

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Agenda

For meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Northland Regional Council,
36 Water Street, Whāngārei, on Tuesday 16 April 2013,
commencing at 1 pm

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<p>ACC - Accident Compensation Corporation</p> <p>AHB - Animal Health Board</p> <p>ALGIM - Association of Local Government Information Management</p> <p>AMA - Aquaculture Management Area</p> <p>ARC - Auckland Regional Council</p> <p>BOI - Bay of Islands</p> <p>CAPEX - Capital Expenditure (budget to purchase assets)</p> <p>CBEC - Community, Business and Environment Centre</p> <p>CDEM - Civil Defence Emergency Management</p> <p>CEG - Co-ordinating Executive Group – Northland Civil Defence management team</p> <p>CEO - Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>CIMS - Co-ordinated Incident Management System (emergency management structure)</p> <p>CMA - Coastal Marine Area</p> <p>CPCA - Community Pest Control Areas</p> <p>CRI - Crown Research Institute</p> <p>DHB - District Health Board</p> <p>DOC - Department of Conservation</p> <p>DOL - Department of Labour</p> <p>DPMC - Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet</p> <p>EBOP - Environment Bay Of Plenty</p> <p>ECA - Environmental Curriculum Award</p> <p>ECAN - Environment Canterbury</p> <p>EE - Environmental Education</p> <p>EECA - Energy Efficiency Conservation Authority</p> <p>EEZ - Exclusive Economic Zone</p> <p>EF - Environment Fund</p> <p>ERMA - Environmental Risk Management Authority</p> <p>EMA - Employers and Manufacturers Association</p> <p>EOC - Emergency Operations Centre</p> <p>EW - Environment Waikato</p> <p>FDE - Farm Dairy Effluent</p> <p>FNDC - Far North District Council</p> <p>FNHL - Far North Holdings Limited</p> <p>FPP - First Past the Post – voting system for NRC elections</p> <p>GE - Genetic Engineering</p> <p>GIS - Geographic Information System</p> <p>GMO - Genetically Modified Organism</p> <p>HASNO - Hazardous Substances & New Organisms Act</p> <p>HBRC - Hawke's Bay Regional Council</p> <p>HEMP - Hapū Environmental Management Plan</p> <p>Horizons - Brand name of Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council</p> <p>HR - Human Resources</p> <p>IEMP - Iwi Environmental Management Plan</p> <p>IPPC - Invited Private Plan Change: a process to allow Aquaculture Management Areas to be established</p> <p>IRIS - Integrated Regional Information System: new computer system being developed collaboratively with other Regional Councils</p> <p>KDC - Kaipara District Council</p> <p>KPI - Key Performance Indicator</p> <p>LATE - Local Authority Trading Enterprise</p> <p>LGA - Local Government Act 2002</p> <p>LGNZ - Local Government New Zealand</p> <p>LGOIMA - Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987</p> <p>LGOL - Local Government Online</p> <p>LTCCP - Long Term Council Community Plan</p> <p>LTFS - Long Term Financial Strategy</p> <p>LTNZ - Land Transport New Zealand</p> <p>MAF - Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry</p> <p>MCDEM - Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Mgmt</p> <p>MFE - Ministry for the Environment</p> <p>MFish - Ministry of Fisheries - also known as MOF</p> <p>MHWS - Mean High Water Springs</p>	<p>MNZ - Maritime New Zealand</p> <p>MOF - Ministry of Fisheries - also known as MFish</p> <p>MOH - Ministry of Health</p> <p>MOT - Ministry of Transport</p> <p>MSD - Ministry of Social Development</p> <p>NCMC - National Crisis Management Centre</p> <p>NES - National Environmental Standards</p> <p>NDHB - Northland District Health Board</p> <p>NZRC - New Zealand Refining Company (Marsden Point)</p> <p>NGO - Non-Governmental Organisation</p> <p>NIF - Northland Intersectoral Forum</p> <p>NIWA - National Institute of Water and Atmosphere</p> <p>NORTEG - Northland Technical Advisory Group</p> <p>NPC - Northland Port Corporation</p> <p>NZCPS - New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement</p> <p>NZTA - New Zealand Transport Agency</p> <p>NZQA - New Zealand Qualifications Authority</p> <p>NZWWA - New Zealand Water and Wastes Association</p> <p>OFI - Opportunity for Improvement</p> <p>ORC - Otago Regional Council</p> <p>OSH - Occupational Safety & Health (now Dept of Labour)</p> <p>PDF - Portable Document Format</p> <p>PPE - Personal Protective Equipment</p> <p>RAC - Regional Affairs Committee</p> <p>RAP - Response Action Plan</p> <p>RAQP - Regional Air Quality Plan</p> <p>RCP - Regional Coastal Plan</p> <p>RDC - Rodney District Council</p> <p>RFI - Request for Information</p> <p>RFP - Request for Proposal</p> <p>RLTC - Regional Land Transport Committee</p> <p>RLTS - Regional Land Transport Strategy</p> <p>RMA - Resource Management Act 1991</p> <p>RMG - Resource Managers Group (Regional Councils)</p> <p>RMZ - Riparian Management Zone</p> <p>ROI - Return on Investment</p> <p>RPMS - Regional Pest Management Strategy</p> <p>RPS - Regional Policy Statement</p> <p>RTO - Regional Tourism Organisation</p> <p>RWASP - Regional Water and Soil Plan</p> <p>SCAR - SmartStream Council Activity Reporting</p> <p>SITREP - Situation Report</p> <p>SMF - Sustainable Management Fund</p> <p>SOE - State of Environment (or) State Owned Enterprise</p> <p>SOLGM - Society of Local Government Managers</p> <p>SPARC - Sport & Recreation New Zealand</p> <p>SRC - Southland Regional Council (Environment Southland)</p> <p>STV - Single Transferable Vote</p> <p>SWAG - Surface Water Allocation Group</p> <p>SWPA - Sustainable Water Programme of Action</p> <p>TA - Territorial Authority: City & District Councils</p> <p>TAC - Technical Advisory Group</p> <p>Tier 1 - Site level plan or response for an oil spill</p> <p>Tier 2 - Regional level plan or response to an oil spill</p> <p>Tier 3 - National level plan or response to an oil spill</p> <p>TLA - Territorial Local Authority – City & District Councils</p> <p>TMP - Treasury Management Plan</p> <p>TOR - Terms of Reference</p> <p>TPK - Te Puni Kōkiri (Ministry of Maori Development)</p> <p>TRAION - Te Rūnanga a Iwi o Ngāpuhi</p> <p>TRC - Taranaki Regional Council</p> <p>TROTR - Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa</p> <p>TUANZ - Telecommunications Users Association of NZ</p> <p>WCRC - West Coast Regional Council</p> <p>WDC - Whangarei District Council</p> <p>WHHIF - Whangarei Harbour Health Improvement Fund</p> <p>WWTP - Wastewater Treatment Plant</p>
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ISSUE: Chairman's Report to Council**ID:** A306631**To:** Council Meeting, 16 April 2013**From:** Craig Brown, Chairman**Date:** 4 April 2013

Summary The purpose of this report is to provide an update from the Chairman for March 2013. It concludes with the recommendation that the report be received.

Report Type:	Normal operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purpose:	Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public service	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regulatory function	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Legislative function	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annual\Long Term Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Significance:	High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Meetings/events attended:

During the period I attended the following meetings/events/functions:

- Meetings attended with the council's CEO, Malcolm Nicolson:
 - Regional Sector Group meeting in Wellington.
 - Members from the NZ Oyster Industry Association in Opua – oyster bonds.
 - Meeting with Ministry for Environment - Phase Two of the RMA Reforms.
 - UNISA Mayors and Chairs meeting hosted by Whāngārei District Council.
 - Local Government Reform meetings held in Whāngārei and Dargaville.
- Opened Wai Restoration Professional Development Workshop, Trefoil Park.
- Glennis Collins – Fund raising scheme.

Correspondence:

During March I sent out the following correspondence:

Date	Addressed To	Subject
06.03.13	Office of the Chief Executive NorthTec	NorthTec graduation ceremony
14.03.13	Mike Rashbrooke	Walls Bay Esplanade Reserve and ongoing activities of the neighbouring boatyard

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Legal compliance:

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the council's 2012-2022 Long Term Plan and as such are in accordance with the council's decision making process and sections 76 to 82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Recommendation:

That the Chairman's report dated 4 April 2013 be received.

ISSUE: Chief Executive's Report to Council**ID:** A301314**To:** Council Meeting, 16 April 2013**From:** Malcolm Nicolson, Chief Executive Officer**Date:** 5 April 2013

Summary: The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of recent council organisation activity. It concludes with the recommendation that the report be received.

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Purpose:	Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public service	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regulatory function	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Legislative function	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annual\Long Term Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Significance:	High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Report:**5.1 – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION AND ENGAGEMENT****GOVERNANCE MATTERS****Long Term Plan/Annual Report/Annual Plan Updates**

The draft Annual Plan 2013/14 submissions period closed on Thursday, 21 February 2013. The hearings were held on 13 March 2013 and the deliberations' meeting was held on 26 March 2013.

The schedule for the Annual Plan adoption has now been revised due to the installation of the new financial system and to incorporate into the the final Annual Plan the changes as a result of the deliberations meeting. The plan will be presented to council for adoption at the June council meeting.

Representation Review

The Local Government Commission announced its determination on 2 April 2013. The decision will take effect at the elections of the Northland Regional Council, which will be held on 12 October 2013.

The Commission largely endorsed the council's final proposal, subject to a minor modification sought by an appellant so that virtually all Hikurangi Swamp catchment would be within one constituency.

Both the Commission and the council have communicated the decision to the public, with media releases and updates to the organisations' respective websites.

It is pleasing to note the determination's comments about the council's review process: "We believe the Council went through an appropriate process to identify current communities of interest in the region to commence its review. It had not assumed communities of interest were necessarily the same as in 1992 when current

arrangements were established. We believe this has been an appropriate process aimed at achieving effective representation of identified communities of interest. We therefore generally endorse the Council proposal for revised constituencies and conclude that it meets, *as far as is practicable*, the requirement for constituency boundaries to coincide with territorial authority or ward boundaries.”

Local Government Reorganisation

Staff have, with the support of an independent facilitator, held one regional stakeholder meeting, three community workshops and six public meetings to both inform the community of the various options available for local government reform as well as obtain initial feedback on the various community views with regards to local government in Northland and what structure is considered most appropriate. The public meetings finished on 4 April 2013 and a report on the outcomes of the workshop will be provided to councillors.

Notice Regarding Ministerial Powers of Assistance and Intervention

Section 258O of the Local Government Act 2002 requires the Minister of Local Government to publish in the New Zealand Gazette a list of matters relevant to determining what action, if any, to take under subpart 1 of Part 10 of the Act, which relates to Ministerial powers of assistance and intervention in relation to local authorities.

Gazette link:

[http://www.dia.govt.nz/pubforms.nsf/NZGZT/NZGazette38Mar13.pdf/\\$file/NZGazette38Mar13.pdf](http://www.dia.govt.nz/pubforms.nsf/NZGZT/NZGazette38Mar13.pdf/$file/NZGazette38Mar13.pdf)

The notice establishes guiding principles, the types of information that can be considered (although it is not an exhaustive list) and a list of things that the Minister considers to fall within the ambit of matters likely to detract from the ability of local authorities to carry out the purpose of local government. These are:

A - guiding principles:

- Ministerial action should be informed by the purpose of local government and the role of, and principles relating to, local authorities, as set out in Subparts 1 and 2 of Part 2 of the Act;
- Local authorities are responsible for preventing and solving their own problems;
- Local authorities' accountability is to their ratepayers and residents;
- Elections are the primary mechanism for communities to express satisfaction or dissatisfaction with elected representatives;
- Ministerial assistance or intervention should have regard to:
 - What the local authority has done, is doing, or plans to do about the problem; and
 - The costs and benefits of assistance or intervention;
- Ministerial assistance or intervention should be proportionate to:
 - The nature and magnitude of the problem;
 - Its potential consequences; and
 - Its duration to date and its likely duration if not addressed;
- Ministerial assistance or intervention should endure for only as long as necessary to resolve the problem and provide for a transition back to normal democratic processes; and
- Ministerial decisions regarding assistance or intervention should be transparent.

B - Matters likely to detract from the ability of local authorities to give effect to the purpose of local government

The matters or circumstances relating to management or governance of local authorities that the Minister considers are likely to detract from the ability of local authorities to give effect to the purpose of local government within their districts or regions are:

- Financial mismanagement; and/or
- A significant failure in service delivery; and/or
- Dysfunctional governance, which includes:
 - failure or breakdown of key relationships; and/or
 - serious capability deficiencies of elected members or the chief executive of the local authority.

C - Types and sources of information

When making decisions under Part 10 of the Act, the Minister is likely to consider the following types and sources of information:

- Plans or reports from the local authority, which are voluntarily supplied, required under section 257 of the Act or any other enactment, or requested under any enactment;
- audit reports, including assessment of the accuracy and adequacy of financial reporting required by Regulations made under section 259 of the Act; and
- reviews, reports or communications from any person, group or organisation.

5.2 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Annual Economic Profile

As previewed at the council workshop on economic development held on 12 February 2013, the Northland Annual Economic Profile for the year ended March 2012 has now been finalised by Infometrics. Hard copies of the final report along with a two-page summary will be made available to councillors at the council meeting. Annual Economic Profiles for each of the three Northland districts have also been completed. These can be obtained from Darryl Jones, darrylj@nrc.govt.nz.

Exports

At the fore mentioned council workshop, councillors requested that further work be done to show export product per capita by region to demonstrate that Northland should attract government investment. The following table has been developed from data provided by Infometrics. The lack of regional specific export data requires a modelling approach involving two main steps. First the value of merchandise (good) and service exports are allocated to industries which characteristically produce those goods and services. The export totals for each industry are then allocated to each region based on the assumption that industries in each region have the same export orientation (exports as a share of gross output) as those at the national level. Without details of the export orientation of each industry in each region this is the most appropriate assumption to make in order to compare results across regions.

Exports by region, Year ended March 2012

Rank	Region	Total exports (\$M, 95/96 prices)	Share of total exports (%)	Export orientation (Exports as a share of gross output)	Exports per person employed (\$, 95/96)	Exports per capita (\$, 95/96)
1	Taranaki	2,902	7.4%	31.6%	52,536	26,358
2	Southland	1,669	4.2%	27.3%	32,752	17,587
3	Waikato	5,270	13.4%	26.0%	27,988	12,662
4	West Coast	378	1.0%	24.6%	21,711	11,481
5	Hawke's Bay	1,997	5.1%	24.6%	26,697	12,881
6	Tasman	377	1.0%	23.9%	19,272	7,795
7	Bay of Plenty	2,471	6.3%	20.1%	18,958	8,909
8	Marlborough	467	1.2%	19.3%	19,598	10,224
9	Canterbury	4,947	12.6%	19.2%	17,537	8,853
10	Manawatu-Wanganui	1,725	4.4%	19.1%	16,146	7,421
11	Otago	1,589	4.0%	18.6%	14,767	7,525
12	Nelson	438	1.1%	18.4%	14,991	9,390
13	Gisborne	315	0.8%	18.3%	15,391	6,740
14	Auckland	11,599	29.5%	14.3%	15,844	7,694
15	Northland	872	2.2%	13.8%	13,789	5,503
16	Wellington	2,348	6.0%	8.5%	9,019	4,790
	New Zealand	39,363	100.0%	17.6%	18,205	8,879

1. Regions are ranked according to their export orientation.

Source: Infometrics

Based on these results, the following points can be noted.

- Northland accounts for 2.2% of the total value of goods and services exported from New Zealand in the year ended March 2012.
- Northland ranks 11th out of 16 regions in terms of its contribution to total exports.
- The five most important industries in Northland in terms of exports are dairy product (41.1% of Northland's exports), logs (11.3%), wood products (5.6%), meat products (5.3%) and accommodation and food services (4.2%).
- Northland exported 13.8% of its gross output. This means it has a lower export orientation than the economy as a whole which exported 17.6% of its output.
- Northland ranks 15th out of 16 regions in terms of export orientation, with only Wellington having a lower level of export orientation than Northland. Taranaki, Southland and Waikato have an export orientation more than twice as high as Northland's.
- Northland also ranks 15th out of 16 regions in terms of exports per person employed and exports per capita.

While Northland has a relatively large primary sector which contributes greatly to exports from Northland, it is poorly endowed with a wide range of industries (mostly in manufacturing) that contribute significantly in other regions. Another reason for the relatively low export orientation of Northland is that its most dominant industry (petroleum product manufacturing) has an extremely low export orientation.

5.3 – RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Developing a new Regional Policy Statement (RPS)

Staff are in the process of finalising their officer's reports, which includes making recommended changes to the proposed RPS in response to submissions.

Hearings are still scheduled to start 20 May 2013 and will be held in Whangarei, Otiria marae (Moerewa), Kerikeri and Kaitiāia. At the time of writing, the duration of the hearings is yet to be determined (estimate 3-4 weeks), but staff will have a firmer idea at the time of the council meeting. It's anticipated that there will be approximately 250 – 300 submitters attending the hearings (again more precise details may be available at the time of the council meeting).

Plan Change 4 (Aquaculture) to the Regional Coastal Plan

The plan change is currently going through the appeal process.

The Court hearing ran from 11 – 13 March 2013 in Paihia, and focused on the extent of the areas where aquaculture will be prohibited. The hearing went largely as anticipated, with the areas of contention being limited to the wording of the policy that leads to the prohibition of aquaculture and the boundaries of the prohibition areas in the Bay of Islands, Bream Bay and Whangaruru Harbour entrance. The parties agree to the extent of prohibition in other areas and the court had no interest in examining this.

Jim Lyle (Harbour Master) and David Hill (Consultant Planner) gave evidence, and John Burn provided counsel, on council's behalf. Ben Lee (Policy Specialist – Coastal) also attended.

Once the court makes a decision (final or preliminary) the focus will turn to the remaining provisions which are mainly about how aquaculture is considered outside of the prohibited areas. For most of the appellants, their main concern is the extent of the prohibited areas, and therefore once a decision is made on these, it's anticipated that there'll be limited interest in the remaining provisions.

Moorings and Marinas Strategy

The primary objective of the Moorings and Marinas strategy is to set out how future demand for moorings and marinas in Northland will be provided for.

Staff commitments on the proposed Regional Policy Statement (which is a priority) have delayed work on this project. Staff are still working on finalising the draft before presenting it to the sub-committee (Councillors Brown, Davies-Colley and Hunt) to review and approve its release for public feedback. Planning staff are working closely with the maritime team to 'test' the draft and explore some new ideas in respect to the regional council 'owning' moorings as they become available. Because of this and the uncertainty over staff commitments to the proposed Regional Policy statement, the public feedback period will now not be happening later this month (as projected) and may not occur until June or July.

OTHER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ISSUES**Land Use and Subdivision Applications**

During March 2013, 6 non-notified resource consent applications were received from the district councils. Comments were provided on one application with regards to the applicant needing to obtain consent from the regional council.

District Council Plan Changes**Proposed Private Plan Change 113 – Ruakaka Racecourse**

Whāngārei District Council has received and accepted a private plan change request from the Whangarei Racing Club, relating to land commonly known as the Ruakaka Racecourse. The plan change proposes to rezone the racecourse from Coastal Countryside Environment to a new zone being the Ruakaka Equine Environment (REE). The REE would provide for equine (horse) activities as well as residential and other non-horse related activities such as educational activities, visitor accommodation and events. The submission period runs until Friday 26 April 2013. Staff will assess the application and determine whether a submission is required.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION DRAFT NORTHLAND CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Department of Conservation have invited submissions on draft Conservation Management Strategies (CMS) for Northland and Auckland. The matter was the subject of item to the February council meeting where it was resolved that a submission be drafted and approved under authority delegated to the CEO and Chair. A submission was lodged 15 March 2013 in accordance with recommendation and has been acknowledged. The submission was generally in support of the draft CMS, particularly in relation to enabling economic use of the conservation estate, but did advise that greater focus on pests would be beneficial.

CONSENTS**Consents in Process**

During March 2013, a total of 18 Decisions were issued. A copy of these decisions is circulated under separate cover. These decisions comprised:

- 1 Moorings
- 4 Coastal Permits
- 0 Air Discharge Permits
- 9 Land Discharge Permits
- 0 Water Discharge Permits
- 1 Land Use Consents
- 2 Water Permits
- 1 Bore Consents

The processing timeframes for the above consents ranged from:

- 203 to 4 calendar days, with the median time being 42 days;
- 127 to 2 working days, with the median time being 29 days.

21 Applications were received in March 2013.

Of the 164 applications in progress at the end of March 2013:

- 71 were received more than 12 months ago (most awaiting further information);
- 29 were received between 6 and 12 months ago (most awaiting further information);
- 64 less than 6 months.

Appointment of Hearing Commissioners

No commissioners were appointed in March 2013.

Consents Decisions and Progress on Notified Applications in Process, Objections and Appeals

The current level of notified application processing activities at the end of March 2013 is (by number):

▪ Applications Publicly/Limited Notified During Previous Month	3
▪ Progress on Applications Previously Notified	13
▪ Hearings and Decisions	1
▪ Appeals/Objections	8

A more detailed summary of the above activities can be found in **Attachment 1**.

MONITORING

COMPLIANCE MONITORING

A summary of the results of compliance monitoring for March is provided in the Environmental Monitoring Report (refer **Attachment 2**).

Air discharges

Three compliance assessments for air discharge consents were made during March, including one industrial site visit. All operations were fully compliant with their resource consent conditions.

Ambient air monitoring results for PM₁₀, sulphur dioxide and carbon monoxide at Robert Street, Whāngārei, showed compliance with the National Environmental Standard (NES) for Air Quality during March 2013. Monitoring of PM₁₀ at Bream Bay College, Ruakaka, also showed compliance with the NES in March.

Due to the dry conditions that have been experienced since late December 2012, the council has received a higher number of dust nuisance complaints than in previous summers in recent years. In particular, dust from heavy vehicles, such as logging trucks, using unsealed roads has been a nuisance in a number of rural-residential areas. The council has deployed deposition gauge dust monitors and also hired a PM₁₀ monitor from Watercare Services, to undertake PM₁₀ monitoring at a number of these areas, including at Wright Road, Opouteke Road, Ngapipito Road and Pipiwai Road. The results of this monitoring will be forwarded to the Medical Officer of Health and the Northland DHB for public health risk assessment.

Coastal

Coastal consent inspections were completed at 68 sites during March, with 36 of the inspections revealing full consent compliance, 22 inspections revealing minor consent non-compliance and the remaining 10 inspections revealing significant consent non-compliance. All the non-compliances relate to oyster farms.

Estuary Monitoring Programme sampling was undertaken at four Whāngārei sites and two Ruakaka sites during March.

NZOIA Proposed Alternative To Consent Bonds

At the time of writing this report the New Zealand Oyster Industry Association had not met with the council to discuss its latest proposed alternative to bonds for oyster farm consents, which was tabled at the council meeting on 21 March 2013. However, a meeting was being arranged in the week commencing 8 April 2013 and a report on the outcome of that meeting will be provided to the council at its meeting on 16 April 2013.

Land use monitoring

Twelve compliance inspections were undertaken during March, with ten of these revealing full consent compliance and the remaining two revealing minor consent non-compliance.

Hazardous Waste

The chemical collection programme dispatched 605kg of flammable liquids during March. Various other wastes were received during March, most of which will be temporarily stored until the next financial year.

Two hazardous substances incidents were reported during March, including a spill of some 11,000 litres of glue on SH1, Maungakaramaea, from a bladder on the back of a truck that was ruptured as a result of a collision with a logging truck. The environmental effects of the spill were minor. A minor leak of refrigerant gas was also reported, which was dealt with by the NZ Fire Service.

Fifteen enquiries regarding potentially contaminated land were responded to during March.

Water quality and discharge monitoring

A total of 54 compliance assessments were made in March, with 35 of these assessments revealing full consent compliance, 16 revealing minor consent non-compliance and the remaining three revealing significant consent non-compliance. All three significant consent non-compliances related to discharges from FNDC wastewater treatment plants (Hihi, Kaitāia and Whatuwhiwhi), although only the Whatuwhiwhi wastewater treatment plant discharge was non-compliant with the water quality conditions of its consent.

During the month staff attended a Hikurangi Swamp Scheme Working Group meeting held by the WDC. There were no issues raised that required follow-up by the NRC.

Farm Dairy Effluent (FDE) Monitoring

FDE staff are currently focused on working through follow-up visits to all significantly non-compliant farms identified during routine monitoring, with 25 visits being made in March.

ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS

A summary of the 70 environmental incidents reported and investigated during March is included in the Environmental Monitoring Report (refer **Attachment 2**).

ENFORCEMENT**Abatement Notices**

There were three abatement notices issued during the period. These were for:

- Land disturbance in the CMA (2)
- Anchoring a vessel for more than 14 days (1)

Infringement Notices

There were four infringement notices issued during the period, all for non-complying FDE discharges.

Formal Warning Letters

There was one formal warning letter issued during the period in relation to earthworks in the riparian management zone.

Other Enforcement**Farm dairy effluent**

As reported last month, a hearing was held in the Whāngārei District Court on 14 and 15 February 2013, relating to charges laid against a Waipū farmer for alleged offences in 2011. The judge found in favour of NRC on all the points that were the subject of the hearing. Sentencing has been set down for June 2013.

Haruru Falls land and water contamination

Charges have been laid against two individuals and the company, which operated the site. The parties pleaded not guilty to all charges in the Kaikohe District Court on 28 February 2012. The case has been adjourned several times and the next court date has been set down for 15 April 2013.

Waitangi River illegal diversion and earthworks

There are three defendants. Charges have been laid against two of the defendants for breaches which occurred in 2011. The next court date has been set down for 22 April 2013.

Kaimaumau Swamp vegetation clearance and earthworks

Charges have been laid against three parties who were involved in the vegetation clearance and drainage works. An interim enforcement order was granted and subsequently amended in relation to the works. Further charges were laid for breaches of that enforcement order. The defendants have entered not guilty pleas to all charges and elected trial by jury. The council has also commenced committal proceedings against the defendants which are happening concurrently with the prosecution proceedings.

A pre-trial will be held to hear several matters, including the Crown's Judge-Alone application. The court has given a date for the pre-trial of 10 June 2013.

Manganui River, Okahu (wetland clearance, earthworks and river diversion)

Charges have been laid against an Okahu dairy farmer and his company for vegetation clearance in several wetlands, earthworks in the riparian management zone, diversion of a watercourse and deposition of soil. The charges relate to offences

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which occurred between April 2011 and October 2012. A court date has not yet been set for the first appearance.

BIOSECURITY**Community Pest Control Areas (CPCAs)****Whatoro-Oponake**

A management plan for the Whatoro-Oponake Kiwi predator control project from Hancock Forest Management (NZ) is now in place. This CPCA is located near Trounson Kauri Park and several other local landowners are involved. Hancock directors who are based in America have supported the aim of the plan which is to restore kiwi populations.

Maungaraho

Dargaville biosecurity staff completed the annual photographic monitoring for the Maungaraho Community Pest Control Area (CPCA), including monitoring sites at the Maungaraho Rock Scenic Reserve, administered by the Kaipara District Council and Department of Conservation's Montgomery Bush Reserve.

Annual photographs from 2006 and 2013 are included below, illustrating the recovery of a young kohekohe tree which had suffered possum browse.

Maungaraho Rock Reserve photographic monitoring site - 2006

Maungaraho Rock Reserve photographic monitoring site - 2013, showing recovering Kohekohe**Marine Pests****Mediterranean Fanworm**

Vessel surveillance has been carried out in marinas in Whangaroa, Ōpua and Kerikeri by NRC Biosecurity staff and Northland Underwater Technical Services. Of the 17 vessels inspected in Ōpua, one suspected juvenile fanworm was discovered on the keel of a 11.5m yacht, the owners and marina operators were notified and the vessel returned to Auckland the following day.

The additional resources allocated to us to begin a wider investigation into vessel movements and fanworm risks have already provided encouraging news. A survey of potential “fanworm risk” vessels, piles and moorings completed has found no evidence of any fanworm populations and marina managers are very keen to keep it that way.

Recently Tutukākā harbour had a similar survey completed and was also fanworm free although one visiting yacht which had very poor level of antifouling and had spent two months in Auckland was directed to be immediately cleaned at the owner’s expense. These results and progress on the eradication in Whāngārei Harbour will be reported on at the next Environmental Management Committee meeting.

Plant pests**Eel grass (*Vallisneria*)**

A sample of the invasive water weed eel grass was sent for genetic identification by Land Care research. This is an eradication plant in Northland.

Spartina

The spartina control programme in the mid and Far North is progressing well with almost all the sites being managed by DOC now inspected and treated and approximately half the area and sites being managed by the NRC being revisited and control undertaken where necessary. For most sites the level of control is complete or

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very high with only the occasional stem or small patch being found on once were large areas of dense spartina. Approximately 10 new sites totalling approximately 3000 square metres have been located and sprayed. This demonstrates the difficulty of locating new or known sites in and under large areas of dense mangroves.

Lantana

The lantana control program in the Far North is progressing well with contractors carrying out initial and follow-up inspections and control over a large area in the vicinity of Hohoura. Summit Forests, (ex-Juken New Zealand) are now matching the spray costs dollar for dollar to up \$10,000, as a considerable proportion of the lantana is within the forest boundaries and forest management have recognised the benefits of the control programme.

Mexican Feather Grass

Two new sites of Mexican feather grass, an eradication plant, have been located at Hihi in domestic gardens. Control is being undertaken.

LAND AND BIODIVERSITY**Environment Fund**

As at 26 March 2013, 42 of the 102 Environment Fund projects have been completed. Staff are actively following up all approved projects to ensure claims are processed ahead of the end of year cut-off date.

