

MINUTES OF 18th MEETING OF GOA STATE WETLAND AUTHORITY (GSA)

TYPE OF MEETING: REGULAR MEETING.

DATE: 31 JANUARY 2025

TIME: 03.00 PM ONWARDS

VENUE: CONFERENCE HALL, FIRST FLOOR, MANTRALAY, PORVORIM, BARDEZ, GOA

THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY SHRI. ALEIXO SEQUEIRA, HON. MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE AND CHAIRPERSON OF GOA STATE WETLAND AUTHORITY(GSWA).

The following members attended the meeting:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri. Aleixo Sequeira, Hon'ble Minister for Environment & Climate Change	Chairperson, GSWA, Hon'ble Minister for Environment & Climate Change
2.	Shri. Aleixo Lourenco, MLA, Curtorim Constituency	<i>Special invitee</i> during Grievance Hearing of Raia Wetlands
3.	Shri. Krishna Salkar, MLA Vasco da Gama Constituency	<i>Special invitee</i> during Grievance Hearing of Maimollem Wetland
4.	Shri. Naveen Kumar, IFS, represented the Forest Dept.	Member (Ex-Officio)
5.	Ms. Yashaswini B., IAS, Director of Fisheries	Member (Ex-Officio)
6.	Shri. Surendra Naik, Jt. Secretary (Revenue)	Representative of Secretary (Revenue)
7.	Shri. Sachin Desai, Director, Department of Environment & Climate Change	Member Secretary, GSWA, Director & Ex Officio Jt. Secretary
8.	Shri. Vinod Kumar Chandra, Town Planner	Member (Ex-Officio) rep. of TCP
9.	Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary, Goa State Biodiversity Board, Head of Nodal Agency, GSWA	Member (Ex-Officio)
10.	Dr. Jose Romeno Faleiro, Independent Consultant, IPM (Red Palm Weevil) Specialist	Expert Member
11.	Prof. Pranab Mukhopadhyay, Professor, Department of Economics, Goa University	Expert Member
12.	Shri. James Mathew, Former Chief Town Planner	Expert Member



13.	Arch. Elsa Fernandes, Lecturer, Government Polytechnic College Panaji	Co-opted member
14.	Dr. Manoj Ibrampurkar, Associate Professor, Dhempe College of Arts and Science, Miramar.	Expert Member
15.	Shri. Naresh Gaude, Under Secretary (Finance)	Representative of Chief Secretary, State of Goa
16.	Shri. Dhiraj Vagle, Deputy Director, Tourism Department)	Representative of Secretary (Tourism)
17.	Shri. Saish A. Lawande, Surveyor of Works, Circle I, Water Resources Department, Porvorim	Representative of Secretary (Water resource)

Note - Secretary (Environment & Climate Change)- Member (Ex-Officio); Secretary (Forests), Member (Ex-Officio); Secretary (Urban Development), Member (Ex-Officio); Secretary (Rural Development), Member (Ex-Officio); Director, State Remote Sensing Centre; Member (Ex-Officio); The Chief Wildlife Warden, Member (Ex-Officio); Member Secretary, GSPCB, Member (Ex-Officio); Dr. Baban Ingole, Expert Member; Arch. Ketak Nachinolkar, Conservation Architect, Co-opted Member; Shri Chintamani Perni, former Dy. Director, Department of Agriculture, Co-opted Member and Shri. Antonio Vas, MLA, Cortalim Constituency, Additional Chief Conservator of Forests of the Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, special invitee were unable to attend.

At the outset, Chairperson Goa State Wetland Authority (GSA), Shri. Aleixo Sequeira extended a warm welcome to the Authority Members for the 18th Goa State Wetland Authority Meeting.

The following Agenda was transacted:

Agenda 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 16th & 17th GSWA Meeting.

The Minutes of the 16th and 17th Authority Meetings of GSWA were placed before the Authority members for confirmation. The minutes of the 16th & 17th GSWA Meeting were confirmed after deliberations wherein, while discussing this agenda, it was decided that the response to the MoEFCC regarding the newly proposed amendments should be sent after doing an exercise of analysis of settlement zones in already notified wetlands with the help of TCP at the earliest. This was suggested by Prof. Mukhopadhyay and further deliberated by Arch. Elsa Fernandes, who volunteered to assist in this exercise.

