

Algoa Water Supply System: Reconciliation Strategy Steering Committee

Terms of Reference

1. Introduction/Preamble

In 2010 the Department of Water Affairs (DWA) and the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality (NMBM), developed a Strategy to ensure the ongoing reconciliation of supply and requirement from the Algoa Water Supply System (AWSS). One of the recommendations of the Strategy Study was that a Strategy Steering Committee be formed with a clearly defined mandate and scope of work. The primary function of the Strategy Steering Committee will be to ensure the implementation of the strategy and to make recommendations, on an annual basis, on long-term planning activities required to ensure ongoing reconciliation of requirement and available supply to the AWSS area.

A number of organisations currently own, operate and receive water from the AWSS. The main role-players to date have been the DWA, the NMBM and the Gamtoos Irrigation Board. Although these organisations will continue to play a significant role in future decisions, other organisations need a forum to ensure that their requirements can be clearly conveyed, that they can make contributions when needed, and that they remain continuously informed about the development and decisions regarding the WCWSS. Organisations represented on the Steering Committee must ensure that recommendations made in the Strategy document are implemented and assume a collective responsibility for ensuring the ongoing reconciliation of supply and requirement.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the Strategy Steering Committee are:

- To ensure implementation of the recommendations of the Algoa Reconciliation Strategy.
- To update the Strategy to ensure that it is relevant.
- To ensure that the Strategy and its recommendations are appropriately communicated.

2.1. Implementation of Strategy Recommendations

- Monitor the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Algoa Reconciliation Strategy Study.
- Monitor the progress and compliance with set targets and objectives, e.g.
 - Target dates for initiating and completing studies
 - Water Conservation and Demand Management
 - Implementation of other interventions
- Assess the implications of deviations.
- Make recommendations on mitigation measures and adjustments to ensure the ongoing reconciliation of supply and requirements.

2.2. Updating of the Strategy

- Review / update and revise the Algoa Reconciliation Strategy.

- Monitor and update water requirements on an annual basis.
- Reassess the available resources and the existing system yield.
- Undertake an annual reconciliation of supply and requirements.
- Update the Scenario Planning Process to cater for changes in water requirements, yield and potential delays in the implementation of selected interventions.
- Finalise the process for the Selection of Interventions for implementation
- Make recommendations to DWA, the NMBM, Gamtoos Irrigation Board (IB) and other Water Services Authorities on the need for further studies required to update the water requirements and system yield, as well as on the need to implement interventions.

2.3. Communication

- Communicate annually, and as and when required, progress on the implementation of the recommendations of the Algoa Reconciliation Strategy Study to the following Authorities and Stakeholders:
 - DWA,
 - NMBM,
 - Water Services Authorities,
 - Eastern Cape Provincial Government,
 - Organised Agriculture, and
 - Environmental NGOs.
- Communicate progress on the implementation of the recommendations of the Algoa Reconciliation Strategy Study to the general public.
- Liaise with Departments involved in producing National and Provincial Strategies and provide input into Provincial Strategies.
- Brief relevant municipalities, Irrigation Boards and Water User Associations on imminent decisions.
- Inform politicians of press releases relating to the reconciliation of supply and requirement.
- Liaise with the Operations Committee as required.
- Provide information for the DWA and NMBM websites.

3. Reporting

The Algoa Reconciliation Strategy Steering Committee is a steering committee formed to ensure the ongoing reconciliation of water supply and requirement. Whilst the committee comprises of representatives from national government, provincial government, local government, the CMAs, IBs and WUAs, the meetings will be facilitated and chaired by DWA: Integrated Water Resource Planning.

4. Administrative and Technical Support Group

An Administrative and Technical Support Group will be appointed to support the Strategy Steering Committee. The Support Group will provide administrative, scientific and technical support. This support will be facilitated through DWA: National Water Resource Planning.

5. Representation

The institutions/agencies to be represented on the Strategy Steering Committee are listed in the Table below:

Eastern Cape Provincial Government	Department of Agriculture and Land Affairs
	Department of Local Government and Traditional Affairs
	Nature Conservation
	Department of Economic Development and Environmental Affairs: Planning branch and Environmental branch
	Department of Housing
Local and Regional Authorities	NMBM: Bulk Water, Wastewater, and Water Demand Management
	Cacadu District Municipality
	Kouga Local Municipality
Catchment Management Agencies	Fish to Tsitsikamma CMA
Water User Associations / Irrigation Boards	Gamtoos Irrigation Board
	Lower Sundays WUA
Department of Water Affairs (HO)	Integrated Water Resource Planning
	National Water Resource Planning
	Options Analysis
	Water Resource Planning Systems
	Water Use Efficiency
	Water Resource Infrastructure Branch
Department of Water Affairs (ECRO)	Institutional support
	Regulatory support
	Water sector support
	Information Management
Business	Port Elizabeth Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PERCCI)
	Coega IDC
Other	SALGA

6. Strategy Steering Committee Meetings

It is envisaged that 2 meetings will be held, at six monthly intervals, each year

- Meeting 1 (March):
 - To consider / review progress with implementation
 - To deal with communications
- Meeting 2 (September):
 - To consider / review progress with implementation
 - To update the WC Reconciliation Strategy
 - To deal with communications