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The Vaalharts Storage weir in the Northern Cape records 19.9% increase

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The Vaalharts Storage Weir in the Northern Cape Province has increased by an astounding 19.9% this week. The storage weir was at 57.9% last week and is currently sitting at 77.8% this week. This time last year the storage weir was at 64.9%.

The storage weir which is mainly used to divert water from the Vaal River to the Vaalhartz Government Water Scheme as well as the Barkly Government Water Scheme also serves numerous small towns in the province including Vryburg, Hartswater, Jan Kempdorp, Warrenton, Winsorton, Kip Dam, Barkely West and Delpportshoop.

The dam levels in the storage weir account for the rise in dam levels in the Northern Cape Province, which have increased by 6% this week. The water levels were at 85.6% last week and are now sitting comfortably at 91.6%, this time last year the dam levels were at 87.1% in the province.

Karee dam which was critically low for weeks, has also seen an increase of 2.7% this week, the dam was at 0.4% last week and is now at 3.1%.

While the province is experiencing an increase in the dam levels, other dams have seen a drop in the water levels. The Spitskop Storage Weir has decreased slightly this week recording 96.0%, last week the storage weir was at 97.8%. The Storage Weir has been on a decline for the past 3 weeks now. Douglas Storage Weir declined this week and is sitting at 108.8% this week, last week the storage weir was at 109.3 %.

Boegoeberg in the Orange River has remained the same for the past two weeks and is still floating at 108.8% this week. The Leeubos Storage Weir has remained at 0.0% for the past few weeks.

While the average dam levels in the province have seen an upsurge this week, the Department of Water and Sanitation is still calling on water users to use water wisely and where applicable to adhere to the water restrictions by the municipalities.

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