



Report 03.688

12 November 2003

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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, 11 November 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 Kirton (Chairperson), Buchanan, Shields and Turver.
Messrs Benton, Dalziell, McQueen and Southey.

Officers Present:

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

Procedural Items

RSW 244 Apologies

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Mr McQueen)

That the apologies from Crs Long and McDavitt, and the apologies for lateness from Crs Shields and Turver, be confirmed.

RSW 245 Public Participation

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

RSW 246 Confirmation of Minutes

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

Members noted the omission of a line in the final paragraph – to read “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/Mr McQueen)

That the public and public excluded minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 30 September 2003 (Reports 03.631 and PE03.632); and the public and public excluded minutes of the meeting of the Whaka Drain Sub-Committee held on 1 October 2003 (Reports 03.590 and PE03.589), be confirmed, the public excluded business to remain confidential.

Matters for Committee Decision

RSW 247 Applications for Resource Consent for the Continued Operation and Maintenance of the Opaki and Te Ore Ore Water Races, Masterton

Report 03.670

File: WAR 010203 & WAR 010204

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

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Mr Dalziell)

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 relating to the operation of the Opaki and Te Ore Ore water races applied for by the Masterton District Council, subject to the proposed consent conditions outlined in Attachments 1 and 2 to Report 03.670.

RSW 248 Applications for Resource Consent for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of Henley Lake, Masterton

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

Report 03.668

File: WAR 930028

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Mr Dotzeli)

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 relating to the operation of Henley Lake applied for by the Masterton District Council, subject to the following conditions:

General Conditions for WAR 930028 (4993), (2333), (2334), and (3492)

Consent term

1. *In terms of section 123(c) of the Resource Management Act 1991, these consents shall expire on 9th May 2017.*

Works to be undertaken in accordance with consent application

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 27th June 1995, and further information lodged on 18th October 2001 (revised Assessment of Environmental Effect report) and 25th September 2002 (water quality monitoring information), 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.

Review conditions

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 any time within 3 months of the 2nd, 5th, and 10th anniversary of the date of*

commencement of these consents for any of the following purposes:

- *To deal with any adverse effects on the environment which may arise from the exercise of these consents, and which it is appropriate to deal with at a later stage.*
 - *To reassess abstraction rates, restriction levels, minimum flows, and water quality standards to provide for consistency with the Regional Freshwater Plan.*
 - *To review the adequacy of any plan(s) prepared for these consents and/or monitoring requirement(s) so as to incorporate into the consents any modification 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 these consents.*
 - *To alter the monitoring requirement(s) in light of the results obtained from any previous monitoring.*
4. *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.*

Change to consent conditions and transfer of consents

5. *The consent holder may apply, at any time, for the change or cancellation of any consent condition, other than the condition 1 relating to the term of these consents.*
6. *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.*

Review of Henley Lake Management Plan

7. *The consent holder shall complete a review of the Henley Lake Management Plan prior to the second anniversary of the date of commencement of these consents which shall include:*
- *Any measures adopted to minimise any adverse effects on property, amenity values, wildlife, vegetation and ecological values as a result of the operation of consents associated with Henley Lake.*
 - *Any measures adopted to ensure that water is used in an efficient and conservative manner.*
 - *Public communication initiatives on water quality information.*

- *A review of the grading of Henley Lake assessed against relevant guidelines at that time.*
 - *Investigations into contamination sources into Henley Lake and any measures proposed to mitigate any potential adverse effects of contamination sources. Such investigations shall include but not be limited to assessing the viability of diverting contamination sources away from Henley Lake.*
 - *Investigations into methods of maintenance (e.g. cleaning) that can be employed in order to improve water quality in Henley Lake.*
 - *Any other matters relevant to the operation of the consent associated with Henley Lake that ensure compliance with the consents and their conditions.*
8. *The review of the Henley Lake Management Plan identified in condition 7, shall be completed in consultation with Henley Lake user groups, Choice Health, Rangitaane o Wairarapa, Wellington Fish & Game Council, Wellington Conservation Board, and the Department of Conservation.*
9. *The revised Henley Lake Management Plan shall be submitted to the Consents & Compliance Section, Wellington Regional Council, within three months of its completion.*

