

7. NATURAL HAZARDS MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE 2006 - BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Regulation and Democracy Services, DDI 941-8549
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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval for the attendance of Don Rowlands at two workshops held during the Natural Hazards Management Conference 2006 in Christchurch from 22 to 25 August 2006.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The purpose of the conference is to discuss the integration of hazard information into effective risk management, including:
 - Applying hazard information to best practice planning.
 - Exploring new technologies and advances in science applications.
 - Natural hazard mitigation for industry.
 - Creating resilient communities through integrating science into practice.
3. The target audience for the conference is emergency managers, planners, risk assessors, asset and utility managers, natural hazards researchers and scientists.
4. Don Rowlands wishes to attend Workshop B (Effective Land-use Planning for Natural Hazards) \$168.75 and Workshop C (Developing Tsunami Ready Communities) \$168.75, totalling \$337.50.
5. Appropriate Council staff will be attending the conference and workshops. Advice given by the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Manager is that if a Board member wishes to attend the conference it may be appropriate for the member to attend the Workshop C session (Developing Tsunami Ready Communities).

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. There are no legal considerations.
7. The cost of Workshops B and C total \$337.50.
8. The Board should be mindful when considering this request that it may want to send some members to the 2007 Community Board Conference in Manukau. There is approximately \$2,500 available.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board gives consideration to the approval of the attendance of Don Rowlands at the Workshop B and C sessions of the Natural Hazards Management Conference 2006 on 22 August 2006.