Wetlands

A public open day was held at Kai Iwi lakes on Saturday 9 March 2013 which featured wetland displays, competitions and activities put together by Northland Regional Council, Kaipara District Council, Department of Conservation, the Experiencing Marine Reserves team and local Waka Ama club. Displays were put up on pest plants and fish using the "Check, Clean, Dry" message, as well as displays about coastal dune lakes, lake biota and water quality. Through the Experiencing Marine Reserves Programme around 100 members of the public had the opportunity to snorkel in Waikere dune lake and learn about the underwater plants and animals.

Soil Conservation – Poplar and Willow Nursery, Flyger Road

The maize crop on the nursery planting block has now been harvested. The council will take over the block at the beginning of April and site preparation will commence with improvements to the access road and construction of a storage pad. Tenders have closed for the site cultivation, laying of polythene and installing trickle irrigation. Three tenders were received with only one tender covering all components of the work.

It has been decided to draw irrigation water from an existing bore on council land at Flyger Road, sharing the resource with the lessee on the balance of the block. Another bore on the property was investigated but ruled out as it is too shallow. A water meter will be installed in the line to measure the volume of water pumped to a storage tank on the nursery property. Taking water from a Whāngārei District Council water main running the length of Flyger Road was ruled out as being too costly.

Soil Conservation – Poplar and Willow Supply 2013

A new local supplier with a small number of Matsudana tree willows has been found near Kawakawa. Requests for poplars are continuing and more requests are expected as land management advisors meet with land owners and prepare Farm Water Quality Improvement Plans (FWQIPs). Currently, requests outnumber

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available pole supplies. Priority is being given to those within priority catchments, priority rivers catchments and tributary catchments of the Kaipara Harbour.

Priority Catchments (Waitangi, Mangere, Whāngārei Harbour) and Farm Water Quality Improvement Plans

To date 109 FWQIPs have been initiated and are at various stages of completion.

Integrated Kaipara Harbour Management Group

Council staff have been involved in a number of projects associated with the Kaipara Harbour over the last month.

There are now four 'flagship farms' for this project within the Northland region. New farms that have entered the programme over the last few months are the Pouto Topu A Trust block on Pouto Peninsula and JV Farms in the Hikurangi Swamp.

The Pouto Block includes a large combined beef, sheep, dairy and forestry operation on 3000ha of land and includes some of the catchment for two dune lakes. Council land management advisors are working with the block managers to develop a full farm plan initially for the intensive beef and sheep and beef units.

The other new site is JV Farms belonging to the Smith family on the Hikurangi Swamp. This is a dairy farm utilising a number of progressive techniques; field days on this property will allow the showcasing of different options for waterway fencing, reduction of water use in the dairy shed and good practice for nutrient management. Council advisors are in the process of producing a full farm plan for this property.

Groups of conservation volunteers have been busy working on all four of the flagship sites over the last month carrying out pest and weed control. These volunteers come from a number of different countries, with financial assistance towards their costs coming from Fonterra. The council assists with some of the organisation and in devising a work plan.

The Kaipara Harbour catchment is one of five catchments selected throughout New Zealand by Fonterra and the Department of Conservation to be part of the Living Waters programme. The focus will be on the upper Wairua River catchment including the Hikurangi Swamp. It has yet to be determined exactly the nature of the project but the general concept is that funding will go towards works on the ground over the next ten years. There is the potential for this project to assist significantly with water quality and biodiversity restoration. Fonterra and the Department of Conservation are working with the Integrated Kaipara Harbour Management Group as the local partner.

A research symposium is being organised that will provide an opportunity to bring together all of the research that has been carried out both in the Kaipara Harbour and wider catchment and present it in a user-friendly form to the wider public. A number of crown research institutes have been conducting water-related research over the last 10 years, much of it in conjunction with the Northland Regional Council and Auckland Council. The proposal is to hold a two day symposium at Te Hana that will be aimed at and open to the general public to let them know what has been going on and update them on the findings.

5.4 RIVER MANAGEMENT

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Awanui

The Tarawhataroa slip repair work is complete. Long-reach digger work is progressing well and approximately 90% complete. Yearly maintenance spraying is 40% complete and mulching has been completed. The yearly floodgate inspection and maintenance programme is underway and approximately 35% complete.

Staff are preparing for the stopbank condition assessment and expect to get underway in the coming weeks.

A request for proposals for the preliminary design of the proposed Awanui Flood Scheme upgrade closed 28 March 2013. The main objective of the proposed upgrade is to improve the design standard of the Awanui flood scheme for urban Kaitiāia.

The Awanui River Management Liaison Committee met on the 22 March 2013. Staff presented a review of the effectiveness of the proposed additional floodgate outlet at Waihoe channel. The committee agreed to defer the proposed capital works, preferring to include further analysis of the outlet as part of the preliminary design for the flood scheme upgrade. Staff also presented the 10 and 100 year flood maps to the committee for review and comment. Further checks will be undertaken on the maps before notifying affected land owners and making the flood maps available on council's website GIS.

Kaeo-Whangaroa Rivers

Work on the annual river maintenance programme is approximately 60% complete.

Staff have finalised negotiations with the preferred tenderer for the Stage 1 Kaeo flood scheme works, which are proposed to be constructed during the 2013-14 work season. A recommendation will shortly be provided to the NRC tender committee.

The flood model extension and recalibration has been completed. Design storm runs, from which to produce flood maps, have also been completed. Simulations with the updated model will now be run for the combined stage 1 and 2 scheme works.

Kerikeri-Waipapa River

Work on the maintenance programme is approximately 35% complete.

The flood model has been calibrated and design storm runs have been completed. Flood maps are expected to be available during early May. Simulations of the proposed Kerikeri-Waipapa flood scheme have commenced. The simulations will allow for a comparison of modelled flood levels and extents before and after the proposed scheme. A request for proposals for detailed design will be tendered following the receipt, and pending a favourable review, of the simulation results.

Kaihū River

River maintenance work in the lower reaches is approximately 30% complete.

A site meeting with upstream and downstream land owners near the Rotu bottleneck was held on 20 March 2013 to discuss a proposal for addressing an unauthorised stopbank downstream of the Rotu bottleneck. There was support from all present to assess a range of different options before progressing with legalisation and modification of the stopbank. These options included, revisiting the potential for

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catchment detention, revisiting a scheme wide design to address nuisance flooding, increasing the capacity of the Kaihū River through the bottleneck and cleaning of an old stream bed (now a drain) immediately downstream of the bottleneck. Staff intend to refer these options to the liaison committee in June for discussion.

Whāngārei Urban Rivers

The maintenance works programme is approximately 50% complete, with gravel extraction work continuing upstream in the Waiarohia as well as Lover's Lane Bridge scour repair work.

The submission period for the dam designation and resource consent applications closed on 6 March 2013. Nine submissions were received on the notice of requirement, and nine submissions on the resource consent. Of these nine submissions, four wish to be heard. Staff are liaising with those submitters that wish to be heard to address their concerns if possible.

Negotiations to secure land required for the dam have been continuing. Notices of desire to acquire land have been served on all affected land owners.

A request has been made to the Whāngārei District Council for stopping of roads associated with the dam, and the setting aside of reserve land for the dam where this is required for construction or stormwater ponding. Whangarei District Council will consider a report on the request at its 27 March 2013 meeting.

The flood model upgrade is still underway. Flows and levels through the model have been calibrated and staff have identified a number of further improvements which relate to flood mapping. Once improvements have been completed the design storms will be run and revised flood maps produced.

The next meeting of the Urban Whāngārei River Management Liaison Committee is scheduled for 10 April 2013.

Kawakawa River

The request for proposal for the design of the lower Kawakawa Township stopbanks has been received. The preferred tenderer has priced the testing and design at approximately \$35,000. Works would be required to be funded via a targeted rate and the rough order costs are approximately \$300,000. Staff are further evaluating the proposed stopbanking concept and whether this would have sufficient benefit to proceed any further.

Minor Rivers

The minor river works are approximately 60% complete. NRC and FNDC are jointly funding two projects, specifically; river management work in Pawarenga in order to reduce bank erosion and protect the bridge over the Rotokakahi River, and lowering of a bund along the Rahiri Settlement Road to reduce scour of the road during flood events. The following table summarises progress with the minor works programme.

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Minor Works Programme 2012-13

River	Description of Work Programmed for this Work Season	Proposed Date for Works
Rotokakahi @ Pawarenga	Gravel/Shingle Management with FNDC	Complete
Panguru and Lower Waihou	Gravel management around bridges	On hold
Whirinaki	Maintenance Assistance for Whirinaki Toiora Project	NRC has supplied herbicide to assist with weed control along the river corridor
Waimā	Clear gravel under SH Bridge	Complete
Waihou	Lower earth mounds/berm along Rahiri Rd with FNDC	Complete
Waitangi River	Haruru Falls RC application to allow removal of shingle island build up in CMA	A pre-hearing meeting will be held with the two submitters to try and resolve differences and to try to avoid hearing costs.
Otiria Stream, Turntable Hill	Shingle extraction and willow spraying SH1 Bridge to be funded by NZTA	March 2013
Otiria and Moerewa	Clearance around spillway and Waiharakeke Bridge	Complete
Waiharakeke (Willowbank)	Remove tree affecting NRC Gauging Station	Complete
Kawakawa	Design and Resource Consent for Township Stopbanks	Concept developed, further evaluation being undertaken to determine if sufficient benefit to proceed further.
Maungahahuru (Piano Hill)	Remove tree/island blocking flow up stream SH1	On hold
Otaika Stream	Willow spraying/removal	Completed
Whāngārei Heads Road	Remove flame tree (Waikaraka) with WDC	March 2013
Ngunguru River	Remove shingle island	March 2013
Ahuroa River (Waipu)	Willow spraying/removal	Complete
Paparoa	Removal of Tree with KDC	Complete

HYDROLOGY**NPS Freshwater and Water Allocation Project**

Recent focus is on the priority catchments and planning low flow work to assess base line ecological flow requirements. This assessment is required to help set flow limits and allocation limits that will protect ecological values in the Waitangi, Mangere and Hātea River catchments.

Flows will be monitored at six sites in these priority catchments over the next three months. Council officers are also undertaking further flow measurements and fish surveys in the catchments. This information will be used to model base line ecological flows next financial year.

Kai Iwi Lakes Groundwater Monitoring

Lake Kai Iwi is one of Northland's outstanding lakes and although the water quality is good, there is concern over an increase in nitrogen in the lake. Four monitoring bores are to be installed in May to help understand how the surrounding groundwater quality and level may influence the lake. Water levels recorders will also be installed in Lake Kai Iwi and Lake Taharoa. A summary report on the monitoring is due by June 2013.

Kaipara Harbour Catchment Freshwater Project

The Kaipara Harbour freshwater monitoring project is a joint venture with NIWA, NRC and Auckland Council with the aim to measure the loads from land of fine sediment, associated light attenuation and pollutants that impact on the receiving water of the Kaipara Harbour. In the southern catchments (Auckland region) there are four river monitoring stations now operating with continuous turbidimeters and sediment auto samplers to intercept hydrograph events. The council's monitoring stations on the Mangakāhia, Wairua and Manganui Rivers have also been selected for this monitoring, being the major northern freshwater inflows to the Kaipara Harbour.

The equipment support structures required at the council's freshwater monitoring stations are now installed. This includes concrete bases for the equipment housings and river bank support structures for the turbidity sensors. NIWA staff will assist with the installation of turbidity sensors and sediment sampling equipment which is scheduled for completion around mid April.

Water Take Compliance Monitoring

Council officers continued to closely monitor river flows and ground water levels associated with consented water takes and are working closely with consent holders, assisting with water use management in areas where river flows were potentially reaching or had reached critical flows. Some major pasture irrigators taking water from the Kaihū, Mangakāhia and Mangere Rivers were required to cease, as flows receded below the consented compliance rates.

Water Takes Formal Enforcement

As a result of continued drought conditions throughout March, water shortage directions were issued to the following consent holders;

- Kaipara District Council in relation to its water take from the Kaihū River for the Dargaville water supply to allow it to continue to take water below the continuation flow limit for the river specified in the consent for the take.
- Far North District Council in relation to its water takes from the Waitemarama and Waiarohia Steams for the Opononi/Omapere public water supply and its groundwater take from Monument Hill for the Kaikohe public water supply to allow it to continue to take water outside of the consent requirements for those takes.
- W J and M A Wearmouth for their water take from the Pukekaroro Stream south of the Brynderwyn Hills for their plant nursery to allow them to continue to take water below the continuation flow from the stream specified in the consent. This will allow them to keep the plant stock alive.

All the water shortage directions were issued with conditions requiring the implementation of appropriate water conservation measures.

The Petaka Stream take for Far North District Council Rawene public water supply is currently meeting the required residual flow requirements and flows are frequently monitored. Similarly, the Kaitāia water take and flow rates for the Kaitāia water supply are being closely monitored as flows further recede in the Awanui River. The Whāngārei District Council is effectively managing water takes, supply and use with no major issues.

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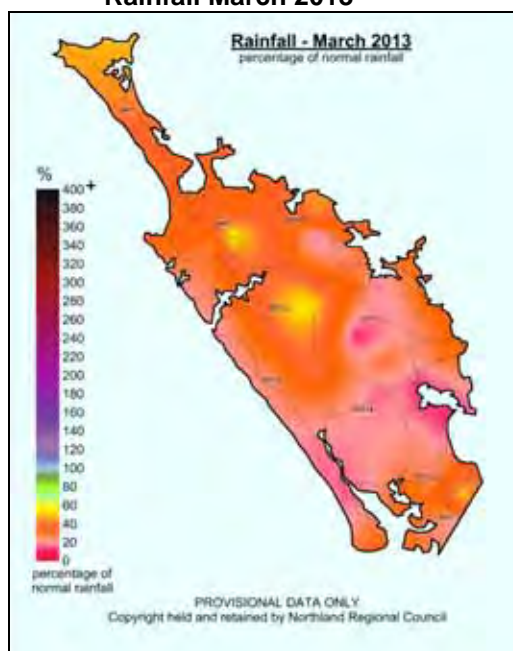
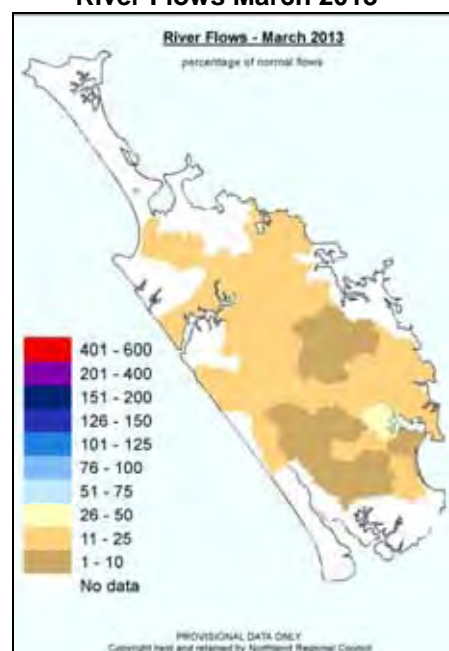
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Rainfall, Ground Water and River Flows

Drought conditions progressed further into March. Rainfall for the last three months has continued to be significantly low region wide. The worst affected areas at the end of March were the following;

- Kaitiāia
- West Coast from the Hokianga to Pouto including Ruāwai
- South-western Kaipara including most of the Manganui River catchment
- Central areas south of Kaikohe
- North and western areas of Whāngārei.

Rainfall amounts for March varied from 10mm-70mm from with the larger amounts resulting from isolated thunderstorm activity over central areas on 31 March 2013. Dargaville recorded 14mm for March, only 18% of the March average rainfall, the second lowest amount recorded since 1943. The average March rainfall for Northland is 75mm-100mm in western and Far North areas and 100mm-150 mm elsewhere. Most of the Northland region had received only 10%-50% of the normal March rainfall.

Rainfall March 2013**River Flows March 2013**

Regionally the soil moisture deficit has eased a little although still extreme in the Dargaville and Whāngārei areas, with deficits approaching -150mm. Most of Northland has deficits in excess of -125mm at 31 March. Rainfall amounts of 60mm-80mm are required to bring soil moisture levels back to normal for this time of year.

River flows during March varied from 3%-30% of their expected March flows. Flows in the Hokianga, western and southern Kaipara areas were particularly low with the Kaihū River having reached a near 1:20 year low flow return period. The main stem of the Mangakāhia River which is supplied by flows from the upper tributaries in the western Tutamoe Range and catchments south of Kaikohe also reached a near 20 year low flow.

Groundwater levels at most of the council's monitoring sites were below the long term monthly means for March. In fact, levels at Glenberrie, Whatatiri, Maungakaramaea,

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Ruāwai, Russell and the Mangawhai sand aquifer were more than 500mm below their mean levels.

NIWA Seasonal Climate Outlook for Northland April 2013 – June 2013

Temperatures are likely to be above average. Rainfall totals are likely to be near normal range. Soil moisture levels and river flows are likely to be in the below normal range.

The full probability breakdown is:

	Temperature	Rainfall	Soil Moisture	River Flows
Above Average	50	35	20	20
Average	40	45	35	30
Below Average	10	20	45	50

For additional information on the current weather situation please refer to **Attachment 3**.

5.5 – HAZARD MANAGEMENT**CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT****MetService warnings and activations**

No weather warnings have been issued in the past month.

The Northland CDEM Group has been monitoring the response to the severe drought declared by MPI in the region. A separate agenda item has been prepared outlining the response activities and the support that has been provided to the Northland Rural Support Trust.

Emergency Management Information System (EMIS)

The roll out of EMIS is continuing. Locally the EMIS Governance Group representative has been working to develop two event specific dashboards, for tsunami and MetService warnings. Both pages sit within the EMIS portal on a single page, but incorporate multiple active websites and feeds from other sites.

Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management (MCDEM) - National

MCDEM are now developing action plans to address the priority areas identified in the independent report titled "Review of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Response to the 22 February Christchurch earthquake." Some of the areas of work overlap and rely upon one piece of work being completed before others can progress. This will cause some hold-ups to the MCDEM work programme.

MCDEM have also advised that they are in the process of redesigning their national website. Part of the redesign includes the capability to constantly poll CDEM Group websites and pick up details of any active events and display them automatically on the front page of their new website.

Welfare Advisory Group

MCDEM have advised that they have received a large number of comments on the recently released "Review of Arrangements for Delivery of Welfare Services in Emergencies." The review was developed by representatives of Ministry of Social Development and MCDEM officials and contains a number of recommendations which have been the subject of comments. MCDEM are assessing the comments and will be developing a plan to move the reforms ahead.

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Resilience Fund

The 2012 resilience fund projects are progressing, although one of the projects will be held up for a period of time due to new information becoming available that may alter or change the tsunami inundation maps that have been produced. New maps may be required before the information boards project can proceed, the remaining projects are on target and within budget.

The outcome of the four new resilience fund applications 2013 year have yet to be decided.

National working groups

The CDEM Senior Programme Manager attended the two day CDEM Regional Managers' conference in late March. The CDEM Officer also attended the National Working Group one day meeting in Wellington.

Professional Development

Three of the region's Emergency Management Officers attended a one day CDEM induction day in Wellington which included visits or presentations from MCDEM officials, MetService, GeoNet and the National Rescue Coordination Centre.

A Coordinated Incident Management Systems, level four course was held in early March and there is continued support for these courses from a number of agencies with two further courses planned for the year.

5.6 – TRANSPORT

REGIONAL TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT**Land Transport Management Amendment Bill**

A progress report on the Land Transport Management Amendment Bill (Bill), which includes the proposed Passenger Transport Operating Model (PTOM) was included in the February 2013 CEO Report. At that time, the Bill was before the Select Committee with a scheduled enactment date of 1 April 2013.

The council has recently received a letter from the Ministry of Transport (MoT) advising that due to significant pressure on Parliamentary time, the Bill has not yet reached its second reading. A provisional date of 1 July 2013 has been provided but there is no certainty that this will be met.

On enactment of the Bill, the NZ Transport Agency would then develop guidelines for the review of regional council procurement strategies and regional public transport plans. These changes would ensure that these documents aligned with the content of the new Act.

Funding Assistance Rates Review

There was no development on this issue during the month under review.

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Road Safety update

Fatal crashes as at 1 April 2013	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Northland	6	8	3	5	5
Auckland	21	13	13	15	14
Waikato	19	19	18	11	10
Bay of Plenty	7	12	4	8	6
Gisborne/Hawkes Bay	7	6	5	9	4
Taranaki	7	2	2	2	1
Manawatu/Wanganui	12	9	6	9	3
Wellington	8	4	3	5	5
Nelson/Marlborough	4	15	2	2	2
West Coast	0	1	3	0	1
Canterbury	8	2	3	8	13
Otago	4	7	8	7	1
Southland	2	2	0	3	1
Total	105	100	70	84	66

Road safety messages and campaigns for March and April targeted young drivers, speed, alcohol, and fatigue.

The Northland Road Safety Association has continued to target driver fatigue and has been co-ordinating Fatigue Stops at Uretiti (northbound) while also supporting the large scale State Insurance “driver reviver” stops held at Uretiti (southbound) at Labour and Easter weekends.

In total for the two Stops held 4 days apart on 28 March and 1 April 2013 at Uretiti nearly 2,000 people took advantage of the hospitality and an opportunity to take a break from peak traffic driving.

The support for these and other road safety initiatives in Northland continues to grow from all sectors of the community.

Dust Related Problems on Unsealed Roads.

High volume logging truck movements on unsealed roads in rural Northland, combined with the prolonged dry period have led to complaints about significant dust nuisance and raised questions about potential health effects.

The sites subject to the complaints are on FNDC and WDC roads.

In response, and in order to reduce the dust nuisance, the forest company has voluntarily imposed reduced speed limits and used water trucks. The company, on consultation with a roading contractor has also trialled commercially available dust suppressants, and obtained a resource consent from NRC for the application of dust suppressant.

The trials of the dust suppressant showed that the application sites needed to be prepared to a certain standard for the dust suppressants to be effective. The WDC and FNDC, as the roading authorities, are responsible for road maintenance and the site preparation. WDC carried out the road preparation for the Wright Road, Pipiwai site and the forest company had the dust suppressant successfully applied. The FNDC has not yet carried out the preparation of sites on their roads.

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NRC staff met with the Medical Officer of Health and Northland District Health Board public health officials and agreed on a dust monitoring programme at the problem sites to provide data for health officials to assess the public health risk. The monitoring is under way.

NRC staff have also put a paper to the Regional Transport Committee proposing that the Northland Road Transport Executive Group (NORTEG) prepare a draft mitigation strategy for identifying and prioritising the worst affected sites, identifying mitigation options and recommending cost effective options.

The Chairman and staff attended a hui at Eparaima Marae, Kaikou on 4 April 2013 to update residents on the response to the dust issue. The Chairman undertook to convene a meeting of Northland politicians to discuss the problem of funding rural road maintenance and upgrading, with a view to sending a delegation to raise the issue with the government.

PASSENGER TRANSPORT ADMINISTRATION**Total Mobility (reporting one month in arrears)**

	Total clients	Monthly Actual Expend	Monthly Budget Expend	Variance	Year/Date Actual Expend	Year/Date Budgeted Expend	Variance
February 2013	1172	\$10,903	\$16,666	-5,763	\$110,600	\$133,328	-\$22,728

- Scheme expenditure remains under budget. This is believed to be a direct result of clients struggling to pay the necessary 50% of the fare.
- Expenditure for last month only included one taxi company invoice. The new owners of A1 Cabs Whāngārei 2103 are Auckland Co-op Taxi's, and the terms and conditions of being a Total Mobility Service Provider are still being agreed, as are the conditions under which NRC will accept their invoices. Payments have not been made to the Auckland Co-op since they took over in early March, and will not be made until these issues are resolved satisfactorily.
- Following an Annual Plan submission made by Mid-North Age Concern, staff visited their office in Kerikeri. During the discussion it was found that it was in fact funding for administration which was being sought, as opposed to funding for the transport costs. The current mid-north scheme being provided by Age Concern is a simple, tightly run operation, with an annual budget of \$25,000. Unless either NRC or FNDC decides to rate for a full Total Mobility Scheme, it is the staff recommendation that the scheme remains as it stands. It is worth noting that the scheme is currently only available to Super Gold Card holders.

With this in mind, staff advised Age Concern that council did not normally approve one-off community-grant type applications for funding. Staff would, however, continue providing what non-financial support it could. Information regarding the BusAbout Kaitiāia service was provided, along with an offer to co-ordinate some familiarisation bus trips for Kaitiāia's Age Concern members, subject to the agreement and assistance of CBEC.

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City Link Whāngārei – (figures include Gold Card)

March 2013	Month Actual	Budget	Variance	March 2012
Passenger numbers	27,153	26,797	+ 356	27,446
Farebox revenue (GST excl)	\$59,116	\$56,267	+ \$2,849	\$59,126

Super Gold Card Scheme – Passenger numbers

March 2013	Monthly Budget	Variance	Average 2011/12
5,074	4,613	+461	4,610

- Cross-service delays are still being experienced, in part due to the road construction underway in Whāngārei; however the tight scheduling by the bus operator also leaves little room to accommodate even minor delays. The bus operator continues to have penalties applied to those trips departing from Rose Street five minutes or more later than the scheduled time, and for any missed trips.
- NZ Bus have provided the new run times for approximately 15 trips which showed the need for amendments during the run time review. Council staff are now awaiting the full service intermediate and run times.
- Development of the new website is progressing. Once the full service times have been provided, work can then progress on the new timetable formats, and the TXTBUS project mentioned last month.

BusAbout Kaitāia

At the end of March, staff conducted a letter box drop of approximately 75% of houses near or on the BusAbout Kaitāia town route, which runs between the township and Whangatane Drive (PaknSave). CBEC have undertaken to complete the letter box drop. It is hoped to do the same for the East Coast and Ahipara services in the near future.

The subsidy available to CBEC has been fully uplifted for the 12/13 financial year, however the service will remain in operation and is funded by CBEC.

NAVIGATION, SAFETY AND MARITIME OPERATIONS**Oil Spill Preparedness and Response**

Four oil spill incidents were investigated during this period. Staff responded to two incidents, both of which occurred at Tutukākā marina, while two other spills were left to disperse naturally. The two incidents at the marina appeared to be unrelated, but occurred within a few days of each other. Staff assisted the marina in cleaning-up and dispersing the spilt oil, which was mostly diesel, with traces of hydraulic oil and engine oil found during the first incident. The volume of spilt oil was estimated to be relatively minor, but the effects were amplified in the confined marina environment. The fuel pump and piping inside the marina were checked and no leaks were found. Marina staff have been asked to watch out for any further spills, so that further efforts can be made to locate a source if found repetitive.

Six Northland responders, including three from NRC, attended a two day 'Management and Supervisory Oil Spill Training' course conducted by Maritime New Zealand. Skipper training was completed for the Taranui skimmer barge during March, with a formalised training programme developed by Maritime NZ. A larger

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scale oil spill exercise utilising the heavier equipment stored at Marsden Point has been planned and will be carried out over two days in early April, involving council staff, Northport, North Tugz, Refining NZ and Maritime New Zealand.

Port and Harbour Safety

The Whāngārei Harbour Safety Group completed the annual safety management system review. Memorandums of Understanding have been reviewed and the safety system manuals have been updated to reflect improvements and upgrades to the safety systems in place and other individual stakeholder changes.

Northland is one of the few regions to have an active (and approved and certificated by Maritime NZ) harbour safety management system with positive and pro-active involvement from the key stakeholders which include the Northland Regional Council, Refining NZ, Northport, North Tugz and Golden Bay Cement. The Northland Regional Council formally adopted the Port and Harbour Safety Code in November 2008, a fundamental move towards improved safety in our region's harbours.

The last four cruise ships for this season were piloted safely into and out of the Bay of Islands. Weather was almost perfect conditions and again feedback from ships and passengers was very positive. The ships included the Queen Mary 2 visiting the Bay for the second time as the first port of call in New Zealand for its inaugural circumnavigation of New Zealand. At 345 metres long, 10.5 metres draft and nearly 150 thousand tonnes this is the largest vessel to ever enter the Bay of Islands. Improvements made to the pilot vessel Waikare following last year's bad weather proved very successful in contributing to smooth operations this season. The improvements included fendering and rail adjustments together with modified boarding procedures.

The Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) hydrographic survey is underway for the Bay of Islands. This will be an extensive survey covering areas which have not been surveyed for some time.

The harbourmaster and deputy harbourmaster attended a northern region harbourmaster meeting in Auckland. The forum is used to share experience and knowledge with harbour safety. Attending also were representatives from Auckland, Bay of Plenty, Napier, Taupo and Waikato.

Aids to Navigation

Discussions are ongoing with affected parties for the installation of a new light on the Hen Chicken Islands to improve navigation safety for ships passing close to the coast.

The Whāngārei harbour safety group provided input for the upgrade to a new sector light for the harbour provided by Northport. This is a critical part of the aids to navigation provided for deep draft ships entering the harbour.

Batteries were replaced on a port hand beacon at Houhora. The Oruawharo River port hand buoy Port Albert and the A4 in the Rangaunu harbour were reported as missing and adrift, both buoys were located, repaired and reinstated.

Maritime Incidents

There were 20 maritime incidents in March. The incidents included a single handed yacht that ran aground near North Cape and broke up. The owner's insurers arranged for the wreck and debris to be removed. Verbal and written warnings were given for four incidents involving speed and unsafe operation of vessels. Staff also dealt with

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mooring incidents and vessels reported as abandoned. All the incidents were dealt with in accordance with maritime incident procedures.

Moorings

Work is ongoing to improve the council systems for moorings, and improve compliance with maintenance and license regimes.

Following on from the mail out to the 120 worst 'offenders', those targeted for overdue licence payments were contacted by phone or email where possible. A number appear to have left the area and are un-contactable. Of the 17 overdue licenses:

- 3 are willing to surrender the mooring to NRC.
- 9 will require their permit cancelled (3 moorings to remove)
- 5 we are still attempting to contact.

A total of 103 persons were contacted in a separate mail out due to their moorings being long overdue for inspection / service. Initially those in the area from Mangawhai to Ngunguru were contacted again by phone or email as one of the mooring contractors was in the area. Of the 31 moorings targeted 18 arranged inspections and service with the mooring contractor, and at present from the remainder we have:

- 2 who are willing to surrender the mooring to the regional council.
- 4 who will require their permit cancelled (1 to be removed)
- 6 who are 'pending' – either we are awaiting the owner to complete the repairs to their mooring, or book inspection with another contractor who will be in the area in the next couple of weeks.

