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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Report 03.204**

16 April 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, 15 April 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.

**Officers Present:**

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

**Procedural Items**

**RSW 162 Apologies**

There were no apologies.

**RSW 163 Public Participation**

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

**RSW 164 Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved*

*(Mr Southey/Mr Benton)*

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee (Report 03.165) and the public excluded part of the meeting (Report PE 03.166) held on 3 March 2003, be confirmed.*

**Matter for Committee Decision**

**RSW 165 Water Metering**

**Report 03.184**

**File: Y/12/3/4**

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

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Mr Benton)*

- (1) That additional to Decision RW10 of 4 December 2001, the Committee approve a policy to be applied in the Wairarapa Constituency requiring:*
  - (a) Meters to be installed for all new underground and surface water takes of 20 litres per second or greater, averaged over a 24 hour period.*
  - (b) Meters to be installed for all existing consented underground and surface water takes of 20 litres per second or greater, averaged over a 24 hour period, upon renewal of each current consent.*
- (2) That the Committee request staff to review the requirement for water meters for consented water takes of less than 20 litres per second averaged over a 24 hour period, before the next review of the Resource Management Charging Policy.*
- (3) That the Committee notes that the development of water metering is part of a long term approach for improved water utilisation in the Wairarapa.*

## Matters Reported for Information

### RSW 166      **Divisional Manager's Report**

#### **Report 03.177**

**File: Y/21/1**

#### Concerning 2.2 – Irrigation Study

Members were given a presentation on the concepts of the four possible irrigation schemes in the Wairarapa.

#### Concerning 2.4 – Recognition System

Cr Turver asked that officers provide written details of the various award recognition systems that already exist within the environmental and associated areas that recognise commendable contributions of individuals.

#### Concerning 3.6 – Rural Fire

Mr Southey raised his concerns at the proposal for one amalgamated rural fire district for Wairarapa.

Cr Shields indicated that discussions were happening at central government level of combining emergency management services, including fire services, which would also address funding in a more comprehensive manner.

#### Concerning 4.16 – Mount Bruce-Pukaha Restoration Programme

Brochures and further information on the recent activities at the Mt Bruce National Wildlife Centre were tabled.

*Resolved*

*(Mr Dalziell/Cr Buchanan)*

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

Morning tea: 10.50 a.m.

Resumed at: 11.05 a.m.

**RSW 167      Financial Report for the Eight Months to 28 February 2003**  
**Report 03.183** **File: Y/2/1/1**  
*Resolved* *(Mr Southey/Cr Buchanan)*  
*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

Cr Turver left the meeting at 11.26 a.m.

**RSW 168      Submission – Draft Biosecurity Strategy for New Zealand**  
**Report 03.182** **File: Y/19/0/4**  
*Resolved* *(Cr Buchanan/Mr McQueen)*  
*That the report and the attached submission be received.*

**RSW 169      Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme Review**  
**Report 03.180** **File: Y/1/1/1**  
*Resolved* *(Cr Buchanan/Mr McQueen)*  
*That the report be received and its contents noted.*

**RSW 170      Regional Council Input into District Planning**  
**Report 03.179** **File: Y/11/2**  
*Resolved* *(Mr Southey/Mr Dalziell)*  
*That the information be received.*

**RSW 171 Resource Consents (Non Notified)**

**Report 03.181**

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

*Resolved*

*(Mr McQueen/Cr Kirton)*

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

**RSW 172 Catchment Works**

**Report 03.178**

**File: Y/0/4**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Kirton/Mr Dalziell)*

*That the schedule be received.*

**RSW 173 Questions**

There were no questions.

**RSW 174 General Business**

There were no items of general business.

The meeting closed at 11.50 a.m.

CR F R LONG  
Chairperson

Date:

**Wellington Regional Council - 13 May 2003**

*To be moved*

<b>That the Report of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 15 April 2003, Items RSW 162 to RSW 174 inclusive, be adopted.</b>
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