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DEPARTMENT HAS ITS FIRST WATER AND SANITATION SUMMIT

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TAUNG: The MEC for Local Government and Human Settlements in the North West, Motlalepula Rosho will engage, as a matter of urgency, in a session with the water utility, Sedibeng Water in an effort to discuss the provision of water in the province. This came at a district water summit held in Taung for Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti district, yesterday

The water summit was intended to assess the level of provision of water and sanitation, the effectiveness of institutional arrangements, planning; operation and maintenance of water infrastructure.

MEC Rosho said a session with Sedibeng Water will have to openly discuss the challenges encountered by municipalities and the department in pursuit of providing water to households and public facilities. "We need to also discuss at length assess amongst others discuss at length, incomplete and upcoming projects", she said.

She appealed to ward councillors to robustly engage with their communities in order to consolidate inputs on water challenges in various wards within the Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti district. "We need to start engaging with our communities through ward committees. There has to be an improved relationship between the district municipality and its local municipalities if we are to improve on providing basic services to our communities", she said.

"If our water resources are not well managed, protected, conserved and developed in a sustainable manner, we will have a water crisis", said Jerry Mononela Municipal Manager at Dr. Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti district municipality.

Inadequate planning on water and sanitation, poor maintenance and funding of infrastructure are some of the root causes has led to continuous interrupted water provision in the district.

Other similar summits will be held in the remaining three districts, i.e. Ngaka Modiri Molema, Dr Kenneth Kaunda and Bojanala Platinum districts in preparation for a provincial water summit.

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