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Provincial Joint Tactical Committee on water established in Free State

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In an effort to ensure that water services are prioritized, a Provincial Joint Tactical Committee (PJTC) has been established with representatives from the Department of Water and Sanitation, Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, South African Local Government Association, Water Boards and Water Use Associations.

The establishment of PJTC is a result of many competing needs for water from a multitude of users in Free State. Therefore, effective water resource management requires the involvement of all three spheres of government, water entities and civil society. This is to fulfill the vision outlined by Minister Gugile Nkwinti during his maiden Budget Vote Speech where he said he wants a sector that provides the opportunity to do things better and differently.

On top of the agenda for the PJTC will be to focus on the progress of performance targets in provincial business plan on the sufficient provision of water. The PJTC will also look into critical issues such as Operations and Maintenance of existing water and sanitation resources as well as the prevention of vandalism of these resources.

In addition, the PJTC is to ensure that the water sector is supported in an economical, proactive, collaborative, effective and efficient manner and that the intervention support is coordinated and done co-operatively.

"The vision is to ensure that all role players play a significant role in ensuring that water is valued as a social, economic and ecological good and that water governance promotes collaboration, coordination and integration of efforts to achieve a balanced response towards different water requirements", said Provincial Head, Dr Tseliso Ntili.

He emphasized that adequate governance structure is critical to coordinate and synchronise the implementation of Departmental actions, projects and programmes at provincial level.

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