

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** will be held in the Offices of the West Coast Regional Council, 388 Main South Road, Paroa, Greymouth on **Tuesday, 8th April 2014**

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 18 MARCH 2014 AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL,
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.****PRESENT:**

P. Ewen (Chairman), A. Robb, A. Birchfield, P. McDonnell, S. Challenger, N. Clementson, T. Archer, 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

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3. MINUTES

Moved (Robb / Clementson) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 11 February 2014, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Ewen reported that on the 17th of February he attended a presentation by the Chief Executive of the NZ Motor Home Assn. Cr Ewen stated that one of the topics of discussion was waste disposal and he advised that any member or prospective member must have a self-contained effluent system in their motor home.

Cr Ewen reported that he attended a Grey District Council Economic Forum presentation last week. He stated that the objective was to promote the district and the region. Cr Ewen advised there was a good stakeholder attendance from DoC, Tai Poutini and other councils. Cr Ewen stated that he dealt with various ratepayer enquiries relating to 1080 and consenting issues.

Moved (Ewen / Robb)

Carried

5. REPORTS**5.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP****5.1.1 REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT REVIEW – DISCUSSION DOCUMENT FEEDBACK**

M. Meehan spoke to this report. He advised that 233 written responses were received. He stated that 75% of respondents are in support of the ideas put forward in the discussion document and they support the direction that Council wants to go in. M. Meehan stated that some respondents saw a perception of a promotion of mining. M. Meehan advised that there is now enough

information to be able to move forward and formally review the RPS. M. Meehan stated that it was clear from the feedback forms received that there does not seem to be any other significant resource management issues identified by any parties. M. Meehan advised that the next step is to workshop through the changes in the coming months. He stated that the summary of feedback will be placed on the Council's website for people to review.

Cr Birchfield asked if all councillors are in agreement with this move. Cr Birchfield stated that he is in favour of the RPS review. All councillors expressed their agreement with the RPS review and voiced their comments to the meeting. Cr Birchfield stated that there were comments from respondents about economic diversification but they do not tell us what they are. Cr Birchfield stated that there are very few other opportunities for development apart from what is already being done. Cr Robb stated that if the wording in the updated RPS is correct then this would allow for economic diversification. M. Meehan advised that the RPS is about encouraging sustainable industry.

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

Carried

5.1.2 UPDATE ON REEFTON AIRSHED COMMITTEE WORK

M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised that the OekoTube trial was held in January using different types of coal and wood, and at different burn stages. M. Meehan advised that the trial results are now to hand and the report says that the OekoTube is effective on reducing emissions of PM₁₀. The OekoTube seems to work best on sub bituminous coal. M. Meehan advised that the results also revealed that during start up, which is the most important time, the OekoTube can reduce emission by 90 – 97% and overall it can reduce emissions by 58%. The report uses the information from the trial and incorporates that into the model for Reefton. M. Meehan reported that the Reefton Airshed Committee (RAC) met last night to go through the report. They wish to think about the report for a week, meet again next week and then provide the recommendations to the April council meeting on how Reefton wishes to meet the NES and what changes they want in the Air Plan. M. Meehan stated that the RAC are positive about the trial / results.

Cr Archer stated that last night's meeting was a very positive meeting and based on the report there are some achievable solutions to Reefton's air quality problem. Cr Archer feels that everyone is on the same page. He stated that community consultation will be required to establish what the recommendations will actually be.

Moved (Archer / Clementson)

1. *That the report is received.*
2. *That Council amend Objective 3 from the Reefton Airshed Committee's Terms of Reference to read:*

"To present the recommendations to the West Coast Regional Council, by April 2014"

Carried

5.1.3 CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

C. Ingle spoke to this report and took it as read.

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

Carried

5.1.4 BATHING BEACH WATER QUALITY SAMPLING UPDATE

M. Meehan spoke to this report and took it as read. He stated that staff are investigating the higher reading at Hokitika Beach in February which was not attributed to a heavy rainfall. M. Meehan advised that an additional report on the contact recreation sites in the Buller area will be brought to the April Council meeting. M. Meehan answered various questions for councillors. J. Douglas stated that the Hokitika Beach is a very popular area for swimming and fishing and she has concerns regarding the high readings. M. Meehan advised that he has asked his staff to look into this. He stated that a couple of years ago there were high results recorded in the Hokitika River. A lot of

work was done at the time and it was thought that there could have been a link to a flock of birds that were frequenting the river mouth at this time.

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

Carried

5.1.5 MOKIHINUI RIVER FLOOD WARNING SERVICE

M. Meehan spoke to this report and stated that Seddonville was badly affected during the December 2010 flood event with flooding to the pub and houses. He stated there was further flooding the following year and council was asked what could be done to offer the community a level of flood warning. Staff have visited the area and have identified a potential flood warning site. M. Meehan outlined the equipment required for the flood warning service. He advised that if council does go ahead with the flood warning service then there would need to be engagement with Buller District Council civil defence staff so that they can liaise with the Seddonville community to work out how they would use the flood warning service.

Cr Archer stated that the Mokihinui River is a flashy river, which rises and falls quickly and for this reason Seddonville is under greater threat than most other towns in the region.

Moved (Clementson / Archer)

1. *That the report is received.*
2. *That Council allocate \$30,000 towards the installation of the flow recorder and rain gauge in the 2014/15 Annual Plan budget.*
3. *That staff liaise with Buller District Council civil defence staff regarding the implementation of a flood warning service for Seddonville.*

Carried

5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

J. Adams spoke to this report and advised that two site visits were made during the reporting period. 21 non-notified resource consents were granted with nine changes to consent conditions and there were no notified resource consents granted during the reporting period. J. Adams advised that he attended an Environment Court hearing with Forest and Bird and Solid Energy Ltd in relation to the Mt William North resource consent appeal. He advised this has been adjourned for two weeks to allow both sides to seek further information. Cr Birchfield asked for further information regarding the Mt William resource consent. J. Adams advised that the consent has been issued but Forest and Bird have appealed the consent and this has been ongoing for the last two years. J. Adams stated that there are issues around Condition 23 and if the two parties have not come to a decision after the two weeks then the appeal will go to a hearing.

Moved (Archer / McDonnell) *that the March 2014 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Carried

5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

J. Adams spoke to this report and advised that 115 site visits were carried out during the reporting period. Of these 18 were recorded as non-compliant. J. Adams reported that 11 infringement notices and four abatement notices were issued during the reporting period. J. Douglas asked J. Adams what is the nature of the activities of a gold miner at Blue Spur, who has had three abatement notices. J. Adams advised that the company has changed hands and he has abated everyone involved as they do not have a resource consent. J. Adams answered various questions from Councillors.

Moved (Robb / Birchfield)

1. *That the March 2014 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
2. *That the bonds for RC07195, RC12209 and RC12033 be released.*

Carried

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

J. Douglas stated that she feels that the Hokitika Gorge would benefit from a similar flood warning system to what is being proposed at Mokihinui, in view of the population, the dairy farms and the historical flooding in this area. M. Meehan advised that there is already a flood warning system in place for the Hokitika River. Cr Robb stated that he uses this service on the Council website and it is a very good system. Cr Archer agreed that these types of systems work very well.

The meeting closed at 11.35 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee – 8 April 2014
 Prepared by: Lillie Sadler, Policy Analyst
 Date: 25 March 2014
 Subject: **Reefton Airshed Committee Recommendations**

Purpose

This report outlines the Reefton Airshed Committee's (RAC) recommendations to Council on ways to reduce PM₁₀ emissions in the Reefton Airshed, to meet the National Environment Standard for Air Quality (NES).

Background

Under the RAC's Terms of Reference the Committee's purpose is to develop recommendations identifying potential policies, methods and rules for the Regional Air Quality Plan so Council can meet the requirements of the NES in the Reefton Airshed.

Since November 2012 the RAC has considered a range of voluntary and regulatory options to reduce PM₁₀ emissions in Reefton, focusing on electrostatic precipitator (ESP) technology over the last 12 months.

Council commissioned a lab trial in January 2014 to assess the effectiveness of the ESP device in reducing PM₁₀ emissions. The results from this trial indicated that the ESP device reduced PM₁₀ emissions by around 90-97% when the fire was operated at low burn setting, and approximately 58% reduction in total emissions across all the trialed burn cycles. (Emily's draft report was circulated to Council at the March meeting, a final copy of her report is attached with this report).

Emily Wilton attended the RAC meeting on 17 March 2014 to discuss her findings with the Committee. The RAC then met on 24 March 2014 to finalise their recommendations.

Recommendations and reasons

The RAC make the following recommendations for the reasons listed as bullet points:

1. That Council adds provisions in the new Regional Air Quality Plan to:
 - a) *i) Require an approved electrostatic precipitator (ESP) filter to be installed on all solid fuel domestic burners and indoor open fires in the Reefton Airshed, including new burners.*
 - The lab trial and Emily Wilton's assessment are considered to be scientifically valid and robust. They identify that requiring the installation and maintenance of an ESP filter on domestic burners, in conjunction with prohibiting the use of bituminous coals, may be sufficient to achieve the NES for PM₁₀.
 - Use of indoor open fires is discouraged as they are very inefficient, however there are not many left in Reefton, and if they are used they must have an ESP filter installed.
 - Education and insulation subsidies may well have contributed to a reduced number of NES exceedances in winter 2013. Requiring the ESP filter, and other restrictions, will be effective in conjunction with voluntary methods to further reduce exceedances.
 - Once a sufficient number of ESP filters are installed and operating properly on Reefton chimneys there should be a noticeable reduction of PM₁₀ within a relatively short time. There are no other faster options.
 - ii) If a multi fuel burner meets an approved standard, it does not need an ESP filter installed.*
 - Domestic-size down draught burners are purported to be low emission multi fuel burners, and could be a potential option for Reefton in the future to reduce PM₁₀ levels. They are still in the experimental stage and have not yet been formally tested, or an approved standard set.

b) Prohibit the burning of non-approved coal on domestic burners in the Reefton Airshed, and provide a list of approved coals that can be burnt, and include definitions where necessary.

- Bituminous coals limit the effectiveness of the ESP filter to reduce PM₁₀ emissions. The lab trial identified that as bituminous coal soot is very fine and powdery, it clogs up the ESP filter so it stops functioning. Bituminous coal also produces more PM₁₀ emissions (31g/kg), compared to sub-bituminous coals (15-18g/kg). Emily Wilton estimates that the reduction in PM₁₀ emissions from restricting use of bituminous coals is around 12%.
- Only coals meeting a certain standard, for example so many kiloJoules, can be burnt.

c) Prohibit backyard fires during Winter in the Reefton Airshed

- They emit a disproportionate amount of PM₁₀.
- Plastic and other toxic materials are sometimes burnt on these fires, and the inversion layer causes dioxins to settle over the town, adding to potential health effects.
- The Regional Councils' Compliance team can investigate complaints and non-compliance if these restrictions are in the Air Plan.
- Restricting these activities in a bylaw is not necessarily the most efficient method.

d) Consider requiring ESP filters on commercial and industrial boilers within the Reefton airshed.

