. It was agreed that the status quo would remain.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A speaker asked if survey work was done on the true boundary. W. Moen advised that this was an approximate boundary. He said that the boundary could be picked up but this was a levels survey and if the works were to go ahead then further survey work could be done.

Cr Davidson thanked the meeting for their attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

Action Points

- Monitor the distance to the river from the survey line and if the river get to within 20 metres of the line, call an urgent meeting of the rating district.

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 11 November 2013
 Prepared by: Nichola Costley – Regional Planner
 Date: 3 November 2013
 Subject: **Regional Policy Statement – Discussion Document**

Purpose

To provide an update to Council on the development of the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) Discussion Document.

Background

At the September 2013 Council meeting, staff presented a paper setting out a proposed new direction for the review of the Regional Policy Statement. It was proposed that the review of the RPS would consider the broader significant resource management issues of sustainable communities as well as promoting positive effects through the use and development of resources. This is similar to the approaches taken by both Taranaki and Northland Regional Councils.

Council endorsed the preparation of a Discussion Document to assist with engaging West Coast communities at an early stage of the review process and gaining feedback on what the significant resource management issues for the West Coast are. The Discussion Document was also considered as a means to gain buy-in from our local communities and businesses.

Staff prepared a draft Discussion Document and presented this to a workshop following the October 2013 Council meeting. A copy of the draft document wording is attached to this report (at the time of writing this report the draft document is with the printers for formatting).

Discussion Document Feedback Process

Following endorsement of the Discussion Document, Council intends to distribute the Document as widely as possible to those who live and work on the West Coast. As part of this process, a series of road-shows will be held throughout the region. These will include Haast, Franz/Fox, Whataroa, Hokitika, Greymouth, Reefton, Westport and Karamea. It is intended that these workshops will be supported by both staff and local Councillors.

Other consultation processes include:

- Centre page spread in the West Coast Messenger;
- Press releases and advertisements in all four local papers;
- Presentation at Economic Development Summit on 6 December 2013;
- Displays at Councils and libraries; and
- Social media – dedicated Facebook page as well as on Council's website

It is intended that a four week period will be allowed for the feedback period. Following this, staff will summarise the feedback received and considering this for the review of the RPS as well as presenting this to Council in early 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

1. *That Council endorses the Regional Policy Statement Discussion Document for consulting with our communities on the broader resource management issues for the West Coast.*
2. *That Councillors participate in the road-shows in their constituent areas.*

Chris Ingle
Chief Executive

Draft Regional Policy Statement Discussion Document

Finding the balance:

social, community, economic, environmental and cultural well-being – where does the balance lie for the West Coast for the coming decade

Why do we manage our region's natural resources?

The purpose of the Resource Management Act (RMA) is "to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources." It is there to enable our people and communities to meet their needs. The RMA's purpose also says that we must sustain enough resources to meet the foreseeable needs of future generations. We must also protect the life supporting capacity of air, water, soil and ecosystems; and avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects on our environment ('environment' includes people and communities).

There are many different views on how all of this should occur. It comes down to finding the right balance between competing interests, to meet the economic, social, cultural and environmental aspirations of our communities who live on the West Coast. This Regional Policy Statement (RPS) must establish that balance.

The RPS sets the strategic direction for resource management on the West Coast into the future. Regional and District Plans must "give effect" to the RPS. This means that policy settings in the RPS influence the Plan rules: what requires a consent and what does not.

We suggest 2 new Regionally Significant Issues for the RPS review...

The West Coast is currently in an economic lull and a number of our communities are facing significant hardship. While we weathered the financial crisis that affected much of the rest of the Country fairly well, the tough times are now starting to bite with coal mine closures and lower commodity prices. Making strategic changes to the RPS can help with this by assisting with the creation of new opportunities.

The RPS needs to be as much about **promoting positive effects** as it is about avoiding, remedying or mitigating adverse effects. In general, the current RPS focuses mainly on environmental issues with little consideration towards promoting social, cultural and economic well-being. Council is now suggesting the RPS actively promotes opportunities for jobs, economic growth; and ultimately population growth. Policies that manage environmental effects will remain, sitting alongside these new "resource use and development" policies.

Council's vision for the West Coast is to have **sustainable communities** with a strong regional identity - a vision that is created by West Coasters for West Coasters. It is vitally important that those people who live in the region, or do business here, are involved in the development of the RPS. Too often, planning and consenting processes here are dominated by organisations or parties who live outside of the region. They do not have to live with the decisions that in some cases can affect our everyday lives. This needs to change, and this is the opportunity to make this change.

