

## **Progress Summary – 31 March 2005**

This project continues to make good progress including:

### **Community Survey - Phase One Complete**

Council worked with ESR to carry out community surveys and workshops for various sectors in January and February. A report on this is being prepared and will be presented at the next full Committee meeting.

**Project Meetings** - Several have been held with the WWAC group to work through some of the initial water demand and storage option assessments. Meetings have also been held with local iwi to keep them abreast of the project. Council plans to finalise the arrangements with iwi for the Cultural Impact Assessment (CIA) study in the coming quarter.

Cawthron Institute has completed a review of biological data from the Waimea Catchment with a draft report submitted to the lead consultants. This data will be vital in considering further environmental and flow analysis in storage options.

Tasman District Council, Fish and Game and the Department of Conservation have collaborated with the environmental consultants in a summer programme gathering more ecological data from the Lee and Upper Wairoa Rivers. Water flow, fish and ecological survey runs have been carried out between January and March 2005. This data is required for the environmental and flow analysis part of the project.

Future milestones for the project include the water availability analysis from the Upper Wairoa Catchment and the next six monthly newsletter, which is due out in June 2005.