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Decisions on non-notified resource consent applications

1. Purpose

To report on decisions made under delegated authority on non-notified resource consent applications.

2. Communication

For full details of the non notified consents granted, please go to the following link: <http://www.gw.govt.nz/Decisions/>.

3. Non-notified resource consents

A total of 137 resource consents were approved between 19 February 2010 and 18 May 2010. This compares with 136 consents that were approved for the same period last year. These are summarised in the table below:

	Coastal permit	Discharge permit	Land use consent	Water permit
CDC		4	8	3
HCC		4	22	2
KCDC	3	2	4	8
MDC		3	5	
PCC		2	6	1
SWDC			7	17
UHCC		1	9	3
WCC	5	2	10	6
Whole region				
Total	8	18	71	40

3.1 Consent trends and significant non-notified resource consents

The consent numbers processed during this time period have increased from the beginning of the compliance year, and are almost exactly the same as the same period last year.

A range of consents have been processed during this time period on a non-notified basis. These include the following:

Huangarua groundwater take consents - A number of consents to take groundwater from the Huangarua groundwater zone (east of Martinborough) were granted. All applications were processed as a group. The groundwater zone is fully allocated, and while it appears as though there is no stress on the groundwater system at present, GW is looking to potentially undertake further state of the environment monitoring to more accurately monitor groundwater resources in this area.

Masterton District Council stream cleaning trial - Masterton's stormwater network relies heavily on natural springs and watercourses to convey peak stormwater flows. In recent times there has been an increase in flooding within the Masterton urban area due to limited stormwater flow capacity. Masterton District Council (MDC) is completing a trial of stream works (mainly cleaning and sediment removal) on the Kuripuni Stream aimed at increasing stormwater efficiency and capacity for this urban catchment. The consent requires pre- and post-works monitoring of the ecology present in the stream bed to determine environmental effects. MDC may consider applying for a consent for multiple catchments in the Masterton urban area, if the trial proves to be successful.

UHD Developments - A suite of consents was issued relating to a large urban subdivision adjacent to Booths Creek at the northern end of Carterton. The consents approve a levee and outlet structures which will prevent certain flood events entering the subdivision area and associated bulk earthworks during the construction period.

Mini hydro generation turbine at the Wainuiomata Water Treatment Plant – On 15 March 2010 Wellington Regional Council, Utilities and Services was granted resource consent to undertake associated works to construct and operate a mini hydro generation turbine at the Wainuiomata Water Treatment Plant (WWTP). The primary purpose of the proposal was to utilise the excess pressure (caused by a difference in elevation between the Orongorongo catchment and the WWTP) in the 5.6 kilometre piped system and pass it through a 300kW turbine to generate renewable electricity. This project is identified in Greater Wellington's Long Term Council Community Plan.

4. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***

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