If the Whāngārei area is indicative of the possible results for the rest of the region, then it would seem that the mail out followed up by some phone calls can yield some good results with well over half of the moorings overdue for inspection now back in service. The next largest grouping of moorings (40) overdue for inspection/service is in the Bay of Islands area, and the principal mooring contractor will be in the area at the end of this month.

Mapping and tagging of moorings will begin shortly with a complete set of mooring tags on order.

A mooring deemed a navigational hazard near the entrance of the Ōpua Marina and breakwater was removed and relocated with the cooperation of the owner.

5.7 – SUPPORT SERVICES**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS****Media and Publications**

Northland's media was monitored for items of interest to the council. Media releases were sent to appropriate media concerning the following:

- Dust solution on its way
- \$20,000 schools' Environmental Curriculum Awards open
- No early end to drought in sight
- Northlanders' reform views to be sought ahead of 15 April deadline
- Master waka builder is 2012 Northland Sailor of the Year
- Extra Local Govt reform meets for Kaitāia, Kerikeri, Mangawhai
- Farm pollution offences cost farmer, company \$40,000

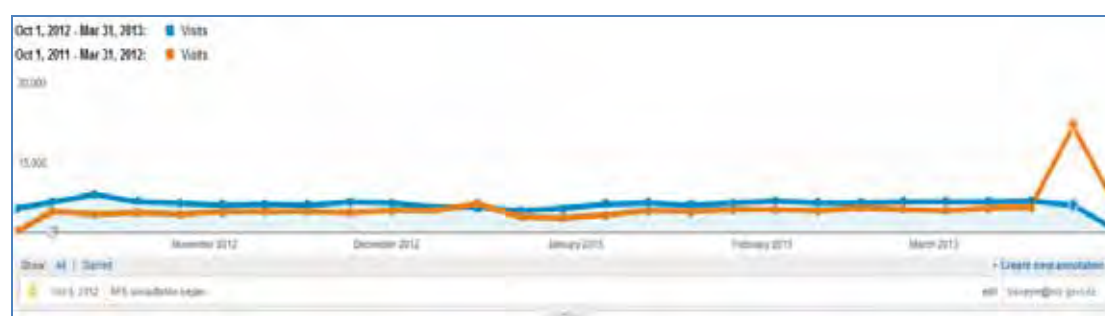
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- Representation review changes approved
- Monthly pest watch column in Whāngārei Leader: Pampas
- Monthly land management column in Rural Advocate and Northern Farming Lifestyles: Farm awards highlight good news stories

Publications completed during March:

- Refresh of Natural Phenomena brochure
- EnviroSchools newsletter Issue 14

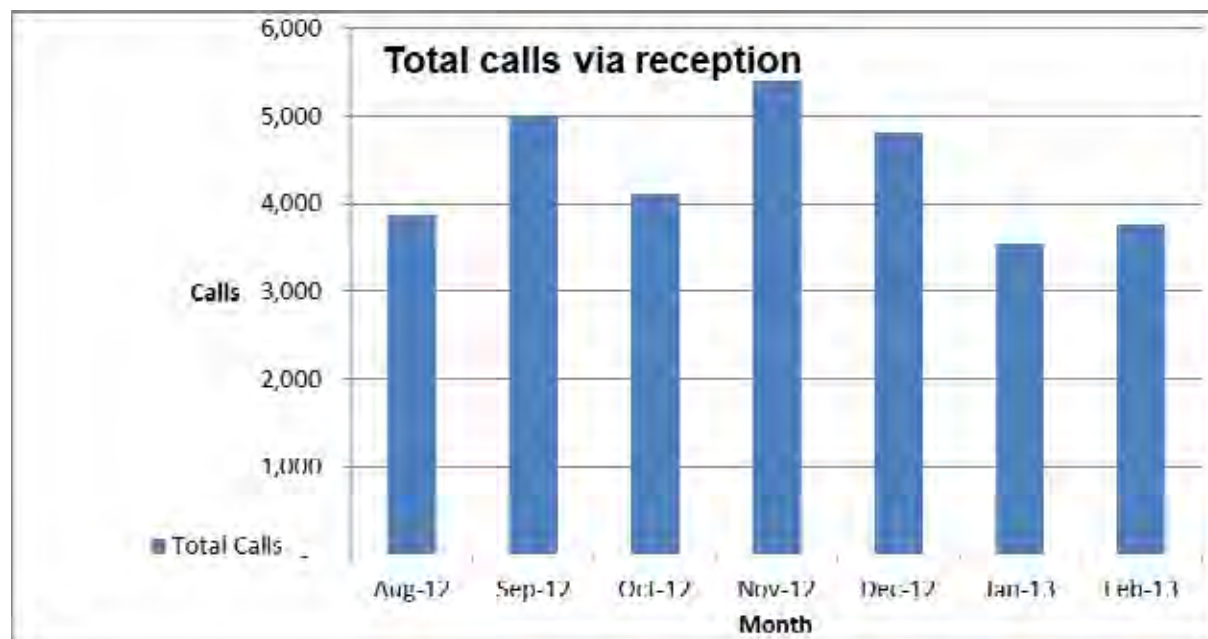
ONLINE CHANNELS**Website monthly usage – www.nrc.govt.nz:****# Visits to the NRC website (compared to the same period last year):**

Key Performance Indicators	Dec-12	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13
WEB				
PDF documents downloaded (Transactions)*	2,065	2,290	3,221	2,236
\$ Print value of documents downloaded	\$3,464	\$4,042	\$6,869	\$4,539
E-payments made	2	5	4	1
GIS Service - Number of unique visitors	481	425	390	403
GIS Service - Number of visits	1,457	1,366	1,227	1,305
# subscription customers (cumulative)	679	697	704	717
SOCIAL MEDIA (cumulative)				
# Twitter followers	493	495	504	513
# NRC Facebook fans	263	269	278	284
# CDEM Facebook fans	144	147	179	185
# CoastCare Facebook fans	85	85	86	86

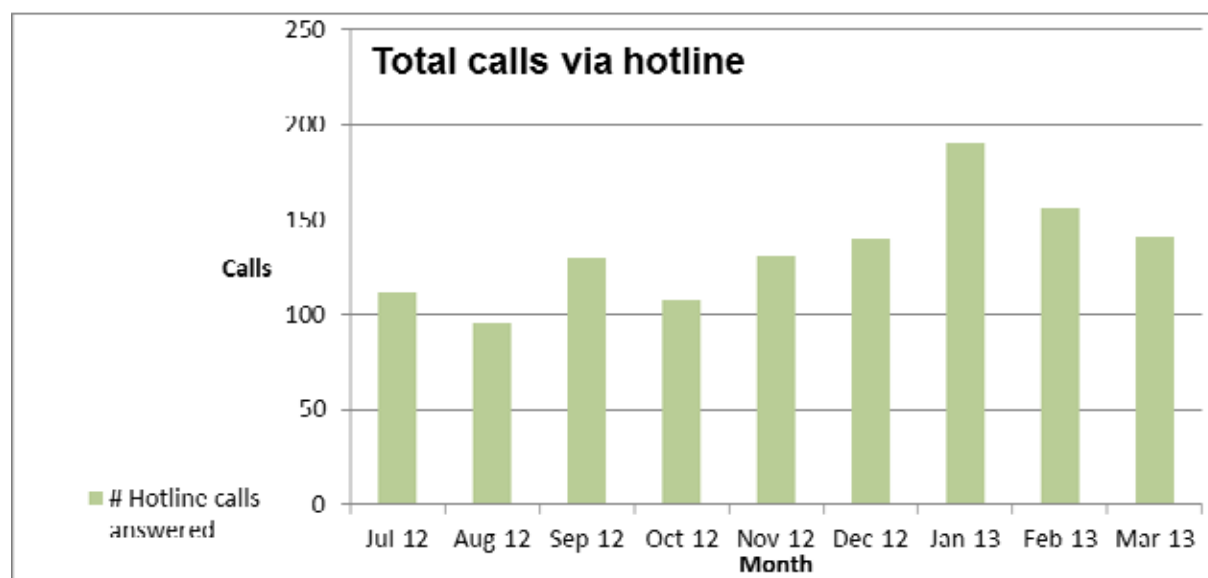
* N/A = figures not available in time for this month's report.

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CUSTOMER SERVICES

NOTE: Total calls for March not available at the time of producing this report.



NOTE: High January calls due primarily to:

- Waipu seaweed and algae smell
- Smoke nuisance related to fires
- Boats off moorings due to high winds/swell

EVENTS**Kaitāia A and P show – 2 March 2013**

This year our display focused on Wairoa Northland Water, utilising the signage from the field days. We served smoked eel paté which was well received by the large numbers of people that visited our site. In addition, we had a display on pest plants and animals. Our Entomologist, Kaitāia staff members and Events Coordinator were present.

New Zealand Dairy Industry Awards dinner – 2 March

Councillor Joe Carr presented the Northland Regional Council Sustainable Land Management Award to a representative for Sam Hartles at the 2013 Northland Dairy Industry Awards. The council is a regional sponsor for these awards.

Te Ahuareka o Ngati Hine festival – 16 March

This year the council attended the Ngati Hine festival at Otiria marae in Moerewa for the first time. The theme for the festival was 'Strengthening Relationships' and 'Wai Ora' or 'The Waters of Life'. Aligned with this theme the council display featured the Waiora Northland Water banners and signs from the field days. We had a SCHMAK kit and water clarity tube on site to provide an interactive component and to get people involved. We also served smoked eel paté which everyone enjoyed. The Iwi Liaison Officer, land management and community relations staff were present.

Ballance Farm Environment Awards – 27 March

Councillor Bronwyn Hunt presented the Northland Regional Council Water Quality Enhancement Award to siblings Shayne and Charmaine O'Shea at the Ballance Farm Environment Awards ceremony held at the Copthorne in Waitangi. Shayne and Charmaine O'Shea were also the Supreme Award winners. A field day will be held at their dairy farm on Kokopu Road on 3 May 2013.

Councillor Joe Carr and judges from the land management team also attended the event. The council is the regional partner for the Ballance Farm Environment Awards.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**Northland Regional Council Environmental Curriculum Awards**

This year's Northland Regional Council 2013 Environmental Curriculum Awards have now officially opened with a schools promotional mailout, media promotion on local radio stations and newspapers, and the award application form now live on the council's website at www.nrc.govt.nz/eca now generating a number of school enquiries.

Northland Regional Council Teacher Workshop

Applications have started coming in for teachers to attend the Northland Regional Council 2013 Teacher Workshop after a schools' promotional mailout this month. The water-quality themed workshop is to be held at Northland Regional Council in Whāngārei.

ENVIROSCHOOLS**WaiRestoration professional development workshop held**

On 14 March 2013, the WaiRestoration professional development workshop for school communities was held at Trefoil Park near Kaikohe. School teachers, principals, caretakers and Board of Trustee members took part in practical sessions covering: WaiNurseries, WaiPlanting, WaiMonitoring, WaiEnterprise, WaiMaintenance and the biodiversity component – Save a Species. Council land management and biosecurity staff provided expertise alongside community partners from the Department of Conservation, Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust, Rahui Gardens, Northland Youth Development Trust and He Kakano community nursery.

Ninety Five per cent of participants rated the workshop as 'excellent'. Many could see benefits of the project for their local community, incorporating: better water quality, engagement with landowners, community unity, environmental awareness, empowerment, employment opportunities, building genuine relationships with community stakeholders and better biodiversity.

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School communities represented include: Bream Bay, Dargaville Intermediate, Hurupaki, Kamō High, Kamō Primary, Kaitiāia College, Kokopu, Mangakāhia, Maungaturoto, Northland College, Ōhaeawai, Ōkaihau, Oromahoe, Otaika Valley, Ōtamatea High, Panguru, Ruāwai, Taipā, Tauraroa, Te Rangi Aniwhaniwa, Waiharara, Whāngārei Boys High and Whāngārei Intermediate.

Enviroschools in the Early Years cluster meeting held

On 22 March 2013, an afternoon cluster meeting was held for kindergarten teachers at the Paihia-Waitangi Kindergarten. 12 teachers from Doubtless Bay, Kaikohe, Matarau, Paihia-Waitangi, Parihaka and Portland took part in experiential learning activities from the 'Me in My Environment' Enviroschools theme area.

Presentation to NorthTec

On 25 March 2013, a presentation was made to students enrolled in the Diploma in Conservation and Environmental Management. The presentation covered the role of the Northland Regional Council and its education for sustainability activities. The Whangarei District Council and CBEC EcoSolutions also made presentations.

WaiRestoration project update presented to the Environmental Management Committee

On 26 March 2013, a presentation was made to the Environmental Management Committee on the WaiRestoration project. The presentation was based on the professional development workshop held on 14 March 2013, showing photos of the practical sessions and sharing comments from participants. The next step is the WaiFencing skills workshop to be held in May.

First newsletter for 2013 produced

The Enviroschools Northland newsletter features the WaiRestoration project, Green-Gold status at Whāngārei Heads School, partnership with the Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust at Ōtamatea High School, World Wetlands Day event at Lake Ngatu, Save a Species work at Ruāwai College, Estuary monitoring with Whananaki School and a variety of activities at Ōkaihau Primary and Taipā Area schools.

IWI LIAISON**Ngā Kaitiaki o Ngā Wai Māori – annual eel survey**

As previously reported in February, Ngā Kaitiaki o Ngā Wai Māori, a hapū collective assisted council during the Northland Field Days. This included a live eel display of both adult and elvers along with showcasing the work they have been doing in the community. In return the council assisted with their annual eel survey.

Several council staff participated during the week long exercise which was co-ordinated by NIWA and Ngāti Hau (a participant in the hapū collective).

Based at Ben Smiths property in Hikurangi, the project included the setting and clearing of fyke nets with any catch gathered identified and catalogued. Of those eels caught, juvenile eels were dissected in order to gather information on the age of eels in the river system. The migrating eels caught were GPS tagged and released, after being identified for species, sexed, weighed and measured (body length and eye width).

The project saw the installation of monitoring beacons which respond to the tagged eels as they pass by the beacon enabling data to be collected on migration patterns. This is valuable information in regards to the ability of eels to traverse both the

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Hikurangi Swamp Scheme at the top of the catchment (in particular the turbines) and the power station at the bottom of the catchment where the beacons are situated.

The GPS will mean eels will be able to be located especially if they become dormant, enabling the determination of any barriers along their natural migration trail.

As a result of this project and after discussion with Ngati Hau and analysis of NWIA data, the councils Iwi Liaison Officer (ILO) is looking at a possible bio-mass project due to concerns that the eel fishery is in close proximity to large natural forming quantities of heavy metals. Discussions are currently being pursued in this regard.

Aurere monitoring

Staff completed an analysis of the data compiled during the Aurere Estuary water and shellfish quality monitoring project. From this report a draft proposal of possible further monitoring options have been developed.

The ILO will meet with those who undertook the initial sampling project to discuss options for a monitoring regime to gain further information around source tracking.

Meetings

During February the ILO attended the Resource Management Act Reform Hui held in Whangārei. Hosted by Phil Heatly and the Ministry for Environment, the hui covered the RMA and Water reforms that were open for discussion and submission.

During March the Local Government Commission notified the application made by the Far North District Council to become a Unitary Authority. As a direct result of this process the council has held number of workshops/information evenings to inform constituents of the process but to also gather information about desired options for local government moving forward. The ILO attended four of the six meetings arranged as well as attending both a public information session hosted by the Whangārei District Council and a Hapū Hui hosted by the Māori Advisory committee (WDC).

LGOIMA'S**Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act requests during March:**

Name	Parent
Williams D National Business Review reporter request for information Rockport	CEO's office
Kensington Swan Lawyers Request information on Environmental Prosecutions George Weston Foods NZ and subsidiaries	Monitoring
Blake D Request for agreement on the logging operations of Hancock Forest Management concerning Pipiwai Forests	Consents
Lush A Request for copy of resource consent and variations including reasons for CON29975	Consents
Lake B Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand request about monitoring of abandoned petroleum wells	Monitoring

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HUMAN RESOURCES**Staff matters*****Appointments:***

April Harris, HR Admin, and Nicola Donnelly, HR Advisor, from Whāngārei District Council commenced a job share for human resources at NRC on 13 March 2013. This will be trialled for six months on the basis of three half days per week.

Angelia Carter a student at TAFE commenced work experience on 13 March 2013. Angelia will be based in Planning and Policy and will finish on 5 April 2013.

Vacancies:

A large number of applications were received for the advertised position of Environmental Monitoring Officer – Farm Waste. Short listing of applicants for interview has now been concluded and interviews will be held early in April 2013.

Interviews with short listed applicants for the position of Policy Specialist – Freshwater Management were held on 20 March 2013 and interviews with short listed applicants for the new position of Policy Specialist - Tāngata Whenua were held on 19 and 21 March 2013. A decision is expected shortly.

Employment Relations:

Changes to KiwiSaver and minimum hourly rate will come into effect from 1 April 2013. Staff have been advised.

Staff establishment

Status	March 2013	March 2012	Feb 2013
Full Time Permanent	130	121	130
Part Time (FTE)	11.4	12.7	11.4
Fixed Term (incl Part Time FTE)	6.4	9.6	6.4
Students/TFG	3	2	3
Vacancies	6	7	6
TOTAL FTE	156.8	152.3	156.8

Training

Course	Dates	Venue	Attendees
Effective Advisory Course	7-8.03.13	Whāngārei	D Evans, K Webster, R McGregor, D Kervell, A Semenoff, B Griffin, D Johnson, L Douglas
Regional Council and Unitary Authorities HR Conference	25-27.03.13	Palmerston North	J Macdonald

Staff turnover

Staff turnover as at the end of March 2013 for the past 12 months was 11.59%.

Health and safety

No incidents or accidents to report.

A workplace inspection and workstation assessments were conducted for Northland Inc. staff at their new premises in Cameron Street. The building was still undergoing

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finishing touches to the new interior at the time this was undertaken. A final assessment will need to be conducted once all the work is complete. Staff workstations in the main just required small adjustments. At the time there were no blinds but these have since been installed.

The project for Wilding Pine eradication was carried out safely. No abseiling was permitted.

The investigation into the Tai Ao trailer incident has resulted in the following changes:

- All NRC vehicles are now fitted with 50mm tow balls;
- Boat trailer coupling pins have been changed to 50mm only;
- All trailers now have a checklist mounted on them; and
- Training to be arranged for those affected.

Other training including first aid, defensive driving, fire extinguishers, kayaking and safety transport management programmes are being organised.

Additionally, an EMA one day training workshop has been arranged to use the voucher of \$4,500 from EMA which was won by H&S. The workshop to be held is "Improving Workplace Relations" and will be held at NRC during April.

New fire wardens have been appointed as applicable following on from recent office movements and the list of fire wardens has been updated on Express.

Blood testing for Hepatitis A and B and Typhoid has been implemented and actioned for all staff that require it due to their position and/or work environment. An audiogram for a qualified diver within staff has also been organised.

An ACC Safety at Home presentation for staff was arranged and held on 20 March 2013 with approximately 40 staff attending.

Flu vaccinations were carried out on 21 March 2013 with 43 staff taking advantage of this.

A meeting has been held with reception staff about upgrading security, who to call if a safety issue arises at reception, precautions regarding potential for armed holdup and other concerns. As a result a quote for a ST camera has been requested from United Security. Other discussions and improvements are ongoing.

FINANCE AND IT**Fraud declaration**

Fraud is an intentional act by one or more individuals among management, those charged with governance, employees, or third parties, involving the use of deception to obtain an unjust or illegal advantage. I am not aware of any fraud nor am I investigating any incidence or suspected incidence of fraud at this time.

FINANCE

The Financial Report for the nine months to 31 March 2013 is showing an operating surplus of \$4.01 million against a budgeted surplus of \$1.94 million. Council officers in some areas (Planning and Policy, River Management) have previously indicated to council that it may be necessary to carry forward some of the unspent expenditure budgets on specific projects into the 2013-2014 financial year. Otherwise, staff are

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expecting expenditure budgets to catch up over the remaining months of the financial year.

The finance team has been heavily engaged in working towards the implementation of the new financial system and to date matters are progressing well.

Audit New Zealand were onsite in the week commencing 11 March 2013 for their first interim audit. The audit visit went well and no material matters were noted.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**IRIS**

The implementation project is progressing well. Datacom have delivered further incremental updates of the software to council during March.

User acceptance testing is progressing well with no major issues identified. Training for staff is underway and scheduled to be completed during April.

Final configuration changes for the Objective (EDRMS) integration components to link to IRIS are being made. Development of the integration component between IRIS and Technology One are on target.

Data migration from the current system to IRIS is on track.

Financial System

The implementation of the new financial system – Technology One – continues to progress at a rapid pace. Configuration of the software is in progress and the key user is mostly completed. Migration of data from the current system to Technology One is progressing well.

Infrastructure

A request for proposal has been released seeking responses on the supply of an emergency generator and ongoing electrical services. Site visits from suppliers are currently underway.

COMMERCIAL

The rental arbitration is set down for the 16-19 April 2012.

Compliance with decision making processes:

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the council's 2012-2022 Long Term Plan, and as such are in accordance with the council's decision making process and sections 76 to 82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Recommendation:

That the Chief Executive Officer's report dated 5 April 2013 be received.

APPENDICES

1. Detailed information – Consents decisions and progress on notified applications in process, objections and appeals.
2. Detailed information – Environmental monitoring and compliance report.
3. Detailed information – Current weather situation.

ATTACHMENT 1

CONSENTS DECISIONS AND PROGRESS ON NOTIFIED APPLICATIONS IN PROCESS, OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS

The Consents/Monitoring Senior Programme Manager's report on resource consent decisions issued under delegated authority since 1 March 2013 is circulated to councillors under separate cover.

Progress on notified applications, objections, and appeals is as set out in the following tables:

NOTIFIED APPLICATIONS

Applications Publicly/Limited Notified During Previous Month

Applicant	Proposal	Notification Period	Comment
Northland Regional Council CON20123115901	Proposed construction and operation of a stormwater detention dam at Kotuku Street, Maunu	5 February 2013 to 6 March 2013	Notice of requirement also lodged by the council with the Whāngārei District Council, which will be the lead authority for the joint processing and any joint hearing of the proposals. Nine submissions received, three in opposition, three neutral, one in support and two do not specify. Five submitters wish to be heard.
D M Jepson CON20133131201	Proposed board walk, jetty facility and dredging including retrospective application for an existing boat ramp, rock revetment and stormwater outlet	5 March 2013 to 4 April 2013	
Whāngārei District Council CON20133146101	Proposed coastal protection works near Paradise Point	27 March 2013 to 26 April 2013	Limited notified.

Progress on Applications Previously Notified

Applicant	Proposal	Progress
J K Upperton CON20040886701	Earthworks in the Riparian Management Zone relating to a construction of a proposed dwelling and access	Notified jointly with the Far North District Council (FNDC being the lead agency). Ten submissions received, nine in opposition, and one neutral. Nine submitters wish to be heard at a hearing. The applicant has requested a time extension to the period within which a hearing is to be held to enable him to undertake further consultation with submitters and the FNDC has requested further information relating to landscape. A hearing initially set by the FNDC for 10 December 2012 will now take place on 29 April 2013.
Far North Holdings Limited CON20100838530	Various consents associated with a proposed pile berth extension of the Ōpua Marina	Forty submissions received, 23 in opposition, 13 in support, three neutral and one partial support/oppose submission. Fifteen submitters wish to be heard at a hearing with six submitters not indicating whether they wish to be heard or not. Processing timeframes have been extended at the applicant's request.
Kaipara District Council CON20020988801 (<i>"Boar Hill"</i>) CON20020988901 (<i>"Cattlemount"</i> and <i>"Cattlemount Spring"</i>) CON20010381501 (<i>Brynderwyn Stream</i>) CON20010758201 (<i>Piroa Stream</i>)	To authorise existing water takes for the public water supply of Maungaturoto. In addition, new consents are also being sought for a proposed stream flow monitoring weir	Boar Hill/Cattlemount: Four submissions received on each set of applications, one in opposition, one in support and two neutral. Two submitters wish to be heard. Brynderwyn/Piroa: Five submissions received, one in opposition wishing to be heard, and four has been in support not wishing to be heard. Agreement reached with the applicant on draft conditions. Submitters are being contacted to discuss the consent process with the aim of avoiding a formal hearing.
Far North District Council CON20080400701	East Coast Bays Wastewater Treatment Plant (Taipā) replacement discharge consents	Fifty-four submissions received, 24 wishing to be heard and 30 not wishing to be heard. Most of those oppose the current operation of WWTP. The applicant has investigated an alternative land disposal option and has confirmed that this option is to be pursued by way of applying for the necessary consents. The applicant has requested an extension of time and this has been agreed to by the commissioners already appointed to hear and decide the application (Lorraine Hill and Hamish Lowe). The applicant is currently seeking approval from Ngati Kahu for the land disposal option, as it owns the proposed disposal site.
Li Liangren Family Trust CON20092425301	Earthworks and stormwater consents for 118 lot subdivision at Tinopai	Six submissions received (one late) with five being in opposition and one neutral. Four submitters wish to be heard. Joint applications for subdivision with the Kaipara District Council (KDC) as lead authority. Hearing delayed pending receipt of further information sought by KDC. Hearing date delayed at request of applicant.

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Applicant	Proposal	Progress
Far North District Council CON20100377501	Discharges associated with the Ahipara Wastewater Treatment Plant	Ten submissions received, all in opposition, with nine submitters wishing to be heard. The applicant has attempted to hold two informal pre-hearing meetings with the submitters to discuss issues, but not all parties have attended. Iwi submitters have subsequently reached an agreement with the applicant on an appropriate condition of consent that will allow further investigation into land disposal options. The applicant has requested a further extension to the processing time for this consent to allow it to provide details on proposed upgrades to wetland and possible consent conditions to satisfy other submitters. It is now likely that a formal hearing will not be required for this application. Draft conditions have been circulated to the Consent Holder for agreement which will then be sent to submitters. A pre-hearing meeting was held on 28 March 2013.
B C Taylor CON20101536601	Use of a coastal structure (building) for accommodation and community hall at Whakapirau	Nine submissions received, two in support and seven in opposition. Six submitters wish to be heard. Application on hold under section 91 RMA pending applications to the KDC. The applicant has requested a time extension to enable arrangements between him and the KDC in respect of the land, including whether any change to the current designation is required. No further action on the application to the NRC is now expected until mid 2013.
Whāngārei District Council CON20112902101	Discharge treated sewage effluent to the Hātea River from the Hātea Sewage Pump Station	Publicly notified with nine submissions received, four in support, four in opposition, and one in support of parts and opposing rest. Eight submitters wish to be heard and one not indicating. All submitters have now withdrawn their wish to be heard at a formal hearing. Consent decision now to be made under delegated authority. Awaiting confirmation of agreement from the applicant on proposed conditions of consent, particularly in relation to maximum discharge rate.
Northland Regional Council CON20112968301	To maintain a navigation channel in the Waitangi River at Haruru Falls	Four submissions received, one in support, one neutral and two in opposition with the submitters wishing to be heard. Further processing of the application has been suspended while the applicant attempts to resolve both opposing submitter's concerns. Pre-hearing meetings with these two submitters were held on 27 March 2013.

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Applicant	Proposal	Progress
Millpara Avocados Limited CON201214520 (01 & 02)	Increase in existing groundwater take for avocado irrigation purposes, Paparore, Far North	Twelve submissions received within time, with one submitter wishing to be heard. Nine are in opposition, one in support and two neutral. One further (late) submission in opposition received. With the approval of the applicant, the council has placed the application on hold to determine possible additional information requirements required to assess actual effects of take on other groundwater users that were raised in submissions.
Whāngārei District Council, Parks Division CON20123069201	Proposed boatramp and reclamation at Pataua North estuary	Thirty-eight submissions received (one late), with two in support (one conditional), 34 in opposition and one not stating whether in support, opposing or neutral. A total of 20 submitters, including the late submitter, wish to be heard. Independent commissioners sought by some submitters under section 100A. Further information has been sought from the applicant relating to effects on coastal processes and cultural impacts.
Whaingaroa Fisheries Company Limited CON19960812001	Marine farm (fish and shellfish) at Owanga Bay, Whangaroa Harbour	A total of 310 submissions received (two late) all in opposition, with 107 submitters wishing to be heard. Some have requested independent commissioners under section 100A to hear the proposal. Further information has been sought from the applicant under section 92.
Westpac Mussels Distributors Limited CON20123015001	Marine Farm (mussels) at Houhora Bay.	A total of four submissions received plus one late submission, with one in support and four in opposition, and four submitters wishing to be heard. Hearing Panel to be appointed.

Hearings and Decisions

Applicant	Proposal	Date of Hearing	Decision Issued/Comment
Whāngārei District Council CON20123080001	Mangrove removal and maintenance in the Upper Hātea River, Whāngārei Harbour	6 March 2013	Hearing Commissioners' decision to grant issued on 27 March 2013.

APPEALS/OBJECTIONS

Applicant	Proposal	Progress
Poutō Farms Limited CON20082125801	Flood protection works at Kaihū River	Objection to decision to return application documents as incomplete, but the applicant is still seeking stay of hearing, pending receipt of flood model data to enable completion of application detail.

