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1.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WESTERN CAPE RECONCILIATION STRATEGY STEERING COMMITTEE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Strategy Steering Committee Meeting held at Skilpadvlei Conference Centre, Stellenbosch, on 11 March 2010 at 09h00</b></p> <p><b>1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION</b></p> <p>Peter van Niekerk (PvN) welcomed everyone to this 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. A special welcome to Donnavin Wright (secundus to Danie Klopper of the CCT), Peter Flower (Manager: Bulk Water of the CCT) and Rashid Khan (Chief Director: DWA: WCRO).</p>																																																					
2.	<p><b>2.1. PRESENT</b></p> <p><b>Nominated Members of the Committee:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Peter van Niekerk (PvN)</td> <td>DWA: Integrated Water Resource Planning</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Johan van Rooyen (JvR)</td> <td>DWA: National Water Resource Planning</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Beason Mwaka (BM)</td> <td>DWA: Water Resource Planning Systems</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rashid Khan (RK)</td> <td>DWA: Western Cape RO – Chief Director</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dewald Coetzee</td> <td>DWA: NWRI: Southern Operations</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fanie Bekker (FB)</td> <td>Cape Nature Conservation – Operations</td> </tr> <tr> <td>André Roux (AR)</td> <td>Provincial Dept of Agriculture: Western Cape</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chris Rabie (CR)</td> <td>WC DEA&amp;DP: Planning</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Niel Muller (NM)</td> <td>WC DPLG and Housing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peter Flower (PF)</td> <td>CCT: Manager Bulk Water</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kevin Samson</td> <td>CCT: Waste Water</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nic Faasen (MF)</td> <td>West Coast DM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hendrik Kröhn (HK)</td> <td>Witzenberg Municipality</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EC Malan (ECM)</td> <td>Berg WMA: Water Users Associations</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Louis Bruwer (LB)</td> <td>Breede-Overberg WMA: Water Users Associations</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Representatives of Nominated Members:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Arne Singels (AS)</td> <td>CCT: Bulk Water Supply</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paul Rhode (PR)</td> <td>CCT: Bulk Water Supply</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Donnavin Wright (DW)</td> <td>CCT: WC/WDM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peter Keuck (PK)</td> <td>Dept of Agriculture: Western Cape</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bertrand van Zyl (BvZ)</td> <td>DWA: Operations: Western Cape</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Anneke Schreuder (ASch)</td> <td>DWA: WCRO – Institutional Establishment</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wilna Klopper (WK)</td> <td>DWA: WCRO – Water Sector Support</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bayanda Zenzile (BZ)</td> <td>DWA: WCRO – Water Sector Support</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jannie van Staden (JvS)</td> <td>BOCMA (Breede-Overberg CMA)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Derril Daniëls (DD)</td> <td>DWA: WCRO – WC/WDM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>JF Kirsten (JK)</td> <td>Berg WMA: Water Users Associations</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Others</b></p>	Peter van Niekerk (PvN)	DWA: Integrated Water Resource Planning	Johan van Rooyen (JvR)	DWA: National Water Resource Planning	Beason Mwaka (BM)	DWA: Water Resource Planning Systems	Rashid Khan (RK)	DWA: Western Cape RO – Chief Director	Dewald Coetzee	DWA: NWRI: Southern Operations	Fanie Bekker (FB)	Cape Nature Conservation – Operations	André Roux (AR)	Provincial Dept of Agriculture: Western Cape	Chris Rabie (CR)	WC DEA&DP: Planning	Niel Muller (NM)	WC DPLG and Housing	Peter Flower (PF)	CCT: Manager Bulk Water	Kevin Samson	CCT: Waste