



DEPARTMENT: WATER AFFAIRS
AMATOLE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM RECONCILIATION STRATEGY

MINUTES OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUP
MEETING NO.9 HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 2011 AT UWP OFFICES, EAST LONDON

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1.	WELCOME					ODP	
	<p>IT welcomed all present to the meeting and introduced Obed Goza (DWA: OA) to all present. He is supporting the CE: OA (South), Menard Mugumo.</p> <p>It was also requested that Dewald Coetzee and Glenn Daniels always get invited to these ASATSG meetings.</p>						
	2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES						
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3.	ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA						
	<p>The draft agenda presented to the meeting was accepted without changes.</p>						
4.	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING						
	4.1 Approval of the previous minutes						
<p>The minutes were accepted, subject to the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 3; item 6; third bullet – spelling of Bridledrift to be corrected • Page 4; item 7; first bullet; third sub-bullet – insert the word “of” after the word “reports” • Page 4; item 7; second bullet – delete the space in the word “discussions” • Page 4; item 7; second bullet; second sub-bullet – replace the word “are” with the word “is” • Page 4; item 7; second bullet; third sub-bullet – replace the word “are” with the word “is”, as well as the word “that” with the word “the” • Page 5; item 10.1; bullet 2 – include “coastal areas” before “Great Kei” 							



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4.2	<i>Matters arising not on the Agenda</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation to Office of the Premier/Provincial Government liaison <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ 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
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status Report 2010 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ WK confirmed that comments on the Status Report had been received and that the report had been updated and circulated. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter to BCM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ 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
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydrology Models <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ WK confirmed that Ed Lillie had completed updating the Water Resources Yield Model (WRYM) (report attached in the meeting bundle) and that work had started on the Water Resources Planning Model (WRPM). ➢ The results of the WRPM run should be available for the ASSSC meeting of 19 April 2011. ➢ IT highlighted the following changes/queries to the WRYM report, prior to the report being finalised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Insert page numbers. ○ Section 3: Operating rules: To be written that the operating rules are currently applicable but are subject to change as may be required. ○ EL to confirm that the 3 million m³/a compensation releases downstream of Wriggleswade Dam have been accommodated for in the results presented in Table 5. ○ IT stated that all other comments must be forwarded to WK within 2 weeks of this meeting for consideration for incorporation into the final document. ○ SR stated that he supported the transfer of water from Wriggleswade Dam to Bridledrift Dam and or Nahoon Dam when the Wriggleswade Dam's level is above 95% full and requested that this be incorporated into the operating rules. This needs to be addressed by the team developing the Annual Operating Rules. 	EL
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5.	WATER CONSERVATION AND WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT	
5.1	<i>Strategy</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MM-BCM confirmed that bids had been let for the review and updating of the BCM WC/WDM strategy and that an award should be made by the end of March 2011. 	MM-BCM
5.2	<i>Update of Projects</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MM-BCM confirmed that BCM were continuing implementing WC/WDM projects and that monthly progress reports were submitted to their Engineering Standing Committee. • It was requested that MM-BCM forward copies of these reports to WK for review and incorporation into the Strategy. • IT stated that a comprehensive report on the WC/WDM projects being implemented was required for the ASSSC on 19 April 2011. 	MM-BCM
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<p>6. RE-USE 6.1 BCM Re-Use Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MM-BCM confirmed that bids had been advertised for the development of a Water Re-use Strategy for BCM and that an award should be made by the end of March 2011. <p>7. FRAMEWORK FOR FINALISING THE EWRs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WS presented a report on the proposed framework to formalise the EWRs in the Amatole catchment, which is summarised as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ The reserves for the upper reaches of the System have been signed off by DWA based on the preliminary river classifications. No further work is therefore proposed pending the completion of work addressed under bullet 3 below. ➢ The reserve has not been completed/signed off for the Buffalo River below the Bridledrift Dam due to a lack of consensus on the required river classification for this highly impacted reach of the river. Given the highly impacted nature of the river, no further work is proposed pending the completion of work addressed under bullet 3 below. ➢ The process for finalising river classifications for the Amatole System rivers would only commence after the pilots being undertaken by others outside of the province, had been completed and protocols formalised. ➢ Work be undertaken in the interim to record the flows of the Nahoon River below the dam, to assist in being able to determine the estuarine water requirements when required to do so. Certain recommendations involving the use of the Abbotsford causeway in this regard were made. • Following discussions it was agreed that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ The principles behind the framework are acceptable for presentation to the ASSSC. ➢ IT to forward comments on the draft report. WS to incorporate these inputs into the final report for presentation to the ASSSC on 19 April 2011. ➢ IT would write to 'Hydrology' requesting that the necessary gauging equipment be installed on the causeway over the Nahoon River. 		<p>MM-BCM</p> <p>IT/WS</p> <p>IT</p>
<p>8. WATER QUALITY REPORTING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WS presented an updated framework for ASSOCC water quality reporting to the ASSSC, which entails: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Summarised reporting on the level of compliance of licensed effluent dischargers. ➢ Summarised reporting on other sources of pollution. ➢ Summarised reporting on raw water quality (key elements only) at the inlets to the respective water treatment plants in the System. • Following discussions it was agreed that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ The principles behind the framework are acceptable. ➢ WS to convene a meeting between DWA:RO/BCM/AW/ADM to facilitate the implementation of the above so that the first report can be presented by AI to the ASSSC on 19 April 2011. 		<p>WS/AL</p>



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9.	COMMUNICATION <ul style="list-style-type: none">IT stated that for various internal reasons, the newsletter and press release that were to go out at the end of last year, did not do so.LF to review the newsletter for circulation to ensure that it is still appropriate. The newsletter is then to be circulated, together with the DWA reports.WK/LF to meet to finalise the draft prior to circulation.WK/LF to meet to review the database for the circulation of the news letter.AT to forward the DWA “glossy” to WK for circulation with News letter No. 2.	LF LF/WK LF/WK AT
10.	SURFACE WATER OPTIONS SCREENING WORKSHOP <p>WK to draw-up a framework for the workshop, including list of recommended participants, for consideration at the next ASSSC meeting.</p>	WK
11.	REPORTS	
11.1	Keiskamma Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">WK confirmed that a draft report will be ready for presentation at the ASSSC on 19 April 2011.	WK
12.	PROJECT MANAGEMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none">No matters were raised for discussion.	
13.	DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS	
13.1	ASATSG Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">24 May 2011 – Venue TBA	
13.2	ASSSC Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">19 April 2011 – ELN Golf Course<ul style="list-style-type: none">WK advised that he would not be available for this meeting due to medical reasons. UWP would however still facilitate the meeting.11 October 2011 – ELN Golf Course	
14.	CLOSURE <p>IT thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting.</p>	



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