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EDITOR'S NOTE

This WaterWorx edition, is important as it ushers in the seventh (7th) government administration, since the advent of democracy. The new minister of Water and Sanitation, has not wasted time in getting to work, meeting with the Board and Executive of Magalies Water, but also undertaking oversight visits to some of the projects within the area of supply, where Magalies Water is an implementing agent. In this quarter as has been tradition within the organisation, the women employees together with members of the Board held an important women's gathering where profound conversations were had, and women were given a safe space, to interact and engage on both personal and professional areas of concern, in a bid to have a motivated work force.

The Board, continues to travel far-and-wide particularly in areas where projects are currently being implemented, as well as in South and Far West Regions, where some of the challenges, still remain and require strategic intervention in accelerating service delivery. Many of these challenges predate the appointment of Magalies Water as an implementing agent on behalf of Water Services Authorities, previously serviced by the erstwhile Sedibeng Water.

Magalies Water through its remediation program, has registered significant progress, notwithstanding the initial skepticism in certain quarters that, given the size of the Water Board and its Scientific Services unit, prospects of success were said to be limited. To date the hyacinth coverage on the Hartbeespoort dam is less than five percent, which is a major improvement since Magalies Water officially took over to intervene on behalf of the department of Water and Sanitation, over a year ago.

Despite public panic, pertaining to the sustainability of entities such as our own, the Executive with the support of the Board, has commenced in earnest with a debt collection and management strategy which intends to ensure that Magalies Water has sufficient cash-flow in order to meet its obligations and responsibilities. More critically that the entity continues to render its services in line with the provisions of the Constitution of the republic, as well as the prescripts of the Water Services Act.

Happy Reading!



Mr. David Magae
Manager: Communications and
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Water and Sanitation Minister Pemmy Majodina Visits Hammanskraal Intervention Project



Pemmy Majodina - Water and Sanitation Minister

The Minister of Water and Sanitation, accompanied by Deputy Minister Sello Seithloho, former Executive Mayor of City of Tshwane Cllr. Cilliers Brink and the Board collective of Magalies Water congregated at the Klipdrift Water Treatment Plant, where a fifty megalitre package plant is under construction

The appointment of Magalies Water as an implementing agent in the intervention project, follows its long-standing history with the City of Tshwane, which it was servicing through a Section 30 contract, until the early 2000's. The water utility was responsible for the Temba area, where the City has bulk water infrastructure. Further, Magalies Water's Klipdrift Water Treatment plant is strategically located within the Hammanskraal area to supply safe and potable water, following the cholera outbreak in Hammanskraal around May 2023.

Minister Majodina, said it was comforting to see the progress that had been done by the Water Board, she continued "the cholera outbreak, which claimed the lives of our people is something that in all honesty, should have not happened. Painful as it is, we are attending to this challenge and it serves as an important lesson to us as a sector" she remarked.

Module One of the plant, which will be the first to be commissioned and operationalized before the end of the year, is intended to supply the following areas:

- Mandela Village
- Marokolong
- Ramotse
- Kekana Gardens (Steve Bikoville)
- Kudube Unit 9
- Babelegi Industrial and Bridgeview informal settlement which are in ward 49, 73,74 and 75.

Construction and completion of Module Two will follow early in 2025 after all mechanical and civil works would have been completed and additional potable water will be supplied to the community of Hammanskraal with about 11.5 million litres of per day.



Pemmy Majodina - Water and Sanitation Minister, Director-General Dr. Sean Phillips & Former City of Tshwane Executive Mayor Cllr. Cilliers Brink

Part of the visit included a walk-about in the water treatment plant which has a design capacity of 42ML/day abstracting raw water from the Roodeplaas Dam in the Pienaars River Catchment area. Potable water produced from this plant is supplied across Limpopo, North West and Gauteng Provinces through a 97 km pipeline.



