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WATER PRICING STRATEGY CONSULTATIONS IN THE NORTHERN CAPE

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The Department of Water and Sanitation is currently reviewing the raw water pricing strategy and the norms and standards for tariff settings. The reviewed pricing strategy for water use charges and the norms and standards were published in the government gazette for public comments until 12 February 2016.

As part of the consultation process, the Northern Cape Regional Office will be engaged in consultation sessions with relevant stakeholders in the province from 19 to 22 January 2016. The consultation sessions are scheduled at 10H00 as follow:

19 January 2016 - Kimberley at the Flamingo Casino at 10:00am

20 January 2016 - Kuruman at Davince Guest House

21 January 2016 – Upington at Moonriver Guest House

22 January 2016 - Springbok at Okiep Country Hotel

The pricing strategy is a standardised framework that contains the objectives, procedures and methodology followed and applied in the determination of raw water charges and to ensure that tariffs are kept to a minimum by the department. This will assist in sustaining the water value chain.

The revision of the norms and standards for tariff setting seeks to provide a common approach to pricing by all water services providers. The norms and standards are intended to standardise processes for setting tariffs throughout the water value chain and to enable effective evaluation and regulation of tariffs.

*The public is called upon and encouraged to make comments on the pricing strategy and the norms and standards documents. The documents can be obtained through gazette notice number: **1154 of 2015** for Pricing Strategy and gazette notice number: **1153 of 2015** for the Norms and Standards, as well as downloaded from the department's web address: www.dws.gov.za/projects/PERR/gazettes*

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