



VAAL DAM FORUM MEETING

Minutes of the Vaal Dam Catchment Forum Meeting held on 27 May 2010 at Deneysville

PRESENT:

- J Dunn
- I Main
- B van der Walt
- B Main
- V Hlatswayo
- D Ristic
- MM Manaka
- S Mporetji
- CM Bokwe
- D Tinghisi
- M Glamini
- N Radebe
- W Leotlela
- NPCindi
- K Chetty

	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW UP
1.	<p>Welcome and introduction of attendees and apologies K Chetty welcomed everyone to the forum meeting and requested everyone to introduce themselves.</p> <p>Apologies E. Matseba F. Mamabolo</p>	
2.	<p>Approval of Previous Meeting There were no changes made and minutes were accepted as a true reflection of what was discussed during the previous meeting</p>	
3. 3.1	<p>Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting DWA to investigate on the existence of Water Quality Guidelines for the handling, storage and or disposal of wastewater generated at the livestock farm.</p>	DWA RO
4. 4.1	<p>Additions to the Agenda and Approval of the Agenda. What technical team can do?</p>	
5.	<p>Water Quality in the Vaal Dam Catchment</p> <p>DWAF M.M Manaka gave presentation on the water quality status of the Vaal Dam catchment. The Department is not sampling for now because of the unforeseen circumstances. The results that were presented were for February and March 2010. M.M Manaka mentioned that the Department is busy resolving the issue</p>	

	<p>of not sampling and hopefully sampling will resume again soon. MM Manaka mentioned that Standerton WWTW is still not complying with most of the variables. K Chetty mentioned that Lekwa Municipality submitted to her their program of the upgrading of the Standerton WWTW. MM Manaka to do a follow-up of the time frames for this project.</p> <p>Rand Water K Chetty gave a presentation for the Vaal Dam water quality status. She also mentioned that Mmino Likhetha is no longer working with her and has moved to the Sanitation Division at Rand Water. Rand Water will no longer be analysing for <i>faecal coliforms</i> and has changed to the <i>E. coli</i> method for reporting on microbiological water quality. D Rustic mentioned that at the Vaal Barrage CEC meeting yesterday in Vaal Barrage, it was agreed that two colours (Red and Blue) are to be used for colour-coding <i>E.coli</i> compliance in future.</p>	DWA RO
6.	<p>Report Back from Stakeholders in the Vaal Dam catchment</p> <p>Phumelela Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NP Cindi reported that there was an improvement at Vrede WWTW. • Reported issue of safety at pumpstations and cables being stolen. • New operators to be hired and trained. • Municipality not attending forums. <p>Lekwa Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter was sent to DWA for the approval of the WWTW plant upgrade. • The collapsed walls are still a problem because they don't have funds to rehabilitate and District Municipality is supposed to help them. • MM Manaka to make follow up with Mr Claassen for the time frames for the project. • Lekwa is under administration. • The plant is not working because it is overloaded. • It was reported that DWA and Department of Housing are working together for additional new developments. • The question came is the flush toilets better than the VIP toilets? From VIP to flush can we look for sustainability? • Developments are done without any concern of the capacity of the sewer plant • No cholera in Standerton, there was diarrhoea but there was no source identified. <p>Metsimaholo Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported that the Orangeville plant is overloaded. • Reported that they are not chlorinating. • In Deneysville there was a spillage due their electricity supply being cut-off due to non-payment of services. 	DWA RO

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spillage that occurs during the weekends is because they don't have spares during the weekends. • No spillage was reported to DWA. • There is a problem of communication in terms of reporting the spillages. • Can DWA hotline be called? • There is a problem with the drinking water in Deneysville. <p>Mafube Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported that they are having a problem with the overloaded plant and the increase of the unborn babies/foetuses blocking the manholes. In a month three unborn babies were found in the manhole. • Reported that they are straggling with the WULA but now they have appointed a consultant to do the whole processes. • There is a new plant that is in process of being built for drinking water. <p>Seme 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>Grootvlei Power Station.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported that they have received a go ahead of pumping the water back into the Vaal Dam. • There was a spillage of oil but it was contained and being reused in the plant. • Reported that there was a meeting with Dipaleseng Municipality discussing the progress of applying for the WUL and the way forward for helping them with improving the effluent to comply. • There are no operators on site during the night. 	<p>DWA to do a follow up on the new plant.</p>
7.	<p>Catchment Management Agency (CMA) update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VBCE is active • D. Ristic to help with the list of the members of the VDCEC in order to have a meeting for the way forward. 	
8.	<p>General</p> <p>8.1 Water Use License Applications Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MM Manaka reported that Grootvlei Power Station license was issued • There is an improvement in the Municipality for the submission of the WUL. <p>8.2 Pollution Incidents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No feedback 	

8.3	Suggestion Inviting the green drop group to come and give us presentation.	
8.4	Closure K Chetty thanked everyone for attending and participating. Next meeting: 26 August 2010, DWAF Offices, Deneysville, 10:00am	