

Minutes of the 10/20 Authority Meeting of the Members held on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020 at 3.00 p.m.

**The Following Members attended the meeting:-**

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| i.   | Shri. VinodKumar J. Tiwari | Member (Law)       |
| ii.  | Dr. S.T. Sangle            | Member (Economics) |
| iii) | Shree Sanjay Kulkarni      | Member (Law)       |

**Other Officers:-**

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| iii. | Dr. Ramnath Sonawane | Secretary    |
| iv.  | Smt. Nasima Shaikh   | Registrar    |
| v.   | Shri Rohan Sodal     | Dy. Director |

Dr. S. T. Sangle Member (Economics) proposed Shri. VinodKumar J. Tiwari Member (Law), to chair the meeting in accordance with the provisions of section 9 (2) of MWRRA Act, 2005 and 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 9/20 Authority meeting held on 22/10/2020.**

The minutes of 9/20 Authority Meeting were confirmed unanimously.

**ITEM NO. 2**

**Action Taken Report**

Position of pending / Continuous process & partially complied Report submitted in 6/20 meeting held on 30/06/2020 was as below :-

Sr. No	Status of Resolution	Resolution No
1.	Pending Resolutions	52, 64, 73, 74, 17
2.	Continuous process	17, 49

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Status of the above Resolutions as on today is as under :-

Sr. No	Resolution no	Resolution	Status	Directions of the Authority
1.	<p><b>Resolution No. 52</b></p> <p>Authority Meeting 7/19, Dt. 08/07/2019</p>	<p><b>Proposal to start Media Cell with the support of external agency/Professions /consultants.</b></p> <p><b>“RESOLVED THAT</b> a budget of Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rs. Ten Lacs Only) is hereby approved for Media Support Awareness Building.</p> <p><b>“RESOLVED FURTHER THAT</b> awareness policy should be finalized and the Authority should be informed”</p> <p><b>“RESOLVED FURTHER THAT</b> Member (Law) and Secretary of the Authority be and are hereby authorized to do all such acts, deeds, things as may be necessary to give effect to aforesaid resolution, under the general supervision of the Chairman.”</p>	Pending	The Secretary is directed to expedite the implementation of this resolution.
2.	<p><b>Resolution No. 64</b></p> <p>Authority Meeting 13/19, Dt. 01/01/2020</p>	<p><b>Formation of Standing Committee under MWRRA Act, 2005 for carrying our preparatory work for implementation of provisions in Maharashtra Groundwater (D&amp;M) Act, 2009 which do not require Rules</b></p> <p><b>“RESOLVED THAT</b> a standing Committee under the Chairmanship of Member (GW) of the Authority and other constituents and invitees as shown below, be formed in order to take various actions, in consonance with the provisions in Maharashtra Groundwater (D&amp;M) Act, 2009 .</p> <p><b>“RESOLVED FURTHER THAT</b> Chairman of the Authority is hereby empowered to nominate other Members including Invitee or Expert Members on this Committee to ensure the various obligations under the said Act read with relevant provisions under MWRRA Act, 2005 and address issues referred to it in a time bound manner.</p> <p><b><u>Members :-</u></b></p> <p>1. Member (GW) – Chairperson 2. Member (Law) – Member</p>	Pending	The Secretary MWRRA is directed to communicate to Director GSDA, to attend the meetings of the Authority, whenever Groundwater related issues are discussed in the meeting.

		<p>3. Consultant (GW) – Member 4. Any other Expert(s) – Nominated by Chairman, MWRRA 5. Director – GSDA, Pune Maharashtra 6. Secretary, MWRRA – Member Secretary</p> <p><b>Invitees :</b> 1. Regional Director - CGWB, Nagpur</p>		
6.	<p><b>Resolution No. 73</b>  Authority Meeting 5/20, Dt. 22/06/2020</p>	<p><b>To discuss the amendments in the MWRRA (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2013.</b></p> <p><b>“RESOLVED THAT</b> the Secretary, MWRRA is directed to submit draft amendments as annexed to the MWRRA (Conduct of Business) Regulations 2013, to the Government for approval by note sheet in file.”</p>	Pending	The Secretary is directed to submit the draft amendments at the earliest.
7.	<p><b>Resolution No. 74</b>  Authority Meeting 5/20, Dt. 22/06/2020</p>	<p><b>It is discussed with Secretary WRD CAD that as per State Water Policy as well as MWRRA Act, MGWDM Act, work pertaining to ground water is to be taken up effectively and for that matter the technical wing – GSDA to function under WRD instead of WSSD and for that matter the Authority need to discuss &amp; decide to present case before State Govt.</b></p> <p><b>“RESOLVED THAT</b> the draft letter in this regards be sent to the Government for approval.”</p> <p><b>RESOLVED FURTHER THAT</b> the Secretary, MWRRA be and is hereby authorized to do all such acts, deeds and things to give effect to above resolution.”</p>	Pending	Implementation of this Resolution be kept on hold.