In this regard, the TCP agreed to process the information and provide details of settlement zones within the notified wetland areas.

The Minutes of 16th and 17th Meeting were thereafter confirmed.



Proposed by: Shri. James Mathew, Former Chief Town Planner, Expert Member-GSWA,
Seconded by: Shri. Jose Romeno Faleiro, Independent Consultant, IPM (Red Palm Weevil) Specialist, Expert Member-GSWA).

Agenda 2: Action taken report of the 17th GSWA Meeting.

The head of Nodal Agency (HNA), GSWA, informed the authority that the agenda No. 1 & 2 of the 17th GSWA meeting were complied with. Further, the authority members deliberated on the various agenda items discussed in the 16th and 17th GSWA meetings and confirmed the same.

<u>Meeting and Agenda Details</u>	<u>Matter Discussed</u>	<u>Decision</u>
17 th Meeting of GSWA Agenda No.3, regarding Lagao-De-Cima (Chandor)	HNA informed that the draft notification of Lagao-De-Cima (Chandor) was unanimously supported by the Village Panchayat and Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) during the Grievance Committee Meeting.	GSWA Unanimously Approved for Final Notification under The Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules 2017.
17 th Meeting of GSWA Agenda No. 4 Grievances regarding Ambulor Lake (Verna)		The GSWA unanimously decided to approve Ambulor Lake as wetland for final notification under The Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules 2017.
17 th Meeting of GSWA Agenda No. 7	Regarding the final notification of the draft notified Moingal Lake located at Shiroda (Ponda)	The GSWA unanimously decided to request that CSIR NIO revisit and review the brief document as the geomorphological features were not



		convincing enough to decide this matter.
17 th Meeting of GSWA Agenda No. 9	Regarding final notification of Orlim Lake , In Salcette	The GSWA unanimously decided to approve Orlim Lake as wetland for final notification under The Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules 2017

GSWA unanimously approved the above based on the confirmed minutes of the 16th and 17th meetings of the Goa State Wetland Authority.

HNA, GSWA informed that wetland mitra Adv. Shashikant Naik reported a poaching attempt at Nanda Lake and that a solar CCTV camera has been installed. They also informed that installing a similar solar CCTV camera is ongoing at Bondvol Lake.

HNA, GSWA informed that a 03 day training program on 'Sustainable Use and Conservation of Wetlands Under the Stewardship of Local Self Governments with a focus on Amrit Dharohar Scheme' in collaboration with Goa State Biodiversity Board, Wetland Authority and NIRD will be organised from 3rd to 5th February 2025. He requested for the participation from TCP, WRD, DSLR and other concerned departments.

Agenda 3: Decision regarding Maem Lake (Mayem- Bicholim), (Agenda carried forward from previous meeting).

HNA, GSWA informed that the communication was received from the Chairperson of Mayem BMC to declare Mayem Lake as biodiversity heritage site (BHS) instead of wetland as they want to manage this area locally and sought further guidance from GSBB. The authority members suggested that GTDC should handhold local BMC by providing them the necessary support in managing this waterbody and surrounding areas and ensuring the conservation and sustainable management of this waterbody. A representative from the Department of Tourism said that GTDC has already approved plans for developing the existing facility of GTDC and will revert with details after consulting his higher authorities, as he was unaware of all the details. Chairperson GSWA directed that next time, the authority / official empowered to represent and decide should attend the



meeting and provide all the details and answers to GSWA. It was suggested that GSBB should share the Guidelines for BHS with the Authority's members for comparative study; as such, the matter was deferred to the next meeting.

The sequence of the agenda was changed due to the presence of a grievant in the nearby vicinity, and the grievances from Raia village were heard prior to Maimollem.

Agenda 4: The Grievance Committee's decision regarding Grievances will be forwarded to the Authority for the final decision regarding the draft notification of Bachbhatt Lake & Bebki Lake (Raia). Eight grievances will be heard, including one from the Hon'ble MLA of Curtorim Constituency.

