

**Minutes of the Vaal Dam Catchment Forum Meeting held on 29/08/2008**

**Attendance Register**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>
T. Thimisha	DWAF	012 392 1413
D. Ristic	DWAF	012 336 8302
P. Cindi	Phumelela Municipality	076 884 7324
D. Lubbe	Metsimaholo Municipality	016 371 1150
G. Vosloo	Agri Lab	017 624 1403
V. Hlatswayo	Lekwa Municipality	079 894 8542
Tebogo Makagabe	MDALA	082 909 6730
M. Likhetho	Rand Water	011 682 0662
C. Mchabeleng	DWAF	

	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION/FOLLOW UP</b>
1.	<p><b>Welcome and introduction of attendees and apologies</b></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><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>Tebogo Mogakabe Karen Chetty Louis Makhubele</p>	
2.	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b></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><b>Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>3.1 There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.</p>	T. Thimisha
4.	<p><b>Additions to the Agenda and Approval of the Agenda.</b></p> <p>4.1. Reporting of water quality status</p>	
5.	<p><b>Water Quality in the Vaal Dam Catchment</b></p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DWAF</b></li> </ul> <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"> <li>• <b>Rand Water</b></li> </ul> <p>M. Likhetho gave a presentation for the Vaal Dam water quality status</p> <p>M. Likhetho indicated that the water quality in Vaal Dam Catchment is ideal and further indicated that Rand Water will continue using the Instream Water Quality Objectives until the water users are authorized.</p>	<p>T. Thimisha: DWAF</p> <p>M. Likhetho: Rand Water</p>
6.	<p><b>Report back from Stakeholders in the Vaal Dam catchment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Phumelela Municipality</b></li> </ul> <p>P. Cindicated 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"> <li>• <b>Lekwa Municipality</b></li> </ul> <p>Absent with apology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Metsimaholo Municipality</b></li> </ul> <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"> <li>• <b>Mafube Municipality</b></li> </ul> <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"> <li>• <b>Seme Municipality</b></li> </ul>	

	<p>Absent without apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Early Bird Farm</b></li> </ul> <p>F. Schoeman indicated that there was nothing to report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Grootvlei Power Station</b></li> </ul> <p>B. van der Walt sent his apology for not attending.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Catchment Management Agency (CMA) update</b></p> <p>P Cindi indicated that people have not heard anything since the VDECE meeting that was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June 2008. He further indicated that an official letter should be submitted to those people that were elected on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June 2008.</p> <p><b>Vaal River Study</b></p> <p>D. Ristic indicated that the last public meeting will be held at Vanderbyl Park.</p>	<p>DWAF</p> <p>D. Ristic: DWAF</p>
8.	<p><b>General</b></p> <p><b>8.1 Water use License Applications Status</b></p> <p>T. Thimisha indicated that the Department has received an application from Metsimaholo Local Municipality (Deneysville Waste Water Treatment Works).</p> <p>The Department is still busy with the finalization of Grootvlei Power Station Water Use License.</p> <p><b>8.2 Pollution Incidents</b></p> <p>T. Thimisha indicated that Ben van der Walt reported there was an effluent spill that took place on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2008. It was reported to DWAF and came out as a legal contravention against the Power Station by the Environmental Liaison Committee.</p> <p>G. Vosloo indicated that the Municipalities are not attending the Forum meetings and something should be done to improve the attendance.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>DWAF to provide feedback on status of water use license applications</p> <p>T. Thimisha: DWAF</p>
9.	<p><b>Closure</b></p> <p>P. Cindi thanked all for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 12:00.</p> <p><b>Next meeting:</b> 27/11/2008, DWAF Offices, Deneysville, 10:00am</p>	

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