Water	Nic Faasen (MF)	West Coast DM	Hendrik Kröhn (HK)	Witzenberg Municipality	EC Malan (ECM)	Berg WMA: Water Users Associations	Louis Bruwer (LB)	Breede-Overberg WMA: Water Users Associations	Arne Singels (AS)	CCT: Bulk Water Supply	Paul Rhode (PR)	CCT: Bulk Water Supply	Donnavin Wright (DW)	CCT: WC/WDM	Peter Keuck (PK)	Dept of Agriculture: Western Cape	Bertrand van Zyl (BvZ)	DWA: Operations: Western Cape	Anneke Schreuder (ASch)	DWA: WCRO – Institutional Establishment	Wilna Klopper (WK)	DWA: WCRO – Water Sector Support	Bayanda Zenzile (BZ)	DWA: WCRO – Water Sector Support	Jannie van Staden (JvS)	BOCMA (Breede-Overberg CMA)	Derril Daniëls (DD)	DWA: WCRO – WC/WDM	JF Kirsten (JK)	Berg WMA: Water Users Associations	
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2.2.	<p>Willie Enright (WE) Consultant to the Berg River WUAs</p> <p><b>Providing Support to the Committee:</b>  Isa Thompson (IT) DWA: National Water Resource Planning (South)  Frans Stoffberg (FS) DWA: National Water Resource Planning (South)  Mike Shand (MS) Aurecon  Mike Killick (MK) Aurecon  Bea Whittaker (BW) Milkwood Communications  Gerrit van Zyl (GvZ) Milkwood Communications  Mathabo Ntumba (MT) Milkwood Communications</p> <p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>The following apologies were received:</p> Solly Mabuda (SM) DWA: Options Analysis Menard Mugumo (MM) DWA: Options Analysis (South) Pieter Viljoen (PV) DWA: WRPS Fanus Fourie (FF) DWA: WRPS Elias Nel (EN) DWA: WRPS Ashia Petersen (AP) DWA: WCRO – Institutional Support Simpiwe Mashicila (SM) DWA: WCRO – WC/WDM Danie Klopper (DK) CCT: WC/WDM Izak vd Westhuizen (IvdW) West Coast DM Esias de Jager (EdJ) Stellenbosch Local Municipality	
3.	<p><b>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</b></p> <p>The agenda was adopted as is.</p>	
4.	<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING No 4 (dated 11 March 2009)</b></p> <p><b>4.1. Approval of Minutes</b></p> <p>Apart from some grammatical errors, the following changes were requested before the minutes were approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pg 1: Niel Muller was present</li> <li>• Pg 6: Delete last repeated paragraph</li> </ul> <p><b>4.2. Matters Arising not on the Agenda</b></p> <p><b>4.2.1. Lifting of water restrictions</b>  Rashid Khan (RK) said that he would rather write a new letter to lift the water restrictions (an administrative affair between the DWA and CCT) and that this will be done within one week.</p> <p><b>4.2.2. TOR and progress with Technical Operations Committee</b>  Dewald Coetzee (DC) reported that he has taken over this function from Ashia Petersen and that he and Bertrand van Zyl had made some changes, which were approved by the CCT. Matter to be taken off the agenda.</p> <p><b>4.2.3 Water requirements of Berg River irrigation farmers (Annexure 11)</b>  EC Malan informed the SSC that the Berg River farmers receive only two-thirds of the water quota allocated to other areas. It is important that allocations to the agricultural sector be reviewed.</p> <p>The original allocation from Theewaterskloof Dam to the agricultural sector was not taken up. A temporary allocation was made by Water Affairs to Cape Town in the early</p>	<p>RK 20 March</p>

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	<p>1990s. The condition was that it will be temporary and will revert back to agriculture as and when it is utilised. Mr. Malan requested that this water be reverted back to agriculture to promote joint ventures between resource poor farmers and commercial farmers to support BEE and to improve assurance of supply due to the low quotas.</p> <p>Willie Enright (WE) added that a quantity of approximately 20 million m<sup>3</sup> has already been allocated to agriculture and is part of the declared existing lawful use under section 33 of the NWA; but that it is not currently utilised. This is part of the temporary loan to Cape Town, until it is taken up by the agricultural sector. There is some discrepancy on the additional volume which depends on the assurance of supply. On a 98% assurance there is only a further approximate 10 million m<sup>3</sup> available from the original portion that has not been formally allocated. This has now also been temporarily transferred to Cape Town. An allocation to BEE projects from this available water can boost the Water Allocation Reform programme.