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**Report 01.868**

5 December 2001

File: E/6/12/2

**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, 4 December 2001, at 1.05 p.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, Kirton, and McDavitt.  
Messrs Benton, Dalziell, McQueen and Southey.

**Also Present:**

Councillor Yardley.

**Officers Present:**

S Blakemore, I Gunn, W O'Donnell, L Race, C Wright.

**Procedural Items**

**RSW 3 Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr McQueen)*

*That the apologies from Crs Shields and Turver be confirmed.*

**RSW 4 Public Participation**

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

**Matter for Recommendation to Policy & Finance Committee**

**RSW 5 Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee Terms of Reference**

**Report 01.851**

**File: E/6/2/2**

This matter will be reported separately to the Policy & Finance Committee.

**Matters for Committee Decision**

**RSW 6 Gravel Extraction Royalties**

**Report 01.819**

**File: Y/1/8/10**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr McQueen)*

- (1) That the proposed royalty allocation to the river management schemes, as set out in Report 01.819, be approved.*
- (2) That the annual allocation to the Waingawa River Scheme remain at \$9,000 as at present.*
- (3) That the gravel royalty fee be set at \$1.00 per cubic metre from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2002.*
- (3) That the rationale for these decisions be conveyed to all key stakeholders.*

**RSW 7 Appeal Against the Proposed Regional Pest Management Strategy 2001-2021**

**Report 01.844**

**File: Y/19/0/4**

*Resolved*

*(Mr Southey/Cr Kirton)*

- (1) That Feral Deer be deleted from the Key Native Ecosystem site led pest management category in the Proposed Regional Pest Management Strategy 2001-2021.*

- (2) *That the Council seeks agreement, by consent memorandum, with Safari Club International to have their appeal to the Environment Court resolved.*

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)*

- (3) *That the Council seeks advice on potential amendments to the Biosecurity Act 1993, the Local Government Act 1974 and the Resource Management Act 1991, to permit biodiversity management within the Wellington Region.*

**RSW 8 Soil Quality Monitoring 2000/2001**

**Report 01.818**

**File: Y/2/5/4**

The Regional Soil Conservator was present for the discussion on this item.

*Resolved*

*(Mr Dalziell/Cr Buchanan)*

- (1) *That the report be received and its contents noted.*
- (2) *That additional funding of \$12,500 be sought at the six months review to enable the soil quality monitoring programme to progress according to the original timetable.*

Cr Kirton and Mr Southey dissented.

Councillors McDavitt and Yardley left at 2.20 p.m.

**RSW 9 Regional Pest Management Strategies – Annual Reports 2000/2001**

**Report 01.825**

**File: Y/19/0/4**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr McQueen)*

- (1) *That the Committee, as the delegated Management Agency, approve the Annual Reports on the implementation of the 2000/2001 Operational Plans for the Regional Pest Management Strategies.*

- (2) *That a copy of the Reports be forwarded to the Minister of Biosecurity.*
- (3) *That the Reports be made available for public inspection.*

**RSW 10 Review of Consented Takes and Water Resources in Wairarapa**

**Report 01.840**

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

The Section Leader, Resource Investigations, and Resource Advisor, were present for the discussion on this item.

It was noted that copies of the review would also be distributed to the three Wairarapa district councils as part of a LIMS report.

*Resolved*

*(Cr McQueen/Mr Dalziell)*

- (1) *That the report be received.*
- (2) *That approval be granted to a moratorium being placed on the consenting of new or increased water takes in the following groundwater zones and surface water management zones:*
- *Mangatarere surface water management zone*
  - *Makoura Stream catchment (in Masterton Streams surface water management zone)*
  - *Otakura surface water management zone*
  - *Papawai surface water management zone*
  - *Parkvale surface water management zone*
  - *Donalds Creek and Dock Creek catchments (in Tauherenikau surface water management zone)*
  - *Taueru surface water management zone*
  - *Parkvale groundwater zone (aquifers 2 and 3)*
  - *Martinborough Eastern Terraces groundwater zone (aquifers 1 and 2)*
- (3) *That the decision to require water metering to be in place by the 2002/2003 irrigation season in the following groundwater zones, be endorsed:*
- *Huangarua groundwater zone (aquifer 2 and 3).*
  - *Lower Valley groundwater zone (Kahutara sub aquifer).*
  - *Martinborough Eastern Terraces groundwater zone.*
  - *Parkvale groundwater zone (aquifers 2 and 3).*
- (4) *That the decision to require water metering to be in place by the 2002/2003 irrigation season for all large takes greater than 40 litres per second (averaged over a 24 hour period), be endorsed.*