We need West Coaster's Feedback!

We want to know two things from you:

- Have we correctly identified the significant resource management issues for the West Coast, **in bold above**, in addition to those already listed in the current RPS?
- How do you think we should be managing those issues for the next 10 years?

You may think that there are other regionally significant issues that need considering. This is also the opportunity to raise these issues and how these should be managed.

1. Promoting Positive Effects: Using and Developing our Natural Resources

The Council wants the RPS to provide a more balanced approach to resource management. Traditionally the RPS has been focused on environmental bottom-lines with little consideration to the other well-beings set out in the RMA: economic, social and cultural.

The Council wants the RPS to recognise the importance of resource use and development in the West Coast region, and how it can contribute to enabling people and communities to provide for their economic, social and cultural well-being. The use and development of resources must still be undertaken in such a way which promotes the sustainable management purpose of the RMA.

A notable feature of the West Coast is its reliance on the region's natural and physical resources for its economic and social well-being. Farming and other land-based activities form the mainstay of our economy. Heavy and light engineering industries have developed to service the needs of the mineral extraction and dairy sectors primarily. These businesses rely on the continuation of these industries.

Mineral extraction is the key economic driver on the West Coast. The West Coast's mineral resources are also of national importance to New Zealand. Coal and gold have been the mainstay of the sector on the West Coast, however the region has the potential to provide for a wide range of additional minerals. A 2010 resource assessment of the region listed potential for 16 metals and 13 non-metals, most of which have not been investigated in detail¹.

Westland Milk Products is a 100 percent independent dairy farmer-owned cooperative which specialises in the processing of more than 500 million litres of milk annually, with products exported to more than 50 countries worldwide. The milk catchment area encompasses 440kms from Karamea to Fox Glacier with more than 330 farmer shareholders. Recently the company has expanded operations into the Canterbury region with the construction of new infrastructure and suppliers. The relatively temperate climate and growth in the dairy farm sector will continue to see exports increase.

Tourism also plays an important role in the West Coast economy and is very much reliant on the scenic resources that are abundant throughout the region. Tourism, like any other industry, is at the jeopardy of international forces and tourism numbers to the West Coast were affected as a result of the Christchurch earthquake. Tourism related employment opportunities are not as lucrative as those of the extractive industries.

The Council wants to see our economy grow by enabling access to the resources of the region. There is limited land available that is not under the administration of the Department of Conservation. Consequently, we need the ability to make the most of what we have.

What does Council want to achieve?

- A balanced RPS that properly recognises the positive effects of use and development.

¹ Explore West Coast (NZ) Minerals)

- Ensure that industries understand that they are welcome to do business on the West Coast, provided that the RMA sustainable management purpose is met.

Questions...

- Would promoting the positive effects of using and developing our resources assist with balancing the RMA in this region?
- Might the inclusion of use and development provisions assist with stimulating economic growth?

2. Promoting Sustainable Communities

The Council sees the sustainable growth and development of our West Coast communities as a priority. There is considerable drive and desire to position the West Coast for future growth and improve its ability to weather any economic storm. The Council believes that people and communities are at the heart of any future growth. Growth must be planned for in an integrated manner.

However, right now too many of our communities are in decline. Employment opportunities have diminished and a significant proportion of our community are moving away to seek work elsewhere. The West Coast is rich in mineral resources. Coal has been a major extractive industry but the vagaries of the global market and the Pike River disaster have had a significant impact on employment, particularly in the Grey District. This has also affected those other service industries reliant on the mines. However, geological investigation indicates that there are many other minerals that could be extracted, and that the extraction lifetimes for these deposits are for many decades.

The RPS must recognise that a sustainable West Coast community requires a healthy environment and a healthy economy. The Council wants the RPS be more enabling for our communities to generate employment opportunities and create wealth for our communities. A declining population can have serious ramifications into the future and can put at jeopardy the provision of key government services. The RPS must find a balance between improving the economy and using resources wisely, and managing and investing in the environment to achieve our future aspirations as an ecologically unique and scenic region for visitors.

The West Coast needs to attract and retain both large and small-scale investment. The dispersed nature of the West Coast means that even small or medium investment can result in significant employment growth. We need people and businesses to choose the West Coast as a place to invest, in order to produce jobs for our community to thrive and grow. Many economic activities rely on the character and quality of the resources of the region's natural environment and this is similarly a major attraction for people, investors and businesses.

