

MAHARASHTRA WATER RESOURCES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Minutes of 03/2022 Authority Meeting

29th March 2022, Time 2:00 p.m.

The Following Members attended the meeting:-

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| i. | Shri. Sanjay Kulkarni | Member (WRE) |
| ii. | Mrs. Shwetal Thakare | Member (Economics) |
| iii. | Dr. Sadhana Mahashabde | Member (Law) |

Other Officers:-

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| i. | Dr. Ramnath Sonawane | Secretary |
| ii. | Shri. Prashant Borase | Director |
| iii. | Shri. Rohan Sodal | Dy. Director |
| iv. | Shri. Dilip Patole | Asst. Director |
| v. | Shri. Prabhakar Khire | Consultant |

Shri. Sanjay Kulkarni Member (WRE) and Dr. Adv. Sadhana Mahashabde, Member (Law) seconded that Smt. Shwetal Thakare, Member (Eco) to chair the meeting in accordance with the provisions of section 9 (2) of MWRRA Act, 2005 read with regulation 9 (5) of MWRRA (Conduct of Business) Regulations 2013. The Secretary welcomed all the members present in the meeting.

With the permission of the chair, the meeting commenced to take up the following agenda items which were discussed and deliberated.

ITEM NO. 1

To confirm the minutes of the previous 02/22 Authority meeting held on 25/03/2022.

The minutes of 02/22 Authority Meeting were confirmed unanimously with minor corrections.

ITEM NO. 2

To consider and finalize Criteria for Bulk Water Tariff and the Bulk Water Tariff Proposal in accordance with Section 11 (d) and 11 (u) of the MWRRA Act, 2005.

The Criteria for Bulk Water Tariff and the Bulk Water Tariff Proposal have been modified on the basis of discussions and decisions taken in the meeting held on 25th March 2022.

The Secretary brought it to the notice of the Authority that the Tariff Proposal does not contain provision for levy of 1% of water charges actually realized [schedule 1 entry 3 of Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority (Fees, charges and Other receipts) Regulations, 2019] read with clause 3 (10) of Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority Act 2005 and Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority (Fixing Criteria for and Issuance of Tariff Orders for Bulk Water) Guidelines 2019 because it appears to be inconsistent with the Act. The Authority perused the provision and agreed with the submission of the Secretary.

The final Criteria for Bulk Water Tariff and Bulk Water Tariff Proposal are attached both in English and Marathi are attached herewith.

Resolution No. 119

It is resolved that, The Criteria for Bulk Water Tariff and the Bulk Water Tariff Proposal are hereby finalized.

ITEM NO. 3

To consider and give approval to issue Tariff Order under section 11 (d) of the MWRRA Act.

The Criteria for Bulk Water Tariff and the Bulk Water Tariff Proposal have been modified on the basis of discussions and decisions taken in the meeting held on 25th March 2022. On the basis of CBWT and BWT draft order has been submitted by the Secretary for the approval of the authority. The Authority has gone through the draft tariff order. The members present suggested several corrections and modifications during the meeting. These corrections and modifications have been incorporated in the draft order during the course of the meeting itself.

The Authority is satisfied that, the Tariff Order is consistent with the relevant provisions of Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority Act 2005, Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority (Fixing Criteria for and Issuance of Tariff Orders for Bulk Water) Guidelines 2019, the Approach Paper, Criteria for Bulk Water Tariff and the Bulk Water Tariff Proposal finalized after ascertaining the views of the beneficiary public.

The Bulk Water Tariff Order as corrected by the Authority, in Marathi is attached herewith.

Resolution No. 120

It is resolved that, the approval is given to the Bulk Water Tariff Order and the secretary is authorized to seal and authenticate the order and forward it to the Water Resources Department, Government of Maharashtra on or before 31st March 2022.

ITEM No. 4

Any other subject with the approval / permission of the chairperson.

Nil.

VOTE OF THANKS:

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to all officers involved in the process of issuance of Tariff Order and the Chairperson and the Members present for their valuable suggestions, comments, inputs and decision.

Date: 29/03/2022

Place: Mumbai

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Mrs. Shwetali Thakare
Hon. Member (Eco)
(Chairperson of the Meeting)