Grievances of draft notified wetlands of Raia were heard in the presence of the Hon'ble MLA of Curtorim Shri. Aleixo Reginald Laurenc. GSWA Chairperson informed the Authority members that a petition was received from Village Panchayat Raia based on the opposition from public and a resolution to oppose the declaration of Bachbhatt Lake & Bebki Lake as Wetlands due to buffer of 50m and that it should be declared as Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS). Chairperson further informed that the petition has also requested to only declare either core area as a wetland and contain the declared area within the present waterscape and that the Authority should decide in the interest of general public at large and try to avoid declaring buffer area shown around the Wetland.

Chairperson GSWA suggested that, in view of presence of large number of grievant, the individuals directly affected shall be heard in this meeting on priority, as the representative advocates already had an opportunity to express themselves during the grievance committee meeting held in the past. The Sarpanch, Village Panchayat Raia, Mr. Mario D'Souza, and a Panch member requested the Authority to notify the Bachbhatt Lake and Bebki Lake as Biodiversity Heritage Sites instead of a wetland and also submitted the resolution in this regard stating "due to numerous objections received by the Panchayat, both lakes should be notified as BHS". He said that the notification of 50m buffer and prevention of permanent structure in the buffer is of major concern of the locals.

Chairperson Raia BMC, Mr. Antonio Xavier Fernandes, requested the Authority to conserve both the lakes as wetlands and said that there are some farmers in the core area of Bachbhatt who have supported wetland notification for conservation, preservation and protection from pollution. He noted that the VP resolution does not represent entire Panchayat body and hence does not reflect the opinion of all. He further stated that the farmers owning the property had given letters supporting notifying the wetland. He further said that waterbody identified as a wetland is important from groundwater recharge perspective and hard / concrete surfaces around wetland will prevent



ground water recharge. He said that when there is specific provision under wetland rules, wetlands should not be dealt with another provision in a different act as Biodiversity Heritage Site.

Others who participated included Mr. Antonio Inacio Savio Gomes, who argued against the notification of the wetland and said that the buffer of 50m around the wetland is a major concern and will impose unnecessary restrictions on the development and utilization of lakes. He said that being a manmade lake for irrigation and sluice gate-operated waterbody should not be declared a wetland. He expressed his support for the declaration of BHS instead of wetland notification. Chairperson GSWA requested the others present to speak. Accordingly, Mr. Peter, Cynthia, Sanjay, Jacob, Eusebio, and Mario Rebelo also expressed their viewpoints, which included the points already covered by the aforementioned speakers.

Thereafter, Shri. Aleixo Lourenco, MLA, Curtorim Constituency suggested that the lakes could be protected as BHS. He expressed his support for conserving wetlands and cited an example about his Curtorim village, wherein he supported the initiative of notification of waterbodies and adjoining fields as BHS in consultation with people. After hearing the grievances, it was unanimously decided that the committee would visit the Lakes to understand the ground reality and decide after understanding details regarding BHS vis a vis wetland.

It was also decided that there would be no further personal hearing regarding the the notification of Bachbhatt Lake and Bebki Lake (Raia) as wetlands.

Agenda 5: The Grievance Committee's decision regarding Grievances will be forwarded to the Authority for final decision of the draft notified Maimollem Lake (Mormugao). 26 grievances will be heard.

Grievances of Maimollem Lake were heard in the presence of Hon'ble MLA of Vasco Shri. Krishna (Daji) Salkar. The grievant, Mr Leo Rodrigues, representing the Farmers' Association, informed that the Maimollem Lake area beyond the sluice gate downstream is a paddy field the farmers cultivated earlier. He said that the construction of culverts by the railways a few decades ago caused the inundation of these field areas, which were made unfit for cultivation. He said that, several representations were made to the Railway authorities and Govt. of Goa (the copies of correspondence are already submitted to GSWA). Still, there was no action to reverse the water flow; hence, he said that, this area was wrongly notified as a wetland. The inundated area was left fallow and should not be treated as a wetland and should be removed from the notified wetland area.



The other grievant present for the meeting were requested to speak if they had additional points and avoid repetition. Chairperson, GSWA explained to the grievant that CSIR-NIO identified the wetland sites as per the Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules, 2017. He also assured that the pre-existing rights and privileges of residents will be protected. He explained that there is no intent and provision of land acquisition and compensation to the affected parties. He requested that, for better time management, the farmers and individuals who are directly affected should only speak instead of their representative advocates, as they were already heard previously at length, during the grievance committee meeting. He clarified that permissions for any new constructions of a permanent nature cannot be granted within 50 meters from the mean high flood level observed in the past ten years as per the Wetland (Conservation and Management) Rules 2017; However, the pre-existing rights and privileges would be protected.

