

Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP)

Minutes of

SLNA meeting held on 23.05.2014

At North Conference Hall, Secretariat

The meeting started at 3 pm. The meeting was chaired by **Sri. Subratho Biswas IAS**, Agriculture Production Commissioner. Sri. Rajan Khobragade, I.A.S, Secretary to Government, LSGD was also present. List of participants is furnished as annexure.

Sri. K.V. Mohankumar, I.A.S, Commissioner & CEO, SLNA welcomed the participants and made the introductory remarks and briefly appraised the status of IWMP in Kerala.

Sri. Jagadish Singh, DIG of Forest, DoLR expressed anxiety over the slow progress in implementation of the projects in Kerala.

Secretary assured that the institutional structure for implementation of projects is already in position and he had expressed confidence that the project will pick up progress in coming months.

Subsequently the Agenda Items were discussed.

I : Confirmation of the minutes of SLNA meeting held on 23-08-2013

The meeting confirmed the minutes of the last SLNA meeting held on 23-08-2013

II: Action taken report on the decisions of the SLNA meeting held on 23-08-2013 were discussed and the following decisions were taken.

Resolution I: SLNA had decided to include areas falling under any foreclosed projects of any watershed development projects and areas treated 10 years back under any watershed development projects during revision of SPSP. Sri. Jagadish Singh informed that the matter has not come to the attention of DoLR. Hence it is resolved to send a specific proposal quoting the decision of SLNA to DoLR and obtain clarification. (Action: CEO, SLNA)

III: Review of Progress

A detailed review of the projects under IWMP in the state was done. Projects under Batch I & II had completed the preparatory phase and entered into the work phase. Batch III & IV are nearing completion of preparatory phase. Batch V projects have just started preparatory phase. Lack of funds was the main constraint at present. Sri. Jagadish Singh assured to release the funds by next week. The Secretary informed the forum that a strategic plan for implementation of IWMP in the state has been prepared and submitted to GoI.

IV: PPR - Sanction for District wise Watershed Development Projects of Batch VI for the year 2014-15 to be submitted to Government of India for approval.

Sri. A Nizamudeen, Deputy Director (Soil Survey), KSLUB, had presented the PPRs prepared for Batch VI projects and he had also explained how the PPRs are prepared. A total of 12 projects spreading over an area of 51333 Ha were proposed for the year 2014-15.

Resolution No. 2: SLNA approved the PPRs for 12 projects for an area of 51333 ha in 12 districts for the year 2014-15 and decided to appraise the projects for clearance of DoLR Steering Committee for IWMP proposed to be held on 29-05-2014. (Action: CEO, SLNA)

V: Approval of DPRs submitted by WCDC

Resolution No. 3 : SLNA approved the following 18 DPRs of Batch II, III & IV (subject to further modifications if any while scrutinizing by the technical committee constituted for the purpose.)(Action: CEO,SLNA)

Sl No	Batch	District	Project
1	Batch II	Idukki	Elamdesam
2		Kasargod	Parappa
3	Batch III	Kannur	Irritty
4		Alappuzha	Chengannur
5		Thiruvananthapuram	Chirayinkil
6		Kasargod	Karadukka
7		Kollam	Pathanapuram
8		Malappuram	Areekode
9			Kuttippuram
10		Kottayam	Uzhavoor
11		Ernakulam	Mulanthuruthy
12	Batch IV	Pathanamthitta	Pulikeezh
13		Palakkad	Nemmara
14		Kozhikode	Baluserry
15		Malappuram	Wandoor
16			Vengara
17		Thrissur	Vellangallur
18		Kollam	Vettikkavala

Resolution No. 4: In project (IWMP-III/2012-13) in Chowannur Block of Thrissur district to an extent of 4887 Ha, the DPR was completed and scrutinized by the Technical scrutinizing Committee, but the approval of DPC is pending due to selection of another project under RIDF for an acre of 1618 Ha within the project area.

