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GOVERNMENT ATTEND TO WATER CRISIS IN NGAKA MODIRI MOLEMA DISTRICT

Mahikeng- Continuation of districts water summit continues to unearth water blockages in various parts of the North West Province. These summits started in the district of Dr. Ruth Segomotsi Mompati in the previous two weeks. On Wednesday it was convened in the District of Ngaka Modiri Molema and the summits will continue in the last two districts of Bojanala and Dr. Kenneth Kaunda next week 26 February, 27 February respectively. These summits are meant to assess the level of Water and Sanitation services in the Districts; assess the effectiveness of the institutional arrangements; levels of planning operation and maintenance of water infrastructure with clear intention to consolidate outcomes to be discussed during the upcoming Provincial Water Summit in due course.

During discussions the Ngaka Modiri Molema District acknowledged the continuation of water crisis. "There is a limited underground water supply, generic drought which affects the district and vandalism which continues unabated in our water infrastructure, as such it makes it difficult to provide water effectively" said Abraham Senwedi, Water Services manager in the District.

In dealing with water challenges in the entire district, Ngaka Modiri Molema district committed itself to strengthen their planning processes and put reasonable budget aside for operations and maintenance of water infrastructure to provide water service in communities in a sustainable manner. Furthermore, the district municipality will continue to improve intergovernmental relations with local municipalities and Sedibeng Water as an implementing agent. Monitor implementation of Service Level Agreements (SLA's) and Recruit qualified process controllers for operation of Sanitation plants and do feasibility study with an intention to seek for a permanent solution.

The Head of the Department of Local Government and Human Settlements in the North West Province, Pihadu Motoko emphasized the fact that, these



summits must provide the permanent solutions facing the water crises across the province. “ I remain confident that water crises will be something of the past going forward after we shall have come up with permanent water infrastructure across the affected areas in the province” Charged Motoko. He further advised the district municipality to establish War Room as a matter of urgency which includes all relevant sectors departments to resolve the water crisis.

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