Mr. Anthony M. Pereira, said that while his existing house is shown on the map, part of his plot falls within 50 buffer zone and in future, he will not be able to construct any permanent structure. He also informed about the ongoing dumping of Construction and Demolition waste in the lake, and that the wastewater is also finding its way into the lake. He expressed his fear that in future, there may be activities like boating etc. being carried out in the area and that such misinformation is being spread. He also informed about the judgement of the Hon. High Court in the matter of the proposed Wetland area. He objected to the wetland notification mainly due to the buffer area of 50m around the lake.

Mr. Tirodkar, representing Kusum, Manisha, Jagdish, Sanvi and Sushant, objected to the notification of Maimollem Lake as a wetland. He stated that they have two plots under a settlement zone surrounded by paddy fields and have applied for conversion sanad as they intend to develop the same for their own needs for business and housing. Various restrictions already affect the plots, including NHAI, aircraft rules and further impositions as a zone of influence due to wetland notification, which would result in significant financial loss. He expressed disagreement with the minutes of the grievance committee meeting. He had also made a written submission to GSWA. He requested to remove paddy fields from the wetland as per the definition and allow construction on his property as per the approved plans of MPDA upon receiving the said approvals. Reacting to his statement, Chairperson GSWA reiterated that he has already clarified that permissions for any new constructions of a permanent nature cannot be granted within 50 meters from the mean high flood level observed in the past ten years as per the Wetland (Conservation and Management) Rules 2017.



A senior citizen, Mr. Paixao Menezes said that he has invested his major savings in a plot which is now falling within 50 meters buffer and that if he will not be able to construct anything of a permanent nature in future, then Govt. should take care of his assets to ensure that his pre-existing privilege should be considered and granted permission. The grievant also raised many questions and queries as to the reasoning, such as why paddy fields are included as wetlands, and that the existing temporary structures and vacant plot owners will face problems when planning for proper permanent structures. Due to present financial constraints, many structures are either temporary or partly constructed, awaiting expansion, and few people have not yet built anything and that some have purchased a plot by investing major savings. Smt. Tereza Zuzarte Acharya raised concern over the plantation using plastic bags along the roadside in the lake and objected to the notification of Maimollem Lake as a wetland.

Confraria De Bom Jesus Das Santas Almas said that they have an approved plot in the buffer and want to construct the structure. Confraria De Nossa Senhora Das Mercês said that they have two plots planned for future development. Raymond Godinho and Confraria De Santissimo Sacramento E De Nossa Senhora De Guia presented their cases, in which their objection was considering their plots around draft-notified wetland. Simon Pereira said that he has 1800 square meters of plot therein, and Mr. Stanley opined that if they are not allowed to construct, then Govt. should plan to acquire the land.

Others who participated are Adv Sushant, Esmaralda, Ramashankar, Rosario, Gabriel, Bruno, Tulshidas, Chandrakant, Adv, Y Stanley, Souza, Umesh, Eugenio, Ajay, Sanjay, Sheikh Altaf, Aleixo, Palmira, Leslie, Sushanti, Tarun Rebello and others, who expressed their opposition to the draft notification.

Hon. MLA Shri. Krishna Salkar clarified that he was amongst first few to raise concern about the difficulty faced by the locals regarding the inclusion of paddy fields beyond sluice gate, about the inundation of water due to railway culvert, about pollution in Maimollem lake and difficulties posed by the buffer. He said that he will firmly support the people in their viewpoint and expressed that GSWA should take a considered decision in the interest of the people. He explained the need to provide space for the crematorium and burial grounds, and the need to provide a pumping station for sewage to ensure proper wastewater treatment so as to prevent contamination of the lake. He also explained that the plants grown in the bags along the lake are temporary for the beautification and treatment of lake water. He sought cooperation from the locals to protect the waterbody as well as the interest of the people.



