

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION

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NORTH WEST PROVINCIAL OPERATIONS: LIMITING THE USE OF WATER FOR URBAN AND IRRIGATION PURPOSES FROM SEHUIJWANE, MARICO-BOSVELD, KROMELLENBOOG, SWARTRUGGENS, PELLA, MADIKWE, MOLATEDI, LINDLEYSPOORT AND KOSTER DAMS

I, **Sifiso Mkhize**, in my capacity as Director-General (Acting) of the Department of Water and Sanitation, on reasonable grounds believe that a water shortage exists in the Elands River catchment upstream of the Koster, Lindleyspoort and Swartruggens Dams as well as within the Marico River catchment due to insufficient rains and that it is necessary to limit the taking of water from Sehujwane, Marico-Bosveld, Kromellenboog, Pella, Madikwe, Molatedi, Lindleyspoort and Koster Dams.

The Minister of Water and Sanitation may in terms of item 6 (1) of Schedule 3 to the Act limit the use of water in the area concerned if the Minister on reasonable grounds believes that a water shortage exists within the area concerned. This power has been delegated to me in terms of section 63 (1) (b) of the Act.

Therefore in my capacity as the Director-General (Acting) of the Department of Water and Sanitation, I hereby under delegated authority in terms of item 6 (1) of Schedule 3 to the Act limit the taking of water from the Elands and Marico subsystems by all users as follows-

1. Sehujwane Dam

- (a) 70% restriction on the full water requirement of 0.916 million m³/annum for domestic use

2. Marico-Bosveld and Kromellenboog Dams

- (a) 50% restriction on the full water requirement of 18.71 million m³/annum for irrigation use

3. Swartruggens Dam

- (a) 100% restriction on the full water requirement of 2.2 million m³/annum for domestic use

4. Pella dam

- (a) 65% restriction on the full water requirement of 0.266 million m³/annum for domestic use

5. Molatedi Dam

- (a) 50% restriction on 7.3 million m³/annum for domestic use in Botswana 50% restriction on 5.0 million m³/annum for domestic use in South Africa
- (b) 75% restriction on 0.18 million m³/annum for irrigation use in Botswana
- (c) 75% restriction on 10.8 million m³/annum for irrigation use in South Africa

6. Lindleypoor Dam

- (a) 50% restriction on the full water requirement of 5.15 million m³/annum for irrigation use

7. Koster Dam

- (a) 80% restriction on the full water requirement of 2.61 million m³/annum for irrigation use
- (b) 40% restriction on the full water requirement of 1.12 million m³/annum for domestic use

8. Madikwe Dam

- a) 20% restriction on the full water requirement of 0.993 million m³/annum for domestic use

The limitations apply from the date of this until further notice.

In exercising the powers, I have given preference to the maintenance of the Reserve, treated all water users on a basis that is fair and reasonable, considered the actual extent of the water shortage, the likely effects of the shortage on the water users, the strategic importance of any water use and any water rationing or water use limitations by a water services institution having jurisdiction in the area concerned under the Water Services Act 108 of 1997.

Placing a limitation on the taking of water use as set out in this notice is an administrative action affecting the rights of the public as contemplated in section 4 of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act 3 of 2000 (PAJA). After I have taken into consideration all relevant factors, including those referred to in section 4 (4) (b), I have decided that it is reasonable and justifiable in the circumstances to depart from the requirements referred to in section 4 (1) (a) to (e), (2) and (3) and instituted this limitation without allowing the water users affected and other role players to comment on the matter before I institute the limitation.

This notice overrides any other previous authorisation on water restrictions issued by the Department relating to this area.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL
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