



CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

DATE: 5 June 2014

TO: Board Chair Reginald Moody and Board Members

FROM: Darla Blake, Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: **Request to Investigate Establishment of a Noise Bylaw**

RECOMMENDATION

That Central Coast Regional District Board of Directors, requests the Chief Administrative Officer investigate the establishment of a Noise Bylaw and report back with recommendations, to the Board at its 10 July 2014 meeting.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Vision Statement:

Our vision for the Central Coast Regional District is an inclusive, resilient and sustainable group of communities thriving within a locally influenced, safe, healthy and natural environment.

BACKGROUND

This request comes to the Board because Administration have received complaints from residents regarding noise in their community, continuing well into the night which prohibits normal sleep for residents in the area, over a significant timeframe (years).

At this time, Central Coast Regional District (CCRD) has no such bylaw or bylaw enforcement officers to enforce any bylaw, even if CCRD did have a noise control bylaw.

CONSULTATION

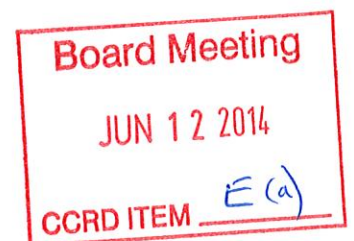
N/A – at this point in time there is not sufficient information to consult.

LEGISLATION /POLICY

Local Government Act s724 (1)(d)
Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act
Offence Act

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Within current approved budget:	N/A
Requires further budget consideration	N/A



RISK MANAGEMENT

Administration has evaluated potential risks with the proposal and assessed these as negligible with no requirements for controls.

DISCUSSION

It is Administration`s understanding residents have tried sorting out the noise issues (over a significant timeframe) themselves, to no avail. The RCMP have been called by residents on various occasions and were advised that without a bylaw in place there is little that can be done.

The CCRD Vision Statement purports our regional district to be an inclusive, resilient and sustainable group of communities thriving within a locally influenced, safe, healthy and natural environment.

It needs to be highlighted; the focus on safety and health for residents is paramount to the arguments to control noise for residents. Complainants concerns include personal safety and the detrimental health impact from sleep deprivation as a result of the on-going noise issues.

While CCRD does not have bylaw enforcement officers and nor could CCRD sustain the employment of a bylaw enforcement officer, on a quick reference to other smaller regional districts, it appears they manage noise bylaws and enforcement of bylaw(s) through the RCMP. More investigation and consultation with other regional districts would be required and would form part of any investigation report back to the Board.

CONCLUSION

Complaints have been received with respect to noise issues in the valley. Currently CCRD does not have a bylaw that covers noise control. The complaints received are of a serious nature with respect to noise issues continuing over a significant number of years. Administration believes the complaints and establishment of a noise control bylaw warrant investigation.

Administration will therefore be recommending the Board of Directors requests the Chief Administrative Officer investigate the establishment of a Noise Bylaw and report back with recommendations, to the Board at its 10 July 2014 meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Darla Blake
Chief Administrative Officer