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### **DWS committed to tackle Goedverwacht and Witterwater water supply challenges**

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The National Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and other role players are committed to speedily resolve the issues of water supply challenges in the Goedverwacht and Witterwater areas located in the West Coast district of the Western Cape.

Both communities, located in the Moravian church private land have been facing challenges due to dilapidated water infrastructure due to the the weir / Mooi river abstraction point that has collapsed, resulting in inadequate water abstraction and water supply to the community of Goedverwacht.

According to Ms Boniswa Hene, DWS Western Cape Director of Regulation, Compliance and Enforcement her department recognises the severity of the situation and as a result, the DWS in conjunction with other role players are working tirelessly to ensure that Goedverwacht and Witterwater communities have access to clean water and dignified sanitation service.

“One of the key short interventions agreed to with other role players, including the communities, will be to provide water tanks that will be placed at strategic areas in both communities for all the residents to have access to sustainable water supply . During the onsite assessment on 04 April 2024 by the DWS team and the officials of the Moravian Church together with the local water committee, t these strategic areas where water tanks can be placed were identified” says Hene.

To date there has been several stakeholder consultations with all the affected and interested parties to ensure meaningful participation of everyone. DWS is confident that these efforts will yield positive results.

The department will continue to monitor the Goedverwacht and Witterwater water supply situation closely and work towards ensuring sustainable water supply.

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