



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

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

**TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2020**

**The programme for the day is:**

**10.30 a.m: Resource Management Committee Meeting**

**On completion of RMC Meeting: Council Meeting**

**Presentation: Community Resilience – Department of Internal Affairs**

**Council Workshop: Mana Whakahono ā Rohe: Iwi participation arrangements**

# **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

## **THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** will be held in the Offices of the West Coast Regional Council, 388 Main South Road, Paroa, Greymouth on **Tuesday, 13 October 2020**

S. CHALLENGER  
CHAIRPERSON

R. MALLINSON  
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2020, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL,  
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.**

**PRESENT:**

S. Challenger (Chairman), A. Birchfield, P. Ewen, D. Magner, B. Cummings, J. Hill, L. Coll McLaughlin, J. Douglas, F. Tumahai

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

R. Mallinson (Acting Chief Executive), H. Mills (Planning, Science & Innovation Manager), H. McKay (Consents & Compliance Manager), R. Beal (Operations Director) via Zoom, N. Costley (Communications & Strategy Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), M. Schumacher (IT Support), The Media (via Zoom)

**Cr Birchfield read the prayer.**

**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**PRESENTATION**

There was no presentation.

**2. MINUTES**

The Chairman asked the meeting if there were any changes to the minutes of the previous meeting.

**Moved** (Coll McLaughlin / Magner) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 11 August 2020, be confirmed as correct.*

*Carried*

**Matters Arising**

Cr Birchfield stated that he had voted against the Grey Freshwater Group's recommendations. He stated he has had feedback from farmers who feel there has not been enough consultation with them when the recommendations were drafted. Cr Birchfield stated that in particular they are concerned about the ten year consent time as they feel this is too shorter a time for a water take consent, and it needs to be up to 25 years at least, especially if there is investment in infrastructure.

Cr Coll McLaughlin stated that she was of the understanding that the timeframe was more related to water takes and that after the 10 year timeframe some farmers may not have taken up their full take and a review of the consent could be an option. It may allow water allocation to be available to other farmers. Cr Coll McLaughlin stated that the ten year review period is also about assessing adverse effects. Cr Coll McLaughlin stated that she supports the work of the FMU group as it is possible to implement this in a way that balances more availability of economic opportunities for other farmers who have not got in first in first served as the FMU reflected. Cr Coll McLaughlin stated that it is important that there is adequate review opportunities.

Cr Birchfield commented that there is never likely to be a shortage of water on the West Coast.

Cr Magner noted that the main area of concern was where there are significant amounts of irrigation like Mawheraiti.

H. Mills confirmed that the minor typographical errors which Cr Ewen had drawn attention to have now been corrected in the final document.

Cr Hill advised that the Kawatiri FMU is not yet ready to bring their report to Council, and is hopeful that the report might be ready for next month's meeting. H. Mills advised that due to the Healthy Waterways package there are now some extra recommendations that will be included in the report. Cr Challenger advised that after ten years' consideration can be given to how much water is being used and is the water take being fully utilised. He suggested that re-assessment of the consent itself might be considered.

### 3. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

### 4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman advised that he has nothing to report this month.

### 5. REPORTS

#### 5.1 PLANNING AND OPERATIONS GROUP

##### 5.1.1 PLANNING REPORT & HYDROLOGY REPORT

H. Mills spoke to his report and advised that Makaawhio's appeal on Plan Change 1 has been narrowed to Lake Kini wetlands on their land, and this means that all other boundaries can now be implemented.

H. Mills updated the meeting on the FMU Groups progress and stated that this will be covered further in his and H. McKay's joint report later in the meeting.

H. Mills reported that the National Climate Change Risk Assessment came out of the Zero Carbon Act, and was the first action out of this Act. He stated that there are no real surprises in this report.

Cr Ewen expressed concern with water takes now having to be reported daily to Council. He stated that this seems rather onerous given that amount of paperwork involved and seems ridiculous. H. Mills agreed and stated that there is unlikely to be any environmental benefit on the West Coast.

H. Mills answered questions from Councillors and advised that the National Climate Change Risk Assessment will feed into the One District Plan and partly into regional plans.

Discussion took place on consumptive water takes. H. Mills advised that this is been worked through to ascertain whether or not this relates to gold mining. H. McKay advised that alluvial gold mines are generally marked as non-consumptive at the moment.

**Moved** (Magner / Birchfield) *That the report is received.*

*Carried*

##### 5.1.2 REEFTON AIR QUALITY SUMMARY

H. Mills advised that there have been no breaches of the NES for air quality in Reefton to date. Cr Hill asked why have aftermarket devices have been cast out, as they would improve air quality in Reefton and such like places. H. Mills advised that MfE as part of the proposed NES have a list of approved burners and aftermarket devices such as the OekoTube were not considered. The WCRC submission on the proposed NES Air Quality raised this as an issue.

**Moved** (Coll McLaughlin / Ewen) *That this report be received.*

*Carried*

##### 5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

H. McKay spoke to this report and advised that two site visits were undertaken and ten non notified resource consents were granted during the reporting period.

H. McKay advised that staff are busy with resources consents, with approximately 20 more resource consents currently being processed compared to this time last year. Cr Cummings asked what type of industries are these consents related to. H. McKay advised that there are a wide variety but quite a lot of septic tank consent applications which are related to the current housing building occurring at the moment.

**Moved** (Cummings / Hill) *That the September 2020 report of the Consents Group be received.*

*Carried*

##### 5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

H. McKay spoke to this report and advised that 142 site visits were carried out during the reporting period. She stated that 14 complaints or incidents were reported and eight incidences were reported that were determined to be non-compliant. H. McKay advised that six other complaints or incidents are still being investigated or have been determined to be compliant with provisions.

H. McKay reported that a complaint regarding a whitebait stand has been resolved. She advised that a breach to earthworks in a Schedule 2 Wetland has now been issued with an abatement notice with enquiries ongoing.

H. McKay advised that one infringement notice, and one abatement notice were issued during the reporting period.

H. McKay advised that five work programmes for mining were received and all five were approved during the reporting period.

**Moved** (Cummings / Birchfield)

1. *That the September 2020 report of the Compliance Group be received.*

2. *That the bond of \$6,000 for RC07077 Keown & Cain be released.*

*Carried*

### 5.2.3 FRESHWATER LEGISLATION – NPS, NES, STOCK EXCLUSION, WATER TAKE REPORTING

H. McKay advised that this is a shared report from herself and H. Mills. H. McKay spoke to the report and stated that staff engaged strongly in the consultation process with central government. She reported that final policies and regulations were released on 3 August and come into force on 3 September 2020. H. McKay advised that Council must now implement the new requirements, as they are now legislation.

**NPS – Freshwater Management:** H. McKay outlined requirements in this area and confirmed that extra staff will be required. She stated that extra consents and compliance staff will be required, and extra work will also be required.