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Far North District Council CON200404369 (01-02)	Existing water take from Waiotemarama Stream for supply of Ōmāpere/ Opononi	Agreement in principle reached by all parties that will allow appeal to be settled. One party will not sign the draft memorandum and consent order until an alternative water supply has been provided as per a side agreement. The applicant provided a progress update to the Court on 27 August 2012 in which it advised that, due to technical issues, direct treatment of water is now being considered rather than a supply from the applicant's take point. The applicant has advised the Court that the alternative water supply has been installed and is working. Since there are no outstanding issues the agreed draft memorandum and consent order will be circulated to all parties for signing. This had not occurred at the time of writing this report.
Far North District Council CON20080257701	Replacement consents for Rāwene Wastewater Treatment Plant	Appeal lodged by Te Mauri o Te Wai Incorporated, an entity which was not a submitter to the original application. Environment Court assisted mediation was held on 30 May 2011, with further Court assisted mediation on 29 November 2012. The outcome of this mediation is an exchange timetable for draft conditions that is hoped will resolve the appeal. Third court assisted mediation held on 30 January 2013. Outcome of this mediation was that a draft consent order and memorandum was to be sent to the Court by 28 March 2013. The Council has drafted a memo and consent order for signing, but the appellant has raised some late requests regarding additional monitoring. Request for extension from the Court until Friday 12 April 2013, to lodge draft memo and consent order has been made to allow the applicant to resolve all issues.
Mangawhai Harbour Restoration Society CON20102684401	Removal of 87 hectares of mangroves from Mangawhai Harbour and channel dredging	Appeal lodged by the applicant. Thirteen section 274 parties. Environment Court assisted mediation was held on 14 September 2011. There was no resolution and the appeal hearing commenced 30 April 2012. An interim decision has been issued by the Court indicating that consent might be forthcoming for three, possibly four, mangrove removal sites subject to satisfactory responses from the parties on conditions, mapping in one area and a jurisdictional question posed by the Court. The provision of these responses is in process. The Court has declined the consent sought for dredging.
Maungatapere Water Company Limited CON20100460701	Take water from Porotī Springs for Maungatapere water scheme	<p>Appeal lodged by Zodiac Holdings Ltd relating to the allowed daily take volume and the efficient use of this resource.</p> <p>Appeal lodged by Maungatapere Water Company Limited. New Zealand Spring Water Limited and Whāngārei District Council are section 274 parties to this appeal.</p>

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		Appeal lodged by Whatitiri Maori Reserves Trust – only on term of consent.
		Appeal lodged by Lorraine Norris – only on term of consent.
		<u>Zodiac Holdings and Maungatapere Water Company Limited Appeals</u> Court assisted mediation was held on 11 December 2012 at Forum North. The outcome of this mediation was that the parties were to discuss changes to conditions on matters that had been resolved and continue discussions on outstanding issues. A further reporting date of 2 April 2013 has been requested by the appellants.
		<u>Whatitiri Maori Reserves Trust/Lorraine Norris Appeals</u> The council has held two informal mediation meetings with the Whatitiri Maori Reserves Trust, Lorraine Norris, Maungatapere Water Company Limited and the Whāngārei District Council. No progress has been made with resolving the appeals. The Environment Court has declined an application by iwi to adjourn the appeals pending the resolution of a claim before the Waitangi Tribunal. The Court has approved a timetable for the exchange of evidence. In accordance with this timetable, the council provided four copies of the evidence circulated between the parties to the Court by 31 January 2013. Now awaiting Court direction on Hearing date.
Whāngārei District Council CON20100296001	Take water from Porotī Springs for municipal water supply	Appeal lodged by Whatitiri Maori Reserves Trust – mainly regarding term of consent.
		Appeal lodged by Lorraine Norris – mainly regarding term of consent.
		The council has held two informal mediation meetings with the Whatitiri Maori Reserves Trust, Lorraine Norris, Maungatapere Water Company Limited (MWC) and the Whāngārei District Council. No progress has been made with resolving these appeals. The Environment Court has declined an application by iwi to adjourn the appeals pending the resolution of a claim before the Waitangi Tribunal. The Court has approved a timetable for the exchange of evidence. In accordance with this timetable, the council provided four copies of the evidence circulated between the parties to the Court by 31 January 2013. Now awaiting Court direction on Hearing date.

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Zodiac Holdings Limited CON20120461102	Change to existing water take consent from Porotī Springs to increase maximum daily take volume	Decision appealed by the applicant, with WDC and MWC joining as section 274 parties. Court assisted mediation was held on 11 December 2012 at Forum North. The outcome of this mediation was that the parties were to discuss changes to conditions on matters that had been resolved and continue discussions on outstanding issues. A further reporting date of 2 April 2013 has been requested by the appellants.
Westpac Mussels Distributors Limited CON20112937101	94.05 ha marine farm (mussels, mussel spat catching, and oyster depuration and growing) west of Stephenson Island, near Whangaroa Harbour	Appeals lodged by Yachting New Zealand and Whangaroa Maritime Recreational Park Steering Group (WMRPSG). A number of section 274 parties have attached to the WMRPSG appeal.

ATTACHMENT 2

Environmental Monitoring for the period 1– 31 March 2013

ABBREVIATIONS KEY:

WDC	Whāngārei District Council	FNDC	Far North District Council	KDC	Kaipara District Council
DOC	Department of Conservation	NPC	Northland Port Corporation	NZRC	NZ Refining Company
NRC	Northland Regional Council	FNHL	Far North Holdings Ltd	CH	Consent Holder
STS	Sewage Treatment System	POD	Point of Discharge	PA	Permitted Activity
ESCP	Erosion and Sediment Control Plan	RAQP	Regional Air Quality Plan	RWSPN	Regional Water and Soil Plan for Northland
RC	Resource Consent	CMA	Coastal Marine Area	RCPN	Regional Coastal Plan for Northland

CONSENT COMPLIANCE – AGENDA CODE DESCRIPTION:

This code indicates:

- the degree of environmental **Impact**;
- the **Response** taken, or to be taken, by staff; and
- the **Status** of the situation.

Impact to the Environment

N	Natural Event	Such as flooding, earth movement or algae blooms over which there is little or no control.
U	Unknown	Results do not clearly differentiate between contamination and natural causes; or an incident has been reported sometime after its occurrence and the impact cannot readily be estimated.
0	None Detected	Inspection and/or sampling shows no impact.
1	Minor	The impact of the activity on the receiving environment was minor; effects were localised and/or temporary with non-significant deterioration in water quality, flows, and amenity value and/or land stability.
2	Significant	Environmental impact is likely to extend over some distance or area, and/or could continue for some time (1-3 days), and/or a significant human health risk is likely.
3	Large	The impact is large with the environment requiring restoration or a substantial amount of time to recover (more than one week) and/or a major human health risk is likely.

Response of Regional Council

N	None Required or Warranted	It is a natural event or no impact has been detected. Source unknown further investigation is not warranted. Report resulting from a routine monitoring event where no follow up is required.
F	Further Investigation Required	To confirm impact, to assess impact, to locate source, or to determine compliance.
I	Information or Advice	Given on how to avoid future adverse effects.
R	Request	An explanation of the situation or how the situation arose, a statement of the mitigation measures proposed or request certain mitigation measures to be undertaken, maintenance or upgrading to prevent impacts occurring in the future.
W	Written Warning	Written warning to avoid recurrence.
C	Clean Up	Clean up by Regional Council.
E	Formal Enforcement	Abatement Notice, Enforcement Order, Infringement Notice, Prosecution.

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Status

R	Resolved	Party has fully complied with Regional Council's requests and there is no unacceptable impact to the environment, natural event that the Regional Council cannot realistically influence, no response required or warranted.
P	Pending Inspection	Prevention or mitigation measures have been reported to the Regional Council, as being in place but this has not yet been confirmed by re-inspection.
U	Unresolved	Regional Council requests to prevent or mitigate environmental impacts have not yet been met. The situation has not yet been investigated thoroughly enough to determine environmental impact. The time given for requested or required mitigation measures to be put in place have not elapsed.
M	Routine Monitoring	Routine monitoring.

Compliance Code Key

SNC1	Repeated minor non-compliance or significant non-compliance resulting in minor to moderate effects.	SNC2	Significant non-compliance with significant effects.	FUS	Follow up significant non-compliance.
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ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS

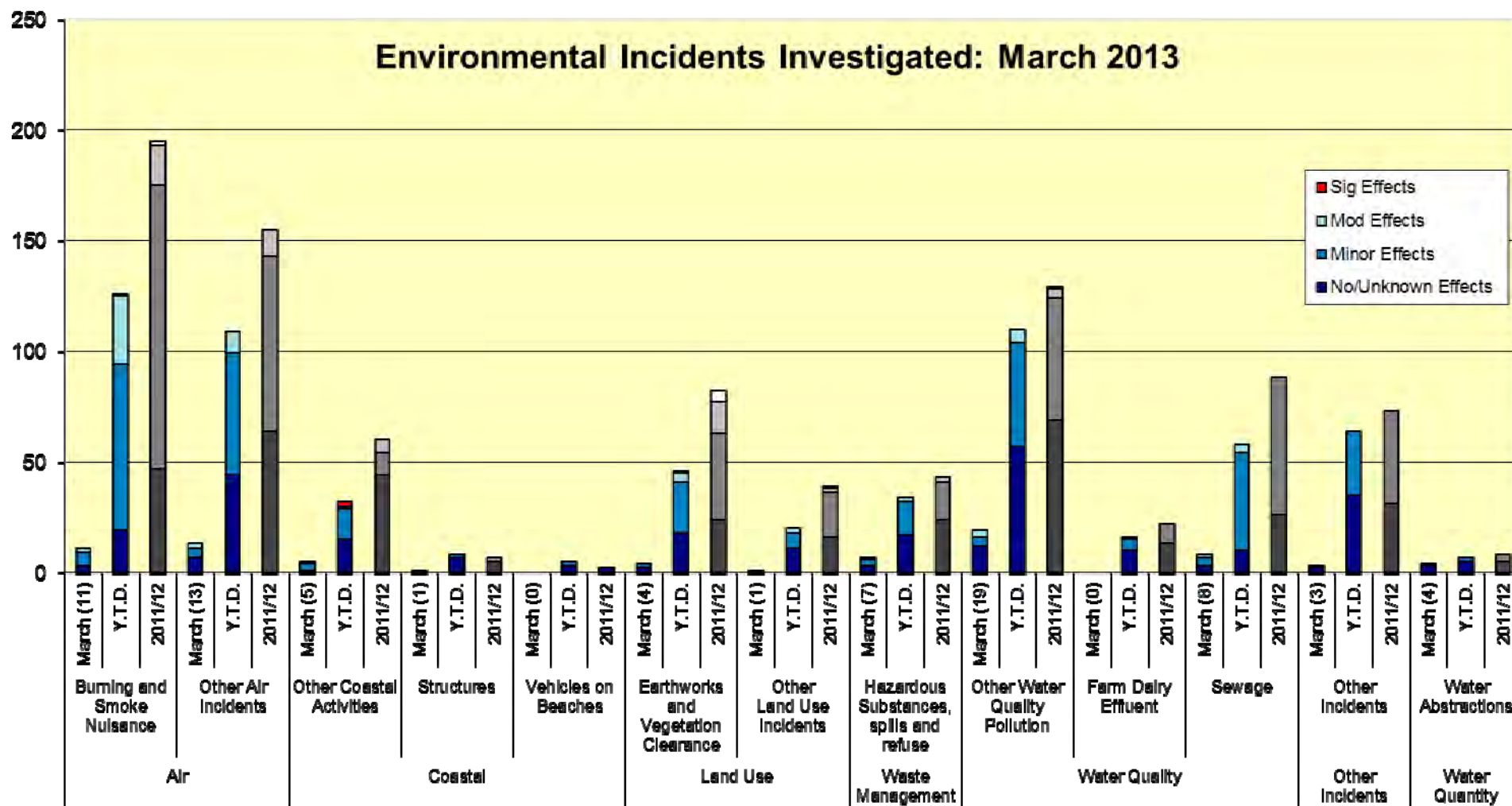
S	Significant Impact
M	Moderate Impact

MARITIME INCIDENT RESPONSE CODES**Response**

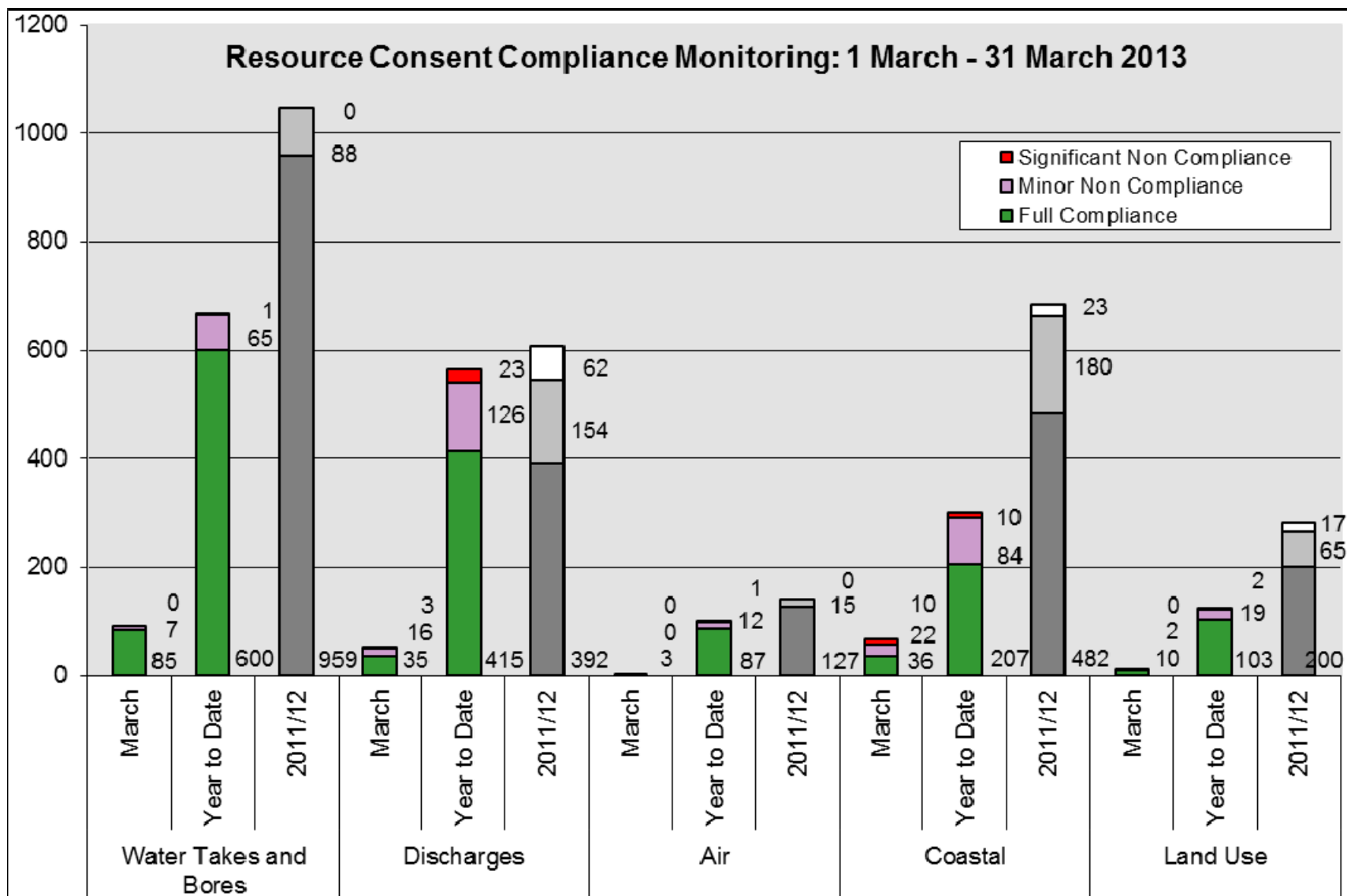
N	No Response Required
F	Further Investigation Required
I	Information or Advice
R	Repaired/Replaced/Removed
W	Written warning issued to offender (offence notice, abatement notice)
P	Prosecution action pending
O	Other Agency

Status

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Notes: (1) Number of incidents **investigated** will differ from number of incidents **reported** during period
(2) Greyscale data represents the previous year's total incidents investigated, for comparison purposes



Note: Greyscale data represents the previous year's total compliance monitoring reporting, for comparison purposes

DISCHARGES TO AIR - No significant non-compliant events were recorded during the period 1 March – 31 March 2013.

LAND USE CONSENTS - No significant non-compliant events were recorded during the period 1 March – 31 March 2013.

WATER TAKES - No significant non-compliant events were recorded during the period 1 March – 31 March 2013.

COASTAL ACTIVITIES

Date	Consent	Details	Location	Notes	Code	Comp
12-Mar-13	1406701	The Fat Oyster Company Ltd : Oyster farm lease No. 162 at Waikare Inlet, Bay of Islands	Waikare Inlet, Bay of Islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farm is in poor condition overall. Significant amount of build-up and debris present. Farm is well marked. 	2RM	SNC1
12-Mar-13	1295101	Tindall Family Trusts A and J L: Oyster farm lease Nos. 152 and 175 at Waikare, Bay of Islands	Waikare, Bay of Islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farm is well marked and the structures appear in adequate condition. Some areas of the farm show significant shell build-up and debris. 	2RM	SNC1
12-Mar-13	1297701	Brain A: Oyster farm lease No. 285 at Waikare Inlet, Bay of Islands	Waikino Inlet, Bay of Islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farm is in poor condition overall. There appears to be no marker on the eastern corner. The missing navigational marker needs to be put into place urgently. 	2RM	SNC1
12-Mar-13	1292701	Brain A: Oyster farm lease No. 78 at Poukoura Inlet, Bay of Islands	Poukoura Inlet, Bay of Islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structure is in need of repair. Significant built-up at the northern corner of the farm. No debris is visible and the farm is well marked. 	2RM	SNC1
12-Mar-13	1291901	Aotearoa Fisheries Limited: Oyster farm lease No. 55 at Orongo Bay, Bay of Islands	Orongo Bay, Bay of Islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farm is in poor condition overall apart from the block in the western corner. Debris and build-up are not visible. Farm is well marked. 	2RM	SNC1
12-Mar-13	1292401	Kohekohe Oyster Limited: Oyster farm lease No. 69 at Waikare Inlet, Bay of Islands	Waikare Inlet, Bay of Islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farm is significantly non-compliant with the RC in terms of structure, sea bed build-up and debris. 	2RM	SNC1
12-Mar-13	1294401	L R Hyland Limited: Oyster farm lease No. 124 at Waikare, Bay of Islands	Waikare, Bay of Islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Majority of the farm is in poor condition. 	2RM	SNC1

12-Mar-13	1294501	Tindall A and J: Oyster farm lease No. 130 at Waikare, Bay of Islands	Waikare, Bay of Islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Majority of farm is in poor condition. Structures and navigational markers require maintenance. 	2RM	SNC1
18-Mar-13	1299501	L R Hyland Limited: Oyster farm lease No. 345 at Waikare Inlet, Bay of Islands	Waikare Inlet, Bay of Islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farm is in poor condition overall. Farm is adequately marked. 	2RM	SNC1
18-Mar-13	1299601	Hearn C and M: Oyster farm lease Nos. 348 and 349 at Waikare Inlet, Bay of Islands	Waikare Inlet, Bay of Islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is significant debris and build-up in the back half of the farm. Some of the structure is in need of repair. Farm is well marked. Sea bed is not visible in the front half of the farm. 	2RM	SNC1

DISCHARGES TO WATER OR LAND

Date	Consent	Details	Location	Notes	Code	Comp
27-Feb-13	720301	FNDC: Discharge treated municipal sewage - Whatuwhiwhi	Whatuwhiwhi Sewage Treatment System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The median faecal coliform and suspended solid levels from the final discharge were in non-compliance with the RC conditions. 	1RM	SNC1

ADMINISTRATIVE NON-COMPLIANCES

Date	Consent	Details	Location	Notes	Code	Comp
27-Feb-13	739901	FNDC: Discharge treated municipal sewage - Hihi	Hihi Sewage Treatment System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The water samples from the receiving environment did not indicate elevated contaminant levels at the downstream site. The plant upgrade has not been completed as required by the RC. However, work is underway at present. 	0RM	SNC1
20-Mar-13	93201	FNDC: Discharge treated municipal sewage - Kaitāia	Kaitāia Sewage Treatment System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The water samples taken from the receiving river environment did not indicate elevated contaminant levels. The upgrade of the treatment system has not been fully completed as required by the RC. 	0RM	SNC1

FARM DAIRY EFFLUENT DISCHARGES – NON CONSENTED (MNC)**Follow-up of significant non-compliance (non-consented farms)**

Date	Consent	Details	Location	Notes	Code
22-Feb-13	800591	Finlayson A & R Ltd No. 1 Farm: FDE 3855	Waipapa Road, Matarau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New covered feedpad will be constructed to replace open pad. Effluent volumes will reduce. 	1IU
28-Feb-13	800718	Rosslar Farms: FDE 7048	Heaton Road, Hikurangi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk of future significant non-compliance. Required to routinely apply effluent to land. 	1IU
28-Feb-13	800772	Smith D E & D J: FDE 7397	Umuwhawha Road, Hikurangi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended the installation of a petrol powered pump and low application rate sprinklers. 	0NR
21-Mar-13	800347	McAulay B I: FDE 1741	Nova Scotia Drive, Waipū	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discharge from pine slash had been pumped away from water. Agreed that an embankment on pond two would be repaired and that a RC application be made. 	1IU
21-Mar-13	804135	McAulay B I: FDE 1814	Cullen Road, Waipū Cove	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed that stormwater control and pipework would be improved and a tertiary treatment pond/wetland constructed. RC application to be made. 	1IU
22-Mar-13	800261	Carter R & B K: FDE 1121	State Highway 1, Kaiwaka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmer disputed that there had been a problem when farm monitored. 	1IU

FARM DAIRY EFFLUENT DISCHARGES - CONSENTED (MCO)**Follow-up of significant non-compliance (consented farms)**

Date	Consent	Details	Location	Notes	Code
05-Feb-13	912801	Riponui Farms Ltd: FDE 7083	Riponui Road, Riponui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land application area had been increased. Agreed to empty ponds before winter and to use stormwater diversion at the yard. 	1IU
05-Feb-13	922101	Roberts L A & K E: FDE 7089	Otakairangi Road, Otakairangi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will construct a roofed pad for feeding up to 600 cows twice daily. Numbers provided for pad and storage pond. 	1IU
19-Feb-13	1160301	Pouto Farms Ltd: FDE 8349	State Highway 12, Kaihu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serious risk of significant non-compliance. Agreed to improve solids collection and storage. 	2IU

20-Feb-13	1053601	Webb R R & S J: FDE 3040	Kokopu Road, Kokopu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ponds had been cleaned and all solids removed. • Will use low application rate sprinklers for irrigating from early summer. • Recommended dimensions provided for sludge bed and weeping wall. 	0NR
22-Feb-13	503101	Noakes P D B & M C: FDE 3419	Tokiri Road, Titoki	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to channel any run-off from silage bunker away from water. 	1IU
22-Feb-13	958001	Finlayson A & R Ltd: FDE 3854	Finlayson Road, Matarau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered feedpad will be constructed with separate effluent storage system. • Old pad will be used seasonally for silage storage. • Effluent volumes will reduce. 	1IU
28-Feb-13	974601	Woodnock Properties Limited: FDE 7334	Whananaki North Road, Otonga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further maintenance agreed. 	1IU
28-Feb-13	1169901	Umuwhawha Land Co. Ltd: FDE 7425	Tapuhi Road, Tapuhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to bypass the old gravel trap and install a solids retention ditch at the pond. 	1IU
28-Feb-13	1240501	Shaw B G & B J Ltd Family Trust: FDE 7246	Pigs Head Road, Opuawhanga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cows will reduce to approximately 160. • Agreed to install guttering. • Required to use stormwater diversion and undertake maintenance. • More work will be required if the feed/standoff pad is to be used. 	1IU
01-Mar-13	952401	Lea Rig Farms Ltd: FDE 7148	Whatmough Road, Opuawhanga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effluent leak from storage pond had been banded to prevent discharge to water. 	0NR
01-Mar-13	912401	Lea Rig Farms Ltd: FDE 7149	Whananaki North Road, Opuawhanga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade had started. To be completed by no later than 31 March 2013. • Agreed to repair spouting and downpipe on dairy. 	1IU
01-Mar-13	923001	Brown G & M Ltd: FDE 7136	Jubilee Road, Marua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No discharge from pond one. • Pipe was being repaired. • Better management required. 	1IU
01-Mar-13	1711701	Ogle I C & K E: FDE 7107	Jubilee Road, Opuawhanga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pond leaked. • No land application system; slurry wagon not used. • Formal enforcement action taken. 	2IU

01-Mar-13	1936001	Brown Bros Marua Ltd: FDE 7116	Jubilee Road, Marua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of significant non-compliance. • Irrigating on difficult contour and soil types with travelling irrigator. • Used 50m³ of clean water/wash to floodwash pad up to three times per week. • Recommended solids separation and low application rate sprinklers, and recycling of effluent to wash pad. 	1IU
22-Mar-13	933001	McClean B W & I C: FDE 1024	Pukenui Road, Kaiwaka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmer now has better understanding of management of land application system. • Farmer has purchased neighbouring property and is looking to milk an additional 100 cows. Spring total 500. 	0NR
22-Mar-13	1179101	Cherry Lane Farm Limited: FDE 3219	Cherry Road, Pipiwai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effluent leak from feedpad had been fixed. 	0NR
22-Mar-13	1221101	Mid Northern Farms Ltd: FDE 3227	Pullin Road, Purua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Race area had been re-contoured. • Recommended bunding around sump and land application. 	1IU
22-Mar-13	2895901	Kahiwi-roa Farms Ltd: FDE 3333	2729 Mangakahia Road, Parakao	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The races below the dairy had been re-contoured and upgraded. • Will fix spouting. • Pond embankments may need re-compacting. 	1IU
26-Mar-13	1055001	Mataira D R C (Arona Farms Ltd): FDE 3351	Mangakahia Road, Pakotai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exposed pipes in paddock to be protected and minor maintenance required. • Recommended land application. 	1IU

SOE MONITORING – AIR, LAKES AND WATER

Date	Number	Project	Location	Comment
04-Mar-13	802034	Kai Iwi Lakes	Kai Iwi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine water quality monitoring of Lakes Kai Iwi, Taharoa and Waikare. • All three lakes were stratified.
5-Mar-13	802744	Fish monitoring	Hātea catchment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric backpack fishing and night spotting at three sites, and trapping at one site.
06-Mar-13	801427	Summer recreational bathing water quality surveys – Week 14		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 23 coastal and three freshwater sites sampled. • No sites had unsuitable for swimming results.
11-Mar-13	801427	Summer recreational bathing water quality surveys – Week 15		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 23 coastal and three freshwater sites sampled. • One coastal site had unsuitable for swimming results.

13-Mar-13	801303	Regional Water Quality Monitoring Network – Western		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine monthly water quality monitoring of the Kaihu, Waipoua, Waimamaku, Punakitere, Utakura, Mangakahia and Opouteke Rivers. • River levels were low and periphyton growth noticeable in all waterways. • Blue-green algae present in a number of rivers (Kaihu, Mangakahia and Oputeke). • Mullet spotted in a few rivers (Waimamaku, Utakura and Mangakahia).
13-Mar-13	801314	Regional Water Quality Monitoring Network – Southern		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine monthly water quality monitoring of the Ruakaka, Hakaru, Manganui, Waipao, Mangere, and Otaika Rivers, and two sites on the Waiarohia Stream. • River levels were low in general due to drought conditions.
19-Mar-13	801427	Summer recreational bathing water quality surveys – Week 16		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 23 coastal and three freshwater sites sampled. • No sites had unsuitable for swimming results.
20-Mar-13	802033	Pouto Lakes	Pouto Peninsula	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine monthly water quality monitoring of Lakes Mokeno, Karaka, Rototuna and Wainui, and Kahuparere, Kanono, Rotokawhau, Humuhumu and Swan.
25-Mar-13	802714	Whāngārei Airshed – ambient air monitoring	Robert Street, Whangarei	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous ambient air monitoring results for PM10, sulphur dioxide and carbon monoxide indicated compliance with the National Environmental Standard.
25-Mar-13	864726	Marsden Point Airshed – ambient air monitoring	Marsden Point Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous ambient air monitoring results for PM10 at the Bream Bay College site indicated compliance with the National Environmental Standard.
25-Mar-13	802744	Fish monitoring	Waitangi catchment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric backpack fishing and night spotting at four sites, and trapping at two sites.
25-Mar-13	801427	Summer recreational bathing water quality surveys – Week 17		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 23 coastal and three freshwater sites sampled. • No sites had unsuitable for swimming results.
27-Mar-13	801320	Lake Omāpere monitoring and management	Lake Omāpere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine monthly water quality monitoring of Lake Omāpere, its outlet and inflowing streams. • The water level was very low in the lake and outflow.

ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS

Date	Number	Details	Location	Comment	Code
06-Mar-13	424467	Disturbance of CMA.	Opete Creek, Kerikeri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The property owner has cleared mangroves from the CMA, undertaken earthworks in the riparian management zone and created a white sand beach in the Opete Creek. Investigations are continuing. 	S
07-Mar-13	424477	Smoke nuisance.	Rongotai Plc, Whāngārei	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site visit confirmed open burning within the Whāngārei Airshed. The burning also occurred during a total fire ban. Warning letter sent to the person responsible advising rules on burning under the RAQP. 	M
12-Mar-13	424478	Smoke nuisance.	Rupert Clark St, Whangarei	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site visit confirmed open burning within the Whāngārei airshed. The burning also occurred during a total fire ban. Warning letter sent to the person responsible advising rules on burning under the RAQP. 	M
14-Mar-13	424353	Waste oil not being contained on site.	Station Rd, Kaikohe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal enforcement action taken. Re-inspection to be undertaken. 	M
21-Mar-13	424458	Dust nuisance from unsealed road.	Ngapipito Rd, Morewa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DP gauge monitoring result was higher than the recommended acceptable level of dust increase. The dust level at Ngapipito Road was the highest recorded this summer. Further PM10 monitoring is planned at this site. 	M
21-Mar-13	424474	Dust nuisance from unsealed road.	Wright Rd, Pitiwai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DP gauge monitoring result was higher than the recommended acceptable level of dust increase. PM10 monitoring was also conducted at this site for four days. Results are due soon. 	M
22-Mar-13	424616	PVA glue spill from a two truck collision.	SH1, Puwera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NRC staff attended the scene to assist with the containment and clean-up of the glue spill. 	M
28-Mar-13	424621	Paint in river.	Mangamuka Scenic Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paint dumped in Mangamuka River; cleaned up by NRC and DoC staff. 	M
28-Mar-13	424475	Slow sewage leak into culvert.	SH10, Chucks Cove	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No current blockage. Potentially a significant sewage discharge site. FNDC has carried out remedial works and system design change to reduce spill possibility. 	M

MARITIME INCIDENTS

Date	Number	Details	Location	Comments	Code
2-Mar-13	4660	Vessel reported exceeding 5 knots while waterskiing close to shore.	Haruru Falls	• Maritime staff investigating who the offender is.	IU
5-Mar-13	4662	After hours request to carry out hot work on board vessel.	North port	• Authorisation to complete hot work repairs was granted.	IR
5-Mar-13	4665	Mooring piracy.	Parua Bay	• Vessel no longer on the mooring and has not been seen for several days.	RR
6-Mar-13	4663	Port hand beacon light extinguished.	Houhora	• A new battery was installed.	RR
6-Mar-13	4664	Unsafe operation of vessel.	Bay of Islands	• The offender was given a verbal warning.	IR
8-Mar-13	4681	Port buoy found and secured to Port Albert Wharf.	Oruawharo River	• Buoy reinstated back in position.	RR
9-Mar-13	4667	Vessel dragging its anchor.	Opito Bay	• Vessel was secured to shore by locals.	IR
11-Mar-13	4668	Vessel possibly abandoned.	Urquharts Bay	• Harbour warden checked and found vessel secure at anchor.	IR
12-Mar-13	4680	Buoy adrift in channel.	Awanui Channel	• The buoy was recovered and repositioned.	RR
13-Mar-13	4671	Floating log may pose a navigation hazard.	Motutokape Island	• Navigation warning issued.	IR
14-Mar-13	4672	Waterskiing close to shore.	Ōpua	• The offender was given a verbal warning and advised of the Navigation Bylaws.	IR
14-Mar-13	4690	Personal water craft operating without the necessary registration and exceeding 5 knots within 200 metres of shore.	Skudders Beach	• Written warning and registration form for jet ski to be issued to the alleged offender.	WU
15-Mar-13	4673	Floating log may pose a navigation hazard.	Whangarei Harbour	• No further reports received of log in the river.	NR
15-Mar-13	4674	Moored vessels too close to each other.	Matauihi Bay	• Offending vessel removed from the mooring.	RR

17-Mar-13	4676	Yacht ran aground and broke up.	North Cape	• Owner's insurers removed the remains of the vessel and cleaned-up the debris.	RR
19-Mar-13	4677	Vessel foremast broken off and lying in the water.	Ōpua Basin	• Owner advised of incident and requested to check that vessel is secure.	FU
19-Mar-13	4679	Vessel stranded ashore.	Parua Bay	• Maritime team is endeavouring to locate the vessel owner; failing which this may be treated as an abandoned vessel.	FU
26-Mar-13	4686	Vessel sinking in boat shed.	Hātea River	• Boat shed owner has situation under control and is trying to contact the owner of the vessel.	FU
26-Mar-13	4687	Abandoned dinghy on beach.	Oakura Beach	• Maritime team will attempt to locate owner of abandoned vessel.	FU
27-Mar-13	4688	Vessel exceeding 5 knots within 50 metres of another vessel.	Kororareka Bay	• The offender was given a written warning.	WU
3-Mar-13	4659	Diesel slick on the water.	Tutukaka	• Spill was left to disperse naturally.	1I
3-Mar-13	4661	Diesel slick on the water.	Ōpua	• Slick was left to disperse naturally.	1I
15-Mar-13	4675	Oil spill within marina.	Tutukaka Marina	• NRC staff responded to the incident and cleaned up the oil spill.	RR
19-Mar-13	4678	Oil spill within marina.	Tutukaka Marina	• Maritime team responded to the incident and assisted with the dispersal of the oil spill.	RR

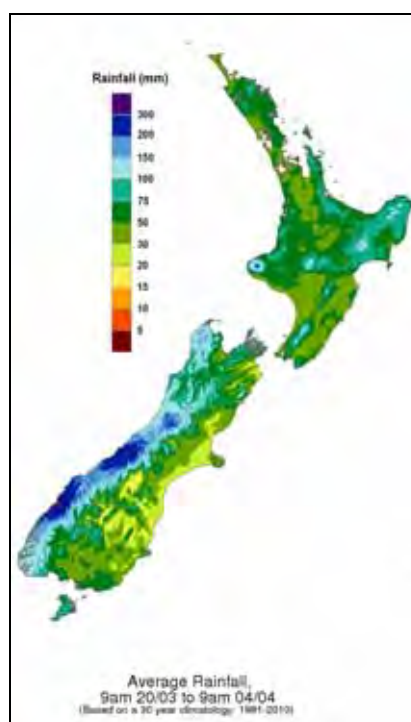
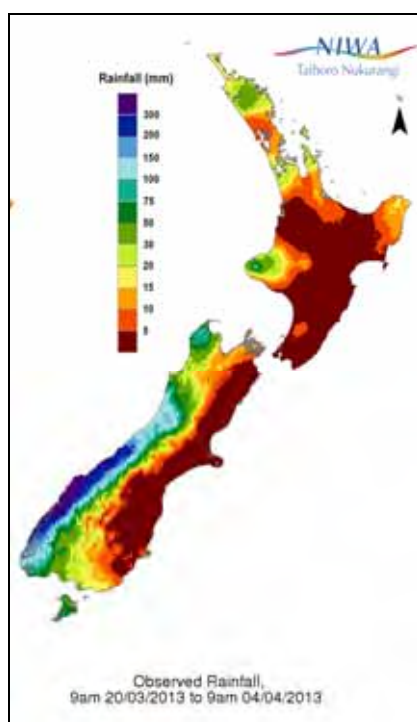
Current Weather Situation

March continued to be dry even though the region received isolated showers and rain during mid and late March. On 31 March localised bursts of thunderstorm activity occurred in central areas west of Whangarei to north of Kaikohe. Rainfall intensities of 13 to 35 mm/hr were recorded in these areas. Regardless of this rain rainfall was 10% to 50% of the March average. Patchy showers continued throughout early April, with the Far North districts receiving 4 to 20mm from 1 April to 4 April, Kaipara districts; 2mm to 8mm and Whangarei districts; 2mm to 6mm.

By early April dry conditions were still noticeable in the following areas;

- West Coast from the Hokianga to Pouto including Ruawai
- Western and Southern Kaipara including most of the Manganui River catchment
- Northern and southern areas of Whangarei.

The following maps show rainfall amounts from 20 March to 4 April compared to the average rainfall for this period (maps provided by NIWA Climate centre).



Regionally the soil moisture deficit has eased a little during mid March and again in early April although still extreme in the Dargaville areas with deficits at -140mm. Deficits at Kaitaia, Kerikeri, and Whangarei have slightly decreased however are still in excess of -100mm. Kaikohe area benefited from the heavy rain at the end of March with a rapid recovery from -130mm to -80mm.

Rainfall amounts of 40mm to 80mm are required to bring soil moisture levels back to normal for this time of year.

River flows during March varied from 3% to 30% of their expected March flows. Flows in the Hokianga, western and southern Kaipara areas were particularly low with the Kaihu River having reached a near 1:20 year low flow return period. The main stem of the Mangakahia River which is supplied by flows from the upper

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tributaries in the western Tutamoe Range and catchments south of Kaikohe had also reached a near 20 year low flow.

Groundwater levels at most of the Council's monitoring sites were below the long term monthly means for March. In fact, levels at Glenbervie, Whatatiri, Maungakarama, Ruawai, Russell and the Mangawhai sand aquifer were more than half a metre below their mean levels.

The latest NIWA Seasonal Climate Outlook for Northland (April 2013 – June 2013) predicts that temperatures are likely to be above average; rainfall totals are likely to be near normal range and soil moisture levels and river flows are likely to be in the below normal range.

Drought conditions will most likely continue throughout April , with a gradual easing of conditions in some areas as small amounts of rainfall return.

Response

The Ministry of Primary Industry is the lead agency nationally, responsible for the all of Government response at a national level.

The RST Northland is the lead agency in the Northland region to coordinate and implement the response within the rural sector for this drought event.

The RST Northland response initially has been based upon four key sub-committees; Finance, Communications, Welfare and Extension (or advice to farmers), each under the leadership of a chair. The sub-committees are supported by a number of key agencies who have expertise, resources and existing relationships capable of being used to coordinate and implement the response.

Staff from various NRC departments, including Communications, CDEM and Land Operations have been providing assistance to the RST during the response.

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ISSUE: Item left on the table from the 21 March 2013 council meeting: Environmental Management Committee Minutes – 19 February 2013**ID:** A306255**To:** Council Meeting, 16 April 2013**From:** Chris Taylor, Council Secretary**Date:** 5 April 2013

Summary: The purpose of the report is to provide clarity with regard to the item left on the table from the previous council meeting and subsequently requests council approves the recommendation from the Environmental Management Committee.

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Purpose:	Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public service	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regulatory function	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Significance:	High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Report:

The council is now asked to re-consider the item left on the table from the previous council meeting; being Item 6.2, Recommendation 2.

Since the previous council meeting, the Environmental Management Committee has met and amended its recommendations in relation to the River Values Assessment System (RiVAS) (Item 3 of the committee minutes). The amendments were made in order to provide clarity to the agreed actions. The amended minutes were confirmed by the committee on 26 March and are **attached**.

The recommendation (2) to council in relation to this item should therefore also be amended to read:

“That the council approves the Environmental Management Committee’s recommendation that the criteria for selecting the Northland regional expert panel members be referred to council and evaluations trialled.”

Legal compliance:

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Recommendation:

1. That the council approves the Environmental Management Committee's recommendation; that the criteria for selecting the Northland regional expert panel members be referred to council and evaluations trialled.
 2. That a paper be provided to the 18 June 2013 council meeting detailing the criteria and process for selection of the Northland regional expert panel members.
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NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Environmental Management Committee Meeting
held in the Council Chambers,
Northland Regional Council, 36 Water Street, Whāngārei, on
Tuesday 19 February 2013, commencing at 9.30 am

Present:**Northland Regional Council**

Cr Joe Carr (Chairman)
Cr Graeme Ramsey (Deputy Chairman)
Cr Craig Brown (ex officio)
Cr Bronwyn Hunt
Cr Bill Rossiter

Whāngārei District Council

Cr Crichton Christie

Environmental Interest Groups

Dr Greg Blunden

Farming Community

Mr Alan Clarkson

Department of Conservation

Mr Chris Jenkins

Forestry Industry

Mr Geoff Gover

In Attendance:**Fonterra Cooperative Group Ltd**

Carolyn Mortland, GM Environmental Policy
Nuala Platts, Team Leader Sustainable Dairying
Terence Brocx, Shareholder Councillor

Northland Regional Council

Chief Executive Officer (9.45am)
Operations Director
General Manager – Community Relations
General Manager – Policy and Planning (part)
Land/Rivers Senior Programme Manager
Consents/Monitoring Senior Programme Manager
Biosecurity Senior Programme Manager (part)
Rivers Programme Manager (part)
Env Monitoring Programme Manager Water and Wastes
Policy Programme Manager (part)
Policy Specialists (part)
Economist (part)
Env Monitoring Officer – State of the Environment
Water Allocation Officers (part)
Biodiversity Officer (part)
Biosecurity Officer (part)
River Management Engineer (part)
Committee Secretary

Apologies

Moved (Gover/Clarkson)

1. That apologies from Cr Davies-Colley (NRC), Cr Di Maxwell (FNDC), Mr Richard Booth (Commissioner, KDC) and Ms Nicole Anderson for non-attendance, be received.

Carried

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

The Chairman invited committee members to make declarations item by item as the meeting progressed. There were no declarations of conflict at this point.

Item 14 – a regional update presentation by Fonterra, was provided at this point in the meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Environmental Management Committee meeting held on 5 December 2012 A294935

The Chairman noted this was the first formal meeting for Alan Clarkson and he welcomed him to the committee as the farming community representative.

Moved (Rossiter/Christie)

1. That the minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Management Committee held on 5 December 2012 be confirmed.

Carried

2. Waioara Northland Water progress – December 2012 – 11 February 2013 Report from Tony Phipps, Operations Director dated 11 February 2013. A294939

Moved (Rossiter/Jenkins)

1. That the report Waioara Northland Water progress by Tony Phipps, Operations Director and dated 11 February 2013, be received.

Carried

3. River Values Assessment System (RiVAS)

Report from Darryl Jones, Economist dated 7 February 2013.

A295719

Darryl Jones provided some slides to illustrate the report, which assisted the committee in its understanding of the values assessment tool being proposed for use to assist the Waioira Northland Water – NPS Freshwater Management implementation project. The report led to considerable debate, notably regarding the make-up of an expert panel, and concerns that economic values should not be overlooked. Tangata whenua values were also raised and the potential for developing methodology within the region to assess this value was discussed.

In response to the committee's concerns regarding expert panel selection, the wording of the report's recommendation (2) was amended. The amendment would allow for the three assessments to be undertaken, using the criteria as stated on a trial basis.

Moved (Carr/Jenkins)

1. That the report River Value Assessment System (RiVAS), by Darryl Jones, Economist, and dated 7 February 2013, be received.
2. That the committee recommends to council that the criteria for selecting the Northland regional expert panel members be referred to council and evaluations trialled.
3. That the RiVAS evaluation and the economic values of rivers are evaluated concurrently.

Carried

4. Northland's Outstanding Waterbodies: Kai Iwi Lakes and Waipoua River

Report from Ben Tait, Policy Analyst dated 7 February 2013.

A284228

Moved (Rossiter/Clarkson)

1. That the report Northland's Outstanding Waterbodies: Kai Iwi Lakes and Waipoua River by Ben Tait, Policy Analyst and dated 7 February 2013 be received.

Carried

5. Northland's Outstanding Waterbodies: Addition of Other Outstanding Lakes

Report from Ben Tait, Policy Analyst dated 7 February 2013.

A284950

Lisa Forester, Biodiversity Officer, gave a presentation supporting the agenda item. Twelve lakes have been identified by NIWA as "Outstanding" from the region's 400-

plus lakes, and all of these 12 are coastal dune lakes. The presentation provided a description of these lakes and their outstanding values.

Moved (Hunt/Jenkins)

1. That the Northland's Outstanding Waterbodies: Addition of Other Outstanding Lakes by Ben Tait, Policy Analyst, and dated 7 February 2013, be received.
2. That the committee endorses the following additional lakes as "outstanding freshwater bodies" for the purposes of progressing the implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2011: Morehurehu, Wahakari, Waihopo, Waiporohita, Ngatu, Humuhumu, Mokero, Rotokawau (Pouto), and Kanono.
3. That staff reports to the committee in July on the development of catchment descriptions for the outstanding lakes.

Carried

6. Wetlands Update

Report from Tony Phipps, Operations Director; and James Griffin, Policy Analyst dated 1 February 2013.

A277591

Members of the committee considered that due to the absence of Cr Tony Davies-Colley, a primary advocate for changing and improving wetland management, consideration of the report should be postponed until the March meeting.

Moved (Carr/Rossiter)

1. That the report Wetland Update by James Griffin, Policy Analyst and dated 1 February 2013, be left on the table, to be considered at the committee meeting on 26 March 2013.

Carried

7. Doubtless Bay Catchment Management

Report by Tony Phipps, Operations Director dated 7 February 2013.

A78988

Moved (Rossiter/Hunt)

1. That the report Doubtless Bay Catchment Management by Tony Phipps, Operations Director, dated 7 February 2013 be received.
2. That a Doubtless Bay catchment working group be established, comprising representatives of NRC Environmental Management Committee, FNDC and catchment stakeholders, to prioritise and guide water management activities in the catchment.

3. That a Terms of Reference and membership list be drafted for consideration by the committee in March.

Carried

8. Community wastewater treatment plant discharges – current compliance status (updated)

Report from Tess Dacre, Monitoring Programme Manager – Water and Wastes dated 7 February 2013.

A296571

Further verbal updates were provided by Tess Dacre on progress on two of the FNDC wastewater treatment plants; Hihi, where equipment was now on site; and Ahipara, where a further extension to consent processing time has been requested to allow FNDC time to provide details on proposed upgrades to submitters.

Moved (Jenkins/Hunt)

1. That the report Community wastewater treatment plant discharges – current compliance status (updated) from Tess Dacre, Monitoring Programme Manager – Water and Wastes, dated 7 February 2013 be received.

Carried

Cr Graeme Ramsey left the meeting at the start of the following agenda item, at 11:26am.

9. Farm Dairy Effluent – report on monitoring 2012/13 season

Report from Tess Dacre, Monitoring Programme Manager – Water and Wastes dated 4 February 2013.

A295544

Terence Brocx was invited to comment on the report. He noted the monitoring variances between regions and different standards that were applied – for instance in Taranaki half of the farms do not have any storage facility for farm dairy effluent. He commended the way in which Northland farms were monitored and believed that if other regions monitored at the same rigorous standard, the national results would be very different.

Moved (Brown/Blunden)

1. That the report Farm Dairy Effluent – report on monitoring 2012/13 season from Tess Dacre, Monitoring Programme Manager – Water and Wastes, dated 4 February 2013 be received.

Carried

10. Report on Environmental Monitoring for the period 19 November 2012 – 31 January 2013

**Report by Colin Dall, Consents/Monitoring Senior Programme Manager dated
5 February 2013.**

A295743

Moved (Christie/Rossiter)

1. That the Environmental Monitoring report for the period 19 November 2012 – 31 January 2013 from Colin Dall, Consents/Monitoring Senior Programme Manager, be received.

Carried

11. River Management Update

Report from Joseph Camuso, Rivers Programme Manager dated 4 February 2013.

A295764

Slides showing river works that have been undertaken, and detail regarding Kotuku Street detention dam were provided by Joseph Camuso and Bruce Howse. It was noted that applications for consents for the Kotuku dam works have now been lodged.

Moved (Rossiter/Jenkins)

1. That the report River Management Update by Joseph Camuso, Rivers Programme Manager and dated 4 February 2013, be received.
2. That the minutes from the Kaihu River Management Liaison Committee, 30 January 2013, be received.

Carried

12. Update on Biosecurity responses: Kiwifruit Psa-V, Mediterranean fanworm, Kauri dieback

**Report by Don Mckenzie, Biosecurity Senior Programme Manager dated
4 February 2013.**

A279676

Mr Chris Jenkins declared a conflict of interest with recommendation (3) of the report and therefore refrained from any discussion or voting on this item, apart from advising that a considerable portion of kauri forest was on land not administered by DOC, notably Māori land.

Don Mckenzie provided slides to illustrate the ongoing work being undertaken in the location and eradication of the marine pest Mediterranean fanworm.

Moved (Carr/Hunt)

1. That the report, Update on Biosecurity Responses: Kiwifruit Psa-V, Mediterranean fanworm, Kauri dieback, by Don Mckenzie, Biosecurity Senior Programme Manager and dated 4 February 2013, be received.

2. That the committee supports the use of \$150,000 from unspent and unassigned site-led pest control budget on the ongoing survey and eradication of Mediterranean fanworm.
3. That the Committee Chairperson liaise with Auckland Council and other regional council stakeholders with the aim of preparing a joint letter to the Minister of Primary Industries, emphasising the importance of the joint agency response to Kauri Dieback and the need for continued government funding of essential research and response operations on DOC administered land.

Carried

13. Climate and Water Resources – update

**Report by Dale Hansen, Water Resources/Hydrology Programme Manager
dated 7 February 2013.
A296731**

Moved (Rossiter/Jenkins)

1. That the report Climate and Water Resources – update by Dale Hansen, Water Resources/Hydrology Programmer Manager dated 7 February 2013 be received.

Carried

14. Fonterra's Sustainability Roadshow - introduction

The order of agenda items was adjusted and this item from Fonterra was received first.

The presentation was led by Carolyn Mortland, General Manager Environmental Policy with Fonterra Cooperative Group Ltd, supported by Nuala Platts, Team Leader Sustainable Dairying and Terence Brocx, Shareholder Councillor. The presentation was given as a lead-in to a series of roadshow events promoting sustainable dairying to the farming community nationally, commencing in March. Fonterra undertakes to report its progress back to councils.

The presentation provided an overview of the programmes Fonterra has in place which support sustainable dairying; "Supply Fonterra". There are three elements to this; Effluent Management (previously Every Farm, Every Year), Waterway Management and Nitrogen Management. Sustainable Dairying Advisors assist in taking these programmes to the farmer.

Also included in the presentation was an update of Fonterra's involvement and contribution to the region, notably the considerable economic contribution which provided the region in excess of \$500 million in 2011/12. Fonterra's "Milk for Schools" has been successfully piloted in Northland and will now be rolled out to other regions commencing in Southland.

Following a period of question time, the Chairman acknowledged the dairying industry's considerable economic contribution to Northland and noted the development of a strong relationship being built with the industry (DairyNZ).

Moved (Carr/Rossiter)

1. That the committee acknowledges and records its appreciation of Fonterra and representatives for their attendance and presentation/discussions at the meeting.

Carried

Conclusion

The meeting closed at 12:08pm.

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ISSUE: Confirmation of Minutes – 21 March 2013**ID:** A306918**To:** Council Meeting, 21 March 2013**From:** Chris Taylor, Council Secretary**Date:** 8 March 2013

Summary The purpose of this report is to present the unconfirmed minutes of the council meeting held on 21 March 2013. It concludes with the recommendation that council confirms the minutes as a true and correct record.

Report Type:	Normal operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information	<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purpose:	Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public service	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regulatory function	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Significance:	High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Report:

The minutes are **attached**.

Legal compliance:

Councils are required to keep minutes of proceedings in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the council meeting held on 21 March 2013 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the council held in the Council Chamber,
Far North District Council, Memorial Avenue, Kaikohe, on Thursday 21 March 2013,
commencing at 1.00 pm

Present:

Chairman, Craig Brown

Councillors:

Joe Carr

Tony Davies-Colley

Bronwyn Hunt

Bill Rossiter

Ian Walker

In Attendance:**Full Meeting**

Chief Executive Officer, Malcolm Nicolson

Operations Director

GM – Finance and IT

GM – Community Relations

Growth and Infrastructure Manager

Consents/Monitoring SPM

Council Secretary

Part Meeting

Area Manager Harbour Master

Marine Officer

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 1.07 pm.

Apologies (Item 1.0)**Moved (Carr/Walker)**

That the apologies from Deputy Chairman, John Bain, and Councillor Graeme Ramsey for non-attendance be received.

Carried**Declarations of Conflicts of Interest (Item 2.0)**

The Chairman invited members to make declarations item-by-item as the meeting progressed. There were no declarations of conflict at this point.

Presentations (Item 3.0)

Northland Sailor of the Year 2012 (Item 3.1)

ID: A301765

Report from Maritime Senior Programme Manager Jim Lyle.

Moved (Brown/Carr)

1. That the report Northland Sailor of the Year 2012 by Jim Lyle, Maritime Senior Programme Manager, dated 5 March 2013, be received.
2. That the selection panel recommendation for Hekenukumai (Hector) Busby be awarded the Northland Sailor of the Year Trophy for 2012 be confirmed.

Carried

The Area Manager Harbour Master, Jim Lyle, acknowledged the distinguished visitors and outlined Hector's achievements as a professional sailor, talented craftsman, community leader and teacher. Councillor Bronwyn Hunt presented Hector with the Northland Sailor of the Year Trophy for 2012.

Community Investment Fund – Review of Investment Managers' Performance (Item 3.2)

ID: A302452

Report from General Manager - Finance and IT Lisa Aubrey.

Moved (Rossiter/Walker)

That the report Community Investment Fund – Review of Investment Managers' Performance by Lisa Aubrey, General Manager - Finance and IT and dated 7 March 2013 be received.

Carried

Matters arising from Item 3.2:

Eriksen & Associates Ltd Managing Director, Jonathan Eriksen, was in attendance and outlined the content of the tabled document "Northland Regional Council Community Investment Fund". Congratulations were extended to management for the slow but successful transition of assets to the new investment managers.

Item 8.3 was addressed prior to Item 4.0 to allow for the attendance of Tom Hollings and Ben Warren from the New Zealand Oyster Industry Association.

Chairman's Report to Council (Item 4.0)

ID: A298692

Report from Chairman Craig Brown.

Moved (Brown/Rossiter)

That the Chairman's Report dated 8 March 2013 be received.

Carried

Chief Executive's Report to Council (Item 5.0)**ID: A298675****Report from Chief Executive Officer Malcolm Nicolson.**

Councillor Davies-Colley declared a conflict of interest (with regard to marine pest incursions)

Moved (Walker/Brown)

That the Chief Executive Officer's report dated 8 March 2013 be received.

Carried**Matters arising from Item 5.0:**

Chief Executive Officer, Malcolm Nicolson, undertook to give consideration to Farm Dairy Effluent workshop/meeting invitees and whether the appropriate technical expertise and political representatives were included.

Malcolm Nicolson tabled a discussion document; "RMA Reform – improving our resource management system".

Malcolm Nicolson reaffirmed his intent to provide the scientific evidence behind the prohibited use of waste oil as a dust suppressant and to provide some potential solutions.

Malcolm Nicolson undertook to work with the marine industry and council officers to provide a future paper to council detailing potential solutions to marine pest incursions in Northland.

Confirmation of Minutes – 19 February 2013 (Item 6.1)**ID: A300903****Report from Council Secretary Chris Taylor.****Moved (Rossiter/Hunt)**

That the minutes of the council meeting held on 19 February 2013 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried**Environmental Management Committee Minutes –
19 February 2013 (Item 6.2)****ID: A302270****Report from Committee Secretary Peternel McLean.****Moved (Carr/Hunt)**

1. That the minutes of the Environmental Management Committee meeting held on 19 February 2013 be received.
2. That the Environmental Management Committee's request, regarding the methodology for evaluating water bodies, does lie on the table until the 16 April 2013 council meeting when clarification is to be provided.

Carried

**Audit and Finance Committee Minutes – 26 February 2013
(Item 6.3)**

ID: A302525

Report from Council Secretary Chris Taylor.

Moved (Rossiter/Walker)

That the minutes of the Audit and Finance Committee meeting held on 26 February 2013 be received.

Carried**Northland Civil Defence Emergency Management Group
Minutes – 5 March 2013 (Item 6.4)**

ID: A302258

Report from Operations Director/Northland CDEM Coordinating Executive Group Chair Tony Phipps.

Moved (Carr/Rossiter)

That the minutes of the Northland Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting held on 5 March 2013 be received.

Carried**Financial Report to 28 February 2013 (Item 7.1)**

ID: A301352

Report from Financial Accountant Kim Harvey.

Moved (Rossiter/Hunt)

That the report Financial Report to 28 February 2013 by Financial Accountant, Kim Harvey, dated 8 March 2013, be received.

Carried**Regional Software Holdings Limited (RSHL) Draft Statement
of Intent 2013/2014 and Appointment of Shareholder
Representative (Item 8.1)**

ID: A279028

Report from General Manager – Finance and IT Lisa Aubrey.

Moved (Hunt/Rossiter)

1. That the report Regional Software Holdings Limited (RSHL) Draft 2013/2014 Statement of Intent and appointment of Shareholder Representative by Lisa Aubrey, General Manager – Finance and IT, dated 7 March 2013 be received.

2. That the council does not wish to make any further comment on the RSHL draft SOI and the General Manager – Finance and IT to advise the RSHL board of this by 1 May 2013.
3. That council appoint a current council appointee until further notice as its shareholder representative on RSHL.
4. That in accordance with section 6.7 of the Constitution of Regional Software Holdings Limited, the General Manager – Finance and IT arrange notice to be given to the board of RSHL of council's appointment of its shareholder representative.
5. That council confirm its appointment of director annually when it considers the draft SOI for RSHL.

Carried

Matters arising from Item 8.1:

It was generally agreed that Councillor Walker was the appropriate current council appointee as its shareholder representative on RSHL.

Chief Executive Officer, Malcolm Nicolson, undertook to confirm RSHL's constitution with regard to council's exposure to future investment costs.

Northland Inc. Quarter 4 Funding Request (Item 8.2)

ID: A302249

Report from General Manager – Planning and Policy Kathryn Ross.

Moved (Hunt/Rossiter)

1. That the report "Northland Inc. Quarter 4 Funding Request" by Kathryn Ross, General Manager - Planning and Policy and dated 6 March 2013, be received.
2. That council pay \$250,000 to Northland Inc. from the Northland Regional Council Investment and Growth Reserve for Quarter 4 operations upon receipt of an invoice from Northland Inc.

Carried

Matters arising from Item 8.2:

Chief Executive Officer, Malcolm Nicolson, undertook to report back to council, regarding the appointment of Northland Inc. directors, as soon as practicable.

Item 8.3 was addressed prior to Item 4.0 to allow for the attendance of Tom Hollings and Ben Warren from the New Zealand Oyster Industry Association.

New Zealand Oyster Industry Association Oyster Farm Proposed Alternative to Consent Bonds - Update (Item 8.3)

ID: A302275

Report from Consents/Monitoring Senior Programme Manager Colin Dall.

Moved (Brown/Rossiter)

1. That the report "New Zealand Oyster Industry Association Oyster Farm Proposed Alternative to Consent Bonds – Update" by the Consents/Monitoring Senior Programme Manager, Colin Dall, dated 7 March 2013, be received.
2. That the matter does lie on the table until the 16 April 2013 council meeting in order to provide sufficient time for management and the industry to evaluate the "Industry Proposal re Oyster Farm Bonds" and whether a suitable resolution can be identified that satisfies all parties.

Carried

Matters arising from Item 8.3:

Tom Hollings and Ben Warren, from New Zealand Oyster Industry Association, were in attendance. Tom outlined the content of the tabled letter, addressed to the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, which detailed the "Industry Proposal re Oyster Farm Bonds".

