

## Minutes of the Wilge Forum Meeting held on 22 August 2012. At Phuthaditjhaba (Old Parliament)

No	DISCUSSION	Action
1.	Welcome	NP Cindi
	The Chair welcomed all attendees.	
2.	Introduction of attendees	All
2.	All attendees introduced themselves.	All
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3.	Apologies	All
	Lerato Molaba – FDDM	
	Sediko Mpopetsi – DWA : FS	
	• Sam Dwyili – DWA – FS	
	Ephraim Matseba – DWA	
	Bashan Govender – DWA	
	Trevor Khoza – DWA	
	Lize van Rensburg- Environmental Health	
4.	Minutes of Previous Meeting Corrections	All
	P.1.Namahadi not Namakgadi.	
	Mokgele Machongoane not M Mokhele	
5.	Acceptance of the Minutes	All
	• The minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the previous meeting.	
6.	Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes	All
	There were no matters arising from previous minutes.	
7.	Additions to the agenda	All
	Site inspection in Tweeling.	
	River Classification Studies.	
8.	Items for Presentation	
8.1	Addressed under general.	
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9.	Water Quality Status of the Wilge River Catchment.	
9.1	DWA	
9.1	<ul> <li>DWA presented the water quality status of Wilge catchment with reference to the problematic areas.</li> <li>Conductivity – all WWTW complies with the general standard.</li> <li>Chloride – all WWTW complies with the general standard.</li> <li>Bethlehem WWTW- was not complying for the past two (02) months with ammonia.</li> <li>Harrismith WWTW- was not complying for the past (03) months with ammonia.</li> <li>Tshiame WWTW – was not complying for the past (03) months with ammonia.</li> <li>Reits, Kestel, Frankfort and Tweeling WWTW – were not complying for the past three (03) months with ammonia.</li> <li>Qwa Qwa WWTW – was not complying for the past three (03) in terms of nitrates, nitrites and nitrogen.</li> <li>Phosphate- all WWTW complies with the general standard.</li> <li>PH – all WWTW complies with the general standards.</li> <li>Harrismith and Kestel WWTW – were not complying for the past three (03) months with COD.</li> <li>Bethlehem and Harrismith WWTW – were not complying for the past three (03) months with Faecal coliform and E- coli.</li> </ul>	CJ Malungani S Mpopetsi
	• Tshiame WWTW – was not complying for (01) month with faecal coliform.	
9.2	<ul> <li>Rand Water</li> <li>R. Hariram presented water quality status for Rand Water that shows that most of their variables were not complying in terms of alkalinity, nitrates, chloride, ammonia and PH. It was also reported that most of the variables were not complying due to the activities that were taking place in the area.</li> </ul>	
9.4	<ul> <li>Pollution Incidents</li> <li>Mr. Chair mentioned that stakeholders must report only one incident from Map Water.</li> <li>At Map Water on the 20 February 2012 cable was stolen from the transformer and they used HTH to minimize the effect of the spillage. Measures to be taken overhead power line will be installed.</li> <li>There was a pipeline blockage in Biuogumbosch and the contractor rerouted the main sewer out fall line.</li> <li>Feedback on waste disposal sites.</li> <li>T Pather mentioned that landfill sites are falling under Environmental Affairs in Bloemfontein not DWA, so authorization must be received from</li> </ul>	

10	<ul> <li>Environmental Affairs.</li> <li>There are only two (02) big landfill sites in the Wilge catchment, which is Harrismith and Bethlehem.</li> <li>Small landfill site in the Wilge Catchment are Frankfort, Tweeling, Kestel, Tshiame and Qwa Qwa.</li> <li>T. Pather explained the procedure for grit removal at the WWTW.</li> </ul>	
10 10.1	Report back from Stakeholders Phumelela Municipality  • Upgrading of the plant is 95% complete.	
10.2	<ul> <li>Nketoana Municipality</li> <li>Aerators have been replaced.</li> <li>Health inspectors visited the plant.</li> <li>The pump was once overflowed and has been fixed.</li> <li>It was requested that DWA must assist Municipalities on how to run the lab.</li> <li>Thabo Mofutsanyane won't help with the lab as they are struggling to get an accredited laboratory.</li> </ul>	
10.3	<ul> <li>Dihlabeng Municipality</li> <li>M Machongoane gave a presentation of the projects that they are busy with.</li> </ul>	
10.4	<ul> <li>Mafube Municipality</li> <li>The voltage at the transformers is not sufficient and the power is always trapped but they always contain the sewage.</li> <li>They are busy preparing for the green drop.</li> <li>They are trying to dislodge the ponds.</li> </ul>	
10.5	<ul> <li>Thabo Mofutsanyane</li> <li>They are still having challenges to get an accredited laboratory.</li> <li>They have submitted quotations to their supply chain management to tell them which lab they can use.</li> </ul>	
10.6	<ul> <li>MAP Water</li> <li>They are done with the process of by-laws and the project started in July 2011.</li> <li>They are planning to clean the ponds in Tshiame and Harrismith.</li> </ul>	
10.7	<ul> <li>Environmental Health</li> <li>Map Water is covering everything in water and wastes.</li> <li>There are too much illegal dumps in the community and locations.</li> <li>There is illegal dumping in Makwane.</li> </ul>	

11.	<ul> <li>Water Use License Status</li> <li>R.P Shibambo gave the status of WULA in the Wilge catchment.</li> </ul>	
12	Catchment Management Agency (CMA) update  • Apology	ME Matseba
13.	Discussion of Additions to the Agenda  • There were no additions.	
14. 14.1 41.2	<ul> <li>General</li> <li>T. Nyamande gave a presentation regarding River Classification Studies.</li> <li>S. Mporetji gave a presentation regarding Tweeling WWTW (Oxidation Ponds).</li> </ul>	
15.	Date of Next Meeting • 19 February 2013 (Warden)	
16.	Closure     The Chairperson thanked everyone for participating and adjourned the meeting.	