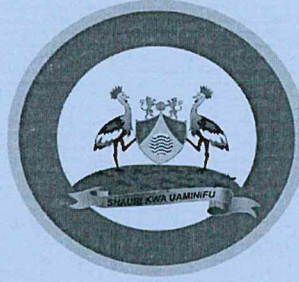


GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY COUNTY

Paper laid by Chairperson
Water Hon. Kennedy Agegi
on Tuesday 24/6/2025
TJ



THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

THIRD ASSEMBLY

(FOURTH SESSION)

NCCA/TJ/PL/2025(54)



PAPER LAID

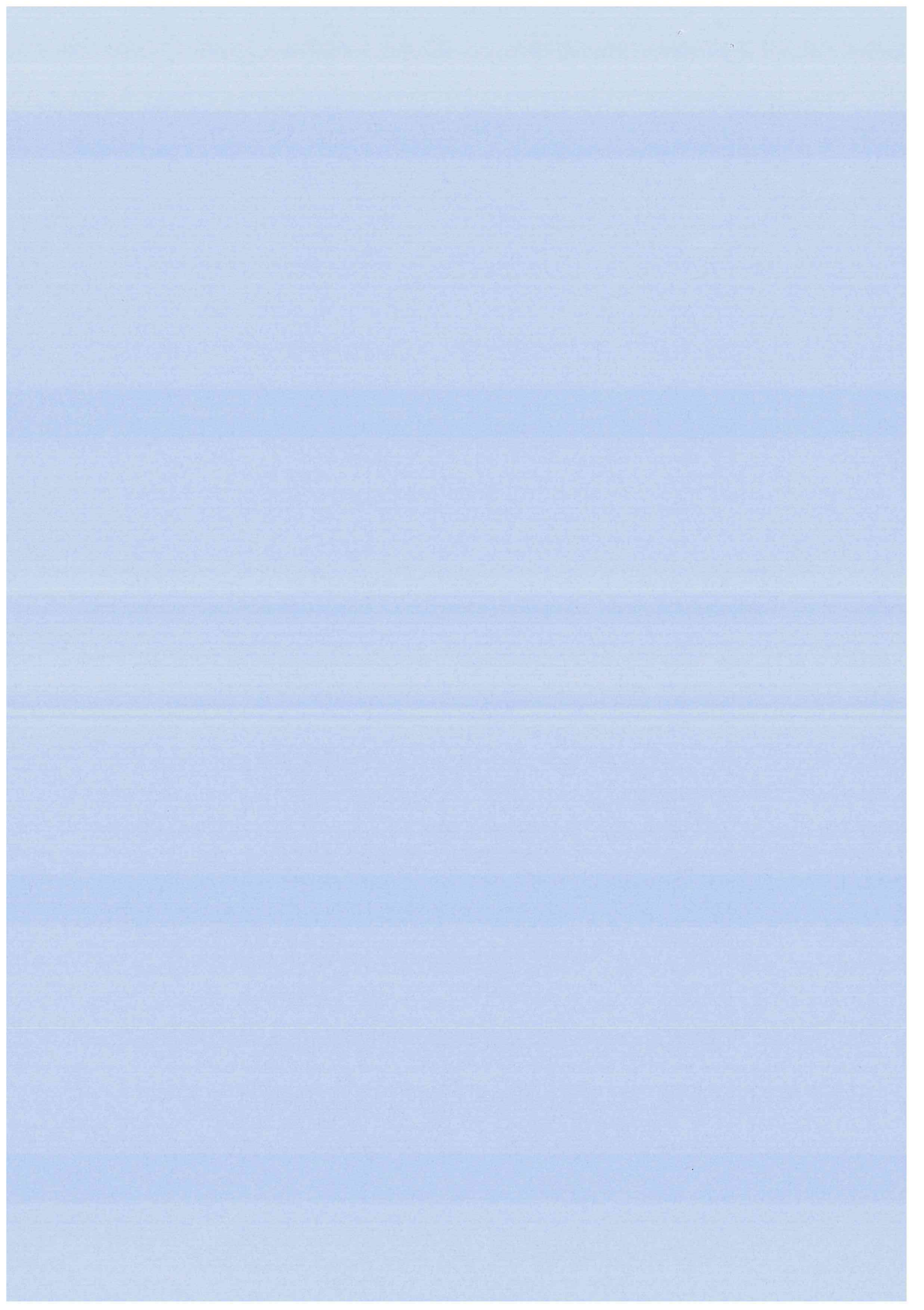
SUBJECT: REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Standing Order 196, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today Tuesday 24th June 2025:

