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Office of the Chief Engineering Adviser/
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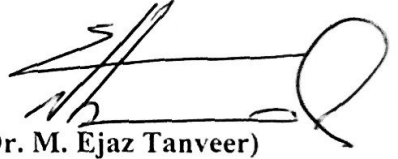
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Islamabad, the June 03, 2025

Sub: **MINUTES OF 1st MEETING OF THE PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE
CONSTITUTED FOR FLOOD PROTECTION SECTOR PROJECT (FPSP-
III), HELD ON APRIL 17, 2025 AT 1130 HOURS**

The subject meeting was held on 17th April 2025 at 11:30 Hours in the Committee Room, 3rd Floor, P-Block, Pak Secretariat, Islamabad. Honourable Federal Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives/ Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission of Pakistan, chaired the meeting being the Chairman of the Committee.

2. Enclosed herewith are the minutes of the said meeting approved by the Federal Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives. All concerned organizations are requested to take further necessary action on the decisions recorded in the minutes.

Encl: As Above


(Dr. M. Ejaz Tanveer)
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Distribution (Members of the Committee): -

1. Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, Islamabad.
2. Secretary, Ministry of Planning Development & Special Initiatives, Islamabad.
3. Secretary, Ministry of Aviation, Islamabad.
4. Chief Secretary, Government of the Punjab, Lahore.
5. Chief Secretary, Government of Sindh, Karachi.
6. Chief Secretary, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.
7. Chief Secretary, Government of Balochistan, Quetta.
8. Chief Secretary, Government of Gilgit-Baltistan, Gilgit.
9. Chief Secretary, Government of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Muzaffarabad.
10. Chairman, WAPDA House, Lahore.
11. Member (I&RC), Ministry of PD&SI, Islamabad.
12. Chief (Water Resources), Ministry of PD&SI, Islamabad.
13. Chief Engineering Advisor/ Chairman FFC, Islamabad.
14. Director General, Pakistan Metrological Department, Islamabad
15. Secretary, Irrigation Department, Government of Punjab, Lahore.
16. Secretary, Irrigation Department, Government of Sindh, Karachi.
17. Secretary, Irrigation Department, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.
18. Secretary, Irrigation Department, Government of Balochistan, Quetta.
19. Secretary, Irrigation and Water Management Gilgit-Baltistan, Gilgit.
20. D.G. (Irrigation & Small Dams Department), AJ&K, Muzaffarabad.

CC: (Along with copy of the minutes) to: -

1. Secretary, EAD, Islamabad.
2. Additional Secretary (Technical), Irrigation Department, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi.
3. Chief Engineer (D&F Zone), Irrigation Department, Government of Punjab, Lahore.
4. Mr. Bashir Tareen, Chief Engineer/ Provincial Coordinator, Irrigation Department, Government of Balochistan, Quetta.
5. Mr. Anwar Kamal, Superintending Engineer (H/Q), Irrigation Department, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.
6. Chief Engineer (H&WM), WAPDA House Lahore.
7. Director (Water Management), Water Management & Irrigation Department, Government of Gilgit-Baltistan, Gilgit.
8. Director (Planning), PMD, Islamabad.

Copy to: -

1. PS to Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, M/o PD&SI, Islamabad/ Chairman of the Steering Committee.
2. PS to Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, Islamabad.
3. PS to Secretary, PD&SI Division, Islamabad.
4. PS to Additional Secretary, ministry of Water Resources, Islamabad.
5. PS to Chairman, WAPDA, Islamabad.
6. PS to CEA/CFFC, Islamabad.
7. Master file.



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Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives
(Office of the Minister)

Subject:- MINUTES OF THE 1ST MEETING OF THE PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE (PSC) CONSTITUTED FOR FLOOD PROJECTION SECTOR PROJECT-III (FPSP-III)

Please refer to Chief Engineer Advisor/Chairman Federal Flood Commission U.O. No.1(23)FPSP-III/PSC/2024, dated May 15, 2025 on the above cited subject.

