

## MINUTES

### WILGE RIVER FORUM

19 May 2015

Venue : Nketoana Municipality Reitz

10:00 – 13:00



| No | Item   | Action  |
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| 1. | <b>WELCOME</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Chair welcomed all attendees.</li></ul>   | M Machongoane                                   |
| 2. | <b>INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All attendees introduced themselves.</li></ul>  |   |
| 3. | <b>APOLOGIES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Karlien De Villiers – DWS</li><li>Nokukhanya Radebe – Mafube</li><li>Lerato Molaba – EHP Fezile Dabi DM</li><li>Sam Kotsoane – Fezile Dabi DM</li><li>Ephraim Matseba – DWS</li><li>E Janse van Rensburg – FS Health</li><li>Thye Pather - DWS</li></ul>  |   |
| 4. | <b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Page 1. Malisa Noe changed to Malise Noe.</li><li>Page.4. item 10.Sterkfontein pump station is running well.</li><li>Page 2. 7.1. Gauteng Dept of Water and Sanitation is still busy addressing the issue of a long term contract.</li></ul>  |   |
| 5. | <b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>T Pather mentioned that DWS is busy addressing illegal dumping at Warden Landfill site. Feedback will be given in the next meeting.</li><li>T Johnson answered that DWS have sent a letter to Phumelela Municipality. Feedback will be given in the next meeting.</li><li>Rand Water indicated that Frankfort landfill site is poorly managed and there is illegal dumping.</li><li>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.</li><li>Map Water to follow up on the sewer pipe blockages caused by Manapo Hospital. Feedback will be given in the next meeting.</li></ul> | T Pather<br>T Johnson<br>T Johnson<br>Map Water |

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| <p>6.</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p> <p>6.3</p> | <p><b>ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water Week Celebration 12.1</li> <li>• Proposed landfill site at Phuthaditjhaba 12.2</li> <li>• DWS and Rand Water inspection at Loch Athlone Dam 12.3</li> </ul>  |            |
| <p>7.</p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p>            | <p><b>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSIONS</b></p> <p><b>WATER QUALITY MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT</b></p> <p><b>DWS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Gauteng DWS is still busy addressing the issue of a long term contract.</li> <li>• DWS: RQS currently assisting the Provincial Office with sampling analysis.</li> <li>• The laboratory (RQS) can only handle few samples and analysis due to lack of staff.</li> </ul> <p><b>RAND WATER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rand Water presented water quality results for <b>1 January to 31 March 2015.</b></li> <li>• WLA – Lesotho highlands Ash River Outfall - There was a non-compliance for nitrates for the year. The e.coli was still detected at this site (tolerable).</li> <li>• WLB - There was a non-compliance for nitrates for the year.</li> <li>• WJ – There was a non-compliance in ammonia, alkalinity, phosphate and COD.</li> <li>• WLBB - There was a non-compliance for nitrates for this quarter.</li> <li>• WLR - There was a non-compliance for nitrates and phosphates for this quarter.</li> <li>• WL, EQQ and WE - There was a non-compliance for nitrates for the year.</li> <li>• WN – Nuwejaarspruit downstream of Sterkfontein Dam – non-compliance in chlorides, phosphates and COD.</li> <li>• WAH – Wilge River above Harrismith – non-compliance in fluoride, nitrates and sulphates.</li> <li>• WH – Wilge River below Harrismith – non-compliance in ammonia and nitrates</li> <li>• WMW – Wilge meul at Waaiwater – there was a non-compliance in fluoride and nitrates.</li> <li>• WAF – Wilge River above Frankfort – there was a non-compliance in fluoride and nitrates.</li> <li>• WF – Wilge River at Frankfort – Non-compliance in nitrates and e.coli.</li> <li>• Compliance of sewage works according to General Standard: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bethlehem wwtw – non-compliance in ammonia and e.coli.</li> <li>• Harrismith wwtw - non-compliance in ammonia, COD and e.coli.</li> <li>• Qwaqwa wwtw – non-compliance in nitrates.</li> <li>• Tsiamé wwtw – non-compliance in ammonia and e.coli.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p>DWS</p> |