**RSW 11      Application for Resource Consent to Take Water from Lake Wairarapa**

**Report 01.829**

**File: WAR 010315**

The Resource Advisor was present for the discussion on this item.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Mr Southey)*

*That the Committee, under delegated authority by the Wellington Regional Council pursuant to sections 105 and 108 of the Resource Management Act 1991, grant resource consent application WAR 010315 by M & C Moran, subject to the following conditions and notes:*

*Conditions:*

- (1) The location, design, implementation and operation of the works shall be in accordance with the resource consent application WAR 010315 and its associated plans and documents lodged with the Wellington Regional Council on 3 October 2001, unless otherwise specified by a consent condition.*
- (2) The rate of take from Lake Wairarapa at or about map reference NZMS 260 S27: 0240 - 9568 shall not exceed 48 litres per second, 23 hours per day, 7 days per week, October to April inclusive,*
- (3) The consent holder shall adhere to any restrictions and/or rostering as directed by the Manager, Planning & Resources, in order to comply with the target lake levels specified in the Lake Wairarapa Management Guidelines and shown below:*

<b><i>Time period</i></b>	<b><i>Water level (chart datum)</i></b>
<i>1 December to 29 February</i>	<i>10.15 metres</i>
<i>1 March to 31 May</i>	<i>10 metres</i>
<i>1 June to 30 September</i>	<i>9.95 metres</i>
<i>1 October to 30 November</i>	<i>10 metres</i>

*When the mean lake level falls at or below the above target lake levels the take will cease.*

*Note: The mean lake level will be determined following the assessment of long term tracking trends and short term future scenarios, rather than the daily instantaneous lake level. Factors in making this assessment include but are not limited to prevailing weather conditions and future forecasts, flow levels in tributaries entering Lake Wairarapa, and the operation of the Barrage Gates to ensure compliance with conditions of resource consent WAR 930149.*

- (4) *The consent holder shall submit a copy of all irrigation design information including pump and irrigation equipment details, prior to the commencement of this consent.*
- (5) *If so requested by the Manager, Planning and Resources, Wellington Regional Council, the consent holder shall record the days and hours of operation, and shall forward a copy to the Wellington Regional Council by 31 May each year for the term of this consent.*
- (6) *The consent holder shall install measuring equipment to an accuracy of +/- 5% to ensure compliance with consent conditions.*
- (7) *The water intake shall be screened so that fish species cannot enter the intake.*
- (8) *The irrigation system shall be designed and maintained so that excess water is not run to waste.*
- (9) *The Wellington Regional Council may review any or all conditions of this consent by giving notice of its intention to do so pursuant to section 128 of the Resource Management Act 1991, at any time within three months of the annual anniversary of the grant date of this consent for any of the following purposes:*
- *To deal with any adverse effects on the environment which may arise from the exercise of this consent, and which it is appropriate to deal with at a later stage.*
  - *To alter minimum lake levels if there is either a change to the Lake Wairarapa Management Guidelines or the Regional Freshwater Plan.*
  - *To alter the monitoring requirement(s) in light of the results obtained from any previous monitoring.*
- (10) *The consent holder may apply, at any time, pursuant to section 127 of the Resource Management Act 1991, for the change or cancellation of any consent condition.*
- (11) *A resource management charge, set in accordance with Section 36(2) of the Resource Management Act 1991 shall be paid to the Regional Council for the carrying out of its functions in relation to the administration, monitoring, and supervision of resource consents and for the carrying out of its functions under Section 35 (duty to gather information, monitor, and keep records) of the Act.*

*Notes:*

- (a) *This resource consent does not guarantee that quantity or quality of water will be maintained or available.*