2. Federal Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives has seen and approved subject minutes, please.



(AHMAD SULTAN BUTT)
Special Assistant to Minister

Mr. Ijaz Tanveer, Deputy Engineering Adviser (Civil), Office of Chief Engineer Advisor/Chairman Federal Flood Commission, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad
M/o PD&SI U.O.No. 1(6)SA/Min/PD&SI/2024, dated the 3rd June, 2025

Cc: Secretary
M/o PD&SI





GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
OFFICE OF CHIEF ENGINEER ADVISOR/ CHAIRMAN FEDERAL FLOOD
COMMISSION



SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE 1ST MEETING OF THE PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE (PSC)
CONSTITUTED FOR FLOOD PROTECTION SECTOR PROJECT-III (FPSP-III)

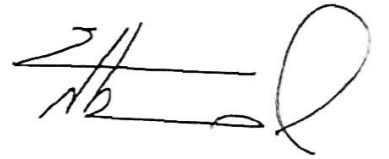
Kindly refer to Ministry of Water Resources letter No. DW-3(11)/2023-FPSP-III dated May 06, 2025 on the subject cited above wherein the Ministry conveyed amended draft minutes of the subject meeting with the advice to share the same with the PD&SI Division for obtaining approval of the Federal Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives/Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission/Chairman, Steering Committee. Reference is further made to PD&SI Division letter No. 8(229)WR/PC/2024 dated May 13, 2025 whereby PD&SI Division advised that this office, being Secretariat of PSC of FPSP-III, may submit the draft minutes of 1st Meeting of PSC of FPSP-III, through E-office, directly to the Federal Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives in the form of DFA, for his approval.

2. In view of the above, aforementioned draft minutes are attached herewith for kind approval of the Federal Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives/Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission/Chairman, Steering Committee.

3. This issues with the approval of CEA/CFFC.

Encl: As above


Ahsan Iqbal
Minister PD&SI



Ijaz Tanveer

Deputy Engineering Adviser (Civil)

SA to Minister, Ministry of Planning Development & Special Initiatives(PC), Islamabad
Office Of Chief Engineer Advisor/ Chairman Federal Flood Commission No.FC-

1(23)FPSP-III/PSC/2024 Dated 15 May , 2025

Copy for information to:-

- 1- Director General (WRD), MOWR, Islamabad
- 2- Assistant Chief-I (Water Resources), PC, Islamabad



Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives
(Water Resources Section)

Sub: Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Project Steering Committee (PSC)
Constituted for Flood Protection Sector Project (FPSP-III)

The 1st Meeting of the Steering Committee, constituted for smooth implementation of the Flood Protection Sector Project (FPSP-III), was held on **Thursday, 17th April 2025 at 11:30 Hours** in the Committee Room, 3rd Floor, P-Block, Pak Secretariat, Islamabad. Federal Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives/ Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission of Pakistan, chaired the meeting being the Chairman of the Committee. List of participants is attached as **Annex-I**.

2. The meeting started with recitation from Holy Quran. Member (I&RC), M/o PD&SI briefed the forum about the composition and terms of reference/TORs of the steering committee. He elaborated that the umbrella PC-I of FPSP-III, with an estimated cost of Rs. 194,625 million, was approved by the ECNEC in its meeting held on 27th June 2023. The financing structure entailed GoP contributions (20% for Federal components and 10% for Provincial components), Provincial governments' share (10% for Provincial components), and 80% donor funding with the 50:50 cost share between Federal and Provincial Government. He also presented a summary of 164 sub-projects of FPSP-III, comprising 151 structural and 13 non-structural interventions. However, none of the sub-projects has been executed so far.

3. The Honorable Chair expressed concerns regarding delay in the physical implementation of the project interventions owing to non-availability of foreign financing. He emphasized that FPSP-III forms a critical component of the National Flood Protection Program-IV (NFPP-IV), which was initiated following the devastating 2010 floods and subsequently approved by the Council of Common Interests (CCI) in May 2017. Despite this high-level approval, tangible progress on the ground has yet to materialize.

4. The Chair further underscored that upon implementing FPSP-III in a timely manner, the loss/damages caused by the 2022-floods could have been significantly reduced. He stressed the urgent need to expedite project execution to prevent future losses and enhance country's resilience against flood-related disasters with the available local funding till the availability of foreign financing by virtue of visible climate change and global warming indicators.

5. Chief Engineer (Dams Safety Council), O/o CEA/CFFC, representing Chief Engineering Advisor/Chairman, Federal Flood Commission (CEA/CFFC) informed that owing to the present Government's proactive approach, the umbrella PC-I of FPSP-III was approved by the ECNEC in response to the 2022 floods. However, since the project was approved on a cost-sharing basis, physical implementation has not yet commenced due to the non-availability of matching foreign funding (amounting to Rs. 155,700 million), which the EAD is yet to explore/arrange as per ECNEC's decision.

