

# WATERVAL FORUM



**MINUTES OF THE WATERVAL CATCHMENT FORUM MEETING, HELD ON THE 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010, AT GOVAN MBEKI MUNICIPALITY, LILLIAN NGOYI CENTER, SECUNDA.**

**ATTENDANCE**

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	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION/ FOLLOW UP</b>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES</b></p> <p>Mrs Florah Mamabolo welcomed all attendees to the Waterval Catchment Forum and allowed everybody to introduce themselves around the table. Chairperson was concerned about the attendance of the last forum of the year. Chairperson indicated that even if the attendance is poor the forum will continue as normal.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>Apologies from the following people were noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicole Houghton – Evander Gold Mine</li> <li>• Chris Brooker</li> <li>• Jurgen Dunn</li> <li>• Boet Conradie - Evander Gold Mine</li> <li>• Thembi Masilela - GMM</li> <li>• ME Matseba - DWA</li> <li>• Carel Dirker</li> <li>• Stephen Mabena</li> <li>• Esther Chiloane</li> <li>• Granny Kgole</li> <li>• Surgen Maremane</li> </ul>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b></p> <p>Minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the previous meeting with corrections made.</p>	

<p>4.</p>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b></p> <p>Mr ME Matseba was not present at the meeting therefore the suggestion of the selection of the new chairperson will have to be done next year.</p> <p>Jaco expressed that there have not been any membership money collected because they have not been spending money so collecting money according to him would be unfair.</p>	<p>Mr Matseba</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA</b></p>	
<p>5.1.</p>	<p>New developments</p> <p>There have not been any formal new developments forwarded to the Department.</p>	
<p>5.2</p>	<p>Dates for 2011 meetings</p> <p>It was agreed that the dates should be discussed at the end of the meeting.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p>No correspondence</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>FINANCE AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS</b></p> <p>The forum members wanted to know the status of finance and what the money will be used for. Jaco indicated that the money was previously used for water week celebration and Department of Water Affairs would provide with refreshments. There was a suggestion that we invite (expertise) guest speaker to the forum using the finance that we have and also that the finance should be used to advertise the forum meetings. Jaco suggested that we should add the membership issue to the agenda and he will be informing the stakeholders that have paid about the suggestion and check whether they agree with the initiative. Jaco further indicated that people do not attend to the forum as they feel that they are not achieving anything. Thya suggested that Mr M Keet should start making time to attend the forum meetings, at least once per year as he will motivate some of the members. Thya suggested that maybe we should combine the forums since this problem affects most of the forums. Florah indicated that would be like the other VDCEC, VBCEC. Jaco indicated that the other issue that makes people not to attend is because of the water quality reports that are presented and nothing is being done. The other reason for this is because most of the key decision makers do not attend as such it is difficult to make a decision. Tebogo, indicated that a very strong letter should be written to Salga to put pressure on the Municipalities and stakeholders to start attending the forums and mostly the decision makers.</p> <p>The forum members were also advised to check the charter for the Waterval catchment, specifically the objectives to check the importance of the forum. The charter can be obtained from the reservoir website.</p>	

8.	<p><b>NEWSLETTER</b></p> <p>Jaco indicated that no respond was received and that he will sent it again. Jaco will prepare an article to the newspaper to advertise Waterval forum. He wanted to know which newspaper can be used.</p>	Jaco Linde
9 9.1	<p><b>FEEDBACK</b></p> <p><b>Water Quality Report: Rand Water</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Rand Water presented water quality status for the Waterval catchment and Simon used the in-stream water quality objectives for the Vaal dam catchment.</li> <li>➤ Simon indicated that he used the in-stream water quality objectives for Waterval catchment and that he will re-look into the report.</li> <li>➤ Jaco indicated that WAB from Rand water’s monitoring points is not the final point for monitoring Sasol complex but Resm 1.</li> <li>➤ Simon indicated that he’s conducting a study on the impact of Waterval into the Vaal Dam, but he also considers Grootdraai and Wilge catchment.</li> </ul>	
9.2	<p><b>Water Quality Report: DWA</b></p> <p>DWA reported on the Water Quality for this catchment. Jaco wanted to know the status of the GCS study conducted? Flora indicated that the Department of Water Affairs was not content with some of the limits for the variables and hence they were not signed.</p>	
9.3  9.4.	<p><b>Landfill Site Report-DWA</b></p> <p><b>Secunda landfill site</b> It was reported that things have really improved.</p> <p><b>Evander landfill site</b> Will be closing end of December and they are busy rehabilitating. They will be moving to Secunda landfill site. Tebogo indicated that they are also doing something on the boreholes drilled for monitoring.</p> <p><b>Evander</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Had a spillage at Evander main sewer pump-station and it was discharging into the Waterval river.</li> <li>➤ Evander extension 3 and Alberta sewer pump station were functioning properly.</li> <li>➤ Evander wwtp is receiving less than the capacity and the forum wanted to know why the poor water quality and Amos mentioned that they have capacity problem and that most of the people at the plant are not trained.</li> <li>➤ There is a call centre line where problems can be reported 017 620 6038 (complaints office).</li> </ul>	GMM

9.5	<p><b>eMbalenhle</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The pump stations are functioning properly.</li> <li>➤ The Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW) is receiving more than the current capacity and the district is assisting with the refurbishment of the plant.</li> </ul> <p><b>Evander Gold Mines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ No representatives, apology</li> </ul>	
9.6	<p><b>Sasol Synfuels</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ They are in the process of constructing two additional dams; they have applied for the licence but are still in the process. The construction commenced under section 21G of NEMA.</li> <li>➤ Jaco indicated that they comply with most of the variables and they are happy with that. They only have a problem with e-coli from their WWTW.</li> <li>➤ Jaco indicated that their Water Use Licence requires them to monitor boreholes that are even affected by the mining site. Jaco advised that Sasol Mining licence should also include those boreholes in their licence conditions. He further indicated that the discard dump has an impact on Resm 7 hence non-compliance.</li> </ul>	
9.7	<p><b>Sasol Mining</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ No representatives</li> </ul>	
9.8	<p><b>Famers Union</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ No representatives</li> </ul>	
10.	<p><b>WATER USE LICENSE STATUS</b></p> <p>J. Lekoane presented the water use license application status for the activities in the Waterval catchment.</p> <p><b>eMbalenhle and Evander</b> there licence has been referred to DWA head office, there are officials busy working on these licences.</p> <p><b>Sasol Mining:</b> still at the Regional office and still being assisted by Letsema project</p> <p><b>Evander Gold Mine:</b> still at Regional office but there is much progress with this application.</p> <p><b>Sasol Synfuels:</b> still in progress as well and still at Regional office.</p> <p><b>Brendan Village:</b> still waiting for their application.</p>	

11.	<p>CMA</p> <p>Mr ME Matseba was not present to report back on the CMA's status.</p>	
12.	<p><b>DISCUSSIONS OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No discussions</li> </ul>	
13.	<p><b>NEXT MEETING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 17 February 2011</li> <li>➤ 19 May 2011</li> <li>➤ 18 August 2011</li> <li>➤ 17 November 2011</li> <li>➤ All meeting's to be arranged at Lillian Ngoyi center at Govan Mbeki Municipality.</li> </ul>	
14.	<p><b>CLOSURE</b></p> <p>Mrs F Mamabolo thanked all for attending the meeting and adjourned the meeting.</p>	