



# VAAL DAM FORUM MEETING

## VAAL DAM FORUM MINUTES 29 May 2007

### 1. Welcome

- Chairperson Welcome everybody and attendance list circulated

### 2. Attendees

Name	Organisation
▪ James Mofokeng	DWAF
▪ Karen Chetty	Rand Water
▪ Mmino Likhetho	Rand Water
▪ Dragana Ristic	DWAF
▪ Korf Stoltz	EarlyBird Farm
▪ Ben Van Der Walt	Eskom Grootvlei

### Apologies

- Thabie Rakgotho
- Freek Schoeman
- Gideon Vosloo
- Seppi Claassen
- Vusi Hlatswayo

### 3. Approval of previous minutes

- The minutes was approved as a true reflection of the meeting held on the 29 May 2007.

### 4. Additions to the Agenda and approval of Agenda

- Write a letter with the invitations to municipalities that need to give feedback at point number 9

### 5. Matters Arising from previous Minute

- Eskom had a discussion meeting with Thabie concerning the status of their water use license application.
- Alfonso Niemand: Nature of Business Alliance: for Sasol Oil Standerton, Dwaf to follow up if the crude oil treatment plant still in process and to be presented on next forum meeting.  
Action: Dwaf
- Earlybird farm: korf raise the point that they are still busy with water use license application.  
Action: Korf
- Villiers Abattor: this matter was raised during the meeting, is this abattor still dumping blood mixed with waste water into a municipal sewer as well as discharging their effluent into the environment.  
Action: Dwaf

## **6. Presentation**

- James and Mmino gave presentation on Water Quality Status of Vaal Dam catchment.
- It was noted that Standerton s/w and Orangeville s/w do not meet the Water Quality Objectives for the Vaal Dam Catchment.

Action:Dwaf

## **7. Water Quality in the VDR Catchment**

### **7.1 Water Quality in the Vaal dam Catchment – DWAF**

- It was noted that Standerton s/w and Orangeville s/w do not meet the Water Quality Objectives for the Vaal Dam Catchment..

### **7.2 Water Quality in the Vaal dam Catchment – Rand Water**

- Chemical Oxygen Demand, Ammonia, Conductivity, M-Alkalinity are problems from Standerton Sewage Works as well as Orangeville s/w have a very bad final effluent discharging.

## **8. Report back from Municipalities**

- No report from Municipalities due to the absence from the meeting, but James reported that Standerton s/w had a power failure due to electric cable burst.
- Vrede s/w: how far with the construction process of the biological filters.

Action:Dwaf

## **9. Pollution Incident**

- Water spill in Grootvlei Power Station.( ±2000L).
- Milk spillage ( ±10000L) on the environment ,10km to Memel.

## **General**

- Next meetings for 2007.
  - 27 February 2007
  - 29 May 2007
  - 28 August 2007
  - 27 November 2007DWAF will organise venues

## **10. Closure**

- Chairperson thanked everybody for attending the meeting and people that gave the presentation as well as encouraging other members of the forum to do presentation on interesting issues at their work place.