After listening to the grievances, the Members deliberated and expressed that many grievant had expressed genuine concern for the inability to build permanent structures in future in their own plots. Their concern is mainly due to the area falling within 50 meters from the mean high flood level observed in the past ten years as per the Wetland (Conservation and Management) Rules 2017; The Authority unanimously decided that the Member Secretary along with small team of GSWA should visit the site and report to the authority only thereafter take a decision. It was also decided that there would be no further personal hearing regarding the notification of Maimollem Lake as wetland.

Agenda 6: Decision regarding Grievances forwarded by the Grievance Committee to the Authority for final decision of draft notified Vhodle Dhakte Lake (Cortalim), 8 grievances to be heard.

Mr Dattaram Raul raised queries and objections to the notification of Vodle Dhakte Tollem as wetland because he owns a plot within buffer zone which he had purchased out of savings. He further informed that he had the main approvals on which he had already started construction in 2023 and which is almost reaching completion. This was started prior to the draft notification as per Mr. Raul. The grievant also requested relaxation in the buffer zone, to protect his lifetime saving investments for the future of his children.

Senior citizen Ms. Ana Mascarenhas stated that she is planning to go to a private old age home by selling her plot which is her only property, unfortunately falls in buffer zone and hence she will not get any value if Vodle-Dhakte Tollem is notified as wetland. She prefers private old age homes because she will not be able to adjust in the prevailing condition of Govt old age homes. Chairperson GSWA informed that while he has empathy for her, however as per the Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules, 2017 neither compensation to the affected parties nor permission for new constructions could be provided. Pre-existing rights and privileges would be protected. Chairperson, GSWA also explained that renovation of the houses and re-construction of new house on the existing plinth built prior to draft notification would be allowed in line with the CRZ notification.

Mr Diogo Vaz, Joaquina Gomes, and Sanjay Patil said that they have plots in the buffer zones and are planning to construct, but due to notification of Vodle-Dhakte Tollem, they will not be able to do so. Dionisio Carvalho expressed concerns about the brief document prepared by CSIR NIO and pointed out that the Railway line is not shown on the map. He also objected to the notification of wetland and buffer area. He also spoke on behalf of Comunidade. Ms. Maria Rebello and Sanjay



Patil said that they have plots in the buffer and worry was that they will not be able to construct if Vodle-Dhakte Tollem is notified as wetland.

After the Authority heard grievances, Chairperson, GSWA informed that as per Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules, 2017, neither compensation to the affected parties could be provided nor new constructions except those prior to the draft notification will be allowed. However, the pre-existing rights and privileges would be protected. Chairperson GSWA also explained that the renovation of the houses and construction of new houses on the plinth built prior to draft notification would be allowed. It was unanimously decided that a thorough study of the report of CSIR NIO should be carried out before taking the decision. It was also decided that there would be no further personal hearing regarding the notification of Vodle dhakte Lake as wetland.

Agenda 7: Decision regarding Grievances forwarded by the Grievance Committee to the Authority for final decision of draft notified Zuari Lake, 1 grievance to be heard.

A representative from Paradip Phosphate Limited (PPL) Eng. Nilesh Dessai, Chief Mfg Officer / Unit Head Goa Plant, made a presentation with facts and figures to justify and support their appeal not to consider the Zuari Dam, a man-made artificial reservoir, as a wetland. He explained how the industry depends on a water reservoir built by the fertiliser company (Fertilizer Mfg. is a Core Business of PPL). This reservoir is used as storage facility for rainwater as well as WRD-supplied excess water is stored in this tank. He stated that during water shortages from the Govt. this dam provides water for the plant operations. He emphasized that the factory, which needs at least one week to stabilize its process, cannot afford to shut down the operations even for a day, considering the large number of employees and market demand for the fertilizers. Hence, he stated with supported data and technical explanation about the design of this dam, which has a bottom lining, piping, pumps and security arrangements, that it does not qualify as a wetland. They were also accompanied by a legal officer of PPL Adv. Mahesh Naik, Eng. Anand Rajyadhakshya Sr. Advocate Padiyar and Adv. Sonali Kurtikar. The authority unanimously decided to study the report by PPL and take an appropriate decision in the next meeting. It was also decided that there would be no further personal hearing regarding the notification of Zuari Lake as wetland.



