



Agri SA WATER DESK

VISION

Security of excellent quality water for food security in South Africa

MISSION

Elevating the South African agricultural sector's water interests



PROMOTE

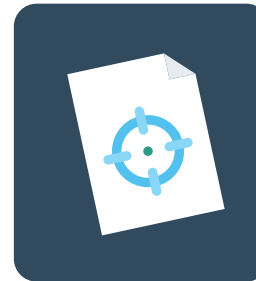
- Enabling environment for current and future farmers
- Effective and sustainable water use - doing more with less
- Correct implementation of the National Water Act
- Institutional implementation (Water Users' Associations, Catchment Management Agencies etc.)
- Water measurement / metering
- The farming condition: how much it costs, the difficulties surrounding it



ENGAGEMENT with the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS)

- The DWS is currently severely constrained (technical, financial and human resources deficit)
- This is resulting in infrastructure decline, deteriorating water quality and effective water management getting away from government
- Agri SA must focus in supporting the DWS fulfill its role as custodian of South Africa's water resources - without a functioning DWS there cannot be effective water management
- Agri SA supports localized catchment area management as provided for in terms of the National Water Act. Water Users' Associations are vital in this regard

AREAS WHERE FOCUS NEEDS TO BE SHARPENED



- Verification and Validation process
- Compulsory licensing
- Existing lawful water use and what it means
- Price determination and invoicing for water services
- Transformation in the water sector
- Transferability of water use entitlements
- Water pollution
- Infrastructure decline
- Competing water needs

WAY FORWARD

- Formulate and implement a clear implementation plan and engage with DWS on all water-related matters affecting agriculture
- Formulate and implement a clear communication strategy with members, ensuring succinct and clear messaging
- Actively participate in and provide input on all water-related research, legislation and policy initiatives
- Become the natural first point-of-call to Agri SA's affiliates with respect to all agricultural water-related issues



OUR PARTNERS



- Water Research Commission
- The South African Association of Water User Associations
- Environmental Lawyers' Association
- Strategic Water Partners' Network
- South African Local Government Association
- Business Leadership South Africa

Making South Africa's Water Law Work

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