6. The Chair directed that the Secretary, Economic Affairs Division (EAD) be co-opted as member of the Project Steering Committee of FPSP-III, considering that 80% foreign funding is required for the smooth implementation of the project, as per the ECNEC's approval.



7. Chief (Water), PD&SI Division briefed about the efforts made earlier to secure pipeline financing offered for FPSP-III sub-projects by the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and Islamic Development Bank (IsDB). However, the same could not be materialized as, the then care taker Provincial Governments, could not provide consent for relenting of the loan.

8. The forum was informed that soft loan offered by Economic Cooperation Organization Trade Development Bank (ETBD) could not be materialized due to the non-availability of the approval of individual PC-Is of priority FPSP-III sub-projects as well as the short duration for implementations of these interventions.

9. The Chair expressed concern over absence of the concerned Ministry's representative and directed to Water Resources Section take up the matter with the Minister for Water Resources, through a DO letter from his office, highlighting Ministry's immediate measures to ensure active participation in the future Project Steering Committee meetings so that collective decision could be taken on the issues and challenges faced by the project.

10. Chief Engineer (Dams Safety Council), O/o CEA/CFFC, informed that individual PC-Is of six (06) priority FPSP-III sub-projects have been uploaded on iPAS and are currently under process of appraisal with the Ministry of Water Resources which will be submitted to the PD&SI Division for approval by the CDWP/ECNEC.

11. Furthermore, he opined that until foreign financing is secured, 100% financing for Federal components of FPSP-III may be covered out of local share allocated under federal PSDP, whereas, Provincial Governments may commence implementation of their high priority FPSP-III sub-projects by utilizing 50% funding from the Provincial ADPs and 50% matching contribution from Federal PSDP.

12. Upon inquiry by the Chair, the Chief Engineer (Dams Safety Council), O/o CEA/CFFC, informed the forum that the FPSP-III has not commenced physical implementation due to the unavailability of 80% foreign financing, despite the allocation of the local share under the PSDP for the last two years. The primary impediment to securing foreign financing by the EAD is the absence of approved individual sub-projects, which cannot be processed without firm commitments from donors. In response, Chief (Water), Water Resources Section, Mo PD&SI advised that individual sub-project PC-1 documents, including indicative financing details, be submitted to PD&SI Division promptly for approval.

13. The Chair advised to secure foreign funding based on the concept clearance of the project/FPSP-III. Chief Engineer (Dams Safety Council), O/o CEA/CFFC stated that concept clearance for FPSP-III has already been approved by CDWP/CCC in 2019 and also the Umbrella PC-1 has been approved by the ECNEC in 2023. The Chair directed to expedite submission of PC-Is of priority sub-projects to PD&SI Division for approval by the CDWP/ECNEC in order to facilitate securing the foreign funding through EAD.

14. Chief Engineer (Dams Safety Council), O/o CEA/CFFC requested the forum to reconsider the revival of the Normal Emergent Flood Program (NEFP) to address the urgent flood-related requirements that arise annually in the Provinces following the flood season. The FFC emphasized that such emergent needs are recurrent and require a dedicated financing mechanism for timely response. In response, the Chair advised to submit individual PC-1s of the priority projects under FPSP-III on immediate basis for the time being.

15. Chief Engineer (Dams Safety Council), O/o CEA/CFFC further informed that Asian Development Bank (ADB) has committed financing of one of the sub-project of

FPSP-III (National Master Plan for Flood Telemetry) under the project "Climate and Disaster Resilience Enhancement Programme (CDREP)". Besides others, the pre-requisite for the CDREP is the approval of PC-1 of Telemetry Project and operationalization of Project Coordination and Management Unit (PCMU) in accordance with the provision mentioned in the umbrella of PC-1 of FPSP-III. He continued that the DDWP of Ministry of Water Resources in its meeting held on March 25, 2025 approved the PC-1 for establishment of PCMU for FPSP-III.

16. The Chair urged to operationalize PCMU in a phased and progressive manner by engaging professionals with expertise aligned to the project's specific requirements, particularly in areas beyond the existing capacity of the Federal Flood Commission (FFC). He also stressed the importance of expediting the submission of individual PC-I(s) for the sub-projects under FPSP-III. Additionally, the Chair inquired about the current status of the approval of the updated National Flood Protection Plan-IV (NFPP-IV) from the Council of Common Interests (CCI).

