

## DEPARTMENT: WATER AFFAIRS AMATOLE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM RECONCILIATION STRATEGY

# MINUTES OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUP MEETING NO.10 HELD ON 24 MAY 2011 AT UWP OFFICES, EAST LONDON

**ACTION** 

#### 1. WELCOME

IT welcomed all present to the meeting.

#### 2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

#### 2.1 Attendance:

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## 2.2 Apologies:

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 It was agreed that Andrew Lucus, Stephen Mullineux and Martin Labuschagne of the DWA:RO should be invited to all future ASATSG meetings.

• IT stated that O. Goza of DWA:HO had resigned and that M. Mugumo should continue to be invited to all future ASATSG meetings.

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## 3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The draft agenda presented to the meeting was accepted with the following changes to:

- A new item "ASSOCC MATTERS" to be included as Item 5 and all other items to be re-numbered
  accordingly. It was also agreed that this item is to be a standing item on future agendas.
- The following sub-items to be inserted under new Item 12 "MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS ASSSC MEETING":
  - > 12.1 National Re-use strategy
  - > 12.2 National Desalination strategy
  - > 12.3 Signing off on the reserve



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4.	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING	
4.1	Approval of the previous minutes	
4.1	The minutes were accepted, subject to the following changes:	
	Page 3: item 8; second bullet; second sub-bullet – Abbreviation "AI" to be changed to "AL".      Page 3: item 8; second bullet; second sub-bullet – Abbreviation "AI" to be changed to "AL".	
	Page 4: item 13.2; first bullet – Abbreviation "ELN" to be changed to "EL".      The state of the state	
	Page 4: item 13.2; second bullet – Abbreviation "ELN" to be changed to "EL".	
4.2	Matters arising not on the Agenda	
	Invitation of D. Coetzee/G. Daniels (Item 1)	
	OdP confirmed that D. Coetzee and G. Daniels were invited to the meeting. DC's presence at the meeting was noted.	
	Presentation to Office of the Premier/Provincial Government liaison (Item 4.2 – bullet 1)	
	> IT stated that the meeting /discussions with DWA:RO in this regard had not transpired as yet.	
	> IT/AL to facilitate the liaison meeting.	IT/AL
	• Letter to BCM (Item 4.2 – bullet 3)	
	> IT confirmed that the DWA letter to BCM containing the various reports and highlighting the need	
	for WC/WDM and Water Re-use is still to be sent.	IT
	Hydrology Models (Item 4.2 – bullet 4)	
	> WK confirmed that work on the WRPM model is progressing, though slowly. IT stated that the	EL
	work is to be completed in advance of the next ASATSG meeting.	
	<ul> <li>WK confirmed that the report on the WRYM has been updated based on the comments received</li> </ul>	
	and that it had been re-circulated.	
	> IT stated that she was still uncertain whether the 3 million m <sup>3</sup> /a compensation release downstream	
	of Wiggleswade Dam had been incorporated in Table 5 of the report. WK to follow-up with EL in	WK/EL
		WIGEL
	this regard and report back at the next ASATSG meeting.	IT
	> IT to reaffirm this compensation/EWR release with RDM office, given the short reach of river from	''
	the Dam to the Toise River.	
	> IT stated that there was a need to develop operating rules for these releases.	IT
	> IT requested that the WRYM report be forwarded to D. Coetzee, S. Mallory, F. Ballim, R. Cai and	OdP/NE
	S. Roux.	
	• Framework for EWRs (Items 7 – bullet 2)	
	> IT confirmed that she had requested the DWA 'Hydro' section to install the necessary gauging	
	equipment on the causeway over the Nahoon River at Abbottsford.	
	> There has been no action in this regard as yet. IT to follow up and will specify the required	IT
	measurements	
	Keiskamma Report (Item11)	
	> WK confirmed that the "Keiskamma Report" had been presented to the ASSSC on 19 April 2011	
	and that it had been confirmed that:	
	<ul> <li>The report provides sufficient information in its current state for now.</li> </ul>	
	o The need to update/enhance the report will be reviewed with the next review of the Strategy	
	in October 2011.	
	> OdP to make copies of the report available to the members attending the 'All Towns' meeting after	OdP
	this meeting.	