**National Environmental Standard: Freshwater Management & Stock Exclusion Regulations:**

H. McKay advised that these are two significant pieces of legislation which are national rules and regulations which must be enforced by regional councils. H. McKay advised that extra consenting work will be required along with an impact on the compliance regime. H. McKay stated that it is likely that more staff will be required. Cr Coll McLaughlin asked if there is any indication on how Council will pay for this in terms of cost recovery from applicants versus potential rate increases. H. McKay stated that it is early days but advised that consenting is cost recoverable but staff costs are difficult to recover. H. McKay advised that the regional sector is working on this as every regional council is faced with the same dilemma that this council is facing. She advised that the regional sector is working together to try to reduce the burden on ratepayers. Cr Coll McLaughlin asked if the current plan would be amended or is a new plan required. H. McKay advised that the regulations, rules, NES and stock exclusion regulations have now taken effect. Cr Coll McLaughlin stated that 2024 is not far away and by then Council will have to have the Plan amended plan, or a new plan in place. H. Mills advised that the NES for Freshwater Management (NES-FM) has to be implemented before 2024, and Council is going through that analysis now to see what is required to get this in place.

H. Mills spoke of the key effects on Council with regard to the NPS-FM planning and monitoring. He stated that there have been significant changes to the NES-FM. He spoke of the key effects on Council that will have costing implications. H. Mills advised that the Grey FMU will need to be revisited and some of their recommendations will need to be revised. H. Mills advised that there will be six new parameters of water quality that has to be measured, and this will not be cost recoverable. He stated that the most concerning one is mapping of all wetlands on private land, which will be problematic due to the sheer volume, and significant wetlands took 10 years to assess and this is more prohibitive than the current wetland rules. H. Mills advised that work is starting and this will be brought back to Council. H. Mills advised that a plan change to both the Land and Water Plan and some parts of the RPS which has to be implemented and in the plans by 2026. H. Mills stated a lot of these matters will have minimal environmental benefit on the West Coast. H. Mills answered questions from Councillors. Cr Birchfield spoke of conversations he has had with other councils who have done assessments on staff requirements, and one council will need 130 staff to administer this. Cr Ewen commented that he has heard that DoC may not have the finance to do the mapping on their own land. Cr Ewen stated that there will be farmers in the same position yet they have to do this mapping. Cr Ewen stated that most of the wetlands are DoC estate and he asked how are they going to address the rules that have to be implemented where all deer and pigs have to be removed from wetlands. H. McKay advised that the regulation is to exclude wild animals. H. Mills advised that this specifically applies to private land not DoC estate. R. Mallinson stated that this is the most massive impact on this and all regional councils since their creation in 1989. He stated that the effect on this council is going to be huge. Extensive discussion took place with H. Mills and H. McKay answering questions.

Cr Magner advised that there has been some backtracking on legislation already, in terms of pugging depths, as some aspects of the draft are not enforceable and practical. Cr Birchfield advised that the estimate for this council's associated costs was approximately \$4M to administer this legislation. He noted that Council only rates for \$2.2M and there is no way Council can fund this. Cr Ewen stated that this is an example of Wellington coming up with a plan for the betterment of the environment that is not applicable

to the West Coast. He stated that the West Coast does not have the numbers to pay this sort of amount 4 that has been projected.

H. McKay spoke to the rest of the report and clarified various matters and answered questions from Councillors. She stated that the harvesting of sphagnum moss harvesting has come through as a permitted activity.

H. McKay clarified farming activities and stated that stand off pads will be a big issue for West Coast and will require resource consents. She stated that 200 – 300 of these on the West Coast which are likely to require resource consents. She advised that consent will be required from July 2021 and this will be a big resourcing impact. H. McKay answered questions and explained requirements for consents to the meeting.

H. McKay advised that Council does have some discretion with regard to compliance and she anticipates taking an educative approach, and undertake enforcement action where necessary. Cr Magner expressed her concerned about environmental effects if standoff pads are not used. She also is concerned regarding the intensive winter grazing as pugging will be concerning. H. McKay answered questions relating to pugging and compliance concerns. Cr Magner stated that re-sowing will be very difficult on the West Coast and this is not doing anyone any favours and is nonsensical for the West Coast. H. McKay advised there will be significant impact on West Coast farmers. H. McKay provided further information on the resource consenting requirements and the processes around effects.

H. Mills advised that there will be a cost to consent holders with regard to Measurement and Reporting Water Takes and these costs will be significant as a logger, a water meter and some form of telemetry to get the data to Council will be required. He stated that Council will then have to have some form of a data base to receive the information. He stated there will be a part cost on the consent holder and a part cost on Council. H. McKay stated that it is expected that Council will have to report on this data to government or MfE.

H. McKay clarified matters relating to synthetic nitrogen fertiliser. She answered questions from councillors on the effects of this. F. Tumahai asked how will council know how much fertiliser is being provided. H. McKay advised that evidence of how much is used has to be provided to government agencies.

Stock exclusion regulations were further discussed. It was noted that setbacks have been reduced from five to three metres, and existing complying fences do not have to be moved back. Cr Birchfield stated that a lot of extra staff will be required to implement the new regulations. Cr Ewen expressed concern with daily reporting and the unreliable internet in some areas of the West Coast. He feels this has not been thought through. R. Mallinson stated that this has been a very daunting matter for H. McKay and H. Mills. R. Mallinson stated that both have done a huge and very capable job in engaging with central government in a positive manner. He noted that they have hosted officials on the West Coast and written submissions as well as participating in various sector forum to try to get better outcomes for the West Coast. R. Mallinson thanked H. McKay and H. Mills for their work in this area.

**Moved** (Coll McLaughlin / Cummings) *That Council receives this report.*

*Carried*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.40 am

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Chairman

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Date

### 5.1.1

#### THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee – 13 October 2020  
 Prepared by: Lillie Sadler – Planning Team Leader  
 Date: 2 October 2020  
**Subject: Planning and Hydrology Report**

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#### Plan Change 1 appeal

Following on from the Court meeting on 18 August, the Judge presiding over the case has directed the Council to provide information by 2 November on how Council intends to implement the Freshwater Package documents in the Regional Policy Statement and the Land and Water Plan, whether the disputed areas are wetland, and whether any of these areas are significant. An ecologist will undertake a site visit to the Lake Kini wetlands on Maori reserved land during the week of 5 October, to provide information to respond to the Court's directive. Staff are also seeking an informal meeting with Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio to discuss the appeal.

#### Plan Change 1 made operative, except for Lake Kini wetlands

The parts of Plan Change 1 to the Regional Land and Water Plan (L&WP) that are not under appeal can now be formally approved and made operative, as required by the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act (RMA). Two documents will be made operative:

- A set of A3 maps showing changes to Schedule 1 and 2 wetland boundaries from Plan Change 1;
- The Land and Water Plan (L&WP) showing the Plan Change 1 text and diagram changes underlined or with strikethrough, in blue text.

The maps are retained as part of the L&WP as they show more detail of the boundary changes than the existing topo maps in Schedule 1 and 2 of the Plan. Both documents must be signed and have the Council seal stamped on them. Electronic copies will be available on the Council's website.

