

DEPARTMENT: WATER AND SANITATION Directorate: National Water Resource Development Planning

CROCODILE EAST WATER PROJECT (CEWP) MODULE 1: TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY STUDY

Stakeholder Engagement Meeting (SEM) Meeting No. 1

MINUTES OF STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT MEETING NO 1.
MEETING HELD AT THE DWS REGIONAL OFFICE (PROROM BUILDING) IN MBOMBELA, AT 09:00
ON 27 SEPTEMBER 2023.

Item	Description	Action
1.	OPENING	
1.1	Welcome	
	Mr Silo Kheva (DWS: WRDP Mpumalanga) and Chair of the meeting introduced himself and welcomed all attendees to the first Stakeholder Engagement Meeting (SEM 1).	
	Mr Kheva reported that a Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting was held on 4 August 2023 with authorities to provide progress and updates on the project. He said that meeting with the stakeholders – those that may be interested and potentially affected by the project – is a priority for the DWS. He alluded to the field visit that took place in November 2022, during which the DWS undertook to provide feedback to stakeholders on progress made with the study.	
	A round of introductions followed.	
	Mr Zakhele Mkobane (DWS: Health & Safety Officer) presented information in the case of an emergency/evacuation and other general information.	
2.	ATTENDANCE AND APPOLOGIES	
2.1	Attendance	
	Refer to the Attendance Register included in Appendix A.	
	 Kobus Bester (DWS: WRDP (Project Manager)) Silo Kheva (DWS: WRDP (Chairperson)) Evert Serfontein (iX engineers: PSP) Richard Simelane (Mpumalanga Parks and Tourism Authority (MPTA)) Shakwane Nomvula (MTPA) Thomas Barnard (Highland Night Investment) 	
	Johan Pretorius (Tri Vista)	

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	Robert Davel (Mpumalanga Agriculture and SA-Agric)	
	Kobus de Bruin (Honey)	
	SJ Botha (Landowner)	
	 Tendai Sawunyama (Inkomati-Usuthu Catchment Management Agency (IUCMA)) 	
	M Swanepoel (Koedoeskraal)	
	DJ Bosman (Mountain View)	
	H Mushwana (City of Mbombela)	
	J Marais (Nelsrif Boerdery)	
	 DL Turner (White River Valley Conservation Board and White Waters Major Irrigation Board) 	
	CP (Sanele) Nkosi (Nkangala District Municipality)	
	MJ Nyambi (Libuyile Community Trust)	
	MM Chirwa (Libuyile Community Trust)	
	MN (Norman) Khosa (SACOL)	
	GT Mallo (York /SRV)	
	Andiswa Makam (DWS)	
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	Koena Moabelo (City of Mbombela) Call Jackson (Londovinos)	
	Gail Jackson (Landowner) Shadradk Mhyyana (DWS)	
	Shadreck Mbuyane (DWS) Ishu Nivembi (African Formard, Association of South Africa (AFASA))	
	Jabu Nyambi (African Farmers' Association of South Africa (AFASA))Sindiswa Ndimande (COGTA)	
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	Jeffrey Fundama (African Farmers' Association of South Africa (AFASA))	
	Barbara van Koppen (International Water Management Institute)	
	Pinimidzai Sithole (Global Water Partnership - GWP)	
2.2	Apologies	
	Benard Chirende (DWS: NWRP)	
	Lilene Louw (iX engineers: Study Leader)	
	Dr Nicollete Mhlanga-Ndlovu (IUCMA)	
	Peter Morata (City of Mbombela)	
	 Maré le Roux (Kaap River Valley Major Irrigation Board) 	
	Peter Whiteman (IUCMA)	
	Greg Beyers (RCL Food)	
	Stephen Mallory (IWR Water Resources (Pty) Ltd)	
	Christ Foster (SAFCOL)	
	Mervyn Lotter (MTPA)	
	Ntobeko Cele (DWS)	
3.	ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA	
	The agenda was accepted without additions.	

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4.	PURPOSE OF THE MEETING	
	The Chair noted that the purpose of the meeting was as follows: Presentation of the DWS Planning to Implementation methodology. Provision of an overview of the CEWP Study. Presentation of the results of the Pre-Feasibility Study.	
5.	DWS PLANNING TO IMPLEMENTATION METHODOLOGY	
	Mr Kobus Bester (DWS) presented the DWS Planning to Implementation Methodology. Refer to the Presentation included in Appendix B. The following was presented: Planning to Implementation Phases for new infrastructure. The steps in the Technical Feasibility Investigation.	
6.	OVERVIEW OF THE STUDY	
	Mr Kobus Bester (DWS) presented an Overview of the Study. Refer to the Presentation included in Appendix B. The following was presented: • Motivation for the Study: Water shortages in the Crocodile (East) River Catchment. Based on previous work the following four dams were recommended for further study: - Mountain View Dam on the Kaap River - Montrose Dam on the Crocodile East River - Boschjeskop Dam on the Nels River - Strathmore Dam (Off-Channel), near the confluence of the Kaap and Crocodile Rivers	
	Study Area:	
	- Crocodile East River Catchment. Scope of Study:	
	 Objective of Feasibility Study: undertake and finalise the planning of a raw water supply scheme comprising a dam(s) and related conveyance infrastructure in the Crocodile (East) River Catchment. 	
	 Feasibility Study divided in two separate interactive and concurrently running modules, i.e. Module 1: Technical Feasibility Study and Module 2: Environmental Impact Assessment. 	
	Study Approach:	
	- Phase 1: Pre-Feasibility Study followed by Phase 2: Feasibility Study.	
	 Phase 1: Pre-Feasibility Study: investigate four dam options and recommend one dam option for investigation in Phase 2. 	

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	- Phase 2: Feasibility Study: Investigate recommended dam (one option) and development thereof to a feasibility level of detail.		
	Methodology, Tasks and Deliverables.		
	Public Relations/Study Management.		
	Study Programme.		
	- Study duration of 36 months.		
	The following comments and or queries were made during the presentation:		
	Ms Debbie Turner (WRVCB and WWMIB): When DWS approached Treasury for funding of the proposed dam, please include the information of a thorough socio-economic assessment that will report on the findings of the impact on job losses, damage to the local and regional economy and other relevant impacts if the dam is not built. Mr Kobus Bester (DWS) responded that a socio-economic assessment will be conducted as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) which will commence in the next six months.		
	Dr Tendai Sawunyama (IUCMA): The timing of when the socio-economic impact assessment is to be done should be discussed. Mr Kobus Bester (DWS) was approached by Dr Tendai Sawunyama for further discussions on the matter, outside the meeting.		
	Mr Kobus Bester (DWS): No budget was available to conduct geotechnical investigations during the Pre-Feasibility Study and will be conducted during Phase 2: Feasibility Study. A tender process will be followed to appoint a PSP for the geotechnical investigations, since the amount will exceed 15% of the Contract Value approval will be required from the DWS DG or National Treasury.		
7.	RESULTS OF PHASE 1: PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY		
	Mr Kobus Bester (DWS) presented the results of Phase 1: Pre-feasibility Study.		
	Refer to the Presentation included in Appendix B.		
	The following was presented:		
	Yield Analyses		
	The large Mountain View Dam provides the greatest yield benefit to the system. The combination of Strathmore and Boschjeskop Dams yield less than the large Mountain View Dam alone. The highest yielding combination is Mountain View Dam operating with Strathmore Dam which provides a net system benefit of 134 million m³/annum.		
	Environmental Screening, including Downstream Ecological Impacts		
	This desktop study's main objective was to identify potential fatal flaws and to prepare a high-level ranking of the dams with respect to the environmental impact. The ranking informed the decision matrix set up to select one dam for further study in the Phase 2: Feasibility Study. Potential fatal flaws were identified for:		
	 Montrose Dam: Negative impact on downstream river ecology and the flooding of Montrose Falls. 		
	- Boschjeskop Dam: Negative impact on downstream river ecology.		