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5.	ASSOC MATTERS	
5.1	System Operation	
5.2	<ul> <li>DC stated he was operating the System as per the operating rules recently drafted by the "operating rules" consultants to ensure integrated System operation.</li> <li>DC however stated that BCM were not operating Bridledrift Dam in accordance with the rules. DC stated that BCM did sign a once-off agreement to allow a transfer from Wriggleswade Dam to address supply constraints at Bridledraft Dam as a result of the drought, but had not signed the agreement for continued operation in accordance with the operating rules, which would be more financially beneficial to BCM.</li> <li>Following extensive discussions, it was agreed that MM-BCM would follow-up with GC (Graham Cowley) in this regard and report back at the next meeting.</li> </ul>	мм-всм
5.2	<ul><li>Water Quality</li><li>Discussed under item 9.</li></ul>	
5.3	Annual Restrictions Decision  No discussions held	
6.	WATER CONSERVATION AND WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT	
6.1	<ul> <li>Strategy</li> <li>MM-BCM confirmed that the service provider had been appointed and that the report was expected by end of June 2011.</li> </ul>	MM-BCM
6.2	Update of Projects	
	<ul> <li>MM-BCM presented a report on WC/WDM management projects being undertaken by BCM and reported as follows:</li> <li>BCM received R5 million for WC/WDM from DWA for the current financial year.</li> <li>IT stated that huge losses were reported at schools in the Algoa System and raised the possibility that the same could be found in the Amatole System.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>MM-BCM noted the comments and agreed to address the matter internally.</li> <li>It was stated that there is a need to be able to report on the effectiveness and cost benefit of the</li> </ul>	MM-BCM
	<ul> <li>various WC/WDM interventions.</li> <li>WK presented a set of graphs (Annexure A1, A2, A3) indicating the historical water requirements for the entire System, the Lower Buffalo and the combined Upper &amp; Middle Buffalo since 2004 and highlighted the following: <ul> <li>The downward trend in raw water requirement for the System and the Lower Buffalo since 2008.</li> <li>The flattening off in raw water requirement for the combined Upper &amp; Middle Buffalo since 2009.</li> <li>The nominal growth in potable water requirement for the Lower Buffalo since 2008 and the nominal decline in requirement since 2010.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	2 3 11
	WK was requested to provide separate historical requirement graphs for the Nahoon & Bridledrift  Dams. (Annexure A4)	wĸ

