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**IWRM II Olifants / Doorn WMA
Quarterly Project Monitoring Group Meeting**

MINUTES for the meeting held at the Cederberg Lodge, Citrusdal
on 9 June 2009 from 10h00 – 15h00

Welcome & Opening:

MLS welcomed everyone to the meeting and allowed each participant to introduce themselves; Attendance register was circulated and signed by all present

Pictures:

(Left) Tshiamo Matabane in foreground – IWRM National Project Manager for the Department of Water and Environmental Affairs

(Right) Melissa Litnaar-Straus in the foreground – IWRM Regional Project Manager for the Department of Water and Environmental Affairs (Olifants Doorn – Acting Catchment Manager)



Attendance:

Ms Melissa Litnaar-Strauss (MLS)	Acting Catchment Manager – Olifants Doorn, DWAF Western Cape
Ms Ella Bisset (EB)	Community Development Officer – Olifants Doorn, DWAF Western Cape
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Mr Nik Wullschleger (NW)	Project Coordination – IWRM, Olifants Doorn (Informage)
Ms Gisela Wullschleger (GW)	Project Coordination – IWRM, Olifants Doorn (Informage)
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Ms Susi Engelbrecht (SE)	Noord Sandveld Water User Association – 027 432 1244

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Mr H J van der Westhuizen (JvdW)	Vanrhynsdorp Water User Association
Mr J Matthee (JM)	Lower Olifants Water User Association (LORWUA)
Mr Cobus Smit (CS)	Citrusdal Water User Association
Ms Jacqui van der Merwe (JvdM)	Krom Antonies Water User Association
Ms Valerie Redpath (VR)	Clanwilliam Water User Association
Ms Gazelle McDougall (GMcD)	GARC 022 482 1016
Mr Henry Fredericks (HF)	SPP 021 448 5605
Mr Paul Chilton (PC)	West Coast District Municipality
Mr Julian Conrad (JC)	GEOSS 021 880 1079
Mr Gus Pickard (GP)	Project Coordination – IWRM, Olifants Doorn (Informage)

Adoption of Minutes: QPMG 6 March 2009 – Grammatical and Spelling Corrections were noted and made; The minutes were proposed for adoption by Susi Engelbrecht and seconded by Andre Cornellissen.

Adoption of the Agenda:

1. Issues arising from the previous minutes

It was agreed that the agenda would cover all the matters arising from the previous minutes.

2. Report Back

2.1. Emerging Farmers Day (7 March 2009)

- a. NW reported that the Farmer's Day took place thanks to a partnership between the Emerging Farmer Forums (Matsikama, DMA and Cederberg) and the DWAF MOU Partners (SPP, GARC, DWAF); The event was held in the parking lot of the Cederberg Lodge in Citrusdal; It was reported in the IWRM Newsletter; Stalls by Emerging Farmers were successful.
- b. LN reported that the emerging farmer forum leadership, gained experience of how such a day can be held; it would be something they would like to repeat for members, perhaps on a quarterly basis.

- c. LL reported that the day was successful and enjoyable; the dancers, drum majorettes, games and “tou-trek” were fun and everyone participated – it was hot, but everyone enjoyed the day.
- 2.2. Women Empowerment Launch (6 March 2009)
- a. EB reported that the launch for Women Empowerment project was held on the evening of the last QPMG. The training program under this project will commence on the 18th of June, three days per month for 6 months; A total of 15 days of learning and one day for the graduation ceremony; Requested two names from each IWRM Strand 3 project, and were catering for 50 participants (men and women) in total.
- 2.3. IWRM Footprint Legacy Workshop (6-8 April 2009)
- a. TM reported that IWRM / DWAF National held the legacy workshop, inviting North West, Western Cape and KwaZulu Natal IWRM coordinators; The idea was to get together and discuss what would be left behind by IWRM; Started the process of summarising the lessons learned under IWRM; Discussed the final IWRM event where all the projects will present what IWRM has helped them achieve and how they have been able to stand up and make a difference in their communities; The event is planned for water week 2010.
 - b. RS reported that as part of the dissemination process there will be a Toolkit which will help municipalities to implement similar kinds of projects, there will be one for NGOs too, and there will be guidelines and summaries on lessons learned under IWRM which can be shared with all stakeholders; The production of these materials will also involve all the communities in writing their own stories.
- 2.4. Groundwater Training (18 - 20 May 2009)
- a. RR reported that the Training was successful, participants learned about various aspects of Groundwater Resource Management and learned how to use groundwater monitoring equipment, what was handed out to them as part of their IWRM projects; A report with pictures has been completed and will be posted to the website shortly (iwrn.co.za - resources)
 - b. SE reported that the WUA's initial excitement about going around and doing borehole testing as a service is facing the reality of the cost of transport and labour over long distances.
 - c. RR said that GEOSS has also submitted a proposal to follow up with groups so that they can actually make best use of the equipment; Data Collection also needs more support in the area.
 - d. MLS said that all data collected needs to come to DWAF in required formats.
 - e. NW said that the Emerging Farmer Forums (EFFs) also have a role to play with respect to groundwater monitoring data collection, along with the WUAs
 - f. MLS said that a meeting is being set up where this can be taken together, discussed and planned properly with all role-players; A date will be set in the coming week.
 - g. BS asked whether the EFFs only monitor their own boreholes; NW replied that the boreholes that will be monitored are still being identified but they can include municipal, farmers, and other boreholes.
 - h. RS suggested that this training should be reinforced with a proper support structure; MLS agreed that the people that received the training should be put to use in actually monitoring the groundwater sources in the Olifants Doorn.
- 2.5. Cederberg Municipality Meeting on IWRM issues (21 May 2009)
- a. CW reported that a meeting was held where several issues related to IWRM were discussed;
 - b. Regarding the cable at Petersfield Farm, the work is ready to be done, but being held up by technical difficulty; will follow up on when and invoice can be issued to the Taraqwa project. CW reported on the matter of Vukani's water account saying that

