

Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA)
Environmental and Social Management Unit (ESMU)

Minutes of the 3rd Environmental and Social Management Unit (ESMU) meeting of Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA) held with the concerned HoDs, Officers & Specialists at APCRDA head office, 1st floor conference room on 03rd January 2025 at 04:30 PM.

The 3rd Environmental and Social Management Unit (ESMU) meeting of APCRDA was held under the chairmanship of Sri G.Surya Sai Praveenchand, I.A.S., Additional Commissioner, APCRDA. The list of participants is enclosed in **Annexure-A**

A warm welcome was extended by the chairman to all participants followed by the next steps for the Environmental and Social Management Unit (ESMU) members.

The decisions arrived at the meeting on the basis of discussions are as follows:

1. Status of the vacant positions in the ESMU:

The selection process for two Senior OHS Specialists and four OHS Specialists positions has been completed and two sustainability specialists positions have been notified under the Environment safeguards division. Under the social development division the selection process for one senior livelihood specialist position has been completed. For the one labour management specialist position, deputation from the labour department is being explored. Recruitment for a gender specialist is in process.

2. Skill development to individuals, including women and youth:

Possible options to leverage upon the existing skill development centers of various state departments were discussed to initiate district wise skill development programmes. It was discussed to utilise the services of the state skill development department for imparting skill training in the fields of construction, horticulture etc. It was decided to visit the existing skill development center at Swarna Bharati trust near Vijayawada.

3. Preparation of the SOPs to strengthen EMPs, GRM, communication, and information disclosure:

Draft standard operating procedures (SoPs) relating to waste management, Traffic management, OHS, GRM were prepared. Chairman suggested that the procedure for the traffic management was crucial for material transportation. Instructed to coordinate with the concerned engineer for the proposed locations to send a later communication to the traffic dept and the police stations for discussions and route planning. For preparation of the SoP for wastewater management, Chairman suggested referring to CPHEEO guidelines.

4. Capacity Building to the ESMU staff:

For capacity building a lake conservationist was invited to conduct a lecture on water bodies restoration using nature based solutions. He agreed to conduct the session but expecting a high amount so the chairman suggested to check the existing govt circulars to fix a standard rate as a honorarium for the experts. Further informed the team to explore the subscription for

the coursera or similar platform for multiple users so that the ESMU staff can go through the relevant online self learning certification courses for capacity building on a semi semi-annual basis.

5. Statutory Environmental compliance management activities current status:

“Krishna” River Water Quality Monitoring Station at Amaravati:

- It is updated from the environment team that an Agreement is entered with M/s Nevco Engineers Pvt. for the establishment of the River water quality monitoring station in Amaravati.

Environmental Regulatory requirements:

- On work related to obtaining EC for a few building projects (Non bank fund projects), it is updated that the firm ABC Techno Labs Pvt Ltd will visit CRDA next week to enter into an Agreement.
- The environmental clearance extension process for the capital city shall be initiated. It is updated in the meeting that an undertaking for the capital city CFE renewal is submitted to the APPCB.

“Krishna River Productivity Studies:

- It is submitted that mail to Acharya Nagarjuna University has been sent for carrying out river productivity studies and further to reconsult with NEERI, CIBA and NIO for obtaining quotations for the said studies.

Amaravati Climate Change Action Plan:

- Regarding the climate change action plan it is decided to discuss with TERI.

Solid waste management:

- The solid waste management facilities including construction & demobilization waste management to be planned with the ESMP cost allocated to the contractor.

Standard Operating Procedures (SoP's)

- It is submitted that SoPs for other aspects like topsoil, waste water will be completed during next week.

6. Grievance Redressal Mechanism:

The team will record stakeholder testimonials and maintain an updated PowerPoint presentation of GRM information.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

Additional Commissioner
APCRDA

Annexure - A

List of the APCRDA officials attended for the 3rd ESMU meeting

Sl.No	Name of the Officials with Designations	Department
Po1	Sri G. Surya Sai Praveenchand, I.A.S., Additional Commissioner	APCRDA
2	Dr. P Krishna Mohan Group Director	Social Development
3	Sri. M. Hari Prasad Additional Director	Landscape and Environment
4	Smt. B.L.N. Raja kumari Special Deputy Collector (LA)	Lands
5	Sri. P.B.N.Kumar Associate Conservator of Forest	Landscape and Environment
6	Sri. Govindam Praman Kumar Associate Planner	Landscape and Environment
7	Sri. Mahesh Babu Gade Environmental Specialist	Landscape and Environment
8	Sri. K.V. K. Chaitanya Environmental Specialist	Landscape and Environment
9	Smt. R. Papamma Tahsildar	Lands
10	Smt.K.Aruna Devi Tahsildar	Lands
11	Kum. N. Kiranmai Dy. Tahsildar	Lands
12	Sri. T. Venkata Mohan Rao Education Secretary	Lands
13	Sri. Kranthi kumar M Coordinator	Social Development
14	Sri. U. Guru Prasad, Village Surveyor	Lands