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6.3	Reporting	
	WK circulated a WC/WDM template obtained from P Herbst of DWA HO used for Steering	
	Committee reporting in other areas, which included a 1 page annual water balance (Annexure B).	
	WK stated that the format was probably too comprehensive for this environment and undertook to	wĸ
	draft a simpler template for reporting by all stakeholders.	
	IT stressed the importance of reporting and stated that positive reports played an important role in	ALL
	encouraging and affirming stakeholders.	
	SR stated that AW report regularly to DWA on performance including WC/WDM. SR to confirm the	
	DWA person to whom AW report.	SR
<b>7</b> .	RE-USE	
7.1	BCM Re-Use Strategy	
	MM-BCM confirmed that a service provider had been appointed and that the report was expected by	MM-BCN
	end of June 2011.	
	DC reported that Beaufort West is re-using water and indicated that reports on their initiatives be	MM-BCN
	consulted.	
3.	HISTORICAL WATER USE	
	As reported on in item 6.2 above.	
<b>)</b> .	WATER QUALITY REPORTING	
	<ul> <li>WS reported that a meeting was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2011 with representatives from DWA, BCM,</li> </ul>	
	AW and ADM. Minutes of the meeting are attached as <b>Annexure C</b> . At the meeting it was agreed	
	that:	
	<ul> <li>Data for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2011 to be forwarded to DWA before 3 June 2011.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>DWA to receive the data and distribute the summary to all role-players.</li> </ul>	
	Reports to be with UWP by 16 September 2011 for inclusion in meeting pack for ASSSC	
	meeting on 11 October 2011.	
	The framework for water quality reporting, which is to be limited conductivity and turbidity at the	
	outset, is attached as <b>Annexure C2</b> .	
	WS presented a typical reporting graph (Laing Dam raw water conductivity graph for 2010) attached	
	as <b>Annexure C3.</b> This graph is to be extended for 8 quarters, where after it will be continuously	
	rolled over i.e. each report will show the 8 most recent quarters.	
	SR suggested that coordinates of the source of water samples be recorded. WS to report back	
	accordingly	ws
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	WS stated that an aggressive intervention strategy is needed to address the matter of the Da Gama feature. At the take the initiative in this regard.	AL
	factory. AL to take the initiative in this regard.	\ \
	DC raised concern re Water Hyacinth in the Wriggleswade Dam. SR stated that AW had measures in	
	place to present it from being released downstream into the river.	
	It was agreed that Lister van Rooyen from ADM to be added to distribution list to receive these	OdP/NE
	minutes.	JUF/INE



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10.	COMMUNICATION	
10.1	Press Release	
70.7	<ul> <li>Final draft of press release is with Johan van Rooyen. DWA top management is to give input / final approval. It will be released via DWA National/Regional offices. IT to inform LF when final approval has been received. Press release to be out before June.</li> </ul>	IΤ
10.2	News Letter	
	Glossy outlining different systems not sent out. Can be sent this week with short explanation.	
	LF presented a list of possible articles for the next newsletter (attached as <b>Annexure D</b> ), to be sent	LF
	out in September or October 2011. The 2 possible main themes being:	
	o Follow up on WC/WDM	
	o Re-use.	
	After discussion it was decided to use both themes but as separate newsletters within a month or two from each other.	LF
	IT suggested that LF also consider including a write-up on the removal of invasive alien plants in the	
	WC/WDM newsletter and suggested that Michael Kawa be contacted in this regard.	LF
	LF to re-issue previous newsletter to the new BCM councillors for their information.	LF
11.	SURFACE WATER OPTIONS SCREENING WORKSHOP	
11.1	Date	
	It was agreed that the workshop will be held in January/February 2012.	WK
11.2	Attendance	
	To be finalised at a later date	
11.3	Format & presentation material	
	The presented material was considered suitable	
12.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST ASSSC MEETING (19 APRIL 2011)	
12.1	National Re-use Strategy	
	IT explained that the National Re-use Strategy was in 3 <sup>rd</sup> draft and that this strategy will be a	
	complimentary strategy to the National Water Resource Strategy to be published in February 2012.	14/16
	IT to forward the draft strategy to WK. WK to forward the strategy of MM-BCM.	WK
12.2	National Desalination Strategy	
	IT explained that the National Desalination Strategy was in final draft and that it would also be a	
	complimentary strategy to the National Water Resource Strategy.	
12.3	Signing off on the Reserve	
	See item 4.2; bullets 4; sub-bullets 3 and 4 above for discussions in this regard.	
13.	PROJECT MANAGEMENT	
	WK stated that he would address payment matters outside of this meeting.	



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14. 14.1	DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS  ASATSG Meetings  1 31 August 2011 at 10:00.  OdP to email meeting request using Microsoft office.  Invitees to send details of their secretaries to OdP. Secretaries to receive meeting requests as well.	OdP/ ALL
14.2	<ul> <li>ASSSC Meetings</li> <li>11 October 2011 – EL Golf Course</li> <li>The following meeting will be held before the end of March, as UWP's contract will come to an end at the end of March.</li> </ul>	
15.	CLOSURE IT thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting.	



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