the finance department can only invoice things that come through to them from the meter readers, and apparently this has been done.

- c. BS reported that the high water meter reading in Lambertsbay has been investigated; During the summer there were times when the Lambertsbay water reservoirs were very low, and there were a lot of constraints in terms of adequate water provision and at some time the water pressure dropped drastically in the town; The Vukani water tanks don't have a ball valve and due to the poor pressure the people did not watch the water run into the tanks (slowly), and the tanks overflowed; This could have been the reason for the high water readings. The chances that the water meter is faulty are very slim – the group needs to install proper ball valves in their system so that no water is lost from their system. BS suggested that he could install the same water meter in another place with high water use to see whether the meter could be faulty.
- d. NW replied that R28,503.69 on the account in question is still very high (it reflects water use far in excess of what Vukani could really achieve with their irrigation system); The electricity bill is also very high and they have not even had their electricity successfully installed yet.
- e. SH reported that they did a water meter reading when GP was there for the M&E; the meter is currently at 4000 units, as it is new.
- f. CW added that these queries are in the hands of the municipal departments.
- g. BS suggested that a letter of complaint needs to go through the municipality's "Ignite System"; Complainants need to make sure that letters do go through this system to get proper attention.
- h. NW said that it is clear there is a problem; This translates in the community group concerned as internal conflict, and on the broader spectrum, this experience influences the decision making around a project like Klawer Advice office's new plot, where they are applying for an irrigation system linked to the municipal water supply, and now the decision is being made to avoid funding such an installation as it is unsustainable.
- i. CW suggested that the Mayor should take this forward.
- j. BS asked that the letter of complaint on behalf of Vukani should be faxed to 027 482 1933 urgently, to be taken through the Ignite system.
- k. AC suggested that another meter could be installed on the Vukani plot, which could help identify situations where people may be interpreting the municipal meter incorrectly.
- l. NW agreed with AC, and added that the error may also be in the financial system itself.
- m. TM said that the PMG needs to make a case out of this example using a lawyer to get this bill written off.

2.6. IWRM Communication Meeting 1 June 2009 recommendations

- a) NW reported that the communications strategy links in with the IWRM legacy; At the most recent meeting of the task team for IWRM communications, the Radio shows were discussed (options had been identified which had been evaluated), Radio Namakwaland's option was favoured, including documentaries (12 X 10 minute slots – reporter in the field) – production cost would be R60,000 which is much more affordable than the initial option that was closer to R150,000; The idea was also to do 12 studio based themed live interviews which can be recorded, with phone ins etc; this exercise would add another R60,000 for Radio Namakwaland.
- b) NW reported that the video component of recording project experiences of IWRM to create a documentary (Quote from a commercial entity was received for R250,000) was reviewed and compared to the model that would be applied by a KZN based NGO which uses a capacity building approach, issues cameras to groups, teaches them about video documenting, and involves them in compiling the final edit of their documentaries. 4 clusters would be involved in this approach; A local sister organization of the KZN based group could do the work again focusing on the 12 IWRM themes.
- c) NW reported that the newsletter is being completed regularly in fax format (black and white), it serves as an information brochure, contains information about training opportunities, short articles on projects; The newsletters are themed and produced

according to a plan which includes all months until December 2009; The newsletter are also being placed on the website – materials from the newsletter will be made available to colour publications produced by the DWAF Western Cape in the coming months, and will form part of the Olifants Doorn Newsletter to be produced in the coming period.