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	The scoring points allocated for the four dams as follows: - Strathmore Dam 43 - Boschjeskop Dam 33 - Mountain View Dam 32 - Montrose Dam 18 Note: The higher the score the smaller (or less) the environmental impact.	
	Geotechnical and Material Investigations	
	Various parameters were assessed and the points scored by the respective the dam sites are as follows:	
	 Mountain View Dam 33 Boschjeskop Dam 29 Montrose Dam 27 Strathmore Dam 20 	
	Engineering Investigation	
	For each dam site the surface area versus the proposed water level was presented.	
	Engineering Economic Analysis	
	An Engineering Economic Analyses enables the comparison of dam options with different:	
	 Infrastructure Components (Dam Types and Sizes) Yields (million m³/annum) Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) Operations and Maintenance Expenditure (OPEX) 	
	The engineering economic analysis included the following cost components: - Total Capital Cost (CAPEX) - Annual Operating and Maintenance cost (OPEX) - Energy Costs (Electricity) - Design and Construction Supervision Costs (Professional Fees) - Cost of Additional Services, Topographical Surveys, Geotechnical Investigations, etc.	
	From an engineering economic point of view the dam option with the lowest Unit Reference Value (URV) will be the preferred option. In terms of the individual dam options, the Mountain View small dam and the Mountain View large dam options had the lowest URV values.	
	Multi-Criteria Analysis of Dam Options	
	Due to the significant water deficits in the Crocodile (East) River Catchment it is possible that the implementation of more than one dam will be required. Therefore a ranking/scoring system (multi-criteria decision matrix) rather than an elimination process was adopted during the execution of the Pre-Feasibility Study. The highest ranking/scoring dam option will be recommended for further investigation and development at feasibility level.	
	The following parameters were used in the decision matrix to compare the dam options with each other:	
	 Net benefit to the system yield. Environmental and downstream river impacts. Geological and geotechnical considerations. Operational risks (Pumping, electrical supply interruptions, loadshedding). Engineering economic analysis (URV's and Affordability). 	

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	A scoring system was used to determine the relative merit of each comparison parameter for each of the dam options.	
	The results for the highest-ranking dam options were as follows:	
	 Individual (Single) Dam: Mountain View Dam (Score = 26.3 (small dam) and 26.5 (large dam) Combined Dams: Mountain View and Boschjeskop Dams (Score = 23.3) 	PSP to send link
	The following comments and or queries were made during the presentation:	to Pre-Feasibility Study Reports.
	Mr Kobus Bester (DWS): The Pre-Feasibility Study Reports are currently being finalised and will soon be available. Stakeholders will receive either a link to the DWS website or a link to where the reports may be downloaded.	
	Dr Tendai Sawunyama (IUCMA): Asked whether the net benefit to the system yield of the construction of a new dam will be for the whole Crocodile catchment? Mr Kobus Bester (DWS) responded positively and said that it has been calculated per catchment.	
	Landowner: What is the probability of getting finance for the Capital Expenditure (CAPEX)? Mr Kobus Bester (DWS) responded that a process to apply to Treasury will have to be followed. He said in terms of the proposed planning of this project, two years were allowed for the phase of securing the necessary funding. He said that many dam projects which have been found to be feasible have not yet received funding. He added that often stakeholders who may not want a dam to be built do not comment on their preference. Often one only hears of stakeholders who object to projects. He urged stakeholders to voice their positive opinions during the EIA phase should they wish the dam to be built. Mr Bester said the best advice he can offer landowners and farmers is to continue with the planning and activities on their land as if nothing will happen. Those who may potentially be impacted will be compensated for their land and all improvements based on market values at the time.	
	Landowner: What are the timelines? As landowners with commercial farming activities, planning is required, and we would like to know when the proposed dam will deliver its first water. Mr Kobus Bester (DWS) responded that the feasibility is a three-year study which is followed by a two-year period for securing financing, followed by another year or two for preparation for construction readiness and tender evaluations.	
	Landowner: It was reported in a newspaper that the dam will be completed by 2027. Most of the arable land of our farm will be under water should the proposed dam project continue. We would like to know whether the project will go ahead, or not.	
	Mr Musa Chirwa (Libuyile Community Trust) shared his experience of a construction of a pipeline over their land with the meeting. He said he agrees with Mr Bester that landowners should just go on as per usual with their activities as they have been compensated fairly for the impact on their operations when the pipeline was constructed.	
	Mr Pinimidzai Sithole (Global Water Partnership - GWP) said that agriculture can play a major role that should not be underestimated in terms of the contribution in this area which can positively influence the decision to finance the dam project. He said that information such as the number of jobs, contribution to GDP, local economic development projects are but some examples of the positive contribution that agriculture makes.	
	Mr Kobus Bester (DWS) introduced Ms Barbara van Koppen and Dr Pinimidzai Sithole of the International Water Management Institute (IWMA) who were appointed	

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	to conduct a Verifications and Validation Study of water use in the catchment, which will include socio-economic assessment.	
8.	WAY FORWARD	
	A formal record of the meeting / minutes will be circulated together with a copy of the presentations delivered.	
	The Chair thanked landowners for their cooperations for allowing the Study Team and the professional service providers on their land for investigations. Specialists will visit the Mountain View dam site option for various assessments during the EIA. He assured stakeholders that landowners will be contacted prior to visits to their properties and that visitors will always be identifiable.	
	There will be follow-up meetings with stakeholders to keep them abreast of study progress. Attendees were also reminded that during the EIA process, stakeholders will be requested to meet again, review and comment on reports on the preferred dam site.	
	The Chair requested stakeholders to observe the formal chain of communication from the National Department of Water and Sanitation to them about this project. He said some organisations / organs of state / departments are opportunistic in their communication and may not be accurate in their messages.	
9	GENERAL / OTHER	
	None	
10	NEXT MEETING	
	The date of the next meeting will be communicated to stakeholders.	
11	CLOSURE	
	The Chair, Mr Silo Kheva (DWS) and Mr Kobus Bester (DWS) thanked stakeholders for attending the meeting and for their participation in the Study. They invited stakeholders to contact them should more information be required. The meeting was closed at 11:50.	
	Minuted By: Anelle Lötter	







Chief Directorate: Water Resource Development Planning (East)

ATTENDANCE AND DISTRIBUTION LIST

Department of Water and Sanitation Contract: Client:

WP11393: Crocodile East Water Project (CEWP): Module 1: Technical Feasibility Study

Meeting:

Stakeholder Engagement Meeting No. 1

27 September 2023 at 09:00

Date & Time:

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CROCODILE EAST WATER PROJECT (CEWP) MODULE 1: TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY STUDY

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Directorate: Water Resource Development Planning (East)

Date: 27 September 2023

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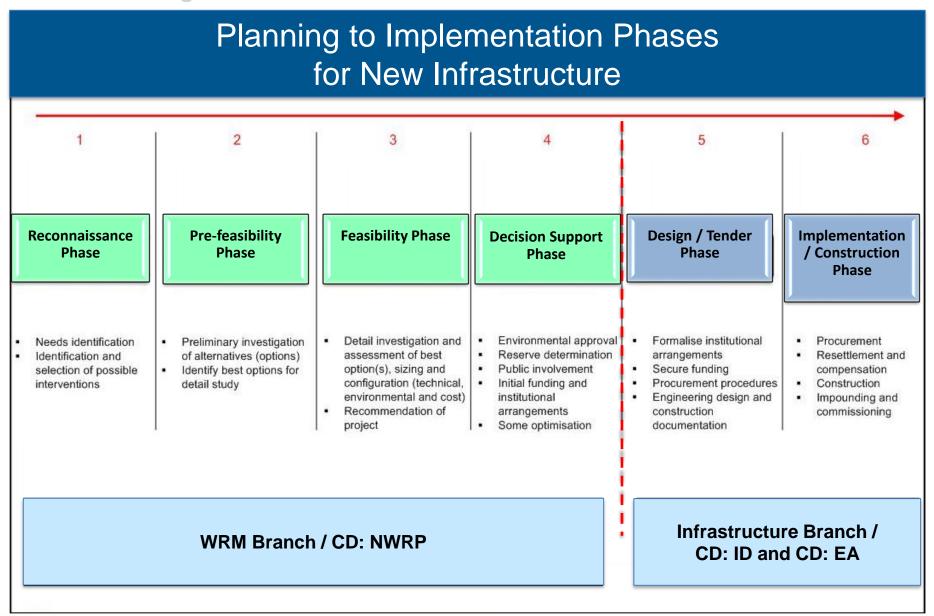
AGENDA