- The ESP can be installed on a commercial or industrial boiler, and can be required as a condition on resource consents if it is assessed in the consent process as being necessary.

2. That Council undertakes the following additional actions to assist with implementing the provisions recommended for the Air Plan:

a) That Council asks the Government to fund the purchase and installation of ESP filters on all domestic burners in Reefton, to reduce PM₁₀ levels to meet the NES.

- The cost of the ESP is considered unaffordable for most households, so financial assistance needs to be available. The estimated cost of purchase and installation of the OekoTube device is approximately \$2,500, based on a reduced cost of the filter for a bulk order. This does not include ongoing chimney sweeping, or other costs.
- There are benefits to the Government from using the OekoTube to reduce PM₁₀ levels in Reefton. It will potentially reduce health costs from current pollution levels in Reefton. The 2012 update of the "Health and Air Pollution in New Zealand Study" (HAPINZ) identifies the social cost of air pollution from domestic sources in Reefton, based on 2006 census data, as \$11.3M. This compares with the estimated cost of \$1M for purchasing and installing ESP filters on around 400 Reefton houses.
- Compliance with the NES will be of huge benefit to the Ministry for the Environment and Ministry of Health.
- Central government could use installation of ESP filters in Reefton as a case study with a potentially positive outcome for managing air quality and meeting the NES throughout New Zealand.
- Obtaining a subsidy from central government agencies will influence Reefton's ability to meet the NES timeframes.

b) That Council seeks a guarantee and commitment from the ESP filter manufacturing company of their ongoing support and assistance with the installation, operation, and maintenance of the device in the Reefton Airshed.

- It is realistic to expect some initial teething problems with installation, operation, and maintenance because it is a new technology so far unused in New Zealand. If the ESP filter cannot be purchased in bulk, or if the company/manufacturer ceases support once the filters

are bought, then this could increase the cost, delay the installation, or reduce their effectiveness.

c) That Council asks central government to fund a qualified person to give advice and education to residents in the Reefton Airshed on how they can reduce their PM₁₀ emissions.

- There are a number of ways that people can reduce their burner emissions, for example, by burning dry wood and proper operation of their burner. Minor modifications to housing may reduce the amount of burners required in Reefton homes, reducing the amount of heat escaping the home will be of benefit to the health of Reefton residents and the environment.

No policies are recommended by the RAC at this stage. Policies can be developed once Council has decided on the above recommendations, and Plan provisions are drafted.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council receives this report.*
- 2. That Council incorporates the recommendations into the review of the Regional Air Quality Plan.*
- 3. That Council thanks the Reefton Airshed Committee for their hard work and dedication.*

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee – 8 April 2014
Prepared by: Nichola Costley – Regional Planner
Date: 30 March 2014

Subject: **Transport – Financial Assistance Rate Review Submission**

Purpose

To provide Council with a copy of the submission made on the Financial Assistance Rate (FAR) review.

Background

Council were provided a report on the FAR review at the 11 February 2014 meeting. The NZ Transport Agency are reviewing the current financial assistance rates for all transport activities for local authorities. While this will affect all of the transport activities undertaken by the Regional Council (Total Mobility, Community Road Safety, Transport Planning) it will have a significant impact on the District Councils due to their responsibilities for local roads especially if it includes changes to the 100% funded Special Purpose Roads. On the West Coast there are two of these including the Karamea Highway in the Buller District and the Jacksons Bay Highway in Westland.

A submission has been made on behalf of this Council and the West Coast Regional Transport Committee on the FAR review. It supports the submissions made by the Buller, Grey and Westland District Councils. The submission notes that the options presented by the NZ Transport Agency each have their short-comings and that other options should be considered prior to making a final decision.

The submission period closed on 28 March 2014. A copy of the submission is attached to this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Chris Ingle
Chief Executive Officer

Potential Financial Assistance Rates for the West Coast Councils as proposed by the NZ Transport Agency in the Options Discussion Document

Council	Status quo – overall effective rate 2012/13	Status quo – overall effective rate 2009/10-2012/13	Status quo – Base FAR 2014/15	How Base FAR indicator rate is trending under the status quo	Option 1 Index of Deprivation		Option 2 Rateable value/rating units		Option 3 Combines Options 1 and 2		Option 4 Lanes kms/rateable capital value		Option 5 Combines Options 1 and 4	
					50% overall rate	53% overall rate	50% overall rate	53% overall rate	50% overall rate	53% overall rate	50% overall rate	53% overall rate	50% overall rate	53% overall rate
BDC	65%	66.5%	58	↑	55%	55%	60%	60%	60%	60%	55%	60%	55%	60%
GDC	62.3%	63.5%	60	↑	49%	52%	60%	65%	55%	60%	49%	52%	49%	52%
WDC	64.7%	65.5%	58	↑	49%	52%	55%	60%	49%	52%	55%	60%	49%	52%
W/CRC	55.8%	66.6%	n/a	n/a	49%	52%	60%	60%	55%	60%	55%	60%	49%	52%

Refer: www.nzta.govt.nz/far for more information



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28 March 2014

Financial Assistance Rate Review
 New Zealand Transport Agency
 Email: farreview@nzta.govt.nz

Attention: Claire Sinnott

Financial Assistance Rate (FAR) Submission on behalf of all West Coast Councils

Background

The FAR review is about distributing a fund to assist road controlling authorities to maintain their local roads in a fair and equitable manner, taking into account their ability to pay. It is about ensuring we have a fair system to divide the pie, as the pie is not getting any bigger.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comment on the FAR review, initiated by the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA). The West Coast Regional Council makes this submission in support of the individual submissions made by the Buller, Grey and Westland District Councils. The comments below are also endorsed by the West Coast Regional Transport Committee.

Considerations of the Options Proposed

Each of the five options put forward by NZTA for discussion have their short-comings. It may be best if other options are looked at before making a final decision. It would not be a good outcome if an option were chosen that compromised one district's ratepayers over another's - as that would be contrary to the purpose of the review.

The urban based ratepayers (larger urban areas in particular) tend to bear a smaller burden for the costs incurred from maintaining and operating New Zealand's roading network than those in the rural areas of New Zealand. This seems inequitable, in particular given those rural areas' roads generally support the transport of export products. It would be counter productive to New Zealand's target of 40% of GDP from exports if this FAR review resulted in a disincentive for local councils to maintain roads that are critical for exporters.

Rural regions like the West Coast are contributing strongly to the achievement of the target of 40% of GDP from exports. Taking funding away from rural roads in provincial New Zealand could work against our success in achieving that target.

Application of Banding

The banding idea has some merit. However, the suggestion to band in a 5% range creates inequity. For many Local Authorities, a decrease in subsidy of 1% can mean a rate increase which is significant to that Council. Having a shift of 5% could incur some very significant funding issues for Councils. This needs further consideration in terms of impacts on smaller councils.

Special Purpose Roads

Special Purpose Roads should be excluded from the current FAR review. These roads do not fit a local road model. A separate analysis need to be undertaken to determine if the issues surrounding the creation of each Special Purpose Road are still relevant today, and it would be inappropriate to cast them all into the local road basket without proper analysis. On the West Coast, two key Special Purpose roads were created when Transit NZ undertook a review of the State Highways some time ago.

One of these, the Karamea Highway, provides the only access to Karamea - which is the third largest township in the Buller District. This road also provides the only access to a major tourist destination, the Heaphy Track. Raw milk worth \$60 million per annum is transported via this route. The Jackson Bay highway in Westland presents a similar scenario.

To us on the West Coast, it would be logical to have these roads reinstated as State Highways. However, in the interim, we strongly endorse the **exclusion** of Special Purpose Roads from this FAR review.

Thank you for the opportunity for making this submission.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Robb

Chairman, West Coast Regional Council

Chairman, West Coast Regional Land Transport Committee

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Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting 8 April 2014
 Prepared by: Emma Chaney, Senior Resource Science Technician
 Date: 31 March 2014
 Subject: **BULLER RIVER BEACH WATER QUALITY INVESTIGATION 2014**

Introduction

Council has undertaken an investigation into water quality of at Marrs and Shingle Beach on the Buller River in Westport. The report was compiled due to several water samples over the summer bathing season exceeding the low risk public health category. These sites are part of the Council summer contact recreation monitoring programme, both sites have a history of exceeding contact recreation guidelines (Figure 1 and 2).

A number of contributing factors that might be a source of *E. coli* were identified and investigated:

- Point source discharges including those from storm water drains, municipal sewerage and septic tanks
- Bird nesting areas and flight paths
- Rainfall events / river level
- Tide direction
- Stream discharges in the area e.g. Bradshaw's Creek