- d) EB added that in the video training and production one should be sure that the language used is Afrikaans; and the overall budget would remain within the IWRM communications allocation for OD.
- e) RS said we need to look at the national IWRM budget; these outputs all link into the final conference and materials.
- f) NW reported on the IWRM .co.za Website traffic report that shows an upward trend on website hits; Top download is the PCM course from IWRM 1 and the Water User Association training manuals / booklets from IWRM II – Report will be on the website

2.7. Transport SETA NVC learnerships

- a) Mark Botha will be here at 12 noon to report as part of Training and Workshops section of the agenda

2.8. Monitoring & Evaluation Field Visits (May and June 2009)

- a) EB presented the PowerPoint slides which described the findings of the M&R field visits completed in May by herself and Gus Pickard;
- b) NW commented that the presentation listed a lot of challenges; It may be a bit negative to look at the challenges as they seem to be ever-present, but the positives are really good to see; the number of projects that now have access to land, where they did not even have that at the start of IWRM II is an example of a clear success.
- c) AC commented that the challenge regarding the Doringbay farmers might relate to the fact that in this area, locals are very dependent on the All Pay system; It may be an idea to investigate the possibility of a credit system that can be put in place in order to cash in on people who get this All Pay money, so that they can buy fresh vegetables, and pay automatically when they get their grant payout. AC added that at Lamatzicare in Vanrhynsdorp, the transport to take the things to market in Vredendal is prohibitive and so the group can't get to the All Pay-pay points.
- d) NW said that this is something to look at to ensure the projects are sustainable after IWRM – a coupon system with the Department of Social Development could be put in place that supports the purchase of produce from community gardens; AC agreed saying that someone else will need to help get this system in place, the groups themselves are not in a strong position to be able to set this up; Food banks would also work using a similar model.
- e) RS said that If this presentation were to be presented elsewhere it would not be a good reflection of IWRM in the Olifants Doorn – it comes across as a negative presentation, and that does not help IWRM at all – The presentation should have made mention of water, how many participants are represented on Water User Associations, and so on; We also need to remember why we started this program, to address the fact that water links to all government departments; We can show how these links are working – focus on the positive things which support IWRM – This presentation can't be shown to anyone in Pretoria;
- f) EB responded in agreement with RS; Our core function at DWAF is water, we do need to speak about how the projects are using the IWRM projects to address water issues; DWAF may not have played it's role effectively.
- g) NW responded saying that it comes down to how the water is being accessed by the communities; The focus of the M&E field visit is to check on the project's objectives in the contracts and business plans; At this stage the M&E will not look at overall IWRM – a scorecard on IWRM was handed out as part of this round, the results are still expected – we also chose to keep the M&E methodology consistent in order to be able to see changes / development in terms of Operational Management, Financial Management, Technical Development and Corporate Management.
- h) RS suggested that what needs to be communicated from this M&E Round is what EB said about DWAF not playing its role, and then to explain what will be done so that

this does not happen again, and the situation in the communities is improved in the process – we now have a good sample of over 30 projects experiences, to be able to make this kind of statement.

- i) JG asked about the role of other departments in this project where the goals of the projects do not seem to strictly relate to water affairs; NW answered by explaining the IWRM approach to selection of projects; JG suggested that more departments should get exposed to these type of project methodology and the IWRM approach to growth and development.
- j) TM said that since the DWAF focus is on sustainability, the emphasis should be on how the project proves that what is being invested by the IWRM Project funding is sustainable and that once IWRM is finished, the project organisation will carry on operating successfully, taking advantage of linkages made with SETA and other service providers, and other opportunities opened up through the IWRM II phase in the OD.
- k) TM mentioned a big concern that some of the tanks (in the pictures shown) are not installed on solid foundations; clearly a guideline is needed to ensure that the tanks are properly installed at all sites – this should be checked.
- l) TM with regards to the delays in payment of project claims – at the moment it is not possible to do payments on a weekly basis, The DWAF has tried to make things quicker by employing the procurement agent so that we do not have to wait for 30 days before payments are made. TM explained that there cannot be payments for work that has not been done under the DWAF procurement guidelines; and the procurement agent approach has made it possible to pay for goods and services up front on behalf of projects.
- m) RS said that there are not many government departments that contract communities to do the work to achieve growth and development; Within IWRM II the national project management group (NPMG) has been trying to find a way to ensure that the payments are made quickly because communities are different to the big companies that normally work for Dept of Water Affairs.
- n) RR asked whether there are funds available with which projects could access more water in order to achieve sustainability; MLS replied that where they are resource poor farmers there are programs in place which help make water available for them through licence systems; Where access to water remains a problem for projects now, DWAF will take this forward (e.g. at Vukani (Lamberstsbay) and Doringbosch / Jagvlak); NW Added that we need to be careful when looking at the option of installing a borehole, as this approach can be costly and is not guaranteed to succeed. SE said that boreholes in Lamberstsbay yield salt water; SH said that farmers can transfer water among each other and the farmer neighbouring the Vukani plot could get water from his neighbor and in turn transfer it to Vukani; BS suggested that (as has been done in other municipal areas) the municipality could pay the farmers 25c per 100 L through the WUA to secure water for the town; NW said that Vukani should still get linked to the raw water in such an instance, and not the municipal system in Lambertsbay, and the charge to them for water should also be 25 c per 100 L.

