



MINUTES
VAAL DAM RESERVOIR FORUM
 26 May 2016
 DWA Offices, Deneysville
 10:30 – 12:30

No	Item	Action
1.	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Ms Florah Mamabolo welcomed everyone to the forum meeting and requested everyone to introduce themselves.</p>	Chairperson
2.	<p>Introduction</p> <p>All the attendees introduced themselves.</p>	All
3.	<p>Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thobile Johnson – DWS • Alexia Hlengani – DWS • Surprise Letlhake - Chairperson 	All
4.	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting (Corrections 25 February 2016)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes were not captured correctly and Ms Irene Main volunteered to rewrite the minutes and send them to Ms. Florah Mamabolo. 	
5.	<p>Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was indicated that Thobile never sent the Vaalmarina landfill site license conditions to Irene Main from SAVE. • Ms Florah indicated that she advised Thobile to liase with the Department of Enviromental Affairs (DEA) to send the waste permit license conditions to Irene as the DEA is the responsible department for waste licenses. Also the contact details of the official responsible for Vaalmarina landfill license/permit will be available in next forum. • A representative was invited to attend the forum from Midvaal municipality to clarify certain conditions on their waste license, but no response was received. • Ms Mabayi reported that the Villiers abattoir was fined R500 000 and Mr Haraim was concerned that the Department of water and Sanitation (DWS) is not solving the actual problem which is the pollution of water resources. He further enquired how DWS would ensure that the abattoir will not pollute again. • Ms Irene Main enquired whether there is a pre-treatment plant (a turbulator) in place at the abattoir and who was responsible in checking that the effluent was in fact compliant. Ms Mabayi indicated that she is going to enquire and report back in the next forum meeting. • Mr Harraim said from the observations, that the Villiers abattoir have an agreement in place with Mafube LM and Sam said he 	<p>Action: Ms Mabayi</p>

	will confirm with Lukhanye and Nomvula.	Action: Sam
6.	Additions to the Agenda	All
6.1	Congratulations to Department of Water and Sanitation.	
7.	Items for discussion Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment	
7.1	Water Quality Report - DWS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The routine sampling commenced in April 2016 and results for the first Month have not yet been released by the laboratory. Results will be presented in the next meeting. 	DWS
7.2	Water Quality Report – Rand Water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rand Water presented water quality status for the quarter of 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016. VSS – There was non-compliance in nitrates for this period. At sampling point KB – there was an improvement in most variables. At site KSV, the alkalinity, COD and pH was unacceptable for this quarter. At site VDS there was an improvement in alkalinity and nitrates, however, COD was still unacceptable. Water quality at site VGB is acceptable to tolerable for all variables. VV – there was a non-compliance in nitrates, COD and e.coli. WF – there was a non-compliance of nitrates and e.coli. Vaal Dam sampling points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VD4i – Vaal River upstream of Vaal Marina – Improvement in ammonia, nitrates and COD. VD 2i and 3i — All water quality variables acceptable VD1i – Improvement in fluoride, nitrates and COD, New monitoring site: Klip River inflow to Vaal Dam – there was a non-compliance in nitrates and COD. Standerton sewage works: Noncompliance in ammonia for the last year. Improvement in COD and e.coli Deneysville sewage works: Noncompliance in ammonia Frankfort Namadi - Noncompliance in ammonia Frankfort oxidation ponds - Noncompliance in ammonia and COD Oranjeville sewage works - Noncompliance in ammonia and e.coli Vaal Marina- All variables within acceptable limits Villiers sewage works - Noncompliance in ammonia, COD and e.coli 	

7.3	DWS Free State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absent without apology • However Ms Irene reported on their behalf in terms of Phase 1 Vaal waste water treatment works Prioritization project. See SAVE comments under item 8.11 	DWS
7.4	DWS Mpumalanga <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absent with apology 	DWS
7.5	DWS Solid Waste Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DWS reported that there will be a joint audit at the landfill site, second week of June 2016. 	T Johnson
7.6	CME <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Mabayi reported that the Villiers abattoir was fined • R500 000. 	
8	Catchment Activities (Feedback from Stakeholders)	
8.1	Phumelela Municipality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absent without apology, It is part of Vaal waste water treatment works Prioritization project. The Department allocated R19m and the project will be done by September 2016. 	
8.2	Lekwa Municipality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inlet refurbishment is at 75% done a standerton waste water 	
8.3	Metsimaholo Municipality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The forum indicated that Metsimaholo is not addressing water quality issues that are reported by Vaal dam communities to them. Communities of Vaal dam are not happy with the municipality. 	LEKWA LM & Rand Water
8.4	Mafube Municipality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative gave an apology. 	
8.5	Goldi	D Mchunu / DWS FS
8.6	Grootvlei Power Station <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative reported that due to illegal dumping manholes are blocked. They have been sending communications to Dipaleseng municipality in order to arrange a meeting and discuss how they can address this matter. • DWS Free State mentioned that they will invite Dipaleseng municipality in the next meeting. 	
8.7	Dipaleseng Municipality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absent with apology. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The balance of the 300 million is being spent on plants in the Northern Cape. • The best news of all is that an amount of R142 million has been secured for the upgrade of the Deneysville / Refengkgotso WWTW Plant. The water that is currently lying in the quarry will be tested and if it meets with the agricultural standards, DWAS will have this pumped out onto the grass fields behind the plant instead of pumping it back into the WWTW Plant and into the Vaal Dam. • We are also delighted that DWAS are looking at using section 18 – Just like Eskom use to recover their monies owed to them – If a Municipality do not take the responsibility of repairing or refurbishing or upgrading their plants, DWAS will step in and do the necessary and recover their funds spent by enforcing section 18. Obviously a process must be followed before this can be done but in the end this will most certainly show the Municipalities that action needs to be taken when it comes to sewage pollution and the health of the SA Community and our water resources. <p>We congratulate the Department of Water Affairs for their initiative and assistance in preventing continuous pollution and degradation of our water courses.</p>	
9	<p>Water Use License</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SANRAL WUL – has been issued. • Transnet WULA – awaiting DDG signature. • Early Bird Farm – to be presented at WUAAAC. • Rand Water General Authorization – issued. 	DWS
10	<p>Pollution Incidents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressed per agenda. 	
11	<p>CMA Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation process in terms of the Business Case has been closed. DWS is busy consolidating the comment from stakeholders. Progress will be given in the next meeting. 	DWS
12 12.1	<p>Discussion of Additions to the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to the Department of Water and Sanitation: • A round of applause was given to the Department of Water and Sanitation for the initiative it took to do emergency repairs to 26 waste water treatment plants that are part of Phase 1 project. Save the Vaal, presented the scope of work to be done for the 26 waste water works under phase 1. 	
13	<p>Next Meetings</p>	All

	25 August 2016 24 November2016	
14	Closure <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The chairperson thanked everyone for participating and the meeting adjourned at 12:30.	Florah Mamabolo