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SITE INSPECTION1 VISIT TO MWIKI WARD**

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1.0 PREFACE

The sectoral Committee on Water and Sanitation is one of the Sectoral Committees established under Standing Order 191. It is mandated under the Second Schedule to, among other functions oversee all matters related to Water and Sanitation Services; water distribution, regulation, marketing and sewerage services.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Committee on Water and Sanitation wishes to thank the offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the Nairobi City County Assembly for the support extended to it in the execution of its mandate. The committee also wishes to acknowledge and express its appreciation to the Nairobi Water and Sewerage Company for assigning officers who accompanied the Committee during the visit.

May I thank the Secretariat for their input and valuable contributions during and after the visit and compilation of this report.

Finally, much thanks to the Members of the Committee on Water and Sanitation. Your committed participation in the visit was invaluable for the exercise of the mandate of the Committee.

BACKGROUND

The Committee on Water and Sanitation conducted an inspection visit to Mwiki Ward to assess the problem of Water distribution and sewerage services.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee on Water and Sanitation comprises the following members:

1. Hon. Alex O. Otieno, MCA - Chairman
2. Hon. Kenneth Thugi, MCA - Deputy Chairperson
3. Hon. Michael Ogada, MCA
4. Hon. Herman Azangu, MCA
5. Hon. Robert Mbatia, MCA
6. Hon. Beatrice Kwamboka, MCA
7. Hon. Hashim Kamau, MCA
8. Hon. Abdi Hassan, MCA
9. Hon. Pius Otieno, MCA
10. Hon. Celestyne Ongere, MCA
11. Hon. Hawa Dafala, MCA
12. Hon. Maurice Akuk, MCA
13. Hon. Oscar Lore, MCA
14. Hon. Victoria Alali, MCA
15. Hon. Monica Ndegwa, MCA
16. Hon. Nancy Mwaura, MCA
17. Hon. Peter Wanyoike, MCA

Hon. Members,

On behalf of the committee on Water and Sanitation, it is my pleasant duty and privilege, to present the Committee's Report on the inspection visit to Mwiki Ward.

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**Hon. Alex Ouda Otieno,
MCA, Chairman**

2.0 OBJECTIVE

The objective of the visit was to assess the problem of water distribution and sewerage services in Mwiki Ward to record its findings and observations and make recommendations to facilitate action.

The Committee resolved to conduct site visit as it would provide it with firsthand information on the problems that surrounding water and sewerage services within the Ward.

3.0 METHODOLOGY

While in Mwiki Ward, the Committee engaged the area Member of County Assembly, local Welfare Groups Chairpersons, area Chief and direct field observation. Through these, the Members were able to develop an insight of the situation that will facilitate its recommendations for action.

4.0 MWIKI WARD

- ❖ Mwiki Ward is one of the eighty five Wards that form Nairobi City County and one of the five wards in Kasarani Constituency with an approximate population of 39, 156. Mwiki Ward is represented by Hon. Isaac Njoroge, the MCA, Nairobi City County Assembly.

4.1 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1.1 KEY FINDINGS

- I. The community living within the Ward has established welfare groups that are responsible for coordinating water services in the Ward through their Chairpersons. They work in conjunction with the area Member of County Assembly (MCA) and Nairobi Water and Sewerage Company (NWSC).
- II. The Welfare groups have consolidated monetary resources that facilitate buying of water pipes which they lay and which NWSC use to supply water in the areas in the Ward.
- III. There was increased construction work in the ward including high-rise buildings that require water services.
- IV. Water distribution in the areas is done through small pipes (2 inch). This according to the welfare Chairperson, lead to no or limited amount of water to the residential due to overload in the pipes. This is the main problem as reported by the Chairpersons of two of the welfare groups.
- V. The Chairperson of the Welfare in Mwiki Karura reported that limited water is supplied to the area and speculated that the pipe supplying the area could be having problems underground and residents collect water from the Area Chief's office.
- VI. The Committee observed that a big region of Mwiki Ward is yet to benefit from sewerage services despite the Ward being close to main sewer trunks
- VII. The representative from NWSC reported that the Company had noted the problem of small pipes and a proposal for changing to 4 inch pipes had been forwarded for consideration in the next financial year and the project for connecting the area to the main trunk through lateral connections was on course.

4.1.2 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- I. The Committee recommended that NWSC need to expedite the process of implementing the project for pipe replacement to enable water satisfy the growing demand
- II. The Committee felt that there was need for consideration of establishment of a third dam that will increase the volume of water supplied in Nairobi and that will satisfy the demand in Mwiki Ward.
- III. The Committee promised to work closely with NWSC to ensure that the Ward is connected to the sewer line through the project reported by the Company.
- IV. The Committee requested NWSC to liaise with the welfare Chairpersons to find the earlier drawings of the Ward's water connections to facilitate improvement of the piping.
- V. The Committee requested the area leadership to use faster machines (backhoes and excavators) in the process of digging up the pipe installation trenches for faster project operations.
- VI. The Committee recommended that the pipe supplying water to Mwiki Karuri be investigated and establish the problem that leads to water not reaching the residents down the road.
- VII. The Committee recommended the carrying out of a comprehensive situational analysis of water and sewerage in Mwiki that will help in establishment of a long term plan for the Ward to contain water and sewerage problem for good.
- VIII. The Committee urges NWSC to work on and complete all the projects for the Ward so that the work of the Company in collaboration with the Committee is seen to be addressing the problems of the residents of the Ward.
- IX. The Committee recommends that the assembly adopts the report of the Committee on Water and Sanitation.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The Committee on Water and Sanitation of Nairobi City County Assembly resolved to conduct an inspection visit to various wards within the County and therefore on 14th February 2014, the Committee conducted an inspection visit to Mwiki Ward in the company of Nairobi Water and Sewerage Company and the Ward Representative. The Committee having met the MCA and the Chairpersons of welfare group and field visits, found out that overloaded 2 inch pipes that supply water in the ward are a big problem. Further, lack of connection of a big area of the Ward to the main sewerage truck is hazardous to the residents. The Committee requested and promised to work with NWSC to expedite their projects through budgetary allocation to enable the Company to implement its water and sewerage projects.