



MINUTES
VAAL DAM RESERVOIR FORUM
 24 August 2017
 DWS Offices, Deneysville
 10:00 – 13:00

No	Item	Action
1.	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Surprise Lehlake (SL) 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"> • Florah Mamabolo DWS • Phillemon Shibambu DWS • Ephraim Matseba DWS • Nceba Ketelo DWS • Luvuyo Nqelenga DWS • Nicolene V.D Walt Rand Water • Simon Mporeji Rand water 	All
4.	Corrections of the previous minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson bullet number 4 under 6.2 DWS corrected by spacing • Chairperson introduced Mr Mothusi Tholo Superintendent for water dealing with drinking water quality in Midvaal municipality 	All
5.	Matters arising from the previous meeting (24 November 2016). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hariram Reveck (RH)- site visit to Vrede • Betty Nakene (BN)-Spot check on laboratory, Tap water was used and tags were swapped for spot check but it was complying, it is not appearing on the water quality results as it was only for the purpose of spot checking • RH – Advised to use the water from the polluted area not Gauteng water, or use same sample but two different laboratories 	All
6.	Additions to the Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on revenue From DWS • Makombe Tendayi (MT) – suggested that there be a reshuffling 	

	<p>of dates for forum meetings as Vaal Dam suffers poor number of attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RH – responded that Vaal dam lacks attendance as it does not have lots of stakeholders 	
7.	<p>Items for discussions Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment</p> <p>7.1 Water Quality Report – Rand Water RH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RH presented the water quality results for Rand Water from 1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017, reported that looking at the report the water quality is not changing and major problem is the nitrates which are contributed by discharges from municipal Waste Water Treatment Works • RH presentation focused on problematic sites • RH indicated that the Vaal marina site is performing well and the rest of the sampled WWTWs were struggling with flows • RH indicated that Deneysville has not been flowing • Karlien De Villiers (RD) asked a question regarding Orange Ville and Deneysville • RH requested municipalities to send him their license conditions <p>7.2 DWS -Gauteng</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Betty Nakene (BN) presented the water Quality for DWS from April 2017 to June 2017 focusing on Areas where there is non-compliance • BN indicated that Vaal Marina was complying • BN indicated that no sampling is currently taking place at Vrede WWTWs because there is no flow coming into the plant, site inspection was conducted by the Gauteng Provincial office and National office on 10 August 2017, and it was indicated that Vrede WWTWS is still Upgrading its pump stations • BN indicated that Cornelia WWTWs final effluent in May was 90% sludge because their plant is not operational, Nokukhanya said that they are facing a challenges of finance at Mafube Municipality even the workers are protesting but they will have a meeting with COGTA office to try and resolve the issues • BN said that Eskom Grootvlei WWTWs was not sampled because there is no flow but during monitoring Eskom Grootvlei indicated that they received pumps • Pamela Mabece (PM) said that they purchased the Pump, the sewer is going to the receiving sump and they can't put the pumps but they will request a mobile pump to suck the waste so that they can install the pump • Chairperson said that he can give contacts of the people who 	

will assist with the mobile pump to empty the sump

7.3 DWS - Free State

No representative

7.4 DWS - Mpumalanga

- Mr BJ Mashiane (BJM) indicated that there is nothing much to report on.
- BJM submitted the project plan

7.5 DWS - Solid Waste Management

- Thya Panter (TP) will be meeting Eskom in September 2017 for site inspection, he said he met with Midvaal municipality regarding the issues at Vaal Marina Landfill site
- RH asked the Chairperson to organize someone from Vaal marina landfill site to give presentation about their license conditions
- TP said that he received the new departmental cellphone and provided his contact details

7.6 CME

- Anza Mabayi (AM) said she received complain regarding Villers ponds overflowing in July, there was negotiations between municipality and DWS on the challenges they are facing and it was resolved that a Notice will be issued to Mafube municipality
- AM said that follow up inspection was conducted at the Villers WWTWs regarding their new discharge point which was not mentioned to the department and which was a diversion from pump station to the river and a notice was issued
- AM mentioned that there was a complaint from Refengkgotso, A manhole overflow on Sasol road but by the time of the investigation the new pumps were installed and there was no flow but the concern was the trenches which was dug and they must give the department the action plan on how are they going to rehabilitate the area
- WUL Audit was conducted in June
- AM said that second week of September there will be joint inspection at Standerton WWTW
- RH asked where is the new Discharge point of Villers, Because rand water takes a sample where they discharge into the river next to their abstraction point

