



VAAL DAM FORUM MEETING

VAAL DAM FORUM MINUTES

27 November 2007

1. Welcome

- Chairperson welcomed everybody and attendance register circulated

2. Attendees

Name	Organisation
▪ Takalani Thimisha	DWAF
▪ Karen Chetty	Rand Water
▪ M.J. Likhetho	Rand Water
▪ A. Cronje	Metsimaholo Municipality
▪ Gideon Vosloo	Agri Envirolab
▪ D.M. Lubbe	Metsimaholo Municipality
▪ D. Ristic	DWAF National Water Resources Planning (NWRP)
▪ A. Galchde	Phumelela Municipality
▪ N.P. Cindi	Phumelela Municipality
▪ V.J. Hlatswayo	Lekwa Municipality

Apologies

- Thabie Rakgotho DWAF
- Johan Van Wyk Mafube Municipality
- Seppi Claassen Lekwa Municipality

3. Approval of previous minutes

- The minutes were approved

4. Additions to the Agenda and approval of Agenda

- The minutes needed to be corrected by James Mofokeng.

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Karen Chetty indicated that she has not heard anything from Sasol

6. Water Quality in the Vaal Dam Reservoir Catchment

Rand Water

Mmino Likhetho gave presentation on the water quality status and he indicated that most of the Sewage Works in the Vaal Dam Catchment do not have water

use licences and that is why the we are still using the in-stream water quality guidelines.

7. Report Back by Municipality

Phumelela Municipality

The Municipality is facing a problem whereby if there is no electricity, Eskom takes time to react. It can sometimes take 12 hours without electricity.

There are incomplete systems in the township

The pipes are blocked

Submissive pumps are too small to accommodate the pressure

Oxidation ponds are not functioning properly.

Mr. Cindi said that it is a priority to do something about the sewage works in Phumelela Municipality.

Lekwa Municipality

The Municipality has appointed contractors to assist in the upgrading of the Sewage plants and the application will be submitted to the Department of Water Affairs as soon as possible.

Metsimaholo Municipality

The municipality is busy with the upgrading of the Oranjeville sewage works. Quotations to upgrading the plant have been made.

There is a problem of vandalising of the sewage works equipment

No further negotiation on upgrading the plant were done

Karen Chetty indicated that she hasn't heard anything in terms of the progress on upgrading Oranjeville Sewage Works (w.r.t the Lizard Point development) and this is a concern especially because the development is very close to the Vaal Dam.

8. Pollution Incidents

Mmino Likhetho indicated that here was an incident reported about bad smell and colour of water in Cornelia.

Mmino Likhetho and Takalani Thimisha conducted site visit and took water samples, the point of incident is about 20KM away from Cornelia Sewage Works.

9. Closure

- Gideon Vosloo indicated that the stakeholders of the Vaal Dam Reservoir Catchment should send delegates if they cannot make it to the meeting and that the stakeholders can communicate with the authorities if there are facing some problems.
- Gideon Vosloo also wished Karen Chetty good luck for the year 2008 as a chairperson of the Forum.
- Chairperson thanked everybody for attending the meeting.

General

- Next meetings for 2008.

28 February 2008

29 May 2008

28 August 2008

20 November 2007