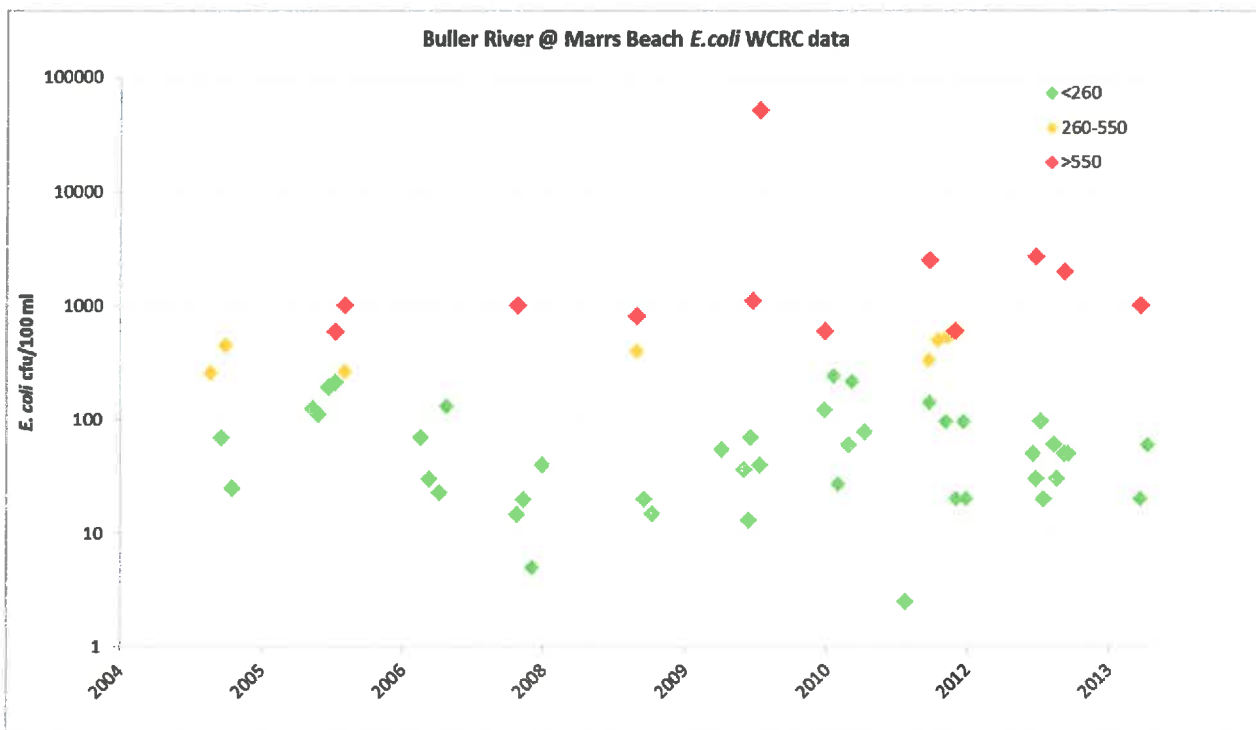


Figure.1 COUNCIL *E. coli* data for Buller River @ Marrs Beach from 2004 to 2013

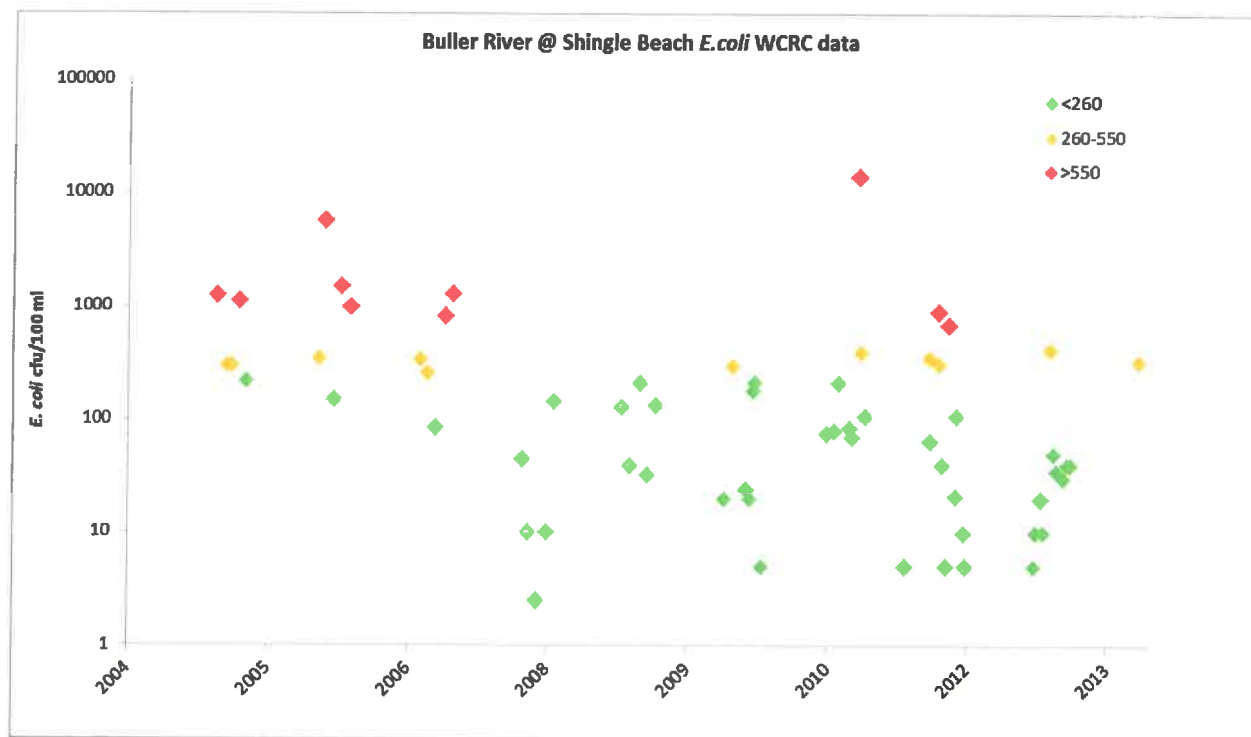


Figure.2. Council E. coli data for Buller River @ Shingle Beach from 2004 to 2013

1. Water sampling

Council collects samples from the Buller River at Marrs and Shingle Beach twice a month from November to March each year as part of the contact recreation monitoring programme.

Buller District Council collects samples from 160m downstream of the Buller Bridge (9 times per year) and at Marrs and Shingle Beach (once per month November – March and also in response to allowed pump station overflows in relation to rainfall) as part of their consent conditions relating to the municipal sewerage discharge at the Buller Bridge.

Data from Council and BDC were used in this investigation plus data from targeted sampling sites (see Figure 3). Marrs Beach at house, Buller River at upstream house and Buller River at downstream bridge were selected to investigate point source and stream discharges near Marrs Beach and municipal sewerage discharge upstream of Marrs and Shingle Beach. The extra sites were sampled at the same time as the rest of the Westport contact recreation monitoring rounds.



Figure 3. Map of Westport showing sampling points.

1.1. Sampling results

Of the targeted sampling carried out, the March result for Buller River at Marris Beach was in the moderate to high risk category (Figure 4).

The highest level was recorded at the Marris Beach at house site, which was higher than the Buller River at upstream of house (Bradshaw's Creek) and the normal Marris Beach site on the previous two occasions.

Figure 4 indicates that high results below the Buller Bridge don't appear to be related to exceedances at either of the beaches.

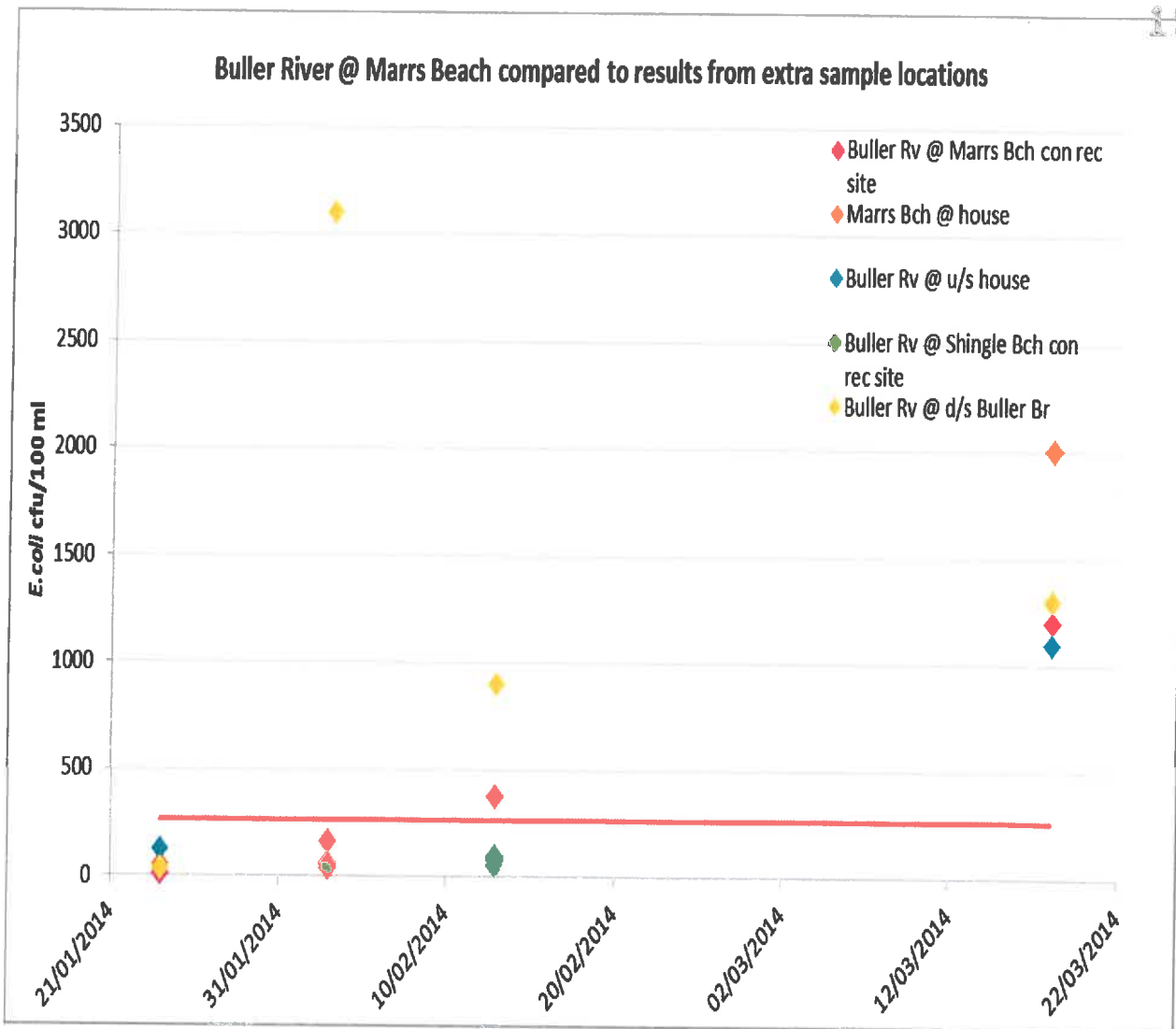


Figure 4. Sample results for monitoring carried out at normal bathing beach sampling sites and the three targeted sampling locations (red line shows 260 *E. coli* cfu/100 ml).

2. Point source discharges

2.1. Bradshaw's Creek

The dominant land use in the Bradshaw's Creek catchment is dairy farming. Council monitors two sites on Bradshaw's Creek quarterly as part of the State of the Environment monitoring programme. Figure 5 compares Council sampling results for the downstream site (Bradshaw's Creek @ Martins Rd) with the MARRS BEACH site.

At the lower end of the tidal cycle the tide wall at the northern end of MARRS BEACH deflects Bradshaw's Creek water around MARRS BEACH. Whereas at the higher end of the tide cycle the wall goes underwater and water from Bradshaw's Creek flows past MARRS BEACH.

There is the potential that, at certain times when Bradshaw's Creek has elevated *E. coli* levels, this could impact on MARRS BEACH.

Although not clearly visible in Figure 4, results for the Buller River upstream of the house (Bradshaw's Creek) were slightly higher than the Buller River at MARRS BEACH samples on each of the first three sampling occasions but lower in March when Buller River at MARRS BEACH exceeded the moderate to high risk threshold.

Bradshaw's Creek is highly unlikely to have an effect on Shingle Beach as it is on the other side of the river, with a strong current in between.

