

Minutes of the 9th Lake Protection Committee Meeting held on 17-9-2013 in the Conference Hall of BPP Building, Tank Bund Road, Hyderabad

The meeting was chaired by the Metropolitan Commissioner, HMDA / Chairman of the Lake Protection Committee.

The list of the Members of the Lake Protection Committee and the Officers who attended the meeting is enclosed as Annexure.

The Member Environment, HMDA / Convener, Lake Protection Committee welcomed the members of the LPC and explained about the agenda items. After detailed discussions on the agenda items, the following decisions were taken:

1. The departments / agencies concerned have informed that the actions are initiated by them on the various decisions of the 8th LPC meeting. They were requested to send the Action Taken Reports to the Lake Protection Committee.

(Action: GHMC/HMWSSB/Collector, RR/CE, Minor Irrigation/HMDA)

2. The Joint Collector, Ranga Reddy District has informed that the report of the Assistant Director of Mines, R.R.District regarding the identification of suitable abandoned quarry pits for debris dumping is received and a report to the LPC in this regard will be sent shortly. The Collector, Ranga Reddy District is requested to examine the report and take action to declare these identified quarry pits as the official land fill sites for debris dumping.

(Action: Collector, Ranga Reddy District)

3. On the Hon'ble A.P. Lok Ayukta cases, Government references and NGO representations regarding the protection of lakes, the Commissioner, GHMC/Collector, R.R. District /Chief Engineer, Minor Irrigation have informed that the action is already initiated to protect the lakes by taking up FTL demarcation and fencing works.
4. Consultants engaged to assist the Irrigation Department in fixing the FTL boundaries of lakes and for preparation of lake maps have identified 358 lakes in the field and completed FTL demarcation for 226 lakes (183 lakes in HMDA and 43 lakes in GHMC areas) in coordination with the Irrigation and Revenue Departments. The consultants have informed that the FTL maps for 70 lakes are already sent to the Minor Irrigation Department for

their certification. However the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation has stated that they require the lat- long details for verification in the field. It was decided that the Consultants shall furnish the FTL maps with lat-long details and other data for the 226 lakes completed by them to the Minor Irrigation Department **(119 lakes by 20th and the balance 107 lakes by 25th September) so as to enable the notification of these 226 lakes by end of September,2013.** The Minor Irrigation department shall ensure that the verification and certification of the FTL maps for these 226 lakes is fully completed by 28th September, 2013.

(Action: M/S Aarvee Associates; Chief Engineer, Minor Irrigation)

5. The FTL demarcation for the balance 132 lakes (out of 358 identified in the erstwhile HUDA area) shall be fully completed along with certification by the Minor Irrigation department by **15th October, 2013.**

(Action: M/S Aarvee Associates/CE, MI dept)

6. During the review meeting held on 5th September, 2013 by the Prl. Secretary, MA&UD, the GHMC Engineers have expressed certain field problems in fixing the FTL boundaries for the lakes not having memoirs. It is reported by them that fixing of FTL based on the information available in Survey of India Topo sheets is not feasible especially for the lakes whose surplus weirs are damaged / tampered with and the FTL contours are disturbed. This was discussed and it was decided that the Irrigation Department will formulate guidelines for demarcation and fixing of FTL boundaries for the lakes for which the memoirs are not available and whose surplus weirs / FTL contours are disturbed. The Chief Engineer, Minor Irrigation was requested to formulate the guidelines. The draft guidelines prepared by the Chief Engineer, Minor Irrigation were discussed in the 9th LPC meeting and it was requested to get the guidelines issued urgently incorporating the suggestions made by the Committee.