— THE REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON WATER AND SANITATION ON THE FOURTH QUARTER WORKSHOP HELD FROM 27TH TO 30TH JUNE 2025.

(Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Water and Sanitation)

Copies to:
The Speaker
The Clerk
Hansard Editor
Hansard Reporters
The Press



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

**REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON WATER AND SANITATION ON THE
THIRD QUARTER WORKSHOP HELD FROM 27TH TO 30TH MARCH, 2025.**

Clerks Chambers
Nairobi City County Assembly
City Hall Buildings
Nairobi

JUNE, 2025

Contents

1.0	PREFACE	3
2.0	INTRODUCTION.....	5
3.0	OVERVIEW OF ATHI WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (AWWDA)	5
4.0	OVERVIEW OF THE KENYA WATER INSTITUTE (KEWI).....	6
5.0	OVERVIEW OF THE NATIONAL WATER HARVESTING AND STORAGE AUTHORITY (NWHSA)	7
6.0	ROLE OF THE COUNTY IN OVERSIGHT OF AWWDA PROJECTS	8
5.0	RECOMMENDATIONS	9
7.0	CONCLUSION	9

1.0 PREFACE

Hon. Chairman,

The Sectoral Committee on Water and Sanitation is established under Standing Order No. 209 (1). Its mandate pursuant to Standing Order 209 (6) is to:-

- a) investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned departments;
- b) study the programme and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;
- c) study and review all County legislation referred to it;
- d) study, assess and analyze the relative success of the departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with its stated objectives;
- e) investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly;
- f) vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 196(Committee on Appointments); and
- g) make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendations of proposed legislation.

In accordance with the Third Schedule of the Standing Orders, the Sectoral Committee on Health Services is mandated to consider all matters relating to: - *“Water and Sanitation Services; water distribution, regulation, marketing and sewerage services”*

The Committee comprises the following 23 Members:-

1. Hon. Kennedy Oyugi, MCA - Chairperson
2. Hon. Asli Muhamed, MCA – Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Paul Kados, MCA
4. Hon. Wilfred Oluoch Odalo, MCA
5. Hon. Moses Ogeto, MCA
6. Hon. Collins Ogenga, MCA
7. Hon. Catherine Apiyo Okoth, MCA
8. Hon. Victor Ochola Omondi, MCA
9. Hon. Jane Muasya, MCA
10. Hon. Stazo Omung'ala, MCA
11. Hon. Eutyclus Mukiri, MCA
12. Hon. Lawrence Odhiambo, MCA
13. Hon. Jeckoniah Onyango, MCA
14. Hon. Carrington Heho, MCA

15. Hon. Chege Mwaura, MCA
16. Hon. Nancy Mwaura, MCA
17. Hon. Susan Makungu, MCA
18. Hon. Anthony Ngaruiya, MCA
19. Hon Joyce Muthoni, MCA
20. Hon Paul Wachira, MCA
21. Hon Ochieng Jera, MCA
22. Hon Mark Mugambi, MCA
23. Hon. James Koria, MCA

The Committee exercises oversight role on the work and administration of the Water and Sewerage Sub-Sector including the Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company.

Hon. Speaker,

The Water and Sanitation Committee held its 3rd quarter retreat from 27th to 30th March, 2025 in Nakuru County. The Committee undertook an engagement to interrogate and assess collaboration opportunities with the Athi Water Works Development Agency (AWWDA) and the National Water Harvesting and Storage Authority (NWHSA), both of which play a critical role in the realization of national water and sanitation infrastructure.


