

**Proceedings of The 5<sup>th</sup> State Level Nodal Agency Meeting**  
**Held On 28/01/2011**  
**Under The Chairmanship Of Additional Chief Secretary And**  
**Development Commissioner**

List of Members Present: Annexed

CEO, SLNA and Commissioner, WDD welcomed the Chairperson and the members of the SLNA to the meeting. The Director, WDD, presented the status of Watershed Development Programmes in the state.

***Agenda-5.1***

**Confirming the proceedings of the previous SLNA Meeting.**

As no comments were received, the SLNA confirmed the proceedings of the fourth SLNA meeting held on 22/7/2010.

***Agenda -5.2***

**Compliance on the decisions of the Fourth SLNA Meeting.**

The SLNA noted the compliance to the decisions taken in the previous meeting

***Agenda - 5.3***

**5.3.1 Progress of Area Development Programmes (ADP) up to Dec 2010.**

The SLNA reviewed and noted the progress made in various ADPs and also suggested to complete implementation of the remaining works in approved watersheds as per the time schedule prescribed by Gol, by claiming balance installments in time.

**5.3.2 Progress of National Watershed Development Project for Rain-fed Areas and River Valley Project up to Dec.2010..**

The SLNA reviewed and noted the progress made in the NWDPRA and RVP and suggested to complete the works in convergence with MNREGA for deficit funds if any. The committee discussed the difficulties in getting funds from Gram Panchayaths under MNREGA for watershed works and directed the CEO,SLNA to pursue the matter with RDPR.

### **5.3.3 Review of progress under IWMP projects sanctioned during the year 2009-10 and 2010-11. (up to Dec 2010).**

The SLNA reviewed the progress of IWMP projects sanctioned during 2009-10 and 2010-11 (up to Dec 2010) and expressed satisfaction. Representative of NRAA., Dr. Ramachandra who visited Tumkur and Shimoga Watersheds under IWMP, had interaction with farmers of the watershed area, appreciated the systematic approach adopted for implementation and complemented the WDD for achieving good progress under IWMP. He also expressed that involvement of NGOs and the procedure followed in CBOs formation and capacity building is excellent. However, he felt that this has to be documented and brought to the notice of GOI and shared with other states for better appreciation. The SLNA suggested to document the good practices, achievements and report the same to the GOI on a regular basis.

### ***Agenda - 5.4***

#### **Deployment of NGOs for 2010-11 projects.**

The Principal Secretary, Agriculture, explained that there was tremendous response to the notification and as many as 960 applications of NGOs were received for community mobilisation work in Watersheds. The capacity of the NGOs has been evaluated by applying an objective criteria and the minimum cut-off percentage has been fixed at 60%. Thus nearly 250 NGOs are found eligible for allotment of community mobilisation work in Watersheds. Already, based on merit 119 NGOs have been allotted the watersheds sanctioned for the year 2009-10. In respect of watersheds sanctioned for the year 2010-11, out of the eligibility list, the next 127 NGOs on merit may be allotted the work instead of calling for fresh expression of interest. Dr.K.S.Ramachandra, Technical Expert, NRAA., observed that the minimum cut-off marks should be pegged at 60% only and should not be further diluted. Taking all aspects into consideration and to avoid further delay, the SLNA permitted the CEO to operate the merit list for allotment of community mobilisation work in 127 watersheds sanctioned for the year 2010-11. Further, the SLNA directed the CEO, SLNA to prepare a District wise panel of NGOs based on selections already made and up date this panel every year by calling fresh

applications so as to allot work in watersheds sanctioned under the various Schemes in future.

### **Agenda - 5.5**

#### **Approval for Entry Point Activities**

The Entry Point Activities that have been identified by the Department were approved for implementation by the SLNA. Further, the SLNA authorized the CEO to approve project wise works under EPA for implementation by DWDOs.

### **Agenda -5.6**

#### **5.6.1.Approval of additional staff for SLNA**

Considering the number of vacancies and enormous work load created by IWMP in the Department, the SLNA approved securing service of following additional manpower at SLNA level through hiring/out-sourcing. The expenditure on emoluments for these services will be met out by the savings of the SLNA Institutional Support Fund.

