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Water supply to be restored in Ramotshere Moiloa municipality

Lehurutshe – Malfunctioning boreholes in and around Ramotshere Moiloa local municipality will be repaired in order to restore supply of water in areas that have been adversely affected by water shortage.

North West MEC for Local Government and Human Settlements, Collen Maine has summoned officials responsible for water provision in the district to ensure that all the boreholes that have not been functioning because they have either been vandalised or are old, be repaired. The restoration of such boreholes forms part of the department's intervention to sort out the water crisis in areas such as Gopane, Dinokana, Ntsweletsoku and Welbedacht in Ramotshere Moiloa.

A joint operation committee which is coordinated by the Department and consists of members of the South African Police Service (SAPS), emergency medical services, officials from Ngaka Modiri Molema district and Ramotshere Moiloa local municipalities, Department of Water and Sanitation, water utilities (Sedibeng and Botshelo), has been established to ensure full restoration of water supply and to also deal with any case that may erupt in the process.

Meanwhile, MEC Maine has appealed to communities in Ngaka Modiri Molema district to refrain from vandalising water infrastructure to raise their dissatisfaction about the provincial government's intervention at Ngaka Modiri Molema district municipality. "Vandalism is a criminal offence and perpetrators will face full might of the law", he said.

End.

PICTURES

PIC 1: from left Chief Director for Development and Planning Seth Ramagaga addressing MEC for Local Government and Human Settlement Collen Maine about the state of boreholes near N4 road in Lehurutshe.

PIC 2: from left North West Regional Director- Department of Water and Sanitation Chadwick Lobakeng, Ramotshere Moiloa Municipality Mayor Africa and MEC for Local Government and Human Settlement Collen Maine

PIC 3: MEC for Local Government and Human Settlement Collen Maine addressing Joint Operation Committee

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