(Action: Chief Engineer, Minor Irrigation)

7. The Commissioner, GHMC has informed that earlier fixation of FTL for only 30 lakes was included in the scope of the Consultants engaged by GHMC and requested the HMDA to take up FTL demarcation and fixing of pillars etc for the balance 98 lakes of GHMC also through M/S Aarvee Associates, the consultants of HMDA. Further the Commissioner, GHMC has also agreed to transfer the required funds to HMDA. However the preparation of the DPR for all the lakes falling in GHMC will be got done by GHMC. HMDA shall include the 98 lakes of GHMC for FTL demarcation, as requested by

the Commissioner, GHMC, in the scope of the Consultants already engaged by them as per the scope of HMDA study.

(Action: HMDA; GHMC)

8. In the extended area of HMDA 2882 lakes / water bodies were listed as per the Master Plan 2031. They are falling in the jurisdiction of Medak, Nalgonda, Ranga Reddy and Mahabubnagar districts. The process of verification of these lakes in the field and as per revenue records is completed by the District Collectors concerned. The lists furnished by the districts shall be reconciled with the lists prepared by the HMDA urgently to arrive at the correct number of lakes/water bodies Village / Mandal wise in the HMDA extended area.

(Action: Planning Consultant, HMDA; Director LPC Cell, HMDA)

9. HMDA, GHMC and Irrigation Departments are taking up conservation and beautification works for the lakes for which the FTL demarcation is completed. HMDA has identified 80 lakes for taking up conservation and beautification. Similarly GHMC will take up works on 128 lakes and the Irrigation Department was requested to take up 50 lakes for conservation and beautification. HMDA and GHMC have finalized plans for 40 and 57 lakes respectively. However the Irrigation department is yet to commence the preparation of plans. All the three agencies shall expedite the process of conservation and beautification of lakes allocated to them.

(Action: GHMC; HMDA; Minor Irrigation Dept.,)

10. The protection measures required for the lakes were discussed and it was felt that wherever there is a threat of encroachments, the fencing shall be taken up along the FTL boundary of the lake providing sufficient gaps at appropriate places for the local residents/villagers to access the lake. In case of other lakes where the threat of encroachment is not there, the boundary pillars similar to that of Reserved Forest boundary shall be fixed along the FTL boundary of the lake/water body in the GHMC limits.

(Action: GHMC; HMDA; Irrigation Department)

11. In response to the invitation for the Expression of Interest (EOI) for "Adopt a Lake" Programme, 36 Organizations / Associations / Firms have responded and sent their proposals / suggestions. A meeting was held with all the organizations on 27th July, 2013 and detailed discussions were held on the suggestions / comments made by the organizations. It was decided that the local Resident Welfare Associations' participation is a must irrespective of the Company/Organization coming forward for adoption of

lake. Lake Protection Group to be formed with the local RWA as the lead partner and other stake holder groups as secondary partners. And some other minor modifications were suggested. Based on the discussions, necessary modifications were made in the MOU and the same was placed before the LPC and obtained its approval for the revised MOU for the “Adopt a Lake” program. It was decided to address the Government for approval in the matter.

(Action: HMDA)

12. The report submitted by the Executive Engineer, North Tank Division on the irregularities noticed in Durgam Cheruvu was discussed and it was decided as follows.

- The sluice gates, the surplus weir, the inlet and the outlet etc shall be maintained by the Irrigation Department with the assistance of GHMC.
- The Ring bund shall be removed by the EE, NTD with the assistance of GHMC.
- The APTDC shall be requested to take up only boating activity and to shift the parking area, ticket counter, pavements etc out of the tank bed area.

(Action: Minor Irrigation Dept/GHMC/APTDC).

13. The SOUL Organization has requested to call for a meeting of GHMC, HMWS&SB, Collector, Hyderabad and other stakeholders including citizen society representatives to discuss the issue pertaining to the conservation of Banjara Lake (Hamid Khan Lake). The Commissioner, GHMC has informed that they will take up this matter with SOUL for taking further action.

(Action: GHMC)

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Metropolitan Commissioner, HMDA
&
Chairman, Lake Protection Committee.

To
All the members of LPC.

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