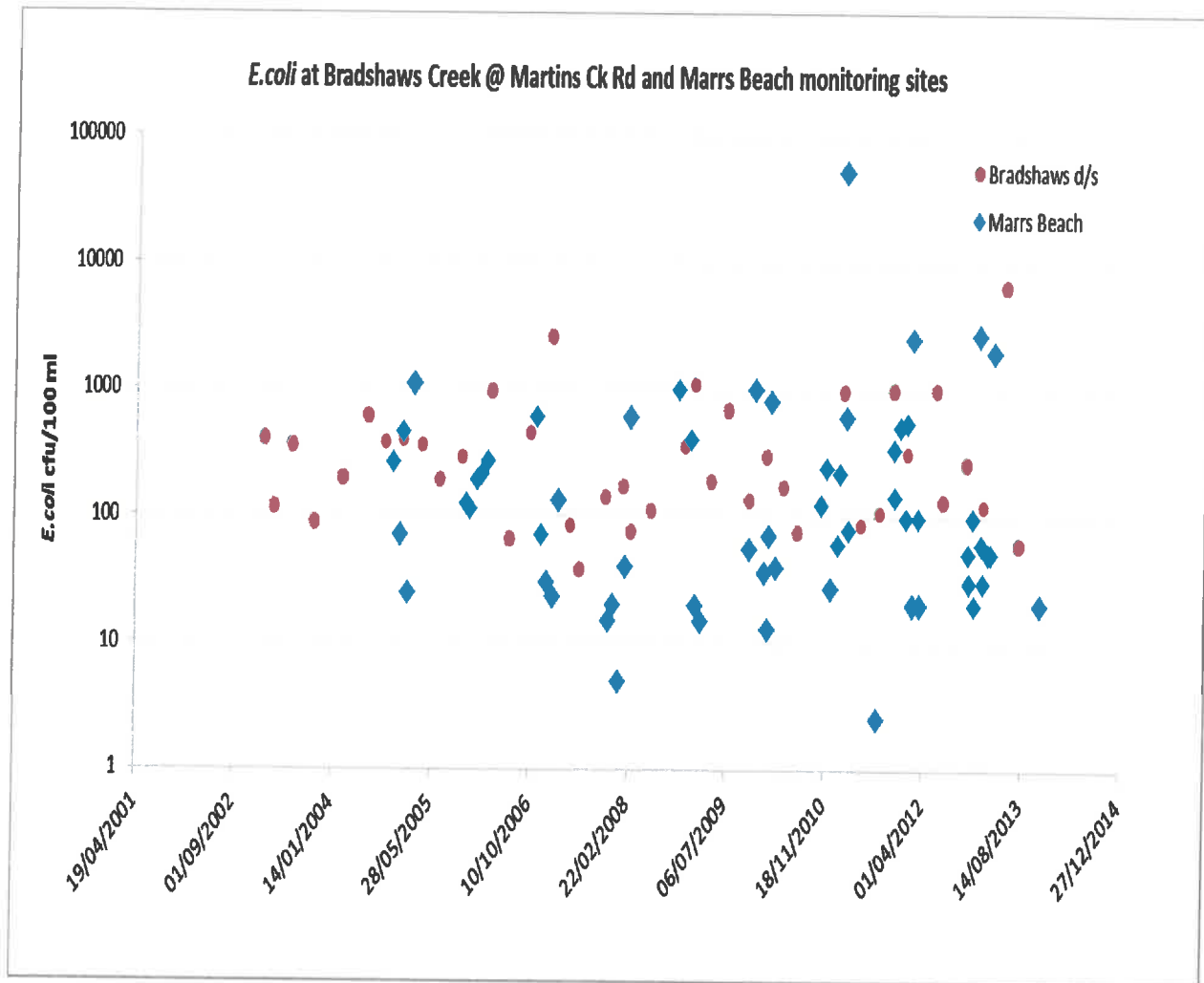


Figure.5. Bradshaw's Creek E. Coli compared to Marrs Beach (samples not taken on same day, Council data only).

2.2. Marrs Beach septic tank

There is one residential property at the northern end of Marrs Beach. The property owner has informed the Council that they installed a new Oasis sewerage system in the last 5 years. Compliance staff are to inspect the system to ensure it is compliant.

2.3. Westport municipal sewerage discharge at the Buller Bridge

Buller District Council samples Marrs Beach, Shingle Beach and 160 m downstream of the Buller Bridge as part of consent requirements relating to their municipal sewerage discharge. Samples are at times collected on the same day.

Marrs and Shingle Beach results show a moderate correlation to results taken from below the sewerage discharge point (Figure 6). This is not a strong relationship (Table 2) and higher beach results (compared to below the bridge) on occasion indicate other sources of potential *E. coli* influence (Figure 7 and 8).

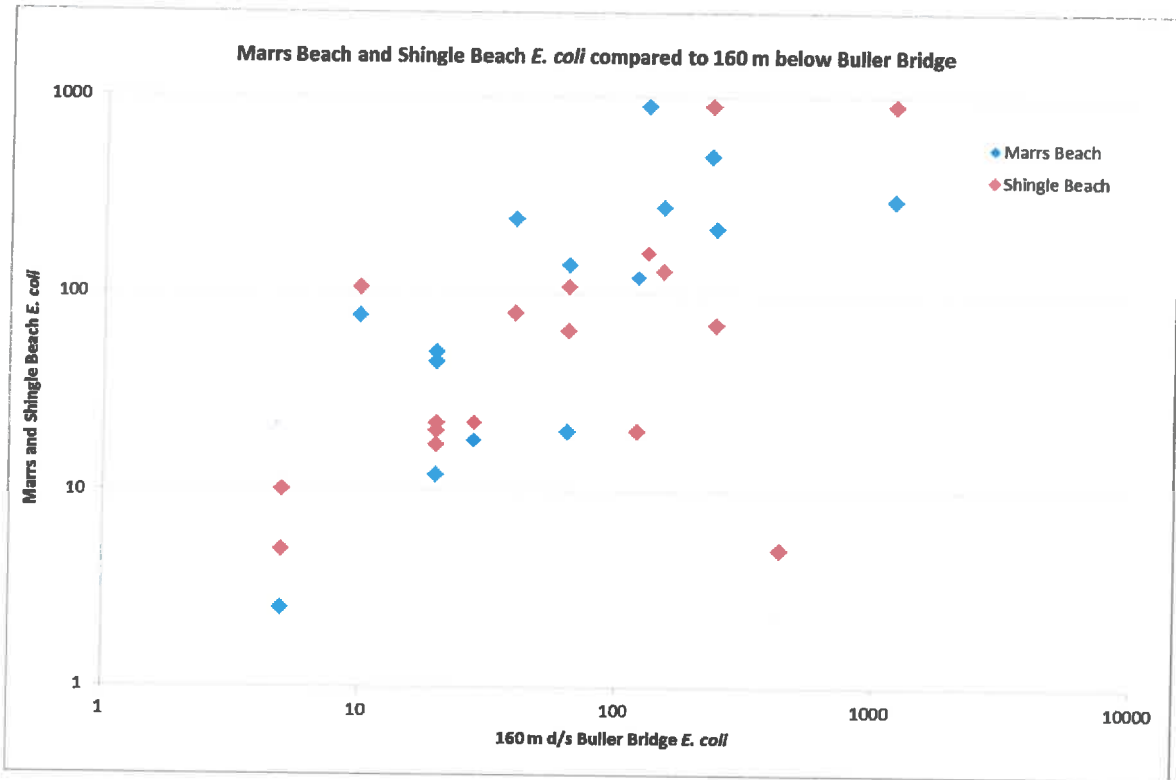


Figure. 6. Correlation between Buller River 160 m below the Buller Bridge to Marrs Beach and Shingle Beach *E. coli* (Graph is log scale).

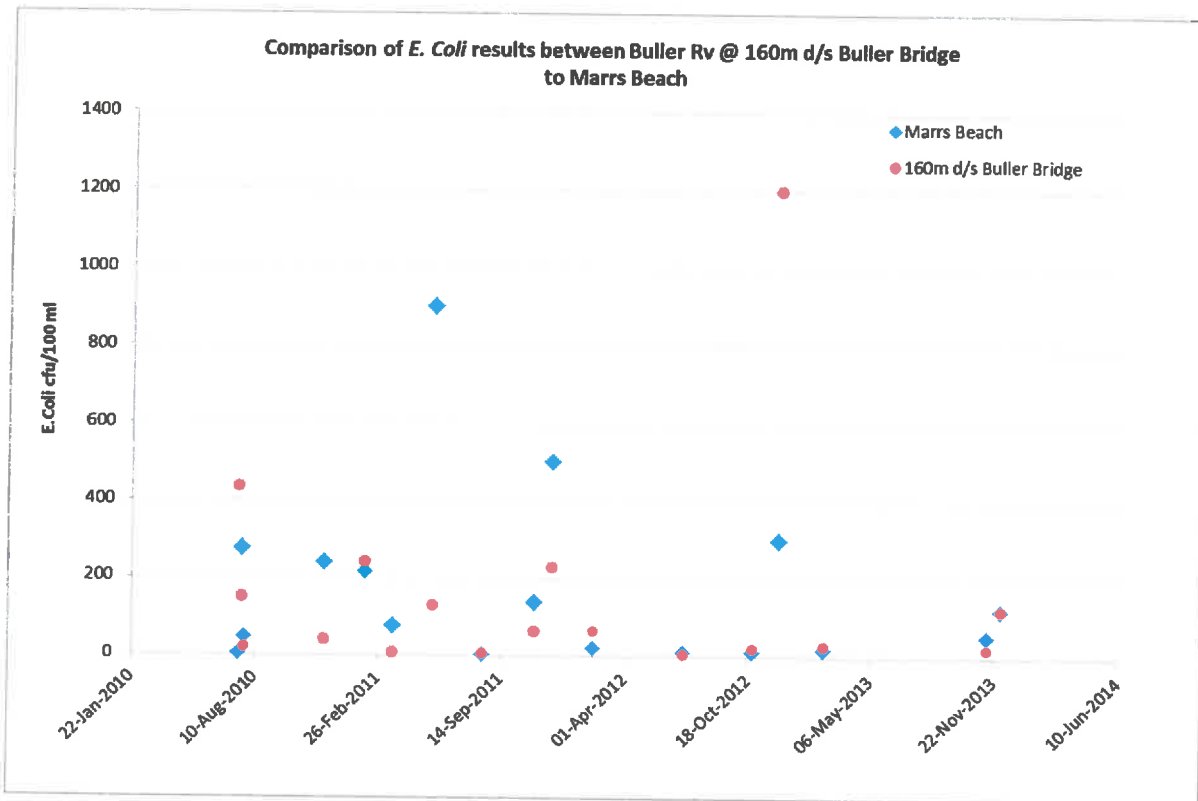


Figure. 7. Upstream Buller River comparison to Marrs Beach.