17. Chief Engineer (Dams Safety Council), O/o CEA/CFFC, responded that Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR) forwarded the draft Summary of Updated NFPP-IV to the CCI for approval. In response, the CCI advised to obtain views/comments of concerned Ministries/ Divisions and Provincial Governments. As of now, MoWR is pursuing views/comments from Finance Division and Gilgit-Baltistan while feedback stands received from other stakeholders. Once all comments are received, the MoWR will resubmit amended draft summary of Updated NFPP-IV to the CCI for its approval.

18. The decisions taken by the Committee are as follows: -

- (i) The Ministry of Water Resources will coopt Secretary, Economic Affairs Division as a member of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) of FPSP-III, in order to ensure foreign funding arrangements and compliance with donor requirements.
- (ii) Ministry of Water Resources to process early Individual PC-Is of FPSP-III sub-projects for approval by CDWP/ECNEC on the same pattern of umbrella PC-1 of FPSP-III (on the basis of indicative financing). Subsequently, the approved projects of urgent / short-term structural intervention (Sub-Projects of Provinces) be implemented on cost sharing of 50:50 basis through PSDP and ADP of respective province.
- (iii) The priority schemes of non-structural interventions of Federal level and structural interventions in GBAJK be implemented through 100% local share allocated under PSDP till the availability of foreign financing.
- (iv) Ministry of Water Resources shall urge upon Finance Division and Government of GB to expedite submission of their pending comments on draft Summary of NFPP-IV (Updated).
- (v) All executing agencies shall submit PC-1s of the sub-projects of FPSP-III to the Project Coordination and Management Unit of FPSP-III on immediate basis for further processing of approval from the respective fora without further delay.
- (vi) Economic Affairs Division (EAD) may expedite arrangements of foreign financing of 80% for each sub project of FPSP-III based on the approved umbrella PC-1 of FPSP-III.

19. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.



**1ST MEETING OF THE PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE (PSC) CONSTITUTED
FOR FLOOD PROTECTION SECTOR PROJECT (FPSP-III)**

HELD ON April 17, 2025 AT 1130 HOURS

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

PD & SI Division, Islamabad

1. Dr. Ahsan Iqbal
Federal Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives
/Chairman, Steering Committee In Chair
2. Mr. Waqas Anwar
Member (I&RC)
3. Mr. Asghar Ali Halipoto
Chief (Water)
4. Engr. Ishtiaq Alam,
Assistant Chief (Water)
5. Engr. M. Umair Khan Niazi
Research Officer (WR)

Federal Flood Commission, Ministry of Water Resources, Islamabad

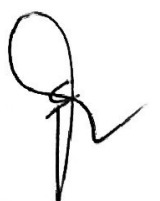
6. Dr. Qazi Tallat Mahmood Siddiqui
Chief Engineer (DSC)/Acting CEA/CFFC
7. Dr. M. Ejaz Tanveer
Superintending Engineer (Floods-I)
8. Mr. Zafar Iqbal
Superintending Engineer (Floods-II)
9. Mr. Yawar Rasheed
Assistant Engineer (Floods)

Irrigation Department, Govt. of Punjab, Lahore

10. Mr. Rashid Ali
Chief Engineer (D&F)

Irrigation Department, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi

11. Mr. Fareed Ahmed Memon
Chief Engineer
12. Mr. Sajid Abbas
Executive Engineer



Irrigation Department, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar

13. Mr. Anwer Kamal
Superintending Engineer (HQ)

Irrigation Department, Govt. of Balochistan, Quetta

14. Mr. Bashir Tareen
Chief Engineer (Quetta Zone)

Govt. of GB, Gilgit

15. Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad
Additional Chief Secretary

16. Mr. Sher Jahan
Director (WM&I)

Govt. of AJ&K

17. Mr. Atif Rahman
Additional Chief Secretary
18. Tehzeeb un Nisa
Secretary (SDMA)
19. Mr. Ajaz Hussain Khwaja
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Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), Islamabad

20. Dr. Muhammad Afzaal
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21. Dr. Agha Babar
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22. Mr. Shahbaz Yousaf
Admin Officer

WAPDA, Lahore

23. Mr. Aijaz Hussain Memon
Chief Engineer (H&WM)