### Resolutions in Continuous Process

Sr. No	Resolution no	Resolution	Status	Directions of the Authority
1.	<p><b>Resolution No. 17</b>  Authority Meeting 4/18, Dt. 25/04/2018</p>	<b>In the matter of adverse effects on sustainability of Irrigation / WRD Schemes due to outstanding payments towards supply of Bulk Water Charges to be recovered by Water Resources Department from Domestic &amp; Industrial</b>	Pending	Assistant Director Shri. Patole is directed to obtain the status of

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		<p><b>Bulk Water Utilities in the State of Maharashtra.</b></p> <p>This subject matter under this item was moved by Member (Law), who explained the need of the taking cognizance of the subject matter by the Authority in the interest of the sustainability and the management of the Irrigation projects in the State getting adversely affected due to such outstanding dues remained unrecovered by WRD and as such the beneficiaries of agro sector ate ultimately affected.</p> <p>The Authority having discussed the matter at length, unanimously decided to issue directions to the concerned Departments of the State Government such as WRD, Urban Development, Rural Development, Industries, Energy &amp; respective corporations to submit their affidavits within six weeks from the communication of the Orders by the Secretary of the Authority.</p> <p>The draft of order was also discussed and adopted to be issued to the all concerned in the matter with the further directions to the Secretary to keep the information/relevant details as to be obtained from the departments of the State Govt. as per above directions in the due course of time including reporting of the failures thereof in the Authority meeting fir further directions in the interest of justice as may be necessary and deemed fit in the circumstances. Accordingly, the Authority has passed the following Resolution.</p> <p><b>IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT</b> the parties/ Respondents named above be asked;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To submit details on Affidavit of such outstanding dues payable to WRD be Municipal Corporations, Municipal Councils, Industrial Townships, Nagar Panchayats, Gram Panchayats etc. Local Bodies, Private Townships, Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation, CIDCO, Public &amp; Private Sector Companies, Firms, Organization, Societies, Trust, Commercial establishments etc.</li> <li>2. To submit details of water supply agreements which have been</li> </ol>	<p>recovery and balance for the Financial Year-2018-19 and 2019-20 from the RBAs.</p>
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		<p>signed and executed with WRD or the Irrigation Development Corporations which are in existence and/or neither been signed not been renewed years together due to such outstanding dues recovery, even then water is being supplied regularly, in spite of such huge recovery and its impact on the working of WRD Department.</p> <p>3. To submit the Affidavits along with all such relevant information, details and particulars called upon herein above to the extent and concerned to the respective departments after collecting it from all concerned within six weeks from the receipt of this order.</p>		
3.	<b>Resolution No. 49</b>	<p><b><u>Formation of Consultative Committee for M-CIPRAW</u></b>  The Secretary proposed the list of members who have been invited to be part of the M-CIPRAW Consultative Committee along with the list of members who have provided their consent to be part of the Consultative Committee.</p> <p><b><u>Request to the Authority</u></b>  The Authority is requested to give further directions in the matter. After discussion, the Authority unanimously passed the following resolution:</p> <p><b>“RESOLVED THAT</b> the Authority hereby empowers Chairman, MWRRRA to take further actions.”</p>	Pending	Implementation of this Resolution be kept on hold.

**Position of Resolutions passed from 6/20 & 8/20 Authority Meeting.**  
**Summary of Report of Resolution**

Sr. No	Status of Resolution	Resolution No
1.	Pending Resolutions	75-6/20, 79-7/20, 90- 8/20, 91- 8/20

Sr. No.	Resolution No.	Resolution	Status	Directions of the Authority
1.	<b>Resolution No. 75</b>  Authority Meeting 6/20, Dt. 30/06/2020	<p><b><u>Establishment of the Groundwater Committee for concerned Talukas of Amravati District, as per Section 29 of the Maharashtra Groundwater (Development and Management) Act, 2009.</u></b></p> <p><b>IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT,</b></p>	Pending	The Secretary should initiate the process of constitution of WWRC in Amravati District in accordance

