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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. Background

A total of 56 resource consents were approved between 19 November 2011 and 6 January 2012. This compares with 47 consents that were approved for the same period last year. No certificates of compliance processed over the period. One application was returned to the applicant as incomplete under Section 88.

The consents approved are summarised in the table below:

	Coastal permit	Discharge permit	Land use consent	Water permit
CDC		1		2
HCC	1		3	2
KCDC			4	11
MDC		1	3	2
PCC	5	2	2	1
SWDC		2	3	2
UHCC		1	3	2
WCC	2		1	
Whole region				
Total	8	7	19	22

2.1 Consent trends

The only clear trend common for this time of year, was an increase in water permit applications processed.

2.2 Non-notified consents of interest

La de Da New Years Festival

A couple of interesting consents processed just prior to Christmas 2011 for the New Years Festival held on Daisybank Farm in Martinborough. This music event drew in a fair crowd and the consents required from Greater Wellington was for a groundwater take from an existing bore and a discharge permit from the shower facilities for festival goers and the band members.

The groundwater take was to provide drinking water and water for the showers for the duration of the event – a maximum of 9 days over the New Year period. Given the short duration of the take, it was considered appropriate to grant the consent with the typical conditions including recording the amount of water abstracted by supplying pumping hours.

The greywater from the showers was collected in a pond and then sprayed via 'k -line' irrigation onto a nearby paddock. Any scums collected in the pond were removed by a waste contractor. Conditions were placed on the consent to mitigate the effects including the measurement of the greywater volume via a water meter.

The consent expires in January 2014, so the organisers have some certainty for the events for the next few years.