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Western Cape Water Supply System nearing 100% mark

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According to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) hydrological report of today 19 July 2021, the Western Cape Water Supply System (WCWSS) which supplies water to Cape Town and the surrounding areas saw an up tick of over 1.5% week on week. This has led to the system hovering above 95%.

The WCWSS is likely to hit the 100% mark in the next few weeks if it rains at the pace recently experienced in the Western Cape over the last few days.

The Theewaterskloof Dam, the largest dam in the Western Cape and Berg River near Franschhoek have reached 100% respectively. 4 dams including Roode Eleberg Dam increased by over 5% as compared to last week.

Sputnik Ratau, Spokesperson for the National Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) says the Clanwilliam Dam, located in the West Coast of Western Cape has seen a remarkable increase of close to 30% over the last 3 weeks.

Ratau further states that while DWS is happy with the manner in which dams are replenishing in the province, the Gouritz River Catchment which covers Little and Karoo remains a concern as the water situation there continues to deteriorate

Meanwhile, the DWS Western Cape wishes to remind the Agricultural Sector about the Water Use Licence Webinar scheduled for Friday 23 July 2021. The Webinar is aimed to educate potential water use applicants in Western Cape about water use and different permit types by explaining processes including the 90-day Water Use License Application and appeal period, as well as different phases and requirements for current and potential water users.

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