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SUBJECT: DISTRICT WATER SUMMIT RESOLUTIONS

The Mopani District Municipality will work on a plan to get all communities to pay for the water supplied to them as part of implementing cost recovery plan which will assist in the sustainability and maintenance of water infrastructure. This came out of the District Water Summit held today (03 June 2015) at the Makgoebaskloof Hotel in Greater Tzaneen under the theme “water is life and sanitation is dignity.” The summit resolved that the implementation of cost recovery mechanism will encourage communities to adhere to water conservation and demand management.

The summit has also resolved that councilors should strengthen oversight through stakeholder engagement, public participation and awareness campaigns to address issues of illegal water connections, vandalism and theft of water infrastructure in the district.

Other resolutions of the summit include:

- Tracking devices be installed on all water infrastructure components
- By-laws on water be reviewed & implemented
- Provision of water at industrial areas be looked to enable economic growth

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