



MEDIA ADVISORY

Deputy Minister Sello Seitholo will hand over a completed Wastewater Treatment Works in Matjiesfontein and conduct an oversight inspection at Laingsburg Sewer Pumpstation.

28 May 2025

Water and Sanitation Deputy Minister, Sello Seitholo will officially hand over the completed Matjiesfontein Wastewater Treatment Works to Laingsburg Local Municipality and conduct an oversight inspection at Laingsburg Sewer Pumpstation on Friday, 30 May 2025.

Matjiesfontein is part of Laingsburg Local Municipality as the Water Services Authority under Central Karoo District Municipality. Laingsburg Municipality is responsible to provide water services to all communities under its jurisdiction.

Part of Laingsburg was serviced with a waterborne sewer system, but Matjiesfontein was serviced with a conservancy sewer tank system maintained by Laingsburg Municipality. However, it was not feasible to maintain the sewer tank system because it was labour-intensive and had constituted high costs.

Through its Water Service Infrastructure Grant (WSIG), the Department of Water and Sanitation allocated funds for the construction of Matjiesfontein Wastewater Treatment Works to the value of R 19 871 997,00, to improve sanitation services in the area.

Deputy Minister Seitholo will also engage with community members on water and sanitation issues in the area.

Members of the media are invited as follows:

SESSION 1 : BRIEFING LAINGSBURG

Date : **30 May 2025**

Time : **08:30**

Venue : **EE CENTRE, Laingsburg, Western Cape**

SESSION 2 : SITE INSPECTION SEWER PUMPSTATION

Date : **30 May 2025**

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Time : 10:00
Venue : Sewer Pump Station, Laingsburg, Western Cape

SESSION 3 : SITE INSPECTION AND HANDOVER OF MATJIESFONTEIN WWTW

Date : 30 May 2025
Time : 11:00
Venue : Matjiesfontein Waste Water Treatment Works, Western Cape

SESSION 4 : COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Date : 30 May 2025
Time : 12:00
Venue : Matjiesfontein Community Hall,

For media confirmations please contact Mr Sanku Tsunke on 066 299 2915 or tsunkes@dws.gov.za

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