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**Report of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held in the Committee Room, Wellington Regional Council, 34 Chapel Street, Masterton, on Tuesday, 1 June 1999, at 9.30 a.m.**

**Matters for Council decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.**  
*Other matters for information of Council only are in italic type.*

**Present:**

Councillors Long (Chairperson), Buchanan, Macaskill, McQueen, Shields and Turver. Messrs Berkett and Southey.

**Officers Present:**

S Blakemore, I Gunn, W O'Donnell, L Race, N Shakespeare (to 10.50am)  
C Wright.

**Procedural Items**

**RSW 64 Apologies**

Members extended their best wishes to Mr Dalziell for a speedy recovery following his recent operation and stay in hospital.

*Resolved* (Mr Southey/CrMacaskill)

*That the apologies from Messrs Beetham and Dalziell be sustained.*

**RSW 65 Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present who wished to participate in the meeting.

**RSW 66 Confirmation of Minutes***Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/M Southey)*

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wuirarapa Committee held on 22 April 1999, the public excluded section to remain in public excluded, be confirmed.*

**Matter for Recommendation to Council****RSW 67 Separate Scheme Rates and Balances****Report 99.256****File: Y/O/4**

Cr Macaskill expressed his gratitude to staff and Committee members for their commitment in attending the recent series of river management and catchment scheme meetings.

An amended version of the schedule attached to Report 99.256 was tabled.

<b>Resolved to Recommend</b>	<b>(Cr Macaskill/Mr Southey)</b>
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| <p>(1) <b>That the 1999/2000 separate scheme rates be approved, as per the amended schedule.</b></p> <p>(2) <b>That a minimum rate of \$10.00 be applied to all rateable property as provided for under the Rating Powers Act 1988.</b></p> |
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Cr Turver arrived at 9.56 a.m.

**Matters for Committee Decision****RSW 68 Objection to Consent Processing Charges****Report 99.269****File: Y/12/2/4**

Paula Pickford (Section Leader, Consents & Compliance) and Nicola Saunders (Resource Advisor) were present for the discussion on this item.

The Committee considered a tabled letter from Mr Riddiford dated 29 May 1999 in which he raised several issues and also

indicating that he would not be attending the Committee meeting in relation to his objection to the consent processing charges.

*Resolved* (Mr Southey/Cr Shields)

*That the portion of the charges relating to Iwi consultation in relation to Consent WAR 990033 be remitted.*

**RSW 69 Remittance of Resource Management Charges**

**Report 99.261**

**File: Y/22/1**

*Resolved* (Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

*That remittance of \$5,153.40 of the South Wairarapa District Council's 1997/98 resource management charges related to the frequency of monitoring of the Greytown treated sewage discharge consent, be approved.*

**RSW 70 Resource Consent Application from the Regional Council's Operations Department for the Operation and Maintenance of the Lake Wairarapa Barrage Gates**

**Report 99.252**

**File: WAR 930149 (01)**

*Resolved* (Cr Buchanan/Cr Macaskill)

*That, under delegated authority by the Wellington Regional Council, pursuant to sections 10.5 and 108 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the following water permit be granted to the Operations Department, Wairarapa.*

*Water Permit WAR 930149 (01) to dam and divert water at the Blundell Barrage Gates to maintain lake levels for a period of twenty years, at or about NZMS 260: S27;934.857, subject to the following conditions:*

***Standard Conditions***

- (1) *This consent is subject to all relevant provisions of the Resource Management Act 1991, its amendments and any regulations made thereunder. It is the obligation of*

*the consent holder to comply with all the statutory requirements relating to the exercise thereof*

- (2) *The consent holder may keep all such records as may be reasonably required by the Wellington Regional Council and shall, if so requested, supply this information to the Wellington Regional Council.*
- (3) *This consent is subject to the Wellington Regional Council or its servants, or its agents, being permitted access at all reasonable times for the purpose of carrying out inspections, measurements and the taking of samples.*
- (4) *The design and maintenance of any works relating to the exercise of the consent must be to a standard adequate to meet the conditions of the consent.*
- (5) *An annual charge, set in accordance with section 36(2) of the Resource Management Act 1991, shall be paid to the Wellington Regional Council for carrying out its functions under section 3.5 (duty to gather information, monitor and keep records) of the Resource Management Act 1991.*