09:00	1	Welcome and Introduction	Chairperson
09:10	2	Attendance and Apologies	Chairperson
09:20	3	Acceptance of Agenda	All
09:25	4	Purpose of Meeting	Chairperson
09:35	5	DWS Planning to Implementation Methodology (10 Minutes)	Mr Kobus Bester / PSP
	Que	stions/Discussions	
09:55	6	Overview of Study (25 Minutes) • Motivation for the CEWP • Study Area • Scope of the Study • Study Approach • Methodology, Tasks and Deliverables • Public Relations • Study Programme	Mr Kobus Bester / PSP
	Que	stions/Discussions	
10:30	7	Comfort Break (15 Minutes)	
10:45	8	Results of the Phase 1: Pre-Feasibility Study (45 Minutes) Yield Analyses Environmental Screening, including Downstream Ecological Impacts Geotechnical and Material Investigations Engineering Investigation Engineering Economic Analysis Multi-Criteria Analysis of Dam Options	Mr Kobus Bester / PSP
•	Que	stions/Discussions	
11:40	9	Additions 9.1 9.2	All
11:45	10	Way Forward / Key Decisions	Mr Kobus Bester
44.55	11	Date of Next Meeting	All
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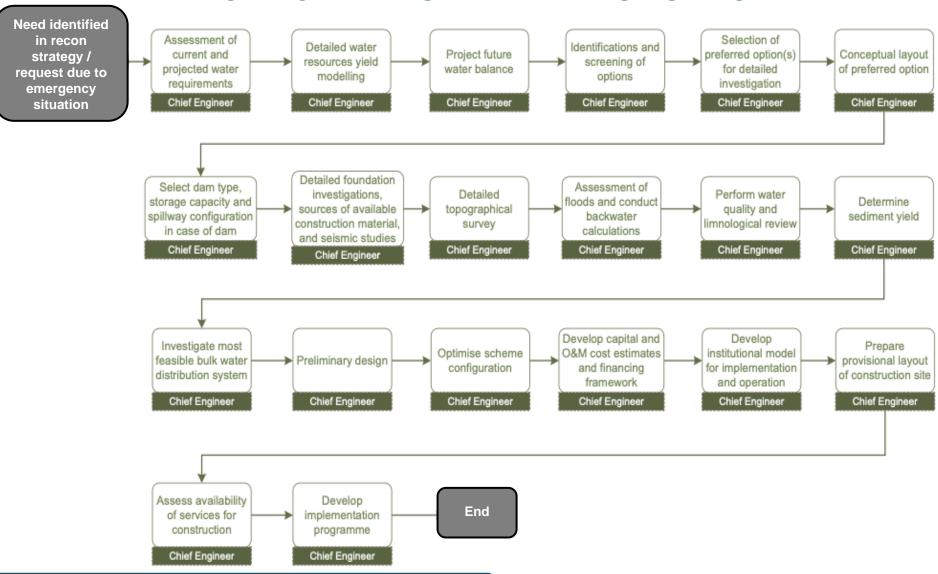
4. PURPOSE OF MEETING

- Present the DWS Planning to Implementation Methodology;
- Provide an overview of the CEWP Study;
- Present the results of the Pre-Feasibility Study.

5. DWS METHODOLOGY: PLANNING TO IMPLEMENTATION



TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY INVESTIGATION



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Questions/Discussions

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6. OVERVIEW OF STUDY

6.1 Motivation for Study (1 of 3)

- Water of the Crocodile River System in Mpumalanga fully allocated
- Water requirements continuous growth



- Regular water shortages (domestic, commercial and agricultural sectors)
- Unable to meet environmental requirements
- Pressure from Mozambique to meet minimum cross-border flows



Proposed Intervention: A New Dam in the Crocodile River Catchment

6.1 Motivation for Study (2 of 3)

The following previous studies and investigations related to the Study were completed.

- Interim IncoMaputo Agreement (IIMA), Tripartite Technical Committee (TPTC) Mozambique, South Africa & Swaziland August 2002.
- Inkomati Water Management Area Internal Strategic Perspective (ISP) PWMA 05/000/00/0303 – March 2004.
- Crocodile (East) River Development,
 Reconnaissance Study, PD Naidoo & Associates –
 September 2008.
- Inkomati Water Availability Assessment Study, Main Report (IWAAS) PWMA 05/X22/00/0808 June 2009.
- Progressive Realisation of the IncoMaputo
 Agreement (PRIMA): Basin Management Alternatives
 and Feasibility Report: Part B: Inkomati River Basin,
 Report No: Implementation Activities and Action Plan
 (IAAP) 3 April 2011.

- Inkomati Water Management Area: Modelling Support for Licensing Scenarios: Identification of Dam Sites on Crocodile River (East) 1st Draft 2011.
- Comprehensive Reserve Determination Study for Selected Water Resources (Rivers, Groundwater and Wetlands) in the Inkomati Water Management Area, Mpumalanga.
- Development of Real-Time Operating Rules for the Crocodile River Catchment.
- Water Requirements and Availability Reconciliation Strategy for the Mbombela Local Municipality – February 2014.
- Continuation of Water Requirements and Availability Reconciliation Strategy for the Mbombela Municipal Area – October 2020.

6.1 Motivation for Study (3 of 3)

Based on previous studies and investigations, the following four proposed dams within the Crocodile (East) River Catchment were recommended for further study as part of the Crocodile East Water Project: Module 1: Technical Feasibility Study:

- Mountain View Dam on the Kaap River
- Montrose Dam on the Crocodile East River
- Boschjeskop Dam on the Nels River
- Strathmore Off-Channel Storage Dam, near the confluence of the Kaap and Crocodile Rivers

6.2 Study Area (1 of 3)

Crocodile (East) River Catchment

- Situated in the north-east of South Africa.
- Part of larger Inkomati River Basin (Basin is shared between Mozambique, South Africa and Eswatini).
- Water of the Inkomati River Basin is shared between Mozambique, South Africa and Eswatini.
- Only major dam in the catchment is the Kwena Dam in the Upper Crocodile River Catchment.

The Crocodile (East) River Catchment comprises of four tertiary catchments:

Upper Crocodile Catchment (X21)

Middle Crocodile Catchment (X22)

Lower Crocodile Catchment (X24)

Kaap Catchment (X23)

Important tributaries of the Crocodile River include the following:

