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**Sub: MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON MONSOON AND FLOOD SITUATION 2026  
HELD ON 20TH AUGUST, 2026 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF  
HONOURABLE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF WATER  
RESOURCES**

Kindly find enclosed herewith a copy of minutes of the subject meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2026 in the Committee Room of Ministry of Water Resources under the chairmanship of Honorable Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, Islamabad.

2. All concerned organizations are requested to take action on the decisions reflected in the minutes and furnish compliance report to this office at the earliest.
3. This issues with the approval of Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, Islamabad.

  
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8. Chairman, Indus River System Authority, Islamabad.
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27. General Manager, Tarbela Dam Project, Tarbela.
28. General Manager, Mangla Dam Organization, Mangla.
29. Director General, Irrigation & Small Dams, Government of AJ&K, Muzaffarabad.
30. Chief Engineer, Merged Area, Irrigation Department, Peshawar.
31. Executive Director, Global Change Impact Studies Centre (GCISC).
32. Commissioner, Rawalpindi
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34. Deputy Secretary (Water), Ministry of Water Resources, Islamabad.

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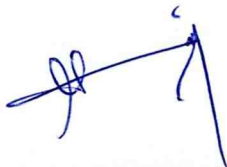
A meeting to review monsoon and flood situation 2026 was held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2026 at 1100 Hours in the Committee Room, Ministry of Water Resources, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Honourable, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources. List of participants is attached as **Annexure-I**.

2. The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran. The Chair welcomed the participants and stated that the meeting had been convened to assess flood-management preparedness, operational readiness of flood-protection infrastructure, progress on flood-mitigation works, and inter-agency coordination for Monsoon 2026. The Chair then invited the Chief Engineering Adviser/Chairman, FFC (CEA/CFFC), to proceed with the agenda.

3. Chairman, FFC, briefed on national flood preparedness measures, including the status of floodplain regulation, removal of encroachments from floodplains and waterways and readiness of provincial and federal agencies. Chairman FFC highlighted the coordination role of FFC among Provincial and Federal Government Organizations on flood management. He stated that the Flood Communication Cell (FCC) was functional 24/7 to monitor countrywide monsoon situation and Daily Flood Situation Report (DFSR) was being issued since 1<sup>st</sup> of July to 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2026 to all concerned. He continued that river Indus at Kalabagh-Chashma-Taunsa-Guddu-Sukkur reaches and river Chenab at Marala were flowing in Low Flood condition on that day. All other rivers of Indus River System were flowing normal. He said that Tarbela Dam had attained its Maximum Conservation Level of 1550.00 feet whereas Mangla Dam was at the level of 1214.05 feet which was 27.95 ft below its MCL of 1242.00 feet. He then invited PMD to brief the forum about prevailing weather situation and seasonal outlook for the remaining Monsoon 2026.

4. Representative of Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) presented the prevailing weather situation and seasonal outlook for Monsoon 2026. He stated that as per their earlier Monsoon 2026 Outlook, below normal rains had been observed from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 20<sup>th</sup> August 2026 in the country. However, he said, due to intense rains in the twin cities of Islamabad-Rawalpindi during the past few days, urban flooding had been observed in certain areas of Rawalpindi and Islamabad. He added that monsoon activity was expected to be subdued by the first week of September.

5. Responding to the impact of climate change, representative of GCISC briefed that due to climate change, short duration intensive and localized rainfall events were expected to be observed in Pakistan. As a result, incidences of urban flooding in Pakistan were likely to be witnessed more frequently.



6. Representative of PID Punjab informed that precautionary measures for monsoon season 2026 had been completed before onset of monsoon season 2026. Contingency and emergency response plans were prepared and necessary machinery, flood fighting material, emergency reserve stocks were available at vulnerable locations. He further stated that all the 144 schemes of 2025 flood damages had been restored.

7. Regarding Floodplain Regulation Acts, Chief Engineer (D&F), Punjab Irrigation Department informed that the Punjab Floodplain Regulation Act had been enacted and notified in 2016. He continued that, following the 2025 floods, the extent of floodplains in some reaches had changed; a proposal for revision of notified floodplain boundaries had been submitted to the Government of Punjab and referred to the Cabinet Committee on Disaster Management. He added that no critical encroachments currently existed in the PID Punjab jurisdiction.

8. Representatives of PID Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, Gilgit-Baltistan and AJ&K informed that necessary arrangements had been made in time to deal with any flood emergency. Rep. of Sindh stated that deployment of stone reserves stocks at vulnerable points had been completed, while its Water Act with floodplain regulation provisions was awaiting approval of the Provincial Cabinet and the Provincial Assembly. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Rep. stated that the River Protection Ordinance, 2002 (amended 2014) was in force, though its Rules/Regulations were yet to be notified, while the Provincial DRR Policy had been approved. The Rep of Balochistan stated that Water Act had been approved by the Cabinet and was awaiting approval of the Provincial Assembly. The GB Rep. informed that River Act had been approved by both the Cabinet and Legislative Assembly, with Rules/Regulations under preparation. The AJ&K Representative stated that the River Act had been approved by the Cabinet.