It is resolved to prepare DPR of IWMP – III/2012-13 in Chowannur Block for the remaining area, excluding the area selected under RIDF and get approval of DPC. (Action: CEO, SLNA)

Resolution No. 5: SLNA resolved to entrust Director, SS & SC Department to enquire about the present status of the 5 projects in Idukki District and One Projects in Kannur District (Irikkur) of batch III and to provide sufficient technical support to those projects to complete within time limit. (Action: Director, Soil Survey & Soil Conservation)

Resolution No. 6: It is resolved to direct all WCDCs to intimate the District Collectors well in advance about the time line for clearance of projects by DPC. (**Action : CEO,SLNA**)

In the case of IWMP – VII/2012-13, in Chittoor Block of Palakkad district, the preparation of DPR is not progressing as some kind of dispute raised in area identification and technical support for DPR preparation. This causes delay in finalization of DPR.

Resolution No. 7: SLNA has entrusted CEO, SLNA to look into the matter and settle the problem so as to finalize the DPR of Chittoor project at the earliest. (**Action: CEO, SLNA**)

The project Managers of WCDC who were present in the meeting were committed the timeline. Accordingly the remaining DPRs of Batch IV (2012-13), the time line is fixed as follows

Sl No	District	Block	Project	Status	Time line
1	Alapuzha	Bharanikkavu	IWMP III/2012-13	Gramma sabha approved	30-06-2014
2	Ernakulam	Parakkadavu	IWMP III/2012-13	Estimates Under preparation	15-06-2014
3	Idukki	Kattappana	IWMP VII/2012-13	Survey completed and estimates under preparation	30-06-2014
4		Azhutha	IWMP VIII/2012-13		30-06-2014
5		Thodupuzha	IWMP IX/2012-13		30-06-2014
6	Kozhilkode	Kunnamangalam	IWMP III/2012-13	Draft completed	30-06-2014
7	Kannur	Irritty	IWMP IV/2012-13	Gramma sabha in progress	30-06-2014
8	Kasargod	Kasargod	IWMP VI/2012-13	DPR just started	30-06-2014
9	Kottayam	Pallom	IWMP II/2012-13	DPR completed	30-06-2014
10	Palakkad	Chittoor	IWMP VI/2012-13	Under preparation	
11	Thiruvananthapuram	Pothencode	IWMP III/2012-13	Estimates Under preparation	30-06-2014
12	Wayanad	Kalpetta	IWMP IV/2012-13	Pending approval DPC	15-06-2014

P3	Thrissur	Chowannur	IWMP III/2012-13	Completed	pending DPC approval
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Resolution No. 8: It is resolved to adhere to the above time line by the implementing agencies and WCDCs. (*Action: CEO, SLNA*)

Resolution No. 9: It is resolved to entrust the preparation of DPR of all those projects of Batch V for which TSO was not engaged to SS & SC department. (*Action: CEO, SLNA & Director, Soil Survey & Soil Conservation*)

VI: Over lapping of other projects within IWMP project area

Resolution No. 10: In order to avoid duplication of projects It is resolved to constitute a task force headed by Chief, State Planning Board and Director, SS& SC department, Commissioner, Rural Development Department and Director, KSLUB, to create a data base of all watersheds treated under various schemes in Kerala. The CEO, SLNA will be the convenor of the task force. Director, SS&SC department is entrusted to prepare an action plan and fix a time line for completion of the data base. Any new project taken up in any scheme should be entered in that data base and it should be made accessible to all concerned stakeholders. (*Action: Director, Soil Survey & Soil Conservation*)

VII. Appointment of KSLUB as Evaluating Agency

Resolution No 11: It is resolved to ratify the action of entrusting KSLUB as evaluating Agency. (*Action: CEO, SLNA*)

VIII. Proposal for empanelling KSLUB and NBSS&LUP as Evaluating agency

Resolution No 12: It is resolved to utilise the service of already empanelled agencies for evaluation of projects.