In Pictures: Ministerial Oversight Visit - Klipdrift 50 Megalitre Package Plant





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Celebrating HERITAGE: Connections, Routes, and Networks



Roots and Personal Identity

Born of a moSotho mother (*mamKoena* - Crocodile) and a Xhosa father (*uNgwane* - Leopard), with historical roots set deep in eSwatini. I am *maHlongwane*, *uGubudela*, *uMasumpa*, *Mthiyane*, *Masenga sileka*, *uNduku Zinobulongwe*. *Zikhali ezingalingani nezamaxhegwana, nina bakaSangweni elingawelwa abafokazana liewelwa izinkonjane zasemaNgwaneni, Sang'elibanzi elingavulwa abantukazana ngoba livalwe ngezihlangu zamadoda!* A proud mixture of cultural beauty imbued with a touch of royalty.

Heritage in Everyday Life

I express pride in both my cultures through the spoken word in my daily life as well as through the food I prepare which my children have come to love and appreciate. This includes dishes like *umngqusho*, *morogo*, and *imifino* to name a few. I also embrace the traditional attires of both cultures, where Basotho are known for their *seshoeshoe* dresses and distinct and highly symbolic blankets (*Seana Marena*, *Pōone*, *Kharetsa*, *Letlama* et al), amaXhosa wear *umbhaco* that have striking beadwork and distinctive patterns, coupled with elaborate beaded jewellery.

Cultural Celebrations and Traditions

My favourite traditions or cultural celebrations would have to be weddings and coming-of-age ceremonies for boys in both seSotho and isiXhosa. *Ulwaluko* is a rite of passage in isiXhosa. The rite is practiced for the fulfilment of health, cultural, identity and spiritual needs. Young men are mentored by elders in the bush and are taught about manhood. This ritual is meant to prepare them for life, leadership and being custodians of their culture. During the first part of the ritual the young men cover their bodies with white ochre and in the last stages of the ritual they use red ochre. Much like the isiXhosa marriage ceremonies, the Basotho celebrate with elaborate rituals and ritualistic attire. *Lobola* (bride price), plays a vital role in Lesotho's marital customs. According to this custom, the groom's family is obligated to give a monetary or livestock gift to the bride's family.

The Power of Language

I have the privilege of speaking both my mother (Sotho) and 'father' (Xhosa) tongues. seSotho has nine vowels, which are collapsed into five letters each. The seSotho side of me is quite soft-spoken as most Basotho are. isiXhosa on the other hand is an unusual, yet pretty-sounding, language. To many, it is difficult to learn because the consonants are uncommon and densely populated. The sounds are relatively aggressive (as opposed to soothing and melodic). They comprise English sounds, 15 clicks, ejectives and an implosive. the language became influenced by Khoi and San words, which contain distinctive 'clicks'. Xhosa-speaking people are very expressive when speaking to one another, which is often misconstrued for loudness.

Learning from Diversity

I have learnt through the passage of time that as Africans, we are very much alike in relation to some of our cultural practices and beliefs. Working in an environment that is predominantly that of seTswana-speaking people, I have come to appreciate our likeness and indeed our differences, with the understanding that we are able to create spaces where we can be authentically ourselves and still be uniquely interconnected in one way or another.

My motto: *"Umntwana ongakhaliyo, ufela embelekweni."*

Bulelwa Mbali-Khoele





Employees Scoop Top Honours at Industry Gathering for Young Professionals

Magalies Water formed part of the water sector institutions that participated at the National Water and Sanitation Youth Indaba which was held in Polokwane, Limpopo province. Mainstreaming of youth is one of the key strategic priorities of the South African government priorities, as such, the Department of Water and Sanitation, through the Chief Directorate: Intergovernmental Relations & Strategic Partnership, Sector Transformation (Youth, Gender and Disability) and Provincial Governance in supporting the work of government. The conference in the water and sanitation sector was hosted in partnership with Lepelle Northern Water Board.

Under the theme 'Actively embracing the socio-economic gains of our democracy', this year's Water and Sanitation Youth Indaba brought together a plethora of knowledge amongst the 400 participants in the WASH sector from various backgrounds, including unemployed individuals, professionals, entrepreneurs, young professionals and civil society organisations.



