

DEVELOPMENT OF A RECONCILIATION STRATEGY FOR THE OLIFANTS RIVER WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

Overview On Progress With Study

1 Study Planning and Process Initiation

1.1 Work commenced in December 2009. Many team members had leave during December, resulting in not much progress being made during the month of December.

1.2 A request to include the Resource Classification task in the Inception Report was received during January 2010 from DWA.

1.3 The draft Inception Report was completed at the end of March 2010 and has been submitted to DWA on 6 April 2010. The following needs to be noted:

- The Inception Report required more planning time because of the addition of the Resource Classification task. The due date for submission of the report therefore had to be extended by one month and the additional work also resulted in a higher expenditure for the planning phase than budgeted for in the proposal.
- The Inception Report was distributed to three of our strategic advisors and has been amended in line with their comments.
- The task on Resource Classification is a first for such a big system as the Olifants. (The Jan Dissels catchment in the Western Cape was the one that was piloted but this is rather a small catchment.) We have therefore documented our intentions as best as we could. There might be some flaws in this planning work but they will hopefully be identified during the next month when the Inception Report will be refined.

1.4 A database for the Study Steering Committee (SSC) has been established and invitation letters have been sent out to the identified stakeholders for the first SSC meeting scheduled for 5 May 2010

2. Phase 2: Summary of Current and Previous studies

For the purposes of the Inception Report we had to start reviewing current and previous studies right from the word "go". We compiled a list of reports to be reviewed and made that available at the previous SMT meeting. The reports have all been studied and now need to be

summarized into the Summary Report which is the deliverable of Task 1. The framework structure for this report is ready and will be discussed later on during the meeting.

3. Phase 2: Preliminary Screening Workshop

It is our intention to use the same stakeholder database as for the SSC with only a few additions. The date and venue will be decided on during this SMT meeting.


4. Task 3-15:

No progress except for reviewing and collecting information on issues associated with these tasks have been made.

5. Task 16: Project Management

One full PSP team meeting, two Task Leaders meetings and three SMT meetings (including the kick-off meeting) have so far been held.

Two invoices have so far been submitted to DWA at a total amount of R451 200.

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Date