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Sr. No.	Resolution No.	Resolution	Status	Directions of the Authority
		<p>a Watershed Water Resources Committee be formed for notified areas of concerned Talukas of Amravati District to perform functions and duties assigned to it under the Maharashtra Groundwater (Development and Management) Act, 2009;</p> <p><b>RESOLVED FURTHER THAT,</b> the Secretary, MWRRA is hereby directed to initiate the process of formation of Watershed Water Resources Committee as per Section 29 (2) of the Maharashtra Groundwater (Development and Management) Act, 2009 with respect to the notified areas of concerned Talukas of Amravati District in consultation with the concerned District Authorities the earliest, so far as the ex-officio posts as per the provisions of the law for concerned and for rest of the appointments can be taken up once the Rules are finally notified.</p>		with the Section 29 of Mah. Ground Water (Development & Management Act 2009)
5.	<p><b>Resolution No. 79</b></p> <p>Authority Meeting 7/20, Dt. 30/07/2020</p>	<p><u>अध्यक्ष (मजनिप्रा) या रिक्त पदाच्या अतिरिक्त कारभाराबाबत. - पत्र क्रमांक-संकीर्ण-2020/(प्र.क्र. 21/20)जसं(आस्था)-माहितीसाठी</u></p> <p>प्राधिकरण असा ठराव करित आहे की, सोबत जोडलेले परिशिष्ट ' अ वरील पत्राचा मसुदा मान्य करण्यात येत आहे व सचिव, मजनिप्रा यांनी सदर पत्र तात्काळ सचिव, जलसंपदा विभाग यांना पाठवावे.</p>	Pending	<p>The Secretary is directed <del>not to</del> to send the letter to WRD. <i>as draft is yet to be finalized</i></p>
16.	<p>Resolution No. 90</p> <p>Authority Meeting 8/20, Dt. 30/07/2020</p>	<p>To discuss the issue of non-finalisation of Accounts &amp; Audit of Accounts and to take further steps.</p> <p>"RESOLVED THAT the Secretary is hereby directed to submit the Statement of Accounts before the Authority at the</p>	Pending	The Account Officer is directed to comply immediately.

Sr. No.	Resolution No.	Resolution	Status	Directions of the Authority
		earliest possible for adoption as required under the provisions of Section 19 of the MWRRA Act, 2005, so that the audit can be conducted and completed by the Accountant General."		
17.	Resolution No. 91 Authority Meeting 8/20, Dt. 30/07/2020	To discuss & decide on the issue of filling of vacant sanctioned posts in MWRRA including request to the State Govt. for deputation of the Staff & Officers.  RESOLVED THAT the Secretary is hereby directed to initiate process expeditiously and to invite applications through an advertisement from employees of the State Government Departments, Local bodies, Central/State Government Undertakings and other Authorities or Corporations under the State Government strictly as per the provisions stipulated in the Regulations."	Pending	The Secretary is directed to submit the proposal immediately.

**ITEM No. 3****GR for adoption.****Nil****ITEM No. 4****Annul maintenace contract of Xerox Machine.**

This item was discussed in detail. It was proposed to enter into agreement with M/s. Koyesara Document Solution India Pvt. Limited for the period from 01/08/2020 to 31/07/2021. However, this is the month of December 2020 it will not be feasible to make agreement for the proposed period.

**Resolution No. 95**

It is Resolved that total comprehensive service maintenance agreement may be done with M/s. Koyesara Document Solution India Pvt. Limited for the period from 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021.



#### **ITEM No. 5**

##### **Quotations for stationary.**

Quotations called for purchase of stationay were placed before the Authority. All members have given approval to the lowest quotation.

##### **Resolution No. 96**

It is **Resolved** that the rates quoted by M/s. Nagnechi Stationary Mart, Mumbai, for purchase of stationary are approved for the period from 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021 and the Secretary is authorised to enter into a contract with M/s. Nagnechi Stationary Mart, Mumbai.

#### **ITEM No. 6**

##### **Approval to draft Approach Paper of Amravati District for Public Hearing before notification of over exploited and critical Water Shed Areas.**

**WHEREAS**, the Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority established under Section 3 of the Water Resources Regulatory Act, 2005, shall be the State Groundwater Authority for the purpose of this Act, who shall exercise the powers conferred on and discharge such functions and duties as assigned to it, under Maharashtra Groundwater (Development and Management) Act, 2009 in the manner as may be prescribed;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Ground water Survey and Development Agency, Pune has recommended to notify Over Exploited and Critical areas in Amravati district;

**AND WHEREAS**, under Section 4 (1) of the Maharashtra Groundwater (Development and Management) Act, 2009, the State Groundwater Authority has been empowered to notify the area for regulating the use or depletion of groundwater in the Watershed area according to the Groundwater Estimates Report, regulation of Over-Exploited and Exploited classified watersheds must be notified as it is in the public interest;



**AND WHEREAS**, draft approach paper in Marathi and English is scrutinized by the Authority and list of villages and facts and figures in the Approach Papers are verified and certified by GSDA, Pune;

**AND WHEREAS**, It is necessary to initiate suggestions and objections from the stakeholders of the Amravati district under section 4 (1) of the Maharashtra Groundwater (development & Management) Act, 2009;

**Resolution No. 97**

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT**, draft approach paper (both in Marathi & English) for Amravati district submitted by the Director, GSDA, Pune and scrutinized in the Authority is hereby approved and directed to upload both approach papers on MWRRA's website ([www.mwrra.org](http://www.mwrra.org))

**IT IS ALSO RESOLVED THAT**, approval is being given to the attached draft of Public notice for hearing, contact person at taluka & district level, in whose office Approach Paper (Marathi and English) will be made available. A public notice to be published in two Marathi and one English newspapers of wide circulation in Amravati district.

