



# EMANDLA EKUPHILA WATER USER DISTRICT

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# EDITOR'S NOTE

In a continued effort to promote transparency, awareness and collaboration, I am delighted to present the first edition of the Emandla Ekuphila Water User District Newsletter. This publication marks significant milestone in our journey towards strengthening communication and fostering greater connection with our stakeholders, farmers and partners.

Throughout this edition, readers will find updates on EEWUD's activities, awareness campaigns and collaborative initiatives across the Komati Basin. From community engagement to environmental education, each story demonstrates our ongoing dedication to responsible water use and development.

While progress has been made, challenges remain in ensuring that all stakeholders are equally informed and engaged. Nevertheless, EEWUD continues to build on this momentum, working in collaboration with communities to improve water access, governance and sustainability.

In conclusion, I extend heartfelt appreciation to our team, management and partners whose commitment continues to drive EEWUD's mission forward. Moving ahead, we look forward to expanding our communication channels and deepening our relationship with all water users and stakeholders.

**Siyabonga Gumedze**  
**EEWUD Public Relations Officer**



# EMANDLA EKUPHILA WATER USER DISTRICT CONDUCTED AN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

In a remarkable display of teamwork, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2025, Emandla Ekuphila Water User District in collaboration with the General Assembly, the Board, technical staff and water users within the Komati Basin conducted an Annual General meeting at Mangweni Tingonini Farmers Association Hall, Sihhoye. In the meeting, audited financial statements were discussed and presented by Cardo Capital who was conducting audit for the organization.



Water users paying close attention during the proceedings of the meeting.

Building on this progress, the Annual General Meeting was facilitated by the Board Vice Chairperson Mr. Mkhuleko Dlamini who conducted the proceedings of the meeting and ensured that members are in line with the agenda and keeping time.



The Vice Chairperson welcoming stakeholders to the meeting.

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This led to a presentation pertaining to the progress report which was presented by the District Manager Ms. Anne Kruger, informing stakeholders on how they are handling their operations of the organization in the on-going financial year.



EEWUD District Manager making her remarks during the proceedings of the meeting.

Futhermore, the Board members of the organization they were newly elected and fully gazette by the Department of Water Affairs under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy.

Overall, the EEWUD Board Chairperson Mr. Nxumalo introduced Ex-Officio to the Board Mr. Mangaliso Dlamini from the Department of Water Affairs who is assigned by gazette to the EEWUB Board, who then got the opportunity to introduced himself to water users who were present during the meeting.



The Ex - Officio making his remarks during the proceedings of the meeting.

# EEWUD ENGAGED IN A STAKEHOLDER MEETING CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS.

Emandla Ekuphila Water User District proudly joined stakeholders on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2025, the Joint River Basin Authority Project – Board, Irrigation Districts and other water management institutions in the Kingdom of Eswatini participated in a stakeholder meeting that was organized by the Department of Water Affairs under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy. The meeting was held at Sibane Sami Hotel in Ezulwini to discuss the National Water Pricing Policy, institutional reforms, dissolution of RBAs, establishment of 3 new IDs and Centre of excellence. The organization was represented by the District Manager Ms. Anne Kruger.



**EEWUD District Manager paying close attention during the proceeding of the meeting**



**Board members listening attentively to the proceedings of the meeting.**

# EEWUD PARTICIPATED IN A HIGH FLOW SEASON PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP AT PIGG'S PEAK HOTEL ESWATINI.

To enhance awareness on key environmental issues, on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2025, Emandla Ekuphila Water User District (EEWUD), the Joint River Basins Authority – Project Board (JRBA-PB), the Eswatini Meteorological Services, the Eswatini National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA), the Ministry of Agriculture, Mhlume Water and the Department of Water Affairs (DWA) partook in a workshop that was hosted and facilitated by the Komati Basin Water Authority (KOBWA).

The purpose of the workshop was to help communities and water users downstream of Maguga Dam to be conscious of flood risk as the rainy season is approaching. The other stakeholders took part to share and update latest contacts of key personnel in case disaster happens.



# EEWUD PARTICIPATED IN A HIGH FLOW SEASON PREPAREDNESS

## WORKSHOP AT PIGG'S PEAK HOTEL ESWATINI.

In addition, the Komati Basin Water Authority (KOBWA) presented on their emergency preparedness plan that they have as an organization in case both of their dams can experience flooding, to create awareness on the communities and water users downstream on how they would be alerted in the case the disaster happens.

The Eswatini National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) talked about the contingency plan they have as an organization is tackling disasters in the Kingdom of Eswatini and they also outlined relevant personnel as well as measures that they put in place in the case disaster occur.