<b>Additional manpower for SLNA</b>				
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Description of man power</b>	<b>No. Required</b>	<b>Tentative Monthly emoluments (in lakh Rs.)</b>	<b>Total emoluments for 12 months (Rs. in lakhs)</b>
1	Training Analyst	1	0.25	3.00
2	Water Resource Specialist and Hydro-geologist	1	0.25	3.00
3	Documentation Specialist	1	0.20	2.40
4	Technical Expert on Agriculture	1	0.40	4.80
5	Training officers (Training centers at Mysore and Bijapura.)	2	0.20	4.80
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>18.00</b>

It was explained to the SLNA that the emoluments shown were only indicative and actual emoluments will be fixed on case to case basis. The SLNA concurred for the same. However, the SLNA desired that the total expenditure should not exceed the annual grants given by Gol, for the purpose.

### 5.6.2.Approval of manpower for State, Districts, Taluks and Watershed Committees

The CEO, SLNA, explained that GOI is likely to sanction projects every year for 5-6 lakh hectares in a phased manner as per State Perspective and Strategic Plan (SPSP) of Karnataka. Thus at any given point of time 5 separate batches of projects are likely to be implemented simultaneously in a District. To handle implementation of such huge projects, it is felt necessary to strengthen the Department at various levels in the background of very large number of vacancies in field posts such as Agricultural Assistants, Horticultural Assistants, Forest Guards etc. Therefore, the SLNA approved hiring manpower through out-sourcing agency for the following services and authorized the CEO, SLNA to take necessary action in this regard and utilize the Administrative Grants of the Project Fund by appropriately apportioning from concurrently running projects. The educational qualifications/experience criteria for the persons providing these services to be prescribed by the CEO, SLNA.

Sl No	Levels	Description of man power	No. required	*Monthly emoluments (Rs. in Lakhs)	For 12 months (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	State (WDD)	Technical officers	5	0.25	15.00
2		Drivers	3	0.06	2.16
3	District (DWDO)	Training coordinator	29	0.20	69.60
4		Technical officer	29	0.20	69.60
5	Taluk (TWDO)	Accountant/ Assistant	176	0.07	147.84
6		Group-D	176	0.035	73.92
7	Watershed Committees	Watershed Assistants (119 Projects in 2009-10 and 127 projects in 2010-11)	1800 (Upto 1000 ha-1 no. >1000 ha-2 nos)	0.04	864.00
	Total				1242.12

\*Emoluments are only indicative and would be fixed on case to case basis by CEO, SLNA.

The SLNA wanted the WDD to ensure that the expenditure is limited to the provision made for the purpose.

### ***Agenda -5.7***

#### **Empanelment of MEL and D Agencies**

In continuation of the decision of the 4<sup>th</sup> SLNA meeting, it was brought to the notice of the SLNA that sealed tenders were called and as many as 15 firms applied for empanelment. The firms were technically evaluated. Financial bids of only 4 firms technically qualified were opened. M/s. Consulting Engineering Services (India) Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru, had quoted the lowest rate. Other two firms agreed to render services at L1 rate. But M/s. RMSI Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad did not agree. Therefore, only 3 firms are selected and recommended for empanelment. The SLNA agreed to empanel the following three external agencies for MEL and D under IWMP projects sanctioned during 2009-10 and 2010-11.

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of Agency</b>	<b>Region allotted</b>
1.	M/s Consulting Engineering Services (India) Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru	Bengaluru and Mysore Revenue Divisions
2.	M/s Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology (KSCST), Bengaluru	Belgaum Revenue Division
3.	M/s Remote Sensing Instruments, Hyderabad	Gulbarga Revenue Division

It was briefed to the SLNA that formal Agreements have been signed with these three Agencies and the Agencies would begin work by February 2011. The SLNA suggested that a job chart has to be worked out meticulously and their work should be closely monitored by WDD.

### ***Agenda -5.8***

#### **Formation of Executive Committees under town panchayath jurisdiction**

As per the Common Guidelines-2008 the project has to be implemented involving Grama Panchayats. In Karnataka, Executive Committees are formed with GP president as the chairperson to implement the project.

However, in some projects (Eg., Chitaguppa: Humnabad Taluk, Annigeri and Alnavar: Dharwad Taluk) part of treatable area comes under jurisdiction of Town Panchayats. These Town Panchayats are actually inhabited by farmers who

own the lands. The SLNA approved to form the Executive Committee with Town Panchayat President as chairperson wherever situation warrants and intimate the Gol in this regard.

### ***Agenda -5.9***

#### **Providing infrastructure for Forest and Horticulture nurseries**

The SLNA accorded the ratification for the action taken by the Department and also suggested to utilize MNREGA funds to the extent possible for providing infrastructure development like fencing, bore wells, temporary sheds, water lifting facility, surface water storage tank, poly house , watch and ward etc., for nurseries. SLNA agreed to utilize the grants available under administrative cost for the said purpose.