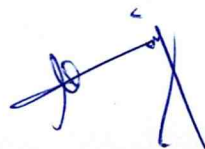
9. Chief Engineer Tarbela Dam, WAPDA informed that Tarbela Reservoir had reached its Maximum Conservation Level (MCL) of 1550.00 feet on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2026. Since then, the reservoir was being operated close to its MCL and Tarbela Dam Management was regulating the reservoir in accordance with the approved SOPs and Dam Safety Guidelines.

10. Mangla Dam Organization, WAPDA informed that Mangla Reservoir was filled to 72% of its maximum storage capacity and that reservoir operations during monsoon season 2026 would be carried out in accordance with approved SOPs.

11. Rep. Pakistan Railways briefed the chair about the collapse of Railway Bridge No. 8-A between Missan Kallar and Qila Sheikhpura Stations on 26 July 2026 due to exceptionally heavy rainfall and unprecedented flooding in the Gujranwala region. He stated that Reconstruction, hydrological and hydraulic studies, and protection works had been initiated.

12. NHA Rep also apprised the meeting regarding its emergency response arrangements and ongoing restoration of flood-damaged roads and highways.

13. Representatives of NDMA briefed about rescue and relief activities particularly going on in Gilgit-Baltistan. PDMA's, (Punjab, KP and Balochistan) shared their respective contingency plans for monsoon season 2026 and informed that resources had been deployed at critical locations and relief camp were established.

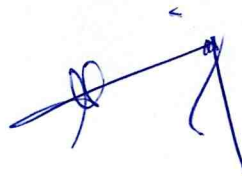


14. Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, appreciated the ongoing efforts being made by all concerned agencies. She emphasized the need for close coordination among all departments and stressed that, in view of the PMD forecast, all concerned agencies should remain fully prepared to tackle any untoward situation during the remaining monsoon period. She assured her full support to all concerned agencies whenever required. She further emphasized that, given the limited available resources, all concerned agencies should utilize them wisely and take timely measures to ensure maximum protection and support to the people during the remaining monsoon season.

15. After detailed discussions/deliberation following decisions were made;

- i. Provincial governments and Federal Line Agencies including CDA to expedite the enactment and enforcement of floodplain regulations to discourage encroachments and unauthorized development in the floodplains.
- ii. Provincial Irrigation Departments and Federal Line Agencies to expedite completing ongoing flood-protection works and restoration of damages occurred during past floods.
- iii. Dam management authorities of Tarbela Dam and Mangla Dam to ensure operation of their dams in line with approved SOPs.
- iv. WASA Rawalpindi in coordination with District Administration and with the support of Rescue 1122, to take all necessary precautionary measures in accordance with their respective responsibilities during high flows in Lai Nullah.
- v. Pak Railways to complete restoration of Shahdra-Sangla Hill Section on immediate basis.
- vi. NHA to fully restore the flood-related damages to highways at various locations at the earliest.

16. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Chair.



**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS OF THE MEETING ON MONSOON AND FLOOD SITUATION 2026 HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2026 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HONOURABLE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES**

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**In Chair**

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2. Mr. Ather Hameed  
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Superintending Engineer (F-1)
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Principal River Engineer
5. Mr. Sibte Hassan  
Assistant Engineer (Floods-II)
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Junior Engineer (Civil)-PCMU
7. Mr. Malik Hussain Muzaffar Awan  
Junior Engineer (Civil)-PCMU

**Planning Commission**

8. Mr. Asghar Ali Halepoto  
Chief Water **(Online)**

**Pakistan Metrological Department Flood Forecasting Division (PMD-FFD)**

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Chief Meteorologist **(Online)**
10. Mr. Muhammad Farooq Dar  
Director

**WAPDA, Lahore**

11. Mr. Engr. Aijaz Hussain Memon  
Chief Engineer (H&WM) **(Online)**
12. Mr. Ali Haider  
Chief Engineer Tarbela Dam **(Online)**

13. Mr. Faizan Hassan Shah  
(Online)  
Chief Engineer Mangla Dam

**Pakistan Commissioner for Indus Waters (PCIW), Islamabad**

14. Mr. M. Khurshid Asghar  
Joint Commissioner

**Indus River System Authority (IRSA), Islamabad**

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Senior Engineer (Operations)

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Chief Engineer (D&F)

**Irrigation Department Govt. of Sindh, Karachi**

17. Mr. M. Iqbal Palejo (Online)  
Special Secretary (Tech)

18. Mr. Khalid Jan Baloch (Online)  
Additional Secretary (Tech)

**Irrigation Department Govt. of KP, Peshawar**

19. Mr. Anwar Kamal (Online)  
Superintending Engineer (HQ)

20. Engr. Ali Ahmed (Online)  
XEN Hydrology

**Pakistan Railways**

21. Mr. Usman Abdullah (Online)  
Deputy Chief Engineer (Bridges)

**National Highway Authority (NHA), Islamabad**

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General Manager (RAMS)

**Global Climate Change Impact Studies Centre (GCISC)**

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Head (C&E)

**National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Islamabad**

24. Mr. Fareed  
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**Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA), Rawalpindi**

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Managing Director (Online)

**Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA), Punjab**

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**Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA), KP**

27. Mr. Ehsan Dawar  
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**Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA), Balochistan**

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**Irrigation & Water Management Govt. of Gilgit-Baltistan, Gilgit**

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**Department of Irrigation & Small Dams-AJK, Muzaffarabad**

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