

**Minutes of the Wilge Forum Meeting held on 17 May 2011 at Phuthaditjhaba (MaP Water Offices)**

	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION/FOLLOW UP</b>
1.	<b>Welcome</b> The Chair welcomed all attendees.	Chair
2.	<b>Introduction of attendees</b> All attendees introduced themselves	ALL
3.	<b>Apologies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T Pather</li> <li>• D Tinghisi</li> <li>• P De Jager</li> <li>• S Mporetji</li> </ul>	
4.	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	ALL
5.	Acceptance of the Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the previous meeting.</li> </ul>	ALL
6.	<b>Matters Arising from the previous meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
7.	<b>Additions to the agenda and approval of the agenda</b>	
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water Week Celebration</li> </ul>	
8.	<b>Items for presentation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
9.	<b>Water Quality in the Wilge Catchment</b> <b>DWA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wilge at Frankfort was not complying for the past 3 months.</li> <li>• Ash River was not complying for a month due to heavy rain in Lesotho.</li> <li>• Qwa Qwa WWTW has been complying for the past (3) three months.</li> <li>• Warden WWTW will have effluent in the next sampling date.</li> <li>• Harrismith WWTW was not complying because the plant is overloaded.</li> <li>• DWA Free State Regional Office allocated funding for the refurbishment of this WWTW. The construction will start early next year (2012).</li> </ul>	DWA
9.2	<b>Rand Water</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rand Water presented their water quality status report; generally there has not been a major change of water quality for this quarter.</li> <li>• Bethlehem WWTW was performing for the past 3 months.</li> <li>• Delfotein water was acceptable.</li> <li>• Letuka will be upgraded.</li> </ul>	Rand Water

<p>9.3</p> <p>9.4</p>	<p><b>Pollution Incidents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• +/- 30 KM from Harrismith to Kestel (N5), a truck transporting diesel overturned and spilled diesel in the area. Spillage was contained and cleaned-up before reaching the river.</li> </ul> <p><b>Feedback on waste disposal sites</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no impacts onto the water resource from any of the waste disposal facilities in the Wilge Catchment.</li> <li>• Formal recycling may be introduced at both the Harrismith and Bethlehem landfills.</li> <li>• Funding may come from the Provincial Department but management will be at the municipal level.</li> <li>• Letters had been sent to these municipalities.</li> <li>• Warden WDF – EIA application for the new WDF had been submitted to DETEA according to the consultants.</li> <li>• DWA will comment if requested formally from DETEA.</li> </ul>	
<p>10</p> <p>10.1</p> <p>10.2</p> <p>10.3</p> <p>10.4</p> <p>10.5</p> <p>10.6</p> <p>10.7</p> <p>10.8</p>	<p>Report back from stakeholders (5 minutes each)</p> <p>Phumelela Local Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No representative</li> </ul> <p>Nketoane Local Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No representative</li> </ul> <p>Dihlabeng Local Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 million has been spared to upgrade the WWTW.</li> </ul> <p>Mafube Local Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transformer in Frankfort will be fixed and they have managed to tighten security to avoid theft of cables.</li> </ul> <p>Thabo Mofutsanyane District Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No representative</li> </ul> <p>MaP Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They appointed more than 20 interns.</li> <li>• Operations are running well at all of MaP Water's WWTWs.</li> </ul> <p>Free State DETEA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No representative</li> </ul> <p>Environmental Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No representative</li> </ul>	

11.	<b>Water Use License Application Status</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RP Shibambo discussed the water use license status. Two municipalities still need to apply for a WUL (Mafube and Dihlabeng Municipality)</li> </ul>	DWA
12.	<b>Catchment Management Agency (CMA) update / Waste Discharge System</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Vaal River system will be managed as a single CMA, i.e. , the combination of the lower, middle and upper Vaal WMA. However water management areas will remain the same.</li> <li>The National Water Resource Strategy is being revised and it will be gazetted for public comments.</li> </ul>	
13.	<b>Discussion of Additions to the Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dihlabeng Local Municipality will host the Water Week Celebration.</li> </ul>	
14.	<b>General</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Forum thanked DWA for all their efforts for taking on all administration duties of the forum.</li> <li>P Cindi will continue as Chairperson of the forum.</li> </ul>	
15.	<b>Date of the next meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16 August 2011 (Bethlehem)</li> </ul>	
16.	<b>Closure</b> The Chair thanked all for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 12h30.	