



VAAL DAM FORUM MEETING

Minutes of the Vaal Dam Catchment Forum Meeting held on 28 February 2013 at Deneysville: DWA Offices

ATTENDEES:

Name	Organisation
Nicolene Van Der Walt	Rand Water
Sam Kotsoane	Fezile Dabi District Municipality
Bruce , Irene Main & Jason Main	SAVE (Vaal dam)
Thya Pather	DWA
Thokozani Metiso	Eskom
Mosa Mongalo	Rand Water
Nomvula Modumo	Fezile Dabi Municipality
Tshepo Makoatle	Fezile Dabi Municipality
Freek Schoeman	Early Farm Bird
Simon Mporetji	Rand Water
'Reveck Hariram'	Rand Water
Martha Manaka	DWA
Trevor Khoza	DWA

	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW UP
1.	<p>Welcome and introduction of attendees and apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> R. Hariram welcomed everyone to the forum meeting and requested everyone to introduce themselves. <p>Apologies F Mamabolo - DWA ME Matseba – DWA</p>	
2.	<p>Approval of Previous Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes were then accepted as a true reflection of what was discussed during the previous meeting 	
3.	<p>Matters arising from the previous meeting</p>	
4.	<p>Additions to the Agenda and Approval of the Agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no additions. 	
5.	<p>Water Quality in the Vaal Dam Catchment</p>	
5.1	<p>DWA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M. Manaka presented Water quality report for the quarter starting 	M Manaka

<p>5.2</p>	<p>Rand Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S Mporetji' presented water quality status of Rand Water with reference to the problematic areas. • Most of the points were not complying in terms of chloride, alkalinity, COD, conductivity and ammonia. 	<p>R. Hariram</p>
	<p>November 2012 to 31 January 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemical oxygen demand from most of the points is out of specifications. • At Vaal River @ Villiers at Flood Section – sulphates was out of specification during November months. • Vaal River @ Villiers at Flood Section, C2H122Q01 Vaal Dam on Vaal River and Delangesdrift Bridge- the past three (03) months there were non-compliance of faecal coliform and E-coli. • Pampoenspruit Down Stream of Memel – sulphates were out of specification. • Standerton upstream of the Sewage Works – there was non-compliance of faecal coliform the past three (03) months. • Standerton Sewage Works – is not working and there is no one at the plant however she will do follow up. • Vrede Sewage Works- there was non-compliance of ammonia the past three (03) months. • Orangeville Sewage Works- there was non-compliance of ammonia and nitrate. • Grootvlei Eskom Plant Sewage Works and Grootvlei Mine Sewage Works- these two (2) plants are not working at all. • Representative said Grootvlei Power Station management scheduled meetings twice with Dipaleseng Municipality in order to assist them and they cancelled the meetings. • R. Hariram' suggested that next meeting must be moved to their municipal offices in order to get them to attend the meeting. • Vaal Marina Sewage Works- there was non-compliance of E-coli and faecal coliform the past three (03) months. • Vaal Marina Sewage works – has a direct impact on the quality of water in the Vaal Dam. Rand water will gather all information and arrange a meeting with Irene Main in order to address challenges at the WWTW. • Standerton Sewage Works - R Hariram' said the contractor promised the Municipality that by fixing one of their aerators they will get full compliance and in order for them to get full compliance they need to fix all their aerators. • R Hariram' mentioned that they have written a letter to their management (Rand Water) and DWA, hopefully Standerton Sewage Works issues will be addressed. 	<p>R. Hariram</p>

<p>5.3</p>	<p>Hariram' responded that from their site they are trying to sort out the issues at the Standerton WWTW. They have sent their site inspection report to their management and DWA.</p> <p>Waste Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of the sites are small sites currently T Pather is trying to put pressure on Free State Provincial Department in order to get them licensed. • There are ten landfill sites at this catchment. • Eskom Landfill site has been rehabilitated, after the meeting T Pather will go on site to check how it's done and give feedback at the next meeting. • Deneysville Landfill site – have improved. • Villiers- is a small landfill site and poorly managed no water impact. • Cornelia- small landfill site and poorly managed. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vrede- small landfill site and poorly managed. • Vaalmarina- applied for licensing of Landfill Site and ROD has been approved by Department of Water Affairs Head Office. Irene Main will address the Public Participation Process with the GDARD and DWA and stop the licensing process. T Pather to give GDARD contact numbers and arrange for a site visit with DWA and GDARD at the Vaal Marina Landfill Site. • Standerton – poorly managed no water impact. • T Pather will be having a meeting with Free State Provincial Department in order to have small landfill site licenced. • Memel- they applied for new landfill site and EIA is out. • T Pather to give a Map that shows how close the landfill sites are to the water courses around the catchment. • Dipaleseng Landfill site – representative indicated that at Dipaleseng there is illegal dumping. T Pather to arrange a site visit. Feedback will be given in the next meeting. 	<p>T Pather</p> <p>T Pather</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Report Back from Stakeholders in the Vaal Dam catchment</p> <p>Phumelela Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absent without apology. <p>Lekwa Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M Manaka to invite representative in the next meeting. <p>Metsimaholo Municipality</p>	<p>M Manaka</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R Hariram' answered that currently DWA is responsible to prosecute and the process to prosecute Municipalities takes long. • Prolonged process is attributed to cooperative governance principles which attempt to try helping local government before you can approach the court of law. • The forum encouraged Nomvula Modumo to keep on doing her job. • The forum requested Fezile Dabi DM to report on Villiers and Cornelia in the next meeting. • The forum wanted to know when the Municipalities are going to attend the meeting. • M Manaka responded that invitation has been escalated to MM but still Municipalities don't attend the meetings. 	Sam Kotsoane
7.	Catchment Management Agency (CMA) update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apology. 	ME Matseba
8.	General	M Manaka
8.1	Water Use License Applications Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received WULA from Villiers and Cornelia. 	
8.2	Pollution Incidents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R Hariram' indicated that site inspection will be held at Vaal Marina, Grootvlei WWTW and Clover Frankfort. Feedback will be given in the next meeting. 	R Hariram
9	Closure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. Hariram thanked everyone for attending and participating, he then closed the meeting. <p>Next Meeting: 30 May – Deneysville DWA Offices 29 August – Venue TBA 28 November – Venue TBA</p>	