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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report 03.579

1 October 2003

File: E/6/12/2

Report of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held in the Committee Room, Greater Wellington Regional Council, 34 Chapel Street, Masterton, on Tuesday, 30 September 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, McQueen and Southey.

Also Present:

Councillors Barr and Werry.

Officers Present:

S Blakemore, I Gunn, B Harris, S Hill, L Race, C Wright,
and R Clarey, G Crawford, N Shakespeare, K Worsley (for part meeting).

Procedural Items

RSW 222 Apologies

There were no apologies.

RSW 223 Confirmation of Minutes

Matters Arising – Draft Wairarapa Transport Corridor Plan

Cr Buchanan updated members on the outcome of the Wairarapa transport corridor meetings held with major stakeholders in Masterton and the public meeting in Greytown. Feedback from the major players had indicated a comfort level with the direction being proposed.

The Regional Land Transport Committee will consider the Draft Transport Corridor Plan at its November meeting.

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Kirton)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee (Report 03.509) held on 19 August 2003, be confirmed.

RSW 224 Public Participation

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

Matters for Committee Decision

RSW 225 Regional Pest Management Strategy: Operational Plan 2003/04

Report 03.550

File: Y/19/0/4

Mr Dalziell commented on some rural landowners concerns with the increased number of Canadian Geese now in the region and believed that if not controlled these birds would constitute a significant problem over time with a resultant cost to the community and ratepayers. Farmers were requiring assistance with the management of these birds.

Members noted that as Canadian Geese were a game bird and not classified as a pest under the Council's Regional Pest Management Strategy, this was a matter for the authorities responsible for their control - Fish & Game and Department of Conservation.

Officers were asked to report to the November Committee meeting on an assessment of the scale of rabbits, rooks and Canadian Geese in the Region.

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Turver)

That the proposed Operational Plan 2003/04 for the Regional Pest Management Strategy 2002-2022 be approved.

RSW 226 Riversdale Ratepayers Association Consent Charge

Report 03.569

File: Y/12/2/4

Resolved

(Mr McQueen/Cr Turver)

That the Committee approve payment of \$1295 to the Riversdale Ratepayers Association from the Take Care Programme noting that the public benefit from the project is significant and should in this instance be recognised in the form of a grant.

RSW 227 Draft Water Allocation Plan for the Mangatarere Catchment

Report 03.548

File: Y/11/8/4

Graham Sevicke-Jones (Section Leader, Resource Investigations) and Siobhan McDonnell (Resource Advisor) were present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Buchanan)

That the Draft Water Allocation Plan for the Mangatarere Catchment be approved in principle and released for public consultation.

**RSW 228 Extended Moratorium on Groundwater Takes from the
Martinborough Eastern Terraces**

Report 03.556

File: Y/12/2/5

Stephen Thawley (Resource Advisor) was present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Shields)

- (1) That the report be received.*
- (2) That approval be granted to the extension of the existing moratorium on the consenting of any new or increased groundwater takes to all aquifers within the Martinborough Eastern Terraces groundwater zone.*

Morning tea: 10.45 a.m
Resumed at: 11.07 a.m

RSW 229 Reserve Forests Review for the Year to 30 June 2003

Report 03.561

File: Y/3/2/0

Resolved

(Mr McQueen/Cr Shields)

- (1) That the report be received and the information noted.*
- (2) That the replanting of harvested areas in the winter immediately following harvesting be approved.*
- (3) That officers be asked to include triple bottom line reporting for the business unit as soon as possible to give an accurate perspective to the state of the business.*

Mr Dalziell left the meeting at 11.15 a.m.

RSW 230 Akura Conservation Centre Review for the Year to 30 June 2003

Report 03.560

File: Y/2/2/1

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 231 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 03.541

File: Y/21/1

Concerning 2.1 - Wairarapa Irrigation Study

The Divisional Manager gave a presentation on the current status of the study and outlined the three individual schemes from Stage 2 of the consultant's report with the preferred storage options in each scheme. Other issues highlighted related to stock water, frost protection, hydro-electricity and recreation. Stage 3 study proposals would entail commercial issues and landowner information.

Resolved

(Mr Benton/Mr Southey)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 232 Financial Report for the Two Months to 31 August 2003

Report 03.547

File: Y/21/1

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

RSW 233 Spring 2003 Low Rainfall Probability – Southern Oscillation Index Based Forecast

Report 03.551

File: Y/13/1/8

Graham Sevicke-Jones (Section Leader, Resource Investigations) was present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved (Mr Southey/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 234 Water Metering in Stressed Aquifers

Report 03.545

File: Y/12/2/5

Resolved

(Mr Benton/Mr McQueen)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 235 Resource Consents Annual Compliance Report 2003

Report 03.539

File: Y/12/2/0

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Kirton)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 236 Regional Council Input Into District Planning

Report 03.546

File: Y/11/2

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Kirton)

That the information be received.

RSW 237 Resource Consents (Non Notified)

Report 03.549

File: Y/12/2/0

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Kirton)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 238 Catchment Works

Report 03.540

File: Y/0/4

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Turver)

That the schedule be received.

RSW 239 Questions

There were no questions.

RSW 240 General Business

There were no items of general business.

RSW 241 Public Excluded

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Turver)

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

Masterton Interim Sewage Discharge Consent Condition

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:-

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i>	<i>Ground under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
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Masterton Interim Sewage Discharge Consent Condition

Prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial.

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist (i.e. the right to a fair trial).

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act, or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:-

GWRC - Masterton District Council

The meeting closed at 11.59 a.m.

CR F R LONG
Chairperson

Date:

Wellington Regional Council - 30 October 2003

To be moved

That the Report of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on Tuesday, 30 September 2003, Items RSW 222 to RSW 241 inclusive, be adopted.