The Lake Kini wetlands that are subject to appeal are shown on the maps with black and white shading over the wetland areas on Maori reserved land under appeal. These do not become operative until the appeal is resolved.

Making Plan Change 1 operative involves:

- Publicly notifying the date on which the changes become operative (at least five working days before the operative date);
- The Chair affixing the common seal of the Council in the version of the L&WP with the Plan Change 1 changes, and signing, along with another councillor, the page with the operative date and seal.

#### Freshwater Management Unit (FMU) Groups' update

Kawatiri: The Group met again on 1 and 22 Sept to continue editing their draft Recommendations Report. They are aiming to hold their final meeting on 6 October to develop a long-term vision, as required by the new NPSFM.

Hokitika: The fourth meeting was to be held on 15 September but it was cancelled due to staff having to attend another meeting. The next meeting will be held on 20 October, where the Group will learn about cultural values of water.

South Westland: The public information meeting about the South Westland FMU will be held on Tuesday 3 November at the Fox Glacier Health Centre from 5.30-7pm. The meeting is being advertised on Council's Facebook and website, as well as on community noticeboards, shop windows and in school newsletters. Applications for Group membership opened on 24 September and close on 10 November. Staff are aiming to run the Group meetings differently, for example, by holding one or two full-day workshops rather than monthly meetings, due to the relatively low level of freshwater issues in the South Westland FMU, and to reduce travel.

#### Extension of time to release Coastal Plan Decisions

An extension of time to release Decisions on the proposed Regional Coastal Plan is sought, under s37(1) of the Resource Management Act. A previous extension of time was granted to 1 December 2020 as



the Coastal Plan was placed on hold while the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) appeal mediation was completed. However, the current timeframe is unlikely to be met due to delays caused this year by the Covid-19 situation, planning staff shortages, and increases in other work areas such as submissions on national direction.

The proposed Plan is at the stage of holding pre-hearing meetings with submitters to narrow matters that may go to a hearing, and editing the staff recommendations on submissions. We are aiming to hold hearings in the first two-three months of 2021, and anticipate that decisions can be released by June 2021. We therefore seek an extension of time to 1 July 2021.

#### Private Plan Change to a District Plan

Council has been approached by a developer wanting to rezone land near Moana from rural to residential. Staff have obtained legal advice, that due to the Local Government Commission Order which gives the Regional Council the function of developing a new district plan for the three Districts, the Regional Council is also responsible, during the development of the Te Tai o Poutini Plan, for processing any private plan change requests to the West Coast District Plans. Staff have developed an information sheet with the procedure for responding to a private plan change request, which is attached to this report as Appendix 1. If the developer proceeds to lodge an application for a private plan change to the Grey District Plan, a planning consultant will be engaged to take the application through the RMA Schedule 1 process, and the developer will pay all the costs, including Council's costs. A pre-application meeting with the developer will be held on 5 October.

#### Hydrology

##### **Flood Warning**

Site	Time of peak	Peak level (mm)	Warning Issued	Alarm threshold (mm)
Buller Rv @ Te Kuha	06/09/2020 15:20	7986	06/09/2020 10:37	7400
Grey Rv @ Dobson	06/09/2020 18:55	3626	06/09/2020 16:20	3400
Grey Rv @ Dobson	18/09/2020 05:30	3758	18/09/2020 00:36	3400
Karamea Rv @ Gorge	18/09/2020 03:45	4563	18/09/2020 01:51	4000
Mokihinui Rv @ Welcome Bay	18/09/2020 02:30	5248	18/09/2020 00:25	4500
Mokihinui Rv @ Welcome Bay	27/09/2020 05:05	5096	27/09/2020 04:20	4500

##### **Monitoring Network**

Winter proved to be a relatively quiet season for flood incursion on the 'Coast, as it often does. This allowed for several projects to be finalised and completed, which are often put off during busier months where routine maintenance and emergency response can dominate our time.

Replacing temporary fencing around our instruments reduces the time spent visiting sites to repair faults, sometimes caused by livestock breaking in. Given we expect any site that we install to outlive us, it's only logical to construct protection for sites that reflects that. A new timber fence at our rain gauge station *Buller Rv @ Three Channel Flat* has almost been completed, with others still to come (Figure 1).

Another major project which has now been effectively completed is the replacement of the catwalk at our monitoring site *Inangahua Rv @ Landing* (Figure 2). The new catwalk has improved the safety and ease of use of the site considerably.

Now, spring has returned and brought with it very typical spring weather. The considerable low causing very strong winds that occurred late last month was felt considerably across the region, though fortunately brought a relatively little amount of rainfall to our shores. Nonetheless, several notable events have occurred since last reporting period in stark contrast to the quiet winter that we experienced.



*Figure 1: Near completed timber fence at site Buller Rv @ Three Channel Flat.*



*Figure 2: Near completed upgraded catwalk at site Inangahua Rv @ Landing.*

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. *That the report is received.*
2. *That the Resource Management Committee adopts the Plan Change 1 changes to the Land and Water Plan, and adopts the map document titled:  
"Plan Change 1: Schedule 1 and 2 wetland maps showing changes to wetland boundaries, excluding the Lake Kini wetlands KAGP008 on Maori reserved land under appeal",  
and approves that they be made operative on 20 October 2020.*
3. *That the Resource Management Committee grant an extension of time for releasing decisions on submissions to the proposed Regional Coastal Plan, to 1 July 2021.*

Hadley Mills  
**Planning, Science and Innovation Manager**



## Appendix 1

### 15 September 2020

#### Information Sheet - Private Plan Changes

Private plan changes to district and regional plans, sought by individuals, groups or organisations, provide an opportunity to replace existing plan provisions with new ones. Requests for private plan changes potentially enable a wide range of changes such as the rezoning of land, amendments to design controls and the identification of important heritage sites.

This information sheet provides information on the process for a private plan change and the main considerations for a potential applicant. For detailed information on private plan changes please visit: <https://www.qualityplanning.org.nz/sites/default/files/2018-11/Private%20Plan%20Change%20Process.pdf>

The West Coast Regional Council (the Council) has the function of processing private plan changes to District Plans as a temporary measure while Te Tai o Poutini Plan (One District Plan) is developed.

This is a result of the Order in Council (law) that was gazetted on 17 June 2019 (<https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2019-go2872>).

#### Process of a private plan change

Council has developed the following process if it receives an application for a private plan change:

1. The applicant lodges a private plan change request to the Council.
2. Council engages a planning consultant to process the request. Further information, peer reviews, and commissioned reports can be sought as part of evaluating the private plan change request, if necessary.
3. If the Council subsequently considers that there is insufficient information to process the private plan change request, it may reject the request or not approve the plan change sought.
4. The Council may modify the application with the agreement of the applicant.
5. After receiving all the necessary information, the Council has 30 working days to decide whether to adopt, accept, or reject the plan change request, or convert the request to a resource consent.
6. The Council publicly notifies a request if adopted or accepted, allowing submissions and further submissions to then be made.
7. The Council holds a hearing where it assesses the request and submissions made, and then issues a decision on the request.
8. The Council decision is open to appeal to the Environment Court.