It was requested that an update on the Waikare Inlet oyster farms and the associated risk to council also be provided at the 16 April 2013 council meeting.

Flyger Road Expressions of Interest (Item 8.4)

ID: A301856

Report from Growth and Infrastructure Manager Vaughan Cooper.

Moved (Brown/Carr)

1. That the report "Flyger Road Expressions of Interest" by Vaughan Cooper, Growth and Infrastructure Manager, dated 7 March 2013 be received.
2. That council supports in principle the further investigation, at minimum cost, of the sale of land surplus to the Marsden Point Rail Link requirements.

Carried

Matters arising from Item 8.4:

It was emphasised that the investment in the Marsden Point Rail Link properties was for regional infrastructure.

Warrants of Appointment: Resource Management Act 1991 (Item 8.5)

ID: A302202

Report from Operations Director Tony Phipps.

Moved (Rossiter/Carr)

1. That the report "Warrants of Appointment: Resource Management Act 1991" by Tony Phipps, Operations Director, dated 6 March 2013, be received.
2. That pursuant to section 38 of the Resource Management Act 1991, Sophia White is authorised to exercise and carry out the functions and powers as set out in sections 22, 332 and 333 of the Act, and a warrant of authority issued.

Carried

Business with the Public Excluded (Item 9.0)

ID: A303158

Report from Council Secretary, Chris Taylor

Moved (Brown/Hunt)

1. That the public be excluded from the proceedings of this meeting to consider confidential matters.
2. That the general subject of the matters to be considered whilst the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to this matter, and the specific grounds under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution, are as follows:

Item No.	Item Issue	Reason\Grounds
9.1.1	Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting - 19 February 2013	The reasons for excluding the public are as stated in the minutes of the open section of that meeting.
9.1.2	Confidential Minutes of the Audit and Finance Committee Meeting – 26 February 2013	The reasons for excluding the public are as stated in the minutes of the open section of that meeting.
9.2	Identifying Council's Strategic Leasehold Property Holdings	To protect disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to allow the council to conduct, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities (sections 7(2)(b) and 7(2)(h)).

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| 9.3 | Potential Investment Opportunity | The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to allow the council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations, including commercial and industrial negotiations (section 7(2)(i)). |
| 9.4 | Kaimaumu Swamp Vegetation Clearance and Earthworks Briefing | The making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial (section 6(a)). |

Carried

CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 4.41 pm.

ISSUE: Environmental Management Committee Minutes – 26 March 2013**ID:** A306490**To:** Council Meeting, 16 April 2013**From:** Peternel McLean, Committee Secretary**Date:** 3 April 2013

Summary The purpose of this report is to receive the minutes and approve the recommendation of the Environmental Management Committee meeting held on 26 March 2013.

Report Type:	Normal operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information	<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purpose:	Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public service	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regulatory function	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Legislative function	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Annual\Long Term Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Significance:	High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Report:

The minutes are **attached**.

The minutes include the committee's recommendation to the council (Item 5 recommendation 3):

"That the committee recommends to council that council agree to support the "Sustainable Dairying: Water Accord – A Commitment to New Zealand by the Dairying Sector" and to become a "Friend of the Accord".¹

Legal compliance:

Councils are required to keep minutes of proceedings in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002.

Recommendations:

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1. That the minutes of the Environmental Management Committee meeting held on 26 March 2013 be received.
 2. That council supports the "Sustainable Dairying: Water Accord – A Commitment to New Zealand by the Dairying Sector" and agrees to become a "Friend of the Accord".
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¹ A copy of the "Sustainable Dairying: Water Accord – A Commitment to New Zealand by the Dairying Sector" will be enclosed with councillors' agendas under separate cover and hard copies will also be available on the day of the council meeting.

**NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Environmental Management Committee Meeting
held in the Council Chambers,
Northland Regional Council, 36 Water Street, Whāngārei, on
Tuesday 26 March 2013, commencing at 9.31 am

Present:**Northland Regional Council**

Cr Joe Carr (Chairman)
Cr Craig Brown (ex officio)
Cr Bronwyn Hunt

Whāngārei District Council

Cr Crichton Christie

Far North District Council

Cr Di Maxwell (arrived 9.35am)

Cultural Interests

(current vacancy)

Environmental Interest Groups

Dr Greg Blunden

Farming Community

Mr Alan Clarkson

Forestry Industry

Mr Geoff Gover

In Attendance:

Kaipara District Council - Ms Venessa Anich

NZ Landcare Trust – Mr Jon Hampson

Northland Regional Council -

Chief Executive Officer

Operations Director

General Manager – Community Relations

Land/Rivers Senior Programme Manager

Consents/Monitoring Senior Programme Manager

Biosecurity Senior Programme Manager

Rivers Programme Manager

Policy Programme Manager

Policy Analysts

Biodiversity Officer

Land Management Specialist

Land Management Advisor

Environmental Education Officers

Committee Secretary

Apologies**Moved (Hunt/Clarkson)**

1. That apologies from Mr Richard Booth, Mr Chris Jenkins, Cr Graeme Ramsey and Cr Bill Rossiter for non-attendance, be received.

Carried

Welcome

Ms Venessa Anich, Town Planning Officer from Kaipara District Council, was welcomed to the meeting and invited to observe proceedings, to enable her to report back to the Kaipara Commissioners.

Resignation

The Chairman advised that Ms Nicole Anderson's resignation as the cultural interests representative on the committee had been tendered, as a result of her relocation to the Waikato. The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that any decisions regarding the process for appointing a replacement cultural interests representative lie with the council. A decision on who to consult with over the appointment of an appropriate representative would be considered at the next full council meeting on 16 April.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest in any items of business.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Environmental Management Committee meeting held on 19 February 2013 A298970

Moved (Hunt/Clarkson)

1. That the minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Management Committee held on 19 February 2013 be confirmed, subject to an amendment being made to resolution 2 of item 4 (River Values Assessment System [RiVAS]) and an additional resolution 3. The minutes in this regard to now read as follows:

"Moved (Carr/Jenkins)

1. *That the report River Value Assessment System (RiVAS), by Darryl Jones, Economist, and dated 7 February 2013, be received.*
2. *That the committee recommends to council that the criteria for selecting the Northland regional expert panel members be referred to council and evaluations trialled.*
3. *That the RiVAS evaluations and the economic values of rivers are evaluated concurrently.*

Carried"

Carried

2. Item left on the table from previous committee meeting 19 February 2013: Wetlands Update A303764

The item left on the table from the 19 February 2013 Environmental Management Committee meeting, Wetlands Update, was considered at this point of the meeting.

A main topic of discussion focused on the need to determine a size threshold for significant indigenous wetlands. The committee noted that the Wildlands report proposed the size threshold should be 1,000m² (approx. ¼ acre), while the threshold in the RWSP was only 50m².

A further discussion point centred on a proposal that a database be established for the voluntary recording of constructed wetlands, the purpose of which was to protect a landowner's ability to develop or change the nature of a constructed wetland (ie not be impeded by RWSP rules controlling significant indigenous wetlands). It was noted that the construction of wetlands, being a key factor in the farm water quality management toolkit should be encouraged, and that the aim should be to generate a desire among landowners to develop them. There was debate about the merits of recording constructed wetlands.

To enable progression of those and other wetland management issues, it was agreed that a working group be established, to report back to the committee.

Moved (Maxwell/Blunden)

1. That the report Wetland Update by James Griffin, Policy Analyst and dated 1 February 2013, be received.
2. That Cr Carr, Cr Davies-Colley and Dr Blunden work with staff to develop a strategy for wetlands, for the committee's consideration.

Carried

3. Waioira Northland Water progress – March 2013 Report from Tony Phipps, Operations Director dated 14 March 2013. A303508

Moved (Carr/Clarkson)

1. That the report Waioira Northland Water progress by Tony Phipps, Operations Director and dated 14 March 2013, be received.

Carried

4. Freshwater reform 2013 and beyond: Government's proposals for reform of freshwater management

Report from Tony Phipps, Operations Director dated 20 March 2013.

A304630

A presentation was provided to illustrate the paper. It was noted that there was little time for submissions to the discussion document, however it was anticipated there would be further opportunities provided as the reform process unfolded. Cr Carr raised a number of points that should be incorporated in any submission to the Ministry on the paper, these being:

- Support and engagement in the alternative collaborative processes for improving water quality/quantity
- Support of good management practice toolkits
- Note a concern with efficiency and potential costs of the proposed management regimes.

Moved (Carr/Blunden)

1. That the report Freshwater reform 2013 and beyond: Government's proposals for reform of freshwater management by Tony Phipps, Operations Director and dated 20 March 2013, be received.

Carried

5. Sustainable Dairying: Water Accord – A Commitment to New Zealand by the Dairying Sector

Report from Tony Phipps, Operations Director dated 15 March 2013.

A303814

Following discussion concerning the implications of permanent fencing and potential impacts on flood prone waterways, weed management and access to drinking water, it was noted that this dialogue was occurring with the dairy industry

Moved (Gover/Clarkson)

1. That the report Sustainable Dairying: Water Accord – A Commitment to New Zealand by the Dairying Sector by Tony Phipps, Deputy CEO and dated 15 March 2013, be received.
2. That the committee supports the "Sustainable Dairying: Water Accord – A Commitment to New Zealand by the Dairying Sector".
3. That the committee recommends to council that council agree to support the "Sustainable Dairying: Water Accord – A Commitment to New Zealand by the Dairying Sector" and to become a "Friend of the Accord".
4. That the committee conveys to the dairy industry its concern with the requirement for permanent fencing, and its desire this should be replaced with "effective" stock exclusion (from waterways), to alleviate potential issues particularly with management of flood management schemes.

Carried

6. Mangere Catchment (Collaborative Stakeholder) Group – subcommittee of the Environmental Management Committee - Draft Terms of Reference

Report from Tony Phipps, Operations Director dated 15 March 2013.

A303918

Moved (Carr/Maxwell)

1. That the report Mangere Catchment (Collaborative Stakeholder) Group – subcommittee of the Environmental Management Committee – Draft Terms of Reference by Tony Phipps, Operations Director and dated 15 March 2013, be received.
2. That the committee confirms the draft terms of reference attached, subject to the following additions:
 - a. That Cr Tony Davies-Colley (being a current member of the Environmental Management Committee) shall be the Northland Regional Council's representative on the Mangere Catchment Group.
 - b. That the Environmental Management Committee farming community representative shall also be nominated for the Mangere Catchment Group.
 - c. That the Chairman of the Environmental Management Committee be an ex officio member of the Mangere Catchment Group.

Carried

7. Doubtless Bay Working Group – Draft Terms of Reference

Report by Tony Phipps, Operations Director dated 15 March 2013.

A303875

Moved (Clarkson/Maxwell)

1. That the report "Doubtless Bay Working Group – Draft Terms of Reference" by Tony Phipps, Deputy CEO / Operations Director and dated 15 March 2013, be received.
2. That the committee confirms the draft terms of reference attached, subject to the following additions/deletions:
 - a. That Cr Bronwyn Hunt (being a current member of the Environmental Management Committee) shall be the Northland Regional Council's representative on the Doubtless Bay Working Group.
 - b. That the representative on the Environmental Management Committee from the the Far North District Council also represents that council on the Doubtless Bay Working Group.

- c. That the Environmental Interests Group representative on the Environmental Management Committee be nominated to the Doubtless Bay Working Group.
- d. That Ngai Takoto be invited to nominate a representative to the Doubtless Bay Working Group.
- e. That no representative from Doubtless Bay Promotion Inc or any tourism sector representation is required on the Doubtless Bay Working Group.
- f. That the inaugural Chairperson is Cr Bronwyn Hunt.

Carried

8. Waitangi River Catchment – NZ Landcare Trust
Report from Peternel McLean, Committee Secretary dated 14 March 2013.
A303612

Jon Hampson of NZ Landcare Trust provided a presentation of the work undertaken to date in the Waitangi River catchment.

Moved (Blunden/Hunt)

1. That the report on Waitangi River Catchment – NZ Landcare Trust by Peternel McLean, Committee Secretary on behalf of Jon Hampson, dated 14 March 2013 be received.
2. That the presentation provided by Jon Hampson of the NZ Landcare Trust be received and that the committee notes its support and appreciation of the Trust's initiatives in the Waitangi River Catchment.

Carried

9. Farm Water Quality Improvement Plan Project Update
Lorna Douglas, Land Management Advisor, and Bob Cathcart, Land
Management Specialist dated 13 March 2013.
A303361

Slides to illustrate the Flyger Road property and the farm water quality improvement plan being developed for the site were provided by Bob Cathcart, Land Management Specialist.

Moved (Davies-Colley/Hunt)

1. That the report on Farm Water Quality Improvement Plan Project Update, by Land Management Advisor Lorna Douglas and Land Management Specialist Bob Cathcart dated 13 March 2013 be received.

Carried

10. Enviroschools programme – WaiRestoration project progress report

**Report by Susan Karels, Environmental Education Officer / Regional Enviroschools Co-ordinator dated 15 March 2013.
A295743**

Susan Karels, Environmental Education Officer and Marty Taylor, Enviroschools Facilitator, provided a presentation for the committee in support of the progress report and focused on the professional development workshop held for school communities in the region on 14 March.

Moved (Blunden/Maxwell)

1. That Enviroschools programme – WaiRestoration project progress report and accompanying presentation provided by Susan Karels, Environmental Education Officer / Regional Enviroschools Co-ordinator dated 15 March 2013 be received.

Carried

11. Environmental Monitoring for the period 1 February – 28 February 2013

**Report from Colin Dall, Consents/Monitoring Senior Programme Manager dated 6 March 2013.
A301820**

Moved (Maxwell/Clarkson)

1. That the Environmental Monitoring report for the period 1 February – 28 February 2013 from Colin Dall, Consents/Monitoring Senior Programme Manager, be received.

Carried

12. River Management Update

**Report from Joseph Camuso, Rivers Programme Manager dated 12 March 2013.
A303231**

Moved (Gover/Davies-Colley)

1. That the report River Management Update by Joseph Camuso, Rivers Programme Manager and dated 12 March 2013, be received.
2. That the Minutes from the Kaeo-Whangaroa Rivers Liaison Committee meeting of 25 February 2013 be received.

Carried

13. Update on Biosecurity responses: Kiwifruit Psa-V, Mediterranean fanworm, Kauri dieback

**Report by Don Mckenzie, Biosecurity Senior Programme Manager dated 14 March 2013.
A303763**

Moved (Maxwell/Clarkson)

1. That the report, Update on Biosecurity Responses: Kauri dieback, Kiwifruit Psa-V, Mediterranean fanworm, by Don Mckenzie, Biosecurity Senior Programme Manager dated 14 March, be received.

Carried

14. Climate and Water Resources – update

**Report by Graeme MacDonald, Civil Defence Emergency Management Senior Programme Manager and Alan Bee, Hydrology Monitoring Officer dated 14 March
A302656**

Moved (Christie/Blunden)

1. That the report Climate and Water Resources – update Graeme MacDonald, Civil Defence Emergency Management Senior Programme Manager and Alan Bee, Hydrology Monitoring Officer dated 14 March 2013 be received.

Carried

Conclusion

The meeting closed at 12.13pm.

ITEM: 6.4

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ISSUE: Confirmation of Minutes of Annual Plan Deliberations – 26 March 2013**ID:** A306934**To:** Council Meeting, 21 March 2013**From:** Chris Taylor, Council Secretary**Date:** 8 March 2013

Summary The purpose of this report is to present the unconfirmed minutes of the Annual Plan deliberations held on 26 March 2013. It concludes with the recommendation that council confirms the minutes as a true and correct record.

Report Type:	Normal operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information	<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purpose:	Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public service	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regulatory function	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Legislative function	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Annual\Long Term Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Significance:	High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Report:

The minutes are **attached**.

Legal compliance:

Councils are required to keep minutes of proceedings in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Annual Plan deliberations held on 26 March 2013 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Plan 2013-14 Deliberations
held in the Council Chamber, 36 Water Street, Whāngārei
on Tuesday 26 March 2013, commencing at 1.00 pm

Present:

Chairman, Craig Brown
Councillors:
Joe Carr
Tony Davies-Colley
Bronwyn Hunt
Ian Walker (from 1.25 pm)

In Attendance:**Full Meeting**

Chief Executive Officer, Malcolm Nicolson
GM – Finance and IT
Programme Manager - Corporate Planning and Strategy
Management Accountant
Council Secretary

Part Meeting

Operations Director
Biosecurity SPM
Policy Advisor

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 1.05 pm.

Apologies (Item 1.0)**Moved (Carr/Davies-Colley)**

That the apologies from Deputy Chairman, John Bain, and Councillors Graeme Ramsey and Bill Rossiter for non-attendance, as well as Councillor Ian Walker for delayed arrival, be received.

Carried**Declarations of Conflicts of Interest (Item 2.0)**

The Chairman invited members to make declarations item-by-item as the meeting progressed. There were no declarations of conflict at this point.

Confirmation of Annual Plan Hearings Minutes – 13 March 2013 (Item 3.1)

ID: A304411

Report from Council Secretary Chris Taylor.

Moved (Carr/Davies-Colley)

That the minutes of the Annual Plan Hearing held on 13 March 2013 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

Council Officers' Report for Deliberations (Item 3.2)

ID: A304011

Report from Programme Manager – Corporate Planning and Strategy Shireen Munday.

Moved (Brown/Davies-Colley)

1. That the report 'Council Officers' Report for Deliberations' by Shireen Munday, Programme Manager – Corporate Planning and Strategy and dated 18 March 2013 be received.
2. That the Chief Executive Officer be given delegated authority to approve changes required to revise the financial statement and rating information within the final 2013-2014 Annual Plan.

Carried

Moved (Hunt/Davies-Colley)

3. That council notes the submissions in relation to a general rates increase of 3% and no change is made from the Draft Annual Plan to the final Annual Plan 2013-2014.

Carried

Moved (Brown/Davies-Colley)

4. That council notes the submissions in relation to Freshwater Management and no change is made to the Annual Plan 2013-2014.
5. That Waioara Northland Water programme issues are forwarded to the Operations Director, who is the sponsor of the programme, for direct follow up with the submitters by appropriate staff.

Carried

Moved (Hunt/Davies-Colley)

6. That council notes the submissions in relation to the Regional Policy Statement and no change is made to the Annual Plan 2013-2014.

Carried

Moved (Brown/Carr)

7. That council notes the submissions in relation to Flood Protection Improvements and no change is made to the Annual Plan 2013-2014.

Carried

Moved (Brown/Davies-Colley)

8. That council notes the submissions in relation to Economic Development and no change is made to the Annual Plan 2013-2014.

Carried

(Councillor Carr voted against the motion)

Moved (Brown/Hunt)

9. That council request relevant staff in Northland Inc. contact Te Uri o Hau to discuss opportunities for Māori economic development activities.

Carried

Moved (Hunt/Davies-Colley)

10. That council notes the submissions in relation to Funding Requests and no change is made to the Annual Plan 2013-2014.
11. That council request relevant staff in Northland Inc. contact the Kerikeri Civic Trust and the Hundertwasser Park Trust to discuss the opportunities for each submitter to apply for funding through the Investment and Growth Fund.

Carried

Moved (Davies-Colley/Carr)

12. That council notes the submissions in relation to Biosecurity and no change is made to the Annual Plan 2013-2014.

Carried

Recommendation 17 was addressed following Recommendation 12 as it also related to biosecurity.

Moved (Davies-Colley/Hunt)

13. That council notes the submissions in relation to GE/GMO and no change is made to the Annual Plan 2013-2014.

Carried**Moved (Brown/Davies-Colley)**

14. That council notes the submissions in relation to "Other Issues" and no change is made to the Annual Plan 2013-2014.

Carried**Moved (Davies-Colley/Brown)**

15. That council approves additional funding of \$25,000 in the final 2013-2014 Annual Plan for the Coffee Break Programme, the Mangawhai Bus Service and to cover the shortfall in NZTA subsidies.

Carried

(Chairman Brown and Councillor Davies-Colley voted in support of the motion while Councillors Carr and Hunt voted against the motion. The Chairman applied his casting vote in support of the motion.)

Moved (Brown/Hunt)

16. That council approves a budget of \$50,000 within the economic development activity into a dedicated UNISA project budget for participation in and funding of UNISA projects in the final 2013-2014 Annual Plan.

Carried

Recommendation 17 was addressed following Recommendation 12 as it also related to biosecurity.

Moved (Davies-Colley/Carr)

17. That council approves the expenditure of \$50,000 as new capital works to design and manufacture a floating dock treatment facility for marine pests to be included in the final 2013-2014 Annual Plan.

Carried

Moved (Brown/Hunt)

18. That the council adopts the Water Quality Improvement Plan proposed for its Flyger Road properties.
19. That council provides additional funding of \$58,354 in the final 2013-2014 Annual Plan budget for funding the Priority A Water Quality Improvement Plan recommendations, subject to the Chief Executive Officer reviewing the budget and design.

Carried

(Councillor Walker arrived 1.25 pm)

Moved (Davies-Colley/Hunt)

20. That the council approves the continuation of funding for the Bay of Islands rubbish barge service for the 2013-2014 season through the allocation of \$8,000 in the final 2013-2014 Annual Plan.

Carried**Moved (Hunt/Davies-Colley)**

21. That the training budget for councillors for the 2013-2014 year is increased by \$8,000 to a total of \$15,000 in the final 2013-2014 Annual Plan.

Carried**Moved (Davies-Colley/Brown)**

22. That council approve a budget of \$15,000 for repairs and maintenance on the Marsden Point Rail Link properties in the final 2013-2014 Annual Plan.

Carried**Moved (Davies-Colley/Brown)**

23. That council includes a budget of \$30,000 for valuation and legal fees for the potential sale of leasehold properties.

Carried**Matters arising from Recommendation 23**

Councillor Walker requested that a paper be brought to council investigating the options relating to setting up a Council Controlled Organisation to ensure core council services were separated from investment entities.

Moved (Hunt/Davies-Colley)

24. That council includes a budget of \$20,000 for internal audit services in the final 2013-14 Annual Plan.

Carried

Draft Charging Policy 2013/14 and Draft Navigation, Water Transport and Maritime Safety bylaw charges - Deliberations (Item 3.3)

ID: A304435

Report from General Manager Finance and IT Lisa Aubrey.

Moved (Hunt/Brown)

1. That the report 'Draft Charging Policy 2013/14 and Draft Navigation, Water Transport and Maritime Safety bylaw charges – Deliberations' by Lisa Aubrey, General Manager Finance and IT and dated 19 March 2013, be received.
2. That no changes to be made to the Charging Policy 2013/14 and the Navigation, Water Transport and Maritime Safety bylaw charges as publicly notified for consultation and that staff proceed towards preparing the final policy and bylaw for inclusion in the final Annual Plan for adoption prior to 1 July 2013.

Carried

CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 1.50 pm.

ITEM: 6.5

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ISSUE: Confirmation of Regional Transport Committee Minutes – 3 April 2013**ID:** A307429**To:** Council Meeting, 16 April 2013**From:** Chris Taylor, Council Secretary**Date:** 5 April 2013

Summary The purpose of this report is to receive the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 3 April 2013. It concludes with the recommendation that the minutes be received.

Report Type:	Normal operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information	<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purpose:	Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public service	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regulatory function	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Legislative function	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Annual\Long Term Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Significance:	High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Report:

The minutes are **attached**.

Compliance with decision making processes:

Councils are required to keep minutes of proceedings in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 3 April 2013 be received.

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber,
36 Water Street, Whāngārei, on Wednesday 3 April 2013
commencing at 10.00 am

Present:

Northland Regional Council

Cr J Bain, Chairman

Cr J Carr

Whāngārei District Council

Mr G Martin

Far North District Council

Mr S McNally (from 10.05 am)

Kaipara District Council

Mr P Winder

NZ Transport Agency

Mr S Town

Economic Development

Mr K Rintoul (from 10.05 am)

Access and Mobility

Mr H Mountain

Safety and Security

Inspector M Hodson

Public Health

Ms S Macauley (left meeting 11.45 am)

Environmental Sustainability

Mr S Westgate

In Attendance:

Full Meeting

NRC CEO – Malcolm Nicolson

NRC Growth and Infrastructure Manager – Vaughan Cooper

NRC Transport Operations SPM – Chris Powell

Council Secretary – Chris Taylor

Part Meeting

NRC Transport Projects Officer – Ian Crayton-Brown

WDC GM – District Living – Paul Dell

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 10.00 am.

Apologies (Item 1)

Moved (Bain/Carr)

That the apologies from Mr A Norman for non-attendance be received (Ms S Macauley was in attendance as his delegate) and also that the apologies from Mr K Rintoul and Mr S McNally be received for delayed arrival.

Carried

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest (Item 2)

To be dealt with on an item by item basis.

Confirmation of Minutes – 3 October 2012 (Item 3.1)

ID: A305240

Report from Council Secretary Chris Taylor.

Moved (Carr/Westgate)

That the minutes of the committee meeting held on 3 October 2012 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

Matters arising from Item 3.1:

Ms S Macauley undertook to reiterate the request that Mayor Wayne Brown provide the Chairman John Bain with the percentage of rate take the Far North District Council (FNDC) spent per annum on roads (including both capital and maintenance).

Upper North Island Freight Story (Item 4.1)

ID: A304399

Report from Growth and Infrastructure Manager Vaughan Cooper.

Matters arising from Item 4.1

A presentation was provided by New Zealand Transport Agency Planning and Investment Manager, Janeane Joyce, regarding the Upper North Island Freight Story; outlining the following key points:

- The history behind the project.
- The value of a collaborative approach by 10 partner organisations.
- The focus of the project; to “Reduce the cost to do business in New Zealand through an upper North Island lens”.
- Identification of seven critical freight related issues and the work undertaken to address these.
- Key strategic questions emerging from the Freight Story.
- The format and availability for the final document.

- The report is available in the transport publications area of the NRC website:
<http://www.nrc.govt.nz/Transport/>.

Ara Tūhono – Pūhoi to Wellsford (Item 4.2)

ID: A304398

Report from Growth and Infrastructure Manager Vaughan Cooper.

A presentation was provided by New Zealand Transport Agency Project Manager, Patrick Kelly, regarding the Ara Tūhono – Pūhoi to Wellsford project, outlining the following key points:

- The project was currently in the “Project Alliance” phase during which the design of the motorway extension was being “tweaked”, geotechnical testing was being undertaken and site walk-overs conducted.
- Property purchase was underway and consideration would need to be given to different procurement methods.
- It was aimed to lodge all documents with the Environmental Protection Agency by August/September 2013 and have the designation and consents secured approximately a year later.
- The project was “staged” with the initial phase focusing on Pūhoi to Warkworth and the latter on Warkworth to Wellsford.
- It was estimated that Stage One of the project would take five years to construct.

Facilities for the Disposal of Stock Effluent from Trucks – Progress Report (Item 4.3)

ID: A305324

Report from Chairman of the Northland Stock Effluent Working Group Steve Westgate.

Moved (Westgate/Bain)

That the report “Facilities for the Disposal of Stock Effluent from Trucks – Progress Report” by Steve Westgate, Chairman of the Northland Stock Effluent Working Group, dated 25 March 2013, be received.

Carried

It was further moved (Westgate/Carr)

That the Regional Transport Committee supports the continued work by the Northland Stock Effluent Working Group to both improve and enhance the stock truck effluent disposal network in the Northland region.

Carried

Matters arising from Item 4.3:

The Chairman of the Northland Stock Effluent Working Group, Steve Westgate, extended appreciation to all parties involved in the collaborative project; including the New Zealand Transport Agency, the Territorial Local Authorities, the National Road Carriers Association, land owners and regional council staff.

Northland Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-2015 – Funding Uptake (Item 5.1)

ID: A304501

Report from Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager Chris Powell.

Moved (Carr/Rintoul)

That the report, “Northland Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-2015 – Funding Uptake”, by Chris Powell, Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager, dated 19 March 2013, be received.

Carried

Matters arising from Item 5.1:

It was requested that Mr S Town, on behalf of the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA), followed up the inclusion of the Portland roundabout into the Northland Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-2015.

Members of the committee were encouraged to contact NZTA with any specific concerns regarding the Northland roading network so that they could be investigated further.

FNDC Councillor, Steve McNally, undertook to clarify the FNDC budgets available to cover the emergency work repairs resulting from the August and September 2012 events.

Dust Related Problems on Unsealed Roads of Northland (Item 5.2)

ID: A304610

Report from Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager Chris Powell.

Moved (Bain/Martin)

1. That the report “Dust Related Problems on Unsealed Roads of Northland” by Chris Powell, Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager, dated 26 March 2013 be received.
2. That a draft mitigation strategy be developed and reported to the next meeting of the Regional Transport Committee.

Carried

Regional Road Safety Update (Item 5.3)

ID: A301511

Report from Howeth Mountain (on behalf of the RoadSafe Northland Forum) and Transport Projects Officer, Ian Crayton-Brown.

Moved (Mountain/Carr)

That the report “Regional Road Safety Update” from Howeth Mountain (on behalf of the RoadSafe Northland Forum), and Northland Regional Council Transport Projects Officer, Ian Crayton-Brown, dated 11 March 2013, be received.

Carried

Matters arising from Item 5.3:

Chairman John Bain undertook to liaise with the St John Ambulance to determine whether further detail was available regarding whether crash victims were local residents or from out of the district.

Variation to the Northland Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-2015 (Item 6.1)**ID: A238060****Report from Acting State Highway Manager Auckland/Northland Steve Mutton.****Moved (Bain/Carr)**

1. That the report "Variation to the Northland Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-2015" by Steve Mutton, Acting State Highway Manager Auckland/Northland, dated 28 February 2013, be received.
2. That the Regional Transport Committee approve the variation to the Northland Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-2015 to include the project: Puketona SH11 Intersection Improvements.

Carried**Proposed Changes to the Land Transport Management Act (Item 6.2)****ID: A304400****Report from Growth and Infrastructure Manager, Vaughan Cooper****Moved (Bain/Rintoul)**

That the report "Proposed Changes to the Land Transport Management Act" by Vaughan Cooper, Growth and Infrastructure Manager, dated 15 March 2013, be received.