</p> <p>It was agreed that WE, on behalf of the Berg Main Irrigation Board, and André Roux (Dept Agriculture) will meet to discuss the matter and the needs of the agricultural sector. They will then make a presentation to the ATSG, who will table an opinion. It is important that this issue is laid to rest, as the availability (or not) of additional water for irrigation will have an effect on the SSC's scenario planning.</p> <p>Rashid Khan (RK) said that the agreement between the DWA: WCRO and the CCT was that the water will be used by Cape Town until agriculture formally applies for and obtains the water use authorisations. Bertrand van Zyl added that the 2003 principle agreement under section 32 of NWA capped the current use for irrigation. Under the Section 33 declaration there is only 17 million m<sup>3</sup> available for the irrigation farmers.</p> <p>Peter van Niekerk (PvN) said that the allocation issue has to be sorted out with the DWA: WCRO. The SSC will then look at the farmers' demand and the water available for scenario planning purposes. RK requested that Ashia Petersen (AP) and Anneke Schreuder (ASch) call a meeting between RK, DC, EC Malan, AR and the CCT to sort this problem out and report back to the next SSC meeting.</p>	<p>WE/AR/ BvZ/ASch</p> <p>AP ASch</p>
<p>5.</p> <p>5.1.</p> <p>5.1.1.</p>	<p><b>MONITORING THE PROGRESS WITH THE WC RS IMPLEMENTATION</b></p> <p><b>Recommendations of the Reconciliation Strategy Study: DWA studies</b></p> <p><i>Surface water feasibility studies</i></p> <p>Isa Thompson (IT) reported that a workshop between stakeholders will be held on 25 March to determine the most favourable options to take forward into the feasibility study phase. Louis Bruwer asked who the stakeholders are, and Mike Shand (MS) was requested to circulate the names of the stakeholders to the SSC members. MS said that a general public stakeholder meeting will take place on 15 April.</p> <p>Johan van Rooyen (JvR) voiced his concern that the SSC members do not report to their own and other institutions as they should. The <i>Status Quo</i> report, newsletter etc should be circulated to the decision-makers in the member organisations as the issues highlighted in the scenario planning have to be disseminated as far and wide as possible. Bea Whittaker (BW) to send the <i>Status Quo</i> report to all the SSC members, as well as the previous and the new newsletters for further dissemination.</p> <p>The SSC should receive information in a format that will enable them to know whether the studies are on schedule or whether there should be reason for concern. Institutions should know what they need to report on, and anyone not being able to attend should get a secundus to report on his/her behalf.</p> <p>Fanie Bekker (FB) asked what the protocol would be should someone (e.g. West Coast District Municipality) ask for more water. Peter van Niekerk said that it is a licence application and, should it be covered by the Strategy, it would not pose a problem. Dewald Coetzee (DW) added that this a very important issue, and requested institutions</p>	<p>MS</p> <p>BW</p> <p>All</p> <p>Municipalities</p>

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	<p>to timeously submit their needs to the WC RO, who in turn should inform the ATSG, who provides the inputs for the annual scenario planning update. Chris Rabie added that the ATSG should consult IDPs and SDFs, and determine the number of vacant erven for which water should be kept aside before considering new allocations.</p> <p>The importance of the WCRS scenario planning in association with all other development planning must not be under-estimated by the local and provincial departments, as well as any other institutions involved in the supply of water.</p>	All
5.1.2.	<p><b><i>West Coast aquifer recharge</i></b></p> <p>Fanus Fourie (FF) reported that the first phase was completed in October 2009 and it was determined that one could inject approximately 40 days' use. Unfortunately the historical puncturing of the aquifer was a drawback. In the second phase they will be looking at other methods to recharge the aquifers – probably by flooding wetlands closer to source. Water required in the short-term has to be recharged close to the abstraction point.</p>	