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| 7.3 | <p><b>SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dept of Environmental Affairs has started a project whereby waste sites will be issued with licenses.</li> </ul>   | DWS       |
| 8.  | <p><b>CATCHMENT ACTIVITIES – FEEDBACK FROM STAKEHOLDERS</b></p>  |           |
| 8.1 | <p><b>PHUMELELA MUNICIPALITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absent without apology</li> </ul>  |           |
| 8.2 | <p><b>NKETOANA MUNICIPALITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representative gave a presentation.</li> <li>• Pump station 2 Reitz WWTW is overloaded due to effluent from abattoir.</li> <li>• The pump station is going to be upgraded.</li> <li>• Inlet works has been upgraded.</li> </ul> |           |
| 8.3 | <p><b>DIHLABENG MUNICIPALITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representative gave a presentation.</li> </ul>   |           |
| 8.4 | <p><b>MAFUBE MUNICIPALITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absent without apology.</li> </ul>  |           |
| 8.5 | <p><b>THABO MOFUTSANYANE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addressed under 8.9.</li> </ul>  | Map Water |
| 8.6 | <p><b>MAP Water</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qwa Qwa sewage works – there was non – compliance of nitrates the past three months, the reason of non – compliance was due to the utilization of biological plant. They are busy addressing this matter with their laboratory.</li> </ul>  |           |
| 8.7 | <p><b>FEZILE DABI MUNICIPALITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No representative.</li> </ul>  |           |
| 8.8 | <p><b>DETEA FREE STATE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No representative.</li> </ul>  |           |
| 8.9 | <p><b>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water samples were taken on the month of March 2015. Their results differ from Nketoana Municipality. They will organize sampling on the same date with Nketoana in order to address this matter.</li> </ul>                     |           |

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|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thabo Mofutsanyane is not taking any water samples currently due to financial crisis.</li> <li>• Department of health received lot of complains about a smell that is emanating from Peterstyn WWTW.</li> <li>• Department of Health conducted a research about this matter. Feedback from the nearest hospital indicated that most patient from the communities have been admitted suffering from T.B and asthma due to the smell that is emanating from Peterstyn WWTW.</li> <li>• Peterstyn area next to the landfill site – Communities are complaining that when the municipal officials are burning the waste, the smoke is unbearable in that area.</li> <li>• Nketoana LM responded that it is not proper for Department of Health representative to say that Peterstyn WWTW is not operational.</li> <li>• There are two plants at Peterstyn WWTW which are ponds system and the plant.</li> <li>• Nketoana Municipality is busy upgrading the plant and the sludge is going to be sucked. Reitz WWTW – is currently overloaded; the municipality is planning to upgrade the WWTW.</li> </ul> |            |
| 8.10 | <p><b>WATER SECTOR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absent without apology. J Mofokeng will invite representative.</li> </ul>   | J Mofokeng |
| 9.   | <p><b>WATER USE LICENSE STATUS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water Use License Status will be uploaded on the reservoir website. .</li> </ul>  | J Mofokeng |
| 10   | <p><b>POLLUTION INCIDENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addressed per agenda</li> </ul>  |            |
| 11.  | <p><b>CMA PROCESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation process in terms of the Business Case has been closed. DWS is busy consolidating the comments from stakeholders. Progress will be given in the next meeting.</li> <li>• The forum wanted to know what will happen to the CMF once CMA is fully operational.</li> <li>• DWS answered forum meetings will still operate.</li> </ul>   | DWS        |
| 12   | <p><b>DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA</b></p>   |            |
| 12.1 | <p><b>Water Week Celebration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water Week Celebration was held on the 21 April 2015. The event started at 10:30. Nketoana Municipality arranged a transport for school kids.</li> <li>• Attendance was very good from all parties.</li> <li>• The event was very successful.</li> <li>• Nketoana thanked all the organization that made the event a success.</li> </ul>  |            |

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| 12.2 | <p><b>Proposed landfill site at Phuthaditjhaba</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• V Hlatshwayo gave a presentation on the proposed landfill site at Phuthaditjhaba.</li> <li>• The project is funded by Department of Environmental Affairs.</li> <li>• Maluti a Phofung – appointed all green on behalf of Department of Environmental Affairs to do the designs of the landfill site.</li> <li>• The forum wanted to; know how far the waste application is.</li> <li>• V Hlatshwayo answered that the consulting company have done first and second public participation. Currently they are awaiting the comment from DWS.</li> <li>• Their final scope has been forwarded to Department of Environmental Affairs.</li> </ul> |  |
| 12.3 | <p><b>Loch Athlone Dam</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S Mporetji mentioned that on the 18 May 2015 DWS and Rand Water had an inspection at Loch –Athlone- Dam. The Dam is covered by reeds.</li> <li>• Dihlabeng Municipality answered that the municipality is aware of this matter. This matter will be addressed immediate when funds are allocated.</li> </ul>  |  |
| 13.  | <p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18 August 2015</li> <li>• 17 November 2015</li> </ul>  |  |
| 14.  | <p><b>CLOSURE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chairperson thanked everyone for participating and adjourned the meeting.</li> </ul>   |  |