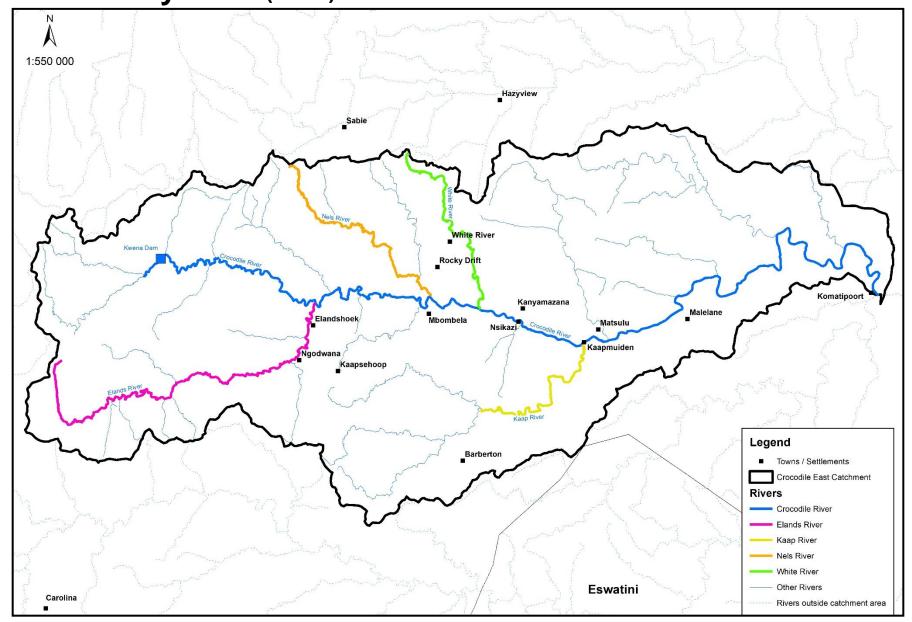
Kaap River

Elands River

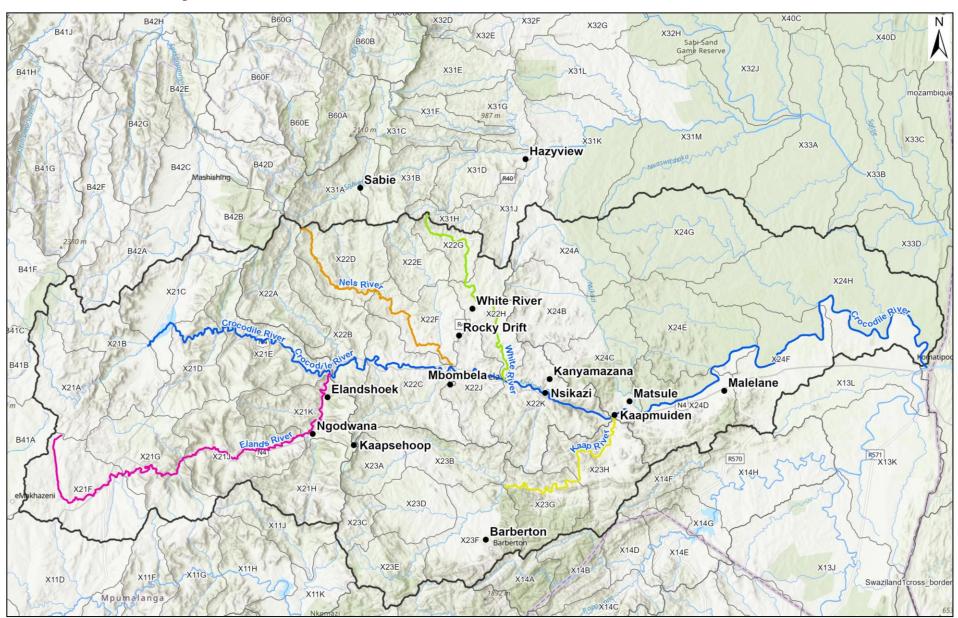
Nels River

White River

6.2 Study Area (2 of 3)



6.2 Study Area (3 of 3)



6.3 Scope of Study

Objective of Feasibility Study: undertake and finalise the planning of a raw water supply scheme comprising a dam(s) and related conveyance infrastructure in the Crocodile (East) River Catchment.

The proposed scheme configuration from a strategic water resource perspective, needs to provide a **long-term regional water supply solution** for the Crocodile (East) River Catchment.

In order to expedite the planning for a dam(s) in the Crocodile River Catchment, the Feasibility Study has been divided in **two** separate interactive and **concurrently** running modules, as follows:

Module 1: Technical Feasibility Study

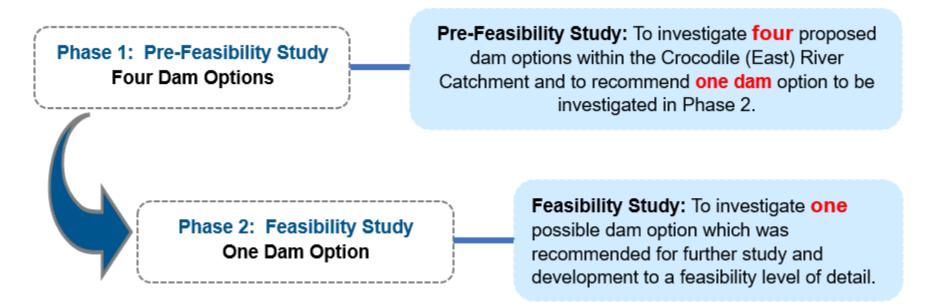
iX engineers (Pty) Ltd was appointed for the Crocodile East Water Project: Module 1: Technical Feasibility Study.

Module 2: Environmental Impact Assessment

Nemai Consulting CC was appointed to undertake Module 2, which will commence during the Phase 2 of the Module 1 Study.

6.4 Study Approach (1 of 6)

The Module 1: Technical Feasibility Study will be undertaken in two separate phases, as follows:



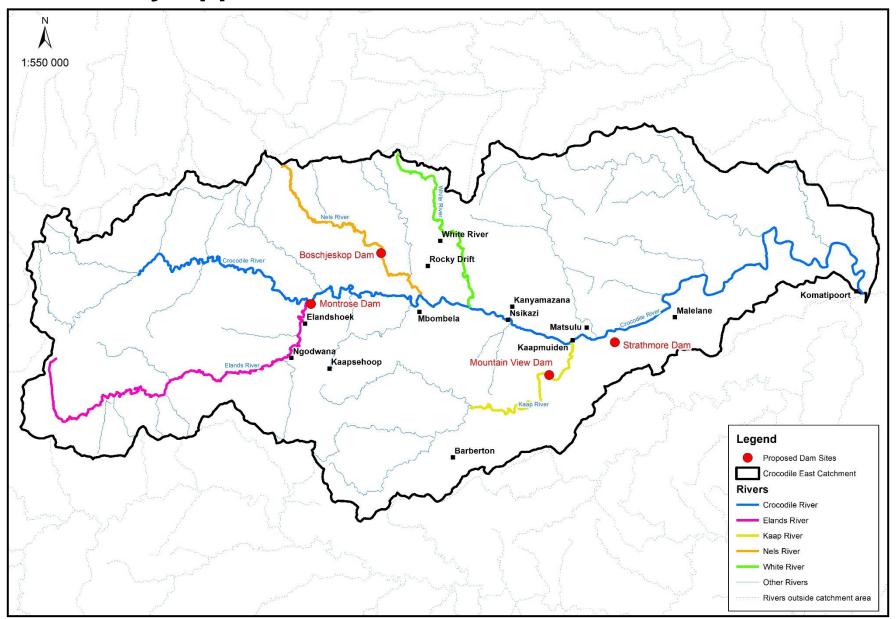
6.4 Study Approach (2 of 6)

Phase 1: Pre-Feasibility Study

Pre-Feasibility Study undertaken for the following **four** dam options:

- Mountain View Dam on the Kaap River
- Montrose Dam on the Crocodile East River
- Boschjeskop Dam on the Nels River
- Strathmore Off-Channel Storage Dam, near the confluence of the Kaap and Crocodile Rivers

6.4 Study Approach (3 of 6)



6.4 Study Approach (4 of 6)

Phase 1: Pre-Feasibility Study

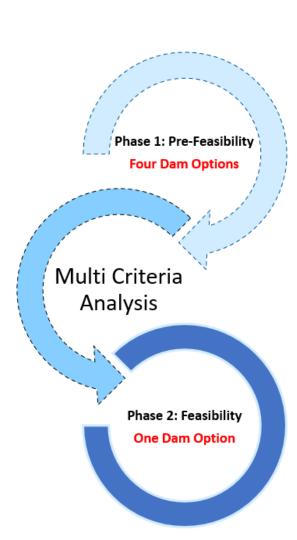
Due to the significant water deficits in the Crocodile (East) River Catchment it is possible that the implementation of more than one dam will be required.



Adopted a ranking/scoring system (multi-criteria decision matrix) rather than an elimination process during the execution of the Pre-Feasibility Study.

Application of Multi-Criteria Decision Matrix (ranking system) to all four dams to enable a uniform comparison.

Selection and recommendation of highest ranking/scoring dam option for further investigation and development at feasibility level.