Agenda 8: Decision regarding Grievance hearing forwarded by the Grievance Committee regarding Diuler Lake, Vodle Lake, Ita Lake, Manali Lake & Adsule Lake (Benaulim-Salcete).

HNA, GSWA informed the Authority that grievances were heard by the Grievance Committee for Diuler Lake, Vodle Lake, Ita Lake, Manali Lake & Adsule Lake (Benaulim- Salcete). Few of the grievant who were invited for the last GSWA Authority Meeting did not attend. Hence based on the decision of GSWA to invite VP Sarpanch and BMC Chairperson, they have been invited and were present for the meeting. VP Benaulim Sarpanch and BMC Chairperson informed that there were no fresh grievances received by VP or BMC for the Draft Notification of Diuler Lake, Vodle Lake, Ita Lake, Manali Lake & Adsule Lake (Benaulim- Salcete). The grievance committee had heard the grievances pertaining to the above lakes, however the prohibition of new constructions of permanent nature in 50m buffer was general concern during the grievance committee meeting. After deliberations, it was unanimously decided to approve Diuler Lake, Vodle Lake, Ita Lake, Manali Lake & Adsule Lake (Benaulim- Salcete) as wetlands for final notification as per Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules 2017.

Agenda 9: Decision regarding final notification of Kamala Lake (Benaulim)

HNA, GSWA informed the Authority that except for the influx of effluents into the Kamala Lake from some sources, there were no other issues and Lake Management Committee could deal with the matter if finally notified as wetland. VP Benaulim Sarpanch and BMC Chairperson informed that there were no fresh grievances received by VP or BMC for the Draft Notification of Kamala Lake. Hence, it was unanimously decided to approve Kamala Lake as a wetland as per Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules 2017 for final notification.

Agenda 10: Decision regarding final notification of Lamgao Lake, as it is part of Mineral Block-I in Bicholim Taluka as communicated by Directorate of Mines & Geology.

During the 17th meeting of GSWA it was decided that Directorate of Mines & Geology and the lessee would present all the information about the management & conservation plan for the Lamgao waterbody. The Directorate of Mines & Geology could not produce the necessary information before the Authority. It was unanimously decided that the necessary information and the copy of the Environmental Clearance should be produced before the Authority during the next meeting for further deliberation and only thereafter a decision would be taken in this regard.



Agenda 11: Decision regarding proposal from SIDCGL regarding sewage pumping station at Maimollem Lake.

Representatives from the Sewerage Infrastructure Development Corporation of Goa Limited (SIDCGL) presented in brief the proposal for the installation of a sewage pumping station at Maimollem Lake. Chairperson GSWA asked SIDCGL for the complete proposal after the re-survey, as assured by SIDCL during the 17th meeting of GSWA. The Authority gave a deadline of 3 weeks for completing the survey. SIDCGL requested for a NOC and the Authority denied stating that NOC could be issued only after the minutes are approved/confirmed. GSWA Chairperson said that further decision on the proposal will be taken during the next authority meeting.

Agenda 12: Any other matter with the permission of Chair.

- 1) Authority members deliberated on standardising the relaxations that could be granted for developments within the buffer zone regarding the wetlands notified under various categories on a case-to-case basis. It was also suggested that cases wherein people lose their land and seek compensation could be referred to the Central Authority for clarification. It was decided to explore the possibility of developing guidelines on similar lines as in CRZ rules for renovation or for dealing with permissions for the existing structures.
- 2) It was deliberated and unanimously decided to compile a list of notified wetlands and assess the extent of settlement zones by getting support from the Town and Country Planning Department to identify the resources/ settlement zone/ subdivisions, etc. in the buffer zone. It was also decided that adhering to the prevailing TCP land zoning procedures, the area within 50 m of notified wetland and draft notified wetlands could be marked by TCP.
- 3) Regarding the requirement as per the Hon. Supreme Court order WP (c) No. 304/2018 Anand Arya v/s Union of India along with WP (c) No. 302/2020 Vanashakti Public Trust & Anr v/s Union of India & Anr for ground truthing and physical delineation of wetlands, a cost and time-effective vendor may be chosen considering the timeline to complete the task before March 2025.
- 4) The members of the Authority should be invited to visit the drafted notified wetlands, awaiting a final decision so that a fair decision could be taken.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Member secretary, GSWA.





Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam
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