- (b) *The consent holder is encouraged to adopt the best practicable options to ensure the potential effects of the abstraction of water is minimised. This includes but is not limited to:*
- *Night time irrigation when water demand is lower;*
  - *Establishment of shelter belts to reduce evaporation losses from wind run; and*
  - *Riparian planting on the lake edge; and*
  - *Preventing stock access to Lake Wairarapa and tributaries entering the lake.*
- (c) *Please contact the Wellington Regional Council, Consents and Compliance Section, if you plan to make any modifications to the pump or irrigation system. Any significant modifications may require you to apply for a variation of consent conditions.*

*In recommending the above decision including the consent conditions, I believe that the matters identified in section 104(1) (detailed in section 4 of Attachment 1 to Report 01.829) and all submissions have been appropriately considered and addressed, particularly:*

1. *Sustainable management of the surface water resources in Lake Wairarapa will be achieved as specified in Part II of the Resource Management Act 1991.*
2. *All objectives and policies in the Regional Policy Statement have been appropriately considered and addressed by way of consent conditions.*
3. *All policies in the Regional Freshwater Plan have been appropriately considered and addressed by way of consent conditions. In particular the requirement to maintain minimum lake levels are specified as a consent condition.*
4. *The decision is consistent with the National Water Conservation (Lake Wairarapa) Order 1989 and Lake Wairarapa Management Guidelines.*
5. *The Department of Conservation who requested to be heard at a hearing, have withdrawn their right to be heard, subject to the consent conditions being applied. The South Wairarapa District Council Maori Standing Committee did not wish to be heard at a hearing. I believe all matters raised in their submission have been appropriately addressed through the consent conditions and notes on the resource consent.*

**RSW 12 Applications for Resource Consent for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of the Kourarau Power Scheme**

**Report 01.828**

**File: WAR 010067  
WAR 010068  
WAR 010069**

The Resource Advisor, Consents, was present for the discussion on this item.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr McQueen)*

*That the Committee, under delegated authority by the Wellington Regional Council pursuant to sections 105 and 108 of the Resource Management Act 1991, grant the resource consents applied for by Genesis Power Ltd, subject to the following conditions:*

*For All Consents*

- (1) In terms of section 123(c) of the Resource Management Act 1991, the period for which these consents are granted is limited to 35 years from date of commencement of these consents.*
- (2) The location, design, implementation and operation of the works shall be in accordance with the consent application and its associated plans and documents lodged with the Wellington Regional Council on 30 March 2001 and additional information dated 16 May 2001 and 29 August 2001 but subject to any modifications required to comply with any of the conditions of consent.*

*Note: Any change from the location, design concepts and parameters implemented and/or operation may require a change in permit conditions pursuant to section 127 of the Resource Management Act 1991.*

- (3) The Wellington Regional Council may review any or all conditions of these consents by giving notice of its intention to do so pursuant to section 128 of the Resource Management Act 1991, at the following times:*
  - within 6 months of the 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, or 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the date of commencement of these consents; or*
  - within 6 months of monitoring information being submitted to the Council as required under conditions 15, 23, and 24.*
- (4) The purpose a review specified in condition 3 will be:*
  - To deal with any adverse effects on the environment which may arise from the exercise of these consents, which is appropriate to deal with at a later stage.*



- *To review the adequacy of any plan(s) prepared for this consent and/or monitoring requirement(s) so as to incorporate into the consents any modifications to any plan(s) or monitoring requirement(s) which may become necessary to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this permit.*
- *To alter the monitoring requirement(s) in light of the results obtained from any previous monitoring.*
- *To require consistency with any regional plan as a result of changes to a regional plan.*

- (5) *The Wellington Regional Council shall be entitled to recover from the consent holder the costs of the conduct of any review, calculated in accordance with and limited to that Council's scale of charges in force and applicable at that time pursuant to Section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.*
- (6) *The consent holder may apply, at any time, pursuant to section 127 of the Resource Management Act 1991, for the change or cancellation of any consent condition, other than condition 1 relating to the term of these consents.*
- (7) *The consent holder's interest in this consent may be transferred to any owner or occupier of the site pursuant to section 137 of the Resource Management Act 1991.*
- (8) *All practicable measures shall be undertaken to minimise any adverse effects on property, amenity values, wildlife, vegetation and ecological values.*
- (9) *A resource management charge, set in accordance with Section 36(2) of the Resource Management Act 1991 shall be paid to the Regional Council for the carrying out of its functions in relation to the administration, monitoring and supervision of resource consents and for the carrying out of its functions under Section 35 (duty to gather information, monitor and keep records) of the Act.*