Sitting Right: Magalies Water's Onkarabile Mooketsa formed part of a key panel discussion during the week-long youth conference



Magalies Water also formed part of the conference's exhibitors to position and market its services while growing its brand-foot print in the North West, Gauteng and Limpopo provinces where it currently has operations.

The line up of speakers included world recognized trailblazers, youth leaders in their varying portfolios, acute businessmen and women, experience and skilled government officials, higher education institutions and a mixture of knowledgeable and experience knowledgeable representatives from the Water Boards, Catchment Management Agencies (CMAs), Water Research Commission (WRC) and representatives from the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW).

The National Youth Indaba focus areas are guided by the Water and Sanitation Youth Strategy with special focus on the following:

- Innovations and Entrepreneurship
- Challenges and Opportunities in South Africa's Water and Sanitation Sector
- South Africa's Water Issues in a Global Context (Climate)
- Education and Career Opportunities within the Sector

The National Youth Indaba aims to provide a platform for engagement and exchange of knowledge and technical expertise that will improve sector's governance and transformation, including:



Attendees from various Water Sector Institutions, who formed part of the different commissions, where key issues affecting the sector and more particularly the youth were under discussion

- Highlighting progress in implementing the DWS Youth Development Strategy.
- Understanding national water and sanitation issues and government priorities.
- Establishing partnerships with the private sector, civil society and other stakeholders.
- Recognising youth innovations and achievements.
- Encouraging community involvement in the Water and Sanitation Sector.
- Launching the South African Water and Sanitation Youth Network Implementation Framework.



The Chairperson of the Board of Lepelle Northern Water Dr. NF Mphephu addressing the Youth at the Water Sector Youth Indaba.

While addressing the gathering, Lepelle Northern Water Board Chairperson, Dr. Mphephu highlighted that young professionals should break barriers and engage in critical research to drive entrepreneurial ventures for enhanced water sanitation services.

He also urged the youth to innovate tirelessly to ensure all communities gain access to safe, reliable water and sanitation services. Additionally, he stressed the importance of initiating strategies for water treatment works using renewable energy and advocating for change and innovation in the water sector. Finally, Dr. Mphephu encouraged further education, aiming for Master's and PhD levels, to lead the future of water management. "Let's rise to the challenge and make a difference"!



Left-to-Right: Mosupi Manyaneng - Maintenance Planner, Onkarabile Mooketsa- Research Scientist Assistant, Goitsemodimo Moagi - Branding & Marketing Coordinator and Simone Jones - Chemist

On the final day, Magalies Water was invited by Lepelle Northern Water to their Ebenezer plant to gain valuable insight into water management and sustainability practices. Additionally, Magalies Water scooped four awards: three for participation in the Communication Subcommittee and one for participation in the Guest Arrangement Subcommittee.

Magalies Water's Projected Financial Bankruptcy Preventable



**Magalies Water's Chief Financial Officer -
Ms. Matshidiso Tabane**

Debt-collection measures are being implemented by Magalies Water Board to avert expected bankruptcy by June next year due to escalating unpaid debts by municipalities. This is according to a report released by the Department of Water and Sanitation which identified Magalies Water Board – which took over some duties of the discontinued Sedibeng Water Board in 2022 to supply some municipalities in North West, Gauteng and Limpopo – as one of the affected water utilities. Inheriting those duties included taking over their geographical areas, staff, assets and liabilities. However, the transfer to Magalies Water Board did not resolve the underlying debt problem that Sedibeng Water faced, said the report.

Maquassi Hills and Thabazimbi municipalities owe substantial amounts to Magalies Water. According to the report, the municipalities indicated a willingness to conclude repayment agreements but had not done so. Maquassi Hills failed to make regular payments over the past two years. Their debt increased by 32% over the past two years from R266m in 2022 to R352m from end-June 2022 to end-June 2024.

Magalies Water Chief Financial Officer confirmed that a payment agreement was signed with Maquassi Hills municipality and added there were ongoing issues related to historical debt which were being verified. She continued, “this historical debt originates from services previously provided by erstwhile Sedibeng Water and the municipality has raised disputes over the accuracy of these charges. A task team has been established to resolve the dispute,” Tabane said.