5.1.3.	<p><b><i>WC/WDM Report on progress and activities</i></b></p> <p>Paul Herbst (PH) was not present to report on this matter. Isa Thompson will follow this up with PH.</p>	IT
5.1.4.	<p><b><i>Report on the Berg Water Availability Assessment Study (WAAS)</i></b></p> <p>IT reported that the study has been completed. The models have been updated, are being used in feasibility studies and will be used to determine the impact of certain schemes in the System. The results from the yield analysis will in future be used to determine the date for the implementation of new interventions.</p>	
5.1.5.	<p><b><i>All Towns Reconciliation Strategies Study</i></b></p> <p>Gerrit van Zyl reported that the strategies for most of the prioritised towns with water resource problems should be in place by May/June for towns in the Eastern and Western Cape. The DWA: WC RO will visit towns and inform them about the resources available (if any) for development. Municipalities will be requested to agree to and sign off these strategies. MS asked if a brief report on the strategies proposed for each area can be supplied to the SSC, as it needs to feed into the scenario planning process. GvZ to provide this info to MK, and for distribution to SSC members at the next meeting.</p>	GvZ
5.2.	<p><b>Recommendations of the Reconciliation Strategy Study: CCT studies</b></p>	
5.2.1.	<p><b><i>WC/WDM programme</i></b></p> <p>Donnavin Wright (DW) said that the CCT had recently appointed consultants to revisit the WC/WDM strategy to verify the savings achieved, as well as to determine whether the savings are still being realised. If and where necessary, they will realign goals and objectives to be more aggressive. The final draft report will be available by July, after which the CCT will provide a 1-page summary document with information to all SSC members.</p> <p>JvR said that it is of paramount importance to determine the reason for the still growing water requirements; and whether savings are caused by WC/WDM or the economic downturn. In answer to a question whether the CCT is still on target with its savings, DW replied that is the exact reason for the present study.</p>	DK/DW
5.2.2.	<p><b><i>Water re-use development options</i></b></p> <p>The CCT reported that the unsolicited bid issue is being attended to at the moment. Once this has been sorted out, a mayoral decision is required to commence with the water re-use feasibility study.</p>	AS/PR
5.2.3.	<p><b><i>Cape Flats &amp; Newlands aquifer</i></b></p> <p>Capacity constraints have delayed this intervention and the study will only commence in</p>	

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<p>5.2.4.</p>	<p>the next financial year.</p> <p><b>TMG aquifer</b> The geological and hydrogeological information from the core drilling is being obtained at the moment. It is expected that the CCT will proceed with the pilot well-field by mid 2010. The baseline has been set to monitor the hydrology and biology in the areas from where abstracting will take place. The explorative phase will be completed mid 2010 and PR proposed that he give a presentation on the progress on the pilot well-field development at the next SSC meeting.</p> <p><b>Lourens River Diversion</b> Once again budget constraints mean that this will only be attended to in the next financial year.</p> <p><b>Desalination feasibility study</b> PR said that he is awaiting mayoral approval to proceed to full feasibility level study. His recent interaction with Umgeni Water (which is also investigating desalination) and specialists from Australia has shed a new light on the dynamics of a desalination plant – especially with regard to aspects such as the role of the marine environment in the design of inlet and outlet structures. The CCT is at present in contact with Marine &amp; Coastal management to obtain marine water quality and temperature data.</p> <p>Nic Faasen said that CCT can also liaise with the WCDM regarding their study to use beach wells as abstraction points.</p>	<p>PR</p>
<p>5.3.</p>	<p><b>Other municipal studies</b></p>	
<p>5.3.1.</p>	<p><b>Drakenstein Municipality</b> André Kowalewski (AK) was not present to report</p>	
