

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

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

TUESDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2016

The programme for the day is:

11.30 a.m:

Resource Management Committee Meeting

On completion of RMC Meeting:

Council Meeting

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** will be held in the Offices of the West Coast Regional Council, 388 Main South Road, Paroa, Greymouth on **Tuesday, 9 February 2016**

P. EWEN
CHAIRPERSON

M. MEEHAN
Planning and Environmental Manager

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON 8 DECEMBER 2015, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL,
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.**

PRESENT:

P. Ewen (Chairman), A. Robb, A. Birchfield, P. McDonnell (arrived 11.08), T. Archer, N. Clementson, S. Challenger, J. Douglas

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1. APOLOGIES

Moved (Archer / Robb) *That the apology for Cr McDonnell for lateness be accepted.*

Carried

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3. MINUTES

Moved (Robb / Archer) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 9 November 2015, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

PRESENTATION

The Chairman welcomed Rachel Roberts, Chairperson of Enterprise Hokitika to the meeting. She was accompanied by Barry Wilson, Chairman of the Central Business Group. Mr Wilson represents the business owners in the CBD. R. Roberts addressed the meeting and advised that Enterprise Hokitika is an Incorporated Society and has roles in tourism promotions, marketing of Hokitika, and the Cool Little Town branding. R. Roberts stated that Enterprise Hokitika presented to the Hokitika Seawall Rating District meeting to try to get a recommendation to WCRC to relook at the previously proposed E Class. R. Roberts spoke at length about the merits of the E class. She feels that there was not enough consultation on this matter and that the B Class is funding the lion's share of the rate. R. Roberts stated she would like Council to revisit this matter and to look at a fairer system. Cr Archer stated that the prime purpose when setting rates is looking at who the affected parties are. Cr Archer asked several questions of R. Roberts. B. Wilson addressed the meeting. He expressed his concern that the B Class are paying the major proportion. B. Wilson stated that Central Business Group feel there should be a B class member on the seawall committee. B. Wilson stated those outside the town boundary from Kaniere out, have stated that they do not benefit from the CBD. B. Wilson stated that these people work in town and use the CBD and they do benefit from the seawall. Cr Ewen advised that this sort of situation is not unique to Hokitika as there is the same situation in Greymouth with the Coal Creek rating district. Cr Ewen stated that Council is very conscious of a double up situation for people that have been paying rates for flood protection for many years. Cr Ewen stated that Council endeavours to get the best benefit for the community concerned. Cr Ewen advised that Council would be back in touch once they have considered this presentation. Cr Robb informed R. Roberts of the makeup of the Hokitika Seawall committee and stated that there are three councillors from Westland District Council, himself as Chairman, and Cr Challenger and

Cr McDonnell who represent the Westland constituents on the Regional Council. Cr Robb stated that the makeup of this committee is very similar to the makeup of the Greymouth Joint Floodwall Committee which has worked well over the years. Cr Robb stated that smaller rating districts committees are made up from members of the rating district. B. Wilson stated that Enterprise Hokitika do not want any favours; they just want a level playing field. Cr Ewen thanked B. Wilson and R. Roberts for their presentation.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Ewen reported that he attended the Lake Brunner presentation with fellow Councillors. He stated this was a good news story for Council. Cr Ewen attended the last of the rating district meetings for the year and dealt with a couple of routine enquiries.

Moved (Ewen / Robb)

Carried

5. REPORTS

5.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

5.1.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT MANAGERS REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised that Summary of Decisions Requested for the RPS was notified on 6 December. M. Meehan stated that as a result of the slight extension of the submission period a further 12 further submissions are expected.

M. Meehan reported that the recent Pest Plant Forum was held on 26 of November. He advised that NZTA, DoC, district councils, Dairy NZ, LINZ and other agencies attended with good discussions on the National Policy Direction, and implementing this through the next plan review. M. Meehan reported that staff have started to draft the Plan and this will be brought back to council in March or April for further discussion.

Moved (Archer / Challenger) *that the report is received.*

Carried

5.1.2 PROPOSED REGIONAL COASTAL PLAN

M. Meehan spoke to this report. He stated that the Coastal Plan Review has been through a number of councillor workshops and pre consultation with DoC, district councils and Hui's with Iwi. The Proposed Coastal Plan has now been refined and the final draft has been workshopped. M. Meehan stated that the Plan can now be notified but due to the Christmas period coming up he would like the Plan to be notified on 25 January with the closing date for submissions being 21 March 2016. M. Meehan answered various questions from Councillors.

Moved (Archer / Birchfield)

That Council approve the Proposed Regional Coastal Plan for public notification on 25 January 2016, and the accompanying Section 32 Evaluation Report, in accordance with Section 5 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act.

Carried

5.1.3 PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONER FOR THE ENVOIRONMENT REPORT ON SEA LEVEL RISE

M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised that this is a follow up on the November 2014 report. He stated that no maps were prepared for this region as there is no LiDAR information that supports it. M. Meehan advised that the PCE has made several recommendations to central government which he outlined to the meeting. M. Meehan stated that when council has constructed rock walls, they can be added to in the future with regard to sea level rise and climate change predictions. He stated that there are communities around the region that are facing erosion issues irrespective of climate change. M. Meehan advised that the erosion issue at Neils Beach is linked to the mouth of the river not supplying the sediment that it was supplying to the southern area because of a shift in the river mouth following a flood event in December 2010. Cr Birchfield stated that he has read the PCE's report and he disputes a lot of

the content as some content is inaccurate and they are only guessing. Cr Birchfield stated that Hon Bill English has stated that Government will not budget for speculative costs as it is only speculation what sea level is going to do. Cr Birchfield agrees with Hon Bill English and stated that sea level rise is only speculation. Cr Archer stated that he believes sea levels are rising, but feels we should focus on guidance and advice on how to deal with the communities in areas that are under some threat. Cr Ewen stated that he has lived at Rapahoe for 40 years and he has noticed changes in this coastal community with sea level changing.

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

Carried

5.1.4 ENVIRONMENT AOTEAROA 2015

M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised that through Statistics New Zealand and MfE, the Government is reporting on the five key areas: air, atmosphere and climate, fresh water, land and marine and biodiversity, with the idea to get a national picture on what is happening in these different spaces. M. Meehan advised that every three years a whole report is put together and combining all areas into one overall report to show the state of environment over the five areas. M. Meehan stated that there is also very good information on the LAWA website. M. Meehan stated that there may be worsening water quality in some lowland rivers in other regions but as far as this region goes; we are doing quite well and either maintaining or enhancing water quality.

Moved (Clementson / Challenger) *That the report is received.*

Carried

5.1.5 FEEDBACK ON LGNZ POSITION ON RMA REFORM

M. Meehan spoke to this report. M. Meehan advised that a draft response was circulated to councillors and no changes were made. This was then forwarded on to LGNZ. M. Meehan stated that most of the changes suggested by LGNZ are supported. M. Meehan spoke to this report in detail. M. Meehan advised that council supports the removing of the ability to appeal to the Environment Court on Plans initiated under the RMA. He stated if this is done right then appeals to the Environment Court can be avoided except on points of law.

