



## water & sanitation

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#### **Stakeholders Engaged on Casteel Dam Rehabilitation**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation met with community representatives in Casteel, Bushbuckridge Local Municipality on Friday, 26 August 2016. The main purpose of the meeting was to engage with and brief the community on progress with regard to the rehabilitation of the Casteel Dam.

Representing the community in the meeting, the key stakeholders included representatives from the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality, the two traditional authorities in the area, religious structures, ward councillors, and NGOs.

Mr. Clyde Dankers, the project manager from the department, supported by Mr. John Kgopiso and Mr. Jethro Monareng, presented the project report and progress whilst engaging the stakeholders in discussions.

The community representatives expressed their gratitude at being consulted, especially before the rehabilitation project began so that community members can have the correct information as it was basically the first time that they heard of the project. They requested more engagements so as to be kept abreast of developments in the project progressively.

The municipality also encouraged regular engagements with the department, especially in relation to projects being implemented in its jurisdiction to ensure that such projects are captured in its IDP.

The year-long rehabilitation of the Casteel Dam project entails among others, raising the dam wall, spillway improvement and seepage control.

A project steering committee will be established to ensure that the project is a community project and the local people benefit from it.

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