

MINUTES

WILGE RIVER FORUM

17 November 2015

Venue : Maluti A Phofung Municipality, QwaQwa

10:00 – 13:00



No	Item	Action
1.	<p>WELCOME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair welcomed all attendees. 	M Machongoane
2.	<p>INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All attendees introduced themselves. 	
3.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lizel Janse Van Rensburg – FS-DOH Tshedi Xaba – FS-DOH Sophie Van Schalkwyk- FS-DOH Bashan Govender – Vaal Proto CMA Ephraim Matseba – Vaal Proto CMA Jackie Jay – Vaal Proto CMA Jurgo Van Wyk – DWS Harriet Groenewald-DWS Anna Mahlare-DWS Sam Kotsoane-FDDM 	
4.	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with additional information (feedback) on the item 7.3, N Malise to forward the feedback to be included in the previous minutes. 	
5.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Map water to follow up on the sewer pipe blockages caused by Manapo Hospital. This matter was resolved by MAP Water after issuing a non-compliance letter for disposal of debris into the sewer line. <p>Urgent feedback is required on the following matters because there is no progress or feedback provided due to the absence of relevant officials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> T Pather mentioned that DWS is busy addressing illegal dumping at Warden Landfill site, feedback will be given in the next forum meeting T Johnson answered that DWS have sent a letter to Phumelela Municipality; feedback will be given in the next meeting. Rand Water indicated that Frankfort landfill site is poorly managed and there is illegal dumping, feedback will be given in the next forum meeting. T Johnson answered that investigation was done at Frankfort. DWS have written a letter to the municipality, feedback will be given in the next meeting. 	<p>T Pather</p> <p>T Johnson</p> <p>T Johnson</p>

<p>8.</p> <p>8.1</p>	<p>CATCHMENT ACTIVITIES – FEEDBACK FROM STAKEHOLDERS</p> <p>PHUMELELA MUNICIPALITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P Cindi indicated that the Municipality has appointed process controllers. • Chlorination system at the WWTWs is not working properly. • There is a challenge with main sewer overflow. • Pump station number three is not working. • Municipality is also facing challenges with vandalism. • J Mofokeng asked whether the municipality is sampling their effluent including the upstream and downstream sapling points. • He further questioned that whether Municipality is taking the lead to maintain the WWTWs since it was refurbished. • P Cindi mentioned that sampling is not taking place at the WWTWs and maintenance of the works it is a challenge. • Phumelela still need to look at this matter to ensure compliance. • Engineer was appointed by Municipality to assist with problems in the WWTWs. • H Mthembu should attend the meetings because he is responsible for technical issues. • It was also suggested when inviting the representative from Municipality, the invite should also copied to the Municipal Manger to ensure attendance of the representatives 	<p>P Cindi</p>
<p>8.2</p>	<p>NKETOANA MUNICIPALITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L Ramulwela indicated that WWTWs is experiencing challenges with capacity. • The Municipality is conducting sampling and the water quality data is captured under the Department green drop system. • The abattoir is also impacting on the WWTWs. • L Ramulwela further indicated that the Municipality has proposed to upgrade Reitz WWTWs and there is a communication that is taking place between Nketoana LM and Department of Water and Sanitation. • L Ramulwela also questioned why Reitz WWTWs is not monitored by Rand Water. • R Harirem answered that Rand Water is only focusing on the bigger WWTWs. • J Mofokeng also indicted that Reitz WWTWs is part of the monitoring schedule for DWS. 	
<p>8.3</p>	<p>DIHLABENG MUNICIPALITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M Machongoane/G Esau indicated that the issue of process controllers it is a challenge and the Municipality should fill all vacant posts to assist with running of the WWTWs. • The WWTWs is experiencing both mechanical and electrical problems, and the effluent discharge is affected by this situation. • Dihlabeng LM is currently addressing this matter, and the progress will be given in the next forum meeting • The Municipality further indicated that an action plan was compiled on the maintenance of Loch-Athlone Dam; progress will also be given in the 	<p>M Machongoane</p>