Moved (Clementson / Challenger) *That this report be received.*

Carried

5.1.6 BATHING BEACH WATER QUALITY SAMPLING UPDATE

M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised this is the first report for the coming season.

Moved (Robb / McDonnell) *That this report be received.*

Carried

5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to this report and advised that 11 non notified resource consents were granted during the reporting period. He advised that three changes for reviews of consent conditions were granted and four notified or limited notified resource consents were granted during the reporting period. C. Ingle reported that six submissions on Westland District Council's application for the Hokitika sewage oxidation ponds consent application were received with five submitters wishing to be heard in regard to their submissions.

Moved (Archer / Birchfield) *that the December 2015 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Carried

5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised that 120 site visits were made during the reporting period. He stated that dairy farm inspections are being carried out with the focus on the non-compliant farms from the previous year. M. Meehan advised that the whitebait season is now finished and inspections will be carried out to ensure that whitebait stands have been removed. M. Meehan reported that one formal warning was issued; three infringement notices and one abatement notice were issued during the reporting period. M. Meehan advised that enquiries are ongoing regarding the truck washing facility in Westport. M. Meehan answered various questions from Councillors.

Moved (Robb / Birchfield)

1. *That the December 2015 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
2. *That the bonds for RC03181 is released.*

Carried

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

J. Douglas passed on Ngai Tahu's thanks to council for their mahi and guidance over the year and also for the consultation that has been done this year.

Cr Ewen wished everyone well for the Christmas and New Year period.

Cr Ewen suggested that a letter of congratulations is sent to Maureen Pugh to congratulate her on her entrance into Parliament.

The meeting closed at 11.33 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting
 Prepared by: Stefan Beaumont
 Date: 29/01/2016

Subject: HYDROLOGY & FLOOD WARNING UPDATE

Flood Warning

The flood warning team has been busy this summer with flood alarms. Since the November meeting there have been 12 flood alarms responded to. The largest event was on the Hokitika River on the 27th of November where a mean annual flood occurred.

Site	Time of peak	Peak level	Warning Issued	Alarm threshold
Karamea River @ Gorge	08/01/2016 14:00	4309mm	08/01/2016 13:10	4000mm
Buller River @ Te Kuha	08/01/2016 11:25	7402mm	No warning issued*	7400mm
Grey River @ Dobson	08/01/2016 20:25	4323mm	08/01/2016 15:20	3400mm
Hokitika River @ Gorge	27/11/2015 10:50	5194mm	27/11/2015 08:45	3750mm
Hokitika River @ Gorge	3/12/2015 16:00	4280mm	3/12/2015 07:25	3750mm
Hokitika River @ Gorge	08/01/2016 05:45	4347mm	08/01/2016 04:35	3750mm
Waiho Rv @ SH6	20/11/2015 12:00	8085mm	20/11/2015 11:15	8000mm
Waiho Rv @ SH6	24/11/2015 12:15	8126mm	24/11/2015 11:00	8000mm
Waiho Rv @ SH6	27/11/2015 14:45	8470mm	27/11/2015 02:30	8000mm
Waiho Rv @ SH6	3/12/2015 22:00	8405mm	3/12/2015 09:00	8000mm
Waiho Rv @ SH6	24/01/2016 21:50	8589mm	24/01/2016 12:45	8000mm
Waiho Rv @ SH6	25/01/2016 22:00	8506mm	25/01/2016 20:30	8000mm

*Buller River @ Te Kuha alarm was only 2mm above its alarm for 5 minutes so no warning was issued.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report is received

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting, 9 February 2016
 Prepared by: Emma Chaney, Senior Resource Science Technician
 Date: 29 January 2016
Subject: BATHING BEACH WATER QUALITY SAMPLING UPDATE

The West Coast Regional Council carries out regular sampling for faecal indicator bacteria (*E.coli* or Enterococci) at popular contact recreation sites over the summer period, from November through to March. Sampling is currently undertaken at 20 locations, twice per month. The table below presents the results of sampling for the 2015 -16 summer season.

A number of samples exceeded the very low risk threshold for recreational water quality. In most cases there had been light to heavy rainfall in the week prior to sampling, which is the likely cause of the elevated results. On two occasions the moderate to high risk threshold was exceeded.

SITE	Nov	Nov	Dec	Dec	Jan	Jan
Carters Beach at campground beach access	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●
North Beach at tip head road steps	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●
Buller River at Shingle Beach	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●
Buller River at Marrs Beach	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●
Rapahoe Beach at end of Statham St	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●
Seven Mile Creek at SH6 Rapahoe	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●
Nelson Ck at Swimming Hole Reserve	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●
Grey River at Taylorville Swimming Hole	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●
Cobden Beach at Bright 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	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●
Kaniere River at Kaniere Kokatahi Rd	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●
Lake Mahinapua at Shanghai Bay	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●
L. Kaniere @ Sunny Bight jetty	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●
L. Kaniere @ Hans Bay boat ramp	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●
L. Kaniere @ Hans Bay jetty	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●	😊*●

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 the report is received.

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environmental Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee
 Prepared by: Karen Glover - Consents & Compliance Administration Officer
 Date: 28 January 2016
 Subject: **CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**

CONSENTSConsents Site Visits 25 November 2015 – 27 January 2016

DATE	NAME, ACTIVITY & LOCATION	PURPOSE
27/11/15	PA-2015-9028 – Housing West Coast Ltd, Onsite wastewater discharge, Tasman View Road	To undertake a site visit to assess the proposal against Rule 79 of the Regional Land and Water Plan.
18/12/15	RC-2015-0161 – Martin Syron, Gravel Take, Waimangaroa	Visited site with Applicant to establish what work was planned and to assess the availability and volume of gravel at the site.

Non-Notified Resource Consents Granted 25 November 2015 – 27 January 2016

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	PURPOSE OF CONSENT
RC12013 Value Proteins Limited	To take ground water from a bore for the purposes of a potable water supply and irrigation. To take gravel from the dry and wet bed of (Muddy) Jacks Creek. To take gravel from the riparian margin of (Muddy) Jacks Creek.
RC-2015-0113 CJ Smith & LJ Schwass	To disturb the foreshore within Mining Permit 56564 for the purpose of undertaking black sand (gold) mining at Little Wanganui. To stockpile auriferous sand associated with black sand (gold) mining within Mining Permit 56564 at Little Wanganui. To take black sand from the Coastal Marine Area within Mining Permit 56564 for the purpose of undertaking black sand (gold) mining at Little Wanganui. To take and use coastal water for the purpose of undertaking black sand (gold) mining within Mining Permit 56564 at Little Wanganui.
RC-2015-0134 NZG Limited	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining within MP 53078, Mikonui. To disturb the bed of Wilson Creek within MP 53078 associated with water diversion. To divert the flow of Wilson Creek within MP 53078 associated with alluvial gold mining. To take and use water for alluvial gold mining activities within MP 53078.