Sediment management

10. *The consent holder shall close the penstock in the intake channel when the flow in the Ruamahanga River at Mt Bruce exceeds 2 metres stage height.*

Resource management charges

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.*

WAR 930028 (4993) – Water Permit to Take Water from Ruamahanga River

Maximum abstraction rate

12. *The maximum rate at which water is taken from the Ruamahanga River for the purposes of supplying water to the Henley Lake at or about map reference NZMS 260 T26: 2736913- 6025864, shall be in accordance with the following table:*

Flow in Ruamahanga River at Wardells Bridge	Maximum take
Greater than 5000 litres/sec	1000 litres/sec
Between 2700 litres/sec and 5000 litres/sec	300 litres/sec
Less than 2700 litres/sec	150 litres/sec

Note: If there is a serious temporary shortage of water the Wellington Regional Council may issue a water shortage direction under section 329 of the Resource Management Act 1991. This direction may restrict or suspend the taking or use of water for a period of up to 14 days. Such directions may be renewed after that time.

Water quantity monitoring

13. *The consent holder shall install a water flow monitoring site by 31st December 2003 to monitor the flow into Henley Lake with a measurement error of no more than +/- 10%. The site shall be located immediately downstream of the intake control structure and to the satisfaction of the Manager, Planning & Resources, Wellington Regional Council.*
14. *The water flow monitoring site shall be installed at a site likely to retain a stable rating, and installed, inspected, operated, and maintained in accordance with the Hydrologists Field Manual (NIWA, 1991).*
15. *A rating curve shall be established for the water flow monitoring site, with a minimum of three gauging at various flow levels. Any gaugings completed to establish a rating curve shall be carried out by a suitably qualified person in accordance with the Hydrologists Field Manual (NIWA, 1991).*
16. *When the flow in the Ruamahanga River falls below 5000 litres/sec at the Wardells bridge gauging site in any given week (measured from Monday to Sunday inclusive), the consent holder shall record at least one measurement of the flow at the water flow monitoring site for that week based on the rating curve established for the site.*
17. *The consent holder shall provide water quantity monitoring results as outlined in condition 16, by 31st July each year for the term of the consent. The results shall be for the period 1st July to 30th June inclusive for the previous year.*

WAR 930028 (2234) – Discharge Permit to Discharge Water into the Ruamahanga River

Discharge location and timing of discharge

12. *The discharge to the Ruamahanga River from Henley Lake shall be at or about map reference NZMS 260 T26: 2735606 - 6024822.*
13. *No water shall be discharged from the Henley Lake directly to the Ruamahanga River when the flow in the Ruamahanga River at the Wardells bridge gauging site falls below 2700 litres/sec.*

Receiving water quality

14. *For the purpose of this permit, reasonable mixing is defined as 30 metres downstream of the discharge outlet to the active flowing section of the Ruamahanga River.*
15. *After reasonable mixing, the contaminant, either by itself or in combination with other contaminants, shall not cause any of the following effects:*
 - *The production of conspicuous oil or grease films, scums or foams, or floatable or suspended materials.*
 - *Any conspicuous change in the colour or visual clarity.*
 - *Any emission or objectionable colour.*
 - *The rendering of freshwater unsuitable for consumption by farm animals.*
 - *Any significant adverse effects on aquatic life.*
 - *No undesirable biological growths.*
16. *The receiving water after reasonable mixing, shall not be changed by more than 3⁰ Celsius, and the temperature in the receiving water is not to exceed 25⁰ Celsius as a result of the discharge.*
17. *The concentration of dissolved oxygen in the receiving water (after reasonable mixing) shall not fall below 80% of saturation concentration.*

Discharge standard

18. *The water discharged from Henley Lake to the Ruamahanga River shall conform to the following standard:*
 - *For any 12 consecutive samples, no more than two samples shall have an E.coli count greater than 550 cfu/100 ml, unless the monitoring shows that this standard was also exceeded at the intake to Henley Lake on that occasion.*

Explanatory note: If the water taken from the Ruamahanga River is above 550 cfu/100 ml and the water discharged back to the Ruamahanga is also above 550 cfu/100 ml at that time, then this is not considered an exceedance.

