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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, 7 October 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), McQueen, Shields and Turver.
Messrs Berkett, Beetham, Dalziell and Southey.

Officers Present:

S Blakemore, I Gunn, L Race, C Wright.

Procedural Items

RSW 117 Apologies

Resolved

(Cr Shields/M Southey)

That the apologies from Crs Macaskill and Buchanan be sustained.

RSW 118 Public Participation

Mayor Read, South Wairarapa District Council

Mayor Read addressed the Committee on the coastal subdivision report to the Environment and Rural Services and Wairarapa Committees. He said the report appeared to be

biased towards the prohibition of subdivision and development on the Wairarapa coast and the three Wairarapa Mayors were concerned about that. Mayor Read referred specifically to objectives in the Regional Policy Statement.

Mayor Read conveyed the concerns of the Mayors that the development of the Wairarapa and the creation of jobs and wellbeing for its population were being jeopardised through this negativity. He also believed that no comparison could be made between the potential subdivision similarities of the Wairarapa coastline and the ribbon pattern development along the Kapiti coast.

Members noted that this issue was to be further considered later in the meeting.

(2) Joe Taylor, Wairarapa Federated Farmers

Mr Taylor said that the Environment Committee's recommendation to vigorously oppose coastal subdivisions where they adversely affect the natural character of the coastal environment was contrary to the Resource Management Act whereby the Council had not involved the coastal dwellers and landowners in any consultation process prior to preparation of the report.

Mr Taylor also referred to policies in the Proposed Regional Soil Plan relating to sustainable land management. Comment was also made on schemes such as the Whareama Catchment Scheme and the promoting of sustainable land management through landcare groups.

(3) Jim Hedley

Mr Jim Hedley addressed the Committee on the Whakawiriwiri Drain and matters associated with its upgrade, and also commented on aspects of the recent prehearing meeting.

It was noted that the upgrade of three access culverts was presently the subject of a resource consent application process.

RSW 119 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Turver)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 26 August 1999, be confirmed.

Matters for Committee Decision

RSW 120 **Amendments to the 1999/2000 Bovine Tb Vector Control Programme**

Report 99.560

File: Y/4/1

Graeme Butcher, Operations Controller (Bovine Tb) was present for the discussion on this item.

Mr Dalziell complimented staff on their presentation at the recent Animal Health Board Technical Review meeting and said that their professionalism and persuasiveness in leading the way towards total eradication was a positive for the Council. However, funding was an issue still to be resolved.

Mr Dalziell also commented that there was a move within the Animal Health Board for a continuing trend towards contestability in Bovine Tb vector control because of the requirements of future Crown funding.

It was agreed that a report be prepared for consideration by the Committee on this matter.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Mr Southey)

- (1) *That the proposed changes to the 1999/2000 vector control programme, including the Taueru-Maungaraki Extension operation, be approved.*
- (2) *That options for further programme alterations for 2000/01 and beyond, be considered at the proposed Committee workshop on 5 November 1999.*

Morning tea: 10.48 a.m.

Resumed: 11 .00 a.m.

RSW 121 **Regional Pest Management Strategies – Operational Plans 1999/2000**

Report 99.551

File: Y/19/0/4

Ray Clarey, Senior Biosecurity Officer, Animals and Kevin Worsley, Senior Biosecurity Officer, Plants were present for the discussion on this item.

Members had previously been distributed with a draft copy of the proposed Operational Plans 1999/2000 for the Regional Pest Animal and Pest Plant Management Strategy.

Mr Dalziell stated that pest plants and animal pests, other than rooks and possums, were becoming an ever increasing problem and a stronger line towards total eradication should be followed.

Members were advised that the Committee workshop to be held on 5 November would be the appropriate venue to consider issues relevant to resourcing over the next 10 year period.

Resolved (Mr Southey/Cr McQueen)

- (1) *That the proposed Operational Plan 1999/2000 for the Regional Pest Plant Management Strategy, be approved.*
- (2) *That the proposed Operational Plan 1999/2000 for the Regional Pest Animal Management Strategy, be approved.*

RSW 122 Managing the Effects of Subdivision on the Natural Character of the Coastal Environment – Update

Report 99.550

File: Y/1 1/3/0

Karen Brewster, Section Leader, Policy & Planning, and Richard Peterson, Policy Advisor, Resource Policy, were present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved (Cr McQueen/Cr Shields)

- (1) *That the reports be received and their contents noted*
- (2) *That the Committee affirms the actions of staff in evaluating the effects of coastal subdivisions where they could adversely affect the natural character of the coastal environment.*
- (3) *That appropriate information and consultation be implemented to ensure understanding of this approach.*

Cr Turver and Mr Southey recorded their votes against the motion.

RSW 123 Draft Water Allocation Plan for Kopuaranga River Catchment (September 1999)

Report 99.545

File: Y/12/2/5

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

Resolved (Cr McQueen/Mr Southey)

- (1) *That the proposed minimum flows and allocation levels be adopted.*
- (2) *That the Draft Kopuaranga River Catchment Water Allocation Plan (September 1999) be made available for public consultation and comment sought.*

Mr Southey left the meeting at 12.20 p.m.

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 124 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 99.557

File: Y/21/1

Concerning 3.1 – Akura Conservation Centre

Mr Dalziell queried the progress of a proposed report to the Committee on the structure of the Akura Conservation Centre and the dividend.

It was agreed that officers would prepare a report for discussion at the workshop scheduled for 5 November.

Resolved (Cr Turver/Cr McQueen)

That the report be received and its contents noted

RSW 125 Promoting Sustainable Land Management**Report 99.532****File: ENV/14/2/1**

Murray McLea, Section Leader, Policy Development, was present for the discussion on this item.

Mr Dalziell commented that there was a need to ensure that sustainable land management initiatives integrated with daily management issues affecting farmers,

Cr Shields spoke of the “Crops for Southland” project which had been discussed at the recent LGNZ conference which had proved to be of considerable assistance to farmers and landowners. Consideration of emulating the idea for this region was raised.

*Resolved**(Mr Dalziell/Cr McQueen)*

- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.*
- (2) That the importance of the landholder’s role in the exercise be recognised.*

RSW 126 Catchment and River Works**Report 99.549****File: Y/0/4***Resolved**(Cr Turver/Cr McQueen)**That the schedule be received.***RSW 127 Resource Consents (Non-Notified)****Report 99.553****File: Y/12/2/0***Resolved**(Cr McQueen/Cr Turver)**That the report be received and its contents noted.*

RSW 128 Statutory Planning**Report 99.552****File: Y/1 1/2***Resolved**(Mr Berkett/Cr McQueen)**That the information be received.***RSW 129 Questions**

There were no questions.

RSW 130 General Business

There were no matters of general business.

RSW 131 Exclusion of the Public*Resolved**(Mr Berkett/Cr McQueen)**That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:**Suggested Rewanui Regional Reserve**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 Reason for passing each matter to be considered</i>	<i>Ground under Section 48(1) resolution in for the passing of this resolution</i>
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*Suggested Rewanui Regional Reserve**The enabling of negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage.**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 enabling of negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage).*

The meeting closed at 12.59 p.m.

Cr F R Long
Chairperson

Date:

Wellington Regional Council - 2 November 1999

To be moved

<p>That the Report of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 7 October 1999, Items RSW 117 to RSW 131 inclusive. be adopted.</p>
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