The Financial Head said Thabazimbi municipality had acknowledged the debt owed but was unable to make payments or adhere to the terms of the signed agreement. She explained further “due to the inability of Thabazimbi municipality to meet their financial obligations, the issue has now been escalated to the court for resolution,” she said.

Tabane said, if Magalies Water was to be declared bankrupt, the consequences will be dire and felt across the water value chain “the financial collapse would likely result in an inability to properly maintain critical infrastructure and procure essential goods or services necessary to ensure the supply of quality and reliable water for the municipalities. This would force the organisation to impose water restrictions within the municipalities we service, disrupting the daily activities of the communities and impacting businesses and the economy,” Tabane emphasized.





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Lindy Mthimkulu

Roots and Personal Identity

"Ah Ndi nne Lindy Tshilande, muvenda mubikwa na ive, ive ja vhibva muvenda sala."

Venda is one tribe that is very dynamic and adaptable. I am a proud Venda who speaks Tshivenda unapologetically. The one tradition or value I carry with me every day is the embodiment of good morals, respect, kindness, and leading by example. There's a Venda proverb that says, if they lack values, they then have a bad odor – *"mukololo a kola u a nukha."* Both my parents are from the royal family. Growing up, there were many restrictions that did not apply to boys. As a girl child, I was forbidden to have male friends, visit relatives, or attend social events until I was 18 years old. It didn't make sense then, but I realized in university that they were preserving my purity and training me to discern between good and bad intentions.

Heritage in Everyday Life

The Venda community has clearly defined roles for women, children, and men. Traditionally, mothers worked in the fields, ensured the family had water, and maintained the cleanliness of the home. I still carry these roles as a woman and mother by keeping my house clean, tending to a vegetable garden, and preparing hearty traditional food. Though I am now a Zulu makoti, Tshivenda always finds its way out in the house, especially when I'm happy or sad. My Venda attires remain in locked suitcases as they are irreplaceable and each has a special meaning. There are attires given at different stages of life as a child, as a young woman, and as a married woman.

Cultural Celebrations and Traditions

Dance and music are integral to almost every gathering, from initiations to weddings and funerals. I love the *domba*, also known as the python dance, conducted at female coming of age ceremonies (iconic to the Limpopo region). In the past, it was a place where the chief would choose a wife. *"Tshigombela"* is a festive dance performed by married women, often at the same time as *"tshikona"*. *"Tshiffhasi"* is similar to *"tshigombela"*, but performed by young, unmarried girls (*khomba*). All these dances can be seen at various celebrations.

The Power of Language

My home language gives me pride and joy. Whenever you speak it in the midst of other cultures, your fellow Venda will connect with you as if you've known each other for years. As Vendas, we can speak and understand many other South African languages, while others often cannot understand us. That is the power of language.

Learning from Diversity

My mother-in-law is Sotho, and my father-in-law is Zulu. Communicating with both, and learning about their diverse cultures, I have realized that pap and sour milk are common threads among us. Working in a province where Tswana is dominant, I have also learned their culture and language.

My motto: "Shumela Venda" (Always Aspire for Venda)

City of Tshwane Pays Close Attention to Intervention Project



Front-Right: City of Tshwane Executive Mayor Cllr. Nasiphi Moya leading a technical team to the construction site of the package plant

Magalies Water hosted Tshwane Mayor Nasiphi Moya at the Klipdrift Water Treatment Works for an oversight visit. The visit focused on assessing the progress of a key bulk water supply project aimed at increasing the capacity to deliver 50ML/day of clean water to Hammanskraal. The project, backed by the Department of Water and Sanitation, will be completed in phases. Once finished, it will ensure reliable access to clean water for more communities in the area.

