

WATERVAL FORUM



MINUTES

20 August 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: • Carel Dirker – Brendan Village • Sithembile Makhombeni – Govan Mbeki Municipality • Malise Noe – DWS • Fisiwe Nkutha – Sasol Mining • Deon De Vries – Sasol Mining • Ephraim Matseba – DWS • Florah Mamabolo – DWS • Gideon Vosloo – Farmers • Johannes Matshiane – DWS Mpumalanga • Mandisa Matiso – DWS Mpumalanga • Joretha Klaase – Sasol • Liza Swanepoel – Sasol • Tokkie Reijeke – Afri-forum 	
4.	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING CORRECTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P2. Under matters arising Jaco van Wyk changed to Jurgo van Wyk. • F Mamabolo answered during the February meeting that no feedback was received. F Mamabolo could not attend the May 2015 meeting and the chairperson indicated that he would contact F Mamabolo for a response on the matter. 	

5.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (21 May 2015)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback is required regarding the illegal dumping at EMBalenhle. • J Linde indicated that he engaged with F Mamabolo about this matter. She answered that feedback will be given in August 2015 forum meeting; however she did not attend the meeting. • T. Johnson – gave an apology and sends the respond. solid waste feedback: Mr. Joseph Nkosi (Supervisor of solid waste unit at EMBalenhle Govan Mbeki Municipality) indicated that all illegal dumping sites were cleared and waste is removed weekly from all households and dumped at Secunda landfill a formal complaint was lodged on behalf of Mr. Attie and the solid waste unit promised to contact him and follow up on the issue. Evander landfill is licensed for closure and the municipality is still awaiting funds for rehabilitation. The license for closure at Kinross is still not finalized and contractors are appointed for drop-off facilities to be in place. • Waterval RQS's. Presentation by DWS officials to shed light on the review process and how it applies to the Waterval catchment. • DWS gave a presentation on Resource Quality Objectives : • The National Water Act (NWA) (No. 36 of 1998) aims to ensure the sustainable use of water resources for the benefit of all users. • To achieve this, the act prescribes a number of measures : • Significant water resources have to be classified i.e. the vision for the water resources and the management classes have to be set. • Ecological reserve which provides for the ecological requirements has to be determined. • Resource Quality Objectives which give effect to the management Classes, have to be determined. • Once RQOs are set, they will be binding on all authorities/institutions when exercising any power or performing any duty under the NWA. • Users are not required to meet license conditions. • Catchment manager will be required to meet RQOs: • Stakeholders are requested to submit written comments on proposed water resource classes and resource quality objectives by 17 September 2015 to : • Director: Water Resource Classification Attention: Ms Shane Naidoo: Department of Water and Sanitation. Zwamadaka Building 185 Francis Baard Street: Private Bag x313 Pretoria 0001. Email: naidooshane@dws.gov.za fax 012 336 6712. • DWS representative gave a presentation on overview of past, current and proposed in stream water quality objectives in the waterval river catchment. • Results of the DWS water quality monitoring to be presented at the august meeting. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J Lekoane responded that the department is still busy trying to secure a long term contract for monitoring. The past two months DWS utilized internal laboratory RQS to take samples. The department is unable to present the results reason being that the service provider notified the department that they have internal challenges. Results will be presented once the department receives them. • Action plan (with dates) to resolve the Govan Mbeki's WWTW poor discharge quality. Feedback will be given in the next meeting. • Up and downstream water quality results of Taung Gold to be presented. Feedback will be given in the next meeting. • Feedback on the number of farmers in the Waterval catchment that are registered as water users. • J Lekoane answered that they manage to draw the report, the report have confidential information the department is busy taking out the confidential information. Immediate when the confidential information is taken out. The report will be present to forum members. • Arrange for presentations (RQO and Dam Safety at the August Waterval forum meeting. • Dam Safety presentation will be given in the next meeting. 	A Mangena
6. 6.1	<p>ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA</p> <p>Dam Safety Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dam Safety Presentation will be given in the next meeting. 	
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 right will be done in September 2015; Reason being that the person to assist on this matter is on maternity leave. 	J Linde
9.	<p>NEWSLETTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J Linde mentioned that he needs someone who can volunteer to assist in terms of getting the newsletter published. • Rand Water answered that they will continue assisting with the administration of the newsletter. 	

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 January to 30 March 2015. • WAW – there was improvement of chloride the past three months. • WAE – there was improvement of chloride and alkalinity the past three months. • Evander and EMbalenhle sewage works – there was non – compliance of ammonia and COD the past three months. 	
10.2	<p>DWS Water Quality report :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressed under item 5 	
10.3	<p>DWS Waste Management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressed under item 5. 	
10.4	<p>GOVAN MBEKI MUNICIPALITY (EMbalenhle & Evander)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative gave a presentation. • E Vander WWTW – there was non –compliance of conductivity, pH, electrical conductivity and suspended solid the past three months. • EMbalenhle WWTW – is going to be upgraded. • Municipality will be conducting water conversation campaign from 1 July to September 2015. 	
10.5	<p>EVANDER GOLD MINE Water Quality report :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a slime pipeline failure on the 31 May 2015. Some of the slime entered the river. It was stopped and cleaned. • LM2 – there was non –compliance of electrical conductivity the past three months. • Waterval River – water quality was good the past three months. 	
10.6	<p>SASOL SECUNDA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RESM 7 – there was non-compliance of conductivity the past two months due to pipeline failure 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RESM 10 – water quality was good the past three months. 	
10.7	<p>SASOL MINING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No representative. J Linde will invite representative in the next meeting. 	J Linde
10.8	<p>TAUNG GOLD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No representative. 	
10.9	<p>FARMERS UNION/COMMUNITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No representative 	
10.10	<p>BRENDAN VILLAGE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All pump stations are operational. There was one incident of cable theft at Evander. It was fixed. 	
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. Govan Mbeki construction of Albert Sisulu road WULA – still in progress. 	
12.	<p>CMA PROCESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All comments have been consolidated. The gazeting might be finalized in two months time. 	
13.	<p>DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA</p>	
13.1	<p>Catchment forum guideline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The chairperson thanked DWS for providing the forum with Waterval guideline. Rand Water has distributed the Waterval forum guideline to stakeholders. Dam Safety presentation will be discussed in the next meeting. 	

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14.	NEXT MEETING DATES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 19 November 2015	
15.	CLOSURE OF MEETING	J Linde