Water quality monitoring

19. *The consent holder shall implement a water quality monitoring programme between October and March inclusive for each year for the term of this consent as described below:*

Parameters	Frequency
<i>Physical and chemical (pH, conductivity, ammonia nitrogen, nitrite nitrogen, nitrate nitrogen, total nitrogen, DRP, total phosphorus, TOC, dissolved oxygen, % saturation, temperature, turbidity, and chlorophyll A)</i>	<i>Monthly</i>
<i>Microbiological (E.coli)</i>	<i>Fortnightly</i>

20. *The monitoring programme shall be completed at the following sites:*
- *Ruamahanga River at intake*
 - *Intake channel at lake inlet immediately downstream of Te Ore Ore Rd*
 - *Te Ore Ore Stream at lake inlet*
 - *Hiona Stream at lake inlet*
 - *Lake water with 5 metres of main outflow to Ruamahanga River*
 - *Ruamahanga River immediately upstream of main outflow*
 - *Ruamahanga River immediately downstream of 30 metre mixing zone of main outflow*
21. *Any samples collected and analysed under condition 19 shall be completed by a suitably qualified person.*
22. *Monitoring results and a short analysis summary of monitoring results collected under condition 19 shall be submitted to the Consents & Compliance Section, Wellington Regional Council before 30 April each year for the term of this consent.*

WAR 930028 (2233) – Discharge Permit to Discharge Water into the Ruamahanga River via wetlands.

Discharge location

12. *The discharge to the Ruamahanga River from wetlands surrounding Henley Lake shall be at or about map reference NZMS 260 T26: 2736611 - 6024922 and T26: 2735387 - 6024476.*

WAR 930028 (3492) – Land Use Consent to Disturb Bed of Ruamahanga River

Standard Conditions

12. *The disturbance of the bed of the Ruamahanga River under this consent shall be limited to activities to maintain or repair the intake to allow the efficient movement of water into the Henley Lake inlet channel at or about map reference NZMS 260 T26: 2736913 – 6025864.*
13. *Works in the active flowing channel shall be kept to a practical minimum and shall not be undertaken during the trout spawning period between 1st May and 30th September, unless the work is essential and unavoidable.*
14. *The consent holder shall notify the Wellington Fish & Game Council and the Manager, Planning & Resources, Wellington Regional Council prior to undertaking essential and unavoidable works planned between 1st May and 30th September.*
15. *The consent holder shall ensure that continuous fish passage is maintained at all times.*
16. *The consent holder shall ensure that any fish (excluding pest fish) that are stranded during the dewatering of any part of the active flowing channel are immediately placed back into the active flowing channel.*

Note: Dewatering is the process whereby the former area of active flowing channel loses water after any new diversion begins to operate.

17. *The consent holder shall ensure that all practical steps are undertaken to minimise the release of suspended sediment into the active flowing channel.*
18. *Any crossing of the active flowing channel shall be kept to an absolute practical minimum and only to one path, so that sediment disturbance and impact on instream habitats will be minimised.*
19. *Public access to the riverbed shall not be restricted for a period greater than necessary to complete each set of works concerned.*
20. *The consent holder shall not undertake any maintenance works at the intake on public holidays, weekend days, or after 5 p.m. in the evening unless the works are essential and unavoidable. The consent*

holder shall notify the Manager, Planning & Resources, Wellington Regional Council, prior to commencing such works.

