



MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release

9 February 2024

STATUS UPDATE: 9 February 2024

All 5 planned generators have been delivered to their respective sites and installed. As of the most recent project meeting, all 5 of the generators have been connected with 4 being fully operational. Additional works have been included in this project. The contractor is in the process of completing the additional works such as installation of a new MCC panel at Avian Park pumpstation and final commissioning of the generator, and ancillary civil works to the buildings and surrounds. This completion date remains on 16 February 2023.

STATUS UPDATE: 12 December 2023

All 5 planned generators have been delivered to their respective sites and installed. As of the most recent project meeting, three of the generators have been connected and are operational. The remaining 2 generators would be connected by the end of November, to be operational during prior to the festive season. Additional works have been included in this project such as the other upgrades and remedial works to pump station buildings. This additional scope has resulted in an extension of the project and the revised completion date is 16 February 2023.

STATUS UPDATE: 13 October 2023

Two of the five planned generators have been delivered and installed. A 35kVa generator has been installed at Noble Park pumpstation and a 25kVa generator has been installed at Zwelethemba pumpstation. The remaining larger generators were scheduled for testing and delivering to site in September. CCTV equipment has been installed at all sites. The required electrical and mechanical works were scheduled for completion by early October with the MCC tested and delivered, awaiting installation. The project is still on schedule and completion date for project remains 18 October 2023.

STATUS UPDATE: 12 September 2023

Two of the five planned generators have been delivered and installed. A 35kVa generator has been installed at Noble Park pumpstation and a 25kVa generator has been installed at Zwelethemba pumpstation. The remaining larger generators are expected to be delivered and installed by end-September 2023. Required civil works are complete and manufacturing of new MCCs are in process. The project is still on programme and completion date for project remains on 18 October 2023

STATUS UPDATE: 14 August 2023

Two of the five planned generators have been delivered and installed. A 35kVa generator has been installed at Noble Park pumpstation and a 25kVa generator has been installed at Zwelethemba pumpstation. The remaining larger generators are expected to be delivered by the end of September 2023. The project is still on schedule and completion date remains at 18 October 2023.

STATUS UPDATE: 13 July 2023

The monthly progress meeting with the engineering consultant and the contractor was held on 12 July 2023. The following were discussed: Project programme and progress, generator procurement, auxiliary works, and potential risks and mitigation measures. Smaller generators have been procured and are undergoing testing for preparation for commissioning by early-August. The remaining, larger generators are expected to undergo testing and commissioning by early-September. The project is still on programme and completion date for project remains on 18 October 2023.

STATUS UPDATE: 14 June 2023

The monthly progress meeting with the engineering consultant and the contractor was held on 14 June 2023. The following were discussed; Additional project costs, Personnel safety concerns, Procurement priorities, Alternative options for flowmeters and Interim mitigation measures to ensure functioning of De Doorns Water Treatment Works. Completion date for project remains on 18 October 2023.

STATUS UPDATE: 11 May 2023

The contractor indicated the following delivery dates for the generators:

- Zweletemba Pumpstation & Noble Park Pumpstation - 28 June 2023,
- Santa Weida Pumpstation - 21 August 2023, and
- Avian Park Pumpstation & De Doorns Pumpstation - 15 September 2023.

The contractor will be on site from 29 May 2023 to start with the installation of the cables and motor control centers (MCC's) at the different pumpstations.

For ease of reference, we include the original media release below:

ORIGINAL RELEASE:

Breede Valley Municipality, as 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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