

Activities Undertaken by Other Divisions that Contribute to Regional Plan Implementation

Water Conservation Programme

The Water Group co-ordinates a water conservation strategy with the Kapiti Coast District Council and with Upper Hutt City, Hutt City, Porirua City and Wellington City councils. Over the last year this has included a television advertisement that used Maggie Barrie to present water-wise gardening tips. The advertisement also identified an internet site for more information. Reports on this programme are submitted to the Utility Services Committee annually.

The Water Conservation Programme implements Policy 6.2.19 and Methods 8.5.6, 8.5.7, 8.5.8 of the Regional Freshwater Plan.

Assistance to the Riversdale Dune Management Group and Castlepoint Beachcare Group

The Council's soil conservators provide regular, ongoing technical support to the Riversdale Dune Management Group. Staff are also involved in the establishment of a Beachcare group at Castlepoint.

Beachcare groups fulfil a large number of methods and policies of the Regional Soil Plan and Regional Coastal Plan.

Stabilisation of erosion prone land

The Council's soil conservators contribute to the stabilisation of erosion prone land. Their work includes financial support of catchment management groups, assessing the current vegetation cover of erosion prone land, and promoting sustainability plans, property conservation plans, and land improvement agreements. Together these implement many of the policies and methods of the Regional Soil Plan.

Coastal biosecurity

Staff from the Biosecurity Department monitor existing areas of *Spartina* in Lake Onoke and will take appropriate action if the area of *Spartina* increases significantly. The Biosecurity Department have also produced pamphlets on coastal and marine pest plants, how they can be identified and how their spread can be reduced. These are distributed by Biosecurity Department staff, Harbours Department staff, and through Council offices. These activities implement Policy 9.2.4 and Methods 15.2.2, 15.2.3 of the Regional Coastal Plan.

Regional Land Transport Strategy

Through the Regional Land Transport Strategy, the Transport Policy Department implements Policies 4.2.22, 4.2.23 and Method 6.5.2 of the Regional Air Quality Management Plan.