

**Proceedings of the
3rd Meeting**

of the

STEERING COMMITTEE

of

Himachal Pradesh State Compensatory

Afforestation Fund Management

& Planning Authority

[HP State CAMPA]

Held on

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The 3rd Meeting of the Steering Committee of the HP State CAMPA was held on 19.11.2010 under the chairpersonship of the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh at Shimla. The following were present:

1. Sh. Avay Shukla, Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests), GoHP
2. Ms. Sarojini, G. Thakur, Addl. Chief Secretary (Envt., S&T), GoHP
3. Sh. Vinay Tandon, Pr.CCF HP
4. Sh. Ashwanii Gulaati, Pr.CCF (Wildlife) HP & Chief WL Warden, HP
5. Sh. R.D.Dhiman, Pr. Secretary(PR & Rural Development), GoHP
6. Sh. Rajnish, Spl. Secretary (Finance), GoHP
7. Sh. J.S.Walia, Addl. PCCF (CAT & ES), HPFD & Member Secretary, HP CAMPA Steering Committee
8. Sh. Vijay Guleria, HPEDS, Palampur
9. Sh. C.M.Walia, Member Secy. HP Power Producers Forum,
10. Ms. Archana Sharma, CP (CAT Plans) & Nodal officer, HP State CAMPA

The Member Secretary apprised the chairperson and the new members in brief about the HP State CAMPA and the major developments in the past connected to the HP State CAMPA. Thereafter, with the permission of the Chair, the agenda for the meeting was taken up for discussions and the decisions taken are as per the following matrix.

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Agenda Item	Discussion points for decision	Decision taken	Further Action by
3.1 Action Taken Report on the 2 nd Steering Committee Meeting held on 24 th March 2010 [Annexure I Page 5-8 of Agenda note)	1. Reconciliation with the Finance Department, GoHP, of the unspent CA, CAT Plans and NPV funds, deposited by User agencies under FCA(1980); to be transferred to the HP State CAMPA. The house was informed that the process to compile the information was going on and would be made known to the Steering Committee soon. 2 a. Delegation of powers for various activities, such as acceptance of tenders, approval and sanction of works, purchase of machinery and equipment etc. Annexure II (Page 9) of the Agenda note. 2 b. Accounting procedures to be adopted by HP State CAMPA and its executing agencies needs to be worked out in consultation with AGHP. A consultancy for specifying the accounting procedures be approved. Representative of MoEF, Govt, informed that Punjab CAMPA has already awarded a consultancy for a dedicated Financial Accounting System under CAMPA. 3. Revised APO under NPV (2009-10) & revalidation of unspent amount of Rs.581.93 lakhs for spending during 2010-11. 4. Unspent funds of the approved CAT Plan APO (2009-10); i.e. Rs. 453.07 lakhs be revalidated for spending during 2010-11.	1. The Forest department and Finance department to reconcile the figures and progress be intimated to the chairperson Steering Committee by 15th February 2011. 2a. Approved as proposed. 2b. The Punjab CAMPA initiative on financial management be studied and if found suitable should be followed. The system of double entry for financial accounting should be adopted in HP State CAMPA. 3. Approved as proposed. 4. Approved as proposed. The ATR was perused, discussed and approved.	PCCE (HP) & Pr. Secretary (Finance)/ Executive Committee, HP State CAMPA 2a to 4 - Executive Committee, HP State CAMPA

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3.2 Ratification of decisions taken/ approvals accorded since 2 nd Steering Committee Meeting	As per Annexure VII (a-e) (Page 17-23) and VIII (Page 24-30) of the Agenda note.	All decisions put up as per agenda were ratified by the Steering Committee	Executive Committee, HP State CAMPA
3.3 Revised APOs (2010-11) under CA, CAT Plans and Rim Plantation Scheme	The consolidated APO for 2010-11 for execution of Compensatory Afforestation, implementation of CAT Plans and Rim Plantation Scheme, after revision placed as Annexure IX a, b and c respectively (Page 31-35) of the agenda note were perused.	Approved as proposed. In all 20 CAT Plans for a total outlay of Rs. 2975.71 lakhs and under CA the total APO for Rs. 69.99 lakhs, Rim Plantation scheme for Rs. 225.40 lakhs; approved.	Executive Committee, HP State CAMPA
3.4 Progress of APOs under CA (2010-11), CAT Plans (2010-11), Rim Plantation (2010-11), Wildlife Schemes (2010-11) and NPV (2010-11)	The Progress reports of Works under the various APOs for 2009-10 and 2010-11 placed at Annexures X (a-e) (Page 36-41) perusal and discussed by the Steering Committee.	It was observed that the progress of works is rather slow. There is a need to accelerate the pace of expenditure and improve its reporting from the executing agencies. Utilisation Certificates are to be submitted on time. The progress of works & expenditure under HP State CAMPA upto December 2010, be put up to the Chief Secretary, GoHP by 15 th January 2011, for appraisal.	Executive Committee, HP State CAMPA & Modal officer HP State CAMPA
3.5 Position of HP State CAMPA funds	The detail of funds received, released and balance available as on 31.10.2010 placed as Annexure XI (Page 42) of the Agenda Note was perused and pace of release of funds to various agencies was discussed.	As per decision on agenda 3.4 above	Executive Committee, HP State CAMPA

