



VAAL DAM FORUM MEETING

Minutes of the Vaal Dam Catchment Forum Meeting held on 29 November 2012 at Deneysville: DWA Offices

ATTENDEES:

Name	Organisation
N Radebe	Mafube Local Municipality
M Manaka	DWA
T Khoza	DWA
N Van Der Walt	Rand Water
S Kotsoane	Fezile Dabi District Municipality
B Main	Save the Vaal
M Donnelly	Rand Water
N Teba	Fezile Dabi District Municipality
B Tshabalala	DWA
J. J. Van Wyk	DWA
R Dragana	DWA
T Pather	DWA
M Boakye	TUT
S Mporetji	Rand Water
I Rametse	Phumelela L Municipality

	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 N Khumalo – Jacky Jay - 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>	
4.1	<p>The following additions were made to the Agenda:</p> <p>8.3 Water Conversation Presentation. 8.4 AMD Study Presentation.</p>	

5.	Water Quality in the Vaal Dam Catchment	
5.1	<p>DWA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Manaka presented Water quality report for the quarter stating 1 August 2012 to 31 October 2012. • At Vaal River @ Villiers at Flood Section – ammonia was out of specification during September months due to overflow from manhole. • Pampoenspruit Down Stream of Memel – ammonia, chemical oxygen demand and conductivity were out of specification. • Pampoenspruit Down Stream of Memel and Standerton Up Stream of the Sewage Works – nitrates was out of specification the past three (03) months. • Standerton Sewage works – it's not working and currently the Department is planning to assist. • Vrede Sewage Works – nitrates were out of specification and nothing was reported to DWA. • Cornelia- not operating well. • Villiers Sewage Works – nothing was reported to DWA the plant not fully operational. • Eskom plant and Grootvlei mine Sewage works- these plants are not working and currently • • Eskom Grootvlei Power Station is trying to assist. • S Mporetji indicated that when he was sampling he realized disposal of nappies in Spruitsonderdrift point and requested where it can be reported. • The forum advised S Mporetji to report disposal of nappies to Lekwa Municipality. 	M Manaka
5.2	<p>Rand Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N Van Der Walt presented water quality status of Rand Water with reference to the problematic areas. • Most of the points were not complying in terms of nitrates, PH, alkalinity, COD, conductivity and phosphate. 	
5.3	<p>Waste Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are ten landfill sites at this catchment. • Eskom 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 – nitrates 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 WUL and feedback will be given at the next meeting. • 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. • The forum wanted if landfill site do have an impact on surface ground water. • T Pather responded that he does not have results but he assumes that since most of them are small landfill site won't have an impact on surface ground water. • T Pather to give a Map that shows how close the landfill sites are to the water causes around the catchment. 	T Pather
6.	<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"> • Absent without apology <p>Metsimaholo Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absent without apology <p>Mafube Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Villiers the contractor is on side for the upgrade of Qalabothja Waste Water Works and the upgrade will start from new water works up to the waste water works. • At Qalabothja in September 2012 they removed sludge at the first ponds. • The forum wanted to know why they only removed sludge at Qalabothja. • N Radebe answered that it's because they did not have enough fund however they are planning to resolve the matter in the next financial year. • The forum asked if they do have plans to fix final disposal influent at Cornelia. • N Radebe responded that in order to fix the problem they need to talk to a farmer because they have to bypass his land. <p>Early Bird Farm No representative.</p>	DWA RO

	<p>Grootvlei Power Station.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No representative. <p>Midvaal Local Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No representative 	
7.	<p>Catchment Management Agency (CMA) update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apology. 	ME Matseba
8.	<p>General</p>	M Manaka
8.1	<p>Water Use License Applications Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received WULA from Earlybird Farm. Villiers and Cornelius they will submit WULA on the 10 December 2012. 	
8.2	<p>Pollution Incidents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no pollution incidents. 	
8.3	<p>Water Conversation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meagan Donnelly gave a presentation of water conservation and requested officials to try and save water. 	
8.4	<p>AMD Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> J. J. Van Wyk gave AMD Study presentation. 	
9	<p>Closure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> R. Hariram thanked everyone for attending and participating, he then closed the meeting. <p>Next Meeting: 28 February 2013</p>	