There is no doubt that poor quality regulation and high compliance costs can act as a brake on business growth, investment and job creation. On the flip side, good quality regulation can stimulate economic growth. Ensuring we have straight forward, easy to interpret plans and rules can assist with doing business. Standardising plan definitions and rules across the region makes it easier for businesses to operate across district boundaries, decreasing compliance costs. Good regulation welcomes development and makes it really clear what the boundaries are: what is allowed and what is not.

What do we want to achieve?

- Communities growing in population and wealth in order to become sustainable into the long-term future.
- Retain our regional identity through having population growth and sustainable communities.

- The West Coast is attractive for business and investment. Our plans need to attract new investment by presenting as 'business friendly' as possible, while still maintaining appropriate environmental standards.

Questions...

- What role should the new RPS have in promoting and managing growth?
- What is a realistic target for population growth in the region?
- Can our transport networks and public services cope with growth?

3. Other Regionally Significant Issues

This Discussion Document only considers regionally significant issues that are not yet included in the current RPS. There will be the opportunity to provide feedback on the other issues in the current RPS through the formal consultation stage when the draft RPS is notified. A full copy of the current RPS can be downloaded from Council's website at www.wcrc.govt.nz

In summary, those issues still considered regionally significant from the current RPS include:
Integrated Management

- Freshwater
- Habitats and Landscapes
- Soils and Rivers
- Air Quality
- Coastal Environment
- Natural Hazards
- Regionally Significant Infrastructure (Energy and Network Utilities and Transport Systems)
- Minerals

The intent is to review and update the current RPS following the completion of the consultation process to identify new issues that are not yet included in the RPS.

We will advise you of this second stage of RPS review in due course.

Further Reading...

The development of this Discussion Document has been based on several background reports. These are available for further reading and can be accessed from Council's website at www.wcrc.govt.nz

The background documents include:

A Call for Regional Leadership: Why regional policy statements must enable social, cultural and economic wellbeing. B. Matheson & R. McVeagh, Resource Management Journal, August 2013.

Explore West Coast Minerals. Development West Coast, Minerals West Coast and GNS Science,

Potential Contribution of Mining to the West Coast Region. Berl report to Development West Coast, November 2010.

Please tell us what you think:

Email: you can email your comments to us at rps@wrc.govt.nz

Post: you can fill in the response form at the end of this document or write your own comments and post them to us:

RPS Review
West Coast Regional Council
PO Box 66
Greymouth 7840

Please get your comments to us by xx December 2013.

After we get your feedback

We will be putting together a summary of all responses which will be made publicly available on our website early in 2014. It may include your name/company and a summary of your comments. This information will assist us with the review of the current RPS. The draft RPS will be notified in mid-late 2014 for submissions.

Feedback Form

Please use this form to make your comments and return to:

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Greymouth 7840

Or email to rps@wcr.govt.nz

Please attach additional sheets if required for any further comments. Feedback should reach the West Coast Regional Council by xxx 2013. Thank you for your time.

Name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Postal address	Postcode:
Email	
Telephone number	
<p>Note: We'll be putting together a summary of all responses and publishing these on our website early next year. Please note that this may include your name/company and a summary of your comments but not your contacts details.</p>	
<p>We want to know what you think ...</p> <p>The following are some general questions to help you with your comments.</p> <p>Have we identified the new significant resource management issues for the West Coast accurately? Are there any others that have not been identified?</p> <p>How do you think we should be managing the issues identified?</p> <p>How can we make the new RPS more user-friendly (e.g. structure of the document)?</p>	

Promoting Positive Effects - Use and Development of Natural Resources

Would promoting the positive effects of using and developing our resources assist with balancing the RMA in this region?

Might the inclusion of use and development provisions assist with stimulating economic growth?

Promoting Sustainable Communities

What role should the new RPS have in promoting and managing growth?

What is a realistic target for population growth in the region?

Can our transport networks and public services cope with growth?

