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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Tuesday, 1 August 2017 (at 08h30), Committee Room 1, 4th Floor, 7 Wale Street, Cape Town

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

Joseph, D (Additional)
Mackenzie, RD
Schäfer, BA
Simmers, TA (Chairperson)

African National Congress

Dijana, TM

Apologies

Beerwinkel, CF (ANC)

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Mr G Arendse, Chief Director: Environmental Quality
Ms W Kloppers, Director: Water Sustainability
Mr Z Brown, Head of Component: Pollution and Chemical Component
Ms C Bill, Deputy Director: Pollution Policy and Regulatory Services
Ms A Horn, Economics Manager

1. Opening and Welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting by welcoming the members of the Committee and the Departmental officials.

2. Briefing by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning on progress in respect of the Berg River Improvement Plan

The Department provided the Committee with background information on water supply planning and water risk by outlining the contributing factors and impact of the current drought in the Province. The Department further informed the Committee of the co-operative approach that it employs within all spheres of Government and the public to ensure that water is well-managed to safeguard its long-term sustainability while providing growth and development in the Province.

To this end the Department provided a comprehensive overview of the Sustainable Water Management Plan, the Berg River Improvement Plan and the Breede River Environmental Resources Protection Plan.

3. Resolutions/Actions

3.1 The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning provides it with:

3.1.1 The cost and timelines for the implementation of the Genius of Systems for People's Access to a Clean Environment Project in informal settlements; and

3.1.2 A list of the 21 Municipalities that have been determined as high risk in terms of water scarcity after the compilation of the respective Disaster Management and Risk Assessment Registers for each municipality.

3.2 The Committee RESOLVED to, at a future date, request the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning to brief it on the rehabilitation of wetland areas in order to improve the ecological conditions thereof, including that of water retention and infiltration within catchment areas.

4. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Quarterly Report (April – June 2017)

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

5. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Tracking Document as at 1 August 2017

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Tracking Document that was considered and adopted.


6. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Programme as at 1 August 2017

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Programme that was considered and adopted.

7. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Minutes of 13 June 2017

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes that were considered and adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 10h22.



MR TA SIMMERS, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT
PLANNING

Date: 22/8/2017