



## **Knysna Municipality investigates water conservation and demand management**

According to Acting Knysna Municipal Manager Dawid Adonis the municipality is taking proactive steps in managing its constituency's wasteful water usage and demand on this natural resource. "We have entered into a partnership with experts in their field to assist us in our efforts to save water and reduce water demand," he said.

Consisting of Re-Solve Consulting (Pty) Ltd and Engineering Advice & Services (Pty) Ltd, The Re-Solve/EAS Joint Venture has been appointed to carry out various water related critical services, investigations and interventions to assist the municipality. Field teams will be performing their tasks throughout the greater Knysna municipal area in the coming months. These include, but are not limited to:

- water meter audits;
- valve and fire hydrant audits;
- determining discreteness of supply zones;
- water network investigations; and
- specialised leak detection activities.

"We ask that residents accommodate these service providers and their field agents and cooperate during their investigations," urged Adonis. "Specific investigations may unfortunately affect water supply or pressure in certain areas, but residents in affected areas will be notified in advance. Please keep following our official social media accounts, local information groups and notices from ward councillors."

Field teams will be identifiable by their identification cards, a letter signed by Knysna Municipality and brightly coloured, branded safety vests, and vehicles will be branded by either Re-Solve Consulting (Pty) Ltd or Engineering Advice & Services (Pty) Ltd.

"These investigations are vital to ensure that our infrastructure is up to date and to assist us in managing short- and long term demand for water," Adonis concluded. "Forward thinking and proactive measures like these will allow us to create an inclusive, innovative, inspired – and water secure – Knysna."

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