TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A DIRECTED WRC PROJECT

THEME: Water Use

TITLE Examining the potential of water boards supporting and

complementing some of the CMA functions and activities

TOR NUMBER: 1010019

Rationale

The premises of this study is based on the opportunity which may be offered by Water Boards to support and offer capacity to certain CMA related activities in the catchment they operate within. Water Boards have more established logistics within the areas they operate and they have a vested interest of the catchment being managed well in terms of water quality and quantity, as this impacts on their operations and costs.

Thus being active in the catchment they have no conflict but complimentary role is supporting catchment management activities such as water resource quality monitoring, ensuring water use compliance and other activities which can avoid duplication by a CMA and reduce the costs of such activities.

Their presence on the ground offers opportunity for being the eyes and ears in the catchment and this partnership may be useful for future sustainability of catchment management functions. The scope of this study will require a case study approach and several engagements/facilitation with the affected players in finding these opportunities and synergies.

Main Objectives

- 1. Examine and explore the areas and activities of CMA responsibilities which can be administered by Water Boards
- 2. Determine how these activities can be legally delegated and funding mechanisms
- 3. Establish reporting and management systems for such activities.

Expected Deliverables:

- 1. A high level evidence based position paper for discussion
- 2. Any specific guidelines and recommendation which may be required
- 3. Comprehensive guideline
- 4. Two webinars
- 5. Policy formulation where needed.

Total Budget: R1 000 000.00 (Including VAT)

Year 1: R 400 000.00 (Including VAT)

Duration: 28 months