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Rand Water calls on municipalities to reduce water supply by 15%

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Rand Water has called on municipalities across Gauteng to reduce the supply of water by 15% or face the prospect of a complete system crush as dam levels continue to dwindle to unprecedented levels.

Speaking at the Steering Committee session on the implementation of water restrictions held at Rand Water, Glen Vista, on Tuesday, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Rand Water, Mr Siphosiso Mosai said indications showed that physical restrictions were not working and that consumers were increasing their consumption.

“On 3 October 2016, the water reduction regressed to a disappointing 2.7% due to increased water consumption. This is after the actual restrictions started on 6 September 2016,” he said.

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) issued a gazette on 12 August this year to curtail urban and irrigation use by 15% and 20%, respectively.

Mosai said by 12 September this year, 15% of water restrictions were fully implemented, but they have now detected that people are not saving enough water as expected.

“Savings of 4.6% were only noticed on 19 September 2016 and a resolution was taken to further impose an additional 5% restriction on 26 September 2016 after realizing that the reductions were still low at 4.6%,” Mosai added.

He encouraged municipalities to come up with communication plans towards educating residents about the importance of restrictions in water consumption and to highlight the consequences of wasting water.

“A continuous intensive communication campaign must be rolled out by municipalities to their consumers, explaining the actual impact of restrictions,” he concluded.

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