

MINUTES

VAAL DAM RESERVOIR FORUM

27 November 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.	
3.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">Alexia Hlengani - DWSMoshia Legodi- Lekwa LMThobile Johnson – DWSNomosonto Nsibande – Eskom GrootvleiThokozani Metiso – Eskom GrootvleiFreek Schoeman - Goldi	
4.	Minutes of the previous meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Page 2, number 8.2. "The forum members" requested DWS to find out if Noble resource is still discharging at Lekwa WWTW.Page 3, number 8.10. "Dipaleseng official".	
5.	Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">DWS and Rand Water were tasked to find out if there is any improvement at Standerton sewage works and will give feedback in the next meeting. New plant working waiting for final handover; SLA signed for Gert Sibande District Municipality to start sampling in October. DWS had a meeting with Standerton WWTW Municipal Manager Mr Linda Shabalala.Gert Sibande – they are fitting new clarifiers, a contractor has been hired.	DWS/RW
6.	Additions to the Agenda	All
6.1	Business case presentation by DWS Mike Mokgwabone	
6.2	Election of new chairperson for the forum	

<p>7.</p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p>	<p>Items for discussions Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment –</p> <p>DWS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • F Mamabolo mentioned that lab contract is still not in place. The November monitoring will be done by CSIR through in the interim. <p>Water Quality Report – Rand Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rand Water will be put their logo on Water Quality Report. • There are three parameters that are a challenge which are nitrate and COD at most of the sites. • Point VSV, is mostly influenced by agricultural activities, point KB the nitrate was non-compliant for this quarter, whereas in point KW the challenge is only alkalinity. Point KD confluence of Klip, only two parameters which is nitrate and alkalinity. • At point VGB there is high level of abstraction due to the irrigation activities that are happening there. VD, WF, & S-ST_NEW- the challenges are nitrates, COD and E – coli. • The causes of alkalinity are decomposition and farming activities. • Ponds are overflowing at Frankfort WWTW, they are working but there is no chlorination and no proper discharge thus the water flows into the land. • Rand water has decided to revise its water quality sampling network points. They will increase monitoring by doing it twice a month on points VV and WF, whereas KWV will be monitored quarterly during the flowing periods. <p>DWS Solid Waste Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report to be given in the next meeting. 	<p>DWS</p> <p>DWS</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8.1</p> <p>8.2</p> <p>8.3</p>	<p>Catchment Activities (Feedback from Stakeholders)</p> <p>Phumelela Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 11 August 2014 a site inspection was conducted at Vrede WWTW by the Free State Office, after two months they will start commissioning with their ponds. • A Pump Station has been constructed now they are waiting for pumps which will be delivered on 01 January 2015. <p>Lekwa Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standerton WWTW – the new plant is now operating and the water quality has improved. Gert Sibande will take samples as per their SLA. • R Hariram mentioned that the plant has been working and there is no improvement in their water quality. He further said that there is no power going into the plant. <p>Metsimoholo Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orangeville pump station overflowing, there is power cut and 	

8.4	<p>water is overflowing from the ponds. The pump station has been leaking for months into the dam.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DWS should investigate the overflowing and involve WSS and DWS Free State because both these plants (Lekwa and Metsimaholo) are in a very poor condition. <p>Mafube Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absent without apology 	DWS
8.5	<p>Early Bird Farm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apology 	
8.6	<p>Grootvlei Power Station</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLA was given to take lead with the Grootvlei. • They received a report; a meeting with DWS has been requested. The Water Use License does not talk to the operation site. • The forum requested an update on the closing landfill site, since people are just burning things. The landfill site is not well managed. F Mamabolo to follow it up with DEA. 	DWS
8.7	<p>Dipaleseng Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No representative 	
8.8	<p>Midvaal LM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No representative 	
8.9	<p>Fezile Dabe DM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chlorination in both plants is not in place. 	
8.10	<p>Gert Sibande Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DWS Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement was in Gert Sibande for inspection. 	DWS
9	<p>Water Use License</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SANRAL – signed. • Transnet – awaits DDG’s signature. • GP – meeting with Human Settlement. • Vaal Marina – extra information is required for the application to be assessed further. 	
10	<p>Pollution Incidents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irene Main gave a presentation on the pollution caused by Villiers abattoir. Reported on the DWS dismantling the pump, so that the 	

	abattoir does not continue with the activity of irrigating illegally with wastewater.	Nomvula
11	CMA Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation given by Mike Mokgwabone. 	DWS
12	Discussion of Additions to the agenda	
12.1	Business case Presentation	
12.2	Election of chairperson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R Hariram will continue for the year 2015 and another chairperson will have to be elected. 	
13	Next Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 February 2015 • 28 May 2015 • 27 August 2015 • 26 November 2015 	
14	Closure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chairperson thanked everyone for participating and the meeting adjourned at 13H00. 	R Hariram