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MEDIA STATEMENT

Latest on Status of Water in NC

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The full storage capacity of the Northern Cape is 147.3 million m³. Currently water storage in the province is at 130.5 million m³ or 89.2%. South Africa remains a water scarce country especially the Northern Cape. Water conservation efforts must continue to ensure water for both now and future generations.

The Douglas Storage Weir in the Vaal River is at 17.753 million m³ or 109.3%. The full supply capacity of the Weir is 16.245 million m³. Boegoeberg storage weir in the Orange River is at 14.948 million m³ or 72.5%, Spitskop storage weir in the Harts River is at 59.355 million m³ or 102.6% and the Vaalharts storage Weir is at 38.240 million m³ or 75.5%.

The water level in the Karee Dam serving the town of Calvinia is currently 23.1% full. It should be noted that only the Karee Dam is a storage dam in the Northern Cape.

The other dams are used as transient storages and have much smaller capacities than the larger storage dams in other provinces. Hence the levels of these vary from week to week. They are fed from other upstream dams in the Vaal and Orange rivers from which water is released from the upstream dams as required.

It should be noted that water conservation efforts are not only confined to National Water Week month which is March, but is an ongoing campaign mobilizing communities to continue using water sparingly and wisely.

South Africans are encouraged to report water thieves and those who vandalise water and sanitation infrastructure.

Kindly call the Department of Water and Sanitation Toll Free Number to report any water related crimes and complaints on 0800 200 2000.

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