

WATERVAL FORUM



MINUTES OF THE WATERVAL CATCHMENT FORUM MEETING, HELD ON THE 22 November 2012, GOVAN MBEKI MUNICIPALITY, Lillian Ngoyi Center.

	DISCUSSION	ACTION/ FOLLOW UP
1.	<p>WELCOME</p> <p>R. Hariram welcomed all attendees to the Waterval Catchment Forum and introduced himself as the chairperson of the forum.</p>	Chairperson
2.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies from the following people were noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Mabena Synfuels Environment • Ephraim Matseba DWA 	
3.	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>Corrections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no changes. 	
4.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attie Jackowitz wanted to know about the money that they pay every month to DWA, they wanted to know what the money is used for. F Mamabolo to find and report back to Attie via e-mail and also in the next meeting. 	F Mamabolo
5.	<p>ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mining WUL • Water conservation by Rand Water • Public participation by Maxwell from TUT. • Water Celebration feedback 	
6.	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Correspondence 	
7.	<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). • R1600 -00 was paid cash by Mr. R. Hariram' as the students' transportation. 	J Linde

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. Hariram' will give the invoice to the forum so that he can be paid. • The forum wanted to know whether J Linde received money from the Government for Waterval catchment in connection with obstruction of water. • F Mamabolo to find out where the money is and report back at the next meeting. 	F Mamabolo
8.	NEWSLETTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report. 	J Linde
9. 9.1	FEEDBACK Water Quality report : Rand Water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rand Water presented water quality status for the catchment from 1 October to 31 December 2012. • There was non- compliance of ammonia at WAW for the past three (03) months. • At WAB and WAT there has been some fair compliance according to water quality guideline. • Chloride – through-out the catchment ranges from acceptable to tolerable for the past three (03) months. • Alkalinity and nitrates were generally unacceptable in all the points. • At WAW phosphates were unacceptable for the past three (03) months. • EMBalenhle and Evander Sewage works- there was non-compliance of E-coli the past three (03) months. 	Rand Water S Mporetji'
9.2	Water Quality report : DWA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterval Balfour/Standerton Road- there was non-compliance of conductivity and chloride. • Wolwefontein U/S Vaal Confluence on Waterval River- there was non compliance of conductivity and chemical oxygen demand. • Vaal @ Gladdedrift U/S Waterval Confluence- there was non compliance of conductivity and chemical oxygen demand. • LM3 @/ Roodebank on Waterval River- there was non compliance of conductivity, nitrates and ammonia. • WH5 D/S of Winkelhaak Gold Mine on Winkelhaak- there was non compliance of conductivity, ammonia, nitrates, nitrite and faecal coliform. • LM4 U/S of the Lesile Mine Complex on Waterval River- there was non compliance of conductivity, ammonia and chemical oxygen demand. 	DWA J Lekoane

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All variables were complying according to the WUL condition except for RESM 7 there was non compliance of conductivity. • Secunda Sewage Works- there was non compliance of faecal coliform for the past two (02) months. • EMBalenhle Sewage Works- there was non compliance of chemical oxygen demand and faecal coliforms for the past two (02) months. • Evander Sewage Works- there was non compliance of ammonia, chemical oxygen demand and faecal coliforms for the past three (03) months. 	
9.3	<p>LANDFILL SITE REPORT –DWA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T Pather mentioned that there are five (05) landfill sites at this catchment and all are not licenced. • Mpumalanga Provincial Department is putting pressure on Goven Mbeki Municipality to have all landfill site licenced. • Secunda landfill site will be closed because the municipality is planning to have one landfill site for the whole area of Waterval. • Evander is closed. • Balfour- not licenced and poorly managed. • The forum wanted to know how much impact landfill site have on underground water. • T Pather answered that underground monitoring is not done by DWA, DWA Head Office have some sampling points in the area monitored on a regular basis. • The forum asked T Pather if the Department is responsible in terms of cleaning illegal dumping. • T Pather responded that operational plans are done by Environmental Affairs. 	T Pather
9.4	<p>WATER QUALITY REPORT – EMBALENHLE, EVANDER.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evander Main Road Ext 3 at Evander Sewer Pump Station - there was no spillages for the past three (03) months. • Evander WWTP- even though they have appointed the biochemist they are still busy purchasing some of the equipment for the laboratory, in order for the biochemist to be able to monitor their Waste water quality. Presently the District Municipality is doing the monitoring 	

	<p>monthly and the results indicate that they are not complying.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the activated sludge most of the equipments are not working and they have shortage of personnel. • Currently they are working on their Organigram of the whole Municipality hopefully it will address the issues. • Secunda pump station – most of pump stations are working except the one at Encor is overflowing due to mechanical problems. Paper work has been done and submitted to HR. • EMbalenhle Ext 22 Pump Station - is not functional due to vandalism and theft. • EMbalenhle Ext 18 Pump Station- they had a challenge with their cables, currently busy investigating. • EMbalenhle WWTP- is overloaded and their final influent does not comply in order to address the problem feasibility study has been done still waiting for the report. • Municipality will commence with EMbalenhle Sewer Project at Ext 18 and Ext 22 Sewer Pump Station and the municipality will be assisted by Sasol. • Ext 16 project still ongoing consultant has been appointed by Gert Sibande Municipality. 	
9.5	<p>EVANDER GOLD MINE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The past three (03) months they had two (02) pollution incidents. • The first one happened on the 07 September 2012 whereby one of their re-circulating pumps had problems it resulted on imperatorial dam to overflow however the water was monitored at LM 8. • The second one happened on the 15 October 2012 whereby one of their re-circulating pumps had problems at LM 8 conductivity was high and it was reported to DWA and everything is back to normal. Overflow lasted for four (04) days. 	
9.6	<p>SASOL SYNFUELS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J Linde gave water quality presentation. 	J Linde
9.7	<p>SASOL MINING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They were absent and the forum is complaining that 	Sasol Mining

	Sasol Mining only come to the forum when they have a new project to give presentation and report on.	
9.8	FARMERS UNION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report 	
10.	WATER USE LICENCE STATUS-DWA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evander and EMBalenhle- WULA still at Letsema. • Sasol Mining Impumelelo and Sasol Mining Shondoni – both licences are still in process in the region. • Secunda shopping complex – WULA issued. 	
11. 11.1	CMA PROCESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ME Matseba will give feedback at the next meeting. 	ME Matseba

12	DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA	J Linde
12.1	Mining Water Use License condition. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J Linde gave presentation of the conditions that are in their WUL and requested the Stakeholders and DWA to assist them to standardize it. • The forum answered that before the forum meeting is held on February 2013, they will be a technical meeting with all the water users and feedback will be reported at the forum meeting. 	
12.2	Water Conservation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rand Water gave Water Conservation presentation 	
12.3	Public Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maxwell from TUT University gave public participation presentation and requested stakeholders to fill up questionnaire that was send to them by email. 	
12.4	Water Celebration feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairperson gave water celebration feedback that was held at EMBalenhle Stadium on the 18 October 2012 and congratulated all stakeholders for participating. 	
13	NEXT MEETING 21 February 2013, Secunda Lillian Ngoyi Centre	
14	CLOSURE	

	<p>Mr. R. Hararim thanked all for attending the meeting and adjourned the meeting.</p>	
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