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Department convenes municipalities in Dr Kenneth Kaunda for a water summit

Klerksdorp - Municipalities in the Dr Kenneth Kaunda district are faced with challenge of poor quality effluent that get discharged into the rivers due to ineffective biological processes, non-functional equipment and high concentration of suspended solids cause blockages to the sewer.

Other challenges include the unavailability of operation and maintenance personnel has negatively impacted on the optimal operation of the waste water treatment works, constant theft of sewer, electricity equipments and electro-mechanical components.

This came to light at the district water summit for the Dr Kenneth Kaunda district which was held in Klerksdorp yesterday.

In Maquassi hills local municipality, the current state of the waste water treatment works does not meet the regulatory requirements. According to the Department of Water and Sanitation, the municipality requires funding to energise the additional new plant. Matlosana needs to upgrade the outfall sewer lines and manholes, replace all dysfunctional plant equipment's and appoint operation and maintenance workers.

The North West MEC for Local Government and Human Settlements, Motlalepula Rosho said the department is working with all stakeholders, including the Department of Water and Sanitation to assist municipalities in dealing with the amongst others, the challenge of ailing water and sewer infrastructure.

"It is for these reasons that we have had sessions in all the four districts to get to understand the kind of challenges that municipalities are faced with and that will assist us to present these challenges to both the national Department of Cooperative Governance and Water and Sanitation

in order to appropriately deploy resources to deal with these challenges once and for all”, she said.

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