

Minutes of the Vaal Dam Catchment Forum meeting held on 28/02/2008

Attendance Register

Name	Company	Contact Details
T. Thimisha	DWAF	012 392 1413
N.P. Cindi	Phumelela Municipality	058 913 8300
F.J. Schoeman	Early Bird Farm	017 720 0110
J.K. Louw	Early Bird Farm	
M.J. Likhetho	Rand Water	011 682 0662
B. van der Walt	Grootvlei Power Station	017 596 0071
B. Cronje	Metsimaholo Municipality	017 712 9819
D. Ristic	DWAF	012 336 8302
K. Chetty	Rand Water	0121 682 0735
K. Pema	Iliso Consulting	012 665 3602

	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW UP
1.	<p>Welcome and introduction of attendees and apologies</p> <p>K. Chetty welcomed the attendees to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies Absent with apologies: Thabie Rakgotho: DWAF Gideon Vosloo: Afgri Lab Tebogo Mogakabe: MDALA</p> <p>Absent without apologies:</p> <p>Seme Municipality Mafube Municipality Toga Linings</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>Mr N.P. Cindi indicated that his initials were not M.P. but N.P. K. Chetty indicated that the minutes of the previous meeting would be corrected by DWAF.</p>	DWAF T. Thimisha
3.	<p>Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting</p> <p>Mr N.P. Cindi indicated that the attendance of the forum is poor and that in future if one knows that he or she will not make it to the meeting, they should send at least two delegates to represent them or their organization. DWAF should send out invitations timeously to improve attendance.</p>	DWAF to distribute notifications of meetings timeously and try to improve forum attendance
4.	<p>Additions to the Agenda and Approval of the Agenda.</p> <p>4.1 CMA update (K. Pema) – would be discussed under point 7 on the agenda</p> <p>4.2 Vaal River Study (D. Ristic) – would be discussed under General</p>	

	<p>on the agenda The agenda was thereafter approved.</p>	
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 all the Sewage Works in the catchment do not have Water Use Licenses and requested all the Municipalities to apply for a Water Use License.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rand Water <p>M. Likhetho gave a presentation on the Water Quality Status of the catchment from results obtained from Rand Water's sampling program. N.P. Cindi asked if the long drop from the informal settlement could be the course of high Faecal Coliforms. M. Likhetho stated that livestock waste could also be the cause but he also indicated that he does not know to what extent.</p>	<p>DWAF to provide feedback on status of water use license applications</p>
6.	<p>Report back from Stakeholders in the Vaal Dam catchment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phumelela Municipality <p>N.P Cindi indicated that they are losing experienced people. New staff members are appointed and they need to be trained. The situation at the pump stations is still the same and cause unnecessary incidents that one can't notice in time. He asked if the Forum couldn't do anything about the situations at the sewage works. K. Chetty indicated that DWAF is the regulating authority and should be consulted for assistance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lekwa Municipality <p>V. Hlatswayo reported that no pollution incidents occurred between December 2007 and February 2008. He indicated that the Municipality was facing a problem of load shedding but the situation has stabilized. The contractors have been appointed and they will be starting in July with the Morgenzon Sewage Works. He indicated that the Standerton Sewage Works would be upgraded to 12 ML/day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metsimaholo Municipality <p>B. Cronje indicated that everything looks okay on the financial side. B. Cronje also indicated that both Oranjeville and Deneysville are experiencing problems with vandalism at their sewage works.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mafube Municipality Absent without apologies • Seme Municipality Absent without apologies • Early Bird Nothing to report back • Grootvlei Power Station B. van der Walt indicated that that he would give feed back on item no. 8. 	T. Thimisha to contact absent municipalities' municipal managers to determine the correct person/s to invite to future forum meeting
7.	<p>Catchment Management Agency (CMA) update</p> <p>K. Pema gave a presentation on the update of the Catchment Management Agency (CMA) progress. She handed out hard copies of the presentation.</p>	
8.	<p>General</p> <p>8.1 Water use Licence Applications Status No feedback from DWAF.</p> <p>8.2 Pollution Incidents</p> <p>B. van der Walt that the dams at Grootvlei Power Station overflowed due to high rainfall they experienced. B. van der Walt reported there are always spillages at the Dipaleseng Sewage Works and requested that DWAF do something about the situation. K. Pema indicated that a meeting should be scheduled between the Municipality, Grootvlei Power Station and DWAF.</p> <p>8.3 Discussions of additions to the Agenda</p> <p>4.2 Vaal River System Studies – The web site where the presentation can be obtained will be provided during the next forum meeting.</p> <p>Discussion took place about the venue of next meeting and it was decided that it would be at the DWAF Offices in Deneysville.</p> <p>The attendance at the forum needs to be improved. K. Chetty to discuss with DWAF.</p>	All
9.	<p>Closure</p> <p>K Chetty thanked all for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 11:50.</p> <p>Next meeting: 29/05/2008, DWAF Offices, Deneysville, 10am</p>	