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Western Cape Dam storage systems on the upward curve

Following persistent significant rains, the Western Cape dam storage systems have improved. The month of May-July was characterized by heavy downpours accompanied by strong storms and snows. This has recharged the dam levels across the province.

The hydrological report of 27 July suggests that the Western Cape Water Supply System (WCWSS) which comprises of the 6 largest dams in the Western Cape is currently standing at 77,56% as compared to 71,86% the same time last year. It is also encouraging to see some dams hitting the 100% mark and they include the Eikenhof and Stettynskloof dams.

The heavy downpours also saw 13 dams across the Western Cape increasing by 5% during July month. The fact that we are witnessing an upward trend in the Western Cape dams storage should not be cause to breed complacency.

There is an anticipated increase in water use as the economic zones are being opened following the reduction of the levels of lockdown from five to three. For this reason, water users are urged to continue with water saving initiatives.

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