2.9. IWRM Project Budget Planning Meeting 8 June 2009 resolutions

- a) GW suggested that this be discussed as part of financial report back.

2.10. Matsikama Municipality Report back

- b) LP stated that the Matsikama Municipality supports emerging farmers strategically, but do not get involved at the same level at which the Cederberg municipality is getting involved as they don't have the capacity and the know how; A small business development desk was established by the Municipality and the intention is to do the same for the emerging farmers (it would assist them with Administration and Financial Management); The municipality does want to get involved in a responsible and sustainable way – at the moment the projects appear to become a liability of the municipality in the long term; Contracts with Emerging Farmer Association for commonage land have been extended to 5 years; Because of a problem with the

settling of municipal water accounts in the past, prepaid water meters have been installed, which are not yet fully functional, but are in place in Vredendal and Klaver; In 2008 the municipality started to upgrade the water treatment plants, the water from which can be used to assist stock farmers; Approximately 8 -10 Ha of graze-able veld is needed to support one animal in the area, but with treated waste water the farmers could have more stock on smaller parcels of land; The intention is clearly to ensure that Emerging Farmers do get opportunities in the Matsikama municipal area – A process was started with Surplus People’s Project in the past to see how the emerging farmers can be organized into one group of farmers that can pursue shared goals, e.g. establishing a market place to ensure the sustainability of their enterprises;

- c) AC Asked whether the pricing on the prepaid meters is the same as the normal pricing on other meters. LP Answered that the price is the same, in Klaver – there is a shortage of water (the municipality regularly supplements the town water with water from the canal (by agreement with LORWUA)); The IWRM project (Klaver Advice Office) there will not be able to sustain the farmers with treated water (R3.35 per cubic meter); The Municipality will allow the group to run their irrigation system off the municipal supply; considering that they have funds from IWRM, but only until they have secured their access to the canal with an irrigation system and water use allocation from LORWUA.
- d) AC suggested that while designing the irrigation system, one could put the prepaid meter on the tap on a site, making water available for small plots in this way without the expense of a pump and a tank; The rate paid for the potable water would be offset against the cost of running an electrical pump with water at the agricultural rate.
- e) RS reported that Ethikweni Metro Municipality has set up an urban agricultural unit and seen the importance of this unit for food security reasons; It would be interesting to see whether the Matsikama unit (Emerging Farmer and Small Business Support Desk) is similar to the Ethikweni unit in design and approach.
- f) NW referred to the “budget” part of this meeting saying that projects in Matsikama are going on using potable water but LORWUA or the Municipality need to assist in ensuring that the water use is sustainable; However, time is not on our side as the Klaver project’s irrigation system is not planned for municipal connection, but for a canal inlet – critical now to have information to be able to spend the remaining limited funds properly. *(After discussion with Spilhaus on 18 June 2009, NW clarified that the irrigation system planned for the Klaver site is designed to work with Municipal water pressure, and can also be readily used when the water becomes available from the canal)*
- g) LL reported that LORWUA is prepared to help with water, but the emerging farmers don’t have dams, and it has been suggested that the municipality should allow the emerging farmers to store their water in the municipal dams; LL Asked whether emerging farmer water can be stored in the municipal dams and then agreements can be put in place with the groups that use the water at agricultural rates; There are groups that need the agreements in place now otherwise they will lose the funds available under IWRMII; Regarding the waste water; LL asked LP to allow the group to have the Waste Water Treatment Works water to be tested, if DWAF says the water can be used, then please give the emerging farmers the right to be able to use the water.

2.11. Conflict management workshop report back (26 – 27 May)

- a) EB reported that 6 groups were invited to the conflict management workshop, each had been identified as having internal conflict during the last M&E round (March 2009); It was noticed that some projects have conflicts that cause project delays; The DWAF wanted to stop this, and avoid failure – all those groups were called together for the training; The workshop was presented using all three local languages (English, Afrikaans and isiXhosa) but this was time consuming; However, participants reported that this was the first workshop where everybody understood everything; Groups all agreed that they would go back and implement what they had learned. All the projects would have benefitted from this workshop.