The aim of the visit was to provide the delegation with an update on the progress pertaining to the bulk water intervention project that will be supplying water to the area of Hammanskraal, following the cholera outbreak which claimed the lives of families, triggering the current water supply intervention project. This initiative aims to benefit 47,550 households and a population of 180,679. The project is structured into three work packages: designing, constructing, and commissioning a new 50 ML/day water treatment plant; optimizing existing facilities; and upgrading the Babelegi site with new reservoirs, pump stations, and interconnecting pipelines.



Cllr. Nasiphi Moya receives a full brief and progress report on the work which has been done on site in preparation of the first phase of the project



Longitudinal View: Construction Workers on site at the Klipdrift 50 Megalitre Package Plant



Magalies Water Board of On a Site Visit To Supingstad Water Project

In part fulfillment of their duties on the affairs of the organization, the Magalies Water's Board collective undertook an oversight visit to the Supingstad Groundwater Project. The Board led by the Chairperson, Dr Keneilwe Lydia Sebego, paid a visit to Kgosi Victor Suping of Bahurutshe Ba Ga Suping in the company of Councillors from Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality, and Ngaka Modiri Molema District as well as representatives from the Department of Water and Sanitation.

The objective of the visit was for the Board to get a first hand experience on the progress made on the project since it's inception, and to mitigate against any challenges that it might encounter. Dr Sebego expressed the Board's desire to see the project completed on time to ensure that it eventually benefits the intended community of Supingstad.

She requested that all the outstanding phases that needs to be attended, should be addressed without delay. Where there could be additional work to be done. Magalies Water will engage the Department of Water and Sanitation as the funder of the project on how such can be accomplished, without overspending on the approved budget.



Kgosi Victor Suping, talks to the delegation from Magalies Water, District and Local Municipality about some of the challenges, with respect to water provision

Magalies Water's role in resolving water challenges in the Zeerust area was heightened by service delivery protests which, were mainly about water provision and affected the movement of freight on the N4 connecting South Africa and Botswana. Since the issuing of a Ministerial intervention in the area leading to the water utility's appointment there has been calm and water projects in Dinokana and Supingstad continue to demonstrate progress notwithstanding challenges, synonymous with projects of this nature.



Mr. Itumeleng Mosala - Chairperson of Capital Investment & Stakeholder Engagement Committee is at site where one engine is used for pumping water to the local community



Magalies Water Strengthens Engagements With Various Stakeholders

Magalies Water took part in the first Integrated Development Plan (IDP) Stakeholder Representative Forum meeting, led by the Executive Mayor of Moses Kotane Local Municipality. The municipality is one of Magalies Water's core public sector customers, within Bojanala Platinum District.

The purpose of the engagement was to discuss, amongst others:

- IDP/PMS budget action plan for the 2025/26 financial year
- IDP projects reports
- Plans by sector departments and mines
- Water challenges as well as the long and short-term proposed interventions
- Service delivery in communities within the Moses Kotane Local Municipality



Stakeholders attending the Moses Kotane Local Municipality Integrated Development Plan (IDP) stakeholder representatives meeting

Estate, identified key issues pertaining to some of the challenges experienced during the remediation of the Hartbeespoort Dam. Some of these include:

- Bubbling black sludge emanating from the dam
- Poultry industries contaminating the Crocodile River catchment with blood and other organic matter
- Some estates discharging effluent into the water
- Mismanagement of waste water treatment works

The engagement with stakeholders brought about a coordinated approach in terms of addressing the highlighted issues, more proactively, as opposed to a reactive approach to communication and community awareness, regular interaction with media to remove any misconceptions on the work and progress done on the dam thus far.



Moses Kotane Local Municipality Executive Mayor Cllr. Nketu Nkotswe

In a separate and robust stakeholder engagement forum, Magalies Water and several stakeholders including, Rhodes University Centre for Biological Control, Hyamatla Organics, Harties Boat Company, Centre for Biological Control - CBC as well as representatives from Xanadu



Stakeholders Meeting recently held in Hartbeespoort Dam, where discussions were held on the remediation project progress



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'(Maitshwara a mabotse a lota serithi sa motho)'

This value was deeply ingrained in my family and community, where kindness and reverence toward others were paramount. Growing up, I learned to listen to people's stories, advice, and perspectives, which fostered my sense of humility, empathy, and connection to the past. This tradition has greatly influenced who I am today, instilling a deep respect for people's experiences and viewpoints, regardless of their age or background. It also taught me to appreciate relationships, tolerance, and the importance of spending time with others.

