



**MINUTES**  
**VAAL DAM RESERVOIR FORUM**  
 26 February 2015  
 DWA Offices, Deneysville  
 10:00 – 13:00

No	Item	Action
1.	<b>Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R. Hariram welcomed everyone to the forum meeting and requested everyone to introduce themselves.</li> </ul>	Chairperson
2.	<b>Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All the attendees introduced themselves.</li> </ul>	All
3.	<b>Apologies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pieter Vermaak – DWS</li> <li>• Rantsetsa Ntshanana – Dipaleseng LM</li> <li>• Roelien Keet – Aqualytic</li> <li>• Pamela Mabece – Eskom – Grootvlei Power Station.</li> <li>• Piet Kruger – Eskom – Grootvlei Power Station.</li> <li>• Simba Kuona – Lekwa LM</li> <li>• Linda Shabalala – Lekwa LM</li> <li>• Musikwa Gakgashe – Midvaal L Council.</li> <li>• B.J. Matshiane – DWS</li> <li>• Alexia Hlengani – DWS</li> <li>• Nokukhanya- Mafube LM</li> <li>• Maria- Metsimaholo LM</li> <li>• Thobile Johnson- DWS</li> </ul>	All
4.	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting. Corrections. (27 November 2015).</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pg2. 8.1. On 11 August 2014 a site inspection was conducted at Memel WWTW by the Free State Office, after two months they will start commissioning their ponds.</li> <li>• P3. 7.5. Name of the organization changed from Early Bird Farm to Goldi.</li> </ul>	
5.	<b>Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addressed per agenda.</li> </ul>	
6. 6.1	<b>Additions to the Agenda</b> There were no additions.	All

<p>7.</p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p>	<p><b>Items for discussions</b></p> <p><b>Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment – DWS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• F Mamabolo presented water quality status with reference to the problematic areas.</li> <li>• Vaal River @ Villiers – there was non – compliance of nitrate and E – Coli the past two months.</li> <li>• Vaal River downstream of Standerton WWTW – there was non – compliance of nitrate the past two months.</li> <li>• Spruitsonderdrift D/S of Vrede – there was non – compliance of COD, conductivity and pH the past two months.</li> <li>• Standerton up stream of the sewage works – there was non – compliance of COD and faecal coliforms the past two months.</li> <li>• Most of sewage works are not complying except for pH.</li> <li>• DWS indicated that Deneysville sewage works – is going to be upgraded.</li> <li>• Grootvlei Mine Sewage Works – currently they are building a new plant.</li> </ul> <p><b>Water Quality Report – Rand Water</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rand Water presented water quality status with reference to the problematic areas.</li> <li>• Most of the variables were complying except for alkalinity, nitrate and COD.</li> <li>• Standerton Sewage Works – there was non – compliance of ammonia, COD and E – Coli the past three months.</li> </ul> <p><b>Solid Waste Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• F Mamabolo reported that Dept of Environmental Affairs and Municipalities are busy identifying the landfill sites that needs to be rehabilitated or decommissioned within the catchment.</li> <li>• Metsimaholo landfill site – they are currently looking at finding a suitable site for new landfill site.</li> </ul>	
<p>7.4</p>	<p><b>Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absent without apology.</li> </ul>	
<p>8</p> <p>8.1</p>	<p><b>Catchment Activities (Feedback from Stakeholders)</b></p> <p><b>Phumelela Municipality</b></p> <p><i>Vrede:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarifier not functional, they are busy addressing this matter.</li> <li>• Municipality is planning to purchase standby pump.</li> </ul> <p><i>Memel :</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback will be given in the next meeting regarding the status of the new oxidation ponds (if is commissioned or not).</li> </ul>	

8.2	<p><b>Lekwa Municipality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Municipality is busy unblocking the sewer; the sewer was not designed according the standard. Municipality is busy sourcing funds in order to address this matter.</li> <li>• There is a plan to expand the plant to 28 MI/day.</li> <li>• Municipality will report in the next meeting if there is budget for the refurbishment of the pump station.</li> <li>• Noble Oil Resources have the pre-treatment plant.</li> </ul>	Phumelela LM
8.3	<p><b>Metsimaholo Municipality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absent with apology.</li> </ul>	
8.4	<p><b>Mafube Municipality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absent with apology</li> </ul>	
8.5	<p><b>Early Bird Farm / Goldi</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name changed from Early Bird Farm to Goldi.</li> </ul>	
8.6	<p><b>Grootvlei Power Station</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting has been arranged with Dipaleseng LM on 27 February 2015 to discuss issues that is affecting Grootvlei Eskom WWTW.</li> <li>• Feedback will be given in the next meeting.</li> <li>• There is no progress with the unmanaged landfill site next to Grootvlei Power Station.</li> </ul>	
8.7	<p><b>Dipaleseng Municipality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absent with apology</li> </ul>	
8.8	<p><b>Midvaal LM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representative thanked I Main for assisting the municipality with the awareness and reporting of pollution incidents around the Vaal Dam.</li> <li>• The municipality is still struggling to get full time contractor for Vaal Marina WWTW maintenance. The municipality is planning to address this matter on the next financial year.</li> <li>• Municipality requested Rand Water to forward them water quality report format in order for them to give water quality report presentation in the next meeting.</li> <li>• Emergency Dam – refurbishment is not yet completed due to financial challenges. This matter will be addressed in the next financial year.</li> <li>• Blowers have been purchased in order to keep the system running.</li> </ul>	
8.9	<p><b>Fezile Dabi DM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water quality has improved the past three months.</li> </ul>	

9	<b>Water Use License</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SANRAL WUL – has been issued.</li> <li>• Transnet WULA – awaiting DDG signature.</li> <li>• Early Bird Farm – to be presented at WUAAAC.</li> <li>• Memel development – DWS still waiting for the applicant to submit new application.</li> <li>• Metsimaholo LM: Deneysville and Orangeville WULA – awaiting DDG signature.</li> <li>• Vaal Marina Fire Station – still in process.</li> <li>• Rand Water General Authorization – issued.</li> </ul>	DWS
10	<b>Pollution Incidents</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a pollution incident at Standerton Pump Station.</li> <li>• DWS has written non – compliance letter. Lekwa Municipality responded that all pump stations that are not working will be repaired and security fence will be considered.</li> </ul>	All
11	<b>CMA Process</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business case for the Vaal CMA has been gazetted. Public have been given 60 days to comment.</li> </ul>	DWS
12	<b>Discussion of Additions to the agenda</b>	
12.1	<b>There were no additions</b>	
13	<b>Next Meetings</b> 28 May 27 August 26 November	All
14	<b>Closure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The chairperson thanked everyone for participating and the meeting adjourned at 13H00.</li> </ul>	R Hariram