	To discharge sediment-laden water to land in circumstances where it may enter water, namely the Mikonui River and its tributaries, associated with alluvial gold mining within MP 53078.
	To discharge sediment-laden water to water, namely the Mikonui River and its tributaries, associated with alluvial gold mining within MP 53078.
RC-2015-0143 Phoenix Mining Limited	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining within MP 41806, Kangaroo Creek.
	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining within MP 41806, Kangaroo Creek.
	To divert the flow of Kangaroo Creek and its tributaries within MP 41806 associated with alluvial gold mining.
	To take and use water for alluvial gold mining activities within MP 41806.
	To discharge sediment-laden water to land in circumstances where it may enter water, namely Kangaroo Creek and its tributaries associated with alluvial gold mining within MP 41806.
	To discharge sediment-laden water to water namely Kangaroo Creek and its tributaries associated with alluvial gold mining within MP 41806.
RC-2015-0147 Westland Milk Products	To discharge contaminants to land where it may enter water, Hokitika River.
RC-2015-0157 Graham Albert Ford	To disturb the dry bed of New River for the purpose of removing gravel.
	To disturb the dry bed of Cariboo Creek for the purpose of removing gravel.
RC-2015-0160 Transpower New Zealand Limited	To undertake earthworks and vegetation clearance within a Schedule 2 Wetland, Dublin Terrace Pakihi, Harrys Track, Upper Buller Gorge Scenic Reserve.
RC-2015-0161 Martin Joseph Syron	To take ground water for a potable water supply and irrigation.
	To disturb the dry bed of Waimangaroa River for the purpose of removing gravel.
RC-2015-0162 Davana Farming Limited	To take and use surface water from the Rough River for the purposes of irrigation.
	To disturb the bed of the Rough River associated with the construction of an intake structure to take water.
RC-2015-0163 Lawrence James Hill	To discharge treated onsite sewage wastewater to land at Paroa, 203 Coulson Road on Lot 2 DP 2371.

RC-2015-0164 New Zealand Transport Agency	To disturb the bed of Briar Creek to undertake protection works (rock armouring, diversion and stream training). To temporarily and permanently divert water in Briar Creek from protection structures. To temporarily discharge sediment to water associated with the construction of river protection and diversion works, Briar Creek.
RC-2015-0165 Utopia Farms Limited	To discharge treated dairy effluent to land from a dairy shed (DS) where it may enter surface water (Beaton Creek) and groundwater near DS794, Westport.
RC-2015-0167 Greid Minning Limited	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining within MP 53750, German Gully, Waimea Forest. To take and use water for alluvial gold mining activities within MP 53750 at German Gully, Waimea Forest. To discharge sediment-laden water to land in circumstances where it may enter water, namely German Gully and its tributaries associated with alluvial gold mining within MP 53750 at German Gully, Waimea Forest.
RC-2015-0168 DJ & ZR Siebelink	To discharge treated onsite sewage wastewater to land at 74 Powerhouse Road on Lot 2 DP 358358.
RC-2015-0169 Department of Conservation	To disturb the bed of Coalbrookdale Creek for the purpose of constructing piles for an existing bridge and rock protection works.
RC-2015-0173 Hislop Farms Limited	To discharge treated dairy effluent to land from a dairy shed (DS) in circumstances where it may enter ground water through seepage from the treatment ponds, near DS829, Wangapeka Valley.
RC-2015-0174 Ross Murray Lemon	To take and use ground water for the purposes of alluvial gold mining within Mining Permit MP 41932.
RC-2016-0004 Hochstetter Holdings Limited	To disturb the bed of Nelson Creek to construct diversion channels and river protection. To divert water, Nelson Creek.
RC-2016-0006 Henry Adams Contracting Limited	To discharge demolition waste/clean fill to land, Cobden.

Changes to and Reviews of Consent Conditions granted 25 November 2015 – 27 January 2016

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	PURPOSE OF CHANGE/REVIEW
RC07003-V1 Brian Robert Morgan	To change conditions to allow for an increase in cow numbers at Mokihinui DS817.
RC08180-V3 Grabeth Holdings Limited	To allow for stockpiling associated with black sand gold mining, Ross to Ruatapu.
RC-2014-0027-V1 Kaitiaki Lands Limited	To increase the number of cows to be milked and to alter the effluent management system at DS363 Rotomanu.

Notified or Limited Notified Resource Consents granted 25 November 2015 – 27 January 2016

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	PURPOSE OF CONSENT
RC-2015-0129 NZ Garnet Limited	<p>To undertake earthworks associated with mining activities adjacent to Mahinapua Creek, Ruatapu and within EP 60054.</p> <p>To take and use ground water for the purposes of mining activities adjacent to Mahinapua Creek, Ruatapu and within EP 60054.</p> <p>To discharge sediment-laden water to land in circumstances where it may enter water, namely Mahinapua Creek and its tributaries at Ruatapu associated with mining within EP 60054.</p>

Notified Consents Update

The submission period for the Westland District Council's application for the continued operation of the Hokitika Sewage Oxidation Ponds closed on 10 November 2015. The hearing will take place with Mr Don Turley as the Hearing Commissioner on Tuesday 23 February 2016.

Public Enquiries

74 written public enquiries were responded to during the reporting period. 66 (89%) were answered on the same day, and the remaining eight (11%) the following day.

RECOMMENDATION

That the February 2016 report of the Consents Group be received.

Chris Ingle
Chief Executive

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee – 9 February 2016
 Prepared by: Colin Helem & Sandra Cox - Senior Compliance Officers
 Date: 28 January 2016
 Subject: **COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

Site Visits

A total of 113 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period, which consisted of:

Activity	Number of Visits
Resource consent monitoring	19
Mining compliance & bond release	25
Complaint Related	8
Dairy Farm	61

Out of the 113 total site visits for the reporting period, 89 visits were compliant, 23 visits were non-compliant and 1 visit is yet to be rated as Council is awaiting sampling results.

- **Mining visits**

Gold Mining: 23 alluvial gold mining inspections were carried out during the month. 1 of these inspections resulted in enforcement action.

Coal Mining: 2 coal mining inspections were carried out during the month.

- **Dairy Farms**

61 dairy farm inspections were carried out. 44 farms were graded compliant, 16 farms were graded non-compliant, due to minor issues, 1 farm is awaiting sampling results.