6.4 Study Approach (5 of 6)

Phase 1: Pre-Feasibility Study

Multi-Criteria Decision Matrix (ranking system) typically includes the following:

- Yield analysis (Water Resources)
- Environmental and downstream ecological impacts
- Geological and geotechnical considerations
- Engineering economic analysis (Unit Reference Values and Affordability)

Development of an appropriate ranking/scoring system for each of the above-mentioned criteria.

Worst Score = 1 & Best Score = 5 Highest Score = Best Ranking

6.4 Study Approach (6 of 6)

Phase 2: Feasibility Study

Investigate **one** possible dam option which was recommended in the Phase 1: Pre-Feasibility Study for further study and development to a **feasibility level** of detail in the **Phase 2: Feasibility Study**.

6.5 Study Methodology, Tasks and Deliverables

The proposed Scope of Work has been structured and broken down into various tasks and subtasks.

Ph	Phase 1: Pre-Feasibility Study (Four Dam Options)				
	Task	Deliverable			
1	Study Inception	Inception meeting Site visits to the four dam options Inception Report			
2	Ecological Consequences in Terms of the National Water Resource Class, the Target Ecological Category and the Reserve	Downstream Ecological Consequences and Potential Impacts on the National Water Resource Class Report			
3	Perform/Review Historic Yield Analysis	Yield Analysis Report			
4	Environmental Screening and Identification of Fatal Flaws	Environmental Screening Report			
5	Perform/Review Geotechnical and Material Investigations	Geotechnical and Material Investigations Report			
6	Engineering Investigation	Engineering Investigation Report			
7	Topographical Survey and Mapping	Lidar DTM data, Contour and Orthophoto generation, Topographical detail mapping			
8	Proposed Scheme Configurations (Engineering Investigation)	Proposed Scheme Configurations Report			
9	Engineering Economic Analysis	Engineering Economic Analysis Report			
10	Multi-Criteria Analysis	Multi-Criteria Analysis of Dam Options Report			
11	Pre-Feasibility Study Report	Pre-Feasibility Study Report which includes information on the findings of the reports mentioned above.			

Phase 2: Feasibility Study (Selected One Dam Option)		
	Task	Deliverable
1	Environmental Screening	Environmental Screening Report
2	 Water Resources, including: Determine Existing and Future Water Demands Yield Analysis with the Water Resource Yield Model Future Water Balance for the Project Development of Short-term Stochastic Yield Reliability Curves Water Resources Planning Model (WRPM) Assessment of the Potential for Hydropower Generation at the Dam (Water Resources) 	Water Resources Report
3	Ecological Consequences in Terms of the National Water Resource Class, the Target Ecological Category and the Reserve	Ecological Consequences of Dam Operational Scenarios Report
4	Socio-Economic Impacts	Socio-Economic Impacts Report
5	 Engineering Investigation, including: Topographical Surveys and Mapping Geological and Geotechnical Investigation Geomorphological and Seismic Investigation Flood Studies Feasibility Design of the Selected Scheme Construction Programming and Costing Access and Advanced Infrastructure Flood and Backwater Calculations for the Dam Climatological Data for the Construction Site Water Quality and Limnology Sediment Yield and Sedimentation Investigation Land Requirements and Associated Costs Assessment of the Potential for Hydropower Generation at the Dams (Engineering Investigation) Costing (CAPEX and OPEX) of the Project Engineering Economic Analysis 	Engineering Investigation Report

Pł	Phase 2: Feasibility Study (Selected One Dam Option)					
	Task	Deliverable				
6	Implementation Actions	Project Implementation Programme				
7	Record of Implementation Decisions	Record of Decisions				
8	Institutional, Financial and Operational Aspects	Institutional, Financial and Operational Aspects Report				
9	Feasibility Study Report	Feasibility Study Report which includes information on the findings of the reports mentioned above.				

6.6 Public Relations / Study Management

Public Relations Meetings

A full stakeholder engagement and public relations process, where relevant representative stakeholders in the Study will provide inputs into the Study, will be carried out to support the Study.

Project Management Committee Meetings (PMC)

Purpose of PMC meeting is to report on, discuss and capture all activities that have happened on the project for the reporting period preceding each respective PMC meeting and to ensure understanding and buy-in of all members.

Project Steering Committee Meetings (PSC)

The Project Steering Committee's (PSC) main function is to assist the DWS with strategic matters and to coordinate the contributions of other authorities.

6.7 Study Programme

	Start Date	End Date	Duration
Technical Feasibility Study	6 September 2022	30 September 2025	36 Months
Phase 1: Pre-Feasibility Study	6 September 2022	30 September 2023	12 Months
 Phase 2: Feasibility Study 	1 October 2023	30 September 2025	24 Months

Commencement of Study: 6 September 2022

(Date of Signed Service Level of Agreement)

Questions/Discussions

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7. Comfort Break

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8. RESULTS OF PHASE 1: PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY

8. Results of Phase 1: Pre-Feasibility Study

The results of the Phase 1: Pre-Feasibility Study will be presented as follows:

Phase 1: Pre-Feasibility Study (Four Dam Options)					
1	Yield Analyses				
2	Environmental Screening, including Downstream Ecological Impacts				
3	Geotechnical and Material Investigations				
4	Engineering Investigation				
5	5 Engineering Economic Analysis				
6	Multi-Criteria Analysis				

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- 8. RESULTS OF PHASE 1: PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY
- 8.1 Yield Analyses

8.1 Yield Analyses (1 of 5)

Approach to Yield Analyses:

When conducting a system analysis in the Crocodile East catchment, it is important to note that one cannot only take the yield derived from Kwena Dam as the available water to be used by end-users and or the reserve.

Abstraction point locations, **inflows** from tributaries below Kwena Dam as well as **releases** from Kwena Dam are all factors that affect the **existing system** yield.

Furthermore, the impact of including a proposed New Dam should be considered in the context of improved supply to existing users.

8.1 Yield Analyses (2 of 5)

Volume of Demands (Abstractions) from the Crocodile River

Туре	User	Use (million m³/annum)					
Irrigation	Crocodile Irrigation Board (divided into 10 individual point abstractions based on location)	304					
Domestic	City of Mbombela for Nelspruit, including Rocky Drift	17.50					
Domestic	City of Mbombela for Emoyeni from Crocodile and Karino	0.95					
Domestic	City of Mbombela for Nsikazi South	25.40					
Domestic	omestic City of Mbombela for Matsulu						
Domestic	Domestic Malelane						
Domestic	Domestic Hectorspruit						
Domestic	Domestic Marloth Park						
	Total						

8.1 Yield Analyses (3 of 5)

Yield Analyses Results: Individual (Single) Dam Option

Dam	Boschjeskop Storage: 72.7 million m ³ Wall Height: 44.3 m	Boschjeskop Storage: 85.2 million m³ Wall Height: 47.3 m	Mountain View Storage: 188.3 million m ³ Wall Height: 84.1 m	Mountain View Storage: 259.4 million m ³ Wall Height: 92.5 m	Montrose Storage: 43 million m³ Wall Height: 59 m	Montrose Storage: 111.7 million m³ Wall Height: 79 m	Strathmore Storage: 42.5 million m³ Wall Height: 30 m	Strathmore Storage: 89.4 million m³ Wall Height: 40 m
HFY (million m³/annum): Yield Channel at Dam	35	36	50	58	79	106	74	84
New System Yield / Supply to Users (million m³/annum)	232.2	235.3	282.2	300.9	235.2	269.5	235.2	250.8
Percentage per User Sector including New Dam	100% domestic 59% irrigation	100% domestic 60% irrigation	100% domestic 76% irrigation	100% domestic 81% irrigation	100% domestic 60% irrigation	100% domestic 71% irrigation	100% domestic 60% irrigation	100% domestic 65% irrigation
Net Benefit of New Dam (million m³/annum)	40.4	43.5	93.4	109.1	43.4	77.7	43.4	59



Net Benefit of New Dam (million m³/annum):

Additional Water that is available due to the New Dam

8.1 Yield Analyses (4 of 5)

Yield Analyses Results: Combined Dam Options

Further analyses were undertaken in order to determine the net system yield benefit resulting from combinations of dams.

