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MEDIA STATEMENT

Clear River Campaign to honour Madiba

20 June 2018

In its quest to promote healthy rivers, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in the Western Cape calls upon all sectors to join the Clear Rivers Campaign taking place during the month of July.

This is DWS led campaign and it forms part of the Mandela Month 2018. The initiative is aimed to endeavour collaborative efforts to engage communities, as well as promoting and creating ongoing awareness and education on protecting our water resources. This call is linked to the one made by Government in 2014, when it appealed to all South Africans in the spirit of volunteerism, to dedicate 67 minutes to clean South Africa.

The campaign will take place in a form of river clean-ups across the length and the breadth of the Western Cape, and will be closely associated with volunteerism that is promoted during July as part of the Mandela Month activities. People can either join the initiative as individuals or through their various organisations (Private sector, Industry and Civil Society Organisations).

The need for water security, particularly in the face of the global climate change and a multitude of anthropogenic impacts affecting our rivers, calls for a national and unified approach to protect our rivers, wetlands and broader catchments so that all people can benefit from the added-value products of healthy rivers and can have access to clean water for basic human needs.

The DWS Western Cape Provincial office has scheduled a session to brief all the interested parties about the campaign. Details of the briefing session are as follows:

Date : Wednesday 27 June 2018

Venue : No 52 Voortrekker Road Bellville (2nd floor Spectrum building)

Time : 10:00

Should you wish your organisation to be part of this initiative kindly contact Mr Bentley Engelbrecht on 021 941-6245 or [email EngelbrechtB@dws.gov.za](mailto:EngelbrechtB@dws.gov.za)

For more information on the Clear Rivers Campaign visit www.dwa.gov.za/Clear-River 2018

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