



VAAL DAM FORUM MEETING

16 May 2006

DWAF - VAAL DAM OFFICES

VDR FORUM ATTENDANCE LIST

		<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent With Apologies</i>	<i>Absent Without Apologies</i>
1. Didi Masoabi – Rand Water	DM		X	
2. Karen Chetty – Rand Water	KC		X	
3. Freek Schoemaan – Earlybird Standerton	FS	X		
4. Korf Stoltz – Earlybird Standerton	KS		X	
5. Louis Makhubele – DWAF	LM	X		
6. Thabo Moloji – DWAF	TM	X		
7. Gideon Vosloo – Enviro Agriculture	GV	X		
8. Seppi Claassen – Lekwa Municipality	SC		X	
9. JG van Wyk – Lekwa Municipality	JvW		X	
10. MD Makhatha – Lekwa Municipality Fire Brigade	MM			X
11. Letona Mohlahli – Dept Health Free State	LMo	X		
12. Tefelo J Mofokeng – Dept Health Free State	TJM			X
13. Zola Kutsu – DACE Mpumalanga	ZK	X		
14. Madoda Besani – Phumelela Local Municipality	MB			X
15. Vusi Hlatshwayo – Lekwa Municipality	VH		X	
16. Ashendri Reddy – Lekwa Department Health	AR			X
17. Thembinkosi Mavuso – Dace Mpumalanga	TMa	X		X
18. Seef Rademeyer – DWAF	SR		X	
19. Juanita van der Berg – DWAF	JvdB	X		
20. MB Makhaba – Dept Health Free State	MK			X
21. Z G Magadla – Dept Health free State	ZM			X
22. CN Oliphant – Dept Health free state	CO			X
23. SN Mosikili – Dept Health Free State	NSM	X		X
24. Johan Jacobs - Mafube Municipality	JJ		X	
25. Lumanyano Teta – Dept Health Free State	LT	X		
26. Marubing Ntsatsi – Dept Health Free State	MN	X		

No	Item	Action
1.	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The chairman GV welcomed everyone to the meeting, and a special welcome was made for new attendees from the free state Department Health. 	
2.	<p>Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Chetty (KC) Seppie Classeen (SC) JG van Wyk (JvW) Seef Rademeyer (SR) Korf Stoltz (KS) Didi Masoabi (DM) 	
3.	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No corrections were made to the minutes. 	
4.	<p>Additions to the Agenda The following additions were made to the agenda.</p>	
4.1	<p>Report back from municipalities.</p>	
5.	<p>Matters arising from the Previous Minutes</p>	
5.1	<p>EARLYBIRD FARM</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FS reported that no progress has been made on the licence applications with DWAF. He als reported that there are still problems with their new water treatment unit, not yet commissioned. Water Results from the new water treatment unit will be sent to DWAF, for DWAF to verify standards and requirements. 	<p>FS & LM</p>	
5.2	<p>LIZARD POINT GOLF ESTATE – VAAL DAM</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The irrigation with waste water from the Oranjeville sewerage treatment plant for the golf course is being being considered by the developer. Licence for the Oranjeville works still to be submitted by the municipality. 		
5.3	<p>VREDE – PHUMELELA MUNICIPALITY</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was no representative from the municipality to give a reportback. It was reported that the pumpstations which were a problem in the past have now been closed. LM also reported the new sewerage works is still not fully commissioned, the second biological filter was still under construction. 		
5.4	<p>MAFUBE MUNICIPALITY</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was no representative from Mafube to report back. It was reported that the sewerage ponds overflow at Villiers is still a concern, DWAF will follow up on this issue. 	<p>LM</p>	
5.5	<p>NEWSLETTER</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KC not in meeting to reportback. 	<p>KC</p>	
5.6	<p>N3TC Meeting</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LM reported that the DWAF attended the N3TC meeting and will be participating in future meetings. 		

<p>6. Presentations</p> <p>6.1. WATER RESOURCE PLANNING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Juanita distributed handouts on “ IWQMP for the Vaal River System: Inception Report” and a detailed presentation would be given in the next meeting. She reported that the first newsletter has been published, copies are available from the DWAF website. SR not in meeting to report on the Vaal river studies. <p>6.2 DWAF WATER SUPPLY (WATER CONTROL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TM reported that the licencing process is still taking time. Irrigation in the catchment is being monitored. <p>6.3 DWAF WATER QUALITY DATA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LM presented water quality data of sewerage treatment plants effluent, in the catchment. LM showed that high concentrations of Nitrates, Ammonia, Phosphates and Coliform counts from sewerage discharges are still a concern in the catchment. Mr Andre Cronje of Metsimaholo Municipality responded that power cuts in the small towns are a major contributor to poor sewerage works performance. LM also indicated that Standerton old sewerage works discharge also showed high coliforms. TM mentioned that there are people downstream of the Standerton sewerage works who are using water directly from the Vaal river downstream of the sewerage works. DWAF was asked to followup. <p>6.2.2 RAND WATER – VAAL DAM WATER QUALITY DATA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not in meeting to reportback <p>7. Water Week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was reported that the water week event, that was proposed in the previous meetings, never took place. GV was disappointed that the DWAF is not really driving this process, even though it is their initiative. GV added that in future the forum needs to organise events and not wait for the DWAF. It was also added that the Water week is a very useful tool that the forum should continue to use. It is the forum’s only link to the community. <p>8. Pollution Incidents</p> <p>8.1 VREDE – ANIMAL- SKIN COMPANY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was reported that there is a company that treats hides in Vrede and was not managing their waste-water properly. LM responded that DWAF is aware of this issue and they have done a site visit. He reported that the problem was with a septic tank that overflows due to municipality not emptying the tank on time. A letter was written by DWAF and Department of Health Free State, in which the owner was asked to address the problems. DWAF will follow up. <p>9. Discussion on Agenda additions</p> <p>4.1 REPORTBACK FROM MUNICIPALITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was suggested the item of report back from municipalities should be a standard item on the agenda. It was added that the Health councillors from the municipalities should be invited to the meetings as they would be able to reportback on issues in the town. The District municipality should also be approached, regarding poor attendance by municipal staff. <p>10. Closure :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was adjourned at about 11h30. A date for the next meeting was set for the 17 May 2006. 	<p>LM</p> <p>KC</p> <p>LM</p> <p>LM, ML</p>
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