I express my pride in my heritage primarily through food and language, specifically Sepedi. Cooking and sharing traditional dishes help me stay connected to my roots. Similarly, speaking Sepedi strengthens my connection to my cultural identity, preserving its richness and values in everyday life.

Cultural Celebrations: *Koma*

One of my favorite Bapedi cultural celebrations is the traditional initiation ceremony, "*Koma*". This ceremony holds profound cultural significance, marking the transition from childhood to adulthood, where young boys and girls learn essential life skills, cultural values, and responsibilities within the community.

What makes "*Koma*" special to me is its focus on community, identity, and continuity. During the ceremony, the entire community unites to support the initiates, celebrating their growth and transformation. It's a powerful reminder of the strength and resilience of the Bapedi people, their respect for tradition, and the importance of passing down cultural knowledge.

Significance of Sepedi

Sepedi holds special meaning for me as it connects me to my cultural roots and my community. One moment of immense pride was when I had the opportunity to speak Sepedi at a community gathering, with different generations present. I shared stories passed down from my elders, using idioms, proverbs (*Dika le Diema*), and unique expressions from the language. Seeing how this resonated with both the older and younger generations filled me with pride.

Living in a diverse country like South Africa has given me the opportunity to learn from many different cultures, deepening my appreciation for my own heritage. One of the most enriching experiences was learning about the Zulu concept of "Ubuntu", which means "I am because we are." This philosophy emphasizes the importance of community, compassion, and interconnectedness.

My motto is: "*Kodumela moepathutse ga go lehumo leo letšwago kgauswi.*" (Persevere with determination, for there is no wealth that comes easily.)



Mosale Bopape

Women’s Month Celebrations Held in Rustenburg

Magalies Water’s women were clad in varying shades of green at Rustenburg Kloof to celebrate Women’s Month under the theme “Inspire Inclusion”. The event was attended by women representatives of the Board led by Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson Dr. Lydia Sebego, Ms. Yvonne Matolong and Dr. Mosidi Makgae who is also a Board Member. The event was used to create a safe environment where women can openly converse about their personal and professional challenges.



Magalies Water Chairperson of the Board - Dr. Lydia Sebego

The annual gathering is used to foster a sense of belonging among the women employees in which honest conversations can be had about their challenges. Critically such engagements are used to provide tools and coping mechanisms in order to deal with life’s varied challenges while navigating the world of work as professionals.



Magalies Water’s women employees listening-in attentively at the key messages on the day



Member of the Board - Dr. Mosidi Makgae

Clinical Psychologist Dr. Kedisaletse Ross was the main speaker on the day, highlighting the importance of emotional/psychological wellness which when neglected can have a detrimental effect on one’s performance at work as well as across many facets of daily living. She continued “nothing is as important as ensuring that your state of mind is sound, because unattended trauma, pain and hurt can disrupt one’s level productivity and affect their general outlook in life” she emphasized. After the formal programme, the women let their hair down, busking under the sun through music and meaningful informal conversations.



Scientific Services Team Visit the United States on a Water Technology Expedition

Magalies Water took part in the Global Water Summit in Los Angeles, California. The summit, which took place from 09 - 12 September 2024, focused on nanobubble technology for advanced oxidation. This is the same technology used by Magalies Water for the remediation of the Hartbeespoort Dam. The Water Board was represented by Professor Vhahangwele Masindi and Ms Phindile Mahlangu, Scientific Services Manager.