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3.6 Other items :	3.6.1 Strengthening of Working Plan Units from State CAMPA (NPV) funds: The matter, as per agenda note was discussed in detail and deferred for final decision till the next meeting, after further action as per next column is taken. 3.6.2 Meeting the expenses of Eco- Task Force from NPV funds: The house was apprised that currently there are two companies of the 133 Inf TA Eco Battalion executing Rim Plantation works of Kol Dam HEP and afforestation works of Larji HEP. The annual expenditure on each ETF company is approx. Rs.3 crores and the current CAT Plans do not have any provision to absorb this kind of expenditure. In order to achieve prescribed physical works in the approved CAT Plans, it is proposed that the differential amount (shortfall vis a vis CAT Plan provision for that work) be met from NPV funds of the State CAMPA, to meet the ETF costs.	3.6.1. The issue of 20% special hike on basic salary from NPV funds was not accepted. As far as hiring of office staff from service providers on contract, getting field work done from UHF Nauti graduates, using taxis for transportation, hiring of office & residential space etc. are concerned, it was decided that the HoD and the AD discuss the issue at their level and put up to the Steering Committee for final decision, in the next meeting. It was approved in principle, that the differential amount to support the ETF as well as to achieve the shortfall in targets as per CAT Plan / Rim Plantation scheme be made good from the NPV funds. However, it was decided that specific proposal giving details of funds required be put up to the Steering Committee after the funds available with the CAT Plans/ Rim Scheme were exhausted.	PCCF HP & ACS (Forests), GoHP Executive Committee, HP State CAMPA

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	3.6.3 Expenditure for setting up State CAMPA office: A proposal to fix expenditure of Rs.5 lakhs on various items required to facilitate working of the State CAMPA office was put up to the Steering Committee for approval. 3.6.4 Recruitment of System Maintenance Analyst (hardware & programming) for HP State CAMPA office: It was proposed that a System Maintenance Analyst would be required to maintain the computer systems in the HP state CAMPA office as well as HPFD Direction office, for regular internet service provision and other connected day to day tasks, would be hired from the DOEACC, an autonomous Society of the Ministry of Communication & IT, Govt. of India, on contractual engagement, initially for a period of one year. The item was put up to the house for approval. 3.6.5 Approval of extension in time and escalation of costs to M/s NERIL Pune awarded the task of preparation of Comprehensive CAT Plan for Satluj River basin of HP: a) The request of M/s NERIL, Pune for extension in time (4 months) for completing the assignment on Satluj Basin Comprehensive CAT Plan till 31st January, 2010 was put up to the Steering Committee for approval.	Approved as proposed in the Agenda note. Hiring of one System Maintenance Analyst was approved on contract, initially for a period of one year, from DOEACC, Shimla. Approved till 31.01.2011.	by Nodal officer, HP State CAMPA & Executive Committee HP CAMPA -do- APCCF (CAT Plans & ES)

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	b) Proposal for awarding work to M/s NERIL, Pune to recast the annual action plans of 7 on-going CAT Plans in Satluj River basin, based on existing ground realities & incorporating latest learnings in silt management was discussed at length by the Steering Committee. The recast Action Plans should prioritise vegetative measures & bio-engineering methodology over civil structures and target oriented plantation to foster to moisture retentivity, reduce soil soil erodibility and improved soil & water conservation measures. The Committee agreed that owing to their work in the Satluj basin, M/s NERIL were suitable to handle the task, as they had the required data and knowledge of the River basin.	It was decided to study the Comprehensive CAT Plan of Satluj River Basin, which was due by 31.1.2011, before the work on recasting of the 7 CAT Plans is taken in hand, so as to make full use of the findings & recommendations of the Comprehensive CAT Plan.	
General	Owing to the allocation of funds to the Urban Development Department, from NPV under HP State CAMPA, the need to have representation of the Urban Development Department in the Steering Committee was discussed.	The Pr. Secretary, Urban Development to the GoHP would be included in the Steering Committee as a Special Invitee in future.	Member Secretary, HP State CAMPA Steering Committee.

The Chief Secretary GoHP laid emphasis regarding application of Geo-informatics in development planning and directed HPPD to prioritise work in this regard. The chairperson also reiterated the advantage of sending agenda notes as soft copies to all for improved, faster, paperless communication.


Chairperson
HP State CAMPA Steering Committee
Chief Secretary, GoHP, Shimla


Member Secretary,
Steering Committee
HP State CAMPA