- b) MLS said that the workshop was intended to equip the groups to be able to handle conflict in future. Workshop reports will be completed and made available on the web site.
- c) EB mentioned that the course was presented by Aamnah consulting (Madiega and Mathabo).

3. IWRM in Service Delivery - Strand 3 Projects

3.1. Projects Financial and Progress Report

- a) The results of discussion during the IWRM Budget Planning meeting on 8 June 2009 (held in Bellville from 10h00 to 16h30) and continued before the QPMG on 9 June (held in Citrusdal from 9H00 to 10h00) are attached to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix A, and were presented by GW during the meeting.
- b) GW asked whether the final word on the Klaver Project (KL11) which has recently been able to access land identified by the municipality, could be further discussed, as project closure seemed to be such a harsh outcome;
- c) LP said that the allowance to KL11 for access to municipal water for one year only was in place on the proviso that this project is funded for a pipeline from the LORWUA source;
- d) TM said that it is very important to recognize that IWRM is about creating sustainable livelihoods; the IWRM project funds that have been cut here, will still be used in the OD to ensure that IWRM achieves it's global objectives;
- e) RS Clarified that IWRM is not a project, it is part of DWAF's policy, the core activity of DWAF / DWE;
- f) RS referred to the funds being set aside to support further capacity building in the OD – The remaining time needs to be used to help these projects find a way forward; the focus of the capacity building has to be focused on sustainability, the exit strategy and putting together the package that helps them go forward
- g) SE said that they had just convinced the municipality that the Noord Sandveld WUA can't be seen as a "sub-committee" of the municipality; the Emerging Farmer Forums (EFFs) will need to be supported beyond IWRM to ensure that they continue to have a voice at Committee levels (Municipal and WUA).
- h) MLS said that EFFs will be supported by the DWAF in the coming years; It has been noted that the DWAF definitely needs to continue supporting the forums and the WUAs as part of their core mandate; The DWAF Western Cape does not have finality yet on whether the CMAs will go ahead, and if that is decided then there can be better planning for these groups; in the mean time, the DWAF will need to support these entities.
- i) NW agreed, explaining that MLS is currently busy with budget planning and that several areas have been included from the IWRM experience for continued budget support from the DWAF Western Cape as part of the IWRM exit strategy for water management institution support.

3.2. Kaap Agri Service to IWRM II Participants

- a) NW provided a brief report back on project disbursements to Kaap Agri – Approximately R1,165,000.00 has been spent within the IWRM II timeframe (July 2008 – May 2009) at Kaap Agri branches in the West Coast region. NW and MLS will write a letter to Kaap Agri regarding the service at various branches and the agreement regarding discounts linked to Kaap Agri membership cards issued to Emerging Farmers since March 2008.

3.3. Update from the Emerging Farmer Forums

3.3.1. Cederberg EFF

- a) LN reported that the Cederberg EFF aims to organize training for their members, empowering them in terms of basic book keeping and business management, of which they have little knowledge; Members will also be educated about their water rights. The emerging farmers are becoming part and parcel of the Water User

Associations e.g. SH is the representative in Noord Sandveld WUA; Dennis Bantom is the representative in Wupperthal Water User Group (Not and WUA), A representative has been recently elected to serve on the Cirtusdal WUA, as well as the Clanwilliam WUA. By integrating the emerging farmers into these structures, their rights and their existence is becoming known.

- b) The Forum is also interested to repeat the success of the farmer's day, having it as a recurring program that can take place quarterly.
- c) EFF plans to have its own logo; Like some of the members that produce organic vegetables have been assisted by SE (Sandveld Organics) to have their own logos;
- d) SH added that the forum also assists the local people to be part of the WUAs; As part of the IWRM EFF project, the EFF management receives pre meeting support (from GP or GMcD) and then the candidate goes into the meeting and is prepared by the pre meeting to ensure their nomination is heard and their inclusion is assured on the WUA committee.
- e) LN said that the EFF has been educated about their roles and responsibilities at the WUAs, and then during the meeting they feel empowered to put important issues on the table for discussion.
- f) SE said that the EFF is also planning to uplift members with training on computers.
- g) SE said that the next pre-meeting support session will be in Lambertsbay and then in August there will be an election in Lambertsbay for membership to the Noord Sandveld WUA; LN added that the Clanwilliam WUA was still due to send out the minutes and the date of the next meeting.

