



VAAL DAM FORUM MEETING

VAAL DAM FORUM MINUTES 28 August 2007

1. Welcome

- Chairperson Welcome everybody and attendance list circulated.

2. Attendees

Name	Organisation
▪ James Mofokeng	DWAF
▪ Karen Chetty	Rand Water
▪ Mmino Likhetha	Rand Water
▪ Korf Stoltz	EarlyBird Farm
▪ Seppie Claassen	Lekwa TLC
▪ JG van Wyk	Lekwa LM Health

Apologies

- Thabie Rakgotho
- Vusi Hlatshwayo
- Ristic Dragana
- Seef Redemayer
- Ben Van Der Walt

3. Approval & Corrections of previous minutes

- The minutes was approved as a true reflection of the meeting held on the 28 August 2007.
- The Orangeville s/w-final effluent discharging point was changed to be a downstream point at Orangeville due to Rand Water does not take sample in the sewage plant.

4. Additions to the Agenda and approval of Agenda

- Write a letter with the invitations to municipalities that need to give feedback at point number 7

5. Matters Arising from previous Minutes

- Eskom: no feedback -absent with apology.
- Earlybird farm: korf indicated that the water use license for earlybird farm was approved by dwaf and they are now working on building a new Water Purification Plant.
- Villiers Abattoir: James did site inspection and find that the abattoir discharge effluent into the piece of environment, this matter still proceeds.

Action: Dwaf

6. Water Quality in the VDR Catchment

6.1 Water Quality in the Vaal dam Catchment – DWAF

- James discussed Water Quality Status of Vaal Dam catchment, some improvement were noted from Vukizakhe s/w, upstream and downstream of Vaal dam @ standerton. The handouts were given to check for water quality status and non-complying in the Vaal Dam catchment.

6.2 Water Quality in the Vaal dam Catchment – Rand Water

- Water quality status of the Vaal Dam Catchment was discussed with reference to the main problematic areas and sewage works. Please refer to the handouts given.

7. Report back from Municipalities

- Phumelela Municipality- No feedback – absent without apology
- Lekwa Municipality-Seppie Claassen reported that funds are now available to refurbish the sewage, for the past four-month is was reported that the sludge digesters as well as the sludge pipes there were not working properly. Status report on capital projects was circulated during the forum meeting.
- Metsimaholo Municipality- No feedback – absent without apology
- Mafube Municipality- No feedback – absent without apology
- Seme Municipality- No feedback – absent without apology

8. Pollution Incident

- Vaal Marina-a fish kill was reported but it was only small fish died due to the environmental changes.

General

- Next meeting for 2007.
 - 27 November 2007

9. Closure

- Chairperson thanked everybody for attending the meeting and people that gave the presentation as well as encouraging other members of the forum to do presentation on interesting issues at their work place.