

Minutes of the Wilge Forum Meeting held on 15 February 2011 at Warden

	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW UP
1.	Welcome Chairperson welcomed all attendees .	Chairperson
2.	Introduction of attendees All attendees introduced themselves	ALL
3.	Apologies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T Mphuthi • E Matseba • T Pather • S Mporetji • P Dejager • A Jantjies 	ALL
4.	Minutes of Previous Meeting D Human and N Malise are not captured on the attendance list, but both were in attendance. Peter Hawley was incorrectly spelt as Peter Hayley.	ALL
5.	Acceptance of the Minutes The minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the previous meeting.	ALL
6.	Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting None.	ALL
7.	Additions to the Agenda and Approval of the Agenda	
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Week celebration. 	
8.	Items for Presentation	
8.1	Let The River Flow. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sustainability of the project was enquired. • It was reported that the project is sustainable and will work up to ten years or even more. • It was enquired as to whether similar project along other rivers are also in place. 	Peter Hawley

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forum members congratulated Let The River Flow for the good work and encouraged them to keep up the good work. 	
9.	<p>Water Quality in the Wilge Catchment DWA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WLB must be corrected as it is incorrect. It was mentioned that an investigation must be conducted regarding absence of effluent at Warden WWTW. Bethlehem WWTW was not complying for the past 6 months. Wilge below Qwaqwa is being polluted by the community (they pour raw sewage by honey sucker into the river). <p>WWTW that is always complying</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tshiame sewage works Reitz sewage works. <p>Least compliant and of major concern</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bethlehem WWTW Harrismith WWTW <p>Rand Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rand Water presented their water quality status report; generally there has not been major changes of Water Quality for this quarter. Four sewage works are currently monitored by Rand Water. There is good performance with respect to ammonia in Tshiame. A Municipality must provide reasons when any parameter is too high. <p>Pollution Incidents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An enquiry was made into disposal of chemicals / contaminated soils generated at N3 spillage/accident scenes. <p>Feedback on waste disposal sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> T Pather will give feedback on waste disposal sites during the next meeting 	<p>DWA</p> <p>Rand Water</p> <p>DWA</p> <p>DWA</p>
10	<p>Report back from Stakeholders in the Wilge Catchment</p>	
10.1	<p>Phumelela Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A site meeting was held on Monday, 14 Feb 2011. 	Phumelela LM

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The contractor has already started with the work. There are still problems with pump station No 4. 	
10.2	Nketoana Municipality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No representative. 	Nketoana LM
10.3	Dihlabeng Municipality No representative.	Dihlabeng LM
10.4	Mafube Municipality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Problems experienced in December due to excessive rainfall. The pump station was not working and stormwater was going directly into the river. The impact of informal settlements next to the river was enquired. 	Mafube LM
10.5	Thabo Mofutsanyane District Municipality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No representative. 	TMDM
10.6	MAP Water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Harrismith diary company was discharging effluent through the storm water system, and the matter was reported to DWA. The toilet paper factory in Phuthaditjhaba is discharging raw effluent into the Elands river. 	Map Water
10.7	Free State DETEA No representative	DETEA
10.8	Environmental Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Samples were collected and shown to be of poor quality It was reported that 36 farm schools and crèches were trained for health and hygiene. The water at Bethlehem was reported as being of poor quality. 	Environmental Health
11.	Water Use License Application Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> R P Shibambo from DWA distributed the Water Use License Status. Two municipalities still need to apply for a WUL (Mafube and Dihlabeng Municipality) 	DWA
12.	Catchment Management Agency (CMA)	

	update/Waste Discharge System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the 27 January 2011 there was a strategic re-look at realignment of the CMA and WMA. 	DWA
13.	Discussion of Additions to the Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mafube will host the Water Week celebration. 	ALL
14.	General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. 	ALL
15.	Date of the next meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17 May 2011 (Phuthaditjhaba) 	Chairperson
16.	Closure Chairperson thanked all for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 12h30	Chairperson