3.3.2. Matzikama EFF

- a) LL Reported that their group was involved in the SKEP / CAPE marketplace – their exhibitions were well received; After enquiry they were told that SKEP / CAPE received 162 applications for funding, and will get back to them to tell them whether they were successful or not.
- b) The EFF contacted the Matsikama Municipality regarding the Klaver and Lutzville group's water access (at the moment water to these plots costs R10.00 per 1000L);
- c) The EFF is dealing with Land Affairs – JF met them in Clanwilliam where he was told that the Matsikama EFFs points will be dealt with in June; Land affairs had said that at the end of June they will have another meeting and talk about who did not qualify for LRAD funds, and why.
- d) JF reported that he met with the Klaver group as part of EFF and LORWUA and also talked to the stock farmers in the area, to explain how the forum can assist them;
- e) JF reported that Johan Matthee (CEO of LORWUA) and he would be visiting all the projects in the coming week as part of their work for LORWUA;
- f) AC commented that at the R10.00 per 1000 L of water, a 1 HA vineyard would need R55, 000.00 worth of water per year.

3.3.3. DM Area EFF

- a) BC reported that the group is still working at setting things up, and getting some understanding among members of what the EFF's purpose is, and how they will assist the members in future.
- b) BC reported on a meeting held on 29 & 30 May where it was decided what the forum will do until November 2009; Minutes will be sent to IWRM Project Coordinators – their chief aim is to invite the West Coast District Municipality to a meeting in the District Management Area to ask them how they see their role with EFs and how they can assist in making land accessible to the EFF members; BC said that they are doing their best to plan properly so that meetings can be a success. Johnny Slingers also sent though the minutes of a previous meeting, from Land Affairs, and these matters are now being addressed with the municipality

3.3.4. General Points - EFF

- a) GW asked whether there is a deadline on the Rain Water Harvesting subsidies that the EFFs were going to discuss with members and communities; MLS said that the CECAW meeting was cancelled and that the DWAF did not receive any applications,

but if the applications are filled in then the DWAF will look at this – the next CECAW meeting will be in July.

- b) NW Added that as part of the IWRM exit strategy, this subsidy would be used to strengthen the EFFs in their communities; Each successful applicant can receive R5000 per household for Rain Water Harvesting tanks; The forums could be the project coordinator, gather applications from members and interested community members; Each forum could get 500 forms completed and then hand these in to the DWAF;
- c) NW suggested that by the end of June all forums should hand in the applications. NW added that this could be done based on an indication of needs, just the ID numbers and locations of the households need to be listed for each required installation.

3.4. Update from IWRM OD MOU Partners

3.4.1. Goedgeacht Agricultural Resources Centre (GARC) – No Report

3.4.2. Surplus People's Project – No report

3.5. Department of Agriculture

- a) MdR reported that the department supports the IWRM projects in the same way as they support all the other projects, the same services are available; Production planning (long terms and short term) and access to markets services are available; CASP funding come from National Department of Agriculture, and it is difficult to know how much will be available in the Western Cape, and how the allocation is being done. The application process is stringent and some very good projects that don't make the top 5 or 10, fall out; Basic elements for successful application include 1) Knowledge that there is a long term contract on the land (10 years, 5 years is the shortest period that will be considered); 2) the governing / management organization needs a good structure with a constitution that regulates things; 3) the planned activities should be able to prove long term sustainability;
- b) AC reported that his section within the Department of Agriculture Western Cape will continue to provide technical support to IWRM projects – sometimes there have been cases where the groups don't want to accept advice from them, this can't be helped as it is not their job to convince people of possible solutions;
- c) MLS asked how many IWRM projects are being supported? AC answered that the IWRM projects include Langbome (LN11), Beukeskraal (BE11), Sandveld Redelinguys (SA11), Clanwilliam Emerging Farmers (CW01X), WUA water meters in KromAntonies WUA (WK10) and NoordSandveld WUA (WN10), and there are others which have been visited and supported.
- d) BC commented on the LRAD allocations; of 106 applications only 6 got through; Need to look at this, why can't more be helped? What sets the winners apart from the losers? Government has told us of their commitment to address imbalances, and it is very sad to have to go through all the channels and then it is just a big struggle. Why don't we get a successful answer from these parties? MLS suggested that BC follow up with the departments concerned, saying that set criteria are applied to decision making processes, and they would be able to tell you what they are doing and how they are doing it. AC responded that in the Western Cape the Department of Agriculture hands out the money available each year, but in the other provinces the money remains in the budget at the end of the year; even though it is too little money in the Western Cape, at least it is being handed out.