	next forum meeting.	
8.4	<p>MAFUBE MUNICIPALITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J Mofokeng indicated that the pump station at Namahadi WWTWs it is now working. • The upgrade of Namahadi WWTWs has commenced. • J Mofokeng to communicate with Mafube LM to attend and participate in the forum meetings. • Mafube LM should send a formal communication to Rand Water for assistance with sampling and J Mofokeng to remind Mafube LM to take a lead in this matter. 	J Mofokeng/N Radebe
8.5	<p>THABO MOFUTSANYANE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • F Nkula indicated that the monitoring program was reinstated and the reporting on sampling will be given in the next forum meeting. 	F Nkula
8.6	<p>MAP Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T Mphuthi indicated that Harrismith WWTWs is overloaded and upgrade is currently taking place. • Kestel WWTWs is also overloaded and currently no upgrade is taking place. MAP Water is planning to construct new WWTWs that will be able to cater for the whole Kestel area. • Phuthaditjhaba and Tshiame WWTWs are still operating within the design capacity. • Water quality from Harrismith and Kestel WWTWs is not complying due to capacity problems at the WWTWs. • MAP Water is still facing challenges with drought and they provide water to the communities with water tanks. • Forum members mentioned that how is the Department deal with the issue of the drought. • L Nqelenga indicated that municipalities are also responsible to have projections and to protect the water resources and also adhere to WUL conditions. • MAP Water indicated that they have plans in place to deal with leakages and to safe water. • The sterckfontein dam project is currently taking place and it will assist communities by proving clean water. • The forum members requested the chairperson to forward the water quality presentation template/format to be used by all Municipalities when making presentations. 	M Machongoane
8.7	<p>FEZILE DABI MUNICIPALITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No representative. 	
8.8	<p>DETEA FREE STATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No representative. 	
8.9	<p>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L Sello indicted that the Department is also taking water samples and the data is compared with Health-District. • They have received complains of shortages of water from communities 	

	<p>and takers are used to supply water.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was also indicated that some tankers abstract water directly from the river and supply it to the communities, Health inspectors are on the look of those transgressors. • MAP Water is proposing to drill boreholes as part of drought relieve, it was further indicated that Phumelela must also look at that option for drought relief. • DWS has already approached Nketoana and Dihlabeng Municipalities for drought relief in their jurisdiction. • Phumelela Municipality should also communicate with DWS for assistance of drought relief. 	
8.10	<p>WATER SECTOR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J Mofokeng indicated that DWS-FS: Water Sector has funded the upgrade of Namahadi WWTWs and also the refurbishment of Warden WWTWs that already took place. • Representative will be invited in the next forum meeting to give feedback. 	J Mofokeng
9.	<p>WATER USE LICENSE STATUS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maluti a Phofung Municipality WULAs – DWS busy with the final assessment of the applications. • Phumelela Municipality WULA – information pending with applicant. • Nketoana Municipality WULA – licence issued. • Mafube Municipality (Namahadi WWTW) WULA – outstanding information pending with the applicant. • Dihlabeng Local Municipality WULA –recommended for issuance. • Boston Hydro WULA – licensed issued. • Clover (Pty) Ltd WULA – GA issued. • Kholokoeng Village Bridge WULA – GA issued. • Gobles folly development – license was declined due to insufficient information. • SANRAL N5 Upgrade WULA – licence issued. • Eskom: Letsatsi 11KV powerlines WULA – outstanding information pending with the applicant. 	
10	<p>POLLUTION INCIDENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This item was discussed under item 8 catchment activities. 	
11.	<p>CMA PROCESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department is busy with gazette of the Vaal River CMA. • Feedback will be given in the next forum meeting 	DWS
12	<p>DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA</p> <p>No additions to the agenda.</p>	
13.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS</p> <p>16 February 2016</p>	
14.	<p>CLOSURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chairperson thanked everyone & the meeting adjourned at 13H30. 	