



Lesotho

Water and Sanitation Sector

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- 1. Policy and legal framework**
- 2. Institutional arrangements**
- 3. Regulation – water and sanitation services**



Policy and legal framework



- **Lesotho Water and Sanitation Policy, 2007**
- **Water Act, 2008**



Lesotho Water and Sanitation Policy



Policy statements

1. Water Resources Management
2. Water Supply and Sanitation Services
3. Water and Environment
4. Trans-boundary Water Resources
5. Sector Wide Approach
6. Stakeholder Involvement
7. Institutional Arrangements and Legislative Framework





Water Act, 2008



Provides for the management, protection, conservation, development and sustainable utilisation of water resources

Underlying Principles:

1. sustainable utilisation of water resources
2. intergenerational equity
3. integrated water resources management
4. equitable distribution of water and sanitation services
5. public participatory approach
6. precautionary principle
7. polluter pays principle
8. integration of environmental and social issues into water resources management
9. sector wide approach to water resources management.

ACT NO. 15 OF 2008
Water Act, 2008
the management, protection
of resources.



Water Act, 2008



provides for functions of Commissioner of Water:

- provide policy direction to water resources institutions
- implement the water and sanitation policy
- develop water & sanitation strategies & plans, and ensure their implementation
- custodian of national water resources data & information, on behalf of the Minister
- coordinate all water management activities, including transboundary matters
- produce annual state of water resources reports
- carry out water resources regulatory activities
- advise the Minister on management and use of water resources



Tools & Instruments for implementing Policy & Legal Framework

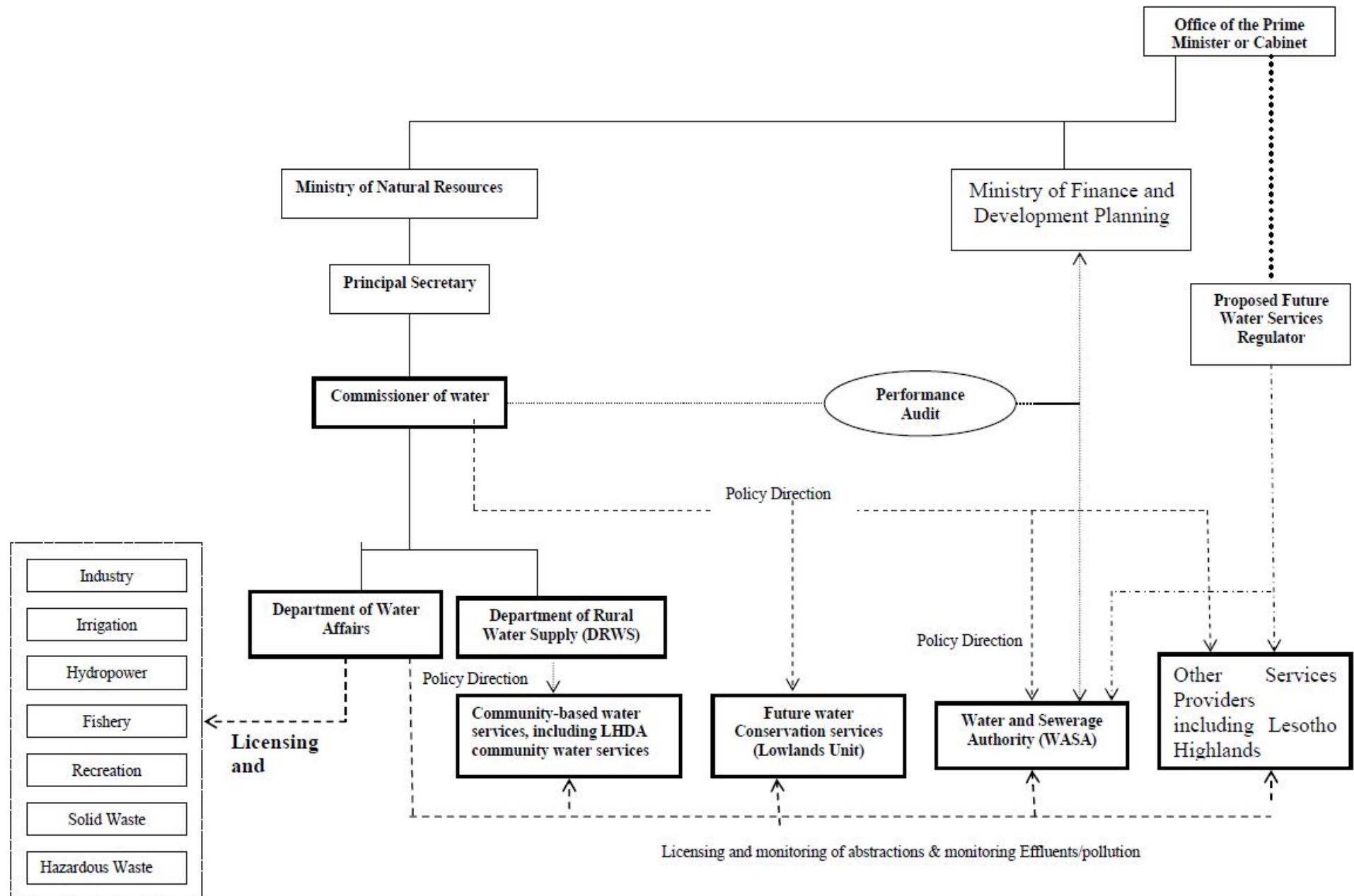


Strategies:

- ✓ Integrated Water Resources Management Strategy, 2007
- ✓ Water Demand Management Strategy, 2007
- ✓ Drought Management Strategy, 2007
- ✓ Tariff Strategy, 2007
- ✓ Aftercare Strategy, 2007
- ✓ Interim Strategy for the Water and Sanitation Sector, 2010
- ✓ (Long Term Water and Sanitation Strategy, 2014)
- ✓ (Communication Strategy, 2014)

Acts & policies:

- ✓ Lesotho Electricity Authority Amendment Act, 2010
- ✓ Water and Sewerage Authority Vesting Act, 2010
- ✓ Industrial Wastewater Management Policy, 2007
- ✓ Water Quality Guidelines and Standards, 2013





Institutional arrangements, 2013



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Policy & Regulation

LEWA Board

LEWA

- Urban water regulation.
- Service standards
- National electricity regulation

Lowlands Unit

CoW

- Sector coordination
- Policy, planning and strategy Unit
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Asset Agency
- Dam safety

Metolong Authority

LHWC

- Responsible and accountable for LHWP
- Act on behalf of and advise the governments
- Channel of all governments inputs relating to LHWP
- Monitor and advise activities of LHDA and TCTA

Service Providers

WASCo Board

WASCo

- Water distribution
- Water works
- Metolong Dam
- Metolong WTW
- Metolong conveyance

DRWS

- Rural water supply
- Rural sanitation
- Monitoring
- Maintenance

DWA

- Water resources mngt
- Water development
- Monitoring
- Catchment mngt
- Assessment
- License/Permits

LHDA

- Responsible for the implementation, operation and maintenance of that part of the LHWP situated in the Kingdom of Lesotho

Users



Water & Sewerage Services Regulation



- LEA Act, 2002 as amended (2006 & 2011)
 - LEA transformation to LEWA (multi-sector regulator)
 - Urban water & sewerage services regulation – LEWA
- WASA Vesting Act, 2010
 - WASA transformed into WASCo
- WASCo issued composite licence, May 2013
- Regulatory instruments in place
- TA engaged to assist in implementation of regulatory instruments



Thank you