Ms Phindile Mahlangu - Scientific Services Manager quizzes the hosts in getting insights into newer water technologies

The Global Water Summit is the flagship water industry event of the year. Attracting high-level executives from the industry, municipalities and international water companies, the Global Water Summit provides stakeholders with the opportunity to connect with hard-to-reach industry insiders that will not attend any other water event. The nanobubble technology was unveiled as a ground-breaking innovation that would systematically reduce the level of pollution thus increasing oxygen levels in the water bodies, particularly in the Hartbeespoort Dam. While many skeptics did not believe in the success of the generator, scientific evidence points to substantial improvement in the water, following the implementation of this technology.



Nanobubble Generator, which uses electricity to pump clean air into waterbodies, which have been severely pollution through sewage discharge

The duo from Magalies Water, believe that the trip to the U.S was not only worth-while but has afforded the water utility to learn about more recent technology as well as industry best-practices insofar as improving raw water quality is concerned, given the tracked incidents of upstream pollution in the Crocodile West Catchment Area, which has been laden with litter and loaded with nutrients, which have enabled the invasive hyacinth plant to thrive. This has had a negative impact on water related activities such as boating.



Ms. Phindile Mahlangu and Professor Vhahangwele Masindi

Clear River Campaign Held In Rustenburg

As part of Mandela-month activities Magalies Water, Rustenburg Local Municipality, Department of Water and Sanitation as well as Coca Cola Beverages South Africa, in a joint effort undertook a cleaning exercise at the Dorpsruit stream, behind the Rustenburg Taxi and Bus Terminus.



National Council of Provinces Visits North West



Ms. Phephelaphi Magoro - Project Engineer responsible for Dinokana Rural Water Supply Project

The delegation engaged with officials and managers from various government departments, municipalities as well as state owned entities to gather reliable information about service delivery progress and provide their insights during the briefings. Through such engagements, the Permanent Delegates intend to address challenges facing communities in their respective provinces. The delegation undertook an oversight visit to the Rooigrond Waste Water Treatment Plant as well as the Zeerust Waste Water Treatment Plant, respectively.

The National Council of Provinces (NCOP) was in the North West Province as part of its annual NCOP Provincial Week programme from 16 to 20 September 2024. During the week-long programme, Permanent Delegates to the Council undertook oversight visits to a number of project scattered around the province and engaged with key service delivery implementers. The theme for this year's programme is "Confronting the Challenges Facing the Timely Delivery of Viable Public Infrastructure to Communities". The first day of the week-long engagements commenced at the North West Provincial Legislature, in Mmabatho where Magalies Water was invited to present on some of the key water projects it is currently implementing.



Ms. Matshidiso Tabane - Chief Financial Officer & General Manager - Communications & Stakeholder Relations



Mr. Itumeleng Mosala - Chairperson Capital Investment & Stakeholder Engagement Committee & Ms. Priscilla Mashaba- Chairperson Finance Committee



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Magalies Water Meets & Greets Water and Sanitation Minister

Magalies Water Board and Executive Committee met the Water and Sanitation Minister led by Board Chairperson, Dr. Lydia Sebege and the water Utility's Acting Chief Executive Mr. Ofentse Nthutang led a delegation that had its first meet-and-greet with the new Minister of Water and Sanitation Pemmy Majodina, alongside deputies – David Mahlobo and Sello Seitholo in Johannesburg. The purpose of the meeting was for the new political heads, in the seventh administration to have a sense of what Magalies Water had done in the previous term of the national parliament, what challenges it has faced and where it has been able to record success with respect to its mandate of providing reliable potable water and sanitation services.



Board Members - Mr. Wiseman Mkhize and Stanley Ngobeni



Magalies Water Chairperson Dr. Lydia Sebege

The Water Board, which has now expanded to cover the rest of the North West province, currently provides services in Gauteng and Limpopo provinces. The acting Chief Executive as well as the Board Chairperson, led presentations into both governance and operational matters during the meeting in order for the Ministry to have an “up-to-date” state of affairs. One of the key issues presented by Magalies Water during the engagement, is the inability of its primary customers to pay for services rendered within its area of operation. Previously the Ministry during its last budget vote, had expressed concerns about the growing inability of municipalities to pay Water Boards for services rendered, which was likely to propagate for the disestablishment of Water Boards which are not financially viable.



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