#### Matters to consider when preparing a private plan change

The following matters may need to be considered when preparing a private plan change:

- plans, maps, diagrams (layout, roads, servicing, open space areas), to scale, labelled and with a legend
- reasoning for the change
- consideration of the benefits of the change, and efficiency and effectiveness of the change
- actual and potential environmental effects, including on significant natural and cultural values, and how any adverse effects can be avoided, remedied or mitigated
- requirements under the Resource Management Act 1991, in particular Part 2 of the 1st Schedule and Section 32
- feedback from District Council staff
- site-specific details, including flooding and geotechnical reports
- servicing - water, sewerage, stormwater disposal, drainage and roading services to be provided for the development, or draft provisions that will limit development until services are available
- consultation with a private planning consultant, including gaining expert advice to support the proposed private plan change
- consultation with surrounding affected properties and occupants
- overall costs.

### Timing and costs

The private plan change process usually takes six months to one year for small-scale, straightforward plan changes. However, for more complex or larger scale proposals it may take as long as three years or more.

Council fees can include staff time, council consultants, legal advice, public notification and hearing costs. These costs do not include the applicant's costs or application preparation costs. Costs can range from a minimum of \$10,000, to \$1M and beyond for large-scale developments. As per the Quality Planning ([www.qualityplanning.org.nz](http://www.qualityplanning.org.nz)) document *Plan Development, Private Plan Change Process*, average costs can be in the vicinity of \$30,000 to \$50,000 for a rural residential subdivision with minimal opposition.

Such costs and processing times may not be significantly different to those associated with a resource consent application for the same activity.

The initial application fee for a plan change is \$10,000. This fee is required to be paid at the time of submitting an application. All costs relating to the private plan change over and above the application fee will be charged to the applicant as an additional charge pursuant to section 36(5) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

### Where to begin

If you are thinking of lodging a private plan change, the Council offers a pre-application meeting. This is where the applicant, and their consultants, can meet with Council staff and an Iwi representative at an early stage to discuss key details and requirements related to a private plan change request. To request a pre-application meeting for a private plan change, email: [ls@wrcrc.govt.nz](mailto:ls@wrcrc.govt.nz)

Key matters Council may help with during a pre-application meeting are:

- local knowledge on services, constraints and environmental issues
- application fee costs
- District Plan and RMA requirements
- other plan changes and major resource consent applications that have been approved in nearby areas
- advice on whom to consult with.

## 5.1.2

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting – 13 October 2020  
 Prepared by: Millie Taylor, Environmental Science Technical Coordinator  
 Date: 1 October 2020  
**Subject: REEFTON AIR QUALITY SUMMARY**

The Council monitors continuously the airborne concentrations of 10 micron particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub>) in Reefton. Winter meteorological traits and Reefton's topography, combined with smoke from solid fuel burners, can lead to high PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations. Prolonged exposure to high levels of PM<sub>10</sub> has been proven to exacerbate respiratory illnesses.

There have been no further breaches of the National Environmental Standards for Air Quality, 2004 (NESAQ 2004) since June (Table 1 and Figure 1). The NESAQ (2004) allows one 24-hour average PM<sub>10</sub> concentration over 50 micrograms/m<sup>3</sup> per year. This 24-hour average has been exceeded twice this winter hence the standards have not been met for Reefton in 2020.

Council have been waiting for central government to finalise a revised version of the NESAQ. Uncertainty around the nature of these revisions has made it difficult for Council to establish clear goals for monitoring and management of Reefton's air quality. Similarly, proposed changes to the NESAQ have cast doubt on the future acceptability of aftermarket devices that would improve individual burner emissions.

Over winter the science team were managing \$60,000 of government funded projects to help better understand the Reefton air quality issue, as well as maintaining and developing our regular monitoring program.

### Reefton Air Quality 2020

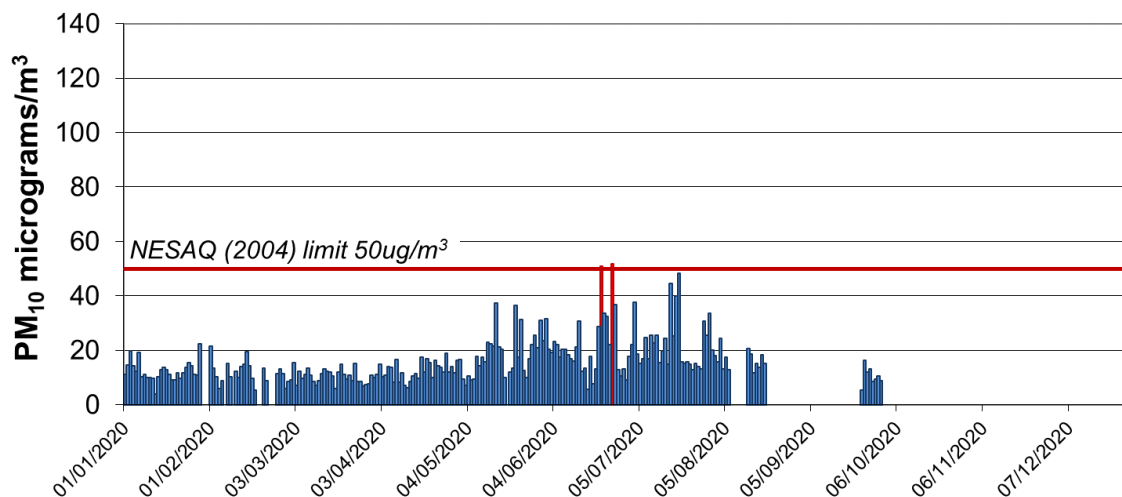


Figure 1. Reefton 24 hour average PM<sub>10</sub> for 2020. Gaps in the data due to technical issues.

Table 1 Reefton air quality exceedances of the NES

Date	Micrograms/m <sup>3</sup> PM <sub>10</sub>	
21/06/2020	51	Allowable exceedance
25/06/2020	52	Breach of NESAQ 2004

On 7 August we experienced a power outage at site. We then experienced a flow leak within the BAM on 20 August which required the instrument be sent off site for repairs. The BAM was reinstalled 22 September. These occasions are shown in Figure 1 as gaps in the data. We are now receiving data again from this instrument.

Work has begun with NIWA to analyse the data collected from the Partisol during winter. This work is funded by the Envirolink grant and will help to better understand the relationship between the BAM and the T640X. The Partisol is located directly between the two existing instruments, as seen below in Figure 2.