21. *All equipment and surplus materials used for any of the maintenance activities shall be removed from the riverbed on completion of each set of works.*
22. *The consent holder shall minimise the risk of contaminants (including, but not limited to oil, petrol, diesel, hydraulic fluid) entering water by ensuring that:*
 - (a) *No fuel or lubricants are stored within the riverbed.*
 - (b) *There is no refuelling, cleaning or storing of machinery in the riverbed.*
 - (c) *All machinery is well maintained at all times to prevent leakage of oil or fuel or the spill of other chemicals into the river.*
 - (d) *In the event of a spill of fuel, hydraulic fluid or other liquid contaminants, immediate steps are taken to contain the spilled material. The Manager, Planning & Resources, Wellington Regional Council shall be informed immediately of any such spill.*
23. *The consent holder shall ensure that any erosion of the river bank and damage to access tracks and/or river protection works, that is a direct result of work authorised by this consent, shall be repaired as soon as practicable.*
24. *The consent holder shall take all reasonable steps to avoid disturbance to nesting birds (including but not limited to banded dotterels, black-fronted dotterels, black-billed gulls, pied stilts and variable oystercatchers) when undertaking works authorised by the consent during the months of September to December inclusive.*

Further investigations

25. *The consent holder shall investigate in consultation with the Wellington Fish & Game Council long term management options for the intake at the Ruamahanga River prior to the second anniversary of the date of commencement of these consents. A summary report shall be submitted to the Consents & Compliance Section, Wellington Regional Council, within 3 months of completion of any investigations.*

RSW 249 Applications for Resource Consent to Take Water from Lake Wairarapa and Disturb the Bed of the Mangatere Stream and Lake Wairarapa

Report 03.669

WAR 030126

Lucy Martinez, Resource Advisor, was present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Mr Dalziell)

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 applications by S & S Barton, subject to the following conditions and notes:

WAR 030126 water take conditions

1. *This resource consent shall expire on 30 September 2014.*
2. *The location, design, implementation and operation of the works shall be in accordance with the resource consent application WAR 030126 and its associated plans and documents lodged with the Wellington Regional Council on 25 August 2003, unless otherwise specified by a consent condition.*
3. *This consent authorises the taking of water from Lake Wairarapa only at the extraction point. The consent does not authorise the taking of water from the Mangatete Stream upstream of the extraction point.*
4. *The rate of take from Lake Wairarapa at or about map reference NZMS 260 S27: 2702599 – 5996987 shall not exceed 33.5 litres per second, 20 hours per day, 7 days per week, October to April inclusive.*
5. *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:*

Time Period	Water level (chart datum)
<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.

- 6. The consent holder shall submit a copy of all irrigation design information including pump and irrigation equipment details, prior to the commencement of the water take authorised by this consent.*
- 7. 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.*
- 8. The consent holder shall install a water meter that measures both cumulative water abstraction and the instantaneous rate of take, and is capable of providing a pulse counter output. The meter shall be calibrated to ensure that the error does not exceed +/- 5%. The meter shall be installed before commencing the water take authorised by this consent and in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.*
- 9. The water intake shall be screened so that fish cannot enter the intake.*
- 10. The irrigation system shall be designed and maintained so that excess water is not run to waste.*
- 11. 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 commencement of this resource consent for any of the following purposes:*
 - To deal with any adverse effects on the environment which may arise from the exercise of these consents, and which it is appropriate to deal with at a later stage.*
 - To enable monitoring requirements and potential low flow conditions to be reassessed should environmental information show reassessment is required.*

12. *The Wellington Regional Council may review conditions 2, 3 and 5 by giving notice of its intention at any time within three months of any changes to:*
- *The National Water Conservation (Lake Wairarapa) Order 1989 to enable consistency with that Order; or*
 - *Goal 2.1.2 of the Lake Wairarapa Wetlands Management Guidelines 1991 to enable consistency with the water level regime; or*
 - *Policy 6.2.12 of the Regional Freshwater Plan to enable consistency with the water level regime.*
13. *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.*
14. *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.*
15. *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.*

