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DWS calls for enhanced water conservation measures as dam levels in Gert Sibande District continue to drop

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) urges the public to use water sparingly as dam levels continue to decline in the Gert Sibande District of Mpumalanga Province.

The recent DWS weekly state of reservoirs report shows that all the listed dams in the Gert Sibande District recorded drops in water levels.

Grootdraai Dam dropped from 69.8% to 68.9%, Nooitgedacht Dam from 74.7% to 74.2%, Vygeboom Dam from 85.3% to 83.3%, Jericho Dam from 60.6% to 59.4%, Westoe Dam from 34.7% to 34.5%, Morgenstond Dam from 63.7% to 62.8%, and Heyshope Dam from 94.6% to 94.4%.

Water levels also continue to drop on average in the listed dams and the Water Management Areas (WMAs) in the Mpumalanga Province. According to the DWS weekly report, the average dam levels in the Mpumalanga Province dropped from 76.9% to 75.6%. In the Water Management Areas, the Limpopo-Olifants WMA dropped from 67.1% to 65.8% and the Inkomati-Usuthu WMA dropped from 79.2% to 78.1%.

With water levels dropping in all the listed dams, the Gert Sibande District also recorded a drop from last week's 77.8% to 77.2%. The other districts in the Mpumalanga Province also recorded declines, with Ehlanzeni District dropping from 73.3% to 71.5% and Nkangala District dropping from 78.8% to 76.8%.

As water levels continue to fall, the Department of Water and Sanitation calls for more conservative use of the limited available water and urges everyone to make every drop count. South Africa is a water-scarce country, and water has no substitute.

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