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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **CITY WARNS CITIZEN ON DIRE WATER STATE**

The Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality is calling on its residents to use water wisely and sparingly in order to avoid a possible water crisis.

The main dam which supplies East London and Mdantsane, the Briddledrift dam, was recorded to be below 45 percent in the latest available data. The latest figure of this dam is at 40.7 percent. The other dams that supplies the City are Nahoon dam, which supplies East London and Mdantsane and Rooikrantz dam which supplies KWT recorded at 27.8 percent.

Buffalo City's main reserve dam, the Wiggleswade Dam, which is managed by Amatola Water on behalf of the Department of Water and Sanitation, is currently sitting at 35.8 percent.

The latest statistics show a significant drop in dam levels in some of the main dams when compared to the same period in the previous year, which indicates that a BCMM is in a drought situation ,if solid rains do not materialize this summer.

### State of Dams on 11 December 2019

Dam	River	Dam Levels
Bridle Drift Dam	Buffalo River	40.7%
Laing Dam	Buffalo River	100.7%
Nahoon Dam	Nahoon River	50.1%
Rooikrantz Dam	Buffalo River	27.8%
Sandile Dam	Keiskamma River	28.2%
Wiggleswade Dam	Kubisi River	35.8%

The Municipality is currently implementing a water conservation and water demand management strategy to address the non-revenue water/ distribution water losses

**Consumers are advised to be conservative in their approach to water and are urged to implement the following water saving tips in order to reduce their water consumption:**