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### **WATER CHALLENGES IN DIPALESENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

The municipality is experiencing water supply disruptions that affect communities throughout the whole jurisdiction. This is a direct result of the following reasons;

- Aged and dilapidated infrastructure which condition has continued to deteriorate over the years.
- Old water supply system – asbestos pipes that are constantly bursting, and
- Continuous load shedding and reduction that is implemented by Eskom.

The municipality has a historic challenge of old water supply system that was designed for a relatively small community with limited supply capacity. Over the years, the municipality has experienced population growth as well as expansions in development which also result in increased water supply demand.

This undesirable situation requires a complete overhaul of the entire water supply system which propels the municipality to embark on numerous projects that will collectively address this problem. The municipality aims to correct this serious situation and eliminate all water supply challenges by the end of 2023 through the implementation of the following infrastructure projects;

- Upgrading of water supply pumps where challenges are experienced.

- Upgrading of the capacity of Fortuna Water Works from 6.5 Mega litres per day to 19.5 Mega litres per day.
- Upgrading of feeder water pipelines, whereby the Balfour to Grootvlei pipeline has already been completed with Siyathemba/Balfour to Greylingstad & Nthoroane is still outstanding. This will address the current problematic asbestos pipes that are constantly bursting.
- Construction on new water storage /Upgrading of reservoirs in Nthoroane, Balfour and Greylingstad, this will address capacity issues in all areas.

Dipaleseng Local Municipality is a licensed water service provider and holds this obligation in high esteem. The quality of the water supplied by the municipality is regularly tested and monitored by Dipaleseng Local Municipality and Gert Sibande District Municipality at its laboratory. The Department of Water and Sanitation also conducts regular and random sampling to ensure its safety for consumption.

The municipality commits to continue to maintain the current system to ensure water provision. Water tankers will also continue to be utilized on an ad hoc basis in the event of such disruptions. The community is requested to continue to be understanding and cooperative during this time or until such time that all these matters are comprehensively resolved by the municipality.

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