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ORDER OF THE DAY

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRAYER

1. Administration of Oath
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- 7*. Questions and **Statements**

1. (STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR COMMITTEE ON WATER AND IRRIGATION SERVICES)

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 47(1)(c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Water and irrigation services regarding the urgent need for fencing and the distilling of the water pan in Saka Junction community.

Hon. Speaker, it is crucial to note that access to clean and safe water is a fundamental right guaranteed by Article 43 (d) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010. Furthermore, the fourth Schedule of County Government Act, 2012 emphasizes the County Government's responsibility to provide essential services, including water supply, to its residents.

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Hon. Speaker, the importance of water infrastructure, especially in arid and semi-arid regions, cannot be overstated. Access to clean, reliable water sources is crucial for the survival of both the human population and livestock, as well as for promoting sustainable development in these communities.

Hon. Speaker, Saka Junction Community, like many other parts of the County, depends heavily on water pans for its daily water needs. These water pans, however, face significant challenges such as contamination, evaporation, and the risk of livestock and other animals polluting or depleting the water supply. Fencing these water pans would not only secure them from contamination but also ensure that they serve the community effectively, especially during dry seasons.

Hon. Speaker, the process of desilting is equally vital to increase the capacity of the water pan, especially in preparation for upcoming rains or in times of water scarcity. Over time, siltation reduces the storage capacity of water pans, thereby limiting the amount of water that can be harvested and stored for future use. The desilting of the water pan in Saka Junction will allow the community to harvest and store more water, reducing their vulnerability to water shortages and drought.

Hon. Speaker, it is of paramount importance that the County Department of Water undertakes immediate steps to ensure the fencing and desilting of this water pan for the long-term sustainability and safety of the water resource.

Hon. Speaker, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

1. When is the department of water planning to undertake the fencing of the water pan in Saka Junction community?
2. What specific measures are in place to ensure the desilting of the water pan to increase its capacity and safeguard its use by the community?
3. How does the department intend to ensure that the water pan remains clean and safe for both human and livestock consumption once the fencing and desilting are completed?

(STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON ABDIWELI ADEN ABDULLAHI - MCA SAKA WARD)

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2. (STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR COMMITTEE ON WATER AND IRRIGATION SERVICES)

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 47(1)(c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Water and irrigation services regarding the urgent need for the rehabilitation and repair of the piping system, as well as the installation of an elevated plastic water tank in Magatho Village, Saka Ward.

Hon. Speaker, access to clean and safe water is a fundamental right guaranteed by Article 43(d) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010. The Fourth Schedule of the County Government Act, 2012, underscores the County Government's responsibility to provide essential services, including water supply, to its residents.

Hon. Speaker, the acute water shortage in Magatho Village has severely affected the community's daily activities and overall quality of life. The existing piping system is outdated and inadequate, leading to frequent water supply disruptions. Additionally, the absence of elevated water tanks exacerbates the problem by limiting the storage and distribution capacity of water in the area.

Hon. Speaker, the timely rehabilitation of the piping system and installation of elevated plastic water tanks are crucial steps toward ensuring that the community has reliable access to water, particularly during dry seasons.

Therefore, Hon. Speaker, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on the following:

1. When the Department of Water plans to rehabilitate and repair the piping system in Magatho Village, Saka Ward.
2. What specific plans are in place for the installation of elevated plastic water tanks in the community.
3. How the Department intends to ensure that the rehabilitation and installation processes address the existing water supply challenges effectively.

(STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON ABDIWELI ADEN ABDULLAHI - MCA SAKA WARD)

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3. (STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND PASTORAL ECONOMY)

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 47(1) (c), I wish to request a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Pastoral Economy Development regarding the plans for opening access roads, canals, and providing seedlings and farm inputs for farmers in Saka Ward.

Hon. Speaker, Agriculture including crop and animal husbandry is a function of the County Government as stipulated in the fourth schedule part 2 of the constitution of Kenya 2010.

Hon. Speaker, agriculture is a vital sector for the economic well-being of our community, and access to essential resources is critical for our farmers' productivity and sustainability. The lack of proper access roads and irrigation canals has hindered farmers' ability to transport their goods and access water for their crops, thus limiting agricultural output.

Hon. Speaker, the provision of quality seedlings and farm inputs is equally important to enhance crop yield and support sustainable farming practices. Farmers in Saka Ward rely on these resources to improve their livelihoods and contribute to food security in our region.

Therefore, Hon. Speaker, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on the following:

1. When does the Department of Agriculture plan to open access roads and canals in Saka Ward?
2. What specific measures are being implemented to ensure the timely provision of seedlings and farm inputs to farmers in the area?
3. How does the Department intend to support farmers in overcoming existing challenges related to agricultural production and infrastructure?

(STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON ABDIWELI ADEN ABDULLAHI - MCA SAKA WARD)

8. Motions and Bills