The Committee expresses sincere gratitude to the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly for the logistical and institutional support provided to facilitate the successful execution of this engagement.

Hon. Speaker,

The Committee wishes to sincerely thank the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly for the support and services extended to the Members during the workshop.

On behalf of the Committee, I now have the honor and pleasure to present the 3rd Quarter report.

Thank You.

SIGNED  DATE..... 24/6/2025

HON. KENNEDY OYUGI, MCA
(CHAIRMAN)

2.0 INTRODUCTION

The Committee held its 3rd Quarter Workshop on 27th to 30th March, 2025 to deliberate on strengthening institutional collaboration between Nairobi City County Government and key national water agencies namely the Athi Water Works Development Agency (AWWDA), Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) and the National Water Harvesting and Storage Authority (NWHSA).

The discussions were centered on exploring frameworks that would enable Nairobi City County to access national resources, technical expertise, and development support to improve service delivery in the water and sanitation sector.

The Committee recognizes that effective intergovernmental coordination is critical to achieving the Constitutional objectives of equitable access to safe and adequate water, as well as efficient and sustainable management of water resources.

Article 43(1)(d) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, *guarantees every person the right to clean and safe water in adequate quantities*. Article 6(2) further emphasizes *cooperation between the national and County levels of government*. Additionally, the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution *assigns Counties the responsibility for water and sanitation services, excluding national public works and water resource management*.

In light of this constitutional framework, the Committee acknowledged that effective intergovernmental coordination is not only a best practice but also a legal imperative for achieving sustainable water access and proper sanitation within Nairobi County.

3.0 OVERVIEW OF ATHI WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (AWWDA)

The Athi Water Works Development Agency is a government entity established under Section 65 of the Water Act, 2021. Its core mandate is the development of bulk water and sanitation infrastructure within its area of jurisdiction, which includes Nairobi, Kiambu, Murang'a, and Kajiado Counties. The agency operates under the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation and collaborates extensively with the National Government and development partners.

i) Functions and Responsibilities of AWWDA

- Implementation of major bulk water supply projects
- Construction and rehabilitation of sanitation and wastewater infrastructure
- Support to water service providers and County governments in improving access to clean and safe water
- Mobilization of funding from diverse sources

ii) Funding Mechanisms

AWWDA implements projects funded through:

- Allocations from the National Treasury exchequer.
- Loans and grants from multilateral financial institutions such as the World Bank and the African Development Bank.

- Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)
- Contributions from County governments and licensed water service providers

4.0 OVERVIEW OF THE KENYA WATER INSTITUTE (KEWI)

The Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) is a State Corporation established under the Kenya Water Institute Act, 2001 (Cap. 411A). It operates under the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation. KEWI is a premier government institution tasked with training, research, consultancy, and capacity-building in the water sector. It plays a central role in equipping professionals with the technical skills and knowledge required to manage water resources and deliver water and sanitation services effectively.

This constitutional arrangement means that while the National Government is responsible for policy and resource management, Counties are responsible for service delivery, and institutions like KEWI bridge this gap through capacity-building and technical support.

Core Roles and Functions of KEWI

Under the KEWI Act, 2010 the Institute is mandated to:

1. **Provide Training:**
 - Offer diploma and certificate courses in water engineering, water technology, waste management, water quality, and irrigation.
 - Train water officers, technicians, and community-based water providers.
2. **Conduct Research:**
 - Carry out research and innovation in water resources management, water quality, and appropriate technologies for rural and urban water supply.
3. **Offer Advisory and Consultancy Services:**
 - Support Counties and water service providers with technical expertise on water infrastructure design, maintenance, and management.
4. **Capacity Building for Counties:**
 - Develop customized short courses and workshops for County water officers.
 - Build institutional capacities in areas like borehole maintenance, water quality monitoring, wastewater treatment, and climate-resilient water systems.
5. **Certification and Professional Development:**
 - Certify practitioners and support Continuous Professional Development (CPD) to maintain high standards in the water sector.