4. IWRM in Service Delivery - Strand 1 Projects

4.1. Sandveld Groundwater Management Plan

- a) RR reported that the draft Sandveld Plan was handed out last year, DWAF was to comment, recommendations were given and the proposal was aimed at attending to these recommendations; The Plan would look at hotspots, targeting 3 or 4 areas where water quality is deteriorating, water levels are dropping; and water use allocation was to be finalized as part of the plan (however the numbers were not verified, and thus the team realized that the whole area needs to be re-assessed) –

reallocation would be based on aquifer recharge, the actual availability and quality of water, and the needs of the environment and users; Francois van Heerden's issues were also to be addressed with the Plan;

- b) MLS asked whether the proposal had been presented to PMG? GW confirmed that this had been done and that the SRF needs to be submitted to the procurement agents; MLS will take this forward.
- c) RR suggested that MLS meet with JC before the end of June, as he will be away most of July
- d) SE asked RR to explain – would the monitoring under the management plan build on the monitoring that has already been happening for the past 10 years? RR replied that the new work would include new areas; monitoring in existence will continue as usual; the different monitoring efforts would be brought together to ensure that they all feed into the management plan; MLS added that the DWAF would have to ensure that all the monitoring gets taken together and taken forward. SE said she was concerned that the data from the past should be taken forward – RR said that the Cederberg Municipality proposal was not being looked at, and another proposal with the Department of Agriculture is also not getting action. MLS requested copies of those proposals as they will have bearing on the work planned under the Sandveld management plan.
- e) AC reported that at the moment the Dept Agric is working with the WUAs under IWRM to install the monitoring points; at the moment the onus will lie with the irrigator to monitor and feed through the data; Seeking an incentive for the irrigator is the current challenge, to ensure that data is collected appropriately and effectively – Ac is also talking to Julian Conrad (GEOSS) about this project, and how to take it forward;
- f) SE said the water allocation component of the project is highly explosive;
- g) MLS said that a meeting with the WUAs will be held as soon as all the information is available about these issues.

5. Training workshops & Conferences

- Horizontal learning - appropriate Technology Workshop (Mist Harvesting, Ram Pumps & Biogas Digesters)
- a) NW discussed the workshops in light of the remaining IWRM budget; Ram pumps are not applicable as the projects already have water on their lands, and this would be a supplementary installation;
- b) NW said that the intention is to use a horizontal learning approach where projects who are interested in the technology will be part of a workshop on site, and also form part of the labour force thereby gaining an understanding of the technology and how to install and maintain it all at the same time.
- c) NW reported that in terms of the Project Timeline – Events are planned for August 2009, Number of participants to be involved is not clear yet
 - SABI Irrigation Operators Course
 - a) AC reported that the course capacity is 15 to 25 people, and SABI can't give a discount on the price;
 - b) NW said he had received no quote on the price of the course; Since SABI is a nonprofit organization they keep their costs as low as possible; The cost of courses is published and they would be able to teach and demonstrate to participants how to operate and maintain irrigation systems correctly;
 - c) NW said that only selected projects would be invited to participate in this learning opportunity
- Exit Strategy Workshop & Field Visit (September / October 2009)
- a) NW indicated that there has been some discussion on the Danish Ambassador, Connie September, and Provincial and National Leadership attending a field visit to Olifants Doorn IWRM projects, which could be planned for spring;

- b) As part of this field trip, there could be some project sharing among IWRM Project participants (this would depend on available budget)
- c) TM said that project participants could also visit other provinces (KwaZulu Natal and North West Provinces IWRM projects);
- d) NW said these activities all form part of IWRM II “exit”; Other “exit” activities include working with the project groups to link them up with Dept Agric to understand CASP; the Department of Trade and Industry (to understand assistance to entrepreneurs); the Government Centre for Information Services (to understand government services), etc;
- e) NW added that the idea would be to work in a coordinated manner through the emerging farmer forums to ensure that they keep on track for development within each of their areas (Matsikama, Cederberg and District Management Area)

- IWRM (Inter)-National Conference (KZN February 2010)

- a) RS reported that this would be the IWRM II “Close Out” Event; the aim is to achieve local sensitization;
- b) We need to identify who will come besides the project people;
- c) It is planned as a one week event, and it may be an international SADC conference (Danida wants it to be international with SADC participation); alternatively it could remain a national event; RS will report back at the next opportunity – he will be seeing DANIDA later in the week;
- d) The form of the event is to allow projects to be presented, there will be exhibitions, a focus on communities and community driven IWRM; Generally building on what happened at the Worcester conference (2007) – capacitating IWRM project participants to get the message across that they can do IWRM;
- e) The event will involve SALGA, Ethikweni, the new ministry (Department of Environmental and Water Affairs);
- f) The draft program is going to be discussed at the national Steering committee in two weeks time, it will basically support the event to be the final showcase before the end of the program

