

# ZULULAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY (DC26)

## WATER SERVICES DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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As per the Water Services Act, 1997 (No. 108 of 1997), Water Service Authorities (WSAs) are obliged to prepare and adopt Water Service Development Plans (WSDP) for their areas of jurisdiction.

In terms of the provisions of the Act, this WSDP is to provide a mechanism for ensuring a holistic approach to water sector planning at District and Local Municipality level and needs to take into account the need for improved access to efficient, affordable, economical and sustainable water services as well as an integrated approach to water resource management within the Zululand District Municipality (ZDM). All areas within the ZDM have been subjected to holistic planning on a regional scale so as to determine the most cost effective, least maintenance options for water supply. Water resources have also been investigated holistically as have environmental considerations pertaining to water supply.

The WSDP should be an effective planning and management tool to be used in addressing water related priorities and development objectives and to enhance progress in poverty elimination. The WSDP is furthermore a sectoral plan that deals with socio economic, technical, financial, institutional and environmental issues as they pertain to water services and feeds into the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) of the ZDM. The IDP of the ZDM has been linked to and integrated with this WSDP. The IDP, which is for a five year period, is a strategic planning instrument which guides and informs all planning, budgeting, management and decision making in the ZDM. In this regard it must be noted that components of the WSDP relate to components of the IDP although certain WSDP components are specific to the WSDP.

In the case of the ZDM, the WSDP is also intended to address the sector planning needs of each of the 5 Local Municipalities (LMs) namely Abaqulusi, Ulundi, Nongoma, eDumbe and uPhongolo. This WSDP is a joint initiative and has been fully inclusive and transparent at both district and local level. Regular monthly meetings and a number of workshops have been held to promote inclusivity and invite participation at all levels. Through this process the ZDM as WSA has accepted ownership of their WSDP and can confirm that the plan is acceptable to both officials and Councillors of the District Municipality as well as to the officials and Councillors of the five LMs who make up the District.

The key objectives for the establishment of the ZDM WSDP include:

- Ensuring that the WSDP is based on an understanding of the issues and challenges facing the ZDM and responding in a manner which will establish a strategic framework including appropriate visions, strategies, programmes and projects, performance indicators etc, all underpinned by an appropriate financial framework;
- Ensuring that the WSDP is the result of an interactive and participatory process. Agreement is required on the contents of the WSDP based on a thorough understanding of development issues and process by the various local stakeholders.
- Ensuring that the WSDP becomes a strategic instrument that will guide planning, budgeting, management and decision-making on water services within the ZDM.
- Facilitating the effective use of limited resources and funding available.
- Promoting the co-ordinated delivery of development between the District Municipality and the 5 LMs of Abaqulusi, eDumbe, Nongoma, uPhongola and Ulundi, service providers, provincial and national departments and individual stakeholders.

This plan has been compiled in accordance with the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (DWAF) '**Water Services Development Plan Guidelines for Water Services Authorities, Preparation Guide, draft, July 2001**'. As the WSDP document is intended to be a dynamic document that accurately reflects the status of the evolving water sector needs of the District, a file format has been chosen for presentation with each section separated by an appropriately numbered divider. This allows for updates and amendments without reproducing the entire document. The latest revision number and the revision date to any particular section of the document are both indicated in the footnote of that section. A second volume incorporates the appendices or additional data. All the tables that appear in the guide have been reproduced in this document. Not all the tables could be completed in full, and where a table has been left empty reasons have been given. In addition to the tables from the DWAF preparation guide, it was felt that some data could be better explained or represented in a different format. Many of these additional tables are not specifically labelled, but merely placed in the relevant sections. In some instances where more than one table has been used in a section, an alphabetical suffix has been added to the section number to discern the various tables. The contents of the WSDP are mapped on the ZDM GIS and are constantly revised and updated as the data gathering process yields improved results. Electronic data captured from the WSDP information gathering process may be viewed on the ZDM website at [www.zululand.org.za](http://www.zululand.org.za). This document has also been captured on the DWAF web page that may be viewed at [www.dwaf.org.za](http://www.dwaf.org.za).



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