**General Conditions**

- (6) *Subject to all the other conditions of this permit, the Barrage shall be operated as per the first schedule attached to this permit, and as described in the resource consent application and related assessment of effects entitled "Geoffrey Blundell Barrage, Assessment of Environmental Effects, 31 March 1998", together with associated documents lodged with the Wellington Regional Council.*

*Note: Any change from the operation may require a change in consent conditions pursuant to section 127 of the Resource Management Act 1991.*

- (7) *To allow maintenance to be carried out, the permit holder may raise up to four gates at any one time. This only applies to maintenance as described in the application documents as referred to in condition 6.*
- (8) *To allow for fish passage, the permit holder shall open at least two lateral gates as follows:*
  - (a) *for a period of one hour before low tide, if the head difference shows there will be no inflow*

*into the lake, from January to March when fish are migrating out of the lake; and*

- (b) for a period of one hour immediately before high tide, if the head difference shows there will be no flow out of the lake, from September to November when fish are migrating into the lake.*
- (9) The permit holder may open the gates in circumstances additional to those described above where practical. An opening required by this condition shall be waived if the opening is likely to significantly compromise the pursuit of the target lake levels, specified in the first schedule attached to this permit.*
- (10) The permit holder shall prepare by 29 October 1999 a monitoring programme for determining the effects of the modified gate opening regime on fish passage. This monitoring programme shall be prepared in consultation with the Department of Conservation, Rangitaane o Wairarapa, and Ngati Kahungunu, and shall have the agreement of these parties.*
- (11) The permit holder shall prepare an annual compliance report that includes, but is not limited to, the following..*
- (a) a comparison of actual lake levels achieved against target lake levels;*
  - (b) an explanation for deviations from, or failures to meet, the target levels,*
  - (c) a discussion of the operation's compliance with conditions 7, 8, 9 and 12 of this permit.*
  - (d) a record of the number of openings that occurred over the past 12 months that were in accordance with condition 8, and a discussion of the likely effect of these openings on fish passage.*

*The annual compliance report shall be provided to the Manager, Planning and Resources, Wellington Regional Council, on the first anniversary of the date of commencement of this permit and annually thereafter.*

- (12) Between 6 and 18 months before each of the review dates outlined in condition 13 of this permit, the permit holder shall invite staff of the Wellington Regional Council's Planning and Resources Department, all*

*those who submitted on this consent, and any others deemed appropriate by the permit holder to a meeting to discuss..*

- (a) compliance with the conditions of this permit,*
- (b) process and technology upgrades,*
- (c) any new information relevant to the operating regime; and*
- (d) any actions in response to issues raised at the meeting.*

*(13) The Wellington Regional Council may review any or all conditions of this permit, as provided for by section 128 of the Resource Management Act 1991 by giving notice of its intention to do so, at any time within six months of the fifth, tenth and fifteenth anniversaries of the date of commencement of this permit for any of the following reasons.'*

- (a) to consider incorporating any proposed modifications or changes that may arise from the meeting required by condition 12 of this permit; or*
- (b) to deal with any adverse effects on the environment which may arise from the exercise of this permit, and which it is appropriate to deal with at a later date; or*
- (c) to review the adequacy of the monitoring requirements of this permit, for the purposes of requiring additional monitoring or assess impacts or to allow a reduction in the level of monitoring; or*
- (d) to require specific actions to be taken to mitigate and/or remedy any adverse environmental adverse effects arising from the exercise of this permit.*

**RSW 71      Amendment to Consent Conditions****Report 99.266****File: WAR 950148***Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/Mr Southey)*

*That the amendment, as contained in Report 99.246, be approved and advised to the applicant and submitters.*

**RSW 72      Whakawiriwiri Stream Water Quality Monitoring****Report 99.258****File: Y/12/3/3**

Brett Stansfield (Water Quality Scientist) was present for the discussion on this item.

*Resolved**(Cr Turver/Cr McQueen)*

*(1) That the report be received.*

*(2) That the remaining property owners which discharge treated dairy effluent to the Whakawiriwiri Stream or its tributaries be encouraged to discharge their effluent to land when their resource consents are considered for renewal.*

Morning tea:                    10.50 a.m.

