



VAAL DAM FORUM MEETING

Minutes of the Vaal Dam Catchment Forum Meeting held on 27/11/2008

Attendance Register

| Name | Company | Contact Details |
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| T. Thimisha | DWAF | 012 392 1413 |
| M. Manaka | DWAF | 012 392 1354 |
| P. Cindi | Phumelela Municipality | 076 884 7324 |
| D. Lubbe | Metsimaholo Municipality | 016 371 1150 |
| C.Shomolekae | DWAF | 012 336 7546 |
| B.Van der Walt | Eskom | 017 779 8964 |
| W.Pienaar | Eskom | 017 779 8592 |
| M. Likhetha | Rand Water | 011 682 0662 |
| K.Nel | Mafube Municipality | 058 813 1051 |
| F. Schoeman | Earlybird Farm | 017 720 0117 |
| H.J.Kriel | Earlybird Farm | 017 712 9153 |
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| | DISCUSSION | ACTION/FOLLOW UP |
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| 1. | <p>Welcome and introduction of attendees and apologies</p> <p>P. Cindi welcomed the attendees to the meeting and indicated that he is the chairperson because Karen Chetty was on leave.</p> <p>Apologies</p> <p>Tebogo Mogakabe Karen Chetty Louis Makhubele</p> | |
| 2. | <p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>Changes were made to the minutes of the previous meeting and minutes were accepted as true reflection of what was discussed during the previous meeting.</p> | M. Manaka: DWAF |
| 3. | <p>Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting</p> | |
| 3.1 | <p>There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.</p> | |

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| | | T. Thimisha |
| 4. | Additions to the Agenda and Approval of the Agenda. | |
| 4.1. | Reporting of water quality status | |
| 5. | <p>Water Quality in the Vaal Dam Catchment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DWAF <p>T. Thimisha gave presentation on the water quality status of the Vaal dam Catchment (VDC). T. Thimisha indicated that the sewage works in the catchment are not complying with the Water Quality Guidelines. She indicated that the Municipality should report any pollution incident to DWAF as soon as possible. T. Thimisha also indicated that the Department is busy evaluating the Deneysville WWTW Water Use License Application (WULA) and that the Municipality will receive feed back at the next forum meeting. T. Thimisha further requested the Municipalities that have not applied for WUL to submit applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rand Water <p>M. Likhetha gave a presentation for the Vaal Dam water quality status</p> <p>M. Likhetha indicated that the water quality in Vaal Dam Catchment is ideal and further indicated that Rand Water will continue using the In stream Water Quality Objectives until the water users are authorized.</p> | <p>T. Thimisha: DWAF</p> <p>M. Likhetha: Rand Water</p> |
| 6. | <p>Report back from Stakeholders in the Vaal Dam catchment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phumelela Municipality <p>P. Cindi indicated reported that the Municipality is experiencing a problem of vandalism and further indicated that they are losing trained operators to other companies/ municipalities. They have to start again to train the operators that they currently have.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lekwa Municipality <p>Absent with apology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metsimaholo Municipality | |

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| | <p>D. Lubbe reported that the Municipality has replaced the pump at Oranjeville and further indicated that they may experience pollution problems due to operators going on strike for salaries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mafube Municipality <p>K. Nel indicated that the Municipality is upgrading the pump station and expected to be completed in March 2009. The Municipality is experiencing population growth and as a result giving pressure to the waste water treatment plants that were designed long time ago. There is a problem of vandalism and it takes time to replace or repair the cable and pump that were stolen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seme Municipality <p>Absent without apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Bird Farm <p>F. Schoeman indicated that there was nothing to report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grootvlei Power Station <p>Ben van der Walt reported on the spillages they had.</p> | |
| 7. | <p>Catchment Management Agency (CMA) update</p> <p>P Cindi indicated that people have not heard anything since the VDCEC meeting that was held on the 18th of June 2008. He further indicated that DWAF should report on the progress of the VDCEC in order to inform the forum members of what is happening.</p> <p>Vaal River Study</p> <p>D. Ristic was not present.</p> | <p>DWAF</p> <p>D. Ristic: DWAF</p> |
| 8. | <p>General</p> | All |
| 8.1 | <p>Water use License Applications Status</p> <p>T. Thimisha indicated that the Department has received an application from Metsimaholo Local Municipality (Deneysville Waste Water</p> | DWAF to provide feedback on status |

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| <p>8.2</p> | <p>Treatment Works).</p> <p>The Department is still busy with the finalization of Grootvlei Power Station Water Use License.</p> <p>T. Thimisha further indicated that most of the Municipality have not applied for a water use license and requested the Municipalities that were present at the forum to apply. Meetings will be arranged with the water users to discuss the water use license applications.</p> <p>F. Schoeman indicated that Early Bird Farm has not heard anything regarding the status of the water use license application since it was submitted to the Department and requested the officials from the Department to follow up.</p> <p>Pollution Incidents</p> <p>Ben van der Walt reported that the Power Station experienced ash spillage and Sulphuric acid spill and all the incidents were reported to the Department.</p> | <p>of water use license applications</p> <p>DWAF</p> <p>DWAF</p> |
| <p>9.</p> | <p>Closure</p> <p>P. Cindi thanked all for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 12:00.</p> <p>Next meeting: 28/05/2009, DWAF Offices, Deneysville, 10:00am</p> | |
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