The following three combinations were assessed and are presented as the Scenario reference indicated:

- Scenario A: Boschjeskop (85.2 million m³) and Strathmore (89.4 million m³);
- Scenario B: Mountain View (259.4 million m³) and Strathmore (89.4 million m³);
- Scenario C: Mountain View (259.4 million m³) and Boschjeskop (85.2 million m³).

Net System Yield resulting from Combinations of Proposed Dams

Net Benefit of New Dam Combinations (million m³/annum)
84
134
128

The results indicate that the net benefit to the system yield of two dams cannot be determined by adding the net benefits of the individual dams together due to the dynamics in the hydrology and the supply to users.

8.1 Yield Analyses (5 of 5)

Ranked Order of Proposed Dams based on System Yield Benefit

Ranking Dam		Dam Size (million m³)	Net Benefit to System Yield (million m³/a)
1	1 Mountain View		109
2	Mountain View	188	93
3	Montrose	112	78
4 Strathmore		89	59
5 Boschjeskop		85	44
6	Strathmore	42.5	43.4
7 Montrose		43	43.4
8	Boschjeskop	73	40

The large **Mountain View Dam** provides the **greatest yield benefit** to the system. The combination of Strathmore and Boschjeskop Dams yield **less** than the large Mountain View Dam alone. The highest yielding combination is Mountain View Dam operating with Strathmore Dam which provides a net system benefit of 134 million m³/annum.

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- 8.2 Environmental Screening & Ecological Impacts

8.2 Environmental Screening & Ecological Impacts

Scoring System (0 = worst, 5 = best)

Highest Score = Best Ranking				
Montrose	Mountain View	Boschjeskop	Strathmore	
2	2	3	3	
2	2	4	4	
2	2	1	1	
1	4	3	4	
1	2	2	3	
0	2	1	3	
2	2	2	3	
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Overall Score

Ranking

18

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3

33

43

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- 8. RESULTS OF PHASE 1: PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY
- 8.3 Geotechnical and Materials Investigations

8.3 Geotechnical and Materials Investigations

Scoring System (1 = worst, 5 = best) Highest Score = Best Ranking

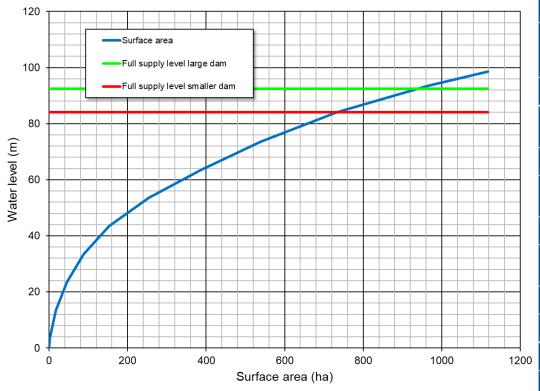
Parameter	Montrose	Mountain View	Boschjeskop	Strathmore	
Geology					
Lithology	3	4	4	2	
Structural Geology	3	3	3	3	
Dam Site					
Rock outcrop distribution	3	4	2	1	
River section conditions	2	3	3	1	
Rock mass permeability	3	4	3	1	
Basin					
Stability	3	3	4	4	
Leakage	4	3	3	3	
Materials					
Rock	3	4	1	1	
Sand	2	2	2	1	
Embankment/Rockfill	1	3	4	3	
Overall Score	27	33	29	20	
Ranking	3	1	2	4	

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- 8.4 Engineering Investigation

8.4 Engineering Investigation (1 of 8)

Proposed Mountain View Dam



Mountain View Dam Surface Area versus Water Level

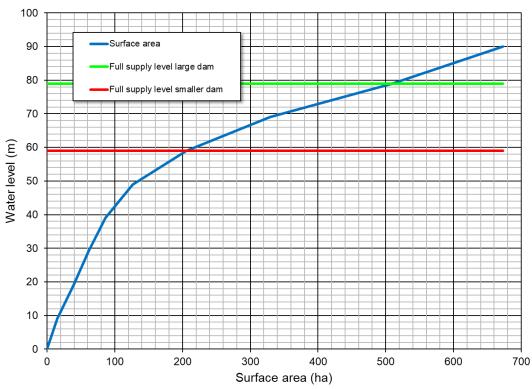
River:	Каар
Proposed dam:	Mountain View
Spillway type:	A stepped spillway with an ogee control section at its upper portion equipped with a stilling basin at the downstream toe
Spillway length:	265 m
Spillway discharge capacity:	5 788 m³/s
Freeboard:	5 m
Dam wall:	Roller compacted concrete (RCC) gravity arch type dam
Radius of arch:	261m (large dam); 232 m (smaller dam)
RCC non-overspill crest width:	5 m
Upstream slope:	Vertical
Downstream slope:	1V : 0.5H
Maximum dam wall height :	97.5 m (large dam); 89 m (smaller dam)
Gross storage capacity at FSL:	259.4 million m³ (large dam); 188.3 million m³ (smaller dam)
Surface area at FSL:	938.8 ha (large dam); 732.5 ha (smaller dam)
River outlets maximum release capacity:	7.5 m ³ /s (large dam); 7.1 m ³ /s (smaller dam)

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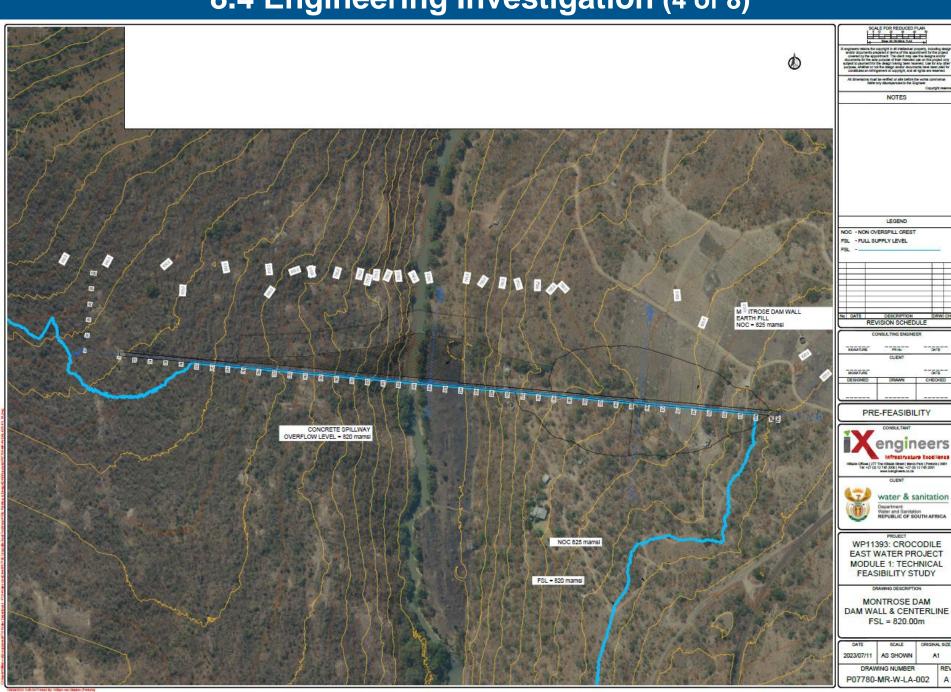
Proposed Montrose Dam



