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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Report 03.399**

9 July 2003

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, 8 July 2003, 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, Kirton, McDavitt, Shields and Turver.  
Messrs Benton, Dalziell, and McQueen.

**Also Present:**

Councillor Barr.

**Officers Present:**

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

**Procedural Items**

**RSW 189      Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Kirton/Mr Benton)*

*That the apologies from Mr Southey, and Councillor Shields for lateness, be confirmed.*

**RSW 190      Public Participation**

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

**RSW 191      Confirmation of Minutes**

**Matters Arising**

**Concerning RSW 181 – Varroa Bee Mite**

Mr Dalziell commented that the varroa bee mite had now been discovered in the Hawkes Bay region. Mr Dalziell said that the Varroa Planning Group, which had been formed to develop a long term management strategy for varroa, was behind in terms of timeframes and there was now some urgency in dealing with this.

Mr O'Donnell advised that the Varroa Planning Group had not involved regional councils in the discussion document process.

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Kirton)*

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee (Report 03.308) held on 27 May 2003, be confirmed.*

*Resolved*

*(Mr Dalziell/Cr Kirton)*

*That a letter be forwarded to the Varroa Planning Group conveying the Committee's concerns at the lack of urgency being given to addressing the spread of varroa and the need for communication to the public.*

Cr Shields arrived at 9.38 a.m.

**Matters for Committee Decision**

**RSW 192      Environmental Discharges**

**Report 03.380**

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

Paula Pickford, Section Leader, Consents & Compliance, was present for the discussion on this item.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)*

- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.*
- (2) That the Council endorse the intent and principles of the Dairying and Clean Streams Accord.*
- (3) That staff meet with Fonterra and regional dairying representatives and progress development of a regional action plan, as set out in the Dairying and Clean Streams Accord.*
- (4) That a strategy for identifying and preventing contamination from major stock crossings be developed with relevant interests.*
- (5) That progress on these issues and other issues identified in Report 03.380 be reported back to the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee and the Environment Committee as appropriate.*

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Mr Dalziell)*

*That officers report back to the Committee on improvements in the compliance ratings to discharges to land.*

Morning tea: 10.43 a.m.

Resumed: 10.55 a.m.

**RSW 193 Recreational Water Quality Report 2002/03**

**Report 03.354**

**File: Y/12/3/1**

Graham Sevicke-Jones was present for the discussion on this item.

Copies of the publication ‘On the Beaches – Recreational Water Quality of the Wellington Region 2002/03’ were circulated.

Members commented that comparison trends with the results from previous years would be useful for future recreational water quality monitoring reports.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Kirton/Cr Shields)*

- (1) That the report be received.*

- (2) *That the Region's territorial authorities, and in particular the Kapiti Coast District Council, Porirua City Council, Hutt City Council, and Wellington City Council, be thanked for their continued support of the Region's recreational water quality monitoring programme.*

## **Matters Reported for Information**

### **RSW 194      Divisional Manager's Report**

#### **Report 03.369**

**File: Y/21/1**

#### Concerning 2.3 – Staffing

The Divisional Manager reported on a further item regarding an internal change within the Biosecurity Department to form a business unit for Bovine Tb vector control work.

#### Concerning 3.11 – Aerial 1080 Pellet Control

Mr Dalziell commented on the significant delays occurring with the issuing of 1080 approvals by the Department of Conservation which ultimately impacted on planned programmes and financial timeframes.

#### Concerning 4.5 – Technical Services Activities

Des Peterson gave a presentation on the results of the monitoring surveys undertaken at Riversdale Beach over a 20 year period.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Shields/Mr McQueen)*

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

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Mr Dalziell)*

*That a letter be forwarded to the Director-General of Conservation expressing the Committee's concerns at the delays occurring in issuing 1080 operation approvals.*

Mr Dalziell left the meeting at 11.40 a.m.

- RSW 195      Financial Report for the Eleven Months to 31 May 2003**
- Report 03.373** **File: Y/21/1**
- Resolved* *(Cr Shields/Cr Buchanan)*
- That the report be received and the contents noted.*
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- RSW 196      Exemption Requests – Regional Pest Management Strategy 2002-2022**
- Report 03.379** **File: Y/19/0/4**
- Resolved* *(Cr Kirton/Cr Turver)*
- That the report be received.*
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- Resolved* *(Cr Turver/Cr Kirton)*
- That a letter be sent to Horizons.mw advising of the Committee's concerns with public access to Eelgrass growing in their region creating a potential threat to the Wellington region.*
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- RSW 197      Farm Environment Awards**
- Report 03.361** **File: Y/2/5/7**
- Dave Cameron was present for the discussion on this item.
- Resolved* *(Mr Benton/Cr McDavitt)*
- That the report be received and its contents noted.*
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- RSW 198      Remission of Resource Management Charges**
- Report 03.375** **File: Y/12/2/0**
- Resolved* *(Mr McQueen/Cr Buchanan)*
- That the Committee receive the report and note its contents.*

**RSW 199      Wairarapa Landfills**

**Report 03.374**

**File: Y/11/7/1**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Mr McQueen)*

*That the Committee receive the report and note its contents.*

**RSW 200      Wairarapa Corridor Study**

Cr Buchanan reported to the Committee on the process of getting a corridor plan for the Wairarapa in place within the Regional Land Transport Strategy that was pragmatic, achievable, and realistic. A series of meetings has been held with major stakeholders and transport managers to prepare a draft document.

A central part of the proposed corridor plan was the desire to transport logs from the Wairarapa to Wellington by rail to relieve pressure on roads such as the Rimutaka Hill Road. Part of the proposed plan involved a log transfer station at Waingawa and in future years another in Featherston. From this the concept of a small inland port could be developed to fully utilise rail.

*Resolved*

*(Mr McQueen/Cr Shields)*

*That the oral report be received.*

**RSW 201      FORST Funding of Riverbank Protection Plantings Research**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Long/Mr McQueen)*

*That Report 03.402 be considered as an item of new business at today's meeting as the matter can not be deferred until the next Committee meeting.*

**Report 03.402**

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

Members were advised that funding assistance from the Foundation of Research, Science & Technology over the next 6 years for research into new forms of riverbank plantings had been declined making for serious implications at both a regional and national level.

*Resolved*

*(Mr McQueen/Cr Kirton)*

- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.*
- (2) That a letter be forwarded to Local Government NZ seeking assistance to achieve funding towards riverbank protection plantings research.*

**RSW 202 Flood Event Report – 9 & 10 June 2003-07-07**

**Report 03.381**

**File: Y/13/1/5**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Kirton/Cr Turver)*

*That the Committee receive the report and note its contents.*

**RSW 203 Regional Council Input Into District Planning**

**Report 03.355**

**File: Y/11/2**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Kirton/Cr Shields)*

*That the information be received.*

**RSW 204 Resource Consents (Non Notified)**

**Report 03.365**

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

*Resolved*

*(Cr Kirton/Cr Turver)*

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

**RSW 205 Catchment Works**

**Report 03.368**

**File: Y/0/4**

*Resolved*

*(Mr McQueen/Mr Benton)*

*That the schedule be received.*

**RSW 206      Questions**

There were no questions.

**RSW 207      General Business**

There were no items of general business.

The meeting closed at 12.38 p.m.

CR F R LONG  
Chairperson

Date:

**Wellington Regional Council - 5 August 2003**

*To be moved*

<p><b>That the Report of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on Tuesday, 8 July 2003, Items RSW 189 to RSW 207 inclusive, be adopted.</b></p>
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