Carried

The meeting concluded at 12.13 pm.

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ISSUE: Financial Report to 31 March 2013**ID:** A305401**To:** Council Meeting, 16 April 2013**From:** Kim Harvey, Financial Accountant**Date:** 4 April 2013

Summary The purpose of this report is to present the **Summary Council Cost of Services Statement** and **Cost of Service Statements by Activity** for the nine months ended 31 March 2013 for councillors' information. It concludes with the recommendation that this report be received.

Report Type:	Normal operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purpose:	Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public service	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regulatory function	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Legislative function	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annual\Long Term Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Significance:	High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Report:**Overview**

This report presents the operating results for council for the nine months ended 31 March 2013.

For total council financial results refer **Attachments A, B and C**, for the Financial Dashboard refer **Attachment D** and Balance Sheet **Attachment E**.

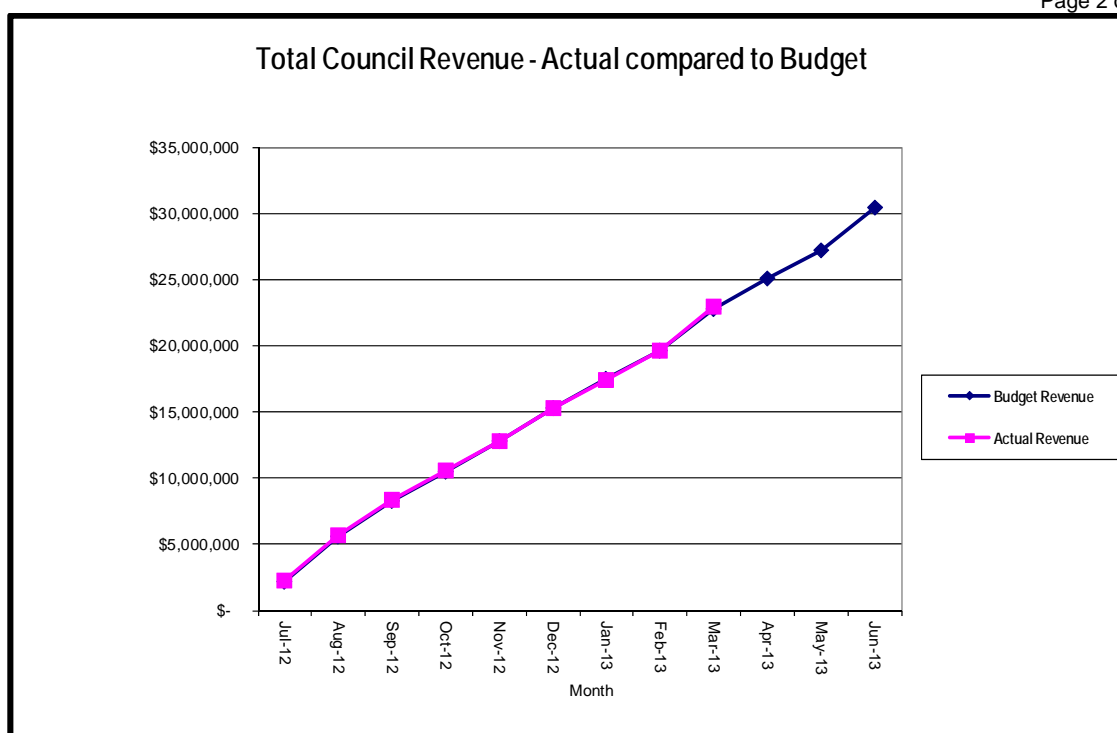
Operating results

The Summary Cost of Services Statement for the month of March 2013 shows a net operating surplus before transfers from/(to) reserves of \$1.25M against a budgeted surplus of \$434K. The favourable variance of \$814K is due to revenue for March being \$249K or 8% higher than budget, and expenditure for March being \$565K or 21% lower than budget.

The year to date net operating surplus before transfers from/(to) reserves is \$4.01M against a budgeted net surplus of \$1.94M, resulting in an overall favourable variance for the year to date of \$2.07M. This variance arises from expenditure for the nine months being behind budget by \$1.77M or 9% and revenue being marginally ahead of budget at \$275K or 1%.

Revenue

Year to date revenue at \$23.0M is tracking marginally ahead of budget as explained above. This is illustrated by the following line graph.



Month results

The overall favourable revenue variance for March of \$250K or 8% is made up of both favourable and unfavourable variances. The material variances are as follows:

- **Dividend Income \$443K or 80%** This favourable variance is due to the payout rate of the second dividend for the financial year issued by Northland Port Corporation Limited being 2 cents per share higher than budget. The dividend received was \$996K or 4.5 cents per share (budget: 2.5 cents per share).
- **User Fees and Sundry (\$161K) or (52%)** This unfavourable variance is due to fewer consent applications having been received, budget phasing of management fees for compliance monitoring which is all billed in the first two months of the financial year, budget phasing of cost recoveries from the Whāngārei District Council for the CDEM Officer role (a timing difference only) and lower than budgeted pilotage revenue, some of which is a timing difference only and the balance being due to confirmed ship numbers being less than budgeted.
- **Grants and Subsidies (\$35K) or (43%)** This unfavourable variance is due to a small number of passenger service projects that have not yet come on stream but which are expected to be completed year end, and lower than budgeted use of the Total Mobility service (which is offset by lower than budgeted costs of running the Total Mobility service).
- **Rates \$29K or 2%** This favourable variance is due to unbudgeted late payment penalties on rates instalments.
- **Investment Interest Income (\$24K) or (16%)** This unfavourable variance is due to the investment mix being different to that budgeted (less invested in stocks and bonds due to lack of suitable investment options, and therefore more invested in bank investments, which have a lower rate of return) and lower than budgeted internal interest due to the Recreational Facilities Loan having been reduced by the 2009 income tax refund received (\$1.18M), as approved by council at the August 2012 meeting. In addition, the overall rate of return on investments is less than budgeted (budget: 5.83%, actual: 5.25%), the effect of

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which is partially offset by the higher cash balance currently invested due to delays in capital expenditure projects coming on stream.

Year to date results

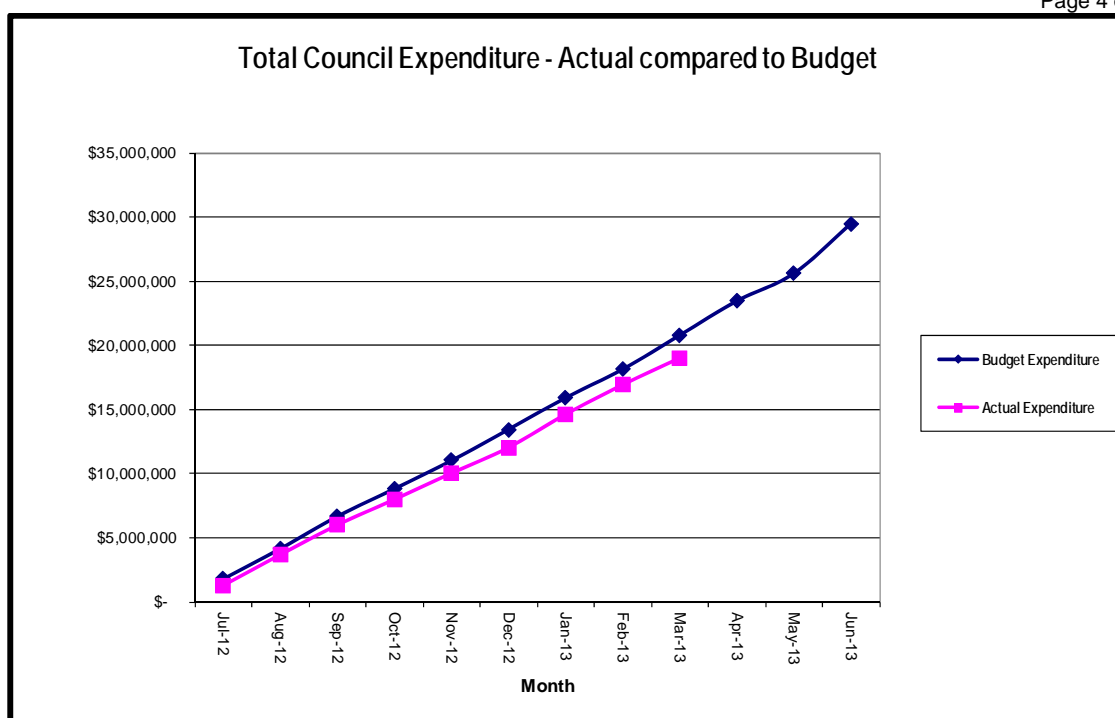
Overall revenue for the nine months is tracking ahead of budget with a favourable variance of \$275K. The material variances that make up this overall difference against budget are as follows:

- **Dividend Income \$664K or 46%** This favourable variance is due to the payout rate on both the first and second dividends issued by Northland Port Corporation Limited this financial year being higher than budget (full year budget: 6.5 cents per share, full year actual: 9.5 cents per share).
- **Grants and Subsidies (\$241K) or (31%)** This unfavourable variance is due to lower than budgeted subsidy revenue in the Transport activity as explained in the Month Results section of this report above, partially offset by unbudgeted funding received from government and the Far North District Council for financial assistance provided to homes that have been identified as vulnerable to flood damage in Kaeo.
- **User Fees and Sundry (\$185K) or (6%)** This unfavourable variance is due to lower than budgeted revenue from consent applications, cost recoveries and pilotage as explained in the Month Results section of this report above, partially offset by unbudgeted revenue from a number of sources including:
 - funding from the National Resilience Fund for additional Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) projects which will total \$30K for the year;
 - cost recoveries from Kaipara District Council for the CDEM Officer employed for that area;
 - Northland Inc. for payment for work performed by council staff on their behalf;
 - a contribution towards development work in support of the marine industry;
 - Ministry for Primary Industries for the summer aquatic weed education programme.
- **Rates \$136K or 1%** This favourable variance is due to unbudgeted late payment penalties on rates instalments.
- **Investment Interest Income (\$84K) or (6%)** This unfavourable variance is due to the investment mix being different to that budgeted and lower than budgeted internal interest as explained in the Month Results section of this report above.

Expenditure

The month of March 2013 saw expenditure track behind budget at \$2.1M against a budget of \$2.7M, resulting in an underspend of (\$565K) or (21%).

Year to date expenditure totals \$19.0M compared to budget of \$20.8M giving rise to an underspend of \$1.8M or 9%, as shown in the following line graph.



A summary of the material expenditure variances against budget in accordance with the agreed variance reporting thresholds for both the month of March and the year to date is as follows:

- **Resource Management Group (variance: March \$110K 9%, YTD \$800K 8%)**

There are a number of cost centres that contribute to the Resource Management Group variance, as follows:

- **Biosecurity (variance: March (\$20K) (9%), YTD (\$91K) (5%))** The unfavourable variance in Biosecurity is primarily due to unbudgeted expenditure on eradication of Mediterranean Fan Worm. In February 2013 council, via the Environmental Management Committee, gave approval for this unbudgeted expenditure be covered by the underspend on site lead programmes and therefore the costs of eradication of Mediterranean Fan Worm are not expected to have a material affect on council's bottom line.
- **Consents Applications, Advice and Information (variance: March \$39K 22%, YTD \$205K 14%)** Year to date expenditure continues to track behind budget due to fewer applications having been received, staff managing existing consent appeals without the need to obtain legal advice, and a vacant position which is currently on hold due to the decline in consent applications this financial year.
- **Land and Biodiversity (variance: March (\$51K) (29%), YTD \$221K 13%)** The unfavourable variance for the month of March is due to a catch up on phasing of Environment Fund projects and training expenditure. Year to date expenditure continues to track behind budget due to a number of under-spends resulting from budgets being spread evenly over the year because actual expenditure patterns are not known. These include Environment Fund costs, publicity/education promotion costs, minor field equipment and conferences costs. Adding to this favourable

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variance are lower than budgeted wages and salaries due to three vacant positions during the year to date, all of which have now been filled.

- **Compliance Monitoring, Incidents and Waste Management (variance: March \$20K, YTD not material)** The favourable variance for the month of March is primarily due to lower than budgeted wages and salaries due to staff vacancies during the year (one of which is currently being recruited for) and a decrease in the annual leave liability, lower contract staff costs as compliance monitoring work is being done using internal staff resources and lower overhead costs. These underspends are partially offset by unbudgeted costs of enforcement action (legal fees and consultants) which are expected to be recovered by fines from prosecutions. It should be noted that the prosecution process can be lengthy and therefore the recovery of costs will not necessarily be in the same financial year as in which they were incurred.
- **State of the Environment Monitoring (variance: March \$44K 23%, YTD \$200K 14%)** The favourable variances are due to lower commercial testing costs arising from different sampling frequencies and budget phasing of work that occurs in the latter half of the financial year, and lower costs for consultants and contract/casual staff which are expected to even out over the remainder of the year.
- **Planning and Policy (variance: March \$79K 30%, YTD \$302K 15%)** Expenditure continues to track behind budget for both the month of March and the year to date primarily due to lower costs for consultants on the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) and a small delay to the further submission period which has had a knock on effect on the timing of hearings which are now scheduled for May 2013. Expenditure is likely to further catch up on budget in the remaining months of the financial year, although completion of the commissioners' recommendations to council may now occur in the 2013-2014 financial year. Council has approved in principle carrying over any unspent budget in this area into the 2013-2014 financial year to ensure this priority programme is progressed. Consultants' costs on the harbour/catchment management plans project and the Freshwater NPS Implementation project are also lower than budget due to the pace of collaborative working and decision making, however consultancy assistance on catchment descriptions and the anticipated agreement of the Environmental Management Committee to progress actions for the priority catchments will see this expenditure start to catch up on budget between now and the end of the financial year. While every effort will be made to progress these stakeholder groups it is likely council will be asked to approve a carry forward at the end of this financial year.
- **River Management Group (variance: March \$154K 47%, YTD \$520K 25%)** There are a number of projects that contribute to the River Management Group. Those with material variances are as follows:
 - **Awanui River (variance: March \$81K 112%, YTD not material)** Expenditure is lower than budget for the month of March due to an adjustment in an accrual made last month, and is a timing difference only. As noted last month there may be a need to carry forward some of the consultants' budget for the Awanui River works as these works are not yet under contract due to the need to resolve technical issues with the river modelling. It is anticipated that approximately \$70K may need to be

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carried forward into the 2013-2014 financial year, but this will be dependent on tenders which will be reviewed in April 2013.

- **Whangaroa River (variance: March \$8K 64%, YTD not material)**
The favourable variance for the month of March is due to phasing of consultants' costs, which is a timing difference between months only.
- **Kaihu River (variance: March \$3K 28%, YTD \$29K 50%)**
Expenditure is behind budget for both the month of March and the year to date due to delays the contractor has experienced arising from difficulties with the site conditions in the lower reaches of the Kaihu River. The contractor has made better progress in recent weeks and this is expected to continue as the work progresses upstream out of the tidal reaches.
- **Kerikeri Waipapa River (variance: March \$41K 96%, YTD \$96K 86%)**
Expenditure is tracking behind budget as reported to council last month due to delays in the contract for works being let as technical issues with the river model need to be resolved. As a result it is likely that some of the budget for consultants for the Kerikeri River works will need to be carried forward into the 2013-2014 financial year. It is estimated that approximately \$100K will need to be carried forward, but this will be dependent on tenders which will be reviewed in May 2013.
- **Whāngārei Urban Rivers (variance: March not material, YTD \$120K 26%)** The favourable variance is due to work commencing later than budgeted, however the contractor's work is now well underway and expenditure is starting to catch up on budget as indicated by the costs for the month of March 2013. As noted last month staff have advised it is likely some operating expenditure budgets in relation to Whāngārei Urban River works will need to be carried forward into the 2013-2014 financial year, as follows:
 - Rust Avenue bridge replacement \$250K: due to changes in the Whāngārei District Council works programme, with revised programme having physical works on the bridge going to tender at the end of May 2013 and construction scheduled for completion by the end of November 2013.
 - Whāngārei dam building consent \$33K (estimated): due to the timeframe in processing and the current work programme. The balance of the consent/designation budget may also need to be carried forward if not complete before year end. It is not possible to estimate the value that may need to be carried forward at this point in time due to the consent process and potential uncertainties in timing. Staff will monitor this and give updates as the information becomes available.
- **Economic Development Group (variance: March \$251K 75%, YTD not material)**
The favourable variance for the month of March is due to a timing difference on the third grant instalment to Northland Inc. of \$250K, as explained last month.
- **Hazard Management Group (variances not material)**
The variances in this group overall are not material, however one of the activities within the group has material variances, as follows:
 - **Hazard Management (variance: March \$39K 43%, YTD not material)**
The favourable variance for the month of March is due to timing differences in costs for consultants against budget, which are expected to even out by the end of the financial year.

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- **Transport Group (variance: March \$25K 7%, YTD \$399K 13%)**

The reasons for the favourable expenditure variance are split over two of the three cost centres that make up the Transport activity, as follows:

- **Marine Harbour Safety and Navigation (variance: March \$25K 17%, YTD \$207K 16%)**

The favourable variance is due to a number of costs that are tracking behind budget including:

- the Hātea River channel project as the budget has been split evenly over the year because the timing of work was not known. The Hātea River is scheduled to be re-surveyed before the end of this financial year so expenditure is expected to catch up on budget by year end. This project is funded from a special reserve and therefore any underspend at the end of the year will be added back to that reserve and will not have any affect on council's bottom line;
- pilotage expenses as external pilots have not been available and therefore pilotage has been done entirely by council staff in recent months;
- debris disposal as the Bay of Islands rubbish barge contract cost less than budget, and there have been no wreckages requiring disposal so far this financial year;
- overtime as there have been fewer oil spills and incident call outs than budgeted; and
- vessel running expenses as work is being undertaken in the Bay of Islands this year (which is where the vessels are based) and accordingly running expenses are lower.

These underspends are partially offset by higher than budgeted vessel maintenance costs which have been phased evenly due to the uncertainty of when maintenance will be required, and higher than budgeted rent expense due to back-rent paid on the Robert Street premises. This catch up payment was for rent dating back to July 2006, and came about because the landlord had not adjusted the rent in accordance with the provisions of the lease agreement during that time.

- **Passenger Services Administration (variance: March not material, YTD \$152K 10%)**
- The favourable variances are due to lower than budgeted costs of the Whāngārei bus contract (service was rationalised resulting in reduced operation with a corresponding reduction in contract price), and the Total Mobility service as less people are using the service and the mobility hoist installation contract terms are still being negotiated with the operators. Photocopying and stationery costs are also tracking behind budget but this is expected to be a timing difference only.

- **Community Representation and Engagement Group (variance: March \$25K 13%, YTD \$157K 9%)**

The favourable variance is primarily due to lower wages and salaries arising from a decrease in the annual leave liability and the GM - CEO's Office and Projects position being vacant since mid-December 2012 (which offsets additional resourcing in Support Services), and budget phasing of a number of other costs including national meetings/working parties, training, conferences and travel and photocopying/stationery costs which have been brought in evenly over the year as it is not possible to project expenditure patterns with accuracy.

- **Support Services and Commercial Investments (variance: March (\$31K) (122%), YTD (\$128K) (55%))**
Support Services (variance: March \$156K 28%, YTD \$316K 8%)
 The Support Services activity is made up of the following four cost centres: Finance and Information Technology, Human Resources and Health and Safety, Records Management and Administration and Communications. All support services costs are recharged out to the other council activities. The cost centres within Support Services that show material variances are:
 - **Finance and Information Technology (variance: March \$167K 41%, YTD \$144K 6%)** The favourable variance is due to timing of computer licencing and maintenance costs which have not come on-stream as projected and budget phasing of audit fees, all of which are expected to even out by the end of the year. Telephone rentals are also less than budget. These underspends are partially offset by higher wages and salaries costs due to an additional staff resource, but this is offset by cost savings from the vacant GM - CEO's Office and Projects position in the Community Representation and Engagement activity.
 - **Records Management and Administration (variance: March (\$13K) (28%), YTD not material)** The unfavourable variance for March is due to the timing of electricity invoices resulting in two months' charges falling into March (February cost was below budget) and higher repairs and maintenance costs on the council occupied buildings.
 - **Communications (variance: March not material, YTD \$135K 17%)** The favourable variance is due to the timing of costs for consultants in relation to the website software upgrade which is expected to be completed shortly, lower than budgeted publicity/education promotion costs and seminar expenses which are expected to come on stream in the remaining months of the year, and lower iwi-related costs as only one application for funding has been received to date. Iwi liaison staff will continue to proactively seek applications from stakeholders in the remaining months of the financial year.

Commercial (variance: March (\$30K) (118%), YTD (\$128K) (55%))

The unfavourable variance for March is due to higher than budgeted legal fees relating to the arbitration that is currently in progress, a catch up on budget phasing of forestry maintenance costs and higher than budgeted maintenance expenditure on the APN building to address leaks around windows. These variances are also evident in the year to date overspend together with higher than budgeted valuation costs relating to the arbitration, and are partially offset by lower than budgeted forestry maintenance costs and commission on tenanted properties, both of which may result in some full year cost savings. As stated in previous reports to council the legal fees and valuation costs incurred in relation to the arbitration are shared equally with the WDC and all efforts are being made to contain costs as best as possible whilst still achieving the best outcome for the arbitration.

Capital expenditure

Capital expenditure for each activity is shown by month and year to date in the following table:

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ACTIVITY	MONTH		YEAR TO DATE			Var %	FULL YEAR Revised Budget
	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance		
Monitoring	-	6,000	44,008	94,500	50,492	53%	136,000
Biosecurity	-	-	347	-	(347)	100%	-
Land and Biodiversity	(2,650)	-	32,818	40,300	7,482	19%	40,300
Harbour Safety and Navigation	14	-	111,575	13,600	(97,975)	-720%	205,500
Oil Pollution Response	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	100%	2,000
River Management	12,637	100,000	807,342	1,322,155	514,813	39%	5,416,221
Commercial Investments	40,455	-	40,455	-	(40,455)	100%	141,103
Information Systems	226,096	101,674	903,747	1,154,880	251,133	22%	1,900,520
Regional Information and Engagement	1,678	-	4,452	25,700	21,249	83%	27,749
Support Services	19,057	-	478,054	275,000	(203,054)	-74%	500,000
GRAND TOTAL FOR COUNCIL	\$297,287	\$207,674	\$2,422,798	\$2,928,135	\$505,337	17%	\$8,369,393

Capital expenditure for the year to date is \$2.4M against a budget of \$2.9M. The activities that show capital expenditure variances against budget of +/- 20% (minimum \$10K) are:

- Monitoring (variance \$50K):** Capital expenditure to date comprises YSI meters and cameras \$5K, water quality equipment and sensors \$20K, software and website development costs \$18K and cameras and GPS units \$1K. The year to date favourable variance against budget of \$50K is made up of monitoring equipment for a project in Kaipara \$37K, software \$5K, water quality equipment and sensors \$18K, and cameras and other minor equipment \$2K, all of which are expected to be purchased in the coming months. This favourable variance is partially offset by website development costs (\$10K) incurred earlier than budgeted and higher than budgeted expenditure on various equipment purchases totalling (\$4K).
- Harbour Safety and Navigation (variance (\$98K)):** Capital expenditure to date comprises a truck for the oyster shell project \$77K (budgeted \$97K as a barge in June 2013), new and replacement navigation aids (buoys and beacons) \$20K, information signs \$12K and capital works on vessels \$3K. Year to date capital expenditure is tracking ahead of budget by \$98K due to the truck being purchased and due to budget phasing of the purchase of navigation aids which cannot be projected with accuracy and therefore is all budgeted in June 2013.
- River Management (variance \$515K):** Capital expenditure for the year to date is the purchase of two properties at Kotuku St, Maunu for the Whāngārei retention dam project totalling \$763K, work on the Kaeo River Scheme \$42K (March \$10K), and GIS software \$2K (March). The year to date favourable variance of \$515K is due to Kaeo River Scheme work budgeted to occur earlier in the year \$654K (see note below), the Awanui River - Waihoe gate work that was budgeted for March now not likely to be undertaken this financial year as the results of recent modelling indicate it is not required at this stage \$100K, the Awanui River assets renewal programme \$53K which is being planned at present, partially offset by expenditure on land purchases for the Whāngārei retention dam (\$292K) which occurred earlier than budgeted as approved by council at the February 2013 meeting. It should be noted that the balance of the budget for stage one of the capital works on the Kaeo River scheme (\$654K at the date of writing this report) has now been deferred to the 2013-2014 financial year as land use agreements are still being secured.

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- **Commercial Investments (variance (\$40K)):** Capital expenditure for the year to date is the refurbishment of leased properties \$40K (March). The budget for this work was phased in June 2013 as it was not known with certainty when the work would be undertaken, and therefore the unfavourable variance is a timing difference only.
- **Information Systems (variance \$251K):** Capital expenditure for the year to date comprises the IRIS project \$273K (March \$50K), server room gas fire suppression equipment \$40K, new SAN and servers \$325K, financial system replacement \$198K (March \$171K), other IT equipment \$68K (March \$4K). The favourable variance against budget primarily arises from lower than budgeted IRIS costs due to completion of the high level design for integration of IRIS with existing computer systems having occurred later than expected. The integration is currently in progress and will be completed for "go live" at the end of April 2013.
- **Support Services (variance (\$203K)):** Capital expenditure for the year to date comprises vehicle replacements \$331K (March \$10K), air conditioning and minor building alterations \$147K (March \$9K). The unfavourable variance is due to planned expenditure taking place earlier than budgeted and is therefore a timing difference only which will even out as the year progresses.

Balance sheet

A balance sheet has been prepared to 31 March 2013. Account reconciliations of all balance sheet accounts are prepared on a quarterly basis in order to monitor balance sheet movements. The latest set of account reconciliations to 31 December 2012 has been completed and no unusual items were noted. Preparation of the next set of account reconciliations to 31 March 2013 will be underway shortly.

Legal compliance and significance assessment:

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the council's 2012-2022 Long Term Plan, and as such are in accordance with the council's decision making process and sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

In relation to section 79 of the Local Government Act 2002, this issue is considered to be of low significance under council policy because it is part of normal day to day operations of council, and it does not require a council decision but is for information purposes only.

Recommendation:

That the report Financial Report to 31 March 2013 by Financial Accountant, Kim Harvey, dated 4 April 2013, be received.

