

AGENDA ITEM		RESPONSIBLE PERSON
1.	<p>WELCOME</p> <p>The Chairperson extended a warm welcome and thanked all present for their attendance.</p>	Marlene Laros
2.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pieter-Chris Blom - South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) 2. Dr Enrico Gennari - Oceans Research Institute (ORI) 3. JD Filmatter (Kontiki Homeowners Association) 4. Keith Spencer – CapeNature 5. Pierre de Villiers – CapeNature 6. Rob Wilson – Oysterbeds Homeowners Association 7. Shagon Carelse – Hessequa Municipality 8. Zayed Brown – DEA&DP: Pollution and Chemicals Management 	

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3.	<p>PRESENT</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marlene Laros (ML) (Chairperson) DEA&DP: Biodiversity and Coastal Management 2. Carmen van Uys (CVU) DEA&DP: Coastal Management 3. Caren George (CG) DEA&DP: Coastal Management 4. Nyanisa Tshaya (NT) DEA&DP: Coastal Management 5. Ron Brunings (RB) Swellendam Municipality 6. Melissa Lintnaar-Strauss (MLS) Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) 7. Andrew Crawford (AC) Malagas Residents Association (MRA) Matjieskloof Area 4 8. Sean Eekhout (SE) Centre for Estuarine Research and Conservation (CERC) 9. Jason Oxley (JO) Lower Breede River Conservancy Trust (LBRCT) 10. Peter Muller (PM) Lower Breede River Conservancy Trust (LBRCT) 11. Anton Potgieter (AP) Fulela Trade and Invest 68CC (t/a Inhoek Farm) 12. Marius Nel (MN) Witsand Angling Club 13. Martin Fourie (MF) Breede River Stakeholders Association (BRSA) 14. Peter Silbernagl (PS) Infanta Ratepayers and Residents Association (IRRA) <p>Attendance register attached as Annexure A</p>	
3.1	<p>PRESENTATION: Water Quality results in the Breede River over the last three years Stand over for next meeting</p>	Zayed Brown
3.2	<p>PRESENTATION: MyEstuary – A collaboration platform <u>Sean Eekhout presented and demonstrated a web-based estuarine information management portal.</u></p> <p><u>Comments:</u> ML noted that enforcement must always be a government mandate MN supports this platform as it consolidates information, observations on the ground and provide an avenue for layman's information. He noted that the information can be used for data capturing. He mentioned that the working groups could play a role in terms of adding information. MN requested that there should be an engagement with the fisherman.) AP asked how we will deal with anonymous reporting (trust issue), reporting overload (how do you manage, who do we report what transgressions to).</p>	Sean Eekhout
3.3	<p>PRESENTATION: Witsand Angling Club Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current liquor license holder 	Marius Nel

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership very high and very involved and want to contribute to MyEstuary • Want to continue conducting their sport • Currently, finances good • Willing to contribute to the BREAf • Provide infrastructure for members, projects to support infrastructure • Request to use layman's terms 	
4.	APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES Previous minutes were accepted by SE and seconded by MLS.	
5.	AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA Addition to Agenda 3.3: Presentation from Witsand Angling Club	Marius Nel
6.	ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING 1 FEBRUARY 2022 6.1 Presentation on list of legislation that has relevance to estuarine management for a future BREAf meeting. CvU to engage Pierre de Villiers 6.2 Update on public launch site at the Malgas Pont. CvU to engage Ron Brunings	Pierre de Villiers Ron Brunings
7.	REPORT BACK ON PROGRESS WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF EMP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • final products produced through project include institutional framework for Breede River Estuary Advisory Forum (BREAf) • inaugural BREAf meeting in February 2022 • research report including proposed management interventions, communication strategy and GIS information on floodlines, erosion zones, alien invasive species, riverine structure, land use and zonation. 	Carmen van Uys
8.	REPORT BACK ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF, AND COMPLIANCE WITH, LEGISLATION, INCLUDING LOCAL BYLAWS	
	8.1 Swellendam Municipality Transgressions in terms of setback lines (5m contour line) remains a problem along the estuary in terms of building control, there are environmental issues given the large, and increasing, numbers of private slipways, agriculture zoned areas tend to be problematic from a development perspective given that prospective land owners see no difference with what they should and should not be permitted on such land given the proximity of the zoned residential properties although the legislation (NEMA, agriculture legislation etc) deems	Ron Brunings

