



WATER SERVICES INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET STRATEGY FORMULATION

PROGRESS REPORT FOR MCC

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The strategy - background

- **Phase 1:** Desktop “scan” of state of infrastructure and state of its management (*completed late 2005*)
- **Phase 2A:** Identifying key factors that drive these states and identifying elements needed for enabling environment to ensure sound IAM (*late 2006*)
- **Phase 2B:** Priority actions (*early 2007*)



Progress: The strategy document

- Draft document has been through a number of iterations.
- Informed by in particular:
 - June WSLG
 - DWAF internal task team
 - Reference group: DWAF and external
 - Integration with NIMS context
 - All these comments have now been incorporated and a final draft is on the table



Progress: elements of additional work identified

- By far the most significant element is the need to establish a robust mechanism to determine annual budget requirements that will support sound maintenance.
 - Budgeting on e.g. percentage of perhaps operating expenditure of entity not useful: “one-size-fits-all” entirely inappropriate.
 - Must take into account not just the quantity of infrastructure, but also e.g. age, materials, maintenance backlogs, technology.
 - Must differentiate at least between civil, mechanical, electrical, chemical infrastructure and processes
- DWAF currently developing a guideline document



Progress: contributions to related initiatives

- Better working relationship achieved with key sector partners (e.g. DPLG, NT, WRC, DBSA), who now involve DWAF in all IAM-related initiatives
- Institutions such as IMESA are asking how they can be involved
- Contributions made to related initiatives by others, particularly:
 - Contributions to DWAF initiative on DWQ councillor training
 - Comments on NT draft “Framework for the financial management of assets”
 - With DBSA, pilot the strategy in 2 munics (Sol Plaatjie WSA and West Coast DM)



Progress: presentations, papers and articles

- Other areas that we have been involved in:
 - Article for Mvula diary
 - Paper at IMESA national conference
 - Strategy presented in 6 provinces – the rest will be visited in coming months. Well received



The way forward:

- Latest version of strategy is available
- Implementation plan will be completed by April 2008.
- Will have a 2nd reference group meeting early March to finalize strategy
- Meantime, bilaterals will continue with sector partners and DWAF internally



Content of Strategy

- Mission, Vision, objectives
- Approach on how we will implement strategy
- Focus of strategy will be to guide and empower LG to practice sound iam
- DWAF will lead the strategy but sector plays a big role in terms of taking some of the actions identified forward



Thank you!

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