

AGENDA ITEM		RESPONSIBLE PERSON
1.	<p><b>WELCOME</b></p> <p>The Chairperson extended a warm welcome and thanked all present for their attendance.</p>	Marlene Laros
2.	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>Marius Nel – Witsand Angling Club            Martin Fourie – BRSA            Ellie Hill – Witsand Ratepayers            Elkerine Rossouw - BOCMA            Rob Wilson - Oysterbeds Homeowners Association (OHOA)            Kieth Spencer – CapeNature            Francois Kotze _ODM            Pierre de Villiers – CapeNature</p>	

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<p><b>PRESENT</b></p> <p><b>IN-PERSON</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Marlene Laros (ML) – DEA&amp;DP: Biodiversity and Coastal Management</li> <li>2. Carmen van Uys (CvU) - DEA&amp;DP: Coastal Management</li> <li>3. Caren George (CG) - DEA&amp;DP: Coastal Management</li> <li>4. Andrew Crawford (AC) - Lower Breede River Conservancy Trust (LBRCT) and Malagas Residents Association (MRA)</li> <li>5. Jason Oxley (JO)- Lower Breede River Conservancy Trust (LBRCT)</li> <li>6. Siyasanga Miza-Tshangana (SM) - DEA&amp;DP: Coastal Management</li> <li>7. Kgadi Makgakga (KM) – BOCMA: Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement</li> <li>8. Theodore Martin (TM) – Overberg District Municipality</li> <li>9. Ron Brunings (RB) - Swellendam Municipality</li> <li>10. Mark Saunders (MS)- SAMSА</li> </ol> <p><b>MS TEAMS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. Mfundo Ndovela – DEA&amp;DP: Coastal Management</li> <li>12. Sean Eekhout (SE) – Centre for Estuarine Research &amp; Conservation (CERC)</li> <li>13. Gunther Frantz (GF) – DEA&amp;DP: Pollution and Chemicals Management</li> <li>14. Craig Midgely (CM) - Centre for Estuarine Research &amp; Conservation (CERC)</li> <li>15. Lorna Dlakana (LD) – DEA&amp;DP: Pollution and Chemicals Management</li> <li>16. Giselle Murison (GM) – BirdlifeSA</li> <li>17. Phillip Hendricks (PH) - Hessequa Municipality</li> <li>18. JD Filmlalter – Kontiki Homeowners Association (KHOA)</li> <li>19. Enrico Gennari (EG) - Infanta Residents Association (IRRA)</li> <li>20. Arabel McClelland (AM) – DEA&amp;DP: Pollution Monitoring &amp; Information Management</li> <li>21. Anton Potgieter (AP) Fulela Trade and Invest 68CC (t/a Inhoek Farm)</li> <li>22. Sharon Pollard (SP) - Freshwater Research Centre (FRC)</li> <li>23. Monique Mulder (MM) – Malagas Ratepayers Association</li> </ol> <p>Attendance register attached as <b>Annexure A</b></p>	
<p><b>3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</b></p> <p>Amendment: Summary of Action Items</p> <p>Should read: Follow-up meeting between CERC, CapeNature and DEA&amp;DP: Coastal Management to discuss EMP Implementation monitoring.</p> <p>Should read: Public Information meeting regarding SLA on 16 May.</p>	

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	Previous minutes accepted by SE and seconded by PH.	
4.	<b>AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA</b> None	
5.	<b>PRESENTATION: Ecological Infrastructure Management Plan for the upper Breede (2 catchments)</b> ML comments: For the first project, maybe link to one-health project EIMP project, is it part of GEF 6 programme of work? Term Ecological infrastructure used to draw implications of goods and services delivered to people. We have EIF and identify risks and priorities. May allow increased leverage investment. To assist local government to respond to local risks.  SP responded that project is part of GEF 6. Will engage DEA&DP further on the EIF project. Gap in IDP in that there is no mention of this.	Sharon Pollard of the Freshwater Research Centre (FRC)
6.	<b>ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING</b> Breede River Estuary Advisory Forum (BREAF) newsletter – capacity constraints within DEA&DP: Communications, will endeavor to improve this with the implementation of the BREMP.  Workshop with Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and Development Planning (DEA&DP): - no date secured as yet; still work in progress, have secured an engagement on 11 September with the DEA&DP Land Management for a discussion with the Sensitive Habitat WG. Meeting details will be forwarded.  Standard operating procedure (SOP) from Province for the working groups in terms of escalating a problem. What are the steps and who are the people that can lead those steps? The SOP should also include the role players, their responsibilities, and the timeframe to address those issues. Draft SOP circulated to BREAF within the next week. A work in progress  Need high level meeting between Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) and the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) regarding legislated Resources Quality Objectives (RQO's) and classes established for the different estuaries as well as coordinated approach to monitoring. Work in Progress.  Estuaries Monitoring Course planned for 10 & 11 September – RSVPs closed and planning well underway.  Need for Due Management presentation.	Carmen van Uys