Complaints/Incidents between 25 November 2015 and 28 January 2016

The following 12 complaints/incidents were received during the reporting period:

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome	INC/Comp
Creek diversion	Complaint alleging that a creek has been diverted and caused flooding to a property.	Grey Valley	Enquiries were undertaken and established that the creek banks were reinstated on behalf of the Grey District Council to prevent flooding over the public road. No diversions were undertaken and there was no breach of the Regional Rules.	Complaint
Discharge to water	Complaint regarding a creek running discoloured with sediment	Fairdown	Enquiries established that there had been a slip in the upper catchment.	Complaint
Dead Stock	Complaint advising that there were dead cows in the Arahura River.	Milltown	Site investigated and no dead stock were located, the complaint was unsubstantiated.	Complaint

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome	INC/Comp
Discharge to water	Complaint regarding the discharge of dairy effluent from a stock underpass.	Arahura Valley	The site was visited and the operator was required to undertake remedial work to improve their effluent system at the underpass.	Complaint
Discharge to land	Complaint regarding the discharge of dairy effluent to land.	Karamea	The site was investigated and established that the farmer was emptying his slurry tanker onto land. There was no adverse effect however the activity required resource consent.	Complaint
Discharge to land	Complaint received that an effluent spray irrigator was causing effluent to run off into a creek.	Taramakau	The site was investigated and the complaint was unsubstantiated.	Complaint
River diversion	Complaint received that the Wainihinihi Creek had been diverted.	Milltown	The site was investigated and established that the river had been diverted in several places without resource consent. An abatement notice was issued for remedial work to be undertaken.	Complaint
Discharge to water	Complaint regarding the discharge of sediment into the Grey River.	Taylorville	The site was investigated and the complaint was unsubstantiated.	Complaint
Discharge to air	Complaint that the burning of plastic had caused a strong odour.	Boddytown	The site was investigated and found that some plastic had been burnt by a youth while cleaning up a yard behind a business premises. Advised not to burn any further plastics.	Complaint
Earthworks	Complaint that gravel extraction from a quarry is causing erosion problems	Franz Josef	Enquiries are ongoing.	Complaint
Discharge to air	Complaint that the new sewer line connecting Dobson and Kaiata to the Greymouth sewerage scheme is causing odour issues.	Kaiata	Enquiries with the GDC establish that the problem comes from a lack of houses connected to the system to keep the sewerage moving through the line. The GDC have undertaken remedial action to resolve the issue.	Complaint
Discharge to water	Complaint that a creek which discharges into a lagoon at Carew Bay was discoloured with sediment.	Lake Brunner	The site was investigated and found that the lagoon was discoloured. However its likely to be as a result of a natural event as no earthworks had been undertaken in the catchment.	Complaint

Formal Enforcement Action

One formal warning was issued during the reporting period:

Activity	Location
Discharge of dairy effluent	Taramakau Settlement

Two Abatement Notices were issued during the reporting period:

Activity	Location
Unauthorised river diversion works: undertake remedial work.	Milltown
Gold Mining: undertake rehabilitation work to reduce the disturbed area.	Greenstone

Mining Work Programmes and Bonds

The Council received the following 15 work programmes during the last reporting period. Eight work programmes have been approved. The remaining work programmes have been recently received and require site visits for final approval.

Date	Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location
26/11/2015	RC2014-0197	Lewis Acker	Waimea
26/11/2015	RC10213	Lewis Acker	Waimea
08/12/2015	RC05078	Shamroc Minerals – Dempster	Waimea Forest
14/12/2015	RC2015-0026	Eldon Holdings Ltd	Maori Gully
21/12/2015	RC10217	SENZ	Reddale
22/12/2015	RC122212	Rothera, Marshall and Crow	Camerons
06/01/2016	RC11221	BRM Developments	Ianthe
06/01/2016	RC07104	Blacktopp Contracting	Rimu
15/01/2016	RC2014-0192	Waghorn & McLennan	Ikamatua
20/01/2016	RC02055	SENZ	Reefton
20/01/2016	RC01144	Francis Mining Co Ltd	Roa
20/01/2016	RCN96354	SENZ	Reefton
20/01/2016	RCN96253	SENZ	Reefton
20/01/2016	CML37160	SENZ	Reefton
27/01/2016	RC2014-0170	Elect Mining Ltd	Butlers

The following bonds were received during the reporting period:

Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location	Amount
RC2014-0170	Elect Mining Ltd	Butlers	\$20,000
RC13074	Henry Adams Contracting Ltd	Hokitika	\$15,000
RC2015-0143	Phoenix Mining Ltd	Nelson Creek	\$10,000
RC2015-0026	Eldon Holdings Ltd	Maori Gully	\$20,000

The following bond is recommended for **release**:

Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location	Amount
RC11230 – RC09084	Humphreys Mining Limited	Fox Creek	\$98,000

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the February 2016 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
- 2. That the joint bond for RC11230 & RC09084 is released.*

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environmental 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, 9 February 2016** 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 DECEMBER 2015,
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD,
GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.33 A.M.****PRESENT:**

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1. APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (McDonnell / Clementson) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 9 November 2015, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters arising

Cr Birchfield initiated a discussion around procedures used at elections. R. Mallinson agreed to research this and get back to Cr Birchfield.

REPORTS:**4.1 ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT**

M. Meehan spoke to this report. He advised that a communications plan has been developed. Drop in sessions with the Buller community will be held starting in February to talk about civil defence work that has already been done along with flood warning work. Engineering solutions will be discussed as well as videos being played to display different scenarios. He advised that posters and pop up boards will be placed in key places. M. Meehan advised that a report will be put to council once the feedback from the drop in sessions has been worked through. Cr Archer asked if there will be opportunities for the community to make comments at the drop in centres. M. Meehan stated that feedback forms will be available at the drop in centres and informal feedback will also be taken. He is hoping the elected members from both councils may also come along to the drop in centres and presentations for various community groups will also be made.

M. Meehan advised that the monitoring equipment for the Reefton Airshed is currently being moved to the school site. M. Meehan answered questions from councillors relating to rock available in quarries.

Moved (Clementson / Challenger) *That this report is received.*

Carried

4.1.2 RATING DISTRICT LIAISON MEETINGS REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised that Council's procurement policy was discussed at some rating district meetings. M. Meehan advised that Council gets two to three quotes for any works of around \$5,000 but over \$5,000 to \$75,000 then this work is tendered out. M. Meehan stated that Franz Josef, Wanganui and Taramakau rating districts felt that \$5,000 was too low as very little work can be done at this price. These three rating districts felt this should be increased to \$15,000 to \$20,000. M. Meehan advised that it was suggested to some rating districts that council puts out a tender for one or two years so that a contractor would commit to doing the work for that rate and they would be immediately available at 24 to 48 hours' notice to do the work. Some rating districts were concerned about cutting out local contractors who are on site in emergency situations. Cr Birchfield drew attention to page 20 of the agenda where the minutes of the Taramakau rating district state that Cr Birchfield arrived at 12.17pm. This is a mistake in the minutes as he arrived with everyone else just prior to midday.

M. Meehan advised that Canavans Knob rating district is in abeyance, this was discussed several months ago, and it was agreed to consult with the community to discuss whether or not to disband this rating district. M. Meehan stated he is proposing to close the rating district and distribute the funds from the account to those properties that were in the Canavans Knob rating district. He advised that he would like to put the assets, which are rock stockpiles, into the Lower Waiho rating district as there are properties that have gone from the Canavans Knob rating district to the Lower Waiho rating district. The main asset which was the rock wall could be shifted to NZTA's ownership. M. Meehan advised that the 12 Mile rating district will also be disbanded as this rating district is no longer needed and all the property owners in this area are in agreement. The funds in the 12 Mile account will also be distributed to the property owners. C. Ingle suggested that the proposed disbanding of these rating districts be included in the motions below.