**IT IS ALSO RESOLVED THAT**, an approximate expenditure of Rs. 2.10 lakhs is also approved for public hearing at Amravati.

**ITEM No. 7**

**Draft regulation Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority (Recruitment and Conditions of Service of Employees), 2020.**

This item was withdrawn by the Secretary.

**ITEM No. 8**

**To review the responsibilities and functions of the Authority u/s 12 of the Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority Act in the light of State Water Policy.**



Hon'ble Member (Law) proposed to constitute a committee for empowering River Basin Agencies in accordance with the state water policy as envisaged under section 12 (2). Member (Engineering) will be the chairperson and Member (Law), Member (Eco) will be the members of the committee.

Hon'ble Member (Law) has proposed to constitute a committee to co-ordinate with all relevant state agencies to implement a comprehensive Hydro Meteorological Data System for the state as envisaged in section 12 (3).

Hon'ble Member (Law) has proposed to constitute a committee to promote and implement sound water conservation and management practices throughout the state as envisaged in section 12 (4) of the MWRRA Act 2005 and Maharashtra Ground Water (Development and Management) Act. 2009. Member (Engineering) will be the chairperson and Member (Law), Member (Eco) will be the members of the committee.

Hon'ble Member (Law) has proposed to constitute a committee to support and aid the enhancement and preservation of water quality within the state as envisaged in section 12 (5) of the MWRRA Act 2005. Member (Engineering) will be the chairperson and Member (Law), Member (Eco) will be the members of the committee. The committee shall co-ordinate with relevant state agencies like Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation Limited (MIDC), All Municipal Corporation and A-Class Municipal Councils, Co-operative Industrial Estate. In order to ensure that the waste water is recycled and reused by the concerned Bulk Water Entities (and the principle person who pollute is followed scrupulously).

#### **Resolution No.98**

It is **Resolved** that, committee consisting of following members is constituted for empowering River Basin Agencies as envisaged with Section 12 (2) of the MWRRA Act 2005.

- i. Member (Engineering) Chairman
- ii. Member (Law)
- iii. Member (Eco)

It is further **Resolved** that, committee consisting of following members is constituted to co-ordinate with all relevant state agencies to implement a comprehensive Hydro Meteorological Data System for the state as envisaged with Section 12 (3) of the MWRRA Act 2005.

- i. Member (Engineering) Chairman
- ii. Member (Law)
- iii. Member (Eco)

It is further **Resolved** that, committee consisting of following members is constituted to promote and implement sound water conservation and management practices throughout the state as envisaged in section 12 (4) of the MWRRA Act 2005 and read with Maharashtra Ground Water (Development and Management) Act. 2009.

- i. Member (Engineering) Chairman
- ii. Member (Law)
- iii. Member (Eco)

It is further **Resolved** that, committee consisting of following members is constituted to support and aid the enhancement and preservation of water quality within the state as envisaged in section 12 (5) of the MWRRA Act 2005.

- i. Member (Engineering) Chairman
- ii. Member (Law)
- iii. Member (Eco)

#### **ITEM No. 9**

**To discuss the Annual Report for the year 2018-19 u/s 20 of the Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority Act.**

Draft Annual Report was placed before the Authority and Authority adopted it with certain modifications suggested by Member (Law).

**Resolution No. 99**

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It is **Resolved** that the Annual Report for the Year 2018-19 prepared u/s 20 of the MWRRA Act 2005 is approved and the Secretary is directed to submit the said report to the Government.

**ITEM No. 10**

**To discuss the issues of appointment of consultants pending the approval of Draft Regulations u/s 8 (9) r/w section 31 of the Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority Act.**

This item was withdrawn by Secretary.

**ITEM No. 11**

**Any other matter with permission of the chair.**

Nil.

**VOTE OF THANKS:**


The meeting was concluded with vote of thanks to the Chair and the Members present.


**Date:** 17/12/2020

**Place:** Mumbai

  
Secretary, MWRRA

  
Hon. Member (Eco)

  
Hon. Member (Engineering)

  
Hon. Member (Law)  
(Chairperson of the Meeting)