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<p>otherwise. It is noted that of the conservancy tanks that have been installed at a number of waterside erven many years ago have never been suctioned / serviced by the Municipality, which implies that they may have been tampered with (holes in base) with the resultant environmental / health issues,</p> <p>It was noted that DEA&DP: Compliance need to have a much stronger capacity / local presence - environmental transgressions, such as illegal clearing, filling cannot wait for 2-3 weeks until action is taken. The Swellendam Municipality does not have capacity in terms of such compliance, as it does not have an environmental unit. It does what it can in terms of the National Building Regulations to issue cease works orders when the activity is deemed unauthorised, but this does not cover the full spectrum of transgressions.</p> <p>Hessequa side more agriculture zoned, less pressure.</p> <p><u>Discussion points:</u></p> <p>JO noted that there are a water quality concerns that need attention. He also reported that there are no sampling currently taking place at the moment.</p> <p>MN mentioned the state of Jetty/slipways at Witsand. There is cleaning of fish taking place there. The allocation of resources (rates and taxes, boat licenses) is not proportional. The sites need proper infrastructure.</p> <p>ML mentioned that the municipality should encourage people not to build within the floodlines, they should consider the vulnerability in terms of climate change.</p> <p>JO noted that there are currents laws protecting natural vegetation and that it is published on the LBRCT website. LBRCT have also approached estate agents, ML mentioned that CapeNature also have very useful pamphlets on this.</p> <p>PM and JO noted that there is no DFFEE representation in the meeting. LBRCT reported that there is no presence on the Breede River in terms of MLRA compliance, no recent joint compliance operations. The operations that have taken place was not well planned in terms of timing, e.g., spring tides, timing of day, holiday periods etc.</p> <p>SE requested that the LBRCT quarterly report to municipalities be tabled at BREAF meetings. LBRCT has agreed to send annual report at end of June 2022.</p> <p>8.2 Hessequa Municipality No report back</p> <p>8.3 CapeNature</p>	

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	<p>No report back</p> <p>8.4 DFFE</p> <p>No report back</p>	
9.	<p>REPORT BACK ON MONITORING</p> <p>The Green Drop report is available for distribution. No BGCMA representative present and thus no feedback. Suggestion to request Ms Elkerine Rossouw to do presentation on the BGCMA progress and results. BGCMA does water quality monitoring including <i>E. coli</i>.</p> <p>Also ground water monitoring done nationally.</p> <p>There is monitoring taking place against Resource Water Quality Objectives.</p> <p>List of kinds of monitoring to be done in estuaries very extensive. Currently only doing water quality and quantity and managing upstream impacts on estuaries.</p> <p><u>Discussion points:</u></p> <p>SE mentioned that the provincial level water quality data is not readily available. He enquired why this is the case and if Mr Zayed Brown can also address this in his presentation at the next meeting.</p> <p>MLS responded in saying that they are only monitoring upstream impacts on estuaries.</p> <p>CG noted that there was a spreadsheet compiled by the Garden Route Estuaries Task Team to capture their efforts and that the estuary monitors are currently being capacitated.</p> <p>MN asked if there is a framework for water quality monitoring in estuaries. He also asked how often is monitoring done in the Breede River estuary. MLS to send document for distribution to the BREAf.</p>	Melissa Lintnaar-Strauss
10.	<p>REPORT BACK FROM WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>Three working groups established based on online survey done. Discussion held on how working groups will be constituted.</p> <p>Working groups will have an opportunity to report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>Matters to address at the first meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • purpose statement (ToR) • 3 priority issues that need urgent action for this year (must be action-orientated, cross-referenced to EMP) 	Carmen van Uys