*Figure 2. Reefton air quality monitoring instruments. From left to right; BAM, Partisol, and T640X.*

## **RECOMMENDATION**

*That the report is received.*

Hadley Mills  
**Planning, Science and Innovation Manager**

**5.2.1****THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee  
 Prepared by: Leah Templeman – Consents and Compliance Business Support Officer  
 Date: 2 October 2020  
**Subject: CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**

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**Four Consents Sites Visit were undertaken 1 September 2020 to 30 September 2020**

02/09/2020	RC-2020-0091 Kaniere Minerals, Gold mining, Kaniere	Site visit to view proposed mining area and viewed water source, looked at an area of mining that had already taken place as a permitted activity.
10/09/20	Yet to be lodged, NZ Whitebait Westport	To investigate the site and determine the permits necessary.
11/09/20	RC-2019-0074-V1 Western Dynasty Holdings Ltd, add an extra machine, Stafford	Met on affected party's property to discuss reasoning behind the changes requested and the assumptions made by the noise report, some changes were agreed to be removed and information requested was to be sought by applicant.
17/9/2020	RC-2020-0107 David Baird & Alison Anderson, Hayden's Road, Rutherglen Wastewater discharge to land	Visited site with fellow consents officer to ascertain the soil types and discharge area.

**21 Non-Notified Resource Consents were Granted 01 September 2020 to 30 September 2020**

RC-2019-0007 David Eric Russ Greeks Creek, Waimea	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining and associated activities, at Waimea within MP 50851.  To take and use water for the purposes of alluvial gold mining activities, at Waimea within MP 50851.  To discharge water containing sediment to land in circumstances where it may enter water associated with alluvial gold mining Waimea within MP 50851.
RC-2019-0058 Alan Fowlie Hou Hou Creek	To undertake mining in the Westland District, Hou Hou Creek and within MP 60507.  To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining, Hou Hou Creek.  To disturb the bed of an unnamed tributary of Hou Hou Creek associated with its diversion.  To take surface water and groundwater associated with alluvial gold mining, Hou Hou Creek.  To permanently divert water in an unnamed tributary of Hou Hou Creek associated with alluvial gold mining.  To discharge contaminants to land where it may enter water associated with alluvial gold mining, Hou Hou Creek.



<p>RC-2020-0059 Kokiri Lime Company Limited Quarry - Sugarloaf Road, Karangarua Gravel – Karangarua River</p>	<p>To undertake quarrying activities including earthworks and vegetation clearance in the Westland District, Karangarua.</p> <p>To undertake earthworks, including on slopes greater than 25 degrees and vegetation clearance associated with quarrying activities, Karangarua.</p> <p>To disturb the bed of Boarder Creek associated with the installation of a culvert and protection works.</p> <p>To disturb the dry bed of the Karangarua River to undertake gravel extraction.</p> <p>To discharge dust to air associated with quarrying activities Karangarua.</p> <p>To discharge contaminants to land where it may enter water associated with quarrying activities, Karangarua.</p>
<p>RC-2020-0080 Chorus New Zealand Limited Saltwater Creek Ohinetametea Swamp</p>	<p>To undertake earthworks within Schedule 2 Wetland to install a pole and side gully at Saltwater Creek, Ohinetametea Swamp.</p>
<p>RC-2020-0081 Westroads Ltd Moonlight Creek</p>	<p>To disturb the dry bed of the Moonlight Creek for the purpose of removing gravel.</p>
<p>RC-2020-0083 Conifer Grove Assets Ltd Goldsborough/Waimea</p>	<p>To undertake alluvial gold mining in the Westland District, Goldsborough.</p> <p>To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining, Goldsborough.</p> <p>To take surface water from old mine ponds and an unnamed tributary of Waimea Creek and groundwater via seepage associated with alluvial gold mining, Goldsborough.</p> <p>To discharge contaminants to land where it may enter water associated with alluvial gold mining, Goldsborough.</p>
<p>RC-2020-0087 Department of Conservation Lake Gault</p>	<p>To discharge primary treated sewage wastewater to land, Lake Gault</p>
<p>RC-2020-0088 Kalyeeda Ltd Granite Creek &amp; Big River</p>	<p>To disturb the bed and banks of Granite Creek and Big River to undertake river protection works.</p>
<p>RC-2020-0090 Steve &amp; Angela Blackwood Hans Bay, Lake Kaniere</p>	<p>To discharge onsite sewage wastewater from a domestic dwelling to land in circumstances where it may enter water at Lot 21 DP 461467 Hans Bay.</p>
<p>RC-2020-0093 Weststone (2012) Limited Griffin Creek, Wainihinihi</p>	<p>To disturb the dry bed of Griffin Creek, for the purpose of gravel extraction.</p> <p>To disturb the wet bed of Griffin Creek, for the purpose of gravel extraction.</p>

<p>RC-2020-0094 The Rural Connectivity Group Woodpecker Bay-Road Reserve State Highway 6</p>	<p>To undertake earthworks within 50 metres of the Coastal Marine Area associated with installation of a telecommunication facility.</p>
<p>RC-2020-0095 Department of Conservation Waikowhai Stream, Gillespies Beach</p>	<p>To alter the foreshore or seabed to open the mouth of Waikowhai Stream.</p> <p>To deposit material (sand and rock) in the CMA to re-close the mouth of Waikowhai Stream.</p>
<p>RC-2020-0096 Rossburn Farms Limited Callaghans Creek, Matai</p>	<p>To discharge dairy effluent to land where it may enter water, namely Callaghans Creek.</p>
<p>RC-2020-0097 Department of Conservation Lake Gault</p>	<p>To disturb the bed of Lake Gault in order to construct a jetty.</p>
<p>RC-2020-0099 Russell Joseph Lye &amp; Rosemary Anne Lye 25 Ramsay Street, Blacks Point, Reefton</p>	<p>To discharge treated onsite sewage wastewater from a domestic dwelling to land in circumstances where it may enter water at Blacks Point.</p>
<p>RC-2020-0100 Mark John Michael Riley Arthurstown</p>	<p>To discharge treated onsite sewage wastewater from a domestic dwelling to land in circumstances where it may enter water at Arthurstown.</p>
<p>RC-2020-0101 Buller District Council Swanney's Creek/drain, Mokihinui</p>	<p>To alter the foreshore/seabed to construct a culvert and bund structure, Mokihinui.</p> <p>To occupy space in the Coastal Marine Area (CMA) with a culvert and bund structure, Mokihinui.</p> <p>To construct a structure (culvert and bund) in the CMA, Mokihinui.</p> <p>To deposit material (granite rock and concrete) in the CMA, Mokihinui.</p>
<p>RC-2020-0104 Mark Dixon Milltown</p>	<p>To undertake earthworks associated with the land-based extraction of rock and gravel, Milltown.</p>
<p>RC-2020-0107 David Baird &amp; Alison Anderson Hayden's Road, Rutherglen</p>	<p>To discharge treated onsite wastewater from a domestic dwelling to land, Lot 1 DP 3561 Hayden's Road.</p>
<p>RC-2020-0108 Michael Roper Coal Creek Runanga</p>	<p>To discharge treated onsite wastewater from a domestic dwelling to land, Coal Creek.</p>

RC-2020-0112  
CWPJ Holdings Limited  
Spring Creek

To discharge dairy effluent to land where it may enter groundwater via seepage and directly to water namely Spring Creek.