WAR 030126 land use conditions

1. *The location, design, implementation and operation of the works, located at or about map reference NZMS 260 S27: 2702599 – 5996987, shall be undertaken in accordance with resource consent application WAR 030126 and associated plans and documents lodged with the Wellington Regional Council on 17 September 2003. In particular, works shall be limited to maintaining an open connection between the extraction point and Lake Wairarapa.*
2. *All works under this consent shall be completed to the satisfaction of the Manager, Planning and Resources, Wellington Regional Council.*
3. *The consent holder shall ensure that the open channel allowing water in to the abstraction point follows the natural water channel to Lake Wairarapa and does not cut across the existing bar.*
4. *The consent holder shall ensure that the site is left in a tidy and safe condition following each phase of work.*
5. *The consent holder shall advise the Wellington Regional Council Consents and Compliance Section at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of any work so that compliance inspections can be arranged.*
6. *The consent holder shall pass a copy of the consent, including site plans and attachments, to the operator undertaking any works authorised by this consent.*

Protection of bird and fish life

7. *The Consent Holder shall take all reasonable steps to identify the location of any nests and avoid disturbance to any nesting wader birds that may be present. This is particularly during the main wader bird nesting season from September to December inclusive.*
8. *The consent holder shall not undertake works in the active flowing channel during the trout spawning period of 31 May to 31 August inclusive.*
9. *The consent holder shall keep all works in the active flowing channel to a practical minimum during the main native fish spawning period of August to November inclusive.*
10. *The consent holder shall ensure that continuous fish passage at the work site is maintained at all times during works.*

11. *The consent holder shall ensure that any fish or shellfish that are stranded during works are placed back in the active flowing channel as soon as practicable.*
12. *The consent holder shall ensure that silt removed during excavation is deposited in a place and manner that does not adversely affect indigenous flora and fauna.*

Suspended sediment

13. *The consent holder shall take all practical steps to minimise the release of suspended sediment during any works in the active flowing channel. This includes keeping channel crossings to a minimum and to one pathway where possible.*
14. *The consent holder shall keep all works in the active flowing channel to a practical minimum.*

Maximising public use

15. *Public access to the lakebed shall not be restricted for a period greater than necessary to complete the works.*
16. *The consent holder shall not operate on public holidays or weekend days unless the works are essential and unavoidable. The consent holder shall notify the Manager, Planning and Resources, Wellington Regional Council prior to commencing such works.*

Handling of fuel and other hazardous substances

17. *No contaminants (including, but not limited to oil, petrol, diesel, hydraulic fluid) shall be released to water from equipment being used for the activity, and no refuelling of equipment shall take place on any area of lakebed.*
18. *In the event of a spill of fuel, hydraulic fluid, or other potential liquid contaminants, immediate steps shall be taken to remove or contain the spilled material. Secondly, the consent holder shall notify the Manager, Planning and Resources, Wellington Regional Council.*

Review of conditions

19. *The Planning and Resources Department, Wellington Regional Council, may review any or all of the conditions of this consent by giving notice of its intentions to do so under section 128 of the Resource Management Act 1991. A review may occur within three months of the annual anniversary of the grant date of this*

consent to address adverse effects not previously anticipated, or to review the adequacy of conditions in the event adverse effects are larger or smaller than initially assessed.

20. *The Consent Holder may apply at any time, under 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 this consent.*

Resource management charge

21. *A resource management charge, set in accordance with Section 36(2) of the Resource Management Act 1991 shall be paid to the Wellington Regional Council for the carrying out of its functions in relation to the administration, monitoring and supervision of resource consents and for the execution of its functions under Section 35 (duty to gather information, monitor and keep records) of the Act.*

Crs Shields and Turver arrived at 9.40 am.

