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Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND
DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**

Tuesday, 15 June 2021 (at 13:00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

America, D (Alternate)
Maseko, LM
Van der Westhuizen, AP (Chairperson)

African National Congress

Marran, P

GOOD

Herron, BN

Apology

Baartman, DM (DA)

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Mr P van Zyl, Head of Department - Environmental Affairs and Development Planning
Ms K Shippey, Chief Director - Environmental Sustainability
Ms M Laros, Director - Biodiversity and Coastal Management
Mr A Ackhurst, Director - Biodiversity and Coastal Management

CapeNature

Mr S Ismail, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Ms C Birss, Executive Director - Biodiversity Conservation

Department of the Premier: Legal Services

Mr L van der Schyff, State Law Advisor

Western Cape Provincial Parliament Officials

Adv R Maasdorp, Legal Advisor

Mr T Keswa, Public Education and Outreach Manager

Mr J Vermeulen, Senior Procedural Officer

Ms S Niekerk, Procedural Officer

Mr S Hassam, Information Technology Assistant

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee, the Departmental officials as well as the officials from the Western Cape Provincial Parliament.

The NCOP Liaison Officer provided the Committee with an update on the status of the National Forests Amendment Bill [B 11B–2016] (NCOP).

2. Briefing by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning on the Western Cape Biodiversity Bill [B 2–2021]

The Department briefed the Committee on the Bill with specific reference to content, impact and affected stakeholders. The legislative context and process followed to date were also provided to the Committee.

The Committee deliberated.

3. Discussion on the public participation process to be followed in respect of the Western Cape Biodiversity Bill [B 2–2021]

The Chairperson defined the Committee's constitutionally mandated function in terms of public participation and provided the Committee with a proposal for public engagement on the afore-mentioned Bill that included public participation methods and tools for creating public awareness.

3.1 The Committee RESOLVED that:

3.1.1 Advertisements be placed in the Die Burger, Weekend Argus, Cape Times, Son and Voice;

3.1.2 The closing date for comment be 30 July 2021 or as close to this date as possible;

3.1.3 Members of the public be given an opportunity to comment on social media platforms and to leave voice notes on WhatsApp; and

3.1.4 It would consider to conduct public hearings based on the interest and response from members of the public.

4. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Minutes

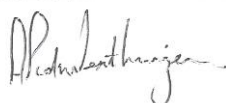
The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes of 1 and 8 June 2021 which were considered and adopted.

5. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Report on oversight visit to the Brandvlei Dam Project

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Report which was considered and adopted.

The Chairperson expressed his appreciation to the members and the officials for their contribution to the success of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 14:36.



**MR AP VAN DER WESTHUIZEN, MPP
CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND
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Date:24 August 2021.....