



# VAAL DAM FORUM MEETING

Date: 30 August 2012

Time: 10:00

Venue: Deneysville DWA Offices

**Minutes of the Vaal Dam Catchment Forum Meeting held on 30 August 2012 at Deneysville: DWA Offices.**

**ATTENDEES:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
N Radebe	Mafube Local Municipality
M Manaka	DWA
T Khoza	DWA
T Pather	DWA
N Van der Walt	Rand Water
S Kotsoane	Fezile Dabi District Municipality
N Hulisani	Eskom
B Van Der Walt	Eskom
Bruce & I Main	SAVE (Vaaldam)
Simon Mporetji	Rand Water
R Hariram	Rand Water
Thokozani Matibo	Eskom
Florah Mamabolo	DWA
NB Thobela	Phumelele Local Municipality
Themba Vilakazi	DWA
Candia Kampanye	DWA
Nompumelelo Teba	Fezile Dabi District Municipality
Nomvula Khumalo	Fezile Dabi District Municipality
Sam Kotsoane	Fezile Dabi District Municipality
Moskin Thumbathi	WSSA
Lekau Hlabolwa	Head Waters

	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION/FOLLOW UP</b>
1.	<p><b>Welcome and introduction of attendees and apologies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R Hariram welcomed everyone to the forum meeting and requested everyone to introduce themselves.</li> </ul> <p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>ME Matseba</p>	
2.	<b>Approval of Previous Meeting</b>	
3.	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>Corrections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>P3 N Radebe gave presentation that shows that at Villiers they have a problem of algae and currently they are looking for short term solution to minimise algae while waiting for DWA to assist them.</li> </ul> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>F Mamabolo was tasked to give Standerton contact numbers of Paul Herbst.</li> <li>F Mamabolo answered that she gave Standerton contact numbers of Paul Herbst.</li> <li>Standerton to forward Action plan to DWA</li> <li>Standerton to present the project on refurbishment of their plant.</li> <li>R Dragana to organise the coordinator of CMA to give presentation at the next meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>S Kuma</p> <p>R Dragana</p>
4.	<p><b>Additions to the agenda and approval of the agenda</b></p> <p>The following addition was made to the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8.3 Solid Waste Management.</li> <li>8.4 Mafube presentation.</li> </ul>	

<p>5.</p> <p>5.1</p>	<p><b>Water Quality in the Vaal Dam Catchment</b></p> <p><b>DWA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manaka presented water quality report for the quarter starting 1 May 2012 to 30 July 2012.</li> <li>• At Vaal River @ Villiers at Flood Section – sulphate, conductivity, chemical oxygen and faecal coliform they were out of specification the past three (03) months.</li> <li>• Vaal River downstream of Standerton WWTW- chemical oxygen demand, ammonia, nitrates, PH and faecal coliform are out of specification.</li> <li>• Spruitsonderdrift D/S of Vrede- chemical oxygen demand, conductivity and nitrates they are out of specification.</li> <li>• Pampoenspruit Downstream of Memel- ammonia, nitrates, E-coli and Faecal coliform they were out of specification.</li> <li>• Klip River upstream of Memel- chemical oxygen demand, conductivity, nitrates and PH they were out of specification.</li> <li>• Standerton upstream of the sewage works- faecal coliform and E-coli they were out of specification for the past three months.</li> <li>• At sewage works most of the variables were not complying with ammonia, chloride, chemical oxygen demand, nitrates and sulphate.</li> </ul>	
<p>5.2</p>	<p><b>Rand Water</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N Van Der Walt presented water quality status of Rand Water with reference to the problematic areas.</li> <li>• Most of the points were not complying in terms of</li> </ul>	

	chloride, nitrates, COD, alkalinity and conductivity.	
5.3	<p><b>Waste Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are ten landfill sites at these catchment</li> <li>• Grootvlei – asbestos dumping area has been rehabilitated and B Van der Walt will call T Pather for inspection.</li> <li>• Denysville- there is improvement on the site and sewage works are looking good.</li> <li>• Vaalmarina – a tender is out for private company to operate the site and application for WUL on the site will be submitted to GDARD.</li> <li>• All other sites are not performing and GDARD is aware about it.</li> <li>• Overall there are no water impacts from the sites.</li> </ul>	T Pather

6.	<p><b>Report Back from stakeholders in the Vaal Dam catchment</b></p> <p><b>Phumelela</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The forum requested Phumelela Municipality to address issues of Water Quality at Vrede downstream.</li> </ul> <p><b>Lekwa Municipality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The forum suggested that DWA need to send directive to all Municipalities that are not attending the forum because attending the forum is part of the condition in their license.</li> <li>• M Manaka answered that a letter was send to the authorities they are still not attending.</li> </ul>	<p>N B Thobela</p> <p>M Manaka</p>
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	<p><b>Metsimoholo Municipality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absent without apology</li> </ul> <p><b>Mafube Municipality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They had a problem with one of their pump station; it was blocked and overflowing but it was fixed.</li> <li>• DWA requested N Radebe to report their incident to DWA.</li> <li>• The tender to upgrade Villiers has been stopped.</li> <li>• The forum congratulated N Radebe for attending the forum meetings and giving feedback regularly.</li> </ul> <p><b>Early Bird Farm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No representative.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Grootvlei Power Station</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vaal Dam fencing project is 90% complete.</li> <li>• The cooling water overflow which happened on 07 April 2012, a biomass and soil survey has been conducted and a report issued, our management is still evaluating the report. A meeting to be scheduled with the farmer to discuss the recommendations of the report.</li> <li>• Historic fuel oil discovered on site, rapid spill was appointed to contact an assessment, and to make proposals, the reported has been received, our management is still looking at the proposals DWA will be notified in due course.</li> <li>• Vaal Dam seepage problem, the wall that was destabilised was repaired and the problem was sorted out, but for long term reasons we are developing a plan to register the water structures under the WUL.</li> <li>• Green scorpion audit went well we are still waiting for the</li> </ul>	

	<p>report.</p> <p><b>Metsimoholo Municipality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proper feedback will be given next meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Fezile Dabi Municipality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They had an Inspection at Villiers and Frankfort Landfill site, currently they are waiting for the report.</li> </ul>	
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7.	<p><b>Catchment Management Agency (CMA) update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R Dragana to organise the coordinator of CMA to give presentation at the next meeting.</li> </ul>	R Dragana
8.	<p><b>General</b></p> <p><b>8.1 Water Use licence applications status</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burnstone Mine – Water Use License has been issued.</li> <li>• Mafube Local Municipality have submitted their WULA for WWTW.</li> </ul>	
8.2	<p><b>Pollution Incident</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a spillage from pump station at Vaalmarina sewage plant however it was sorted out.</li> </ul>	
8.3	<p><b>Mafube presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L Hlabolwa gave presentation.</li> </ul>	
9.	<p><b>Closure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R. Hariram thanked everyone for attending and</li> </ul>	

	participating, he then closed the meeting.	
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