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|  | <p>Minutes of the Wilge Forum Meeting held on 14 February 2012. At Warden (Phumelela Municipal Offices)</p> |
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| No | DISCUSSION | Action |
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| 1. | <p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair welcomed all attendees. | NP Cindi |
| 2. | <p>Introduction of attendees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All attendees introduced themselves. | All |
| 3. | <p>Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> T Nyamande J. Jay B. Govendor J. Van Wyk T. Mphuthi T. Pather P. J Dejager M Malebatja | All |
| 4. | <p>Minutes of Previous Meeting Corrections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> P.1.6 R Hariram will invite Golden to give presentation of Orange – Vaal Yellow Fish at the next meeting. | All |
| 5. | <p>Acceptance of the Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the previous meeting. | All |
| 6. | <p>Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> P.2 R Shibambo was requested to check with their laboratory if the water quality result that was presented in the previous meeting was correct. R Shibambo answered that he checked with their laboratory and the results were correct. P.5 R Shibambo was tasked to address the issue of non attendance and report back at the next meeting. R Shibambo responded that he sent a letter to stakeholders that are not attending the forum and there were given fourteen days to respond. | R Shibambo |

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| | Feedback will be given at the next meeting. | |
| 7. | Additions to the agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no additions. | All |
| 8. | Items for Presentation | |
| 8.1 | Yellow Fish risk assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> G O Brien presented yellow fish risk assessment. | |
| 8.2 | Rand Water on line monitoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> R. Hariram presented about a proposal for pipeline from Ciarens to Gauteng. | |
| 9. | Water Quality Status of the Wilge River Catchment. | |
| 9.1 | DWA DWA presented the water quality status of Wilge catchment with reference to the problematic areas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most of the points were not complying in terms of ammonia, nitrates and faecal coliform. At sewage works most of the variables were within the standard except for nitrates, ammonia and chloride. The forum requested Tshiame Sewage works to check their non compliance in terms of ammonia and nitrates and give feedback at the next meeting. R Shibambo requested CJ Malungani to check their non compliance in terms of chloride, ammonia and faecal coliform and report back at the next meeting. The forum wanted to know who is responsible to fund municipalities that are not complying. ME Matseba requested S Mpopetsi to give a presentation at the next meeting indicating how they are going to assist Municipalities that are not complying. | CJ Malungani S Mpopetsi |
| 9.2 | Rand Water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> R. Hariram presented water quality status for Rand Water that shows that most of their variables were not complying in terms of alkalinity and nitrates due to high flow emanating from Ash River. Also mentioned that they are all monitoring four sewage works and most of Sewage works were not complying in terms of ammonia and alkalinity except for Qwa Qwa Sewage works it was complying for the past three months. The forum wanted to know why they are only monitoring four Sewage works. R Hariram responded that they only monitor the most problematic Sewage works. | |
| 9.3 | Pollution Incidents | |

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| <p>9.4</p> <p>Feedback on waste disposal sites.</p> <p>The status is still the same update will be presented at the next meeting.</p> <p>9.5</p> <p>Feedback on Classification Studies</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no pollution or spillages that were reported to the Department in (DWA) the past three (03) months. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reitz WDF – application for the new landfill had been submitted awaiting approval from DETEA. • Warden WDF – application for the new landfill had been approved, in late December 2011. This site to be commissioned as soon as possible. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no major activities to report on the project. • There will be a Project Steering Committee in May 2012. • L Mulangaphuma gave project background to those who do not know anything about River Classification studies. | |
| <p>10</p> <p>10.1</p> | <p>Report back from Stakeholders</p> <p>Phumelela Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basically from September 2011 there were no challenges. • They have done face 2 at their WWTW currently busy with face 3. • Shortage of electricity caused spillages however it was contained. • The community is complaining about the bad smell around the area and the matter will be investigated, feedback will be given at the next meeting. | |
| <p>10.2</p> | <p>Nketoana Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No representative | |
| <p>10.3</p> | <p>Dihlabeng Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In terms of preventing pollution they are going to refurbish Bethlehem Sewage works, the project was funded by DWA FS and is a two (02) years project. • Outfall Sewer project in Bohlakong, the project is funded under MIG. • The forum requested Municipalities not to hide challenges when they give feedback so that they can get help. | |
| <p>10.4</p> | <p>Mafube Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WSSA have been appointed to assist Mafube Municipality with maintenance. • At Tweeling, two (02) pumps were purchased and aerators are working. • At Frankfort the transformer has been fenced in order to beef up the security and new system will be installed in order to avoid cable theft. • At Namagadi oxidation ponds, aerators have been refurbished, the project will be finished at the end of February 2012. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At Namagadi pump station, they will install the CMS system for security and refurbish the clarifier. | |
| 10.5 | Thabo Mofutsanyane <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Their laboratory is not yet accredited and they are busy trying to get a consultant in order to have a credited laboratory. | |
| 10.6 | MAP Water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At Harrismith – busy upgrading their plant, still at preliminary stage consultant has been appointed; the tender will be advertised before the end of February 2012. And the challenge is that the plant is unable to carry the load. Biofilters that were reported not working in the previous meeting at Kestell Sewage works has been fixed. At Tshame Sewage works, they had problems with ignition tanks and the ignition tanks have been fixed. At Makwane they are going to build a new network for sewer line. Water shortage at Makwan, currently drinking water plant is not coping with the demand and they have approached local municipality to upgrade the plant. Local municipalities have agreed to upgrade the plant currently they are still at preliminary stage. Busy reviewing the by-laws and the process will be finished around May 2012. | |
| 10.7 | Free State DETEA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No representative | |
| 10.8 | Environmental Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> They have completed awareness campaign of 2011 at Schools and they haven't started with 2012 campaign. Busy taking water samples at Rural Farm Schools. They have unaccredited laboratory but they are still using it. In order to prevent diarrhea at Schools, they are planning to teach schools about the importance of purifying water. Water tanks at schools were supposed to be cleaned however there are still technical problems with municipal system. | |
| 11. | Water Use License Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mafube Municipality – did not submit their WULA, R Shibambo wrote them a letter and they responded that they are still waiting for their consultant. Map Water- WULA still at evaluation stage. Reitz – WULA has been drafted still waiting for reserve. Phumelela Municipality – WULA has been sent back because the information was insufficient. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dihlabeng Municipality- WULA still at evaluation stage. | |
| 12 | Catchment Management Agency (CMA) update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In terms of National Water act, we were supposed to have 18 CMA's, the officials have agreed that there will be 9 CMA's operating the whole country, the report has been compiled and submitted to the Minister around December 2011. Feedback will be given at the next meeting. • The forum wanted to know how long the process will take to finalize the consolidation. • ME Matseba responded that the process is going to take long because internally they are still reviewing the National Water Act and National Water resource strategy. | ME Matseba |
| 13. | Discussion of Additions to the Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no additions. | |
| 14. | General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed Water Week Celebration. | |
| 15. | Date of Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 May 2012 Mafube Municipality (Frankfort) | |
| 16. | Closure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairperson thanked everyone for participating and adjourned the meeting. | |