*WAR 010067 (21129, 21131) and WAR 010068 (21132, 21133) – Ongoing Operation of Kourarau Power Scheme*

- (10) *The maximum rate at which water is taken from the Kourarau Stream via the upper reservoir for the purposes of generating electricity at or about map reference NZMS T27: 371-094 shall be 0.29 m<sup>3</sup>/sec.*
- (11) *The maximum rate at which water is discharged into the Kourarau Stream via the upper power station for the purposes of generating electricity at or about map reference NZMS T27: 369-098 shall be 0.29 m<sup>3</sup>/sec.*

- (12) *The maximum rate at which water is taken from the Kourarau Stream via the lower reservoir for the purposes of generating electricity at or about map reference NZMS T27: 368-098 shall be 0.9 m<sup>3</sup>/sec.*
- (13) *The maximum rate at which water is discharged into the Kourarau Stream via the lower reservoir for the purposes of generating electricity at or about map reference NZMS T26: 354-121 shall be 0.9 m<sup>3</sup>/sec.*
- (14) *The consent holder shall install at the Lower Power Station Tailrace and at the Lower Reservoir Spillway, rated automatic water level recorders that monitor stage height and flow at a minimum of every 15 minutes, for a two year period from 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2003. The flow rating curves shall be maintained so that they show the true flow, plus or minus 8%, for 95% of the time.*
- (15) *The consent holder shall submit a monitoring report before 31 March 2004 that provides information collected under condition 14.*
- (16) *The consent holder shall operate the upper reservoir lake level within the 650 mm band stated in the 'Assessment of Environmental Effects' report.*

*WAR 010069 (21134, 21135, 21136) – Short Term Maintenance Activities of Kourarau Power Scheme*

- (17) *The Wellington Regional Council, Consents & Compliance Section and all landowners between the discharge point and the Ruamahanga River confluence shall be given a minimum of 48 hours written notice prior to the commencement of exercise of these consents.*
- (18) *The discharge of contaminants associated with the delimiting of the lower scheme pipeline and penstocks shall only occur on average once every 2 years, over a cumulative duration of no longer than 24 hours. The discharge and dewatering of the penstocks and insertion of hog shall be completed within the shortest timeframes practicable, to minimise potential effects on the flow regime in the Kourarau Stream.*
- (19) *The discharge of contaminants associated with desedimentation of the lower reservoir shall only occur on average once every 4 years, over a cumulative duration of no longer than 48 hours. The discharge shall be completed in the shortest practicable time.*
- (20) *The discharge of contaminants associated with delimiting of the lower scheme pipeline and penstocks and desedimentation of the lower reservoir shall only occur between April and June inclusive when the flow in the Taueru River at or about map reference*

NZMS 260 T26 2735884 – 6014890 is above 125 litres per second.

- (21) *The consent holder shall advise the Wellington Regional Council, Resource Investigations Section at least one week prior to the commencement of discharge activities, so the flow in the Taueru River can be established.*
- (22) *The consent holder shall complete a minimum of one environmental monitoring programme undertaken by suitably qualified personnel for both the delimiting and desedimentation maintenance activities as outlined in the table below. (The purpose of the environmental monitoring programme is to confirm that any effects of the maintenance programmes are minor and of short duration.)*

<i>Monitoring frequency</i>	<i>Monitoring parameters</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Initial baseline survey</i></li> <li>• <i>Survey within one week of desedimentation of the lower reservoir</i></li> <li>• <i>Survey within one week of delimiting of pipeline and penstocks</i></li> <li>• <i>Follow up survey after two months</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Macroinvertebrate study</i></li> <li>• <i>Electric fishing</i></li> <li>• <i>Substrate composition</i></li> </ul>

*The monitoring sites shall be the same as those monitored in 2000-2001. Additional monitoring sites shall be included upstream and downstream of the Taueru confluence with the Ruamahanga River.*