KEWI works with County Governments in the following ways:

a) Human Capacity Development

- Counties rely on KEWI to train their water officers and technicians.
- KEWI's regional campuses (e.g., Nairobi, Kitui, Kisumu, Chiakariga) are strategically positioned to serve various regions.

b) Technical Support for Project Implementation

- Provides design and implementation guidance for County water supply systems, boreholes, and wastewater treatment projects.

- Supports Counties in conducting water quality testing, especially where Counties do not have functional laboratories.

c) Research and Policy Support

- Assists Counties with localized studies on groundwater availability, water harvesting, and climate-smart water solutions.
- Helps Counties align their water strategies with national goals such as Vision 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

d) Partnerships and Joint Programs

- KEWI collaborates with Counties in implementing donor-funded water programs.
- Co-hosts workshops and technical forums with County departments to address emerging water sector challenges.

5.0 OVERVIEW OF THE NATIONAL WATER HARVESTING AND STORAGE AUTHORITY (NWHSA)

The National Water Harvesting and Storage Authority (NWHSA) is a state corporation established under Section 30(1) of the Water Act, 2021, which repealed the earlier provisions of the Water Act, 2002. NWHSA was created to replace the former National Water Conservation and Pipeline Corporation (NWCPC).

NWHSA operates under the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation and is tasked with the development and maintenance of national water storage infrastructure across the country. Its establishment is in line with Kenya's national water strategy and the goal of increasing resilience against water scarcity and climate variability.

Core Functions of NWHSA

The primary functions of the Authority as per Section 30(2) of the Water Act, 2021 are to:

1. Undertake on behalf of the national government the development of national public water works for water storage and flood control.
2. Construct and maintain water harvesting and storage infrastructure, including large dams, water pans, and strategic boreholes.
3. Rehabilitate existing water storage and harvesting facilities to improve their efficiency and capacity.
4. Provide technical support to counties in water storage planning, including design, quality assurance, and advisory services.
5. Conduct research and develop innovations in water harvesting, treatment, and storage technologies.

Collaboration with County Governments

Although NWHSA is a national agency, it plays a vital supporting role for County Governments, especially in addressing water access challenges in arid, semi-arid, and informal urban areas.

a) Joint Planning and Prioritization

- Works with counties to identify priority water storage and harvesting projects aligned with **County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs)**.
- Participates in stakeholder forums to align national projects with local needs.

b) Technical Assistance and Capacity Building

- Supports county technical teams in borehole siting, drilling, equipping, and maintenance.
- Provides counties with designs, cost estimates, and quality control for small to medium dams and water pans.

c) Water Storage Audits and Assessments

- Conducts borehole audits and provides assessments of existing water infrastructure to guide rehabilitation and new investments.
- Helps counties plan for climate-resilient water storage options and drought mitigation.

d) Co-financing and Resource Mobilization

- Counties can partner with NWHSA to co-finance infrastructure, especially in underserved areas.
- NWHSA supports counties in accessing donor funds and national budget allocations for strategic water storage.

6.0 ROLE OF THE COUNTY IN OVERSIGHT OF AWWDA PROJECTS

During the Committee's deliberations, concern was raised regarding the limited awareness and involvement of Ward Representatives in projects currently being implemented by AWWDA within Nairobi County. This situation undermines transparency, reduces community ownership, and hampers effective oversight.

To address these gaps, the Committee proposes the following measures:

- Conducting performance audits of AWWDA-implemented projects in the County.
- Advocating for transparent planning, budgeting, and stakeholder engagement processes.
- Development of County-specific water policies and strategic plans.
- Establishment of sub-County-based monitoring and evaluation teams
- Institutionalization of structured inter-agency coordination mechanisms

These measures will strengthen accountability, improve alignment with County priorities, and promote equitable water service delivery.

