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Update on water rationing

Despite the recent rain Makana is still in a drought situation. Some of the dams have begun to recover and James Kleynhans water treatment plant is being operated at its full current capacity. Howieson's Poort Dam is sitting at 90% but Settler's Dam remains at a disappointing 5%.

If the municipality started pumping water to the entire community 24/7 the water in Howieson's Poort would be depleted in approximately 3 months. Using the 2 days on 1 day off system this could be extended to 10 months which would bring us back into a period when it would be likely to rain and hopefully replenish Settler's Dam to a more sustainable level of 30% minimum.

The benefit of 2 days on 1 day off is the pattern of supply is predictable and the water management team are fully committed to make sure that this pattern is maintained. Eskom has agreed avoid load shedding the JK water treatment plant which can lead to more unpredictable supply.

In the meantime residents are reminded that water restrictions are still in force. Please report any leaks on MobiSam, to the Municipality Customer Care number 046 603 6136/6000 and GRA Office.

If you do not receive water on a WATER ON day please report this to any of the above contacts. There are several social media platforms that one can use, Makana Local Municipality Communication Facebook page, GRA Facebook page, mobisam.net and the WhatsApp numbers that we use to communicate.

For WATER OFF days please be sure to store enough water to wash hands especially on entering your home.

Please make sure that elderly and infirm family members and neighbours also have access to water on WATER OFF days.

Please note that water will be OFF tomorrow and will ON Saturday and Sunday, Off Monday and so on.

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