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 11 November 2013
 Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager
 Date: 4 November 2013
 Subject: Corporate Services Manager's Report

1. Financial Report

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2013				
	ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	ACTUAL % ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET
REVENUES				
General Rates	520,271	515,000	25%	2,060,000
Rates Penalties	20,920	15,000	35%	60,000
Investment Income	232,413	233,684	25%	934,734
Resource Management	249,802	357,308	19%	1,282,130
Regional Land Transport	17,154	24,825	17%	99,300
Emergency Management	15,684	16,750	23%	67,000
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	474,154	318,726	37%	1,274,903
Regional % Share Controls	166,773	162,500	26%	650,000
Warm West Coast Rate	17,931			
VCS Business Unit	1,459,303	606,808	60%	2,427,233
	3,174,405	2,250,600	36%	8,855,300
EXPENDITURE				
Governance	96,170	105,233	23%	420,930
Resource Management	732,303	695,698	26%	2,832,792
Regional Land Transport	33,450	44,939	19%	179,755
Hydrology & Floodwarning Services	93,788	103,396	23%	413,585
Emergency Management	26,563	33,904	20%	135,615
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	918,104	331,973	69%	1,327,890
Regional % Share Controls	216,125	213,028	25%	852,110
VCS Business Unit	1,066,652	481,808	55%	1,927,233
Other Investments	28,019			
Discontinued activities	33,580			
Warm West Coast Loan interest	3,726			
	3,248,480	2,009,978	40%	8,089,910
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	-74,075	240,623		765,390

BREAKDOWN OF SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	Variance Actual V Budgeted YTD	ACTUAL	BUDGET Year to date	ANNUAL BUDGET
Rating Districts	1,776	52,527	50,751	203,005
Quarries	-427,625	-427,775	-149	-597
Regional % Share of AHB Programmes	1,176	-49,352	-50,528	-202,110
Investment Income	-1,271	232,413	233,684	934,734
VCS Business Unit	267,651	392,651	125,000	500,000
General Rates Funded Activities	-109,010	-227,146	-118,136	-669,642
Warm West Coast	14,205	14,205	0	0
Other	-61,599	-61,599	0	0
TOTAL	-314,698	-74,075	240,623	765,390

Net Contributors to General Rates Funded Surplus (-Deficit)	Actual	Budget ytd	Annual Plan
<u>Net Variance</u>			
<u>Actual V YTD</u>			
Rates	5,271	520,271	2,060,000
Rates Penalties	5,920	20,920	60,000
Representation	9,063	-96,170	-420,930
Resource Management	-144,111	-482,501	-1,550,662
Planning Activities	3,818	-16,296	-80,455
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	-4,854	-68,702	-255,395
Hydrology & Floodwarning	9,608	-93,788	-413,585
Emergency Management	6,275	-10,879	-68,615
	-109,010	-227,146	-669,642

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION @ 30 SEPTEMBER 2013

	@ 30/09/2013	@ 30/06/2012
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	-123,195	84,789
Deposit - Westpac	0	0
Accounts Receivable - General	539,254	383,138
Accounts Receivable - Rates	98,417	273,080
Prepayments	191,721	98,410
Sundry Receivables	1,614,712	288,519
GST Refund due	0	35,008
Stock - VCS	43,038	206,114
Stock - Rock	497,952	590,346
Stock - Office Supplies	16,899	16,899
Accrued Rates Revenue	998,201	0
Unbilled Revenue	0	551,098
	<u>3,876,999</u>	<u>2,527,401</u>
Non Current Assets		
Investments	11,493,541	11,447,780
Strategic Investments	670,000	670,000
Term Deposit - PRCC bond	50,000	50,000
MED & DOC Bonds	31,651	31,651
Investments-Catastrophe Fund	688,755	676,460
Warm West Coast Loans	658,234	496,408
Fixed Assets	4,671,547	4,668,070
Infrastructural Assets	52,243,077	52,243,077
Capital works - Hokitika seawall	814,373	
	<u>71,321,178</u>	<u>70,283,446</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>75,198,177</u>	<u>72,810,847</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Bank Short Term Loan	1,700,000	400,000
Accounts Payable	1,268,299	820,137
Derivative Liabilities	0	0
GST	-16,112	0
Deposits and Bonds	581,712	496,277
Sundry Payables	304,458	198,362
Accrued Annual Leave, Payroll	305,635	308,510
Other Revenue in Advance	0	0
Rates Revenue in Advance	0	0
	<u>4,143,992</u>	<u>2,223,286</u>
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Future Quarry restoration	70,000	70,000
Greymouth Floodwall	1,919,416	1,934,660
Inchbonnie	39,326	44,535
Punakaiki Loan	110,720	122,480
Strategic Investments	745,517	750,000
Warm West Coast	585,000	600,000
Office Equipment Leases	46,028	48,258
	<u>3,516,007</u>	<u>3,569,933</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>7,659,999</u>	<u>5,793,219</u>
EQUITY		
Ratepayers Equity	20,242,304	19,168,368
Surplus transferred	-74,075	
Rating Districts Equity	795,355	1,333,665
Tb Special Rate Balance	120,332	120,332
Revaluation	35,358,357	35,299,357
Quarry Account	308,446	308,446
Catastrophe Fund	676,460	676,460
Investment Growth Reserve	10,111,000	10,111,000
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>67,538,179</u>	<u>67,017,628</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>75,198,177</u>	<u>72,810,847</u>