### ***Agenda -5.10***

#### **Adopting recommendations of Department of Land Resources (DoLR)**

##### **I. Modified component wise breakup**

The SLNA considered the recommendations of the workshop conducted by DoLR., in the background of launching of National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) by GOI. The NRAA representative observed that the recommendations of DoLR are yet to be approved by the Executive Committee of NRAA. SLNA after detailed deliberation on adequacy of grants for activities like livelihood, production systems and micro-enterprises etc., felt that 15 % allocation for these activities and 3% for consolidation phase are sufficient. As a result the work component be increased to 60%. It also observed that the Common guidelines provided for diversion of savings under any component to work component. With this the SLNA approved the component-wise allocation as follows.

##### **Component-wise breakup**

<b>Budget component</b>	<b>Revised Component wise allocation of funds(%)</b>
- Administrative costs	10
- Monitoring	1
- Evaluation	1

Preparatory phase, including: - entry point activities - institution and capacity building - Detailed Project Report (DPR)	4 5 1
Watershed Works Phase: - Watershed development works - Livelihood activities for the asset-less persons - Production system and micro enterprises	60 } 15
Consolidation phase	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

## II. Quantification of project funds at various project levels as per DoLR

The SLNA noted the component-wise break-up of allocation suggested in the work-shop by DoLR with permission to SLNA to make any modifications. After deliberations the SLNA approved the component-wise break-up as shown below.

Installment	Agency	Admn.	Monitoring	Evaluation	EPA	I & CB	DPR	Watershed Works	Livelihoods, Production system & Micro Enterprise	Consolidation	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1 <sup>st</sup> 20%	SLNA	0.5	0.2	0.2		0.5					1.40
	WCDC	0.5		0.1	4	2.5	1		2		10.10
	PIA	0.5									0.50
	WC	0.5						7.5			8.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20.0</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> 50%	SLNA	0.5	0.4	0.25		0.5					1.65
	WCDC	2		0.1		1			10		13.10
	PIA	1.4									1.40
	WC	1.5						32.35			33.85
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32.35</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50.00</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> 30%	SLNA	0	0.4	0.25		0.15				0.5	1.30
	WCDC	0.5		0.1		0.35			3	2	5.95
	PIA	1.1									1.10
	WC	1						20.15		0.5	21.65
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20.15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>30.00</b>

Total (100%)	SLNA	1	1	0.7	0	1.1 5	0	0	0	0.5	4.35
	WCDC	3	0	0.3	4	3.8 5	1	0	15	2	29.15
	PIA	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.00
	WC	3	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	0.5	63.50
	Total	10	1	1	4	5	1	60	15	3	100

The SLNA also authorized CEO, SLNA to make any reallocations/readjustments that may be required.

### III. Fund Flow pattern of IWMP project.

The SLNA accepted the recommendations of fund flow made by DoLR . The approved fund flow for different components is as follows:

A) Institutional fund: DoLR → SLNA → WCDC

B) Project fund:

- i. Administration, capacity building, DPR preparation, monitoring components - DoLR → SLNA → WCDC → PIA
- ii. EPA, Watershed Works, Livelihood, production system & micro enterprises - DoLR → SLNA → WCDC → WC

### ***Agenda -5.11***

#### **Approval for Submission of Preliminary Project Report(PPR) for 2011-12 to Gol**

It was briefed to the SLNA that the State has to propose projects indicating the area to be taken up for treatment during last year of 11<sup>th</sup> Plan period i.e., 2011-12. It was also explained that as per Perspective Plan about 6.0 lakh Ha (net) has to be considered. After detailed discussions, SLNA suggested that additional 4.0 lakh Ha., may be included in the Preliminary Project Proposal separately. Further, the SLNA advised that details of PPR be brought to the notice of the local elected representatives. The SLNA authorized CEO, SLNA to submit the proposals to Gol.



## ***Agenda -5.12***

### **Approval of the project proposed by BAYALUSEEME AREA DEVELOPMENT BOARD (BSDB)**

The SLNA discussed at length about the project proposal submitted by Secretary, BSDB for Integrated Watershed Development in forest and its fringe areas in dry districts of BSDB. Since, Reserve Forest Area is excluded from IWMP and there is no proper infrastructure with BSDB to implement the project, the SLNA turned down the proposal.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the chair.

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Chairman, State Level Nodal Agency &  
Additional Chief Secretary and  
Development Commissioner  
Government of Karnataka.

**List of members present**

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