

Minutes of the Wilge Forum Meeting held on 16 February 2010 at Frankfort at 10h00

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	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW UP
1	<p>Welcome Mr Cindi welcomed all the attendees. Mr Cindi raised his concern over the non-attendance of the host (Mafube Municipality) at the meeting and requested DWA to follow-up on this issue and the issue of poor attendance by other stakeholders.</p>	<i>DWA</i>
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3	<p>Introduction of attendees All attendees introduced themselves.</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T.J. Mofokeng • L.B. Sello • M. Likhetho • J Malungani • H Mthembu • F. Weyers • F. Kok • J. Modisaotsile • G. Groenewald de Wet 	
4	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting The following corrections were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The date of the previous minutes was supposed to be 23 November 2009. 	<i>DWA</i>
5	<p>Acceptance of the Minutes The minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting held in November 2009.</p>	
6	<p>Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no matters arising. 	

7	Additions to the Agenda and Approval of the Agenda 7.1 Water Week celebrations 7.2 Forum Satisfaction meeting	
8	Items for Presentation. There were no items for presentation.	

<p>9</p>	<p>Water Quality in the Wilge Catchment</p> <p>DWA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DWA presented water quality status of Wilge catchment with reference to the problematic areas. • Wilge River @ Frankfort sample point showed non-compliance for ammonia for the past 2 months • Ash River Outfall sample point showed non compliance for ammonia and nitrates for the past 2 months and phosphate for the past month (January 2010). • Bethlehem sewage works: general standards used for compliance. Final effluent from this works has been of unacceptable water quality for the past 3 months. DWA has tried to engage discussions with municipality to determine what the problems are with the operation of the works. Municipality has informed DWA that they will be appointing experienced personnel at the sewage works. DWA highlighted that municipality does not report pollution incidents or problems at the works timeously and often it is too late to assist when DWA uncovers the problems. • Harrismith sewage works: final effluent microbiological quality is unacceptable. Also problems of overloading at the works and sludge disposal occurring at the works. No new development at the sewage works although at last forum meeting MAP Municipality's consultants indicated that the plant will be upgraded. • QwaQwa sewage works: final effluent complies to general standards with exception of nitrates. • Tsiamé sewage works: compliance to general standard • Reitz sewage works: problem with ammonia levels for past 3 months. • Kestell sewage works: compliance to general standard • Frankfort sewage works: problems with nitrate levels • Warden sewage works: no final effluent for past 3 months and beyond. Problems with pump station alongside the N3 which is non-operational and this pump station carries flow to the sewage works. DWA has tried to visit the Technical Manager but he was no-show for scheduled meeting. Danger exists of sewage flowing into the Cornelis River within the next couple of weeks. DWA to get Phumelela Municipality to respond for the next meeting. <p>Rand Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rand Water presented their water quality status report for the last quarter of 2009 and distributed map of their sampling points. • Elands River improved i.t.o of ammonia levels. • Nitrates problematic at EQQ, WE, MR and WAF • Most of the sewage works are not complying with in-stream water quality guidelines. The general standards will be used for compliance of sewage works in future Rand Water reports. • Rand Water's report is available on www.reservoir.co.za • Vaal Dam was over 100% full at the end of January 2010 due to the high rainfalls in the catchment. For more detailed info on the dam levels members were requested to visit www.reservoir.co.za 	<p>DWA</p>
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<p>10</p>	<p>Report back from Stakeholders in the Wilge Catchment</p> <p>Phumelela Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No representative present • There's a new housing development in Warden. • The forum agreed that the technical manager (Hope Mthembu) must write a detailed report about Phumelela in the next forum meeting. <p>Nketoane Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wastewater was flooded and municipality is still busy with clean-up operations. Chlorine pump burnt out, awaiting purchase of new pump • Bearings at the pump station will be replaced. • The municipality mentioned that they want to know where they can get learnership training for their operators, because they are inexperienced. • It was mentioned that learnerships for operators start with a class of 20. • It was mentioned that all municipalities must contact Maluti A Phofung Water for learnerships. <p>Dihlabeng Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No representative present. <p>Mafube Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No representative present <p>Maluti a Phofung Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maluti A Phofung mentioned that they have participated in Blue Drop certification. • There is a new plant (Sterkfontein plant) and it is 50 percent complete. The plant is to be completed in June 2010. • It was mentioned that MAP Water must write a letter to DWA stating when they are intending to submit the Water Use Licence Application (WULA) and when the upgrade of Harrismith sewage works will be done. <p>Free State Environmental Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was mentioned that Environmental Health took some samples at Bethlehem and the results was good. <p>Thabo Mofutsanyane District Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was mentioned that things are not going well at the district because they are under administration. • It was agreed that Rand Water must send Thabo Mofutsanyane the water quality results from the analysis of dam water in Vrede. <p>Free State DETEA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DETEA mentioned that, waste licence application for sewage works must be submitted to their national office. 	<p><i>Hope Mthembu – Phumelela LM</i></p> <p><i>Piet Dejager Nketoane LM</i></p> <p><i>Joseph Modisaotsile Dihlabeng LM</i></p> <p><i>Nokukhanya Radebe Mafube LM</i></p> <p><i>Tello Mphuthi MAP Water</i></p> <p><i>H Maringa TMDM</i></p> <p><i>Michell Poonyane DETEA</i></p>
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11	<p>Water use Licence Applications Status DWA presented about the Water Use Licence status. The forum agreed that Chairperson of the forum together with DWA must write letters to the municipal managers to apply for water use licenses.</p>	DWA
12	<p>Catchment Management Agency (CMA) update/Waste Discharge Charge System It was mentioned that the officer responsible for CMA has been appointed - Mohale Ephraim Matseba.</p>	
13	<p>Discussion of Additions to the Agenda 13.1. Celebration of the water week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that Nketoana will hold the water week celebration, and the venue will be Danielsrus. • DWA, Rand Water and FS Environmental Health will work together and circulate the date of the event to forum members. <p>13.2. Satisfaction meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rand Water will facilitate a satisfactory survey meeting in August meeting in order to ensure that the forums remain sustainable. 	
14	<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that DWA Free State must be invited to the forum. • It was agreed that DWA must report on pollution incidents in the next forum meeting. 	DWA
15	<p>Date of the next meeting: 18 May 2010 Venue: To be confirmed by DWA</p>	
16	<p>Closure Chairperson thanked all for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 12h00.</p>	