IX. Cooperation of Line Departments

Resolution No13: It is resolved to give directions to all Departmental Heads of line departments to issue orders for field level functionaries to cooperate with the planning and implementation of IWMP project. The Secretary, LSGD will coordinate all departments (Action: Secretary, LSGD)

X. Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning & Documentation (MEL& D)

Resolution No 14: It is resolved to entrust Secretary, LSGD (RD) to conduct a meeting with SS& SC Department, KSLUB, CPCRI, CWRDM, KAU & SIRD and finalise MEL&D agencies from the above institutions for IWMP projects of Kerala.(Action: Secretary, LSGD)

XI. Web based monitoring & Evaluation of Projects

Resolution No. 15: It is resolved to entrust Sri. Kaushikan, I.A.S, Mission Director, MGNREGS to sort out the possibility of obtaining the software for concurrent Monitoring & Evaluation.(Action: Mission Director, MGNREGS)

XII . Constitution of Separate Capacity Building Unit under SLNA

Chairman insisted to utilise the existing institutions instead of constituting separate Capacity Building Units. He also insisted to examine the infrastructure facility strength available with SS&SC Department, CWRDM, SIRD etc.

Resolution No 16: It is resolved to entrust Secretary, LSGD (RD) to visit IWDM-K,Chadayamangalam, SIRD & CWRDM to assess the existing infrastructure facilities and its capacity to handle the entire CB activities pertaining to IWMP projects.(Action: Secretary, LSGD)

Resolution No 17: It is also resolved to make presentations by the above agencies on training components, modules prepared, phases of training etc in the next SLNA and can finalise the nodal agency for CB of IWMP projects.(Action: IWDM-K,Chadayamangalam, SIRD & CWRDM)

XIII. Posting of a Hydrologist

Resolution No.18: It is resolved to appoint a Hydrologist in the TSU of SLNA having required qualification. The salary can be met from the Administrative funds provided to PIAs.(Action: CEO,SLNA)

XIV. Appointment of CA

Resolution No. 19: It is resolved to entrust Sri. Venkatachalam & Associate, Thiruvananthapuram, for audit of accounts of IWMP for the financial year 2013- 14.(Action: CEO,SLNA)

XV. Engagement of TSOs for Batch V projects

Resolution No. 20: It was resolved to ratify the action of engaging TSOs for DPR preparation of Batch V projects.

XVI. Sharing of RS data with KSREC for concurrent monitoring and Reconstituting Technical Scrutinizing Committee for verification of DPR with officials of KSREC

Resolution No. 21: It is resolved to include one official from KSREC in the Technical Scrutinizing Committee for finalisation of DPR.(Action: CEO,SLNA)

XVII. Shifting of office of TSU of SLNA

Resolution No. 22: It is resolved to entrust Secretary, LSGD (RD) to look into the matter and decision can be taken in the next SLNA. (Action: Secretary,LSGD)

XVIII. Approval of Annual Action Plan for 2014-15

Resolution No. 23: It is resolved to approve the AAP prepared for 2014-15.

XIX. Impact Assessment study of Preparatory phase of 26 projects of Batch I&II

Resolution No. 24: It is resolved not to conduct the impact study now as the EPA activities are only undertaken. It can be taken up at a later stage.

XX. Documentation of projects.

Chairman suggested that only Government agencies viz., C- Dac, Skill Development Corporation, FIB etc need be engaged for documentation through open tender. Documentation of success stories, audio, video and short films etc. to be entertained.

Resolution No. 25: It is resolved to entrust a Government agency for documentation of IWMP projects.(Action: CEO,SLNA)

XXI. Convergence of MGNREGS with IWMP

Chairman suggested that all labour oriented works should be taken up in MGNREGS. A clear guideline should be developed suggesting what are all the activities that can be done under MGNREGS. Hence it is directed to have a discussion with all stakeholders and finalise suitable guidelines. DPRs should be prepared in a customised manner.

Resolution No. 26: It is resolved to approve the proposal submitted by Mission Director, MGNREGS, in principle and entrusted to develop a state specific working instruction. (Action: CEO, SLNA)

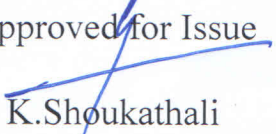
XXII. One Year Diploma Course on Watershed Management conducted by IWDM-K, Chadayamangalam.

Resolution No.27: SLNA had approved the proposal of Director, Soil Survey & Soil Conservation to select one year Diploma holders in Watershed Management from IWDM-K as WDT members in the IWMP Programme .This course is jointly conducted by IGNOU, DoLR & IWDM-K under Director of Soil Survey.(Action: CEO,SLNA)

Meeting concluded at 5 pm.

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Commissioner for Rural Development

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Agriculture Production Commissioner

Approved for Issue

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