

## **Minutes of the Stakeholders Meeting Held on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011 at 11.00 am in the Conference Hall of Markapur Municipality**

As part of the initiative taken by the Commissioner & Directorate of Municipal Administration (CDMA), Government of Andhra Pradesh under the Andhra Pradesh Municipal Development Project (APMDP), a project on comprehensive planning of water supply improvement in Markapur Municipality is in the process of detailed engineering studies. M/s. Aarvee Associates Architects Engineers & Consultants Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad is providing the consultancy services for this project. With initiative and help from the Markapur Municipality, Consultant has arranged a Stakeholders Meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011 at the Municipality premises. Following Municipality officials, Stakeholders representatives, Press representatives, and Experts representing the Consulting Firm attended the meeting.

### **From the Markapur Municipality, following officials attended:**

1. Sri. M. Raghava Rao, RDO & Special Officer
2. Sri. T.V.S.N Trileswar Rao, Commissioner, Markapur Municipality
3. Ms. Prashanthi, Tahasildar, Markapur
4. Sri. G. Praveen Kumar, Dy. EE, Markapur Municipality
5. Sri. K. Ravi, Environmental Engineer, Markapur Municipality
6. Sri. K. Subbaiah, Dy. E.E, Road & Buildings
7. Sri. K. Srinivasulu, Dy. E.E, Public Health Department
8. Sri. Sk. Akramuddin, Dy. E.E, RWS
9. Sri. A.V.S. Koteswar Rao, AE, Public Health Department
10. Sri. P. Raghu Ram, ADE (Electrical)
11. Sri. K.Y. Ramesh, AE, APSPDCL
12. Sri. S.R. Prasad,

## Persons Representing Press Media:

1. Sri. D.J. Reddy, Sakshi
2. Sri. Mohan Reddy, Eenadu
3. Sri. G.L.N. Rao, Andhra Bhoomi
4. Sri. G.A.N. Reddy, Vaartha
5. Sri. Sravan Kumar, Surya
6. Sri. Siva Kesava Rao, Andhra Jyothi
7. Sri. A.V. Subba Rao, Staff Reporter, Andhra Jyothi



## 8. Experts Representing Consulting Firm:

- Dr.K.S.S.V.V. Prasad
- Mr. Ch.RameshNaidu
- Dr. Prafulla Chandra Gorada
- Mr. K. Kareemulla Basha
- Mr. Bhaskar

### I. Welcome Address and Project Presentation

Sri. M. Raghava Rao, RDO & Special Officer, Markapur Municipality presided over the stakeholders meeting. Sri. T.V.S.N Trileswar Rao, Commissioner, Markapur Municipality briefly mentioned the objectives of the meeting and requested the representatives from the consulting firm to proceed with the meeting's deliberation.



**Dr. K.S.S.V.V Prasad** welcomed the participants and initiated the meeting with elaboration of the project's main theme. He requested the participants to respond to the problems of the Municipal water supply system and solutions for improvement of services. Dr. Prasad made power point presentation highlighting the project's main components. The presentation included the significance & scope of APMDP project, present



sources of raw water and water supply distribution system, bottlenecks, requirement of additional water supply considering population projections by 2041 and various design aspects to improve the water supply in the Municipality. Dr. Prasad then requested the participants to give their valued suggestions.

## II. Opinions from the Participants

### 1. Sri. Srinivasulu, Dy. EE, Public Health Department

Sri. Srinivasulu made the following suggestions for the project which is being studied by the consultant.



(i) Adequate precautions may be taken while laying the new distribution lines.

(ii) While designing laying of new distribution lines, adequate measures should be taken with respect to existing CC Roads and drainage system.

(iii) He suggested to utilize the existing Gundlakamma River water as a standby and to design the future water supply source from Nagarrjunasagar Left Bank Canal.



(iv) The existing pipeline passing through fields should be rectified from leakages.

(v) In addition to the present WTP, another filtration tank and 2 ELSR of 7.0 MLD capacity are likely to be completed by May 2011, which will cater to 40% of the Markapur Municipality's water requirement. Therefore, one more ELSR with more than 15 m staging is required to meet the municipality's immediate water demand.



(vi) The existing AC pipelines of all 32 wards need to be replaced because of major leakages. He also suggested for comprehensive UGD system in the Municipality.

(vi) He suggested to constitute a Ward Level Committee with a public representative from each Ward, NGO & a municipal employee to resolve the water supply problems and maintain harmony between the residents and the Municipality.

(vii) Sri. Srinivasulu suggested to revise the Master Plan of the Municipality with provision of future requirements.

## 2. Sri. Sk. Akramuddin, Dy. E.E, RWS

Sri. Sk. Akramuddin made the following points:

(i) The water supply in the municipality is mostly contaminated and quality is not up to the mark. Low residual water pressures were observed in the distribution network in the majority of the slums. Most of the time, water supply during initial first half an hour will be turbid at the consumer end and it shows the contaminated due to stagnation of water in the pipeline.



(ii) He indicated that the residents of the Municipality are willing to pay water charges, if the Municipality supplies good quality of water with adequate supply pressures.

### **3. Ms. Prashanthi, Tahasildar, Markapur**

Ms. Prashanthi intervened to say that the water received from the tap end is mostly giving bad odour and turbid in nature.



### **4. Sri. Mohan Reddy, Eenadu Reporter**

Sri. Mohan Reddy made the following points:

(i) Some areas in the municipality are not having water supply distribution system and the same needs to be covered.

(ii) Water quality in the municipal limits should be analysed periodically.

(iii) He pointed out the non-availability of grievances & complaint mechanism in the Municipality.

### **5. Sri. Siva Kesava Rao, Andhra Jyothi Press**

Sri. Kesava Rao said that the drainage water is getting mixed with municipal water in some localities, viz., Gandhi Bazar, Radha Takies area etc. He further added that the existing power bore well are misused in various colonies.

### **III. Replies by the Commissioner, Markapur Municipality**

**Sri. T.V.S.N Trileswar Rao, Commissioner, Markapur Municipality** responded to the observations made by the officials and stakeholders:

(i) The Master Plan upgradation decision will be taken in coordination with higher officials.

(ii) Agreed to constitute ward level committees.

(iii) The envisaged project will cover the entire municipal area.



(iv) The water quality is being analysed at regular intervals and the same will be followed with improvements wherever necessary.

(v) The Commissioner showed the complaint mechanism books available with the Municipality and requested the members to give written complaints rather than oral complaints.



(vi) He explained that the power bore wells are strictly not suitable for drinking purpose and these bore wells will be disconnected, once the proposed scheme is implemented.

(vii) He assured that the other comments made by the various respondents will be duly considered for rectification and for proposing suitable measures in the new scheme.

#### **IV. Concluding Remarks by Sri. M. Raghava Rao, RDO & Special Officer, Markapur**

Sri. M. Raghava Rao made the following comments including instructions to the municipal officials.

(i) Poleramma colony and Rajiv nagar are not having adequate water supply system and the same needs to be addressed by the Consultants.

(ii) Regarding water supply contamination and low pressures issues in the Municipality, he instructed the municipal engineers and the Commissioner to



be alert and sort out the water supply issues and also create awareness in the public.

#### **V. Vote of Thanks**

Dr.K.S.S.V.V. Prasad offered thanks to the officials of Markapur Municipality to facilitate holding of this Stakeholders meeting and appreciated the participants for giving valuable suggestions. The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.