



MEDIA STATEMENT

North West dam levels shows signs of improvement

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North West Province is still undergoing recovery from past two year's drought devastation experienced by the province and the country at large. Dam levels are slowly showing signs of improvement following the recent rains in some parts of the province.

Amid signs of improvements the Department of Water and Sanitation urges on community and water users to use water sparingly and avoid by all means water wastage

This time last year the province dam levels were at 55.4 % whereas this year the same time dam levels are sitting at 77.4%

Water Management Area (WMA) Vaal Major for North West, last year this time was at 50.2% whereas now we are at 85.4%,

The North West Water Supply Systems was at 80.9% this time last year. The system was measured at 89.9 last week lowered to 88.0% this week.

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Boskop Dam is standing at 100.4% this week compared to last week's 100.7%, which decrease of .3%. Harts is at 93.9%, compared to 93.4% last week, an increase of 0, 5%. Elandskuil dam is at 69.3% compared to 65.1% last week, an increase of 4.3%

In relation to the provincial storage, the situation has slightly improved but the province still needs to continue to implement water restrictions to allow for smooth recovery.

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