



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **Significant downpours ramp up Western Cape dam levels**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is ecstatic at the manner in which dam levels are replenishing across the Western Cape province. The recent significant rainfalls accompanied by snow that fell in the catchments of the Western Cape have improved dam levels. Sputnik Ratau, National Spokesperson from DWS says the fact that the ground is soaked has assisted the runoff from rainfall catchment areas to speedily flow into dams. “ This runoff will hopefully penetrate other water systems including ground water,” says Ratau

Ratau further states that the hydrological report of Monday 29 June suggests a notable improvement of the Western Cape Water Supply System(WCWSS) which includes the largest dam in the province, Theewaterskloof. The levels of WCWSS are currently at 71,86% as compared to 56,46% at the same time last year.

The Clanwilliam Dam in the West Coast Region continues to see a week on week remarkable improvement and is currently standing at 71,67%; this is over 20% increase as compared to last week.

As we all aware Western Cape receives winter rainfalls and this is the best time to practice water conservation initiatives, including:

- Driving down the demand and the use of municipal water
- Harvesting of rain water
- Exploring and implementing alternate water sources
- As well as recycling and the use of ground water.

As a way to improve water quality we call upon all water users to reduce water pollution.

DWS would like to thank those who are acting in a responsible manner in the use of this scarce resource. Be reminded that there are still water restrictions across the municipalities to curb excessive water use.

“Water is life, Sanitation is Dignity”

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