Moved (Birchfield / Ewen)

1. *That this report is received, with the correction made to the Taramakau minutes.*
2. *That the rate strikes recommended be placed in the next Annual Plan.*
3. *That the Canavans Knob and 12 Mile rating districts are disbanded, once landowners have been consulted.*

Carried

4.2 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to this report and advised that this is the four month financial report up to 31 October. He advised that the operating deficit is \$280,000 with contributing factors being the Investment Portfolio underperforming though it made a substantial rebound during October of just under \$200,000. He advised that rating district and quarry expenditure exceeded budget by \$200,000. R. Mallinson stated that 2013 / 2014 / 2015 years have been challenging financial years and has resulted in council carrying more short term bank debt than he is comfortable with. He stated this amounts to \$1.15M as at 31 October and he is now bring a recommendation to Council that \$750,000 of this is put on a ten year repayment term with Westpac rather than this carrying on, on an interest only basis. He stated that things are not looking that favourable in the 2015/ 2016 financial year. R. Mallinson answered various questions from Councillors. Extensive discussion took place on investment returns, interest rates and market volatility. The Chairman asked each councillor for their opinions. All Councillors agreed with the recommendation. Discussion took place on the possible sale of a parcel of land that council owns south of Hokitika. It was agreed that R. Mallinson would bring a report on this matter to the February Council meeting.

Moved (Clementson / Archer)

1. *That this report be received.*
2. *That up to \$750,000 of the existing short term bank debt be placed on a 10 year repayment term (interest rate to floating).*

Carried

5.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman spoke to his report and spoke of various meeting he attended. He advised that the Chairman and Chief Executive of the Local Government Commission attended the recent Mayors and Chairs forum held in Westport on 16 November. The Chairman advised that he will be attended another meeting with them tomorrow.

The Chairman advised that he spoke at the launch of the Regional Growth Study on 26 November. He stated that the growth study is going to be driven by business interests rather than local government with local government sitting over this as a sponsorship group. The Chairman stated that Hon Nick Smith's stated at the Lake Brunner project meeting that this council is a regional council that has its act together. The Chairman stated this was very pleasing to hear. He stated that the Lake Brunner community is on the right track and has gotten behind this project, and it is important that the good work continues. The Chairman stated that the Shaffrey family has been one of the real leaders right from when it was first noted that there were problems in this catchment. They started the process on their own farm and led this project prior to any rules being put in place.

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

Carried

6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to his report and stated that there were some very good speakers at the SOLGM Annual Summit. He stated that it was good to catch up with people who had good practical advice on some of the issues faced here.

C. Ingle stated that there was a lot of learning from other participants at the Civil Defence Controllers Course he recently attended.

C. Ingle reported that the CEG meeting that was held on 1 December was very good. He stated that the CEG group has now been slimmed down in order to be a lot more strategic with only the leaders of each organisation present. Sub groups have now been formed with the junior officers now attending these meetings.

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

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Challenger advised he would not be able to get to the February meeting until 11.30. It was agreed that the meeting would start at 11.30 on Tuesday 9 February.

The meeting closed at 12.27 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 9 February 2016
 Prepared by: Wayne Moen – Senior River Engineer and Paulette Birchfield – Engineer
 Date: 22 January 2016
 Subject: **ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT**

WORKS COMPLETED AND WORKS TENDERED FORFranz Josef Rating District

This work involving the demolition of the Gateway Motels has been completed.
 The successful contractor was Westland Contractors Ltd at a cost of \$15,465 (GST exclusive).

Grey Floodwall

This maintenance work involving the placement of 300 tonnes of rock has been completed.
 The successful contractor was G H Foster Contracting at a cost of \$9,000 (GST exclusive).

Greymouth Rating District

This work involving the repair of a small erosion scour and placement of rubble around a PVC stormwater pipe has been completed.
 The successful contractor was G H Foster Contracting at a cost of \$3,344 (GST exclusive).

Mokihinui Rating District

This work involving the reform of a spur and the repair of the sacrificial bund at Mokihinui has been completed.
 The successful contractor was S M Lowe Contracting at a cost of \$1,635 (GST exclusive).

Punakaiki Rating District

This work involving the repair of the seawall has been completed.
 The successful contractor was G H Foster Contracting at a cost of \$31,907.50 (GST exclusive).

Kongahu Rating District

This work involving the removal of overgrown willows on Granite Creek has been completed.
 The successful contractor was S M Lowe Contracting at a cost of \$1,550 (GST exclusive).

FUTURE WORKS

Inchbonnie Rating District
 Vine Creek Rating District

Quarries

Quarry	Rock Available	Emergency Stockpile
Blackball	1,650	0
Camelback	17,124	0
Inchbonnie	12,481	0
Kiwi	1,600	0
Whataroa	4,866	0
Okuru	0	0

RECOMMENDATION

That the report is received

Michael Meehan
Planning and Environment Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting 9 February 2016
 Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager
 Date: 29 January 2016

1. Financial Report

I attach the financial report for the six months to 31 December 2015.

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015				
	ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	ACTUAL % ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET
REVENUES				
General Rates and Penalties	1,115,727	1,101,000	51%	2,202,000
Investment Income	233,624	521,359	22%	1,042,718
Resource Management	590,366	709,275	42%	1,418,550
Regional Land Transport	38,343	45,250	42%	90,500
Emergency Management	133,527	121,000	55%	242,000
Economic Development	75,000	0		0
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	869,903	700,889	62%	1,401,778
Regional % Share Controls	198,536	200,000	50%	400,000
Other	80,183	0	0%	0
Warm West Coast	17,730	54,500	0%	109,000
VCS Business Unit	1,550,666	1,423,988	54%	2,847,975
Revaluation of Property	9,000	16,907	27%	33,814
	4,912,605	4,894,168		9,788,335
EXPENDITURE				
Governance	212,398	211,564	50%	423,128
Economic Development	32,493	75,000		150,000
Resource Management	1,577,180	1,528,635	52%	3,057,270
Regional Land Transport	75,174	83,555	45%	167,110
Hydrology & Floodw arming Services	302,439	252,848	60%	505,695
Emergency Management	164,461	126,256	65%	252,512
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	1,149,297	762,568	75%	1,525,135
Regional % Share Controls	373,735	362,871	51%	725,741
VCS Business Unit	1,218,053	1,173,988	52%	2,347,975
Other	50,379	46,078	55%	92,156
Warm West Coast	16,632	54,500	15%	109,000
	5,172,241	4,677,861		9,355,722
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	-259,636	216,307		432,613

BREAKDOWN OF SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	Variance Actual V Budgeted YTD	ACTUAL	BUDGET Year to date	ANNUAL BUDGET
Rating Districts	-102,116	43,252	145,368	290,736
Economic Development	117,507	42,507	-75,000	-150,000
Quarries	-131,239	-128,517	2,722	5,444
Regional % Share of AHB Programmes	-12,329	-175,199	-162,871	-325,741
Investment Income	-287,735	233,624	521,359	1,042,718
VCS Business Unit	82,613	332,613	250,000	500,000
General Rates Funded Activities	-211,717	-647,818	-436,101	-872,202
Warm West Coast	1,098	1,098	0	0
Revaluation Investment Property	-7,907	9,000	16,907	33,814
Other	75,882	29,804	-46,078	-92,156
TOTAL	-475,944	-259,636	216,308	432,613