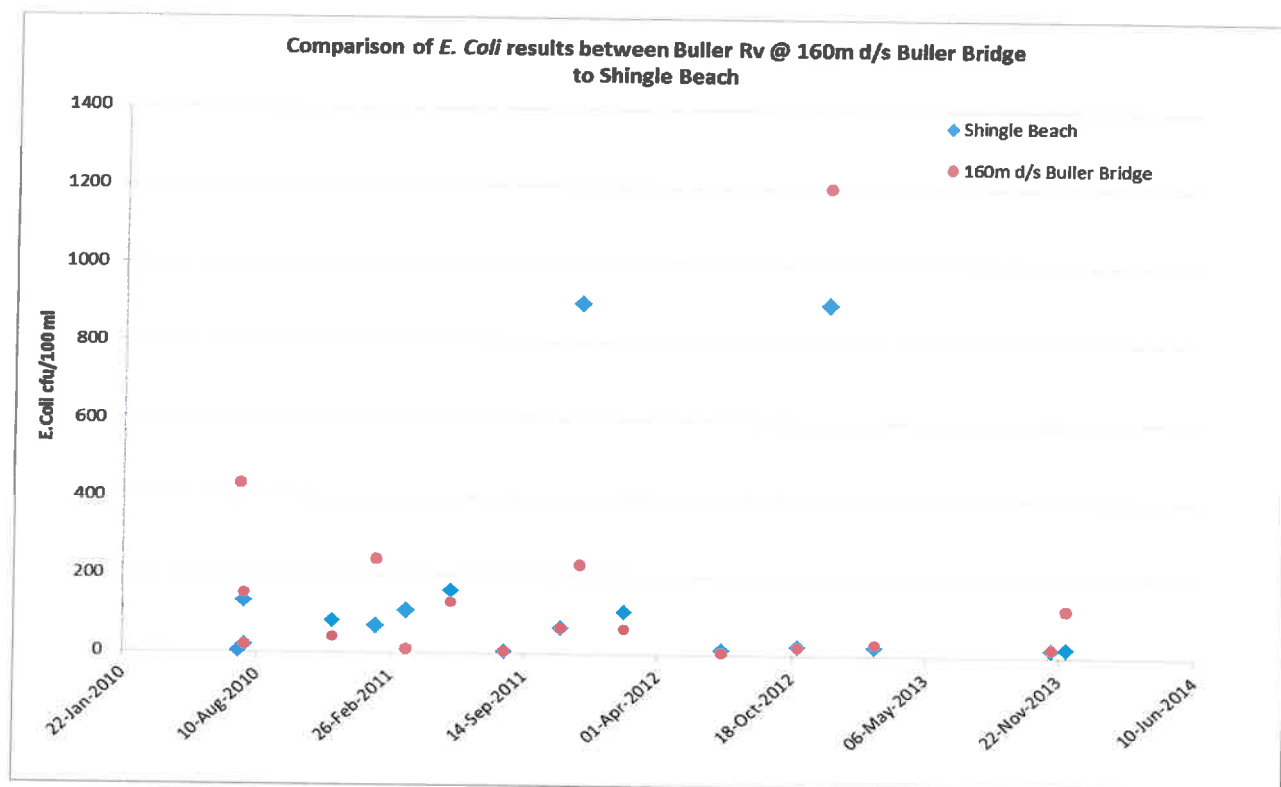


Figure 8. Upstream Buller River comparison to Shingle Beach.

2.4. Talley's fishmeal factory discharge

The consented discharge point for Talley's fishmeal factory is into the Buller River (true right side) upstream of Shingle Beach. The fishmeal factory has been closed since 2004 therefore has had no influence over samples taken. There are plans to re-open the factory in June/July 2014 for the Hoki season.

3. Birds

High numbers of water birds have the potential to cause faecal contamination of water bodies. Bird numbers are recorded on field sheets at the time bathing beach water samples are collected. However, there are no records indicating significant numbers of birds at either beach site at the time of sampling in recent years.

A water sample was taken on 26/02/14 at Marrs Beach when a large number of birds were observed. The result was 30 cfu/100ml *E.coli* (within the very low risk category).

Due to the amount of dilution at the beaches, there would need to be a large number of birds to cause any effect.

4. River level and rainfall

Figures 9 and 10 show *E. coli* results for Marrs and Shingle Beaches compared to river level recorded at the Buller River at Te Kuha flood warning site. Both sites show a slight positive correlation between river level and *E. coli* however the relationship between these variables is not strong and consistent (Table 2).

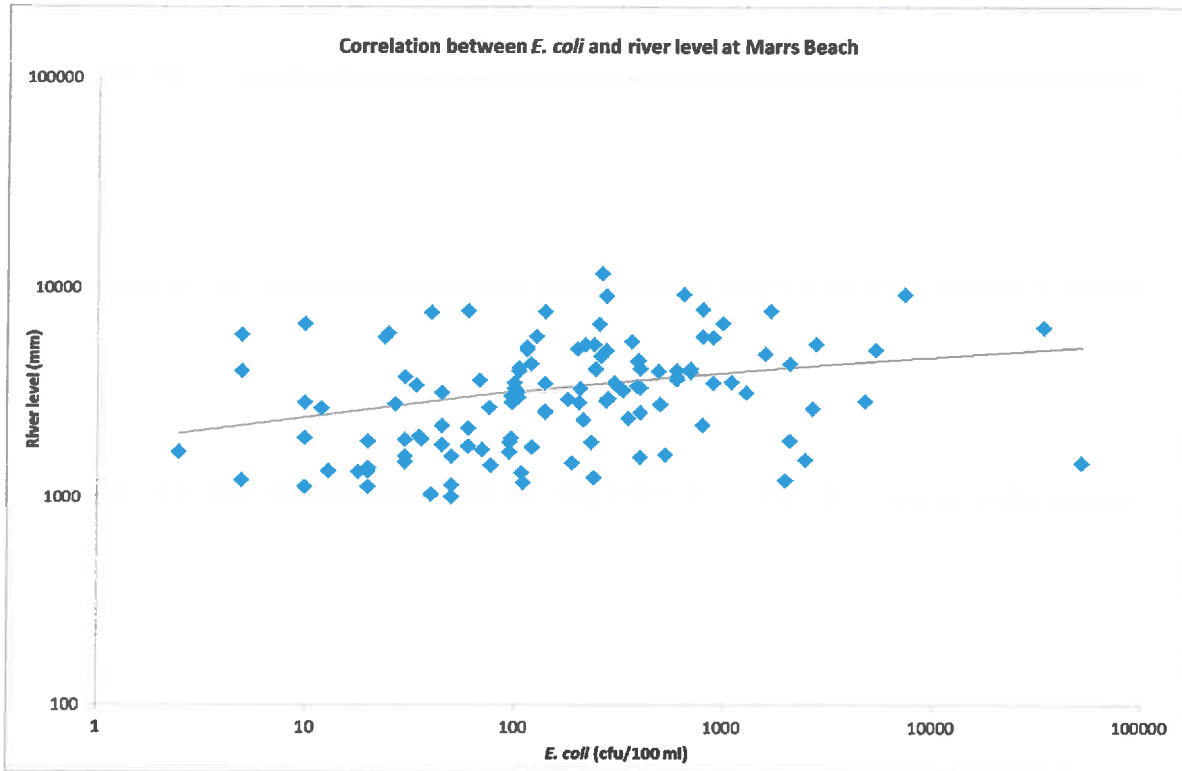


Figure 9. Buller River at MARRS BEACH *E. coli* compared to Buller River level (Graph is in log scale).

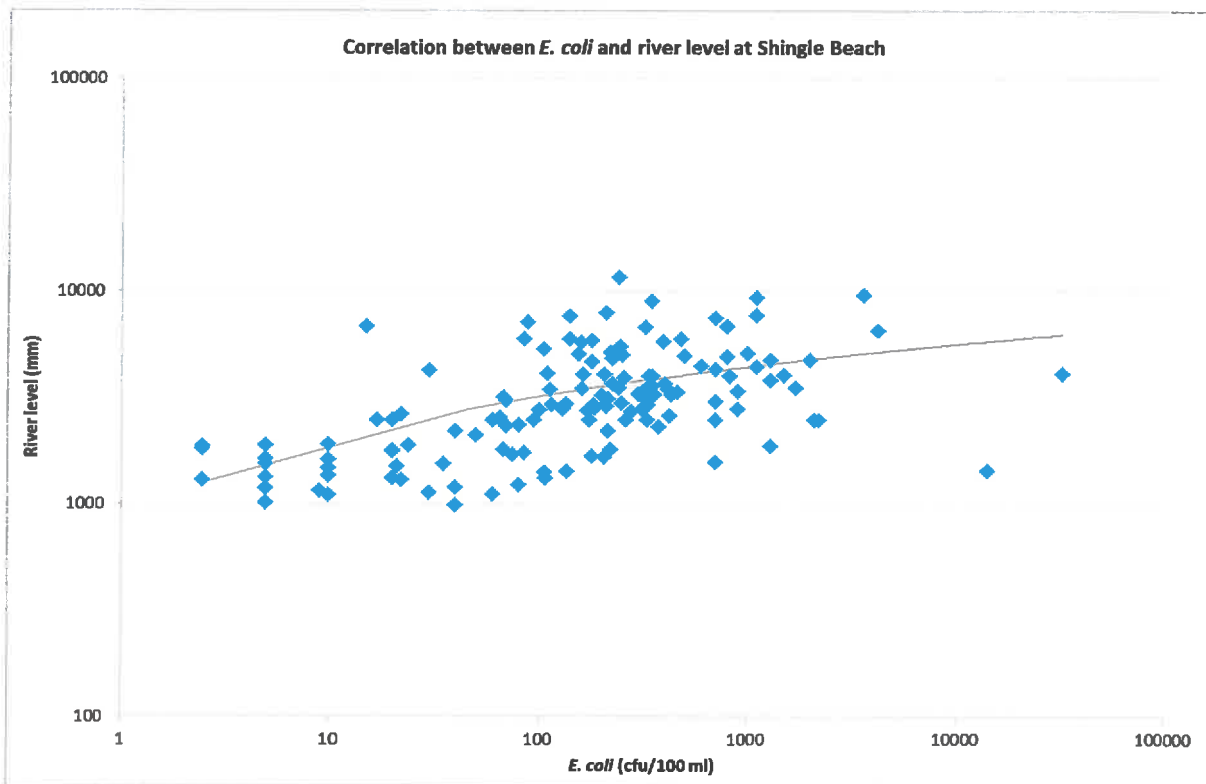


Figure 10. Buller River at SHINGLE BEACH *E. coli* results compared to Buller River level. (Graph is in log scale)

We can also see from Figures 11 and 12 that there is weak relationship between *E. coli* at the beaches and rainfall in the previous 24 hours.

