

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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### **POLOKWANE MUNICIPALITY ENGAGES ON WATER TRIAL OPERATION**

Polokwane Municipality is engaging on a trial operation to see the effects of keeping reservoirs open at night.

This comes in a wake of low levels from the Krugersburg reservoirs. Reservoir levels improved when reservoir outlets were closed at night and opened in the morning. However, this had impacted negatively on the distribution network. With that being the case, the municipality stopped closing reservoir outlets at night to allow distribution system to balance.

The municipality has had to send water tankers to areas such as larger part of Bendor, Madiba Park, Legae la Batho, Extension 76, Pietersburg Hospital and Mediclinic soon as outlets are closed at night. These areas, under normal operations, would not need water tankers. Supply through water tankers to those areas has left rural Polokwane without attention as priority was given to health facilities as well as keeping the sewers flowing.


A trial operation, that the municipality engaged in, has received far less complaints of water from users and halved areas of tankering. The Potgieter reservoir has also shown a slight improvement due to this operation.


The municipality will continue to provide temporary relief measure to areas that are still experiencing water shortages, in particular higher lying areas.


Polokwane Municipality urges all to continue using water sparingly in an effort to allow flow to pick up in high lying areas; keeping water in the pipes; and sharing the little but extremely precious resource.

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