

WATERVAL FORUM



MINUTES

19 February 2015

GOVAN MBEKI MUNICIPALITY, Lillian Ngoyi Center, Secunda

10:00 – 13:00

NO.	ITEM	ACTION/ FOLLOW UP
1.	<p>WELCOME</p> <p>Chairperson welcomed all attendees to the Waterval Catchment Forum and introduced himself as the chairperson of the forum.</p>	
2.	<p>INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the attendees introduced themselves. 	
3.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies from the following people were noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gideon de Vries – Sasol • Karlien de Villiers – DWS • Attie Jankowitz – Farmer – • Tokkie Reinecke – Afri – Forum • Franco Ferreira – Taung Gold • Ephraim Matseba – DWS. 	
4.	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING CORRECTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P3. 10.6. P Vorster reported that the RESM 1 electrical conductivity WQO was exceeded five times for the period spanning from August to October '14. The causes of the incidents can largely be attributed to a) heavy rainfall events that lead to the flush-down of stagnant pools of contaminated water which accumulated during the dry season within non-perennial catchments (two instances) and b) pipeline leakages (two instances). • The Water Use License Application for the proposed construction of the new Fine Ash dam 6 (FAD 6) facilities that will be used for the disposal of fine ash generated during Secunda Synfuels Operations was presented. The FAD 6 facility is required for the sustainable future operation of the Sasol Secunda site. Environmental authorization has been received for the project. A printout of an aerial photo indicating the water uses associated with the FAD 6 project was also distributed to the stakeholders present at the meeting. No objections were raised by any of the stakeholders. • P4. 10.8 Taung Gold are in a process to engage Evander Gold Mine to discharge the access water to . Leeuwpan. • P4. 10.10. Brendan Village – D Venter raised a concern about Carbon crushing operations next to the houses. 	

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	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (19 February 2015)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T Johnson was tasked to address the issue of illegal dumping at eMbalenhle illegal landfill site. • F Mamabolo answered that T Johnson did not give them feedback and she did not attend the meeting. • The chairperson requested F Mamabolo to give feedback in the next meeting. • DWS and Rand Water were tasked to review the RQS for Waterval Catchment and give feedback in the next meeting. • Rand Water answered that this action was not done. • Jaco Van Wyk will be invited to give feedback in the next meeting. • Evander WWTW – the contractor is appointed and is busy with refurbishment. The project will be commissioned February 2015. 	<p>F Mamabolo</p> <p>DWS</p>
6.	<p>ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA</p>	
6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dam Safety Presentation 	
7.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	

8.	<p>FINANCE AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no expenditures and the balance is still estimated to be twenty five thousand (R25 000). • Signing has not being done yet, will provide feedback in next meeting. 	<p>J Linde</p>
9.	<p>NEWSLETTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J Linde mentioned that the article was sent for comment, they have received comment from Rand Water, after amending the corrections, and newsletter will be published. 	
10.	<p>FEEDBACK FROM STAKEHOLDERS</p>	
10.1	<p>RAND WATER Water Quality report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rand Water presented water quality status for the catchment from 1 Oct to 30 Dec 2014. • WAW – most of the variables were not complying except for pH. • WAT – there was improvement in ammonia the past three months. • WAE – most of the variables were unacceptable except for ammonia. • Evander Sewage Works – there was non – compliance of ammonia, COD and E – Coli the past three months. • EMBalenhle Sewage Works – there was non – compliance of ammonia, COD 	<p>DWS</p>

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	<p>and E – Coli the past three months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secunda Sewage Works – water quality was good the past three months. • The forum wanted to know who is responsible to address non – compliances that is reported in the forum meetings. • The chairperson indicated that these results are compared to Vaal Dam water quality objectives. Vaal Dam Water Quality objective standard are different to resource quality objective that is being used at Waterval Catchment. • Resource water quality objective need to be discussed in order to focus on what is relevant to Waterval Catchment. 	
10.2	<p>DWS Water Quality report :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J Lekoane gave water quality results for 1 Nov to 30 Dec 2015. She explained that the sampling has stopped again and that there has not been any sampling this year. • Waterval Balfour / Standerton Road – most of the variables were not complying except for chloride and sulphate the past two months. • LM 3 Roodebank– most of the variables were not complying except for pH. • LM 4 U/S of the Leslie Mine Complex – most of the variables was not complying except for pH. • Embalenhle Sewage Works – there was non – compliance of ammonia, COD and faecal coliforms the past two months. 	J Lekoane
10.3	<p>DWS Waste Management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absent without apology. 	
10.4	<p>GOVAN MBEKI MUNICIPALITY (Embalenhle & Evander)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrial Ext 3 pump station – is operational. • Secunda West pump station – is operational. • Standerton Road pump station – is operational. • Echo pump station – is operational. • Alberta pumps station – operational. • Evander Main pumps station – operational. • Evander ext 18 pump station – not operational – waiting for suction truck to unblock the pump. • The forum wanted to know the role of DWS in terms of assisting the municipality improve sewage works. • DWS answered that DWS water sector support is playing a very important role in terms of supporting municipalities. • Director of DWS water sector support indicated that water sector support have given municipality to improve sewage works. • The forum requested Govan Mbeki Municipality to present action plan on the sewage works that are not performing. • The forum wanted to know how long it takes municipality to replace a pump. • Municipality answered that it could be three days depending on how it is 	

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	<p>damaged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The forum further indicated that most of the broken pumps take more than three months to be replaced. • The municipal manager answered that the municipality is in the process to create a maintenance program. Service provider has been appointed. \ • The forums requested the municipality to provide the name of the service provider in the next meeting. 	
10.5	<p>EVANDER GOLD MINE Water Quality report :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B Conradie mentioned that the past three months water quality has improved. 	
10.6	<p>SASOL SECUNDA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative reported that water quality was good the past three months except for conductivity. 	
10.7	<p>SASOL MINING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report. No formal report was presented. 	
10.8	<p>TAUNG GOLD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taung Gold is in the process to complete Environmental Impact Assessment. • They are also in the process to apply for WUL, immediately when they have completed their EIA, they will put together intergraded water licenses which will cover all water activities. 	
10.9	<p>FARMERS UNION/COMMUNITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chairperson wanted to know how many farmers in waterval catchment are registered as water users. • F Mamabolo answered that most farmers' applications are for irrigation under 21 (a) and (b). 	
10.10	<p>BRENDAN VILLAGE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absent without apology. Trevor please check on apologies because you mentioned Brendan village. Consistency... 	
11.	<p>DWS WATER USE LICENSE STATUS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sasol Mining (Pty) Ltd: Borrow Pit Project – still in the region, undergoing assessment. • Sasol Mining (Pty) Ltd: Irene dale dam – WULA's undergoing assessment. • Sasol Synfuels – applicant submitted the documents for review, undergoing assessment. • Brendan village WWTW– GA drafted and submitted for decision making. I will attach the report I gave on WUL status. Please amend it. 	

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12.	CMA PROCESS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• E Matseba gave an apology.	
13.	DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA	
13.1	Dam Safety Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dam Safety presentation will be discussed in the next meeting.	
14.	NEXT MEETING DATES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 21 May 2015• 20 August 2015• 19 November 2015	
15.	CLOSURE OF MEETING	