Role of a Resource Management Plans





Department: Water Affairs & Forestry REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

OBJECTIVES: (NWA)

- Meeting the basic human needs of present and future generations;
- Promoting equitable access to water;
- Redressing the results of past racial and gender discrimination;
- Promoting the efficient, sustainable and beneficial use of water in the public interest;
- Facilitating social and economic development;
- Providing for growing demand for water use;
- Protecting aquatic and associated ecosystems and their biological diversity;

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- Reducing and preventing pollution and degradation of water resources;
- Meeting international obligations;
- Promoting dam and public safety; and
- Establishing representative institutions.





POLICY STATEMENT

It is DWAF's policy that water and associated resources are conserved and utilised in an environmentally sound and equitable manner based on integrated Resource Management Plans and a classification system developed in association with all stakeholders.





WATER RESOURCES

- Government waterworks
- Other water resources
- Includes a watercourse, surface water, estuary or aquifer







SPECIFIC WATER RESOURCES

Definition of a water course:

- A river or spring
- A natural channel in which water flows regularly or intermittently
- A wetland, lake or dam from which water flows; and
- Any collection of water by which the Minister, by notice in a Gazette declares a dam







SPECIFIC WATER RESOURCES

Definition of a wetland

- Land which is transitional between terrestrial and aquatic where the water table is usually at or near the surface
- Land which supports any vegetation which thrives in saturated soils







SPECIFIC WATER RESOURCES

Definition of a Aquifer

- Geological formation which has the necessary texture and composition to hold water or allow appreciable water movement through them.







SPECIFIC WATER RESOURCES

Definition of an estuary:

- A partially or fully enclosed body of water
- Which is open to the sea permanently or periodically
- Within which the sea water can be diluted, to an extent that is measurable







AUTHORISATION POLICY STATEMENT

• The use of water for recreational purposes is appropriately authorised.





