

MINUTES
VAAL DAM RESERVOIR FORUM

27 February 2014
 DWA Offices, Deneysville
 10:00 – 13:00



No	Item	Action
1.	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. Hariram welcomed everyone to the forum meeting and requested everyone to introduce themselves. 	Chairperson
2.	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the attendees introduced themselves. 	All
3.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ephraim Matseba – Dept of Water Affairs 	All
4.	Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The forum requested F. Mamabolo to give feedback on Kliprivier Wetlands. • F Mamabolo responded that they have done an audit of Memel oxidation ponds. They have submitted the audit report to Free State water sector support. Feedback will be given in the next meeting. • Dept of Water Affairs was tasked to follow up on Grootvlei WWTW pollution which is impacting at Eskom. • Dept of Water Affairs answered that they did speak to Dipaleseng Municipality, they answered that they are not going to give Eskom ownership of Grootvlei WWTW, however they are willing to communicate with Eskom in order to resolve this problem. • Eskom indicated that currently they haven't received any formal communication from Dipaleseng Municipality however they are also willing to liaise with Dipaleseng Municipality in order to resolve this issue. 	R. Roets
5. 5.1 5.2 5.3	Additions to the Agenda EIA for upgrade of the Groenpunt Prison WWTP. Enforcement Protocol Presentation Compliance Monitoring Enforcement	All
6. 6.1	Items for discussions Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment – DWA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dept of Water Affairs said there were unable to sample for the past four (04) months because the contract with the service provider has expired. 	DWA

<p>6.2</p> <p>6.3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently they are waiting for their management to appoint a new service provider in order to resume sampling. <p>Water Quality Report – Rand Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rand Water presented water quality status with reference to the problematic areas. • Most of the variables were complying except for nitrate, alkalinity and COD the past three (03) months. • Standerton sewage works – there was non – compliance of ammonia, alkalinity, phosphate, COD and conductivity the past three (03) months. • The forum wanted to know if there is any improvement at Standerton sewage works. • Rand Water responded that Aurecon have informed them that the plant will be operational in March 2014. • Save (Vaal Dam) indicated that they will follow up on Standerton sewage work non - compliance and give feedback in the next meeting. <p>Solid Waste Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T Pather introduced T Johnson to the forum as a new official who will be responsible for Vaal Dam catchment. • Dept of Environmental Affairs is planning to license all Landfill site in the country before the end of 2014. Feedback will be given in the next meeting. • Eskom have reapplied for dumping site. He will arrange a site visit. Feedback will be given in the next meeting. • The forum requested Dept of Water Affairs to invite Dept of Environmental Affairs to present EIA of the project that is talking place next to Grootvlei WWTW in the next meeting. The forum also requested Dept of Water Affairs to invite Dipaleseng municipality in the next meeting. 	<p>N van der Walt</p> <p>R Hariram</p> <p>Irene Main</p> <p>T Pather</p> <p>T Pather</p> <p>T Pather</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Catchment Activities (Feedback from Stakeholders)</p>	
<p>7.1</p>	<p>PHUMELELA MUNICIPALITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absent without apology. 	
<p>7.2</p>	<p>LEKWA MUNICIPALITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absent without apology 	
<p>7.3</p>	<p>METSIMAHOLO MUNICIPALITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absent without apology 	
<p>7.4</p>	<p>MAFUBE MUNICIPALITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cornelia – the plant is going to be upgraded. • They are going to have a project of bucket eradication for the 	

