



MEDIA STATEMENT

RE: WATER RESTRICTIONS DUE TO LOW YIELDS FROM MOLOPO EYE AND GROOTFONTEIN BOREHOLES

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The Minister of Human Settlement, Water and Sanitation has acted with urgency to intervene on the water shortage at Mahikeng Local Municipality. Amongst the other problems is that the Waste Water Treatment Plants are being treated to remove sludge so that access can be gained to repair broken equipment which is below surface. Mahikeng Local Municipality jointly with Sedibeng Water will issue rationing schedule to all areas of Mahikeng.

Sedibeng Water and Mahikeng Local Municipality will inform residents and business about rationing schedules. There is currently dire shortage of water from raw water sources: Molopo Eye and Grootfontein. Boreholes. The combined abstracted water yields low quantities that are unable to supply customers daily. The water stakeholders as a result have made an urgent resolution to carry out the following actions to ensure sustainable water supply:

1. Sedibeng Water will continue to close inlet valves into the water distribution network from 2000 hour to 0400 hour, in view to increase the water levels at the reservoirs/ storage tanks.
2. Mahikeng Local and Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipalities will effect water rationing during the day by isolating its areas intermittently on periods and will be communicated in due course

This urgent intervention is aimed at improving reservoir levels in order to afford resident sustainable and equitable access to water. Areas which will be mainly affected are Mahikeng Urban and Peri-Urban Areas as well as villages directly supplied by Signal Hill reservoirs. This measure will be effected temporarily until the situation improves.

For more information please contact Sedibeng Water on 018 392 3941/2 OR Mahikeng Local Municipality on 018 389 0381/0404.