They further mentioned that they do not concentrate on flooding only, they are mandated to focus on all natural disasters that can take place in any community within the country.

Moreover, the Department of Water Affairs (DWA) emphasized on the purpose of the workshop which is to progress awareness and help communities as well as water users to be very careful about natural disasters especially flooding.

In their presentation they also talked weather outlook for this upcoming rainy season and stressed that farmers and water users should expect high and above normal rains.



Stakeholders posing for a group photo.

Nevertheless, Emandla Ekuphila Water User District (EEWUD) talked about the importance of such workshops which are beneficial to them as they are downstream of Maguga Dam and it brings the know how about preparedness measures in case disaster take place to mitigate flood risk.

# EEWUD PARTICIPATED IN A WORKSHOP WITH ROYAL ESWATINI POLICE SERVICES TO CURB WATER CRIME.

Recognising the importance of collaboration in water governance, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2025, Emandla Ekuphila Water User District together with the Royal Eswatini Police Services from Tshaneni Police Station, Buhleni Police Station and Pigg's Peak Police Station went to a workshop to discuss ways to mitigate water crime.

The workshop was held at EEWUD Conference, Sihhoye. Station Commanders from the 3 police stations within the Komati Basin were present for the workshop to assist the organization to limit the increasing water crime.

Due to this, EEWUD District Manager Ms. Anne Kruger requested stable assistance from REPS in enforcing compliance and monitoring water use within the Komati Basin, as there is a steadily increasing number of businesses abstracting water from the Komati River without authorized water permits. Buhleni Station Commander Mr. Dlamini emphasized that they will engage the CRIME Prevention department to action this matter to mitigate water crime.



EEWUD District Manager and REPS representatives posing for a group photo after the workshop.

# EEWUD CONVENED IN A COLLABORATIVE WORKSHOP WITH WATER USERS WITHIN THEIR AREA OF OPERATION.

In a continued effort to promote sustainable water management, on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2025, Emandla Ekuphila Water User District engaged farmers and water users downstream of Maguga Dam in the Komati Basin. The workshop was held at EEWUD Conference Room, Sihhoye. The session focused on water use monitoring, water right awareness and compliance which are the core functions and mandate of the organization. In the workshop, water users and farmers were taken through the process of applying for a water permit and what it means to them to have a water right.



# BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

## 1 – 31 October



Every ribbon tells a story. This month of October we stand together to honor the fighters, celebrate the survivors and remember those we have lost. Prioritize regular screening, self examinations and medical check-ups. Early detection saves lives, so lets spread the word and uplift one another with hope and strength because prevention is better than cure.



## EEWUD PARTICIPATES IN THE 8<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL REMCO CONFERENCE IN MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE.

In solidarity with the international community, Emandla Ekuphila Water User District (EEWUD) proudly participated in the 8<sup>th</sup> International River and Environmental Management Cooperation (REMCO) Conference held in Maputo, Mozambique, from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025. EEWUD was represented by its District Manager Ms. Anne Kruger, the Board Chairperson Mr. Gideon Nxumalo and the Board Vice Chairperson Mr. Mkhuleko Dlamini, reflecting the district's continued commitment to transboundary cooperation and sustainable water management.



# EEWUD PARTICIPATES IN KOMATI - LOMATI BASINS CONSULTATION MEETING ON RIVER BASIN WATER QUALITY PLANS.

In a continued effort to strengthen water governance, the Emandla Ekuphila Water User District took part in the Komati - Lomati Basins stakeholder consultation meeting held on the 14 November 2025 at Mananga Country Club.

The consultation was hosted and facilitated by the Joint River Basins Authorities Project-Board as part of the ongoing national initiative to enhance water quality assessment, monitoring and management across Eswatini's river basins.

As part of this process, JRBA-PB and its consultants presented draft components of the water quality plans in alignment with the national and transboundary water objectives.



**FESTIVE SEASON  
25 December**

We wish all our water users, partners and communities a joyful, peaceful and safe festive season. May this time bring rest, gratitude and hope for the year ahead. Merry Christmas



**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
and  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026**

**01 January**

EEWUD looks forward to continuing our work of protecting and managing water resources for the benefit of all. May 2026 bring sustainability, collaboration and shared success across the Komati Basin



**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR 2026**

As we welcome the New Year, the General Assembly, the Board, Management and staff of Emandla Ekuphila Water User District extends heartfelt appreciation to all farmers, partners, stakeholders and water users within the Komati Basin. Your cooperation, commitment and contributions have strengthened our shared mission of promoting sustainable water use and protecting our vital resources.



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