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM said that DWS is investigating Vrede abattoir , the situation of Vrede abattoir is that the pipe that they were using to discharge their waste into the Vrede WWTWs was disconnected by the municipality and now their waste is flowing into the river • RH indicated that Vrede abattoir said they have a letter from municipality that allows them to discharge waste water to the municipality WWTWs • Mr Mothusi Tholo (MT) said that the municipality is making revenue from the abattoir • AM said that she will send an e-mail to the stakeholders regarding joint site inspection at the Vrede abattoir • AM indicated that she has new cellphone numbers 	
8	<p>Catchment Activities (Feedback from Stakeholders)</p> <p>8.1 Phumelela Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zuzimuzi Tshabalala (ZT) said that the Vrede plant is still under refurbishment and nothing goes to the plant • At the plant the dosing pump was installed the due date was supposed to be end of August 2017 now it is extended to 06 October 2017 <p>8.2 Lekwa Municipality</p> <p>No representative</p> <p>8.3 Metsimaholo Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nthabiseng Mofokeng (NF) said that they had challenges with two pump stations where they are experiencing overflow but now the pump stations were repaired. The problem impacted on their water quality and the bio filters were not operating properly as the receiving water levels was low • NF said the with regard to the trenches which were dug along the pump station, they are in the process of rehabilitating the area • NF said they were also facing the challenges at Orangeville WWTWs, the bio filters were not operating, there was a contractor who was assisting at the plant, the contact ended but new service provider was appointed for assisting with mechanical and electrical problems. • NF said all this challenges led to poor water quality results • The project of Upgrading Refengkgotso WWTWs has started for the capacity of 6ML, the current capacity is 2ML it will be addition of 4ML • AM asked if they are still diverting to the Quarry 	

8.4 Mafube Municipality

No representative

8.5 VQA

No representative

8.6 Goldi

No representative

8.7 Eskom Grootvlei Power Station

- PM said that they have a pump station and sludge problem, previous forum assistance was requested from DWS. PM asked what plans did DWS come up with to assist
- Chairperson suggested that PM take the contact details of Florah Mamabolo to check the status of the supply of mobile pump contact details

88 Dipaleseng Municipality

- No representative.

8.9 Midvaal LM

- Chairperson said that new service provider was appointed, it was operated by TECHRO but contract expired in June.
- Chairperson indicated that WSSA took over
- Chairperson said that he does not have information yet on Mameloo

8.10 Fezile Dabi DM

No representative.

8.11 Gert Sibande DM

No representative

8.12 SAVE the Vaal

No representative

9	<p>Water Use License Status</p> <p>BN- Eskom Grootvlei Power Station amendment ready for WUAAAC presentation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BN presented the activities that has a Water Use Authorization • Chairperson asked if it is possible for DWS to assist with ARBIC funds for assisting in applying for Water use Authorisation • BJM suggested that DWS must write letters to municipalities telling them to apply for water use Authorisation and with time frames, then they must respond their challenges in writing 	
10	<p>Pollution Incidents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BN reported the Villiers Ponds Overflow 	All
11	<p>CMA Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No reporting 	FM
12	<p>Discussion of Additions to the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel Koshane (RK) presented on revenue • Chairperson asked why Midvaal is billed twice • RK says it is because there are different abstraction points • AM said that there are challenges with revenue lots of farmers says that they don't receive invoices and others still being billed for the farms that they sold, how do they update on our system • RK says they have a challenges of farmers who sell properties without checking with the department for update • AM says that there is a gazette calling that all farmers must install meters 	
13.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Date of next meeting 23 November 2017</p>	All
14	<p>Closure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson thanked everyone for participating and the meeting was adjourned at 13H00. 	Chairperson