Net Contributors to General Rates Funded Surplus (-Deficit)	Actual	Budet ytd	Annual Plan
<u>Net Variance Actual V YTD</u>			
Rates	14,727	1,115,727	2,202,000
Representation	-834	-212,398	-423,128
Resource Management	-167,454	-986,814	-1,638,720
Transport Activities	1,474	-36,831	-76,610
River, Drainage, Coastal Protection	15,640	-194,129	-419,537
Hydrology & Floodw arming	-49,592	-302,439	-505,695
Emergency Management	-25,678	-30,934	-10,512
	-211,717	-647,818	-872,202

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION @ 31 DECEMBER 2015

@ 31/12/15

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	547,845
Deposit - Westpac	2,742
Accounts Receivable - General	152,462
Accounts Receivable - Rates	-368,548
Prepayments	179,334
Sundry Receivables	442,778
GST Refund due	0
Stock - VCS	43,320
Stock - Rock	452,652
Stock - Office Supplies	19,164
Accrued Rates Revenue	

1,471,749

NON CURRENT ASSETS

Investments	11,024,097
Strategic Investments	1,021,479
Term Deposit - PRCC bond	50,000
MBIE & DOC Bonds	14,636
Investments-Catastrophe Fund	905,003
Warm West Coast Loans	647,247
Commercial Property Investment	1,340,000
Fixed Assets	4,833,192
Infrastructural Assets	54,061,958

73,897,611

TOTAL ASSETS **75,369,359**

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Bank Short Term Loan	400,000
Accounts Payable	403,008
GST	90,916
Deposits and Bonds	876,191
Sundry Payables	33,160
Accrued Annual Leave, Payroll	349,302
Other Revenue in Advance	92,675
Rates Revenue in Advance	0

2,245,252

NON CURRENT LIABILITIES

Future Quarry restoration	70,000
Interest Rate Hedge Position	180,435
Lower Waiho	221,580
Greymouth Floodwall	1,768,623
Hokitika Seawall	1,350,000
Strategic Investments	1,224,034
Bank long term loan	675,000
Working capital loan	750,000
Office Equipment Leases	17,679

6,257,351

TOTAL LIABILITIES **8,502,603**

EQUITY

Ratepayers Equity	19,516,281
Surplus transferred	-259,636
Lake Brunner Project Funds	22,502
Rating Districts Equity	1,717,962
Tb Special Rate Balance	317,206
Revaluation	34,615,357
Quarry Account	-267,076
Catastrophe Fund	897,160
Investment Growth Reserve	10,307,000

TOTAL EQUITY **66,866,756**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY **75,369,359**

2. Investment Income

Westpac Portfolios

'November/December 2015	Catastrophe Fund	Major Portfolio	TOTAL
Opening balance 1 November 2015	\$ 905,580	\$ 11,356,068	\$ 12,261,648
Income 'November/December 2015	-\$ 577	\$ 46,029	\$ 45,452
Deposit			
Withdrawal		-\$ 378,000	-\$ 378,000
Closing balance 31 December 2015	\$ 905,003	\$ 11,024,097	\$ 11,929,100
Total income year to date to 31 December	\$ 7,844	\$ 152,443	\$ 160,287

3. Comment

The results for the six month period are in line with those previously reported. Council continues to experience a difficult year financially, with a loss for the six month period of \$259,000 compared to a budgeted surplus of \$216,000.

The portfolio income of only \$160,000 for the six months reflects the volatile nature of equity markets, with negative portfolio returns experienced in July, August and December. I expect that January 2016 portfolio returns will also be negative.

Significant influences causing the deficit include:

- Investment returns substantially less than budgeted.
- Quarry deficit, due in large part to necessary work at Whataroa.
- Rating Districts.
- Resource Management activity deficit, which in large part reflects the economic recession that the region continues to experience.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That this report be received.

Robert Mallinson
Corporate Services Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 9 February 2016
Prepared by: Chris Ingle
Date: 29 January 2016

Subject: Six Month Review - 1 July 2015 – 31 December 2015

Attached is the Six Month Review showing progress for the first six months of financial year.

This report shows achievements as measured against the levels of service and performance targets in the Long Term Plan 2015 – 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Chris Ingle
Chief Executive

Governance Levels of Service and Performance Targets

Levels of Service	Measure	Performance Target	Progress Achievement																								
<p>Maintain a Council of elected representatives in accordance with statutory requirements and in a manner that promotes effective decision-making, transparency, and accountability to the West Coast regional community</p>	<p>Number of public meetings held and individual Councillor attendance.</p>	<p>Conduct eleven monthly meetings of Council and the Resource Management Committee, plus other scheduled meetings and scheduled workshops during the year with at least 80% attendance by all Councillors. <i>In 2014 all current Councillors attended more than 80% of meetings</i></p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Councillor</th> <th>attendance</th> <th>%</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Robb</td> <td>7 out of 7</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Birchfield</td> <td>7 out of 7</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ewen</td> <td>7 out of 7</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Challenger</td> <td>5 out of 7</td> <td>71%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>McDonnell</td> <td>7 out of 7</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clementson</td> <td>4 out of 7</td> <td>57%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Archer</td> <td>7 out of 7</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The audited Annual Report for the year to 30 June 2015 was adopted by Council at the Council meeting on 2 November 2015. As 31 October was a Saturday the target was met. The Annual Plan 2016/17 process is underway.</p>	Councillor	attendance	%	Robb	7 out of 7	100%	Birchfield	7 out of 7	100%	Ewen	7 out of 7	100%	Challenger	5 out of 7	71%	McDonnell	7 out of 7	100%	Clementson	4 out of 7	57%	Archer	7 out of 7	100%
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<p>Continue to support the contribution our two West Coast Runanga make to Council's decision-making processes; and continue to seek contributions from other Maori</p>	<p>Compliance with statutory timeframes.</p>	<p>Prepare and notify the Council's Annual Plan or Long Term Plan by 31 May each year, and the Annual Report by 31 October, in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Local Government Act 2002. <i>In 2014 both of these deadlines were met</i></p>	<p>The first rates instalment which was sent out in September 2015 contained the usual newsletter. Council website continues to be updated whenever submissions are invited on a new or revised policy document.</p>																								
<p>Timing and number of newsletters, and internet website based information related to public consultation processes.</p>	<p>Attendance of Iwi appointees at Resource Management Committee meetings.</p>	<p>Publish an informative Council newsletter twice a year to be circulated to all ratepayers, with their rate demand, in March and September and ensure required information is posted on the Council website when Council invites submissions on a new or revised policy document. <i>In 2014 these targets were all met</i></p>	<p>Council has continued to invite both Makaawhio and Ngati Waewae representatives to attend all Resource Management Committee meetings.</p>																								

