



VAAL DAM FORUM MEETING

Date: 26 May 2011

Time: 10:00

Venue: Deneysville DWA Offices

Minutes of the Vaal Dam Catchment Forum Meeting held on 26 May 2011 at Deneysville: DWA Offices.

ATTENDEES:

Name	Organisation
N Teba	Fezile Dabi District Municipality
L Molaba	Fezile Dabi District Municipality(Mafube)
Irene and Bruce Main	Vaal Dam
Ben Van Der Walt	Eskom
S Mporetji	Rand Water
N Khumalo	Fezile Dabi District Municipality(Mafube)
L Matlala	DWA: HO (RPW : Industries)
J Malungani	DWA : (RPW) HO
ME Matseba	DWA - Gauteng
R Hariram	
T Khoza	DWA - Gauteng
T Pather	DWA

	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW UP
1.	<p>Welcome and introduction of attendees and apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> R Hariram welcomed everyone to the forum meeting and requested everyone to introduce themselves. <p>Apologies</p> <p>William Pinaar</p> <p>Mr Cindi</p> <p>Benvel Voel</p>	

	Thya Pather	
2.	Approval of Previous Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the previous meeting with corrections made. 	
3.	Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Florah will write letters to the Meyers and MM to make them aware of the forum. 	
4.	Additions to the agenda and approval of the agenda The following additions were made to the agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.3 DWA Project 	
5.	Water Quality in the Vaal Dam Catchment DWA Due to technical problem report will be ready next meeting. Rand Water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> S Mporetjie presented the water quality report for the quarter starting 1 January 2011 to March 2011. Nitrates and phosphates are the driving factors for algal blooms, also called eutrophication. Currently the phosphates levels in the Dam cannot trigger eutrophication. Conductivity always acceptable. Responding to a question posed by Fezile Dabi DM, Mr Hariram said that the green substance visible at the Oranjeville Bridge was algae, and is caused by multiple factors including farming and poor effluents from WWTW. Most probably, the algae was driven by the wind towards the bridge. As the temperatures drop, so the algae levels will drop because temperature is an important parameter affecting their optimum growth. 	

6.	<p>Report Back from stakeholders in the Vaal Dam catchment</p> <p>Phumelela</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absent without apology <p>Lekwa Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absent without apology <p>Metsimoholo Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absent without apology <p>Mafube Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absent without apology <p>Early Bird Farm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absent without apology <p>Pixleykaseme local</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absent without apology <p>Grootvlei Power Station</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Ben said on the 15 April 2011 they had a major storm which was contained with their water storm system. • Also said on the 24 April 2011 had another storm near Marne pump station and rand water was contacted. • The was some salt in the salt cups currently busy removing the salt. <p style="text-align: center;">3</p>	
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7.	Catchment Management Agency (CMA) update	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Matseba said Vaal Dam river system will be managed as one, which means lower, middle and upper. However water management areas will remain the same. • Mr Matseba also said National water resource strategy will be out in two months time for public comment; it will be placed within water management institutions. 	
8.	<p>General</p> <p>8.1 Water Use licence applications status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M Manaka gave a status of the WULA's in the catchment, she indicated that Vrede and Memel GA has been issued and water licence is closed for know. • Villiers, Cornrlia and Standerton still have not submitted any applications. • The Metsimaholo application is with the Letsema team for evaluation. 	
8.2	<p>Pollution Incident</p> <p>Addressed during the meeting.</p>	
8.3	<p>DWA Project</p> <p>Mr Matseba said currently they are busy with two (2) projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To make sure that in terms of meetings everybody will be having the good data base of the CMA. • CMA Frame work that means they will be Donor funding for upper Vaal. 	
9.	<p>Closure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. Hariram thanked everyone for attending and participating, he then closed the meeting. 	