Monthly Report for March 2013										
Total Council Revenue	YEAR TO DATE				FULL YEAR BUDGET ANNUAL PLAN				FULL YEAR BUDGET REVISED	
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance	Var %		
Rates	1,448,018	1,418,572	29,446	2%	12,903,254	12,767,148	136,106	1%	17,022,870	17,022,870
User Fees and Sundry	146,967	307,805	-160,838	-52%	3,105,247	3,289,753	-184,506	-6%	4,239,298	4,141,298
Grants and Subsidies	47,355	83,119	-35,764	-43%	525,932	766,634	-240,702	-31%	1,486,699	1,255,747
Investment Interest Income	123,862	147,455	-23,593	-16%	1,243,464	1,327,097	-83,633	-6%	2,260,566	2,260,566
Investment Property Income	500,658	501,977	-1,319	0%	2,644,319	2,643,795	524	0%	3,576,448	3,576,448
Dividend Income	996,431	553,573	442,858	80%	2,103,576	1,439,289	664,287	46%	1,439,289	1,439,289
Community Investment Fund Income	75,714	77,125	-1,411	-2%	475,395	492,271	-16,877	-3%	680,113	680,113
Expenditure	\$3,339,004	\$3,089,626	\$249,378	8%	\$23,001,187	\$22,725,988	\$275,199	1%	\$ 30,705,283	\$ 30,376,332
Resource Management	1,162,268	1,271,950	109,682	9%	9,593,363	10,393,050	799,686	8%	14,272,570	14,170,706
River Management	172,372	326,682	154,310	47%	1,552,396	2,072,006	519,610	25%	2,190,372	3,201,190
Economic Development	82,776	333,910	251,134	75%	2,018,956	1,976,111	-42,845	-2%	3,182,206	3,182,571
Hazard Management	127,007	157,765	30,758	19%	1,128,031	1,191,164	63,132	5%	1,605,712	1,598,916
Transport	326,995	351,710	24,715	7%	2,777,244	3,176,625	399,381	13%	4,642,223	4,349,053
Community Representation and Engagement	162,462	187,728	25,266	13%	1,585,973	1,743,108	157,135	9%	2,389,436	2,385,077
Support Services and Commercial Investments	56,443	25,467	-30,976	-122%	361,233	233,059	-128,174	-55%	569,300	598,563
Net (Cost)/Surplus of Service	\$ 2,090,323	\$ 2,655,212	\$564,889	21%	\$ 19,017,196	\$ 20,785,122	\$ 1,767,926	9%	\$ 28,851,818	\$ 29,486,076
Other Gains										
Forestry Revaluation	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	71,727	71,727
(Loss) / Gain on Sale of Asset	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0	0
Tax (Paid) / Refunded	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0	0
Special Dividend	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0	0
Emissions Trading Scheme NZ Units	0	0	0	-	25,841	0	25,841	-	0	0
Tax on Special Dividend	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0	0
Net (Cost)/Surplus of Service before transfers from/(to) Special Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$25,841	\$0	\$25,841	-	\$71,727	\$71,727
Transfers from/(to) Special Reserves	\$1,248,681	\$434,414	\$814,267	187%	\$4,009,832	\$1,940,866	\$2,068,966	107%	\$1,925,192	\$961,983
Xfr from/(to) Land Management Reserve									\$0	\$41,000
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Capital Expenditure										
Resource Management	-2,650	6,000	8,650	144%	77,173	134,200	57,027	42%	160,700	175,700
River Management	12,637	100,000	87,363	87%	807,342	1,322,755	515,413	39%	1,322,755	5,416,821
Economic Development	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0	0
Hazard Management	0	0	0	-	0	2,000	2,000	100%	2,000	2,000
Transport	14	0	-14	-	111,575	13,600	-97,975	-720%	88,500	205,500
Community Representation and Engagement	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0	0
Support Services and Commercial	287,287	101,674	-185,613	-183%	1,426,708	1,455,580	28,872	2%	2,025,116	2,569,372
Total Capital Expenditure	\$297,287	\$207,674	\$(89,613)	-43%	\$2,422,798	\$2,928,135	\$505,337	17%	\$3,599,071	\$8,369,393

Monthly Report for	March 2013									
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Investment Interest Income	123,862	147,455	-23,593	-16%	1,243,464	1,327,097	-83,633	-6%	2,260,566	2,260,566
Investment Property Income	500,658	501,977	-1,319	0%	2,644,319	2,643,795	524	0%	3,576,448	3,576,448
Dividend Income	996,431	553,573	442,858	100%	2,103,576	1,439,289	664,287	46%	1,439,289	1,439,289
Community Investment Fund Income	75,714	77,125	-1,411		475,395	492,271	-16,877	-3%	680,113	680,113
	\$3,339,004	\$3,089,626	\$249,378	8%	\$23,001,187	\$22,725,988	\$275,199	1%	\$ 30,705,283	\$ 30,376,332
Expenditure										
Resource Management Group										
<i>Biosecurity</i>	258,886	238,418	-20,468	-9%	1,937,105	1,846,503	-90,601	-5%	2,437,261	2,436,752
<i>Consents Applications</i>	83,774	95,224	11,450	12%	686,744	794,744	107,999	14%	1,096,757	1,083,196
<i>Consents Advice & Information</i>	51,266	78,569	27,303	35%	527,703	624,781	97,079	16%	811,824	825,194
<i>Land and Biodiversity</i>	230,984	179,698	-51,286	-29%	1,466,827	1,687,464	220,636	13%	2,271,128	2,532,518
<i>Compliance Monitoring, Incidents and Waste Management</i>	202,962	222,800	19,838	9%	2,097,547	2,059,746	-37,801	-2%	2,727,574	2,715,251
<i>State of the Environment Monitoring</i>	147,246	191,568	44,322	23%	1,208,913	1,409,014	200,101	14%	2,383,437	1,846,491
<i>Planning and Policy</i>	187,150	265,673	78,524	30%	1,668,525	1,970,798	302,273	15%	2,544,591	2,731,304
Total Resource Management	1,162,268	1,271,950	109,682	9%	9,593,363	10,393,050	799,686	8%	14,272,570	14,170,706
River Management Group	172,372	326,682	154,310	47%	1,552,396	2,072,006	519,610	25%	2,190,372	3,201,190
Economic Development Group										
<i>Economic Development Activities</i>	\$43,685	\$289,281	245,596	85%	\$1,300,179	\$1,212,325	-87,854	-7%	\$1,638,955	\$1,639,320
<i>Economic Development Projects</i>	\$39,092	\$44,629	5,537	12%	\$718,777	\$763,786	45,009	6%	\$1,543,251	\$1,543,251
Total Economic Development	82,776	333,910	251,134	75%	2,018,956	1,976,111	(42,845)	-2%	3,182,206	3,182,571
Hazard Management Group										
<i>Oil Pollution Response</i>	15,160	9,530	-5,630	-59%	87,719	98,735	11,016	11%	132,633	131,968
<i>Hazard Management</i>	51,534	90,447	38,913	43%	703,137	770,462	67,325	9%	1,057,105	1,050,596
<i>Civil Defence & Emergency Management</i>	60,313	57,788	-2,525	-4%	337,176	321,967	-15,209	-5%	415,974	416,353
Total Hazard Management	127,007	157,765	30,758	19%	1,128,031	1,191,164	63,132	5%	1,605,712	1,598,916
Transport Group										
<i>Maritime Harbour Safety and Navigation</i>	121,810	147,453	25,643	17%	1,122,998	1,330,118	207,120	16%	1,708,243	1,709,886
<i>Passenger Services Administration</i>	171,057	166,686	-4,371	-3%	1,358,259	1,510,396	152,137	10%	2,415,821	2,193,898
<i>Regional Transport Management</i>	34,128	37,571	3,443	9%	295,987	336,110	40,124	12%	518,159	445,268
Total Transport	326,995	351,710	24,715	7%	2,777,244	3,176,625	399,381	13%	4,642,223	4,349,053
Community Representation and Engagement Group										
<i>Community Representation & Engagement</i>	128,272	149,921	21,649	14%	1,256,453	1,384,595	128,142	9%	1,893,486	1,893,905
<i>Environmental Education</i>	34,191	37,807	3,616	10%	329,520	358,513	28,993	8%	49595000%	491,172
Total Community Representation and Engagement	162,462	187,728	25,266	13%	1,585,973	1,743,108	157,135	9%	2,389,436	2,385,077
Support Services and Commercial Investments Group										
<i>Finance and Information Technology</i>	241,354	408,106	166,752	41%	2,159,125	2,302,756	143,631	6%	3,514,739	3,515,190
<i>Human Resources and Health & Safety</i>	29,651	29,820	169	1%	254,819	271,872	17,053	6%	355,358	355,358
<i>Records Management and Administration</i>	59,466	46,616	-12,850	-28%	630,766	650,960	20,194	3%	922,795	802,940
<i>Communications</i>	65,657	67,637	1,981	3%	664,243	799,495	135,251	17%	860,407	1,015,417
<i>Commercial Investments</i>	55,536	25,467	-30,069	-118%	361,320	233,065	-128,255	-55%	319,294	318,568
<i>Internal Transfers</i>	-395,221	-552,179	-156,958	28%	-3,709,039	-4,025,088	-316,049	8%	(5,403,294)	(5,408,910)
Total Support Services and Commercial Investments	56,443	25,467	(30,976)	-122%	361,233	233,059	(128,174)	-55%	569,300	598,563
	\$ 2,090,323	\$ 2,655,212	\$ 564,889	21%	\$ 19,017,196	\$ 20,785,122	\$ 1,767,926	9%	\$ 28,851,818	\$ 29,486,076
Net (Cost)/Surplus of Service	\$1,248,681	\$434,414	\$814,267	187%	\$3,983,991	\$1,940,866	\$2,043,125	105%	\$1,853,465	\$890,256

Monthly Report for March 2013

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Expenditure										
Labour Costs	858,424	856,967	-1,457	0%	8,052,708	8,457,566	404,859	5%	10,894,825	11,011,309
Operations	3,192,276	4,317,977	1,125,701	26%	28,800,189	31,905,287	3,105,098	10%	16,331,203	46,415,768
Members Expenses	42,604	46,527	3,923	8%	391,139	418,746	27,606	7%	558,341	495,541
Depreciation	56,516	56,517	1	0%	508,642	508,654	12	0%	1,067,449	1,067,450
Finance Overheads	396,596	552,178	155,582	28%	3,710,414	4,025,088	314,674	8%	5,403,293	5,408,909
Internal Recharges	(394,376)	(552,129)	-157,753	29%	(3,708,194)	(4,025,252)	-317,058	8%	-5,403,293	-5,408,904
	\$4,152,040	\$5,278,037	\$1,125,997	21%	\$37,754,898	\$41,290,088	\$3,535,190	9%	\$28,851,818	\$58,990,072
Net (Cost)/Surplus of Service	\$(813,036)	\$(2,188,411)	\$1,375,375	-63%	\$(14,753,711)	\$(18,564,100)	\$3,810,389	-21%	\$1,853,465	\$(28,613,740)
Other Gains										
Forestry Revaluation	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	71,727	71,727
(Loss) / Gain on Sale of Asset	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0	0
Tax (Paid) / Refunded	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0	0
Special Dividend	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0	0
Emissions Trading Scheme NZ Units	0	0	0	-	25,841	0	25,841	-	0	0
Tax on Special Dividend	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0	0
	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$25,841	\$0	\$25,841	-	\$71,727	\$71,727
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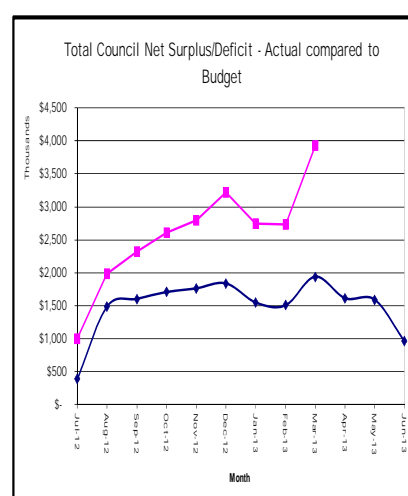
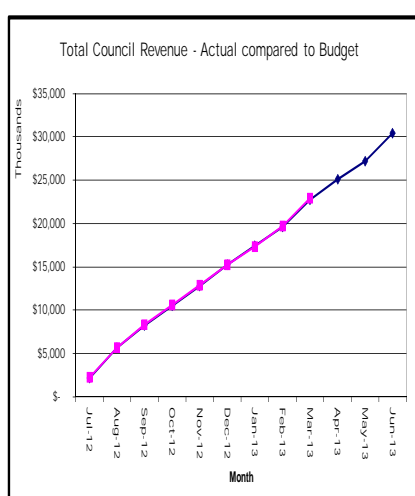
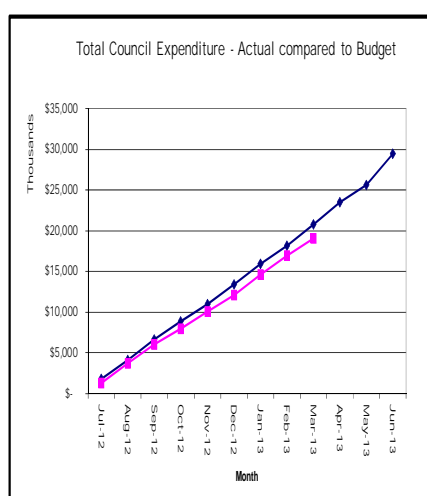
Northland Regional Council

FINANCIAL DASHBOARD

For the nine months ended 31 March 2013

SUMMARY OPERATING RESULTS

	000's ACTUAL YTD	000's BUDGET YTD	000's VARIANCE YTD
Revenue	\$ 23,001	\$ 22,726	\$ 275
Expenditure	\$ 19,017	\$ 20,785	\$ 1,768
NET (COST)/SURPLUS BEFORE TRANSFERS FROM/(TO) RESERVES	\$ 3,984	\$ 1,941	\$ 2,043



KEY: ◆ Budget ◆ Actual

YTD EXPENDITURE VARIANCE INDICATORS BY COUNCIL ACTIVITY

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YTD CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY COUNCIL ACTIVITY

	\$000's	Brief Description of Major Items Purchased
Resource Management	\$ 77	Monitoring equipment, GPS, cameras, software and website development
River Management	\$ 807	Two properties at Kotuku St - Maunu, Kaeo river scheme works
Economic Development	\$ -	
Hazard Management	\$ -	
Transport	\$ 112	Truck (Oyster Shell Project), navigation aids, oxidisation of Waikare hull
Community Representation and Engagement	\$ -	
Support Services and Commercial	\$ 1,427	New SAN and servers, IRIS project, financial system replacement, vehicle replacements, server room gas fire suppression equipment, building alterations and furniture/fitings
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE YEAR TO DATE	\$ 2,423	

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO YEAR TO DATE PERFORMANCE

At 31 March 2013 the investment portfolio has made a return of \$6.4M against a budgeted return of \$5.9M.

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 March 2013

	Council 31/03-13 \$	Long Term Plan 30-Jun-13 \$	Council 30-Jun-12 \$
EQUITY			
Retained earnings	114,831,809	102,767,362	110,828,307
Other reserves	8,556,204	18,727,076	8,556,204
Total equity attributable to Northland Regional Council	123,388,013	121,494,438	119,384,511
Non-controlling interest in subsidiary companies			
TOTAL EQUITY	123,388,013	121,494,438	119,384,511
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	19,556,353	4,347,115	10,249,654
Trade and other receivables	6,294,687	5,299,089	4,805,052
Inventories	3,080,864	1,528,241	3,108,539
Non-current assets held for sale	-	-	0
Other Investments	11,190,362	2,000,000	11,190,362
Other financial assets	-	-	0
Tax refundable	33,000	-	33,000
Tax losses carried forward	-	-	-
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	-
Total current assets	40,155,266	13,174,445	29,386,607
Non-Current Assets			
Other receivables	5,256,299	5,201,500	5,256,299
Investment property	47,674,256	48,320,999	47,674,256
Investments in subsidiaries and associates	4,843,765	8,071,316	7,840,467
Other investments	7,997,246	27,608,376	13,971,405
Property, plant and equipment	17,840,402	21,486,851	18,640,990
Intangible assets	460,689	2,288,396	460,689
Biological assets	1,578,975	1,627,263	1,578,975
Capital projects in progress	3,060,081	-	682,177
Deferred taxation asset	-	-	-
Total non-current assets	88,711,713	114,604,700	96,105,259
Total Assets	128,866,980	127,779,146	125,491,866
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Bank Overdraft	-	-	-
Trade and other payables	3,507,975	4,677,323	4,442,671
Provisions	-	-	-
Borrowings	-	-	-
Deferred Tax Liability	-	-	-
Tax liability	-	-	-
Employee benefit liabilities	1,922,709	1,556,003	1,616,401
Total current liabilities	5,430,684	6,233,326	6,059,072
Non-Current Liabilities			
Employee benefit liabilities	48,283	51,382	48,283
Provisions non-current	-	-	-
Borrowings	-	-	-
Total non-current liabilities	48,283	51,382	48,283
Total Liabilities	5,478,967	6,284,708	6,107,355
NET ASSETS	123,388,013	121,494,438	119,384,511

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ISSUE: Council Bank Accounts – Cheque Signatory Delegations**ID:** A307256**To:** Council Meeting, 16 April 2013**From:** Kym Ace, Financial Systems Administrator**Date:** 4 April 2013

Summary The purpose of this report is to amend the cheque signatory delegations to approve the Management Accountant as an approved signatory. It concludes with the recommendation that cheque signatory delegations be updated as specified.

Report Type:	Normal operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information	<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purpose:	Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public service	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regulatory function	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Legislative function	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Annual\Long Term Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Significance:	High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Report:

The delegation for authorising payment vouchers, signing cheques and authorising electronic payments on the council's ASB Bank, Bank of New Zealand account and investment accounts was last amended in November 2012.

The amendment proposed by this report is to approve the Management Accountant as an approved signatory able to authorise transactions and operate the various bank accounts as listed below.

The full list of signatories currently able to authorise transactions and operate the various bank accounts is listed below. The delegation provides for the Chief Executive Officer, the General Manager - Finance and IT, the Finance Manager, the Deputy CEO/Operations Director, Financial Accountant and the Management Accountant to authorise vouchers and sign cheques on behalf of the council on all ASB accounts and the BNZ account.

The following recommended resolution is to take effect from 17 April 2013 and will update the council's delegations to authorise transactions and the operation of its various bank accounts.

Legal compliance and significance assessment:

The activities detailed in this report are in accordance with the council's Treasury Management Policy which was adopted in compliance with the decision making requirements of sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002 and as such this matter is not deemed to be significant.

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Recommendations:

1. That the report Council Bank Accounts – Cheque Signatory Delegations from Kym Ace, Financial Systems Administrator, dated 4 April 2013, be received.
2. **Manual signing:**
That any two of the following signatories be authorised to countersign cheques for payments drawn on the council's bank account numbers:
 - i. 12-3115-0057000-00 Current Account operated at the ASB Bank Limited, Walton Street, Whāngārei Branch, and any other accounts, which the council may operate from time to time.
 - ii. Call and term deposit accounts with the ASB and other registered trading banks in New Zealand.

Approved signatories:

Malcolm Charles Nicolson	Chief Executive Officer
Anthony Glenn Phipps	Deputy CEO/Operations Director
Lisa Maree Aubrey	General Manager - Finance and IT
Simon John Crabb	Finance Manager
Kim Marie Harvey	Financial Accountant
Steven Goddard	Management Accountant

3. That any of the following signatories are authorised to operate (does not include payments) the Bank of New Zealand bank account number 02-0492-00340027-00 at the Bank of New Zealand Limited, Bank Street, Whāngārei.

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4. That vouchers or documents authorising manual or electronic transactions be authorised by any two of the above personnel (does not include payments).
 5. That electronic transactions may be prepared and uploaded by the Finance Systems Administrator and/or Accounts Office (being the upload of creditor and payroll payment files) but these must be authorised by any two of the above approved signatories.
 6. That these delegations, when approved, be notified to the ASB Bank Limited and the Bank of New Zealand Limited for implementation.
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ISSUE: Annual Plan 2013/14 Adoption Date**ID:** A306840**To:** Council Meeting, 16 April 2013**From:** Shireen Munday, Programme Manager Corporate Planning and Strategy**Date:** 3 April 2013**Summary** The purpose of this report is to request that council agrees to defer the adoption date of the Annual Plan 2013/2014 to June 2013.

Report Type:	Normal operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Information	<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Purpose:	Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public service	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regulatory function	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Legislative function	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Annual\Long Term Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Significance:	High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Background:

When the project plan for the Annual Plan was put together scenario one had adoption of the Annual Plan occurring in April.

Discussion:

Due to the impact of IRIS and the installation of the new financial system (with integration and testing) the finance team's workload is such that the work required to complete the final Annual Plan 2013/14 is unable to be completed in line with the scenario one timeframes. It is proposed that the adoption of the final Annual Plan is deferred to the 18 June council meeting for adoption.

Legal compliance and significance assessment:

Under S95(3) the council is required to adopt the Annual Plan 2013/14 by 30 June 2013 and as such the proposed deferral will meet the legislative requirements of the Local Government Act 2002.

Recommendations:

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1. That the report Annual Plan 2013/14 Adoption Date by Shireen Munday, Programme Manager Corporate Planning and Strategy, and dated 3 April 2012, be received.
 2. That the council agrees to defer the adoption date of the Annual Plan 2013/14 to the 18 June council meeting.
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ISSUE: Representation Review Costs – Approval to Incur Additional Expenditure

ID: A304972

To: Council Meeting, 16 April 2013

From: Vibeke Wright, Policy Advisor and Lisa Aubrey, General Manager – Finance and IT

Date: 3 April 2013

Summary The purpose of this report is to seek approval to incur further unbudgeted costs of approximately \$16,600 for the representation review in the current financial year. It concludes with the recommendation that the outstanding cost of the representation review, estimated to be approximately \$16,600, be funded firstly from any surplus available in the 2012-2013 financial year, and/or secondly the Forest Income Equalisation Reserve.

Report Type:	Normal operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information	<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purpose:	Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public service	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regulatory function	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Legislative function	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Annual\Long Term Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Significance:	High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Report:

The Northland Regional Council undertook a review of its representation arrangements during 2012, as required by the Local Electoral Act 2001. Councillors will recall that its final proposal triggered rules that require the Local Government Commission to make a determination on the representation arrangements. In early February 2013 the Commission conducted hearings with appellants and objectors to the proposal. As noted in the CEO's Report in this agenda, the Commission released its determination on 2 April and has largely endorsed the council's final proposal, subject to a minor amendment to accommodate virtually all the Hikurangi Swamp within one constituency.

The nature and scope of the 2012 review differed remarkably from reviews carried out in the past which "rolled over" the current arrangements to elect councillors from wards based on territorial authority boundaries in Northland. This time, the council explored a wider variety of options and consulted more widely than in the past. The scope of the proposed changes required more research and a higher level of public communication than was anticipated when the budget was approved in June 2012.

Financial information

The table below shows the actual costs of the representation review to 20 March 2013 and provides an estimate of further expenditure expected to be incurred on the project to 30 June 2013. The costs incurred to date have been funded from the Chief Executive's budget. This budget has now been fully exhausted (the budget was used to fund the representation review, UNISA costs, Northland Port Corporation Ltd matters, Kaituna Block dredging and other minor economic development activities).

The additional \$16,600 is expected to be required for the completion of Survey Office maps of the new constituencies.

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REPRESENTATION REVIEW - YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013			
	Actual costs to 20 March 2013	Expected further costs to 30 June 2013	EXPECTED TOTAL COST
Consultants	20,754.73	16,600.00	37,354.73
Advertising - Statutory Notices	2,067.50		2,067.50
Sundry Supplies	425.15		425.15
TOTAL	\$ 23,247.38	\$ 16,600.00	\$ 39,847.38

It is proposed to fund the additional estimated cost of \$16,600 from the operation surplus if available, or the Forest Income Equalisation Fund if there is no available surplus.

The balance in the Forest Income Equalisation Reserve at the beginning of the 2012-2013 financial year was \$2,351,748. In council's 2012-2022 Long Term Plan it is proposed to fund net expenditure totalling \$1,961,315 from the Forest Income Equalisation Reserve over the next 10 years, leaving a balance in the reserve at 30 June 2022 of \$390,433. Not included in these calculations as the amounts could not be reliably quantified, but previously agreed by council, is that any additional expenditure required for the Regional Policy Statement review would also be funded, where possible, from the Forest Income Equalisation Reserve.

Legal compliance and significance assessment:

Council is required under the Local Electoral Act 2001 to complete a representation review. The costs associated with the development of the Survey Office plans must be met in order to complete the legal process.

Recommendations:

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1. That the report Representation Review Costs – Approval to Incur Additional Expenditure by Vibeke Wright, Policy Advisor and Lisa Aubrey, General Manager – Finance and IT dated 3 April 2013, be received.
 2. That the outstanding cost of the representation review, estimated to be approximately \$16,600, be funded firstly from any surplus available in the 2012-2013 financial year, and/or secondly the Forest Income Equalisation Reserve.
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**ISSUE: Urban Whāngārei Flood Risk Reduction Update –
Rust Avenue Bridge Replacement and Kotuku
Detention Dam**

ID: A307787

To: Council Meeting, 16 April 2013

From: Bruce Howse, Land/Rivers Senior Programme Manager

Date: 8 April 2013

Discussions are continuing with the Whāngārei District Council over aspects of these projects. Staff intend to table an updated report at the Northland Regional Council meeting on 16 April 2013.

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ISSUE: Northland Regional Council 2013 Environmental Curriculum Awards**ID:** A304982**To:** Council Meeting, 16 April 2013**From:** Susan Botting, Environmental Education Officer**Date:** 25 March 2013

Summary The purpose of this report is to appoint two councillors to select the Northland Regional Council 2013 Environmental Curriculum Award winning schools. It concludes with the recommendation that the report is received and two councillors be confirmed as members of the judging sub-committee for the 2013 Environmental Curriculum Awards.

Report Type:	Normal operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information	<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purpose:	Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public service	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regulatory function	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Legislative function	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annual\Long Term Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Significance:	High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Report:

The Northland Regional Council annually offers Northland schools up to \$2,000 each through its Northland Regional Council Environmental Curriculum Awards. This award is offered to recognise effective environmental education in the North. The award fund totals \$20,000.

The Northland Regional Council 2013 Environmental Curriculum Awards process is now underway. More than 150 Northland schools have been sent the relevant details. The 2013 application season opened on Friday 15 March 2013. Applications for the awards close on Tuesday 14 May 2013.

As in past years, a judging sub-committee is needed to select successful applicants. The sub-committee will meet to carry out the selection process. NRC councillors and the Environmental Education Officer, Susan Botting, will visit successful winners at their schools and present the awards.

These awards recognise achievement in environmental education through demonstrated action for the environment. They particularly support efforts in line with the council's work and the Ministry of Education Guidelines for Environmental Education in New Zealand Schools.

Legal compliance and significance assessment:

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the council's 2012–2022 Long Term Plan, and as such are in accordance with the council's decision making process and sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

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Recommendations:

1. That the report “Northland Regional Council 2013 Environmental Curriculum Awards” by the Environmental Education Officer, Susan Botting, and dated 25 March 2013, be received.
 2. That Crs _____ and _____ be confirmed as members of the judging sub-committee for the Environmental Curriculum Awards 2013.
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**ISSUE: Environmental Management Committee:
Appointment of a Māori Interests Representative**

ID: A306358

To: Council Meeting, 16 April 2013

From: Tony Phipps, Operations Director

Date: 3 April 2013

Summary The purpose of this report is to notify council of a vacancy on the Environmental Management Committee, and to request the council determine the process for appointing a replacement Māori Interests representative.

Report Type:	Normal operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information	<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purpose:	Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public service	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regulatory function	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Legislative function	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annual\Long Term Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Significance:	High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Report:

At its meeting of 26 March 2013, the Environmental Management Committee was advised that Ms Nicole Anderson, cultural interests representative had tendered her resignation from the committee.

With reference to the committee's terms of reference,

"Should a vacancy occur in the membership of the Committee, the [Democracy and Legal Services SPM] shall report this to the next meeting of the Council for determination as to whether or not the nominating organisation or group is to be invited to nominate a replacement."

The council is therefore requested to consider the purpose of the position, the process of nomination and selection, including what parties should be consulted and be requested to make nominations.

Purpose of the position on the committee

While the position is currently titled "Cultural Interests" representative, the appointments have all been Māori. It is thought that the title stemmed from the LGA four wellbeings, one being "cultural". The committee has no specific Māori representation membership. While there is no specific obligation for the council to have a cultural interests representative, the council does have an obligation (LGA 2002) to facilitate the participation of Māori in decision making processes. Council's commitment to this is set out in its *Māori participation in decision-making policy* as included in *Northland's Long Term Plan 2012-2022*:

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“The Northland Regional Council will continue to provide opportunities for Māori to gain knowledge of council processes and to support avenues for Māori to participate in the decision-making processes. “

In addition to this the government has signalled in its recent *Freshwater reform 2013 and beyond* proposals that it considers that more effective roles for iwi/Māori in national and local freshwater planning and decision making are needed. Given this and that the council has made the Environmental Management Committee the governance entity for the Waiora Northland Water programme for the improvement of water quality and management for the region, there is strong argument that the committee should include Māori representation.

It is therefore recommended that the council change the cultural position on the committee to a Māori or Tangata Whenua representative and amend the terms of reference accordingly. Given the importance government is placing on collaborative decision making and the involvement of Māori in resource management, the council should also consider whether more than one Māori representative would be appropriate.

Consultation on process

The council currently has no specific policy or adopted process for selecting Māori representation on council committees. It would however be in line with council's *Māori participation in decision-making policy* to consult with iwi authority governance representatives as well as with iwi/hapu with whom the council has any specific obligation to consult with. For example where the council has entered into a MoU such as the MoU with Te Uri o Hau, or where Treaty settlements mean consultation over the nomination/selection process should be done.

We understand that the Iwi Chairs Forum has freshwater as a current kaupapa and there may be an opportunity to link that kaupapa and Waiora Northland Water through an appointment(s) to the committee.

Timing and proximity to local government elections

There are three committee meetings scheduled before the October local government elections. Appointments to council committees officially end with the election in October this year and committee structures have to be reviewed after the elections and appointments to those committees made anew.

Given that situation a pragmatic approach might be to invite the Iwi Chairs Forum to make an interim nomination of a representative for the period up until the election while the wider consultation over a process for the longer term, for after the elections, takes place.

Conclusion

It is recommended to the council that the terms of reference for the Environmental Management Committee be changed to include a representative of Māori interests and that consultation over the process to be followed for the selection and appointment be undertaken with iwi. As an initial step staff recommend that council invite the Iwi Chairs Forum to nominate a person to represent Māori on the committee for the period before the local government elections.

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Legal compliance and significance assessment:

The matter requiring decision in this report has been considered against the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 and the Environmental Management Committee's terms of reference. Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking into account the council's significance policy and decision-making guidelines. This matter is considered to have low significance.

Recommendations:

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1. That the report Environmental Management Committee: Appointment of a Māori Interests Representative by Tony Phipps, Operations Director and dated 3 April 2013, be received.
 2. That the council approve the recommendation to amend the Environmental Management Committee's terms of reference to replace the representative of Cultural Interests with a representative of Māori Interests.
 3. That the council invite the Iwi Chairs Forum to nominate a Māori Interests representative to the Environmental Management Committee for the remainder of the current term of office (i.e. until October 2013).
 4. That the council consult with iwi and determine the process to be followed for the nomination of future iwi/tangata whenua representation on council committees.
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ISSUE: 2013 Local Government New Zealand Conference**ID:** A307442**To:** Council Meeting, 16 April 2013**From:** Craig Brown, Chairman**Date:** 5 April 2013

Summary The purpose of this report is to bring to councillors' attention the upcoming Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Conference. It concludes with the recommendation that the report be received and that the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, along with the Chief Executive and up to two councillors, represent the Northland Regional Council at the LGNZ Conference.

Report Type:	Normal operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information	<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purpose:	Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public service	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regulatory function	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Legislative function	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annual\Long Term Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Significance:	High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Report:

The LGNZ conference is being held between 21-23 July 2013 in Hamilton.

The conference programme includes both international and domestic speakers who will cover a range of topics including localism, local government's role in the economy, the issue of governance versus management, demographic challenges faced by the sector and the opportunities and risks associated with shared services. In addition to the keynote speakers there will be concurrent sessions led by LGNZ experts covering topics of interest to both councils and communities.

The conference is a chance to network, share ideas and learn about the work our counterparts are doing in local government.

Legal compliance:

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the council's 2012-2022 Long Term Plan and as such are in accordance with the council's decision making process and sections 76 to 82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Recommendations:

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1. That the report 2013 Local Government New Zealand Conference by Craig Brown, Chairman, dated 5 April 2013, be received.
 2. That Chairman Brown, the Chief Executive and Councillors Bain, and represent the Northland Regional Council at the LGNZ Conference.
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ISSUE: Business with the Public Excluded**ID:** A307586**TO:** Council Meeting, 16 April 2013**FROM:** Chris Taylor, Council Secretary**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this report is to recommend that the public be excluded from the proceedings of this meeting to consider the confidential matters detailed below for the reasons given.

Recommendations:

1. That the public be excluded from the proceedings of this meeting to consider confidential matters.
2. That the general subject of the matters to be considered whilst the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to this matter, and the specific grounds under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution, are as follows:

Item No.	Item Issue	Reason\Grounds
9.1.1	Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting - 21 March 2013	The reasons for excluding the public are as stated in the minutes of the open section of that meeting.