	<p>whole of Mafube area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Villiers- they are busy upgrading pump station. 	
7.5	<p>EARLY BIRD FARM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are busy building a purification plant; commissioning date will be August 2014. 	
7.6	<p>GROOTVLEI POWER STATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eskom reported that their seepage collection sump next to Ash Dam was under construction since the year 2013, currently it is almost 70% complete. • There was a pollution incident whereby their coupling joints failed. It was reported to Dept of Water Affairs. Areas contaminated by water were immediately rehabilitated. • The forum requested Eskom to give a presentation on how their plant operates. 	
7.7	<p>DIPALESENG MUNICIPALITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative gave an apology 	
7.8	<p>MIDVAAL LOCAL MUNICIPALITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • absent without apology 	
7.9	<p>FEZILE DABI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • absent without apology 	
8	<p>Water Use License</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transnet Section 21 (c and i) – WULA still in process. • Midvaal Municipality – due to incomplete evaluation not registered as a WULA. • Earlybird Farm Standerton – WULA still in process. • Metsimoholo Local Municipality (Oranjeville WWTW) – WULA under evaluation process, wait information from applicant. • Metsimoholo Local Municipality (Deneysville WWTW) – WULA under evaluation process, await information from applicant. • Mafube Local Municipality (Villiers WWTW) - WULA under evaluation process, await information from applicant. • Mafube Local Municipality (Cornelia WWTW) - WULA under evaluation process, await information from applicant. • Sanral upgrade of R23 – WULA still in the process. 	DWA
9	<p>Pollution Incidents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eskom Grootvlei power station – Eskom reported on 13 January 2014 that the East Terrace Dam levels was above license requirement, levels risen due to heavy rains requested to pump water to the Old Bird Park Dam. • Estina Dairy, Vrede – reported cattle carcasses near water resource. Currently they have appointed a consulting engineer and environmental consultant and have removed all carcasses 	All

	<p>from the gully. The carcasses had been incinerated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memel Oxidation Plant – impact of sewage on the wetland. The Department is engaging with water support sector and Dept of water Affairs Free State. 	
10	<p>CMA Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dept of Water Affairs reported that Upper Vaal Water Management area had a meeting at Boksburg whereby Regional Steering Committee was elected on 24 February 2014. There will be another meeting in Bloemfontein whereby business case will be discussed. The business case will be populated for everyone to comment around May 2014. 	DWA
11	<p>Additions to the additions</p> <p>11.1 EIA for up-grade of the Groenpunt Prison WWTP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM Zvinowanda gave a presentation of EIA for the application for an Incinerator at – Groenpunt Prison WWTP. • Objective of the current study is to ensure that environmental considerations are explicitly addressed and incorporated into the development decision making process. • To anticipate and avoid, minimize or offset the adverse significant biophysical, social and other relevant effects of development proposals. • To protect the productivity and capacity of natural systems and the ecological processes which maintain their functions? • To promote development that is sustainable and optimizes resource use and management opportunities. <p>11.2 Enforcement Protocol for organs of State</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dept of Water Affairs gave Enforcement Protocol for organs of state. • The Enforcement Protocol is a business process for resolving non-compliance in the water sector. It is a national, uniform process that facilitates and ensures regulatory predictability and transparency, whilst following co-operative governance principles. • The protocol is applicable to all regulatory interventions undertaken by the Dept of Water Affairs and is triggered by non-compliance. • The aim of this process is to define the steps from notification of an issue of possible non-compliance through to resolving the issue. • The chairman requested that the protocol be enforced as there are many cases and progresses that are reported at the forum. 	

11.3	<p>Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dept of Water Affairs gave presentation of Compliance Monitoring Enforcement. • Compliance monitoring and enforcement ensures that appropriate legal action is taken against all unlawful water users. Functions performed include investigations, legal support to taking evidence, issuance of notices and/or directives and opening criminal cases with SAPS. • Be vigilant and be part of a network of those working to protect our water resources. • Encourage reporting of pollution incidences and/or unlawful water use to gautengcme@dwa.gov.za or 0800 200 200 Provide evidence (photos, GPS coordinates, etc) and you can choose to be anonymous. 	
12	<p>Next Meetings</p> <p>29 May 2014 28 Aug 2014 27 Nov 2014</p>	All
13	<p>Closure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chairperson thanked everyone for participating and the meeting adjourned at 13H00. 	R Hariram