- (22) *The environmental monitoring programme shall be undertaken during the first period of maintenance activities following the commencement of these consents. Results shall be submitted to the Consents & Compliance Section, Wellington Regional Council within 3 months of the completion of monitoring.*

*Note: Any further environmental monitoring will be considered after the first maintenance period through a review of consent conditions, as specified in conditions 3 and 4.*

- (23) *The consent holder shall accurately measure the volume of sediment discharged as a result of desedimentation of the lower reservoir during each maintenance period and submit results to the Consents & Compliance Section, Wellington Regional Council within 3 months of the completion of monitoring.*

*In recommending the above decision including the consent conditions, I believe that the matters identified in section 104(1) (detailed in section 4 of Attachment 1 to report 01.828) and all submissions have been appropriately considered and addressed, particularly:*

- *Sustainable management of the resources in the Kourarau Stream catchment will be achieved as specified in Part II of the Resource Management Act 1991.*
- *All objectives and policies in the Regional Policy Statement have been appropriately considered and addressed by way of consent conditions.*
- *All policies in the Regional Freshwater Plan have been appropriately considered and addressed by way of consent conditions.*
- *Appropriate consideration has been given to the one submission against the applications. That submitter has provided written approval to the applications.*

## **Matters Reported for Information**

### **RSW 13      Divisional Manager's Report**

**Report 01.832**

**File: Y/21/1**

*Resolved*

*(Mr Southey/Mr Dalziell)*

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

### **RSW 14      Financial Report for the Four Months to 31 October 2001**

**Report 01.839**

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

*Resolved*

*(Cr Kirton/Cr Buchanan)*

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

### **RSW 15      Community Sewage Discharges**

**Report 01.838**

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

The Committee noted that the Masterton District Council discharge consent had expired on 30 September 1996 and members expressed their concerns at the apparent lack of progress since that time by the District Council to pursue options for improved treatment.

Members agreed that Councillors Long, Buchanan, and the Divisional Manager, Wairarapa, initiate discussions with the Masterton District Council on this matter.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Mr Benton)*

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

**RSW 16      Wairarapa Municipal Oxidation Ponds – Water Quality Monitoring  
July 1999 – June 2001**

**Report 01.837**

**File: Y/13/1/0**

The Section Leader, Resource Investigations, was present for the discussion on this item.

*Resolved*

*(Cr McQueen/Cr Kirton)*

*That the report be received.*

**RSW 17      Agrichemical Contractor Workshop**

**Report 01.833**

**File: Y/12/1/0**

The Resource Advisor, Policy & Planning, was present for the discussion on this item.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Kirton/Cr Buchanan)*

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

**RSW 18      Regional Council Input into District Planning**

**Report 01.831**

**File: Y/11/2**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Mr Dalziell)*

*That the information be received.*

**RSW 19      Resource Consents (Non Notified)**

**Report 01.827**

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

*Resolved*

*(Cr Kirton/Mr Benton)*

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

**RSW 20 Catchment Works**

**Report 01.821**

**File: Y/0/4**

*Resolved*

*(Mr Southey/Cr Buchanan)*

*That the schedule be received.*

**RSW 21 Questions**

There were no questions.

**RSW 22 General Business**

**(1) Photograph**

Councillor Long sought opinions as to whether members wished to have a photograph taken of the Committee and senior staff.

**(2) Committee Room**

Councillor Long commented on the high level of street noise being experienced in the Committee Room during meetings and enquired whether the easing of the street noise was being addressed.

Mr Wright indicated that temperature control units were to be installed shortly because of the extreme temperatures during the winter and summer months. Double glazing of windows to assist with alleviating street noise in the Committee Room could be looked into at a later date.

**(4) 'Friends of the Motuwaireka Stream' - Riversdale**

Councillor Long advised that a recent meeting of the Riversdale Ratepayers Association had formed a 'Friends of the Motuwaireka Stream' group.

The meeting closed at 3.58 p.m.

CR F R LONG  
Chairperson

Date:

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*To be moved*

**That the Report of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 4 December 2001, Items RSW 3 to RSW 4 inclusive, and Items RSW 6 to RSW 22 inclusive, be adopted.**