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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
P&D BOARD
Dated: 17th August, 2026

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To,

1. Secretary
Forestry and Wildlife Department
2. All Members, PDWP

Subject: MINUTES / DECISIONS OF THE MEETING OF 03RD PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT WORKING PARTY (PDWP), DATED: 22.07.2026 (SECTOR: FORESTRY & WILDLIFE) (AGENDA NO. 04)

I am directed to enclose herewith minutes of the 03rd PDWP meeting held on 22nd July, 2026 under the chairmanship of Chairman P&D Board, for information and further necessary action of the following item(s):-

Agenda Item No.	ADP No. (2026-27)	Name of the Item (s)	Approved Cost (Rs. in million)
4	2851 (on-going)	Eco-Tourism at Changa Manga and Wetlands, Uchhali & Chashma (Revised)	9,540.104

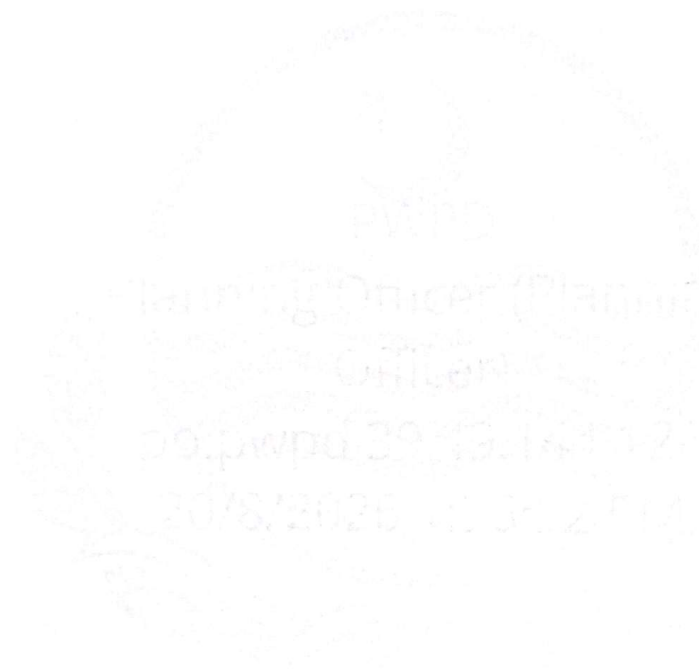
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ASSISTANT CHIEF
COORD

CC:

A copy is forwarded for information and necessary action to the:-

1. Chief, (Environment and Climate Change)
P&D Board
2. Chief (Technical Appraisal), (Technical)
P&D Board
3. Staff Officer to Secretary, (Planning and Development Board)
P&D Board

4. Staff Officer to Chairman
P&D Board



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**GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(FORESTRY, WILDLIFE & FISHERIES SECTION)**

MINUTES OF THE 3RD PDWP MEETING

Agenda No. 4

Eco-Tourism at Changa Manga and Wetlands, Uchhali & Chashma (Revised)
(GS # 2851 of ADP 2026-27)

Date & Time:

22.07.2026 (Wednesday) at 11.20 A.M.

Venue:

AKS Auditorium of P&DB

Participants:

List attached

INTRODUCTION:

The Chief (Environment & Climate Change), P&DB, apprised the forum that the project titled "Eco-Tourism at Changa Manga and Wetlands, Uchhali & Chashma" was initially approved by the PDWP in its meeting held on 18.04.2025, at a cost of Rs. 8 710 570 million, with a gestation period of 24 months (up to June 2026). She explained that the Forestry & Wildlife Department has now submitted a revised PC-I for the subject scheme, at a cost of Rs. 10,189.592 million, with an extended gestation period of one year (up to June 2027). The revised PC-I was discussed in the pre-PDWP meeting held on 19.05.2026, wherein the cost of the scheme was rationalized to Rs 10,044 284 million. She informed that the Forestry & Wildlife Department (F&WD), has proposed the following changes:

- i. The increase in Changa Manga costs is based on detailed civil works estimates, topographic survey, site-specific surveys and actual site conditions, while Uchhali Lake and Chashma Barrage have been de-scoped due to site constraints to accommodate the increased cost within the overall project cost.
- ii. The revised scope at Changa Manga includes enhancement and rationalization of ecotourism infrastructure, visitor facilities, landscaping, and other supporting components.

(Signature)
CHIEF OF SECTION
Planning & Development Board
Government of the Punjab

Changes in the HR structure, including staffing, recruitment criteria, and Recruitment Committees.

DISCUSSION:

2. The forum inquired about the increase in the project cost. The Secretary, F&WD, explained the forum that the major increase in the revised cost was attributable to the civil works component at Changa Manga, which increased from Rs. 4,298.913 million to Rs. 8,169.181 million. The increase was primarily due to the preparation of detailed architectural and engineering designs based on actual site conditions, topographical surveys, geotechnical investigations and other site-specific assessments, resulting in revised design parameters and component-wise cost estimates.

3. The forum sought clarification about the increase in the cost of the Botanical Bird Paradise with Butterfly Garden from Rs. 350.000 million to Rs. 802.255 million (an increase of Rs. 452.255 million) and the Corporate Meeting Hall from Rs. 55.350 million to Rs. 478 648 million (an increase of Rs. 423.298 million). The Secretary, F&WD, explained that the increase in the cost of the Botanical Bird Paradise is mainly due to

its redesign and expansion, including a larger aviary, a separate Butterfly Garden, elevated walkways, and enhanced structural specifications. The increase in the cost of the Corporate Meeting Hall is attributable to the expansion of the built-up area from 1.3 Kanal to 2 Kanal, increase in building height, and addition of VIP lounges, lake-view covered decks with refreshment facilities, and elevated RCC/structural steel deck platforms. The forum directed the Technical Section of the P&DB to undertake a detailed review of the revised civil work cost estimates and rationalize the costs.