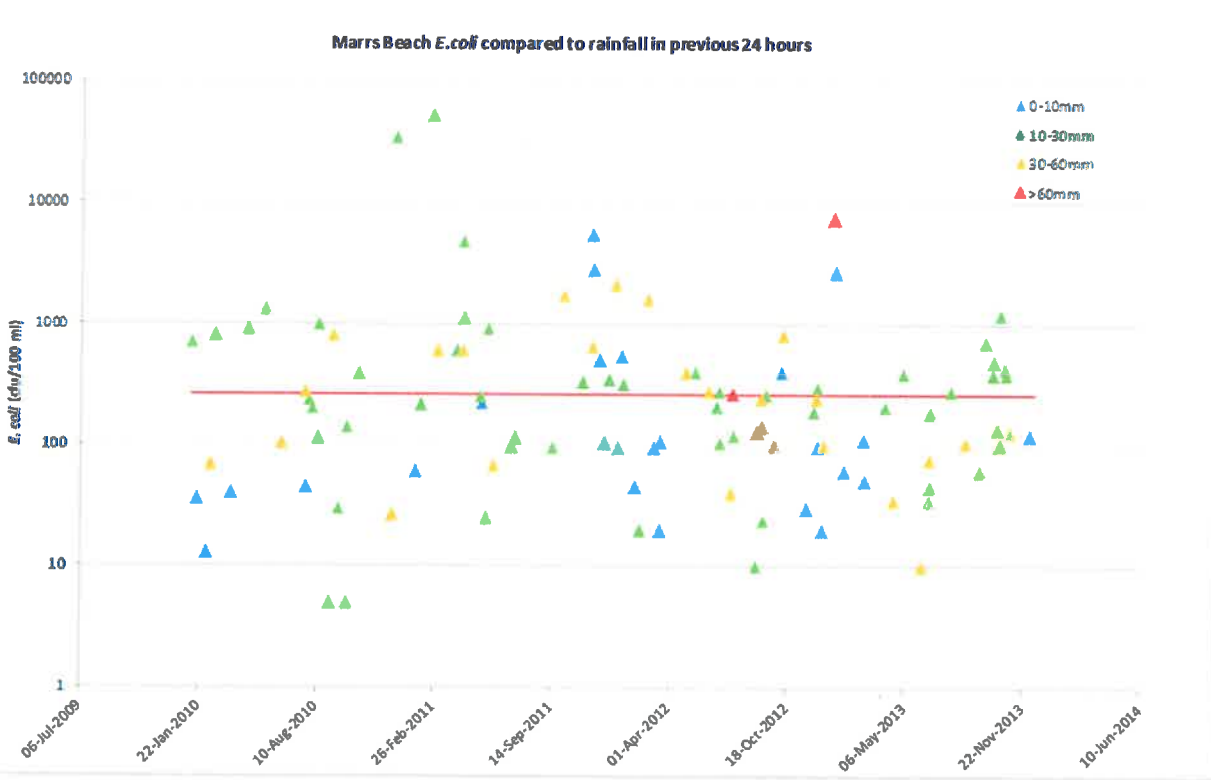


Figure.11. Buller River at Marrs Beach *E. coli* and rainfall comparison (red line shows 260 *E. coli* cfu/100 ml)

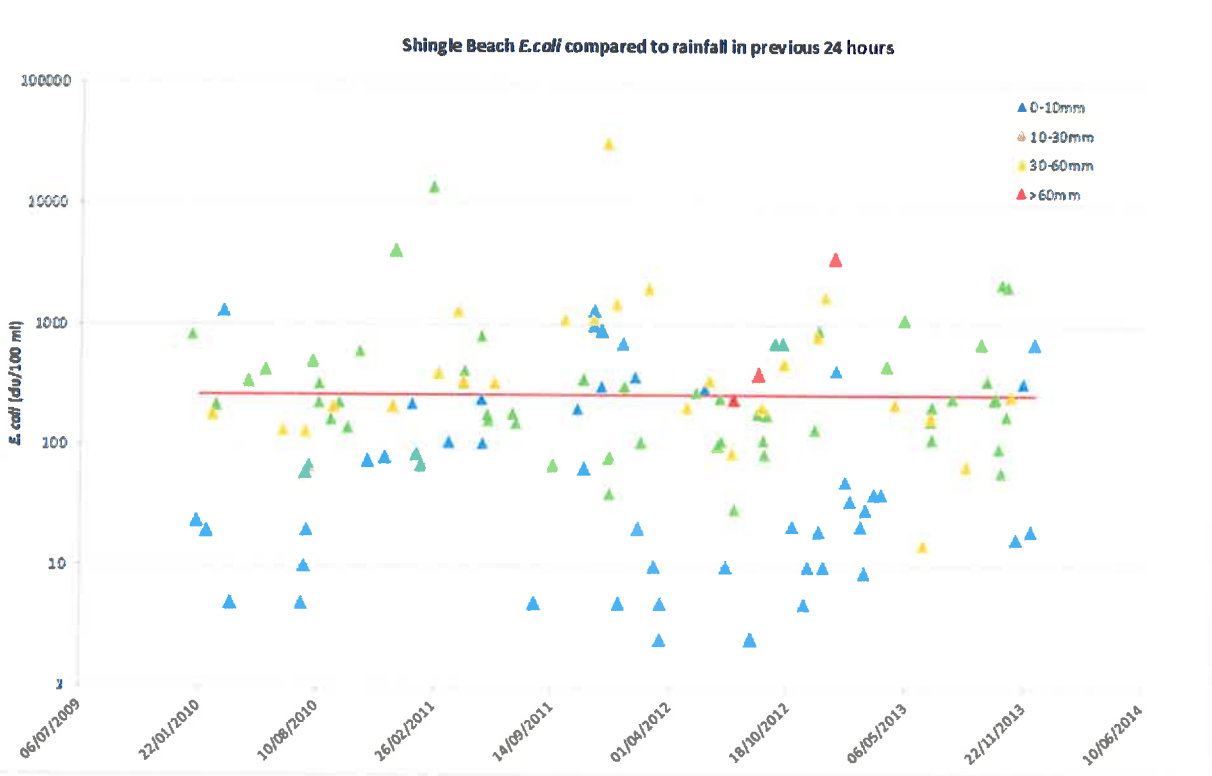


Figure.12. Buller River at Shingle Beach *E. coli* and rainfall comparison (red line shows 260 *E. coli* cfu/100 ml).

The relationship between short term rainfall (previous 24 hours) and *E. coli* at the beaches appears to be stronger than the relationship between longer term rainfall (previous 3 days) and *E. coli* (Table 2).

There is a higher correlation with rainfall, in the previous 24 hours and in the 3 days prior to sampling, at Shingle Beach, although these are still only moderate relationships (Table 2).

The majority of exceedances at both Shingle Beach and Marrs Beach have occurred after light rainfall (10-30 mm) in the previous 24 hours (Table 1).

Where possible, bathing beach monitoring is not carried out after heavy rainfall.

*Table 1. Number of exceedances of the very low risk category (*E. coli* <260 cfu/100 ml) in different rainfall categories at Shingle and Marrs Beaches.*

	Shingle Beach	Marrs Beach
0-10 mm	12	22
10-30 mm	21	26
30-60 mm	13	11
>60 mm	2	2
Total exceedances	48	61

*Table 2. Correlation coefficients for relationships between variables and *E. coli* at Marrs and Shingle Beaches (the nearer an R value is to zero the weaker the relationship).*

Site	R value
Marrs Beach <i>E. coli</i> and 24 hr rainfall	0.29
Shingle Beach <i>E. coli</i> and 24 hr rainfall	0.58
Marrs Beach <i>E. coli</i> and 3 day rainfall	0.16
Shingle Beach <i>E. coli</i> and 3 day rainfall	0.31
Marrs Beach <i>E. coli</i> and river level	0.28
Shingle Beach <i>E. coli</i> and river level	0.55
Marrs Beach <i>E. coli</i> and 160 m d/s Buller Bridge	0.54
Shingle Beach <i>E. coli</i> and 160 m d/s Buller Bridge	0.56

5. Tide direction

Depending on the source of contamination, it was thought that tide direction might influence elevated *E. coli* results at the Marrs Beach or Shingle Beach contact recreation sites. However data shows that tide direction doesn't appear to have an influence on *E. coli* results at either of these beaches (Figure 13 and 14).



Figure. 13. Tide direction compared to *E. coli* results at Buller River at Marrs Beach

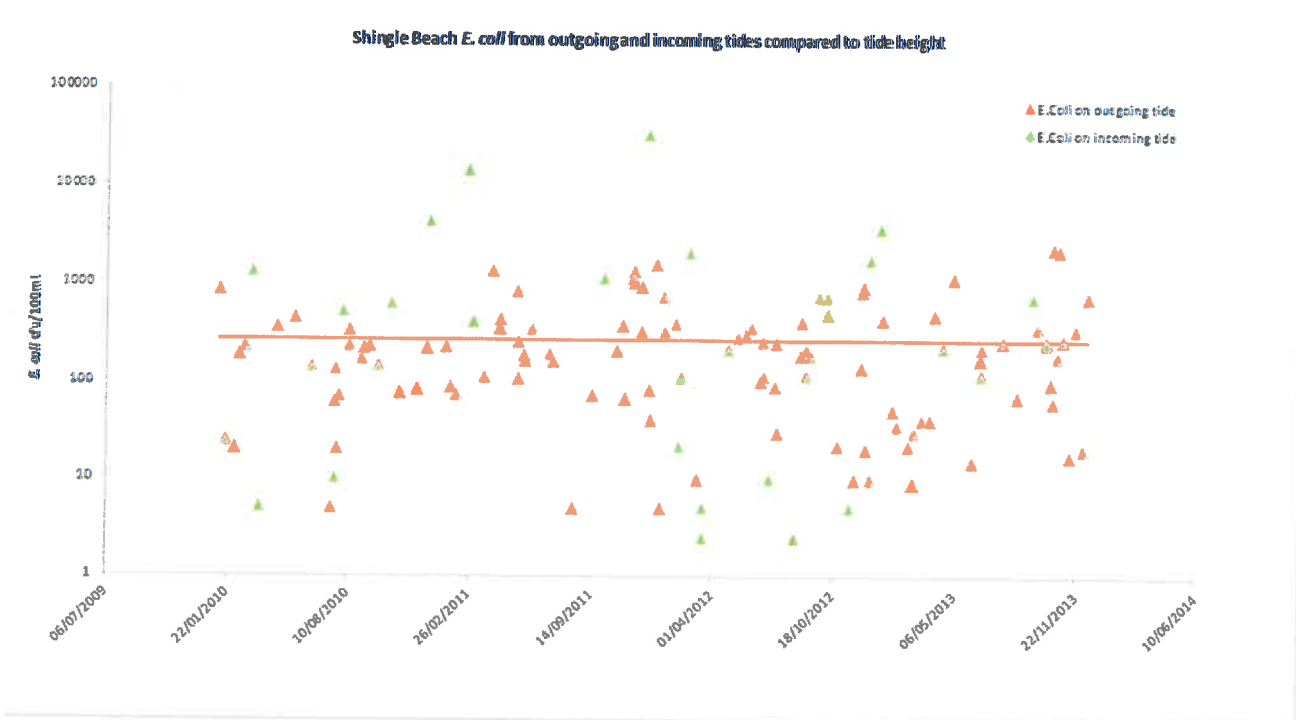


Figure. 14. Tide direction compared to *E. coli* results at Buller River at Shingle Beach.

Conclusions

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Rainfall in the previous 24 hours, river level and point source discharges all have the potential to influence *E. coli* levels at Marrs Beach and Shingle Beach. However none of the relationships were strong. Due to these sites being downstream of a number of possible *E. coli* influences it may be that a combination of these factors has an influence on water quality at Marrs and Shingle Beach.

Marrs Beach *E. coli* results had a weaker correlation with rainfall and river level than Shingle Beach. Targeted sampling results for Marrs Beach at house were consistently higher than at the contact recreation sample location at Marrs Beach. This site may warrant further investigation.

More targeted sampling may also be required to assess the influence of Bradshaw's Creek on Marrs Beach water quality. Data collected so far has shown that under normal conditions Bradshaw's Creek often has higher *E. coli* than Marrs Beach. However on an exceedance occasion Marrs Beach had higher *E. coli* than Bradshaw's Creek. Due to the tendency for higher *E. coli* in Bradshaw's Creek, there is the potential that in certain conditions this may influence water quality at Marrs Beach.

It appears that birds and tide direction are unlikely to be having an influence on water quality at either of these beaches.

