

**MINUTES OF THE WILGE FORUM MEETING HELD ON 12  
JANUARY 2006  
AT THE BETHLEHEM TOWN HALL.**

**1. WELCOME**

The chairperson for the Wilge Forum was elected; Mr L Leballo and he welcomed all members present.

**2. ATTENDANCE**

1. D Phaleng	DP	Department of Water Affairs and Forestry
2. J Van Der Berg	JvdB	Department of Water Affairs and Forestry
3. EJ Van Rensburg	EvR	Department of Health: Bethlehem
4. A Mosima	AM	Department of Health: Bethlehem
5. T Sekhobo	TS	Maluti A Phofung
6. D Masoabi	DM	Rand Water
7. L Leballo	LL	Maluti A Phofung: Water
8. T Ntholi	TN	Rand Water
9. SM Van Schalkwyk	SvS	Department of Health: Bethlehem
10. L Mhlambi	LM	Department of Health: Bethlehem
11. M Likhetho	ML	Rand Water
12. C Ramavhona	CR	Department of Environmental Affairs: (FS)
13. B Negovha	BN	Dihlabeng
14. A Chabana	AC	Dihlabeng
15. M Motlatla	MM	Department of Health
16. M Ntsatsi	MN	Department of Health
17. C Wilcock	CW	Maluti A Phofung: Water
18. Jurgo Van Wyk	JW	Department of Water Affairs and Forestry
19. S Moeti	SM	Nketoana Municipality

**3. APOLOGIES**

JI Rademeyer	JIR	Department of Water Affairs and Forestry
T Rakgotho	TR	Department of Water Affairs and Forestry
M Makhabu	MM	Department of Health
LB Sello	LBS	Department of Health
F du Plooy	FduP	Dihlabeng
K Chetty	KC	Rand Water

#### **4. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

1. Introduction of the new officer
2. Corrections on the minutes
3. Presentation by DWAF: HO on Integrated Water Quality Management Plan (IWQMP)

#### **5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

##### **5.1. PLAY PUMPS**

###### **Point of correction from the previous minutes**

Maluti A Phofung Municipality requested that the forum assist in donating play pumps to the Intabatsu area (informal settlement in Harrismith).

TS highlighted that since the request was put to the local council but the response was that no permanent pumps will be put an informal settlement, however, a new project to build houses was suggested by the council.

##### **5.2. ENGAGEMENT WITH MUNICIPALITIES TO RESOLVE ONGOING SEWAGE PROBLEMS**

DP reported that all efforts to get a suitable meeting date from the municipal Managers has not succeeded. Will keep on trying to get hold of them for a meeting. CR suggested that since this a health risk problem and managers are not prepared to meet with the forum, three letters need to be written and if there still no response, further steps like contacting the Local Government has to be taken.

For Maluti A Phofung Municipality, TS reported that the service providers are the ones responsible for the water treatment plants and therefore meetings should be between the forum and the Service Providers. DP to liase with CW on this matter.

DP

##### **5.3. LICENSING STATUS OF THE WATER USES**

Phuthaditjaba sewage works has submitted their license application to DWAF.

DP

#### **6. PREPARATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL WATER WEEK**

This year's National Water Week is scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> March. The Wilge River Forum will hold their Water Week celebrations on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2006. The suggested place to hold this function is Phuthaditjaba in the Maluti A Phofung Municipal area. Even thou the theme is unknown a

task team was nominated to make arrangements for the Water week. The task team consist of:

- ⇒ DWAF
- ⇒ Mpho Mabena (MAP)
- ⇒ M Makhabu (DOH)
- ⇒ T Sekhobo (MAP)

## **7. PRESENTATIONS**

DM did a presentation on the Water Quality Status in the Catchment; JvdB did a presentation on Integrated Water Quality management Plan and DP on the Status of Drinking Water in the Catchment.

Rand Water's presentations showed that all the sewage works are not performing, however the managers claimed that they are not aware that the results are so bad. SM said that they receive that results from CSIR on a monthly base and those result shows the opposite of what Rand Water is presenting. DWAF to do a presentation on the water quality status in the next forum meeting. CSIR results to be presented as well.

DP

## **8. POLLUTION INCIDENTS IN THE CATCHMENT**

No pollution incidents report during the last quarter of the year and therefore there was nothing to report on. CR reported that there is always water flowing next to Tshiame College, the water looked clean but there was no indication of where the water originates.

Maluti A Phofung

## **9. GENERAL**

Dates for the next meetings:

- 16 March 2006
- 29 June 2006
- 28 September 2006
- 07 December 2006

## **10. CLOSURE**

LL thanked all present for their constructive input and the meeting was adjourned at 13:20 pm.

Date of next meeting-16 March 2006