Montrose Dam Surface Area versus Water Level

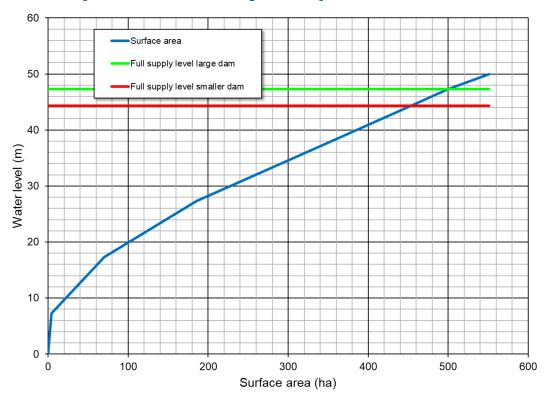
River	Crocodile East
Proposed dam:	Montrose
Spillway type:	A stepped spillway with an ogee control section at its upper portion equipped with a stilling basin
Spillway length:	315 m
Spillway discharge capacity:	6 880 m³/s
Freeboard:	5 m
Dam wall:	Composite dam wall with concrete gravity section including the spillway on the left bank and zoned embankment flank wall on the right bank (wrapped around a tongue wall)
Concrete non-overspill crest width:	5 m
Concrete upstream slope:	Vertical
Concrete downstream slope:	1V : 0.75H
Embankment crest width:	6 m
Embankment upstream slope:	1V : 3H
Embankment downstream slope:	1V : 2.5H
Maximum dam wall height:	84 m (large dam); 64 m (smaller dam)
Gross storage capacity at FSL:	111.7 million m³ (large dam); 43.0 million m³ (smaller dam)
Surface area at FSL:	509.3 ha (large dam); 206.0 ha (smaller dam)
Outlets maximum release capacity:	14.3 m ³ /s (large dam); 13.0 m ³ /s (smaller dam)

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8.4 Engineering Investigation (5 of 8)

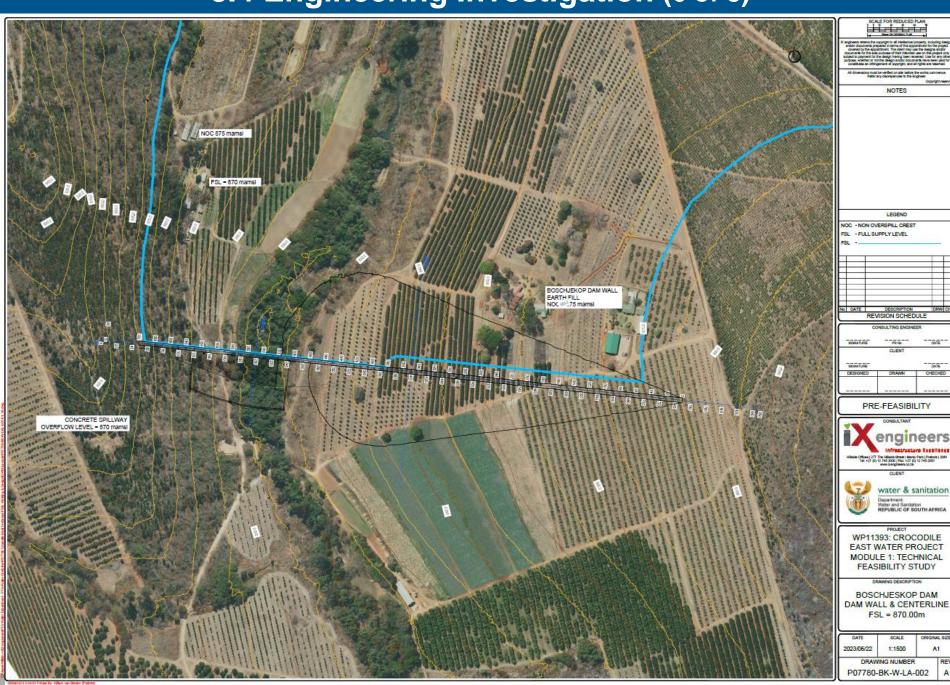
Proposed Boschjeskop Dam



Boschjeskop Dam Surface Area versus Water Level

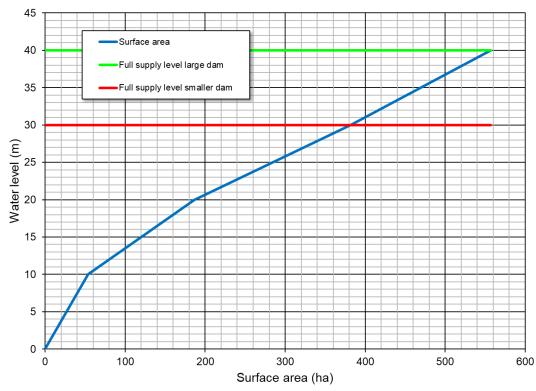
River:	Nels			
Proposed dam:	Boschjeskop Dam			
Spillway type:	A stepped spillway with an ogee control section at its upper portion equipped with a stilling basin			
Spillway length:	108 m			
Spillway discharge capacity:	2 344m³/s			
Freeboard:	5m			
Dam wall:	Composite dam wall with concrete gravity section including the spillway on the right bank and an embankment flank wall on the left bank (wrapped around a tongue wall)			
Concrete non-overspill crest width:	5 m			
Concrete upstream slope:	Vertical			
Concrete downstream slope:	1V: 0.75H			
Embankment crest width:	6 m			
Embankment upstream slope:	1V : 3H			
Embankment downstream slope:	1V : 2.5H			
Maximum dam wall height:	52.3 m (large dam); 49.3 m (smaller dam)			
Gross storage capacity at FSL:	85.21 million m³ (large dam); 72.67 million m³ (smaller dam)			
Surface area at FSL:	499.8 ha (large dam); 453.2 ha (smaller dam)			
Outlets maximum release capacity:	5.4 m³/s (large dam); 5.3 m³/s (smaller dam)			

8.4 Engineering Investigation (6 of 8)



8.4 Engineering Investigation (7 of 8)

Proposed Strathmore Dam



Strathmore Dam Surface Area versus Water Level

River:	Unnamed tributaries of the Crocodile East River
Proposed dam:	Strathmore
Spillway type:	Open channel spillway with crump control structure, lined discharge channel and energy dissipating structure with stilling pool at the downstream end
Spillway length:	75 m
Spillway discharge capacity:	1 139 m³/s
Freeboard:	4 m
Dam wall:	East and west zoned embankment walls with spillway on the right bank of the eastern embankment
Embankment crest width:	6 m
Upstream slope:	1V : 3H
Downstream slope:	1V : 2.5H
Maximum dam wall height:	44 m (large dam); 34 m (smaller dam)
Gross storage capacity at FSL:	89.45 million m³ (large dam); 42,53 million m³ (smaller dam)
Surface area at FSL:	557.0 ha (large dam); 381.3 ha (smaller dam)
Outlets maximum release capacity:	4.8 m³/s (large dam); 4.3 m³/s (smaller dam)

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- 8.5 Engineering Economic Analysis

8.5 Engineering Economic Analysis (1 of 6)

An Engineering Economic Analyses enables the COMPARISON of Dam Options with Different :

- Infrastructure Components (Dam Types and Sizes)
- Yields (million m³/annum)
- Capital Expenditure (CAPEX)
- Operations and Maintenance Expenditure (OPEX)

Cost Components

The engineering economic analysis included the following cost components:

- Total Capital Cost (CAPEX)
- Annual Operating and Maintenance cost (OPEX)
- Energy Costs (Electricity)
- Design and Construction Supervision Costs (Professional Fees)
- Cost of Additional Services, Topographical Surveys, Geotechnical Investigations, etc.