4. The forum inquired about the deletion of the approved eco-tourism components at Uchhali Lake and Chashma Barrage. The Secretary, F&WD, explained that detailed assessments identified environmental, ecological, security and operational constraints at both sites. Uchhali Lake is facing ecological degradation and security restrictions due to its proximity to Sakesar Air Base, while Chashma Barrage has environmental vulnerability, accessibility, land-use conflicts and seasonal flooding risks due to its location in the Indus River floodplain, rendering both sites unsuitable for sustainable eco-tourism development. Accordingly, the Department proposed to de-scope these components from the project.

5. The forum observed that, despite the deletion of the Uchhali Lake and Chashma Barrage sites from the revised scope of the scheme, the provision for land acquisition had been retained in the revised PC-I. The Secretary, F&WD, informed the forum that the funds earmarked for land acquisition at these sites had already been transferred to the accounts of the respective Assistant Commissioners in accordance with the prescribed procedure. However, following the decision to de-scope these sites, the Department is pursuing the office concerned for the return of the transferred funds. The recovered amount would be utilized for the approved components under the revised PC-I. The forum directed F&WD to ensure completion of all legal and procedural formalities for the return of the transferred funds.

6. The forum directed the F&WD to incorporate ramps and other necessary accessibility measures at all relevant locations to ensure convenient access for visitors with disabilities.

7. The forum observed that the proposed Recruitment Committee includes representation from the P&DB. As the recruitment of project staff falls within the domain of the Executing Agency, the forum directed that the P&DB's representation on the Recruitment Committee be deleted.

8. The forum deliberated on the long-term operational and financial sustainability of the project and inquired about the proposed business model. The Secretary, F&WD, informed the forum that a comprehensive business model is being developed through a consultant and will be shared with the relevant stakeholders upon its finalization.

9. After detailed deliberations the cost of the project was approved at Rs 9,540.104 million with the following break-up.

		Rs. In Million	
Sr. #	Description	Cost Presented Before PDWP	Cost Approved by PDWP
1	Conservancy & Works	8,169.18	7,665.00
2	Machinery & Equipment	103.800	103.800
3	Transport	480.450	480.450

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4	Cost of Establishment	61.800	61.800
5	Commodities & Services	1,229.054	1,229.054
	Total	10,044.284	9,540.104

DECISIONS

10. After detailed deliberations, the forum unanimously approved the revised scheme at a cost of Rs. 9,540.104 million with a one-year extension in the gestation period (up to June 2027), subject to the fulfilment of all codal, legal, and procedural requirements by the Sponsoring Department and the Executing Agency, with the following decisions:

- i. The AD shall follow the legal procedure for the return of the unutilized land acquisition funds for the Uchhali and Chashma sites and utilize the recovered amount for the approved scope of work under the revised PC-I.
- ii. The AD shall obtain the approval of the Finance Department for the adoption of the new Non-Scheduled (NS) items included in the revised cost estimates.
- iii. The AD shall ensure the provision of adequate accessibility features, including ramps and other requisite facilities, for differently abled people at all relevant locations under the project.
- iv. The representation of the P&DB shall be deleted from the composition of the Recruitment Committee for the hiring of project staff.
- v. The AD shall develop and finalize a comprehensive business model for operation and management of the proposed facilities through the consultant and share the same with all relevant stakeholders.
- vi. The AD shall submit the revised PC-I after incorporating the decisions of the PDWP and upload it on the SMDP Portal.


 CHIEF OF SECTION
 Planning & Development Board
 Government of the Punjab, Lahore.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

3RD PDWP MEETING, FY 2026-27

Dated: 22.07.2026

NAME OF THE OFFICER	DESIGNATION / DEPARTMENT
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD	
1. Mr. Rafaqat Ali	Chairman (Additional Charge) / Secretary P&D Board (In Chair)
2. Dr. Farrukh Naveed	Chief Economist / Member (Education)
3. Mr. Javed Akhtar Mahmood	Member (ID) / Energy
4. Mr. M. Ali Ammer	Member (Social Development)
5. Mr. Shafaat Ali	Member (Health)
6. Mr. Khawar Kamal	Member (LG & CD) / UD)
7. Mr. Aslam Javed	Member (Agriculture)
8. Ms. Shafaq Saleem	Member (Governance)
9. Mr. Sohail Rauf	Sr. Chief (Coordination & Monitoring)
10. Dr. Sataish Sheryar	Chief (Env & CC)
11. Mr. Shahid Imran	Chief (Technical)
12. Ms. Rabbia Ali	Assistant Chief (FWF)
13. Mr. Musa Raza	Assistant Chief (Coord-II)
14. Mr. Irfan Hassan	Planning Officer (Forestry & Wildlife)
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15. Mr. Ghulam Fareed	Chief
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19. Mr. Khalil Ali	SRA Biodiversity
DGM&E	
20. Mr. Ghazanfer Mubin	Director
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21. Mr. Aamer Shaheen Ranjha	Director
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22. Mr. Naveed Ahmed	AS Development
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23. Mr. Ammar Khalid Sial	GRO
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24. Capt. (Retd.) Tahir Zafar Abbasi	Secretary
25. Capt. (R) Muhammad Waseem	DG Wildlife
26. Ms. Saba Adil	PD, PMU
27. Mr. Mudassir Hassan	Deputy Secretary (Wildlife & Parks)
28. Dr. Rida Ahmed	Senior Manager (Eco Tourism & Wildlife) PMU
29. Mr. Zuraiz Haider	Senior Manager (Projects), PMU