Two Changes to and No Reviews of Consent Conditions were granted in the period 1 September 2020 to 30 September 2020

WS-2017-944-V1  
Michael McGrath & Michael  
O'Donnell  
Taramakau River

To alter the whitebait stand design.

RC10055-V3  
Rockies Mining Limited  
Stockton Plateau

Amendments relating to water discharges.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That the October 2020 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Heather McKay  
**Consents & Compliance Manager**

5.2.2**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee – 13 October 2020  
 Prepared by: Colin Helem – Compliance Team Leader  
 Date: 1 October 2020  
 Subject: **COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

**Site Visits**

A total of 44 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period, which consisted of:

Activity	Number of Visits
Resource consent monitoring	8
Mining compliance & bond release	22
Complaints	12
Dairy farm	2

This report covers the period of 28 August 2020 to 1 October 2020.

- A total of 14 complaints and incidents were recorded.

**Non-Compliances**

Note: These are the activities that have been assessed as non-compliant during the reporting period.

A total of six non-compliances occurred during the reporting period.

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome	INC/Comp
Black sand mining	Complaint regarding black sand mining being undertaken on the Hokitika Beach. A person was concerned that sand was being removed from near rock protection structures.	Hokitika	Enquiries have been carried out and established that the mining was low scale and was under permitted activity rule. Some minor non-compliance was established regarding stock piling within 50 metres of the CMA. The persons responsible were advised of the permitted activity rule. No further action required to be undertaken at this stage.	Complaint
Gold Mining	Complaint received that a gold miner has discharged sediment onto a neighbouring property.	Arthurstown	The site was investigated and established that during a heavy rain event a settling pond breached discharging sediment onto the neighbouring property. The miner carried out mitigation work. The discharge did not enter a waterbody. A formal warning has been issued.	Complaint

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome	INC/Comp
Forestry	Complaint received that sediment discharged off a forestry site is discolouring Saltwater Creek.	Paroa	The site was investigated and established that earthworks undertaken on site had generated a lot of mud which was discharging into a small creek. The discharge then entered Saltwater Creek. An abatement notice has been issued to cease the discharge. A decision on further enforcement action is pending.	Complaint
Discharge to air	Complaint regarding the smoke discharged from the burning of green waste at an industrial premises.	Westport	The site was investigated and established the smoke was a nuisance and breached a regional rule. A formal warning has been issued.	Complaint
Noise complaint	Complaint received regarding the noise from a gold mining operation.	Stafford	Enquiries established that the miner had started work a short time prior to their authorised hours. They were reminded of their consent conditions.	Complaint
Gold Mining	A compliance officer saw that a creek was discoloured with sediment. The source was tracked to a gold mining operation. Samples obtained established that the discharge was in breach of their consented compliance limits.	Sergeants Hill	An abatement notice has been issued to cease the discharge. A decision on further enforcement action is pending.	Incident

### Other Complaints/Incidents

Note: These are the other complaints/incidents assessed during the reporting period whereby the activity was not found to be non-compliant or compliance is not yet established at the time of reporting.

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome	INC/Comp
Discharge to water	Complaint received from a whitebaiter that they had observed dairy effluent in the river.	Arahura	The site was investigated, and the complaint was not substantiated.	Complaint
Dead stock	Complaint received that there was a dead cow in the Hokitika River.	Hokitika	Contractor engaged to remove the carcass	Complaint
Discharge to air	Complaint regarding the discharge of smoke from an outside fire on a farm property.	Ngahere	The site was investigated and established at the time that the smoke was not an issue due to wind change.	Complaint
Black sand mining	Complaint received that a person processing black sand is blocking a drain with the processed sand.	Waimangaroa	The site has been investigated and the complaint is unsubstantiated.	Complaint

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome	INC/Comp
Discharge to air	Complaint received regarding the discharge of smoke from an outside fire at an industrial premises. The fire had occurred a week prior to reporting the matter	Reefton	The operator was contacted by phone and advised of the complaint. Advice given to be aware of wind direction and to be careful of what materials they are burning.	Complaint
Dead stock	Complaint received that there was a dead cow on the Hokitika beach.	Hokitika	A contractor was engaged to remove the carcass.	Complaint
Discharge to air	Complaint received that an outside fire at a transport company was discharging black smoke.	Ahaura	Enquiries were made by phone and established that the fire had been extinguished by the operator.	Complaint
Protection works	Complaint received that rock protection work carried out to protect the state highway at Maruia may have an impact on neighbouring properties.	Maruia	Enquiries are ongoing	Complaint

#### Update on Previously Reported Ongoing Complaints/Incidents

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome	INC/Comp
Rubbish dumping	Complaint received that building demolition material is being dumped at the Hokitika airport.	Hokitika	<p>The site was investigated and established that a contractor has been demolishing a building in Hokitika and trucking the material to an old gravel extraction pit at the airport. Some of the materials being dumped were not classed as clean fill. The operator has been required to cease dumping non clean fill material. An abatement notice has now been served on the contractor and the company that received the waste to cease any further dumping. A further abatement notice has been served requiring that the waste is removed from the gravel pit and disposed of at an authorised site.</p> <p>Two infringement notices have been issued, one to the contractor and one to the company that received the waste.</p>	Complaint

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome	INC/Comp
Gravel Extraction	Complaint received that recent gravel extraction has changed the course of the river.	Punakaiki	The site has now been visited and the complaint is unsubstantiated.	Complaint
Works in the bed of a river (July 2020 report)	A compliance officer travelling on the state highway north of Reefton saw that diversion works and gravel extraction was being undertaken in the bed of the Waitahu River.	Waitahu River Reefton	The site was investigated and established that there was no consent in place to authorise the work undertaken. At the time an abatement notice was issued to cease the activity. An infringement notice has now been issued.	Incident

### **Formal Enforcement Action**

**Formal Warning:** There were two formal warnings issued during the reporting period.

Activity	Location
Transport Business; Discharge to air from an outside fire at an industrial premises.	Westport
Gold Mining: Discharge of sediment laden water	Arthurstown

**Infringement Notice:** There were three infringement notices issued during the reporting period.

Activity	Location
Works in the bed of a river: unauthorised disturbance and diversion	Waitahu River
Dumping of demolition materials: Two notices issued, one to the contractor and a second notice to the company that received the waste.	Hokitika

**Abatement Notice:** There were five abatement notices issued during the reporting period.

Activity	Location
Dumping of demolition materials: Two abatement notices issued, one to the contractor and a second notice to the company that received the waste to cease any further unauthorised dumping.	Hokitika
Dumping of demolition materials: A further abatement notice issued requiring the company that received the waste to remove the material and dispose of it at a site authorised to receive the material.	Hokitika
Forestry: notice issued to cease the discharge of sediment laden water.	Paroa
Gold Mining: notice issued to cease the discharge of sediment laden water.	Sergeant Hill