Resource Management Levels of Service and Performance Targets

Levels of Service	Measure	Performance Target	Progress / Achievement
To maintain or enhance water quality in the West Coast's rivers	<p>State of the Environment Monitoring: Ammoniacal nitrogen, periphyton, clarity, turbidity and faecal coliforms are measured quarterly at 38 river sites. These parameters characterise the water quality of West Coast rivers and have been measured since 1996.</p> <p>Compliance Monitoring for Discharges: The number of compliant or non-compliant point source discharges to water, or discharges likely to enter water; and council's response to any non-compliance.</p>	<p>Improvement of these parameters, when compared with a baseline of 1996 data on water quality. <i>This target was achieved for all five parameters in the 2014 year</i></p> <p>All significant consented discharges¹ are monitored at least annually, and all dairy sheds at least bi-annually depending on each individual compliance record. All non-compliances publicly reported to the Resource Management Committee and responded to using Council's Enforcement Policy. <i>These targets were all achieved in the 2014 year, with all dairy farms with consented discharges inspected</i></p>	<p>Achieved.</p> <p>Periphyton (algal growth) improved at 90% of council monitored sites; faecal coliforms and ammoniacal nitrogen were either stable or showed improvement at 94% of council monitoring sites, while both turbidity and water clarity were either stable or improved at all sites</p> <p>Dairy farm inspections have commenced, focussing initially on any non-compliant dairy farms from the previous year. Mining inspections are in progress, alluvial mines are inspected 6 monthly and operational coal mines 3 monthly. There were 46 mines inspected during this reporting period.</p> <p>All non-compliant activities were publicly reported and appropriate enforcement action taken.</p>
To maintain or enhance the water quality in Lake Brunner	The trophic state of Lake Brunner is measured by the Trophic Level Index (TLI) which combines clarity, nutrient and algal measures. The rolling 5-year mean is compared with a 2002-2006 baseline mean.	<p>The annual (rolling 5-year mean) TLI of Lake Brunner is less than the 2002-2006 TLI baseline mean of 2.79.</p> <p>The Lake Brunner TLI score in the 2014 year was 2.84 (2.9 in 2013).</p>	<p>Achieved.</p> <p>The Lake Brunner TLI score 5 year rolling mean from Oct 2010 – Oct 2015 was 2.77.</p>
Complete current regional plans to operative stage, and review them to maintain community acceptability.	Statutory requirements for plan review.	Compliance with statutory requirements for the review of Council's plans and strategies. <i>This target was achieved in the 2014 year</i>	<p>In progress.</p> <p>The Regional Policy Statement review has advanced to the further submission stage; the updated Coastal Plan has been notified for public submissions. The Land and Water Plan change will be notified later in 2016.</p>

¹ Significant Consented Discharge includes: any consented discharge from a municipal sewage scheme or landfill, any consented discharge from a working mine site, any consented discharge of dairy effluent to water, and any large scale industrial discharge (WMP, Kokiri).

Levels of Service	Measure	Performance Target	Progress / Achievement
Advocate for the West Coast interests when external environmental policymaking may affect the West Coast.	Number of submissions made and number of successful advocacy outcomes.	Submit on all central or local government discussion documents, draft strategies, policies or Bills that may impact on West Coast interests, within required timeframes. <i>This target was achieved in 2014, with input to the Reporting Bill and NPS Freshwater.</i>	Achieved. Submissions have been made through LGNZ on the Resource Management Act Reforms, Council also submitted on the draft Forestry NES.
Compliance with the consent processing timeframes in the RMA and mining legislation.	Compliance with discounting regulations and mining timeframes	Process all resource consent applications without incurring any cost to Council due to the RMA discounting regulations; and process at least 95% of mining work programmes within 20 working days of receipt. <i>This target was not achieved in 2014, with five consents incurring costs</i>	Achieved. No Discounting Regulations costs have been incurred, and all mining work programmes have been processed within the 20 day timeframe.
To maintain or enhance the life supporting capacity and amenity value of the West Coast's rivers	Stream ecosystem health: Instream macroinvertebrate community health (SQMCI) scores are measured at 29 river sites. The values for each site are calculated using five year rolling means and comparing them to baseline means calculated from data from 2005-2009. Bathing beach sampling: 20 swimming sites are sampled, weekly or fortnightly for E coli (moderate-high risk > 550) or Enterococci (moderate-high risk > 280).	Macroinvertebrate health index ² (SQMCI) mean is higher, or no more than 20% lower, than the baseline mean. <i>This target was achieved for all sampling sites in 2014</i>	SQMCI is measured in spring and autumn so can only be reported on twice per year. Data from the spring sampling round is still being processed - the results for this target will be recorded in the next report.
To protect human health from adverse impacts of poor groundwater quality.	28 Wells are monitored at least twice annually, 24 of which are used for human consumption. The guideline of 11.3mg/L of nitrate is used to protect human health, particularly for babies. The data from the year is averaged before comparing against the 11.3mg guideline.	Scheduled swimming sites do not exceed the moderate-high risk threshold on more than 10% of sampling occasions. In 2014 this standard was achieved for 18 sites, but two sites did not achieve this standard.	Of the six sampling runs to date, one of six results exceeded the standard at two sites: 7 Mile Creek at Rapahoe (in mid-January) and Grey River at Taylorville swimming hole (in late December).
		In wells used for human consumption, nitrate levels do not exceed the health guideline of 11.3 mg/L. <i>In 2014, all 24 wells used for human consumption were within guidelines</i>	Achieved. In 2015, all 23 wells used for human consumption were within guidelines.

² This macroinvertebrate index uses comparative samples of aquatic invertebrates to evaluate water quality, based on the type and tolerances of invertebrates (bugs) found at that site and how those communities of invertebrates may change over time. Some bug species are pollution tolerant while others are pollution sensitive, so the mix of species tells us a lot about the water quality at the site.

Levels of Service	Measure	Performance Target	Progress / Achievement
To protect human health from any adverse impacts of poor air quality in Reefton.	Reefton's air is monitored in accordance with the National Environmental Standard (NES) for air quality by measuring PM ₁₀ (airborne particles smaller than ten micrometers, which affect human respiration). The threshold is a 24hr mean PM ₁₀ of 50 micrograms/m ³ .	NES Requirement: 24hr PM ₁₀ values do not exceed the NES threshold more than three times in one year, between 2016 & 2020; whereas after 2020 only 1 exceedance per year is allowed. <i>In the 2014 winter there were 17 exceedances of the NES standard</i>	Not achieved. In the 2015 winter there were 14 exceedances of the NES standard.
Respond to all genuine incident complaints received by the Council and take enforcement action where needed.	Number of complaints received and number of enforcement actions resulting from these.	Operate a 24-hour complaints service, assess and respond to all genuine complaints within 24 hours where necessary. <i>This was achieved in the 2014 year, with 157 complaints responded to</i>	Achieved. All genuine complaints are responded to within 24 hours where necessary, and reported publicly to the Resource Management Committee each month.
Respond to marine oil spills in coastal waters in accordance with the Tier 2 Oil Spill Response Plan and maintain readiness for spill response.	Timing of responses & number of trained staff	Respond within 4 hours to all spills, using Council or MNZ spill equipment to contain spills; plus ensure at least 25 staff are trained responders. <i>Council had 26 trained staff in 2014, and no spill responses needed.</i>	Achieved. No spills occurred during the reporting period. Sufficient trained responders are available.