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	<p>Working groups serve as collaboration platform and there will be no voting. Each working group will have an education aspect in terms of what they are doing.</p> <p>RMA will be responsible for any external communication including the introduction of working groups.</p> <p>Working groups as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fishing and Compliance Promotion (boating included)- Convenor: Marius Nel at marius@capedeli.co.za 2. Education and Communication – Convenor: Martin Fourie at martinfourie@mweb.co.za 3. Zonation – Convenor: Andrew Crawford at andrewc@crawfords.co.za 4. Sensitive Habitat Protection – Convenor: Dr Enrico Gennari at e.gennari@oceans-research.com 	
11.	<p>FEEDBACK TO AND FROM MCC AND PCC BY RMA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal Coastal Committee (MCC) all different organisations meet, EAF chairs also serve here • DEA&DP give quarterly feedback at all the EAFs and MCCs • Capacity Building – Estuary Monitoring Course to take place on 31 May, involves instrument calibration. Partnership between DEA&DP, CapeNature, DFFEE, BCLME, CSIR, NMMU and MCL. Invitations sent. • Coastal Access Strategy and Plan developed. Strategy on DEA&DP website. • In process of updating the Provincial Coastal Management programme (PCMP). It has been reviewed internally and is now out for public comment. • Intention to establish Coastal Management Line (CML) in Garden Route, now drafting policy in terms of implementation of CML. • Have a circular on interpretation of HWM. • Also sent circular to all coastal municipalities on how to consider coastal risk in terms of land use decision making. • DEA&DP has published 29 draft Estuarine Management Plans (EMPs) inviting stakeholder to provide any final comment. The Department and CapeNature are reviewing the comments that have been submitted and making appropriate changes to the EMPs. • Nurdle clean-up operations still underway, Spilltech active all along the coast. • Public Launch Site (PLS) draft list being vetted and will be advertised for public comment. • Next Provincial Estuaries Task Team scheduled for 7 June 2022. • Next Provincial Coastal Committee (PCC) meeting scheduled for 8 June 2022. • From Garden Route MCC – there is a draft CMP ready for circulation, in process of securing budget in order to finalise in this financial year. • At Garden Route Estuaries Task Team there was a BGCMA and DWS presentation in terms of roles and responsibilities in term of the Water Act. 	Caren George

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12.	<p>EDUCATION AND AWARENESS</p> <p>Each quarter put out some type of communication. For this quarter: Need to draft communication leading up to formation of BREAf, what is BREAf, working groups and how we are moving forward.</p>	Carmen van Uys
13.	<p>NEW MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>13.1 Boat licenses and tariff structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SE: Meeting held between LBRCT and Witsand residents to discuss an independent proposal to revamp the tariff structure. Do we keep it separate from BREAf? • ML: Municipality to advise if BREAf should get involve. Municipality will do PPP; RMA can keep them accountable to make information available. • Marius: how can angling club comment on this tariff structure? • RB responded that this is an annual process that has already been initiated by the municipality. It is advertised on the municipal website. <p>13.2 Zone of influence of Sebastian Bay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PS: biological or physical point of view, should still be prioritised and not get lost (Carmen check how is this captured in institutional framework) • SE: Sebastian Bay, will it relate to the marine spatial planning, maybe we can link it to this process • ML: few out already for comment, <p>13.3 Ron: Groyne (EIA), we need information on this, investigate, could be like-for-like</p>	
14.	<p>SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS</p> <p>Secretariat to capture action items at end of minutes</p> <p>Presentation from Zayed Brown at next meeting</p> <p>Secretariat to request presentation from BGCMA</p> <p>Feedback from DFFE on monitoring as well</p>	<p>Marlene Laros</p> <p>Carmen van Uys</p> <p>Zayed Brown</p> <p>Carmen van Uys</p> <p>DFFE</p>

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	DWS will send document on different types of monitoring on the Breede estuary	Melissa Lintnaar-Strauss
	Documentation and presentation from Pierre (CapeNature) feedback on ongoing enforcement operations in the Overberg cluster.	Pierre de Villiers
	Update on the Pont (PLS)	Ron Brunings/ Francois Kotze
	Communication – leading up to formation of BREAF (what is BREAF, working groups and how we are moving forward, RMA to write first draft, circulate to BREAF for comments in order to finalise)	Carmen van Uys
	Who do we report what transgressions to, land owner or user on estuary (approach CapeNature, LBRCT and others), need to decide how we will package it	
	LBRCT to send annual report for this year and last year at end of June 2022 for circulation to BREAF	Peter Muller
	Monitoring of RQOs in the Breede River estuary to be elevated to Estuaries Task Team	Caren George
15.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND CLOSURE Tuesday 19 July 2022	