



WATER NEWS UPDATE

WATER TARIFF REVIEW BID IN TOP GEAR



Managing Director, Eng. Nahason Muguna, makes his submissions during a tariff review meeting with Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB), held recently.

It is all systems go as Company plans to convene a public consultation on water tariff review in collaboration with Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB), the water sector regulator, on **Friday, July 29, 2022** at Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC).

The objective of the tariff adjustment is to expand water and sewerage infrastructure, cover operations and maintenance costs, repay debts, to ensure service provision in the city is enhanced and sustainable.

The Managing Director, Eng. Nahason Muguna, said the tariff review will accelerate provision of water and sanitation services to the city residents.

"The review will enhance operational efficiency, ensure optimal revenue collection and reduce non-revenue water. This will not only ensure our services are enhanced but also sustainable." He said.

The last Regular Tariff Adjustment (RTR) review for the city utility became effective in 2015. The ever rising inflation has also dealt a big blow to service provision with the increasing price of inputs such as electricity and chemicals putting more strain on the Company.

In formulating the tariff, the Company took into account commercial orientations, transparent accounting, long term investment programmes, and social and equity aspects in line with the Government of Kenya Vision 2030 of provision of quality water as well as achievement of Universal Coverage countrywide.

The proposed tariff also factored in the revenue required to meet the objectives of economic efficiency, equity, fairness, resource conservation, ease of implementation and protection of low-income consumers by providing water to kiosks at a lower rate.

With the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic, the Government issued directives that required water utilities to ensure provision of adequate water, disconnection due to unpaid water bills and free water supply to informal settlements.

Since then, water utilities, including Nairobi Water, have experienced loss of revenue, challenges in provision of personal protective equipment (PPE) and deferment of some critical capital investment projects. These alongside rising costs of water production have necessitated the upward review of the tariff.

The last tariff review for the company came into effect in January 2015 and expired in June 2018.

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WATER COMMITTEE CONVENES BUDGET RETREAT



Water Committee Chairperson, Hon. James Kiriba (5th left) pose for a photo with the Committee Members and NCWSC staff during the retreat .

The Company recently held a budget retreat with Nairobi City County Sectoral Committee on Water and Sanitation to review budget estimates for the FY 2022/2023.

The Commercial Director, Eng. Stephen Mbugua chaired the sessions on behalf the Managing Director Eng. Nahason Muguna. He told the Committee that the budget making process was consultative.

"We have consulted stakeholders far and wide since we started this exercise. We have listened and factored in all the concerns of the various stakeholders." He said.

He added that the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic strained the Company resources.

"Water provision was the first line of defence when the pandemic broke out. As a utility we had to go out of our way to provide free water especially to informal settlements to combat the scourge." He added.

The Committee Chairperson, Hon. James Kiriba, appreciated the efforts the Company has put in place to provide adequate water and sanitation services to the city residents.

"As an oversight entity, we appreciate the programmes and projects in place to rehabilitate and expand water and sanitation infrastructure in the city. The provision of free water through water bowsers has helped a lot."

The inadequate water sources, intermittent water supply, vandalism and encroachments were highlighted as some of the challenges facing water and sanitation services delivery in the city.

The Sectoral Committee on Water and Sanitation is established under the provisions of Standing Order 203 and under the Third Schedule is mandated to consider all matters related to "water and sanitation services including water distribution, management, regulation, marketing and sewerage services."

The functions of a Sectoral Committee is to investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned departments amongst others.



Water Committee Members make their contributions during the retreat

NCWSC HOSTS DUTCH CYCLIST



Mr. Antoon Blokland, leads the cycling team from Ngethu Treatment Works to Dutch Embassy, Nairobi.

The Company recently hosted Mr. Antoon Blokland, a former investment expert for WaterWox programme, for a cycling mission.

Mr. Blokland is cycling through Africa- Malawi, Rwanda, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya to raise awareness on the importance of water to mankind.

The cyclist was received by the Managing Director, Eng. Nahason Muguna before embarking for his cycling mission from Ng'ethu Treatment Works to the Dutch Embassy in Nairobi.

"We are honoured and privileged to host you. We fully appreciate the cause you are championing to create awareness on water conservation, water programmes and projects for the good of the humanity." He said.

Mr. Blokland said cycling is a calling to action to all decision makers and stakeholders to give water conservation the attention and priority it deserves.

"Cycling to me is a means and a way to create awareness to humanity on the importance of water investment and conservation. It is not about the distance covered" He reiterated.

CYCLING IN PICTURES



PICTORIAL



Eastern Region Management and Supervisors when they held a Performance Review Meeting at Utalii Hotel, Nairobi .



Transport Coordinator Stanley Karani receives branded merchandise from Isuzu East Africa Ltd officials. The motor vehicle dealer has entered into partnership with NCWSC to train and empower mechanics.