2. Investment Portfolio

September 2013	Catastrophe Fund	Major Portfolio	Total
Opening balance 1 September 2013	\$ 684,108	\$ 11,580,439	\$ 12,264,547
Income September 2013	\$ 4,647	\$ 83,588	\$ 88,235
Deposit	\$ -	\$ -	
Withdrawal		-\$ 200,000	-\$ 200,000
Closing balance 30 September 2013	\$ 688,755	\$ 11,464,027	\$ 12,152,782
Total income year to date 31 August 2013	\$ 12,295	\$ 219,647	\$ 231,942

3. General Comment

The operating deficit for the quarter to 30 September 2013 was \$74,000.

The main reason for this was the large deficit in the Quarry trading area of \$428,000.

This was caused by the scale of the work required at Camelback Quarry during the quarter (> \$500,000).

A substantial part of this deficit will reverse as more rock is sold to the Hokitika Seawall project during October – December.

The investment portfolio continued to perform well for the period to 30 September.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Robert Mallinson
Corporate Services Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting 11 November 2013
Prepared by: Andrew Robb – Chairman
Date: 11 November 2013
Subject: **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

I would like to acknowledge the contribution made by the two Councillors who were not re-elected.

Cr Duncan Davidson served from 1995 to 2013. I would like to thank Duncan for his contribution to the region during this time.

Cr Ross Scarlett was elected in 1998. He served as Deputy Chairman between 2001 and 2004. Ross then served as Chairman between 2007 and 2013. Under Ross's leadership Council maintained a strong financial position. The Council was well managed and well governed during Ross's tenure.

I wish him and Duncan well for the future.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report is received.

Cr Andrew Robb
Chairman

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting 11th November 2013
 Prepared by: Chris Ingle – Chief Executive
 Date: 1 November 2013
 Subject: **CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT**

Meetings Attended

- Met with Roger Gabites from NZIM on 11 October.
- Attended a meeting with Bathurst Mining Ltd and the CEO of Buller District Council on 16 October in Westport.
- Visited the Denniston Plateau on 17 October with the CEO of Buller District Council.
- Attended the Regional Chief Executive's meeting in Wellington on 22 October.
- Met with MBIE mining officials in Wellington on 22 October.
- Attended the Chief Executive's Environmental Forum on 23 October in Wellington.
- Council Triennial meeting was held on the 31st of October.
- Attending the SOLGM Summit in Wellington on the 4th and 5th of November.
- Attending the Civil Defence CEG Chairs meeting in Wellington on the 8th of November.

West Coast Economic Summit

With the banner title: Leadership for Prosperity – Building a Future for our Communities, I have been busy organising an Economic Summit for the West Coast region, to be hosted by the Regional Council at Shantytown on Friday 6 December, supported by Development West Coast.

Speakers will include Dr Ganesh Nana (BERL); Peter O'Sullivan (Minerals West Coast); Hamish Bohannon (CEO Bathurst Mining); Bernard May (Westland Milk Products); Geoff Ball (land developer) plus the Mayors and Chairs of the four Councils and Development West Coast.

Invitations have been circulated to all elected members of the four councils and Development West Coast.

The purpose of the day is to promote collaboration among the four councils and Development West Coast so that we are all working towards the same outcomes for our communities. We also wish to launch a Regional Policy Statement (RMA) review that will align RMA policy documents so that they are more enabling of sustainable economic development and the job creation that results.

RECOMMENDATION

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.

- 8.1 Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 8 October 2013 (to be circulated via email)
- 60 – 61 Confirmation of the Confidential Minutes of the West Coast Regional Council / Grey District Council Joint Floodwall Committee Minutes 10 September 2013
- 8.2 Overdue Debtors Report (to be tabled)
- 8.3 Investment Decision
- 8.4 Response to Presentation (if any)
- 8.5 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.
8.1	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 8 October 2013		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)		
8.4	In Committee Items to be Released to Media		

I also move that:

- Chris Ingle
- Robert Mallinson
- Michael Meehan
- Jackie Adams

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.