RSW 250 Regional Pest Management Strategy – Operational Report 2002/03

Report 03.664

File: Y/19/0/4

Mr O'Donnell reported back on the scale of Canadian Geese in the region. He indicated that Fish & Game Council were in the process of preparing a report to have a 10 month gaming season licence for Canadian Geese in the region.

It was noted that Regional Councils would only have a role in the control of Canadian Geese if geese were registered as an unwanted organism. To achieve an unwanted organism status would require substantial support and would need to apply nationally and not to any one region.

Members commented on the need to ensure that positive rural information was reaching all rural landholders and articles were also communicated to the rural community through the local community papers.

Resolved

(Mr McQueen/Cr Buchanan)

- (1) *That the Committee, as the delegated Management Agency, approve the Annual Report on the implementation of the 2002/2003 Operational Plan for the Regional Pest Management Strategy 2002-2022.*

- (2) *That a copy of the Report be forwarded to the relevant Ministers.*
- (3) *That the Report be made available for public inspection.*

RSW 251 Flood Damage – October 2003

Report 03.667

File: Y/13/1/5

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Turver)

That the Committee note the flood damage repair works required because of the 3-4 October flood event.

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 252 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 03.651

File: Y/21/1

The Divisional Manager advised that a briefing was proposed at the conclusion of the meeting by the Masterton District Council regarding their sewerage treatment upgrade project.

Concerning 3.5 – Juken Nissho Ltd, Use of Alternative 1080 Application Methods

Concern was expressed at the recent advice received from Juken Nissho Ltd that they no longer supported the use of aerial 1080 application methods on their land. It was noted that discussions would be held with JNL.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Shields)

That the Committee recommend to Council that the repainting of the Lake Wairarapa Barrage Gates estimated to cost \$150,000 be undertaken this financial year instead of in 2004/05 as budgeted.

RSW 253 Financial Report for the Three Months to 30 September 2003

Report 03.650

File: Y/21/1

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

RSW 254 Wetland Incentives Programme

Report 03.621

File: ENV/05/06/02

Melanie Dixon, Policy Advisor, was present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Mr McQueen)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 255 The Biosecurity Strategy for New Zealand

Report 03.654

File: Y/19/0/4

Resolved

(Mr Benton/Mr Dalziell)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

RSW 256 The Freshwater Ecosystems Programme: Progress and Direction

Report 03.665

File: ENV/05/03/01

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

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Mr McQueen)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Morning tea: 10.48 am
Resumed at: 11.03 am

RSW 257 Regional Council Input Into District Planning

Report 03.648

File: Y/11/2

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Mr McQueen)

That the information be received.

RSW 258 Resource Consents (Non Notified)

Report 03.661

File: Y/12/2/0

Resolved (Mr Southey/Mr Dalziell)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 259 Catchment Works

Report 03.649

File: Y/0/4

Resolved Cr Kirton/MrSouthey)

That the schedule be received.

RSW 260 Questions

There were no questions.

RSW 261 General Business

- (1) Mr Dalziell advised that he had recently attended a dairy farmers meeting organised to give a better understanding to farmers of Dairy Insight's activities and the links between dairy farm practices and their environmental effects. As part of the annual consultation process a presentation had been made relating to the latest research on effluent disposal.

Mr Dalziell enquired whether the Regional Council was keeping up to date in terms of research.

The Divisional Manager indicated that there was regular contact with appropriate groups and this project would be followed up accordingly.

- (2) Mr McQueen commented on the timing between Committee meetings between late 2003 and early 2004 where scheduled meetings normally had a 3-4 month break.

The meeting closed at 11.14 am.

CR R KIRTON
Chairperson

Date:

Wellington Regional Council - 11 December 2003

To be moved

That the Report of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on Tuesday, 11 November 2003, Items RSW 244 to RSW 261 inclusive, and the recommendation contained therein, be adopted.