

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee

FROM: Development Engineer, Dugald Ley

SUBJECT: **Development – Three-monthly report – April to June 2010 – RESC10-08-11**
Report prepared for meeting of 19 August 2010

1 PURPOSE

This report highlights developments administered by the Engineering Department.

2 SUBDIVISION (Generally larger subdivisions)

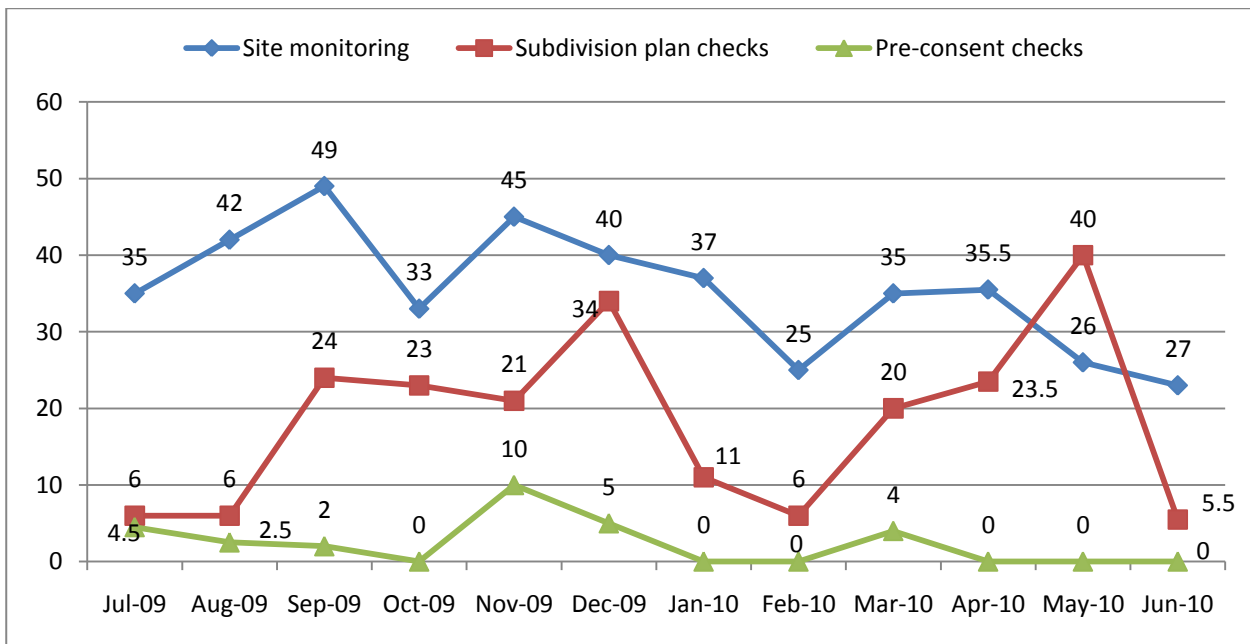
Construction works underway over the past three months include:

- Coastal Highway – Ridgeview Road
- Te Maatu subdivision – Parker Street, Motueka
- VPCL – Lower Queen Street/Headingly Lane
- New Haven – Marahau
- Eight-eight Valley
- Old Coach Road
- Brown Acre – Parker Street, Motueka
- Brightwater Developments – Lord Rutherford Road
- Champion Road/Park Drive

Subdivision development is still slow with some in-fill developments occurring. Bigger subdivisions seem to be on “hold” until confidence returns to the market.

Graph 1 – Hours spent on resource consents by Council’s engineering staff and consultants

The graph below provides an indication of time spent on various subdivision activities within the district. Ongoing monitoring of minor subdivisions continues with the increase in subdivision plan checking time as a result of a development where stormwater and design issues were evident.



4 WORKS WITHIN ROAD RESERVE

The Utility Access Amendment Bill now the “Infrastructure Bill” and “Utilities Access Bill” proposed for implementation later this year require that Council’s have a national code of practice in place. Generally the code will achieve better management where there is multi-use of the transport corridor, eg coordination of road works and infrastructure installation, reduction in damage to assets when work is done and improvement of risk management in terms of road user safety.

Mark Jones (Technical Engineer) will coordinate and administer the requirements of this new legislation. To assist with the administration of this new requirement Council has purchased a new software programme which provides tools to review and coordinate all works in road reserve by all utility operators (most councils in New Zealand have purchased this software).

Council and MWH staff are currently being trained in the use of the software and Council’s GIS platform “Explore Tasman” has been integrated into the database.

It is hoped to have a fuller report on the roll-out of this system once legislation and training has been implemented.

5 RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Development – Three Monthly Report, RESC10-08-11 April to June 2010 be received.

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