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	Follow-up meeting between CERC, CapeNature and DEA&DP: Coastal Management to discuss EMP Implementation process. – CERC and CapeNature have merged, another engagement to set up with DEA&DP.	
7.	<p><b>ZONATION STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT FEEDBACK AND INPUTS FROM BREAF</b></p> <p>Significant efforts made to obtain broad stakeholder inputs and no intention to exclude anyone.  Surprised to hear objection to no-wake zone around the pont, previously there was a wire going across  Should not compromise on safety – municipality and SAMSA to advise on  Broad resistance to see zonation in place</p> <p>SE: maybe change wording in EMP that zonation is purely about managing user conflict and safety.  SE: submerged macrophytes map is out of date</p> <p>AP: most people on Breede don't want more rules.</p> <p>RMA will need to identify risks, put measures and place and manage accordingly with municipality.</p> <p>EG: need more in-depth discussion on the zonation, kob fishing over the last 15 to 20 years, assessing threats to saltmarshes without compromising user access etc. These to be included in the EMP.</p> <p>JD: proposed kitesurfing zone mentioned and that it should be increased slightly at the mouth area, and this could lead to more conflict especially the fisherman using the shallow sand area.  JO responded to say that we were only thinking of extending the zone a small little bit as we have received 1 objection from an elderly gentleman so didn't want to exclude anyone that wants to kitesurf from the Kontiki area. Kitesurfing is quite self-regulated and there shouldn't be a big increase over that area. We could manage or mediate the conflict.</p> <p>SE: self-regulation of users could be more useful than adding more restrictions; maybe we should focus more on compliance promotion and education and awareness raising  ML: we need to revitalise the Awareness WG; to be added to the agenda</p> <p>EG: prioritise the conservation of biodiversity on the Breede River, dedicated discussion with RMA and DFFE  Also to include Connection between de Hoop Nature reserve and MPA, resilience in landscapes</p>	All
8.	<p><b>DRAFT REVISED BREEDE EMP – INPUTS FROM BREAF ON UPDATED VERSION</b></p> <p>Update zonation section following the discussions, send to BREAF for another round of comments before submission to MEC by end of September.</p>	All

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	<p>NMU research not related to specialist workshop that we are arranging. We can look into accessing the research related to the Breede River.</p> <p>EG: how will RMA take forward the zonation related to conservation issues. ML confirming that we will not include special habitats on zonation but rather address and emphasise in EMP.</p> <p>SE: habitat group to sit with revised EMP, EMP achievements (refer to email) to be discussed at next meeting.</p> <p>JD asked about the establishment of Protected Area and ML confirmed that there is no requirement but any intention to establish new protected areas is driven by the National Biodiversity Assessment, the National Protected Areas Expansion and the Provincial Expansion Strategy, this is formal protection under NEMPA.</p> <p>BREAF to send all inputs by 13 September 2024.</p>	
9.	<p><b>URGENT NEW MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointment of Implementing Agency to be added to next agenda</li> <li>• EMP achievements (refer to email) to be discussed at next meeting</li> <li>• Constraints in terms of NEMA transgressions – 2 reported in June (Kontiki and Zeekenhuis) and no feedback, inspections and blitzes. No feedback on remedial action being taken. Need to workshop, who is the EMLs in the area and what steps to follow.</li> </ul>	
10.	<p><b>SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow-up meeting between CERC, CapeNature and DEA&amp;DP: Coastal Management to discuss EMP Implementation monitoring.</li> <li>• A dedicated discussion on the specific indicators that DWS will provide feedback on in the BREAF Meetings, for example groundwater and water quality etc. MLS and Sharon</li> <li>• Need to revitalise the Awareness WG; to be added to the agenda</li> <li>• BREAF to send all EMP inputs by 13 September 2024.</li> <li>• Appointment of Implementing Agency to be added to next agenda</li> <li>• EMP achievements (refer to email) to be discussed at next meeting</li> <li>• Update on 2 NEMA transgressions (Kontiki and Zeekenhuis) – Jason Oxley to send the relevant information</li> </ul>	<p>Sean Eekhout</p> <p>Caren George</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>Marlene Laros</p> <p>Carmen van Uys</p> <p>Mfundo Ndovela</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SOP to be circulated to BREAF</li> <li>Update on specialist workshop</li> </ul>	<p>Mundo Ndovela</p> <p>Carmen van Uys</p>
11.	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND CLOSURE</b></p> <p>The chairperson thanked all for their participation and continued commitment to the Breede estuary. Upcoming date for 2024 is 12 November 2024.</p>	

Minutes proposed by Sean Eekhout and accepted by Monique Mulder