<p>5.3.2.</p>	<p><b>Witzenberg Municipality (Annexure 4)</b> Hendrik Kröhn reported that, apart from various water supply problems that have been attended to, one of their main goals is to bring down the unaccounted for water by streamlining their administration (replacing water meters / improving reading of municipal meters), attending to the groundwater abstraction problem at Prince Alfred Hamlet, saving water at sewerage works, replacing old asbestos pipes, pressure management and installing data loggers at water supply zones. This has brought down the unaccounted for water from 48% to (a still unacceptably high) 36%.</p> <p>With regard to discharged water quality, the Ceres WWTW poses serious problems, which are being addressed at the moment.</p> <p>GvZ said that the information from the All Towns Study on Witzenberg should be available soon and will be provided to them a.s.a.p.</p>	<p>GvZ</p>
<p>5.3.3.</p>	<p><b>Stellenbosch Municipality</b> Esiás de Jager apologised for not being able to attend the meeting. BW reported on his behalf that Stellenbosch has a problem with unacceptable waste water discharge quality and that he is targeting this as his priority at the moment. His biggest problem is the lack of trained process controllers and he asked whether the SSC could assist by urging the DWA to provide accredited process controller training to municipalities. RK said that the Stellenbosch municipality could contact his office in this regard.</p>	<p>EdJ</p>
<p>5.3.4.</p>	<p><b>West Coast District Municipality (WCDM)</b> Nic Faasen (NF) reported that various scenario's were presented to the water committees for the three municipalities that obtain their water from the WCDM. These included water trading, transfer from Michell's Pass, raising Voëlvlei Dam, water from Berg River Dam, desalination of sea water, reclamation and re-use, and re-allocation of water. The Swartland system is the main problem as not enough water can be supplied from the Voëlvlei Dam, its only source. RK asked whether the West Coast could not be</p>	

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	<p>regarded as a coastal zone, so that water could be made available from desalination. MS said that a short-term supply is still available from the Berg River Dam as part of the System. This could be temporarily allocated to the WCDM until a new scheme has been developed; taking into account the information from the All Towns Study. NF to follow this up with the DWA: WCRO.</p>	NF/AP/ ASch
5.4.	<p><b>SSC support team activities (Administrative and Technical Support Group)</b></p>	
5.4.1.	<p><b><i>Climate change: Task Team and proposed TOR</i></b></p> <p>The task team will only look at issues that affect the WCWSS and they will report to the SSC once a year. The September report will focus on what is already being done in the Western Cape to build resilience against probable climate change. The possible agricultural and economic consequences of climate change will be obtained from Prof Daan Louw. Kevin Sampson requested that attention also be given to the effect of rising sea levels on proposed desalination plants.</p>	GvZ/PR
5.4.2	<p><b><i>Removal of invasive alien vegetation</i></b></p> <p>MK gave a presentation on the alien vegetation eradication projects of Working for Water. The following concerns/issues regarding alien vegetation were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• future water security for existing and potential future development options (i.e. maintaining catchments cleared of alien plants)</li> <li>• Higher water use by IAPs located in riparian areas versus upland areas</li> <li>• Potential for offsetting savings from clearing riparian areas downstream of dams against releases from dams.</li> </ul> <p>MK mentioned that Joy Larsen of Aurecon had met with Christo Marais (WfW) to get his viewpoint prior to this meeting. MK mentioned that the current levels of infestation upstream of the dams in the Berg Water Management Area (WMA) were very low and the impact that the IAPs had on the runoff (13.5 million m<sup>3</sup>/ annum or less than 1%) for the whole Berg River catchment (as determined by the recently completed Berg WAA Study) was also relatively low. MK recommended that scenario planning be undertaken in order to assess the impact that invasive alien plant removal could have on the yield of the WCWSS. It was noted that the catchments in the Breede/Overberg WMA (Riviersonderend) should also be considered as it could assist in achieving the flows required for the Reserve. It was agreed that the ATSG would consider the scope of work required (for the scenario planning) and undertake the work (dependent on scope and budget) to inform the September 2010 scenario planning.</p> <p>FB said that WfW does not work according to an integrated plan and that the SSC should make sure that they pursue integrated water management by including partners such as CapeNature.</p>	
