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MEDIA STATEMENT

National dam levels

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Western Cape dam levels have increased substantially since the beginning of winter rains in the province. A weekly report issued by the Department of Water and Sanitation indicates a 2% rise since last week – a significant improvement in a region that had been plagued by the drought over a period of two years.

The main supplier of Cape Town, Theewaterskloof Dam, is currently sitting at 20,9%, up from 19,7% last week. Calitzdorp increased from 12,1% to 12,5%, while Voelvlei Dam rose from 22,0% to 25,5%. The South African Weather Services predicts more rains for the Mother City this week, which means the rising of dam levels in major parts of the province.

Capetonians welcomed the rains as the city was caught in the middle of a crippling drought until recently. However, the Department of Water and Sanitation has warned that residents needed to continue saving water as the city was not out of the woods yet.

However, South Africa's dam levels have remained the same at 79,8% this week due to lack of rain in winter. The good news is that the levels are significantly higher than during the same period last year, when they were at 71,6%.

In KwaZulu-Natal, dam levels decreased by a fraction from 66,0% last week to 65,8%. Umgeni Dam System, which supplies five dams serving eThekweni and Msunduzi in Pietermaritzburg has decreased from 78,6% last week to 78,1%. The system was at 63,6% in the same period last year. Midmar is at 100,0%, Albert-Falls is at 55,9% and Inanda decreased from 75,2% to 74,5%.

In Mpumalanga, the dam levels have decreased from 81,7% to 81,4%. Nooitgedacht is at 94,5%, while Kwena has increased from 74,3% to 74,4% and Inyaka decreased from 78,3% to 77,8%.

In the Eastern Cape, the Algoa System which has 5 dams serving Nelson Mandela Bay dropped from 21,3% to 20,9%. The system was recorded at 36,6% last year during the same time. Kouga is down from 8,5% last week to 8,3%. Impofu is down from 33,5% last week to 32,7%. Loerie is down from 92,6% last week to 88,5%, and Groendal decreased from 43,9% last week to 43,5%.

The Amathole System, with six dams serving Buffalo City, decreased from 91,5% to 91,2%. Last year during this time, the dam stood at 68,0%. Gubu decreased from 99,7% to 99,4% and Wriggleswade is down from 99,9% to 99,2%.

The Vaal Dam in Gauteng is still bursting at the seams despite a drop from 102,0% to 101,4%. The Integrated Vaal River System (IVRS) decreased by 0,2% from 87,9% to 87,6%. The system was at 83,6% in the same period last year.

In Limpopo Nwanedzi Dam is at 86,2%, while Nandoni is at full capacity at 100,2%. Albasini is at 86,6%.



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The Bloemfontein System in the Free State which has four dams serving mainly Mangaung, increased by 0,6% from 65,0% to 65,6%, an increase of 6% from the same time last year. Gariep increased from 96,3% to 96,5%.

In North West, Klerkskraal is full to capacity at 101,4% after increasing from 97,2% last week. The Crocodile West system that serves six dams in Tshwane, Madibeng and Rustenburg regions, is at 92,5%.

Northern Cape dams are also on the rise from 91,6% to 92,8% this week. Boegoeberg Dam is among the water resources that are at full capacity even though it decreased from 108,0% last week to 107,6% in the past seven days. In the same period last year, the dam recorded at 101, 2%. Karee Dam decreased from 3,1% to 3,0%.

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