### **Mining Work Programmes and Bonds**

The Council received the following ten work programmes during the reporting period. All of the programmes have been approved.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Mining Authorisation</b>	<b>Holder</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Approved</b>
24 Aug 2020	RC06206	BT Mining	Stockton	Yes
27 Aug 2020	CML37159	Birchfield Coal Mines	Strongman	Yes
28 Aug 2020	RC-2020-0092	Kokiri Lime Company Limited	Karangarua	Yes
31 Aug 2020	RC11121	DC & D Hampton	Blackball	Yes
1 Sept 2020	RC07152	B & J Stewart	Rotomanu	Yes
3 Sept 2020	RC12212	Rothera, Marshall and Craw	Cameron's	Yes
04 Sept 2020	RC-2016-0116	Silco Farms (Rotokohu) Limited	Landing Creek	Yes
10 Sept 2020	RC12160	Westroads Greymouth Limited	Greymouth	Yes
11 Sept 2020	RC-2018-0095	Gordon Storer	Buller River	Yes
17 Sept 2020	RC-2018-0090	M Clegg & JC Palmer-Clegg	Marsden Road	Yes

### **No bonds were received during the reporting period**

### **Two bonds are recommended for release**

<b>Mining Authorisation</b>	<b>Holder</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason For Release</b>
RC-2016-0100	Phillip Hampton	Ahaura	\$12,000	The miner has completed rehabilitation and a land owner approval form has been obtained.
RC-2019-0036	Elect Mining Ltd	Tuckers Flat	\$12,000	The miner has completed rehabilitation and a land owner approval form has been obtained.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- That the October 2020 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
- That the bond of \$12,000 for RC-2016-0100 Phillip Hampton and the bond of \$12,000 for RC-2019-0036 Elect Mining Limited are released.*

Heather McKay  
**Consents and Compliance Manager**



# COUNCIL MEETING

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Notice is hereby given that an **ORDINARY MEETING** of the West Coast Regional Council  
will be held in the Offices of the West Coast Regional Council,  
388 Main South Road, Greymouth on  
**Tuesday, 13 October 2020** commencing on completion of the  
Resource Management Committee Meeting

A.J. BIRCHFIELD  
CHAIRPERSON

R. MALLINSON  
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

<u>AGENDA</u> <u>NUMBERS</u>	<u>PAGE</u> <u>NUMBER</u>	<u>BUSINESS</u>
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6.		<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT</b>
7.		<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2020,  
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH,  
COMMENCING AT 12.30 PM**

**PRESENT:**

A. Birchfield (Chairman), S. Challenger, P. Ewen, D. Magner, B. Cummings, J. Hill, L. Coll McLaughlin

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

R. Mallinson (Acting Chief Executive), H. McKay (Consents & Compliance Manager), H. Mills (Planning, Science & Innovation Manager), R. Beal (Operations Director) via Zoom, N. Costley (Strategy & Communications Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), M. Schumacher (IT Support), The Media (via Zoom)

**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**2. PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no public forum.

**3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Chairman asked the meeting if there were any changes to the minutes of the previous meeting. Cr Coll McLaughlin requested that a change is made to her comment in the confirmation of the June minutes. She had said that co-funding was definitely required but this does not necessarily have to be via a rating district.

**Moved** (Ewen / Challenger) *that the minutes of the Council meeting dated 11 August 2020, be confirmed as correct.*

*Carried*

**Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**REPORTS:****4.1 OPERATIONS REPORT**

R. Beal took his report as read. He provided a verbal update on work currently being carried out in the Hokitika rating district and stated that a further 2,600 tonne of rock has been placed to add temporary protection due to the acceleration of erosion in this area.

R. Beal reported that extra work has been going into quarries recently with the planning for extra production that is expected as part of the Crown Infrastructure funds which have now been approved. He stated that in view of this the stock pile at the Inchbonnie Quarry has been increased to 10,000 tonnes. R. Beal advised that rock is required for work at Okuru. R. Beal confirmed that rock tally numbers are two months old.

He confirmed that the work currently being undertaken in the Hokitika rating district is under the existing \$0.5M authorisation agreed to by Council last year.

**Moved** (Magner / Cummings) *That the report is received.*

*Carried*

#### 4.2. CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to his report and stated this is the unaudited financial results for the 12 months until the end of June. He stated that the surplus is \$2.344. Investment income is below budget due to the impact of the March 2020 market downturn, even though the market fully recovered this loss during the April to June period. R. Mallinson spoke to the rest of his report. He advised that due to Covid-19 impacts on Council, the end of year financials were only recently finalised. R. Mallinson stated that Audit NZ will commence the annual audit on Monday next week.

R. Mallinson reported that the investment portfolio continued its excellent performance during July. R. Mallinson reported that VCS net surplus is \$1.514M which is very good and is \$1M better than expected. The Chairman commented that VCS have done very well with an excellent financial result.

R. Mallinson answered questions from councillors relating to rates, insurance recoveries, capital contributions from rating districts, potential costs and costs recoveries. H. McKay provided additional information relating to cost recoveries in her department. Cr Coll McLaughlin asked if there has been any preliminary discussion as to whether Council will be seeking full cost recovery with regard to some of the new regulations. R. Mallinson responded that it can be argued that there should be recognition of the benefit to the wider community in some of these costs being paid from the general rate rather than to the consent holder. R. Mallinson advised that Council's existing Revenue & Finance Policy doesn't look for 100% cost recovery, as ideally Council should be getting a 60 – 70% cost recovery. He stated that should Council ramp up hourly charge out rates to achieve full cost recovery this would then be a burden on the productive sector.

R. Mallinson confirmed that he will be convening the first meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee before 19 October 2020.

**Moved** (Challenger / Coll McLaughlin) *That the report be received.*

*Carried*

#### 5.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman reported that he attended a NZTA meeting last week where the 80 km speed limit for parts of the West Coast roading system was discussed. The Chairman stated that he is hopeful of consultation occurring before this comes in. Cr Challenger agreed that consultation is necessary as he feels if the speed limit is to be reduced then why can it not be changed to 90 km per hour for all vehicles and not just trucks. The Chairman advised that a 90 km per hour speed limit was discussed at the meeting limit but this was not agreed to as NZTA advised that the speed limits are 40, 60, 80 and 100 km. Cr Ewen stated a 90 km per hour speed limit would be better than 80 km per hour.

**Moved** (Magner / Cummings) *That this report is received.*

*Carried*

#### 6.0 ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UPDATE

R. Mallinson reported that he and The Chairman attended the Mayors, Chairs and Iwi forum on 12 August. He attended a meeting on 24 August with R. Beal, S. Bastion and Mayor Smith regarding the Franz Josef and Hokitika infrastructure works.

R. Mallinson reported that he attended the Te Tai o Poutini Committee meetings on 13 and 25 August. He met with Council's insurance brokers regarding the 2021 Renewal Programme on 26 August.