If further investigations were to be carried out at these sites, there could be the potential to use lab testing for faecal source tracking. This can give an indication to the source of faecal bacteria, however high levels of *E. coli* are needed for this kind of testing to be used.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council receives this report.*
- 2. That Council undertakes additional sampling on the Buller River in the 2014/15 summer bathing monitoring program to examine the issue further.*

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting 8 April 2014
 Prepared by: Emma Chaney, Senior Resource Science Technician
 Date: 25 March 2014
 Subject: **BATHING BEACH WATER QUALITY SAMPLING UPDATE**

The West Coast Regional Council carries out regular sampling for faecal indicator bacteria (*E.coli* or Enterrococci) at popular contact recreation sites over the summer period, from November through to March. Sampling is currently undertaken at 17 locations, twice per month. The table below presents the results of sampling for the 2014 summer season.

An extra water sample was taken near the mouth of the Hokitika River at Sunset Point in conjunction with the first Hokitika Beach sample in March. The result for the river sample was in the very low risk category.

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

The following table indicates rainfall prior to sampling, where the result falls into the low - moderate or moderate - high risk category.

	Rainfall past 24hrs	Rainfall past week
0-10 mm	*	•
10-30 mm	*	•
30-60 mm	*	•
>60 mm	*	•

😊	< 260 E. coli; < 140 Ent
😞	260-550 E. coli; 140-280 Ent
😞*	> 550 E. coli; > 280 Ent

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives this report.

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
 Prepared by: Jackie Adams - Consents & Compliance Manager
 Date: 28 March 2014
 Subject: **CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**

Non-Notified Resource Consents Granted 6 - 26 March 2014

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	PURPOSE OF CONSENT
RC13054 Arnold Contracting Limited	To disturb the bed of Tatare Stream for the purpose of rock removal.
RC13058 Gary John Stuart	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining adjacent to Kapitea Creek within MP 55034. To take and use water for alluvial gold mining activities adjacent to Kapitea Creek for mining within MP 55034. To discharge sediment-laden water to land in circumstances where it may enter water bodies, namely Kapitea Creek, associated with gold mining activities within MP 55034. To discharge sediment-laden water to water, namely Kapitea Creek, associated with gold mining activities within MP 55034.
RC-2014-0029 Westland Contractors Limited	To disturb the dry bed of the Inangahua River, Reefton for the purpose of gravel extraction.
RC-2014-0037 Westland Contractors Limited	To disturb the dry bed of the Wanganui River, Hari Hari for the purpose of gravel extraction.
RC-2014-0041 New Creek Farm Limited	To discharge treated dairy effluent to land from a dairy shed where it may enter surface water (Buller River) and groundwater near DS630, Inangahua.
RC-2014-0042 Damilko Limited	To disturb the bed of the Whataroa River to construct river protection works (stopbank). To disturb the dry bed of the Whataroa River to extract gravel.
RC-2014-0043 Wayne & Karen Mulholland	To disturb the dry bed of the Mokihinui River, Seddonville, for the purpose of extracting gravel and sand. To disturb the dry bed of Coal Creek, Seddonville, for the purpose of extracting gravel and sand.
RC-2014-0045 Buller District Council	To discharge green waste from a commercial tomato operation to land at the Karamea Landfill.
RC-2014-0046 The Alpine Group Limited	To alter the foreshore/seabed in Jackson Bay for the purposes of placing a structure (boat mooring). To construct a structure (boat mooring) on the foreshore/seabed of Jackson Bay. To occupy space within the foreshore/seabed of Jackson Bay.
RC-2014-0048 MBD Contracting Limited	To disturb the dry bed of the Grey River at the SH7 Bridge, Ikamatua for the purpose of extracting gravel.

RC-2014-0050 North West Livestock Limited	To disturb the dry bed of the Buller River, at Berlins, for the purpose of extracting gravel. To disturb the dry bed of the Buller River at State Highway 67, Westport for the purpose of extracting gravel. To disturb the Coastal Marine Area for the purpose of sand removal at North Beach, Westport.
RC-2014-0052 Myra Grace Sandall	To undertake earthworks and vegetation clearance associated with access track formation within 50m of the Coastal Marine Area, Charleston.

Changes to Consent Conditions granted 6 - 26 March 2014

CONSENT NO, HOLDER & LOCATION	PURPOSE OF CHANGE
RC03225-V1 Mulholland Farms Limited Seddonville	To exclude an area from the humping and hollowing activities.
RC05257-V1 Department of Conservation St Andrews / Charming Creek	To increase the area for an aerial 1080 discharge operation.
RC09092-V1 Geotech Limited Greenstone River	To change conditions relating to the discharge compliance points associated with a gold mining operation.
RC12051-V1 Department of Conservation Mokihinui River Catchment Area	To increase the area for an aerial 1080 discharge operation.
RC13082-V1 Eldon Holdings Limited Deadmans Creek, Ngahere	To remove the need to undertake water metering of the surface water take as the water take has been determined to be non-consumptive.

No Notified Resource Consents were granted 6 - 26 March 2014

Public Enquiries

18 written public enquiries were responded to during the reporting period. 17 were answered on the same day, 1 the following day. 4 LGOIMA requests were responded to, all within the required timeframe.

RECOMMENDATION

That the April 2014 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: 28 March 2014
 Subject: **COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

Site Visits

A total of 72 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period, which consisted of:

Activity	Number of Visits
Resource consent monitoring	11
Dairy farm inspections	37
Mining compliance & bond release	16
Complaint Related	8

Out of the 72 site visits for the reporting period, 56 were compliant and 12 were non-compliant. Four are waiting on sampling results before being rated.

Specific Issues**Dairy farms:**

- A total of 37 farms have been inspected this month.
- 27 have been graded as compliant.
- Four farms are waiting on sampling results to be returned from the lab before a rating can be given.

Alluvial Gold Mining:

- 13 alluvial gold mines were visited this reporting period.
- 12 sites were compliant, one was found to be non-compliant.

Coal Mining:

- Two coal mining consents have been inspected over the reporting period.

Complaints/Incidents between 7 March 2014 and 28 March 2014

The following 10 complaints/incidents were received during the reporting period:

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome
Discharge to air	Complaint regarding spray drift from aerial spraying.	Grey Valley	Enquiries are ongoing.
Gravel Extraction	Complaint regarding a gravel extraction operation.	Westport	Complaint was unsubstantiated
Discharge to land	Complaint that diesel had spilled from a small tanker on a mine site.	Kumara	Enquiries established that the tanker was almost empty and the spill was dealt with by the operator.

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome
Discharge to land	Complaint regarding the discharge of effluent from a piggery.	Greymouth	The site was inspected and the Council is awaiting the results from the samples obtained during the inspection.
Discharge to Coastal Marine Area.	Complaint regarding the discharge from a septic tank to the coastal marine area.	Twelve Mile	The site was inspected and the Council is awaiting the results from the samples obtained during the inspection.
Gold Mining	Complaint regarding the discharge of sediment from a gold mining operation.	Kaniere	The site was inspected and the Council is awaiting the results from the samples obtained during the inspection.
Stock access to water	Complaint regarding dairy animals accessing a creek and causing damage to the banks.	Fairdown	Complaint was unsubstantiated
Stock access to water	Complaint regarding dairy animals accessing a creek and causing damage to the banks.	Rotomanu	The site was inspected and found that dairy animals had grazed the banks of a creek causing significant pugging to the riparian margin. Enforcement action is pending.
Discharge to water	Complaint that milk has spilled into a storm water drain.	Hokitika	The spill was contained and dealt with by the site operator.
Earthworks	Complaint alleging that earth works undertaken on a track access may cause drainage issues to the neighbouring property.	Waimea	Complaint was unsubstantiated

Formal Enforcement Action

Two infringement notices were issued during the reporting period:

Activity	Location
Gold Mining: Two notices issued to the same operator, one notice for the discharge of sediment and one notice for deposition of sediment on the creek bed.	Marsden

One abatement notice was served during the reporting period:

Activity	Location
Dairy: Abatement notice issued requiring that the farms effluent storage capacity is increased to comply with the permitted activity rule for land irrigation of animal effluent.	Taipo

MINING

Work Programmes

The Council received the following eight work programmes during the last reporting period. Four programmes were 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
12/03/14	RC00323	Oceana Gold Ltd	Reefton
13/03/14	RC96051	Birchfield Coal Mines Giles Creek	Reefton
17/03/14	RC06185	Phillip and Darrin Hampton	Rutherglen
17/03/14	RC07129	Charleston Coal Ltd	Charleston
19/03/14	RC01287 & RC11259	Garry Cooper	Waimea
21/03/14	RC12240	3 Quarter Mining Ltd	Reefton
21/03/14	RC06163	Steve Grant Excavating	Blue Spur
28/03/14	RC08109	Matthew Mills	Atarau

The Council **received** three bonds during the reporting period

Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location	Amount
RC06185	Phillip and Darrin Hampton	Rutherglen	\$5,000
RC12126	Meadow Flower Holdings Ltd	Mawheraiti	\$6,000
RC13123	Greid Mining Ltd	Taylorville	\$6,000

The following bond is recommended for **release**

Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location	Amount
RC12126	Leslie Smith	Mawheraiti	\$6,000

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the April 2014 report of the Compliance Group be received.
2. That Council release the bonds held for Resource Consent RC12126 (Leslie Smith).

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 **Tuesday, 8TH April 2014** 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 18 MARCH 2014,
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH,
COMMENCING AT 11.35 A.M.**

PRESENT:

A. Robb (Chairman), A. Birchfield, P. Ewen, P. McDonnell, S. Challenger, N. Clementson, T. Archer.

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:

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (Archer / McDonnell) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 11 February 2014, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

REPORTS:

4.1 ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised that two lots of work were completed in the Wanganui rating district during the month.

M. Meehan reported that a site visit was made with Buller District Council staff to walk over an area that has been highlighted for potential flood protection around Westport. He stated that a concept plan is being worked through that will be completed by July. M. Meehan advised that council has had survey work done and has looked at where potential stop banks could be put in place using existing high ground in places. M. Meehan stated that there will need to be a considerable amount of community and stakeholder consultation done for this potential work as a rating district for Westport would be needed. Cr Clementson stated that he has been asked numerous times what is council doing about the Buller River. He stated it is good to see this being progressed. M. Meehan stated that he received similar feedback from residents when he inspected the Buller River recently. Cr Robb asked Crs Clementson and Archer if they felt there was now an appetite for this. Cr Archer agreed with and stated that the Buller District Council is almost an entirely new council. Cr Clementson also agreed with this. Cr Birchfield stated that a plan is needed before any consultation with anyone is started.

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

Carried

4.2 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to his report advising that a further financial report was circulated via email. Hard copies were circulated at today's meeting. M. Mallinson reported that the seven month financial report shows a surplus of just under \$472,000. M. Mallinson drew attention to page 2 of his report and advised that \$500,000 of capital costs relate to Camelback Quarry. M. Mallinson reported that the Investment Portfolio had an excellent month during February with total gains year to date of \$648,000. M. Mallinson reported that \$50,000 has been deposited into the Catastrophe Fund and this will happen each year until council is comfortable with the amount in this fund. R. Mallinson is requesting that Council's Multi Option Credit Line is increased from \$7.5M to \$8.5M as discussed at the council workshop following the February meeting. R. Mallinson advised that this will give Council room to respond to other demands such as the financing of work that may be carried out at Westport.