Resumed at:                    11.03 a.m.

**RSW 73      Old Man's Beard Control -Wellington City****Report 99.262****File: Y/ 15/3/2**

A coloured plan of the Old Man's Beard eradication programme for Wellington City covering the years 1992 to 2016 was tabled.

Cr Turver suggested that further publicity in the local community newspapers and the availability of self help kits and pamphlets to help landowners with their own Old Man's Beard eradication would be a proactive move to assist with progressing the current programme in Wellington City.

*Resolved**(Cr McQueen/Cr Shields)*

*(1) That the report be received.*

- (2) *That the proposal to amend the current Old Man's Beard inspection programme for Wellington City be endorsed.*

*Resolved* (Cr Turver/Cr Shields)

- (3) *That an increased level of public education be considered for plant eradication programmes.*

- (4) *That the matter be further reported back in two years as part of the Regional Pest Management Strategies review process.*

**RSW 74 Resource Consent Application WAR 990026 – Gravel Extraction from the Ruamahanga River System**

**Report 99.283**

**File: WAR 990026**

*Resolved* (Cr Long/Cr Turver)

*That the Committee consider Report 99.283 as an item of new business at today's meeting as the matter can not be deferred to the next Committee meeting.*

*Resolved* (Cr Buchanan/Cr Macaskill)

*That officers consider filing a Reference with the Environment Court in relation to Special Conditions 3(a), 6, and 20 B.1.1 of Land Use Consent WAR 990026, and also special conditions relating to other particular sites.*

**Matters Reported for Information**

**RSW 75 Divisional Manager's Report**

**Report 99.259**

**File: Y/21/1**

**Concerning 5.2 – Notified Consents – Craggy Range Vineyard**

Members discussed their concerns relating to available water supplies which would be crucial to the Martinborough district over the next 5-10 years and ultimately an issue for the entire Wairarapa Valley.

*Resolved* (Cr McQueen/Cr Shields)

*That the report be received and its contents noted.*

- RSW 76      Bovine Tb Vector Control – WRC Initiative Programme**
- Report 99.246** **File: Y4/1**
- Resolved* *(Cr Buchanan/Cr Shields)*
- That the report be received and its contents noted.*
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- RSW 77      Bovine Tb Vector Control – Eradication Zone Proposal**
- Cr Macaskill considered that the issue should be raised with Horizons.MW during their visit to the Wellington region on 22 and 23 September.
- Resolved* *(Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)*
- That the report be received and its contents noted.*
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- RSW 78      Jointly Notified Resource Consent Applications by Castlepoint East Coast Recreational Jetty Trust**
- Report 99.265** **File: Y/12/2/4**
- Resolved* *(Cr Turver/Cr Shields)*
- That the report be received.*
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- RSW 79      Catchment and River Works**
- Report 99.260** **File: Y/0/4**
- Resolved* *(Cr Shields/Cr Turver)*
- That the schedule be received and application of the Council's Seal be approved on the Land Improvement Agreements pertaining to properties in item 2.1.*
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- RSW 80      Resource Consents (Non-Notified)**
- Report 99.263** **File: Y/12/2/0**
- Resolved* *(Cr Macaskill/Mr Berkett)*
- That the information be received.*

**RSW 81 Statutory Planning**

**Report 99.257**

**File: Y/1 1/2**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Mr Southey)*

*That the information be received.*

**RSW 82 Questions**

There were no questions.

**RSW 83 General Business**

Mr Berkett, as an appointed member, sought clarification of his voting rights in relation to Wairarapa issues given the requirements of the Council's 1989 Reorganisation Order.

It was indicated to Mr Berkett that this was generally not an issue except possibly where there was close voting on a Wairarapa only issue. This situation had never arisen to date.

The meeting closed at 12.45 p.m.

Cr F R Long  
Chairperson

Date:

**Wellington Regional Council - 29 June 1999**

*To be moved*

<p><b>That the Report of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 1 June 1999, Items RSW 64 to RSW 83 inclusive, and the recommendation contained therein, be adopted.</b></p>
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