**Moved** Coll McLaughlin / Hill) *that this report is received.*

*Carried*

#### 7.1 WEST COAST LIDAR UPDATE – AUGUST 2020

H. Mills spoke to this report and advised that Council received just over \$3M in government funding to capture a digital terrain model of the entire West Coast. H. Mills advised that to date 24% of the region has been captured. Cr Coll McLaughlin stated that it is very useful that there is going to be a focus on educating people about using and accessing the LiDAR data. She stated this will optimize the use of LiDAR data.

**Moved** (Coll McLaughlin / Magner) *That the report is received.*

*Carried*

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 12.50

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Chairman

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Date

## 4.1

### THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for:	Council Meeting – 13 October 2020
Prepared by:	Paulette Birchfield – Engineer, Brendon Russ - Engineer
Date:	30 September 2020
Subject:	<b>ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT</b>

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#### **Works Report – September 2020**

##### **Punakaiki Rating District**

MBD Contracting Ltd have placed 252 tonnes of rock on the Punakaiki Seawall. The rock was sourced from the Whitehorse stockpile and was used to fill some voids in the sea-side face of the wall. While on-site the contractors also placed and compacted 360 tonnes of gravel from Fagan's Creek to rebuild the crest of the seawall.



*Compacted material, looking south along crest*

##### **Karamea Rating District**

SM Lowe Contracting Ltd has placed 300 tonnes of rock along the true right of the Karamea River behind The Last Resort. This rock was added as erosion protection due to recent scouring.

##### **Neil's Beach Rating District**

JJ Nolan Ltd was contracted to cart slip material from a slip on Haast-Jackson Bay Road to form a sacrificial bund for the Neil's Beach Rating District. An excavator was supplied and paid for by the Westland District Council, which loaded two 30T Dump trucks which carted the slip material to site where a 20 Excavator placed and shaped the material. The works were carried out under day works rates with a total completed cost of \$12,700.00 + GST





Sacrificial Bund – Looking towards Jacksons Bay



Sacrificial Bund – Looking towards Neil's Beach

**Quarry Rock Movements for the period August 2020**  
**(Excluding Royalty Arrangements)**

Quarry		Opening Stockpile Balance	Rock Sold	Rock Produced	Closing Stockpile Balance
Camelback	Large	0	2662	2662	0
Blackball		670	0	0	670
Inchbonnie		5,000	0	0	5,000
Kiwi		0	0	0	0
Miedema		0	0	0	0
Okuru		450	0	0	450
Whitehorse		1,334	0	0	1,334
<b>Totals</b>		<b>7454</b>			<b>7454</b>

**Rock Requested**

Quarry	Contractor	Amount	Permit Start	Permit Finish
Camelback	Henry Adams	1500-2500	31/08/2020	18/09/2020



4.2**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Council Meeting 13 October 2020  
 Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager  
 Date: 5 October 2020  
**Subject: Corporate Services Manager’s Monthly Report**

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**1. Financial Report**

Due to commitments with regard to end of year audit and Acting chief Executive role, we have not had time to finalise a two monthly financial report to 31 August 2020. We will prepare a financial report for the three months to 30 September 2020 which will go to the November meeting.

**2. JBWere Portfolio Performance two Month to 31 August 2020**

31 August 2020		Major Portfolio	
Opening balance	1 August 2020	\$	10,333,312
Income	July 2020	\$	214,539
Deposit	\$ -	\$	-
Withdrawal	\$ -	\$	-
Closing balance	31 August 2020	\$	10,547,851

Total income year to date to \$ 356,247

	Actual	Benchmark
Performance 1 August 2020 - 31 August 2020	2.07%	1.90%
Performance 1 July 2020 - 31 August 2020	3.33%	3.03%

**3. NEMA and Insurance Claim re Milton rebuild**

NEMA has just recently approved the 4<sup>th</sup> claim relating to the 26 March 2019 flood event. This amounts to \$250,240 + GST. There will be at least one more claim to NEMA.

Once the \$250,240 + GST is received from NEMA I will arrange for the catastrophe fund to be reinstated @ \$750,000. I have \$500,000 put aside from previous settlements already.

We are in negotiation with our AON Lloyds Insurers for a final settlement of all claims regarding the 26 March 2019 event, including Lower Waiho, Inchbonnie, Franz Josef, Kaniere, Wanganui, Waitangi-taona, and Kowhitirangi. I calculate that there will still be a net final payout to come from the Insurer of approximately \$227,000.

**4. Scheduling Inaugural Meeting of Audit & Risk Committee**

I am preparing Agenda papers for an inaugural meeting of this Committee and will be in touch with the members of the committee regarding a suitable date.

**5. LTP Project Plan**

This is being prepared and will be circulated before the meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That the report be received.*

Robert Mallinson  
**Corporate Services Manager**

4.3**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 13 October 2020  
Prepared by: Heather McKay – Consents & Compliance Manager  
Date: 1 October 2020  
Subject: **Transfer of Building Act Functions in relation to Dams**

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**Background**

Council were presented a paper on the Transfer of Building Act Functions in relation to dams at the 11 August Council meeting, and agreed to take the proposal out for consultation.

**Consultation**

Council commenced a special consultative procedure (SPC) as per section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 (this is required by section 245 of the Building Act). The consultation involved preparing a Statement of Proposal (SOP), notifying the SOP in newspapers, libraries, at Council office and on Council's website and Facebook page, arranging a hearing for any submissions that wish to be heard and making a recommendation on submissions.

Submissions were invited between Monday 17 August 2020 and Friday 11 September 2020. Council received one submission in support of the transfer of these functions. They did not wish to be heard in support of their submission.

A hearing was therefore not required.

**Next steps**

Following the outcomes of the consultation, staff will progress with finalising arrangements to transfer the Building Act Functions relating to dams from Otago Regional Council to Environment Canterbury. A further paper will be brought to Council for final approval of the transfer once the Deed, and other arrangements, have been finalised.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

*That the report is received.*

Heather McKay  
**Consents and Compliance Manager**

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

To: Chairperson  
West Coast Regional Council

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

Agenda Item No. 8.

- 8.1 Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 8 September 2020
- 8.2 Negotiation of Protocol and Arrangement (Mana Whakahono ā Rohe)
- 8.3 Blues Mining Ltd in Liquidation RC13092 Bond
- 8.4 Response to Presentation (if any)
- 8.5 In Committee Items to be Released to Media

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<b>Item No.</b>	<b>General Subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 7 of LGOIMA for the passing of this resolution.</b>
8.			
8.1	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 8 September 2020		Clause 7 subclause 2 (a)
8.2	Negotiation of Protocol and Arrangement (Mana Whakahono ā Rohe)		Negotiated
8.3	Blues Mining Ltd in Liquidation RC13092 Bond		Clause 7 subclause 2 (a)
8.4	Response to Presentation (if any)		Clause 7 subclause 2 (i)
8.5	In Committee Items to be Released to Media		

I also move that:

- Robert Mallinson
- Randal Beal
- Hadley Mills
- Heather McKay
- Nichola Costley

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.