

**GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN**  
**ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

F.NO 6(3)/Env/2017

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**Minutes of the Meeting**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the State Wetland Authority was organized on 15-09-2020 at 10:30 AM in the Conference Hall of Secretariat, Jaipur under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, Forests & Environment, Government of Rajasthan. The list of participants is appended at annexure.

At the outset, Principal Secretary, Environment & Forests welcomed the members and briefed regarding the background of the constitution of the State Wetland Authority and its Terms of Reference. Secretary, Environment & Forests made a presentation on the agenda items. After discussions and deliberations, the following directions were given by Chairman And Vice-Chairman :

1. The Environment Department needs to be strengthened due to increasing role of environmental concerns and challenges in governance in the Environment Sector. An exercise may be undertaken to assess the requirement of additional manpower and resources and submitted in 15 days.(Action Environment Department)
2. Implementation/ enforcement of the provisions of Wetland Rules, 2017 viz identification of Wetlands as per the definition given in Wetland Rules, Notification of identified wetlands, enforcement of prohibitory activities, preparation of Management Plans etc. have to be initiated. Since there is no infrastructure / implementing agency under Environment Department at district level, it was decided that District Environment Committee will be the nodal agency for implementation of Wetland Rules at the district level. Necessary directions will be issued by the Environment Department.(Action: Environment Department)
3. Identification of wetlands must be done on the basis of actual ground situation. The present status of encroachments, land allotment, landuse etc

must be recorded. This task may be got done under supervision of District Collectors. **(All Department/ District Collectors)**

4. The Directorate of Environment & Climate Change will be the Secretariat for State Wetland Authority. **(Action: Environment Department)**
5. Forest Department, Panchayati Raj Department, LSG Department and Water Resource Department will be the nodal departments for management and conservation of wetlands falling under respective jurisdiction / areas. **(Action: All Concerned Departments)**
6. Activities identified in the Management Plan of each wetland will be implemented by the concerned line department. A Nodal Officer will be appointed by every department for better coordination. **(Action: All Concerned Departments)**
7. Man made water-bodies being used for drinking or irrigation purpose shall not be categorised as Wetland. WRD and PHED will submit a list of such waterbodies to the SWA. However, any traditional water-body being used by these departments shall be considered as Wetland. **(Action: All Concerned Departments/ District Collectors)**
8. In OA 351 of 2019 vide order dated 27.08.2020, Hon'ble NGT has issued directions to submit information regarding management of wetlands in the state within three months. It was decided that District Collectors will identify at least one important wetland in the district as per definition of Wetland Rules and submit proposal for its notification to SWA by the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Thereafter they will get a management plan prepared by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020 and submit to Environment Department. Subsequently, remaining wetlands shall be identified and plans prepared appropriately. **(Action: All District Collectors)**
9. District Collectors will verify the wetland sites given in the list of 52 Wetlands provided by MoEF & CC under phase II of 100 Days Wetland Programme as per ground situation and submit a report by 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2020. **(Action: All District Collectors)**
10. The proposal of Rs 550 lacs for preparation of digitalized maps, preparation of Management Plans, celebration of wetland day, training & workshop, meetings of District Environment Committees, Outsourcing of survey, scientific-studies and reports etc. by the State Wetland Authority was approved with certain modification in the head for office expences. It was

- decided that Environment Department would move a proposal for sanction of funds to the Finance Department. **(Action: Environment Department)**
11. The resources available with the Watershed Department for identification and digitization of wetlands shall be used by SWA. It was decided that the Environment Department would depute an officer to coordinate with the Watershed Department for this purpose. **(Action: Environment Department & Watershed Department)**
12. Industries Department shall conduct a joint visit with RSPCB to verify the requirement of Sewage Treatment Plant and identification of disposal site for Waste/effluent at Sambhar Lake. **(Action: Industries department & RSPCB).**
13. Animal Husbandary Department will continue to provide support in any rescue operation required in Sambhar Lake and other Wetlands. **(Action: Animal Husbandry Department)**
14. The Comprehensive Management Plan for Sambhar Lake was approved for submission to Hon'ble NGT. The concerned Departments will prepare and submit SoPs related to their activities before 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 to the Environment Department. **(Action: All Concerned Departments)**
15. Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
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