- Transport SETA NVC learnerships

- a) MB reported that they have received over 50 applications and were impressed by the quality of the application letters;
- b) The pre-learning assessment process is underway - in Elandsbay 4 people did not meet requirements in terms of language (neither English nor Afrikaans), and intention (not truly entrepreneurial). TETA could fund other courses for this group; opportunities will be investigated. On 10/6/2009 at 10h30 the pre-learning assessment in Vredendal; Already held the assessment meetings at Elandsbay and Clanwilliam.
- c) MB reported that they are hoping to start the program with the Clanwilliam group next week and thereafter with Elandsbay;
- d) Since the IWRM funding is only available for the coming 6 months the NVC program will rely on building a strong partnership with the learners in order to complete the coursework so that mentoring and coaching can start in the 4th month and no later.
- e) The NVC program goes for class sizes of 15 participants, as a larger group does not experience effective learning;
- f) The surplus of applications from learners will be managed by looking at the next phase of discretionary grants which opens up in July;
- g) MB will also ring fence current funding which could be shifted from another project component to support the NVC in the Olifants Doorn as this will help NVC to achieve its overall targets; The learning programs are short on targets related to unemployed and self employed beneficiaries.
- h) EB asked about the issue around acceptance of learners over the age of 35 years? MB explained that he has to write a letter for each learner that is over 35, as the focus is on youth – MB will argue that there are a number of candidates that are over 35 and can run businesses which would create business opportunities for people under 35 – so the target groups could be affected as a secondary beneficiary. MB explained

that he is continually engaging with the CEO of the SETA to find creative ways to handle these challenges; there is also a preference for candidates with a scholastic background, and MB has already lowered the qualifying NQF level to 2 from 4 to be able to accommodate more candidates from this intake population.

- i) EB asked whether this program applies the RPL (recognition of prior learning) criteria when selecting candidates. MB confirmed that this is being done and such issues are picked up through the pre-learning assessment.
- j) NW confirmed for the purposes of the meeting, that this NVC training cycle will include 25 learners; MB explained that when we looked at the program in the beginning, we did not want to start big, and then have to scale down; due to the good response from this area we are planning to scale up; The I&J group would be able to accommodate the additional folk that can't be included in the now completely subscribed Sea Harvest group
- k) RS asked what IWRM is funding, why and how can the trained people help the IWRM projects? NW said that this program also represents part of the sustainability component of IWRM, and is part of the "exit" strategy; the idea is to take the best of the best through an accredited training process which is being paid for by the TETA and Sea Harvest stipend; DWAF would still like to provide the accommodation for the training events, and IWRM would pick up the transport costs; Use of the stipend is up to the learner, but perhaps the learner can pay half of the transport cost – outcome would be something like aquaculture projects in Elandbaai, Lamberstbay, Doringbay linking in with IDP processes and similar ventures among other IWRM groups.

6. General

- a) JYG from GCIS, thanked the group for the invitation to this meeting; Explained that GCIS helps government departments to communicate and can assist with the printing of materials, airtime on radio stations, the development of communication strategies, etc; JYG said that GCIS can work together on these things with DWAF IWRM in the West Coast, and invited role players to remain in contact; NW said that once the community driven IWRM messages are available on radio and video format, it would be good to link with GCIS and ensure that it is disseminated effectively.
- b) AC stated that the cost of municipal water makes it prohibitive to use municipal water for agricultural purposes.
- c) TM said that the past two days of meetings for IWRM Olifants Doorn, have been heavy on the projects as we had to cut back on budgets for some projects, perhaps some wanted to see themselves go through to the end of the program, but for now they may just want information – TM asked the group to explain to the participants in the Olifants Doorn that IWRM project funding is not forever and their terms of contracts are coming to an end; Communities have to think about what IWRM project funding has really contributed to their lives over the past few years – the message may not be easy, but be sure to convey that National DWAF appreciates your efforts and contributions – thanks go to every sector that has been involved in these deliberations where so much initiative and involvement in support of IWRM is clear – TM said that she hopes that everyone will be able to intensify this cooperation into the future.
- d) BC said that from the forum's side there is an expression of thanks for the support of all the role-players to the IWRM projects; trust that everyone will go out from this meeting and work hard to ensure communities are assisted further to access land and water in order to improve livelihoods; LN added to this, agreeing with BC;
- e) MLS bid everyone farewell and wished them safe travel.

7. Close

Date of next PMG: 14 July 2009 DWAF Bellville
11 August 2009 DWAF Bellville

Date of next Q-PMG: 8 September 2009

Date of next M&E Field visits: September / October 2009