



MEDIA STATEMENT

Mpumalanga water levels remain stable

30 July 2019

Water levels in the listed dams and catchment areas of the Mpumalanga Province remain stable with many listed dams remaining unchanged over the week as reported on Monday, 29 July 2019.

According to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 29 July 2019, the average water in storage in the listed dams in the Mpumalanga Province slightly decreased from last week's 69.5% to 69.0% which simple translates to 1752.1 cubic metres of water out of the required full capacity of 2538.6 cubic metres. In terms of the water management areas (WMA), the Olifants WMA remained unchanged at 58.1% and the Inkomati-Usuthu WMA recorded a slight drop from 72.9% to 72.4%. The report also shows that Mpumalanga is standing at number four after Gauteng, Free State and Northern Cape in terms of water availability in the country.

The majority of the listed dams in the Ehlanzeni District remained unchanged, with Driekoppies, Klipkopjes and Primkop dams recording slight declines in water volumes. Blyderivierpoort Dam remained unchanged at 90.9%, Witklip Dam remained unchanged at 90.7%, Kwena Dam remained unchanged at 53.9%, Da Gama Dam remained unchanged at 67.4% and Inyaka Dam remained unchanged at 63.3%. On the downward side, Driekoppies Dam dropped from 73.0% to 72.5%, Klipkopjes Dam dropped from 41.9% to 38.4% and Primkop Dam recorded a decline from 21.5% to 63.3%. Longmere Dam recorded some improvement from 63.2% to 68.6%.

All the major listed dams in Nkangala District remained unchanged above 80%, with Witbank Dam remaining at 83.9%, Middelburg unchanged at 88.7% and Loskop Dam unchanged at 87.8%.

The Gert Sibande District recorded the majority of the listed dams with declines in water volumes over the week period with only Nooitgedacht and Vygeboom dams recording no changes in water volumes. Nooitgedacht Dam remained unchanged at 82.7% and Vygeboom Dam at 98.5%. Grootdraai Dam dropped from 68.2% to 66.5%, Jericho Dam dropped from





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62.1% to 61.7%, Westoe Dam dropped from 67.0% to 66.5%, Morgenstond Dam dropped from 49.5% to 48.0% and Heyshope Dam dropped from 83.5% to 82.9%.

The Department of Water and Sanitation would like to urge the public to use the available water in a more conservative and wise manner taking into account that even though the water levels in the Province remain stable, they are less than the levels recorded during the same period last year.

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