

Minutes of the Stake Holders Meeting on April 02, 2011 at 11.30 am in 1st floor Conference Hall of Palasa-Kasibugga 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 Palasa Kasibugga 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 Palasa Kasibugga Municipality, Consultant has arranged a Stakeholders Meeting on 2nd April, 2011 at the Municipality premises. Following Municipality officials, Stakeholders representatives, Press representatives, and Experts representing the Consulting Firm attended the meeting.

From the Palasa Kasibugga Municipality, following officials attended:

- Smt. K. Lakshmi, Chairperson, Palasa Kasibugga Municipality
- Sri. B.V.Ramana, Commissioner, Palasa Kasibugga Municipality
- Smt. V. Bhavani, Councillor
- Sri. S.Rambabu, Councillor
- Smt. B.Savithri, Councillor
- Sri. J.Chandrasekhar, Councillor
- Smt. M.Lavanya, Councillor
- Sri. R.SanthiKumari, Councillor
- Sri. A.MadhavaRao, Councillor
- Sri. G.Chandra, Councillor
- Sri. Malla BhaskarRao, Councillor
- Sri. ABND Prasad, AE

- Sri. G.Ramoji, Engineer
- Sri. G.Krsihna Rao, Employee, PMC
- Sri. Suresh B, Employee, PMC
- Dr. G.J.Victor, MO, UHC, Palasa
- .Sri. I.V.Ramanamurthy, TPS

Stakeholder's Representatives:

1. Dr. R Viswanath, Former MP
2. Sri. KD Prasad
3. Sri. T.Pradeep Kumar, Red Cross Society
4. Sri. T.SadasivaRao, Lions Club
5. Sri. T.VaikumtaRao, Businessman
6. Sri. I.SimhaChalam, Market Chairman
7. Sri. B. GiriBabu, Ex Co-Operative Member
8. Sri. J.Adinarayana
9. Sri. Ganapathi



Persons Representing Press Media:

1. Sri. S.Ramesh, Surya Press
2. Sri. Kranthinayar, Visalandhra Press
3. Sri. V.Rajaroo, Sakshi Press
4. Sri. Ramu, Vartha Press
5. Sri. Narayanarao, Prajasakthi Press

Experts Representing Consulting Firm:

1. Dr.KVSS Prasad
2. Sri. Ch.RameshNaidu
3. Dr.Prafulla Chandra Gorada
4. Sri. Kareemulla Basha

Welcome Address and Project Presentation:

Smt. K. Lakshmi, Chairperson, Palasa Kasibugga Municipality presided over the stakeholders meeting. **Sri. B.V.Ramana, Commissioner, Palasa Kasibugga 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 Municipality water supply system and solutions for improvement of services. **Mr. Ch. Ramesh Naidu** 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.



Opinions from the Participants

The response and observations from the public, NGOs, Municipal Officials and public representatives are highlighted below:

1. Shri. Viswanadham, Former MP:

(i) **Hon'ble former Member of Parliament, Shri. Vishwanadham** suggested self sustainability of ground water by drilling some more bore wells and open wells to augment the water supply, since the proposed water supply from Regulapadu reservoir will take more time to implement.



(ii) He suggested adopting Geometric Progression Method for population projection.

(iii) The present per capita supply of 40 lpcd is not sufficient and needs to be increased to 135 lpcd as per CPHEEO norms for urban areas. The Consulting Firm representative clarified that the project is being designed for 135 lpcd as per norms.

(iv) There is every need to explore alternate source apart from Regulapadu Reservoir

(v) UGD System must be implemented along with the water distribution system.

2. **Sri. K.D. Prasad**, pointed out that the present population in the Municipality is around 83000 whereas the population considered is only 54000 and suggested to review the population figures. He commented about low residual pressures in the distribution system at Hudco Colony and Rajamma colony.



Sri. B.V.Ramana, Commissioner, Palasa Kasibugga Municipality replied that the population will be based on actual Census figures of 2011 for design of the water supply system.

3.Mr. Malla Bhaskar Rao, a resident of Rajamma Colony pointed about very low residual pressure in the colony's distribution system and requested to take necessary steps to improve the pressures. Due to lack of proper O&M practices, contamination of water has been taken place, which needs to be addressed appropriately.



4. Mr. Giribabu, Ex Cooperative Member commented on the issue of new tap connections, as most of the people are ready to pay more than Rs.200/- as water charges per month. He opined that the Government is not giving enough priority for early completion of the project. He also expressed the view that the implementation of the Regulapadu reservoir is not practicable at this juncture,



He also suggested to augment water connections from individual households effectively and the demand shall be met by drilling more bore wells and open wells. Poor power supply is affecting the water supply specially during summer months.

5. Mr.Ramana commented on inadequate distribution network throughout the town.

6. Duvvada Srikanth highlighted the problem of non-existence of water distribution for about 3000 population living in Sudi konda area. Steps needs to be taken to bring existing ELSR into operation to improve the water supply



7. Ms. Bhavani , Councillor requested to provide new connections as well as extend the distribution system to new areas.

8. Mr. Rambabu, Councillor-

(i) The Councillor explained that, in the past, Shanthinagar and JRC Puram used to receive water supply from Uddham water supply scheme. (ii) At present, the areas mentioned above are not receiving water due to shortage. This problem needs to be attended urgently. He also suggested to use good pipe materials for distribution system.



9. Others Present:

(i) Some ward members and councillors highlighted the present problems in the distribution system due to improper laying of pipelines in undulated areas and also non-supply of water in some areas within the town and the colonies located in outskirts of the town.

(ii) There were some comments on quality of the water and suggestion for proper treatment of water.



Conclusion and Vote of Thanks

Dr.K.S.S.V.V. Prasad offered thanks to the officials of Palasa Kasibugga 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.