To address these gaps, the Committee proposes the following measures:

- Conducting performance audits of AWWDA-implemented projects in the County.
- Advocating for transparent planning, budgeting, and stakeholder engagement processes.
- Development of County-specific water policies and strategic plans

- Establishment of sub-County-based monitoring and evaluation teams.
- Institutionalization of structured inter-agency coordination mechanisms

These measures will strengthen accountability, improve alignment with County priorities, and promote equitable water service delivery.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommended the following: -

1. That the Committee should actively engage with AWWDA and NWHSA to access available resources and expertise in Water management.
2. Monitoring mechanisms should be put in place to ensure transparency and accountability in project implementation.
3. Further discussions should be held to finalize the signing of the Memorandum of Association with Kenya Water Institute to enhance structured collaboration.

7.0 CONCLUSION

The presentation highlighted key avenues for strengthening County involvement in water infrastructure projects. Effective collaboration between County Governments, AWWDA, KEWI and NWHSA is crucial for sustainable water access and management. The proposed action plan provides a roadmap for moving forward with targeted initiatives and partnerships.

MINUTES OF THE 45TH SITTING OF THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON WATER AND SANITATION HELD ON TUESDAY 24TH JUNE, 2025 AT 11.00AM.

PRESENT

1. Hon. Kennedy Oyugi, MCA - Chairperson
2. Hon. Asli Muhamed, MCA – Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Chege Mwaura, MCA
4. Hon Mark Mugambi, MCA
5. Hon Paul Wachira, MCA
6. Hon. Collins Ogenga, MCA
7. Hon. James Koria, MCA
8. Hon. Carrington Heho, MCA
9. Hon. Nancy Mwaura, MCA
10. Hon. Catherine Apiyo Okoth, MCA
11. Hon Joyce Muthoni, MCA
12. Hon. Lawrence Odhiambo, MCA
13. Hon Ochieng Jera, MCA
14. Hon. Wilfred Oluoch Odalo, MCA
15. Hon. Anthony Ngaruiya, MCA
16. Hon. Victor Ochola Omondi, MCA
17. Hon. Stazo Omung'ala, MCA
18. Hon. Paul Kados, MCA
19. Hon. Eutyclus Mukiri, MCA
20. Hon. Jeckoniah Onyango, MCA

ABSENT

1. Hon. Susan Makungu, MCA
2. Hon. Jane Muasya, MCA
3. Hon. Moses Ogeto, MCA

SECRETARIAT

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Ms. Cammelyne Anguche | - Senior Clerk Assistant |
| 2. Ms. Jolinda Wangui | -First Clerk Assistant |

MIN.086/NCCA/WSS/JUNE/2025:

PRELIMINARIES

- The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm and opened the meeting with a word of prayer. He then welcomed Members present to the meeting and thanked them for attending the meeting.
- The agenda of the day was then adopted for discussion as proposed by Hon. Stazo Omung'ala, MCA and seconded by Hon. James Koria, MCA as follows: -

AGENDA

1. Preliminaries (Prayers & adoption of the Agenda),
2. Adoption of the 3rd quarter Committee report
3. Any other business
4. *Adjournment*

MIN.087/W\$S/JUNE/2025:

ADOPTION OF THE 3RD QUARTER REPORT

The Committee considered the 3rd quarter report of the retreat held on 16th to 19th June, 2025 and resolved as follows;

As a way forward, the Committee resolved as following: -


- That the Committee to operate under the County Assembly core values as it cannot create its own core values different from the organizations; and
- That the secretariat to assist the Committee in coming up with a clear work plan that will guide its operations on matters regarding oversight.

MIN. 088/W\$S/JUNE/2025:

- A.O.B & ADJOURNMENT

The Committee having dispensed with the business of the day and the time being thirty minutes past twelve o'clock, the Chairperson adjourned the sitting.

CONFIRMED AS TRUE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

SIGN.....

HON. KENNEDY OYUGI, MCA
(CHAIRPERSON)

DATE.....24/6/2025