5.4.3	<p><b><i>Water Re-use Report</i></b></p> <p>The full report was made available on CD – one per organisation. MK requested that any comments on the report be directed to him.</p>	All
5.4.4	<p><b><i>Current water situation</i></b></p> <p>MK gave a brief presentation on the current and projected water requirements of the CCT. MK reported that water requirements were still growing at approximately 3% p.a. even with the implementation of WC/WDM. In answer to a question by Beason Mwaka whether WC/WDM was only going to be implemented for 10 years, MK replied that only the CCT's 10-year strategy and programme was taken into account in the scenario planning. MK said that the CCT would have to assess if there was further potential to achieve savings, but that the measures that are in place, will obviously be continued. The current programme and budget is, however, only for 10 years (2007 to 2017) and should be re-assessed close to the time of completion.</p> <p>Louis Bruwer wanted to know who would be responsible for determining the reason for the continued increase in water requirement. Peter van Niekerk agreed that this is important and the reason for CCT's present study which would assess the impact of</p>	



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	<p>for the press release.</p> <p>Every institution must give feedback on the <i>Status Quo</i> report at the next SSC meeting.</p> <p><b>7.2. Interaction on provincial level and with MECs</b></p> <p><b>7.2.1. Status report for SSC members and their departments</b> The current <i>Status Quo</i> report should get an official Departmental number, and must be made available on the DWA website.</p> <p>It has to be updated every September after the scenario planning process</p> <p><b>7.2.2. Liaison with PLC and MINMEC</b> The <i>Status Quo</i> Report will also be submitted to the PLC in two weeks' time</p> <p><b>7.3. Representation on the SSC</b></p> <p>Annexure 10 was discussed, and the following recommendations made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) All water services authorities need to be represented, but their water supply needs have to be identified by the ATSG for reporting at the SSC.</li> <li>b) The Central Breede WUA is not individually represented – there is one representative for all the Breede-Overberg WUAs, similarly with the Berg Main Irrigation Board representative representing all Berg WUAs.</li> <li>c) Membership list should now be expanded to include names and contact details of the representatives; their secundi; the ATSG and those people who receive the minutes etc for information purposes only and do not need to attend the SSC meetings.</li> </ul> <p><b>7.4. Communication with general public</b></p> <p><b>7.4.1. Press release</b> The press release will in future be distributed under the name of the SSC, and will be finalised by mid-April.</p> <p><b>7.4.2. Newsletter</b> The newsletter will be published mid-April, and will include the recommendations on the surface water feasibility studies. It was requested that, in future, a straw dog be made available to the SSC to comment on.</p> <p><b>7.4.3. 2-page Flyer</b> Will be discussed at the ATSG meeting and be finalised in April.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>IT</p> <p>MK/GvZ</p> <p>PvN</p> <p>ATSG</p> <p>BW</p> <p>BW/MK/PR</p> <p>BW/GvZ</p> <p>BW/GvZ</p>
<p><b>8.</b> <b>8.1.</b></p>	<p><b>GENERAL SSC meetings</b></p> <p>MS said the SSC meetings are valuable, and requested the ATSG should pay urgent attention to the changing demography on which the water supply and requirements for scenario planning are based.</p>	<p>ATSG</p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>NEXT MEETING</b> The date of the next meeting was set for Thursday 16 September 2010 at 09h00. The venue will be announced at a later stage.</p>	
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>CLOSURE</b> PvN thanked everyone for attending and for their contributions. The meeting closed at 13:30.</p>	