Cr Clementson asked how much is Council looking at as a comfortable figure for the Catastrophe Fund? R. Mallinson advised that this fund is sitting at about \$750,000 and Council would like to build this up to \$1.5M which will take a number of years. R. Mallinson advised that around \$50,000 was being put into the LAPP Fund each year but this fund was broken following the two Christchurch earthquakes. R. Mallinson advised that the Westpac Fund Managers will be making their annual presentation at the April meeting.

Moved (Ewen / McDonnell)

1. *That this report be received.*
2. *That Council agrees to an increase in the facilities with Westpac to \$8,500,000 as follows:*
 - *MOCL facilities \$7,500,000*
 - *Other facilities \$1,000,000*

Carried

4.2.1 WARM WEST COAST SCHEME

R. Mallinson spoke to this report and advised that the Warm West Coast Scheme was discussed at the Councillor workshop following the February Council meeting. R. Mallinson reported that EECA has now brought in a more targeted aspect to their subsidies which are now only available to low income homeowners with health issues. R. Mallinson advised that Council changed its policy at the July 2013 meeting to continue to be involved with the scheme even though there was not an EECA grant in place. R. Mallinson stated that Council has no control over its debt levels if the scheme continues. He advised that Council will soon have a loan book in excess of 300 properties very soon. R. Mallinson 1 July 2014 as a date to cease loans outside Reefton, to enable current service provider contractors time to complete current projects. Cr Archer stated that the reason for retaining the Reefton Airshed in the scheme is so that ratepayers can fund whatever the solution for the Reefton air quality issues might be.

Moved (Archer / Clementson)

That the scheme be scaled back so that after 1 July 2014, only property owners in the Reefton Airshed can borrow under the voluntary targeted rate scheme.

Carried

4.2.2 HEADS OF AGREEMENT – CIVIL DEFENCE SHARED SERVICE

C. Ingle spoke to this report and advised that this is the new direction that the Mayors and Chairs want to go in with civil defence. The main change is to coordinate the efforts of the district councils with the region and for the region to increase its resourcing in terms of having a fulltime manager position and the secondment of the part timers in the district councils to the central position. C. Ingle advised that Buller District Council has endorsed the agreement at their recent meeting. C. Ingle stated that the financial implications for this

council will be discussed at the budget workshop following today's meeting. C. Ingle advised that the two other district councils are yet to endorse the agreement and once this agreement is signed it will replace the earlier constitution agreement which was signed back in 2002. Cr Archer stated that this is an excellent outcome and it can do nothing but better the region as a whole. Cr Archer stated that the regional council and each of the district councils will be singing from the same song sheet and this is a very good, unified document. C. Ingle clarified the delegations for spending should there be a civil defence emergency.

Moved (Birchfield / Clementson)

1. *That this report be received.*
2. *That Council endorse the attached Heads of Agreement and authorise the Chairman and CEO to sign and seal the document once we have approval of the other three Councils. This agreement replaces the earlier Constituting Agreement attached as Appendix D.*
3. *That any minor amendments to the document that may be requested by any one of the other Councils, be accepted at the discretion of the Chairman and CEO.*

6.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman spoke to his report. He stated that the main point of discussion at the Freshwater Iwi Leaders Group's meeting was around the freshwater standards and what their goals and aims are. The Chairman advised that the Group's long term aim is to have every water body in New Zealand to be swimmable. He advised they understand that they are part of the communities that have to work on this also. He felt that Sir Mark Solomon is a very good speaker. The Chairman reported that Roger Sutton from CERA gave a presentation on progress to date following the Canterbury earthquakes. The Chairman toured the Red Zone with the RSG and stated that there is a lot of frustration in some areas.

The Chairman reported that an Economist gave a presentation at the RSG meeting. Economic development was discussed and it was agreed that council's should be getting involved in their region's economic development. The Chairman stated that he feels this council is on the right track and regional economic development is very important.

The Chairman advised that he attended the LGNZ Transport Summit. He stated that there is not yet a clear solution on what is going to be done in this area.

The Chairman advised that he and the CEO were well received by the Hon Nathan Guy when they visited him in Wellington. An update on how the West Coast recovered from last year's drought was passed on to the Minister along with an update on the Regional Policy Statement consultation.

The Chairman reported that he attended a presentation at Westland Milk Products on the 26th of February. He stated that he toured the plant and this was interesting.

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

Carried

7.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

C. Ingle spoke of the various meetings he attended and stated that there is quite a lot going. C. Ingle advised that he is unsure whether the RMA changes will happen before the election, he thinks this may be a post-election matter.

C. Ingle stated that he attended a meeting in Westport with the three District Council Chief Executives on the 28th of February. He stated that the main topic was tourism.

C. Ingle advised that the Westpac Financial Advisors paid him a visit last week. He stated that they will be presenting to the April Council meeting.

C. Ingle advised that he has made a submission on Westland Milk Products new drier consent application. He stated that this is a major project in terms of economic development. C. Ingle advised that this council is not involved in the consenting side of this project.

C. Ingle reminded the meeting that the budget round will be held after today's meeting.

Cr Birchfield asked C. Ingle if he could seek support from Selwyn District Council with regard to the Mingha Bluff section of State Highway 73. C. Ingle stated that he spoke with the Chief Executive of Selwyn District

Council regarding this at the recent SOLGM meeting. It was noted that the Mingha Bluffs are actually in the Canterbury region, yet there is a lot of product that travels by this route from the West Coast to Canterbury.

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

Carried

7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 12.18 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 8 April 2014
 Prepared by: Wayne Moen – River Engineer and Paulette Birchfield – Engineering Officer
 Date: 25 March 2014
 Subject: **ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT**

WORKS COMPLETED AND WORKS TENDERED FORSouthside Rating District – Maintenance

Work involving the placement of 1,507 tonnes of rock was completed by Henry Adams Contracting Ltd at a cost of \$24,403.30 (GST Exclusive) (NZTA pay 50% of the total cost of maintenance).

Whataroa Rating District – Maintenance Works

Work involving the placement of 500 tonnes of rock riprap has been tendered.

Karamea Rating District – Urgent Maintenance Works

Work involving the placement of approximately 1,000 tonnes of rock has been tendered.

FUTURE WORKS

- Punakaiki Rating District
- Vine Creek Rating District
- Nelson Creek Rating District
- Kongahu Rating District

Quarries

Rock available as at 20 March 2014

Quarry	Rock Available	Emergency Stockpile
Blackball	2,300	
Camelback	500	1,000
Inchbonnie	10,000	
Kiwi	1,000	-
Whataroa	3,000	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
 Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager
 Date: 31 March 2014

1. Financial Report

My efforts during the past weeks have been focused on ensuring that the Draft Annual Plan was available for adoption at this meeting. I have not had time to prepare a full financial report for the 8 months to 28 February. The next financial report will be for the 9 months to 31 March to be presented to the May meeting.

2. Investment Portfolio

February 2014	Catastrophe Fund	Major Portfolio	Total
Opening balance February 2014	\$ 706,619	\$ 11,168,516	\$ 11,875,135
Income February 2014	\$ 7,093	\$ 111,578	\$ 118,671
Deposit	\$ -	\$ -	
Withdrawal		\$ -	\$ -
Closing balance February 2014	\$ 713,712	\$ 11,280,094	\$ 11,993,806
Total income year to date to February 2014	\$ 37,252	\$ 610,714	\$ 647,966

3. Multi Option Credit Line (MOCL) with Westpac

Following the resolution at the March meeting, I have formally approached Westpac for an increase in our MOCL and a review of the margin we pay the bank with regard to our borrowing. A further deposit of \$50,000 was made to the Catastrophe Fund during March.

4. Adoption of the Draft Annual Plan for 14/15 for public consultation

It is intended to circulate this document in hard copy to Councilors, towards the end of the week ending 4 April. Council is required to use the special consultative procedure set out in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 with regard to the Draft Annual Plan. The Draft Annual Plan (to be circulated) will be the formal Statement of Proposal. The West Coast Messenger on either 16 or 23 April will include the Summary of Information.

Council will need to agree on a date for a Special Meeting to hear from submitters on the Annual Plan. I would recommend that the formal consultation period run from 15 April to 16 May. I would recommend the Special Meeting / Hearing date be in the last week of May.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *That this report be received.*
2. *To formally adopt the Draft Annual Plan for 2014/15 for public consultation.*
3. *The formal consultation period to be notified no later than 15 April 2014, with a closing date for public submissions of Friday 16 May 2014.*
4. *Special meeting date to hear submissions to be decided.*

Robert Mallinson
Corporate Services Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting 8 April 2014
Prepared by: Andrew Robb – Chairman
Date: 28 March 2014
Subject: **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Meetings Attended

- Attended the meeting with Environment Canterbury Commissioners on 25 March.
- I attended a meeting regarding the Haast Hollyford Road on 26 March.
- Met with Hon Amy Adams, Minister for the Environment on 27 March.
- I attended the LGNZ Zone 5 & 6 meeting in Invercargill on 28 March.
- I will be attending the Regional Transport Committee workshop on R Funding on 1 April.
- I will be attending the New Zealand Planning Institute Conference on the 3rd and 4th of April. We along with Environment Southland, Otago Regional Council and Ecan have been asked to speak about collaborative planning. We will use the Reefton Airshed model as our topic.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report is received.

Cr Andrew Robb
Chairman

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting 8 April 2014
Prepared by: Chris Ingle – Chief Executive
Date: 26 March 2014
Subject: **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

Meetings Attended

- I attended the CEG Chairs Forum in Wellington on 19 March.
- I attended Health & Safety Training with the Management Team on 20 March.
- I met with staff from the Department of Internal Affairs on 20 March.
- Attended the meeting with Environment Canterbury Commissioners on 25 March.
- Hosted a visit from Ministry for the Environment staff on 26 March.
- I attended a meeting regarding the Haast Hollyford Road on 26 March.
- Met with Hon Amy Adams, Environment Minister, on 27 March.
- I attended the LGNZ Zone 5 & 6 meeting in Invercargill on 28 March.
- I will be attending the West Coast Council Chief Executive's meeting on 31 March
- The Regional Transport Committee workshop on R funding will be held on 1 April.
- Meeting with the Council's new Audit Director, Scott Tobin, on 2 April.

Annual Plan Process

Robert Mallinson and I have been busy drafting the 2014-2015 Annual Plan Statement of Proposal. Robert has been busy populating the document with the draft budget numbers and verifying them. I have been making the relevant adjustments to the wording in the activity areas to build in new projects like the new Mokihinui River flood warning site.

Once Council have considered and adopted the Statement of Proposal it can be advertised for public submissions.

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.
9 – 10
- 8.1 Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 18 March 2014
 - 8.2 Overdue Debtors Report (to be tabled)
 - 8.3 Response to Presentation (if any)
 - 8.4 In Committee Items to be Released to Media

Item No.	General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution.
8.			
8.1	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 18 March 2014		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.