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Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority

**Minutes of the 3/2017 Meeting Held Under the Chairmanship of
Shri.K.P.Bakshi, Chairman MWRRRA on 22.09.2017 at 2.30 p.m.
in the Conference Hall of MWRRRA Office, Mumbai**

The following persons attended the meeting
Member

1. Shri.V.M.Kulkarni, Member (W.R.Engg.)

Others

2. Dr.S.A.Kulkarni, Secretary
3. Shri.S.D.Kulkarni, Director
4. Smt.Nasima Shaikh, Registrar
5. Shri.P.R.Deshpande, Dy. Director
6. Shri.Rohan Sodal, Dy.Director
7. Shri. P.R.Thote, Asstt.Director
8. Shri.K.N.Deshmukh, Asstt.Director
9. Shri.P.R.Khure, Consultant

At 2.30 p.m. the Chairman called the meeting to order and the agenda items as approved by the Chairman were placed for discussion.

Item No.1: To confirm the minutes of the meeting 2/2017 held on 12/09/2017

The minutes of the meeting of MWRRRA held on 12/09/2017 were confirmed unanimously.

Item No.2: To consider and note the action taken report

Authority noted the negotiated cost of engagement of KMG towards the consultancy work of Review and Revamping of State Water Policy 2003, MWRRRA Act 2005, Rules for MWRRRA Act, 2005 and MWRRRA Conduct of Business Regulations as Rs.14.58 lakh and directed to issue the Assignment Order.

Item No.3: To discuss and approve the report of consultation process done for the finalization of the "Criteria for Distribution of Surface Water Entitlements by River Basin Agencies for Domestic & Industrial Uses".

The powers & functions of the Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority are spelt out in Chapter III of the MWRRRA Act 2005. Section 11(a) as

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amended by the MWRRRA (Amendment & Continuance) Act, 2011 stipulates that MWRRRA shall determine the criteria for the distribution of entitlements by the River Basin Agencies (RBAs) within each category of use, on prescribed terms and conditions after sectoral allocation is made by the Government under Section 16(A) of the said Act. Section 11(g) of the Act also empowers the Authority to fix reasonable use criteria for each Category of Use.

Criteria for Distribution of Entitlements by RBAs for domestic and industrial uses were evolved by the Authority earlier in November, 2012. As per Para 7 of this criteria, the said criteria are valid for a minimum period of 3 years, at the end of which Authority may undertake revision, if considered necessary. Accordingly, the consultation process for revising the 'Criteria for Distribution of Surface Water Entitlements by River Basin Agencies for Domestic & Industrial Uses' was carried out in two stages. In the first stage, the criteria evolved in November 2012 was circulated in July 6, 2017 among various stakeholders, experts in the field and relevant line departments of the State Government for offering their comments on modification required.

Based on the comments received, the draft for consultation meeting was prepared and circulated in August 11, 2017. The consultation meeting was held on August 23 & 24, 2017. Detail discussion took place on all the key issues which were framed for deliberation in the meeting. The report of the consultation process comprising suggestions and views of the experts, stakeholders along with the response of the Authority is prepared. The Authority acknowledges and express its gratitude for the valuable contributions made by all the participants in the consultation process. The following was resolved in the meeting.

Resolution No.7

Resolved that the 'Report of the Consultation Process for Determination of Criteria for Distribution of Surface Water Entitlements for Domestic and Industrial Uses is unanimously approved by the Authority'.

Item No.4: To discuss and approve the "Criteria for Distribution of Surface Water Entitlements by River Basin Agencies for Domestic & Industrial Uses."

WRD vide GR dated November 17, 2016 has decided the sectoral allocation of water under Section 16A of the MWRRRA (Amendment and Continuance) Act, 2011. With this development, the earlier criteria of November 2012 were taken up for revision by MWRRRA. In the process of revision, consultations by way of communications and physical meetings with various line Departments of the Government, Municipal Corporations, NGOs and experts in the water sector

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were held to seek their comments / suggestions, as stated in Item 3. Various comments and suggestions, received in writing and also during stakeholder consultation meetings conducted at the office of the Authority on August 23 & 24, 2017, have been duly considered and incorporated as appropriate in finalizing these criteria.

Authority appreciates the efforts put in by Shri V. M. Kulkarni, Member (W.R.Engg.) in bringing out a comprehensive version of the Criteria. With this, the following was resolved:
Resolution No. 8

Resolved that the Final version of the "Criteria for Distribution of Surface Water Entitlements by River Basin Agencies for Domestic & Industrial Uses" is hereby approved by the Authority. The Criteria will become effective from today i.e. September 22, 2017. The Criteria along with the Consultation Report be kept on WRRRA website for wider dissemination.

The meeting ended by thanking the Chairman.



(Shri K. P. Bakshi)
Chairman, MWRRRA