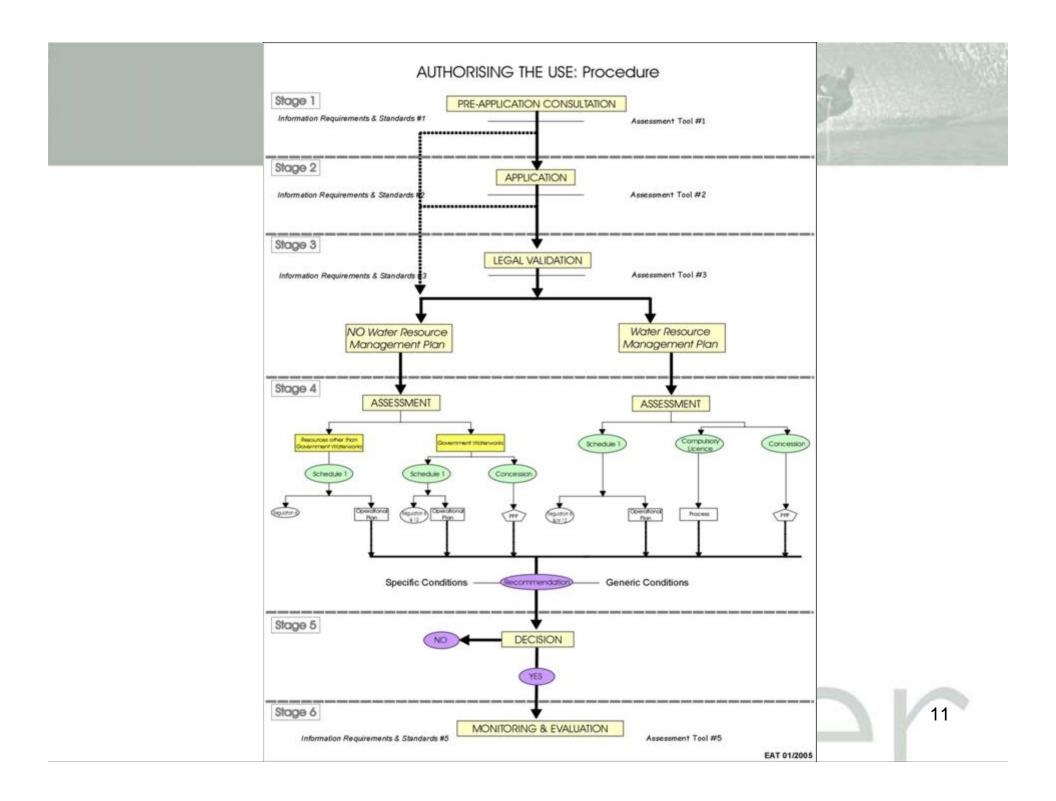


• THE AUTHORISATION ROAD MAP



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ACRONYMS

- SEA: Strategic Environmental Assessment
- LDO: Local Development Objectives
- MAP: Management Area Plan (Precinct plan)
- SDF: Spatial Development Framework
- PPP: Public Private Partnership







BEST PRACTICE

• A Resource Management Plan=Policy at local level





PPP TOOLKIT

- A strategic plan for commercialisation
- Needs
- Resource Management Plans





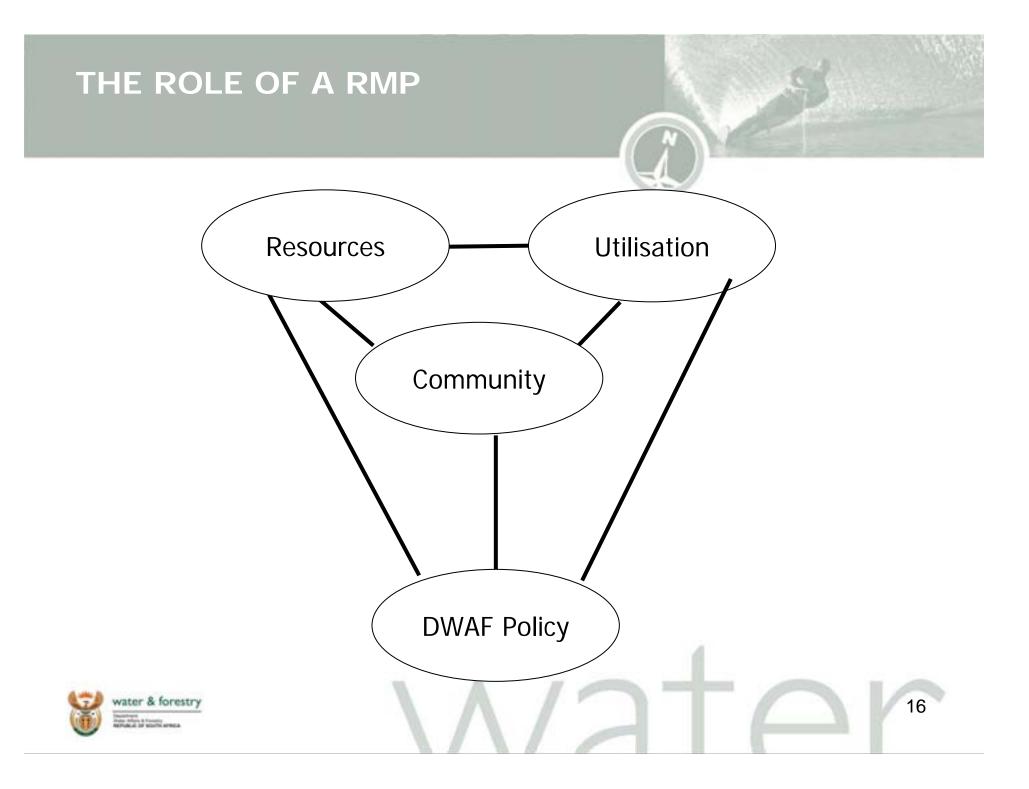


ACCOUNTABILITY

• Policy as promise to.....









'PLANNING IS A SPECIAL FORM OF POLICY'

• Advantages in decision making as apposed to Ad hoc approach