8.5 Engineering Economic Analysis (2 of 6)

Capital Costs and Yields of Dams

Dam	Capital Cost (million R)	Net Benefit to System Yield (million m³/a)
Boschjeskop		
Small Dam (Height = 44.32 m)	1569.68	40.4
Large Dam (Height = 47.30 m)	2100.91	43.5
Mountain View		
Small Dam (Height = 84.08 m)	3142.79	93.4
Large Dam (Height = 92.50 m)	4085.56	109.1
Montrose		
Small Dam (Height = 59.00 m)	2394.88	43.4
Large Dam (Height = 79.00 m)	4821.47	77.7
Strathmore		
Small Dam (Height = 30.00 m)	1726.32	43.4
Large Dam (Height = 40.00 m)	2274.42	59

8.5 Engineering Economic Analysis (3 of 6)

Unit Reference Values

The calculation of a **Unit Reference Value (URV)** involves the following:

- Discounting of Total Annual Costs (capital, annual O&M (including annual energy), etc.) to a Present Value (C)
- Discounting the Annual Series of Water Supply to a Present Value (W)

Calculation of URV: URV (for selected discount rate) = C/W

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Unit Reference Values

Individual (Single) Dam Options

	Cont Commonant	Discount Rate				
5	Cost Component	6 %	8 %	10 %		
	Boschjeskop (Small Dam, Height = 44.32	? m)				
	URV (R/m³) Total discounted cost (million R) Total discounted yield (million m³)	2.9 1450.35 496.79	3.8 1365.46 360.42	4.7 1293.60 272.50		
	Boschjeskop (Large Dam, Height = 47.30) m)				
	URV (R/m³) Total discounted cost (million R) Total discounted yield (million m³)	3.6 1933.41 534.91	4.7 1821.92 388.08	5.9 1727.13 293.41		
	Mountain View (Small Dam, Height = 84.	08 m)				
	URV (R/m³) Total discounted cost (million R) Total discounted yield (million m³)	2.5 2890.97 1148.52	3.3 2724.54 833.25	4.1 2582.95 629.98		
	Mountain View (Large Dam, Height = 92.	5 m)				
	URV (R/m³) Total discounted cost (million R) Total discounted yield (million m³)	2.8 3748.25 1341.58	3.6 3534.62 973.32	4.6 3352.32 735.87		
	Montrose (Small Dam, Height = 59.00 m)					
	URV (R/m³) Total discounted cost (million R) Total discounted yield (million m³)	4.1 2210.88 533.68	5.4 2081.89 387.19	6.7 1972.60 292.73		
	Montrose (Large Dam, Height = 79.00 m)					
	URV (R/m³) Total discounted cost (million R) Total discounted yield (million m³)	4.6 4417.42 955.46	6.0 4166.95 693.19	7.5 3952.87 524.08		
	Strathmore (Small Dam, Height = 30.00 n	n)				
	URV (R/m³) Total discounted cost (million R) Total discounted yield (million m³)	3.3 1762.50 533.68	4.2 1622.96 387.19	5.2 1514.18 292.73		
	Strathmore (Large Dam, Height = 40.00 n	n)				
	URV (R/m³) Total discounted cost (million R) Total discounted yield (million m³)	3.2 2292.25 725.51	4.0 2116.66 526.36	5.0 1978.67 397.95		

8.5 Engineering Economic Analysis (5 of 6)

Unit Reference Values

Combined Dam Options

C4C4	Discount Rate						
Cost Component	6 %	8 %	10 %				
Mountain View & Strathmore (Large dam	Mountain View & Strathmore (Large dams)						
URV (R/m³) Total discounted cost (million R) Total discounted yield (million m³)	3.7 6047.84 1647.77	4.7 5656.61 1195.46	5.9 5335.02 903.82				
Mountain View & Boschjeskop (Large dams)							
URV (R/m³) Total discounted cost (million R) Total discounted yield (million m³)	3.6 5681.66 1573.98	4.7 5356.55 1141.93	5.9 5079.45 863.35				
Strathmore & Boschjeskop (Large dams)							
URV (R/m³) Total discounted cost (million R) Total discounted yield (million m³)	4.1 4233.00 1032.93	5.5 3943.91 749.39	6.6 3709.82 566.58				

8.5 Engineering Economic Analysis (6 of 6)

Ranking of Individual (Single) Dam Options based on Unit Reference Values

Panking	Cost Component	Discount Rate				
Ranking	Cost Component	6 %	8 %	10 %		
	Boschjeskop (Small Dam, Height = 44.32 m)					
3	URV (R/m³)	2.9	3.8	4.7		
	Boschjeskop (Large Dam	n, Height = 47.30 m)				
3	URV (R/m³)	3.6	4.7	5.9		
	Mountain View (Small Da	m, Height = 84.08 m)			
1	URV (R/m³)	2.5	3.3	4.1		
	Mountain View (Large Dam, Height = 92.5 m)					
1	URV (R/m³)	2.8	3.6	4.6		
	Montrose (Small Dam, Height = 59.00 m)					
4	URV (R/m³)	4.1	5.4	6.7		
	Montrose (Large Dam, Height = 79.00 m)					
4	URV (R/m³)	4.6	6.0	7.5		
	Strathmore (Small Dam, Height = 30.00 m)					
2	URV (R/m³)	3.3	4.2	5.2		
	Strathmore (Large Dam, Height = 40.00 m)					
2	URV (R/m³)	3.2	4.0	5.0		

From an engineering economic point of view the Dam Option with the lowest Unit Reference Value (URV) will be the preferred option.

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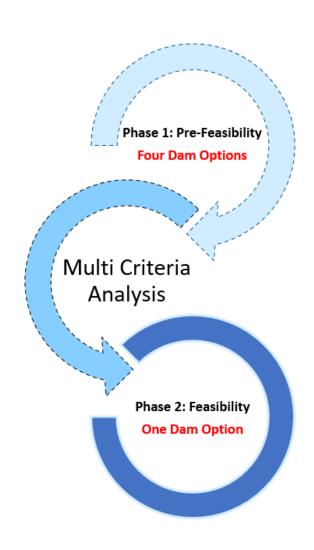
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8.6 Multi-Criteria Analysis (1 of 5)

Due to the significant water deficits in the Crocodile (East) River Catchment it is possible that the implementation of more than one dam will be required.

Therefore a ranking/scoring system (multi-criteria decision matrix) rather than an elimination process was adopted during the execution of the Pre-Feasibility Study.

The highest ranking/scoring dam option will be recommended for further investigation and development at feasibility level.



8.6 Multi-Criteria Analysis (2 of 5)

The following parameters were used in the decision matrix to compare the dam options with each other:

- Net benefit to the system yield.
- Environmental and downstream river impacts.
- Geological and geotechnical considerations.
- Operational risks (Pumping, electrical supply interruptions, loadshedding).
- Engineering economic analysis (URV's and Affordability).

A scoring system was used to determine the **relative merit** of each comparison parameter for each of the dam options.

Each of the comparison parameters was assigned points in the range of 1 to 5 for each of the dam options.

8.6 Multi-Criteria Analysis (3 of 5)

Decision Matrix: Scoring of Individual (Single) Dam Options

Comparison Critorium	Boschjeskop		Mountain View		Montrose		Strathmore	
Comparison Criterium	Small	Large	Small	Large	Small	Large	Small	Large
Net benefit to system yield (Weight = 1.0)	1.0	1.1	3.3	3.9	1.1	2.6	1.1	1.8
Environmental and downstream river impact (Weight = 1.0)	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.2	1.0	1.0	5.0	5.0
Geological/Geotechnical considerations (Weight = 1.0)	3.8	3.8	5.0	5.0	3.2	3.2	1.0	1.0
Operational risks (Pumping, electrical supply) (Weight = 1.0)	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	3.0	3.0
Engineering economic analyses (URV) (Weight = 2.0)	4.3	2.9	5.0	4.6	1.9	1.0	3.7	4.0
Total Score	21.7	19.2	26.5	26.3	14.1	13.7	17.5	18.7
Ranking	3	4	1	2	8	7	6	5

8.6 Multi-Criteria Analysis (4 of 5)

Decision Matrix: Scoring of Combined Dam Options

Comparison Criterium	Mountain View Strathmore	Mountain View Boschjeskop	Strathmore Boschjeskop
	Large	Large	Large
Net benefit to system yield (Weight = 1.0)	5.0	4.7	2.9
Environmental and downstream river impact (Weight = 1.0)	4.1	3.3	4.2
Geological/Geotechnical considerations (Weight = 1.0)	3.0	4.4	2.4
Operational risks (Pumping, electrical supply) (Weight = 1.0)	3.0	5.0	3.0
Engineering economic analyses (URV) (Weight = 2.0)	2.9	2.9	1.7
Total score	21.0	23.3	15.9
Ranking	2	1	3

8.6 Multi-Criteria Analysis (5 of 5)

Highest Ranking/Scoring Dam Options:

Individual (Single) Dam: Mountain View Dam (Score = 26.3 – 26.5)

Combined Dams: Mountain View and Boschjeskop Dams (Score = 23.3)

Questions/Discussions

Thank You