



water & sanitation

Department:
Water and Sanitation
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Dear Municipal Manager

The Department of Water and Forestry (DWS) and the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality (NMBM), supported by a Steering Committee of local stakeholders, developed a Strategy to ensure the ongoing reconciliation of requirements with supply for the Algoa Water Supply System. The Strategy aims to provide potable and industrial quality water at adequate levels of assurance of supply, within the constraints of affordability and at appropriate levels of service to the different water user sectors, in an integrated and sustainable manner.

The objective of the ongoing Reconciliation Strategy Support is to put in place arrangements and resources for ongoing implementation of the recommendations and maintenance of the Algoa Reconciliation Strategy, for at least a 25-year planning horizon, and to address related water resources planning issues. This includes an annual review of the current water balance situation and the consideration of possible water balance scenarios and interventions.

The study comprises of two committees, the Strategy Steering Committee (SSC) and an Administrative and Technical Support Group (ATSG). The SSC comprises of representatives from provincial government departments involved in water resource management, NMBM, relevant district and local municipalities, organised agriculture, SALGA, and DWS regional and national office representatives. The SSC meets twice per year and is responsible for making strategic level input into the update of the Strategy, as well as assisting with the implementation of the Strategy.

The ATSG provides administrative, scientific and technical support, and is responsible for updating the planning scenarios. These updates include all new information relating to revised yields, water requirements, and the benefits of water efficiency interventions implemented by NMBM and other municipalities, as well as any new interventions developed for augmentation of the water availability.

The DWS believes that it is very important that the Municipality takes part in the Strategy Support and that you can make a valuable contribution, being a water user from the water system. It would therefore be appreciated if you can ensure that a representative could attend the next SSC meeting.

The next meeting dates for these committees are:

SSC Meeting: Wednesday, 27 September 2017 @ 09h00

ATSG Meeting Wednesday 25 October 2017 @ 09h00

Venue: Aurecon Offices, Lion Roars Office Park, Cnr Heugh Rd/3rd Ave, Walmer, Port Elizabeth.

Yours sincerely