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Breede Valley Municipality, as are all other municipalities and all South African citizens, must deal with the (sometimes) devastating effects of load-shedding. We do not have to mention everything that succumbs to the strains of having power on-off-on-off – everybody in South Africa knows these challenges and frustrations. Municipalities have the additional responsibilities to provide clean drinking water, properly functioning sewer systems and many other services. Unfortunately, as previously communicated to our residents, load-shedding also affects our water works. Many of our residents have had to endure – and some are still experiencing it – utterly frustrating times when pumpstations do not work and the sewerage system fails due to load-shedding and other issues. Thankfully, there is hope!

The Western Cape Government, via its Department of Local Government (DLG), identified certain additional projects to be funded in terms of its Emergency Municipal Load-Shedding Relief Grant for the financial year 2022/2023. The purpose of these funds is for the Municipalities, within the Western Cape Province, to procure and install back-up energy supply as an immediate response to the prolonged load-shedding to mitigate the impact of basic services.

The Western Cape Government, DLG allocated an amount of R 950 000.00 to Breede Valley Municipality in terms of the 2022/2023 Emergency Municipal Load-Shedding Relief Grant. Breede Valley Municipality decided to purchase and install back-up generators for the following critical water and wastewater pumpstations: De Doorns Pumpstation (Water Works) 400kVA, Avian Park Pumpstation (Sewer) 450kVA, Noble Park Pumpstation (Sewer) 25kVA, Santa Weida Pumpstation (Sewer), Zwelethemba Pumpstation (Sewer) 35kVA. The Grant Funding that we received is however not sufficient and the Municipality allocated R 11 735 000.00 as co-funding towards the project.

PROJECT STATUS

The tender process is complete, and a contractor was appointed on 13 March 2023. A first meeting with the contractor was on Monday, 17 April 2023. The Municipality will provide updates on the progress of the project.

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