



BCRM WATER NOTICE 10/2022

## BLUE CRANE ROUTE MUNICIPALITY (EC102)

### NOTICE No. 10/2022

#### **IMMINENT WATER INTERRUPTIONS IN SOMERSET EAST: WORK IN PROGRESS AT ORANGE FISH WATER TREATMENT WORKS**

The Blue Crane Route Municipality would like to inform residents that there will be an impending water interruption for the area of Somerset East due to work in progress at Orange Fish WTW.

The contractor on site is at the stage of repairing and upgrading the clarifiers (sedimentation tanks). There are two (2) sedimentation tanks at the WTW, one will be decommissioned for repairs and upgrades. Once it is completed, it will be brought back to operation and the second one will be decommissioned as well.

**It is expected that this will take approximately, 60 to 75 days (2 to 3 months, if everything goes according to the plan.**

It be noted that,

- 1) There will be less volume of water (flowrate) being treated in the WTW, this then means that, less water to be pumped to the Nojoli reservoirs.
- 2) The Nojoli reservoir will not be at full capacity to provide adequate pressure to supply and/or augment water to all areas. Most areas will be experiencing sporadic low-pressure supply and/or water interruptions, particularly the high lying areas such as Hill, Aeroville (New Town), Westview (Stones Hill), Francisvale, Nkqantosi (Nxanxadi Street) etc.
- 3) The load shedding being implemented by ESKOM will adversely affects or worsen the situation.
- 4) Although the Contractor has made an allowance in the planning of the operation, continuous loadshedding and extended municipal Power Failures (if any) will put the operation of the WTW under immense pressure, resulting in insufficient volumes of water being pumped to the reservoirs and sporadic disruptions in the water supply might be experienced form time to time,
- 5) However, all precautionary measures will be implemented to minimise / prevent / limit disruptions in the water reticulation system.

It is suggested that all water consumers are urged to implement the following water restrictions. These water restrictions will assist to eliminate some of the apparent challenges we have as the municipality, as weather conditions are severely hot, it means that the water consumption will be very high.

**NB: All water consumers are urged to use water sparingly.**

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**The following restrictions be implemented until further notice:**

- 1) **No use of hosepipes allowed (to water gardens, wash cars, hose down walls or paving, top up pools, fountains or ponds, etc.), unless:**
  - a) **The water is from a source other than municipal (i.e. rainwater tank).**
  - b) **The water is used for firefighting purposes.**
- 2) **Water usage must not exceed 100 litres per day per household. Where possible, consumers are urged to collect rainwater for household use.**
- 3) **No use of sprinklers or irrigation systems allowed, unless the water is from a source other than municipal.**
- 4) **All building contractors to use treated effluent, collected from any appropriate municipal WWTW and obtain authorisation thereof, other than for concrete work.**
- 5) **All households are urged, as part of the water restriction to check their water meter regularly, for any water leaks.**

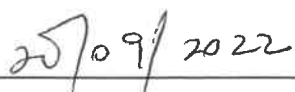
**Take note of the following water-efficient tips to be implemented to start saving water:**

- 1) Use a glass of water to rinse when brushing teeth.
- 2) Turn the tap off while doing washing or brushing teeth.
- 3) Shower instead of bathing.
- 4) Use bathwater to water gardens, grass etc.
- 5) Close taps properly.
- 6) Replace leaking washers to avoid dripping water.
- 7) Wash fruit, vegetables using a bowl.
- 8) Swiftly fix households leaks.
- 9) Report all BCRM water pipeline leakages promptly.

**Please Note: Report all Water Leakages to Technical Services Department at: Tel: 042 243 6452**

The municipality would like to apologise for the inconvenience caused, BCRM is working for you.

  
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