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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 Thursday, 26 August 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 Beetham and Southey.

**Officers Present:**

S Blakemore, I Gunn, W O'Donnell, L Race, H Stone (until 12.16p.m) and C Wright.

**Procedural Items**

**RSW 100 Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr McQueen/MrSouthey)*

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

**RSW 101 Public Participation**

The Chairman invited Mr Jim Hedley to speak to the meeting.

Mr Hedley spoke on various issues relating to the Whakawiriwiri Drain and his perceived problems associated with its upgrade, including:

- The illegal diversion of water from the Jenkins Dip Catchment into the Whaka Drain and his suggested options to alleviate the problem.
- His continuing objection to any upstream improvements because the Whaka Drain may overflow within his property.

Cr Buchanan advised that Mr Hedley and the Whaka Drain had a long associated history. The upgrade of the culverts was the subject of a resource consent application process.

**RSW 102 Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved* (Mr Southey/Cr McQueen)

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarupa Committee held on 6 July 1999, be confirmed.*

**Matters for Committee Decision**

**RSW 103 Objection to Consent Processing Charges**

**Report 99.480**

**File: Y/12/2/4**

This matter had been previously reported to the Committee and was held over for further consideration upon receipt of the requested documentation from the Castlepoint Jetty Trust.

*Resolved* (Cr Buchanan/Cr Macaskill)

- (1) *That remittance of \$2500 (plus GST) from the additional charges made in relation to Consent WAR 9800184 be approved, and the balance of the additional charges be upheld.*
- (2) *That settlement of the balance of the charges be discussed with the Masterton District Council, recognising their share of costs attributable through the joint hearing, and their public financial commitment and encouragement given to the project.*

The Committee agreed that the Chairperson and Divisional Manager would represent the Committee in the discussions with the Masterton District Council.

Cr McQueen took no part in the discussion and did not vote.

**RSW 104 River Scheme Asset Management Plan Performance**

**Report 99.466**

**File: Y/1/8/2**

The Divisional Engineer was present for the discussion on this item.

Cr Buchanan commented that the reporting against the River Asset Management Plans reflected the increasing value of the excellent approach taken in recent years with the development of the Plans and the level of service provision.

Cr Turver indicated that the success of these River Asset Management Plans made for a highly positive story in local newspapers and scheme newsletters.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Mr Beetham)*

- (1) That the Wairarapa River Management Scheme Asset Management Planning process to date be endorsed.*
- (2) That the Asset Management Plan Performance Statements for the Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme; and the Waiohine-Mangatarere, Upper Ruamahanga, Wuingawa and Waipoua River Management Schemes be received.*
- (3) That the possible future need to increase Scheme works programmes to address discrepancies between existing and desirable programme levels be noted.*
- (4) That the 1999 Audit of River Management Asset Maintenance Standards for the Wairarapa be received.*

**Matters Reported for Information**

**RSW 105 Divisional Manager's Report**

**Report 99.465**

**File: Y/21/1**

**Concerning 2.1 – End of Financial Year**

The Divisional Manager indicated that copies of the Division's Quarterly Review Reports would be made available to Committee members if they so wished.

Cr Shields queried the cancellation of the proposed carrot cutter purchase. The Manager, Biosecurity advised the reasons for not proceeding with the purchase and indicated that it was possible to hire a carrot cutter if required in the future.

### **Concerning 2.3 – Federated Farmers**

Comment was made on the good communications achieved in a discussion with members of Wairarapa Federated Farmers. Members commented on extending these useful type discussions to other sections and groups.

### **Concerning 2.4 – Horizon.mw Visit**

Cr Macaskill briefly outlined the proposed two day visit by Horizon.mw councillors to the region on 22/23 September and accordingly invited appointed members to also take part during the day in the Wairarapa.

### **Concerning 2.5 -Joint Councils Meeting**

The Divisional Manager commented on the recent combined meeting with the three Wairarapa district councils and the work currently being undertaken to achieve Government funding for the investigation of potential irrigation schemes in the Wairarapa. Of interest was the fact that Wairarapa soils and climate were ideally suited to the growing of high quality vegetable seeds if irrigation was possible.

Copies of the Wairarapa River/Drainage Schemes and Bovine Tb rates newsletters to be forwarded with the rates assessment notices to approximately 3,700 rural households across the region were tabled.

*Resolved*

*(Cr McQueen/CrTurver)*

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

Morning tea: 10.56 a.m.

Resumed: 11.13 a.m.

Mr Southey left the meeting at 10.56 a.m.

**RSW 106      Solid Waste Management for Wairarapa – Public Discussion Document**

**Report 99.473**

**File: Y/1 1/7/1**

The Section Leader, Policy & Planning, was present for the discussion on this item.

Copies of the Public Discussion Document were tabled. Members were advised that public comments were due by 14 September 1999 and opportunity existed for Council to indicate its preference for a particular solid waste disposal option or wait until the draft solid waste management plan was prepared.

Cr Buchanan indicated that options were limited and the initiative of zero waste with a Wairarapa landfill was the likely type of approach with its production and packaging aspects.

Officers were asked to report back to the next meeting of the Committee on comments from the public consultation phase.

*Resolved*

*(Cr McQueen/Cr Turver)*

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

**RSW 107      Agricultural Effluent Compliance Monitoring Annual Report**

**Report 99.461**

**File: Y/12/2/6**

The Compliance Officer was present for the discussion on this item.

*Resolved*

*(Cr McQueen/Cr Buchanan)*

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

**RSW 108      Land Use Compliance Monitoring – Annual Report 1998/99**

**Report 99.475**

**File: Y/12/2/8**

*Resolved*

*(Cr McQueen/Cr Buchanan)*

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

**RSW 109 Compliance Monitoring Annual Report 1998/99**

**Report 99.474**

**File: Y/12/2/0**

The Compliance Officer was present for the discussion on this item.

*Resolved (Cr McQueen/Cr Buchanan)*

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

**RSW 110 Remission of Annual Resource Management Charges**

**Report 99.477**

**File: Y/12/1/4**

*Resolved (Cr McQueen/Cr Buchanan)*

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

**RSW 111 Annual Incident Response Report**

**Report 99.476**

**File: Y/12/1/2**

*Resolved (Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)*

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

**RSW 112 Catchment and River Works**

**Report 99.467**

**File: Y/0/4**

*Resolved (Cr Shields/Cr McQueen)*

*That the schedule be received and application for the Council's Seal be approved on the Land Improvement Agreements pertaining to properties in 2.1.*

**RSW 113 Resource Consents (Non-Notified)**

**Report 99.464**

**File: Y/12/2/0**

*Resolved (Cr McQueen/Cr Shields,)*

*That the information be received.*

**RSW 114 Statutory Planning****Report 99.463****File: Y/1 1/2**

Comment was made on the number of large coastal subdivisions currently being proposed.

Members discussed the effects and impacts on the natural character of the coastal environment, and the associated policies developed through the National Coastal Policy Statement and the Regional Coastal Plan documents.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Mr Beetham)*

*That the information be received.*

**RSW 115 Questions**

There were no questions.

**RSW 116 General Business**

There were no items of general business.

The meeting closed at 12.55 p.m.

Cr F R Long  
Chairperson

Date:

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*To be moved.*

<p><b>That the Report of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 26 August 1999, Items RSW 100 to RSW 116 inclusive, be adopted.</b></p>
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