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AMATOLA WATER SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGES MAKANA COMMUNITY IN THE PROVISION OF WATER SERVICES

The Amatola Water Board, Department of Water and Sanitation and the Makana Municipality engaged stakeholders and community members to report on efforts underway to address water provision needs in the area of the municipality. This session was held on Monday, 19 June 2023, at the Makana Municipal Council Chambers.

The consultation session was oversubscribed with members of the community in attendance. The Provincial Head of the Department of Water and Sanitation, Ms Portia Makhanya and Chairperson of Amatola Water Board, Ms Pam Yako, were joined by the Mayor of Makhanda Municipality, Ms Yandiswa Vara in a session facilitated by the Municipal Speaker, Councillor Mabhuti Matyumza. Interactions during the session emphasised the need to be collaborative and accessible with excellence as a cornerstone.

Amatola Water is appointed to provide operation, maintenance and management support to the bulk water service infrastructure. This support includes the management of four water treatment works. These being Waainek, James Kleynhans, Alicedale and Riebeeck East. In the area of Makana Municipality the current water demand is 18 mega litres per day. Current production stands at 14 mega litres per day, meaning a shortfall of 4 mega litres per day.

Amatola Water Board's interventions are directed at securing the current capacity of 14 mega litres per day whilst implementing solutions that are designed to both sustainably solve the shortfall and provide a surplus that can ensure better forward planning.

Appreciative of the economic significance of the National Arts Festival, special attention is being paid to ensure that during this time the event is not affected by water provision challenges.

Stakeholders also raised concerns about the quality of water that is provided. It was reported that water purification was also a central part of interventions underway to ensure clean and safe.

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Community members attending the consultation supported the tripartite partnership of Amatola Water, the Department of Water and Sanitation and Makana Municipality and urged the parties to continue in their collaborative relationship.

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