Regional Transport Planning Levels of Service and Performance Targets

Levels of Service	Measure	Performance Target	Progress / Achievement
Maintain a Regional Land Transport Plan in compliance with relevant legislation and is acceptable to our West Coast community.	An Operative Regional Land Transport Plan	Compliance with statutory requirements for the preparation, review and implementation of the Regional Transport Plan and Passenger Transport Plan.	The Regional Land Transport Plan and Passenger Transport Plan were completed in April 2015. There is no further work required in regards to these plans at present.

Hydrology and Flood Warning Services Levels of Service and Performance Targets

Level of Service	Measure	Performance Targets	Progress / Achievement
Continue to provide flood warning to assist communities to assess risk of impending floods, for the five rivers (Karamea, Buller, Grey, Hokitika, and Waiho).	Availability of information about high flow events and the staff response to those.	Provide a flood monitoring service for the six rivers monitored and respond in accordance with the flood-warning manual, ensuring data on river levels is available on the Council website (updated 12 hourly; or 3 hourly during floods).	Achieved. All flood events were responded to.
	Low flow recorder installed and transmitting to council headquarters.	Complete the installing of new low flow monitoring equipment in the Mawheraiti River catchment.	This work was completed in the 2014/2015 financial year

Civil Defence Emergency Management Levels of Service and Performance Targets

Levels of Service	Measure	Performance Targets	Progress / Achievement
Maintain a Civil Defence Plan that delivers efficient and effective management of the region's civil defence functions in compliance with the legislation and is acceptable to West Coast community desires.	Civil Defence Plan always operative	Compliance with statutory requirements for the preparation, review and implementation of the Group CDEM Plan.	The Group Plan review has started. Four of five workshops have been held so far. The plan is being redrafted currently.
	Number of trained staff	Ensure at least 30 Council staff are trained as Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) personnel so that we have three shifts of ECC staff trained and exercised in case of a regional emergency.	There are over 30 staff trained across council to work in the ECC. They have completed a recent earthquake exercise on October 15 th . Some will attend a two day training course in early February as well.

Quarry Levels of Service and Performance Targets

Levels of Service for Quarries	Measure	Performance Targets	Progress / Achievement
Ensure efficient and effective management and safe operation of Council's quarries, delivering rock to any customers within ten working days with priority given to Council rating district customers.	Timing of delivering on rock requests.	Deliver on requests for rock within two weeks, and ensure sufficient stockpiled rock is available where practical.	Achieved. Development is undertaken progressively to ensure rock is available in all quarries.
	Number of site inspections to monitor contractor health and safety and performance	Visit each active quarry site at least twice a year, when contractors are working the quarry (where possible), to ensure health and safety standards and other permit requirements are being adhered to.	Achieved. Visits are undertaken every time a contractor is working in the quarries.

Rating District Levels of Service and Performance Targets

Levels of Service	Measure	Performance Targets	Progress / Achievement
Meet or exceed the flood protection, drainage or erosion protection levels as described in the 'levels of service' section in the Long Term Plan.	Completion of rating district inspections, works reports, and consultation meetings (for rating districts where material works are proposed).	Complete all asset inspections, works reports, and rating district meetings. Perform all capital and maintenance works as agreed at those meetings.	Achieved. All inspections were undertaken before the 2015 Rating District meetings.
	Proportion of schemes performing to their agreed service level.	Monitor all rating district infrastructural assets to ensure they perform to the service level consistent with the Asset Management Plan of each Rating District, or whatever level the community has decided is an acceptable risk.	In progress. Infrastructure is re-inspected following heavy rainfall events to ensure it will perform to agreed service levels.
Meet timeframes for plan review	Review Rating District Asset Management Plans every third year or earlier where information indicates a significant change from what is stated in the asset management plan.	The plans were all reviewed and updated in 2014, and the infrastructure registers were updated in December 2015.	

Vector Control Service Business Unit Levels of Service and Performance Targets

Levels of Service	Measure	Performance Targets	Progress / Achievement
Produce a financial surplus (to offset general rates) by tendering for and delivering on vector control and other contracts.	Achieve or exceed budgeted financial return	Tender for, and win, sufficient contracts to provide or exceed the annual budgeted return to Council.	Currently on track to meet budgeted return.
To provide marine oil spill and terrestrial hazardous substance spill support, and biosecurity response services for the MNZ, MAF and the Regional Council	Availability of trained staff	Have staff available as a response unit for marine and terrestrial pollution spill events as per the MOU dated 11 November 2005.	Achieved.
	Availability of trained staff	Have four staff plus a vehicle available for biosecurity emergencies, as per the National Biosecurity Capability Network agreement 2011.	Achieved.

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting- 9 February 2016
Prepared by: Andrew Robb – Chairman
Date: 29 January 2016
Subject: **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Meetings Attended

- The Chief Executive and I attended a meeting with the Grey and Buller Mayors to discuss the Paparoa National Park review on 14 December.
- I met with Maureen Pugh, the new List MP for the West Coast on 28 January. The Chief Executive also attended this meeting. We brought her up to date with current issues the West Coast is facing and discussed various regional issues.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Andrew Robb
Chairman

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting 9 February 2016
Prepared by: Chris Ingle – Chief Executive
Date: 26 January 2016
Subject: **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

Meetings Attended

- I chaired the Civil Defence Group's CEG meeting on 1 December 2015.
- I attended the Lake Brunner presentation by Hon Nick Smith, attended by various Councilors on 4 December 2015.
- I met with Minerals West Coast on 4 December.
- I attended a West Coast Council CEOs meeting on 9 December, with the Local Government Commission also present.
- The Chairman and I attended a meeting with the Buller and Grey Mayors to discuss the Paparoa National Park Review on 14 December.
- I attended the civil defence CEG Chairs meeting in Wellington on 15 December.
- While in Wellington I also took part in a LGNZ Regional Economic Development workshop involving several Regional Council CEOs on 15 December
- I met with MBIE staff on 16 December in Wellington regarding the regional growth study.
- The new NZTA manager met with me on 21 January.
- The meeting of the West Coast Council chief executives was held here on 26 January.
- I will be attending the Regional Sector SIG Conveners' Plenary Session on 2 February and the RCEO Meeting will follow on from this meeting.
- I will be attending the Chief Executives Environment Forum meeting on 3 February.
- I will be attending Civil Defence Emergency Co-ordination Centre training on 5 February.

Annual Leave

I took annual leave from 24 December to 8 January, and also took 25 January as leave.

New Economic Development Managers and new Communications Manager

I am pleased to announce that Kevin Stratful started work on 25 January as the new Economic Development Manager for the West Coast region.

Nichola Costley recently accepted the position of Communications Manager with the Council. This complements her existing role as Strategic Planner. She will continue to lead the work on the Regional Policy Statement.

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.

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| 18 - 22 | 8.1 | Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 8 December 2015 |
| | 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.
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8.1	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 8 December 2015		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		

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I also move that:

- Chris Ingle
- Robert Mallinson
- Michael Meehan

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.