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**TOP PRIORITY**  
**DROUGHT ALERT**

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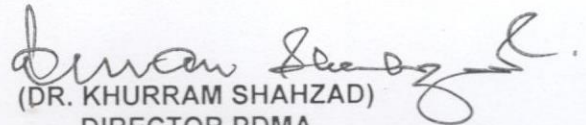
1. Secretary, Agriculture	9. Deputy Commissioner, Bahawalnagar
2. Secretary, Planning and Development Department	10. Deputy Commissioner, Layyah
3. Secretary, Irrigation	11. Director General, PES (Rescue 1122)
4. Secretary, Livestock and Dairy Development	12. MD Cholistan Development Authority
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6. Deputy Commissioner Bahawalpur	14. Head of Programme, FAO, Islamabad
7. Deputy Commissioner, Rahim Yar Khan	15. Dr. Bashir Ahmad, Drought Hazard Assessment Consultant, PIU-PDMA
8. Project Director, PIU-PDMA	16. Project Coordinator, PIU-PDMA

**SUBJECT: 1<sup>st</sup> MEETING ON DROUGHT MANAGEMENT - 2018 TO DISCUSS AND REVIEW "DROUGHT ALERT" ISSUED BY PAKISTAN METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT**

Pakistan Meteorological Department Islamabad has issued Drought Alert informing that during January to May 2018, -44.9% below normal rainfall was observed all over Pakistan. Owing to deficient rainfall, drought like conditions have emerged and moderate to severe drought is likely to prevail in Barani areas of Punjab, Lower KPK, South Punjab, Southwest Baluchistan and Southeast Sindh. Moreover, dry conditions have been observed in southern part of the country causing water stress in the agriculture areas thereon, necessitating more supplementary irrigation water for Kharif crops. Currently water availability in major reservoirs is low and therefore a dire need to avoid negative impacts of deficit rainfall on water and agriculture sectors and to respond to this potential drought threat in a timely manner through an immediate water management strategy has emerged.

2. Keeping in view the aforementioned, 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on Drought Management – 2018 will be held on **12.06.2018 (Tuesday) at 1300 hours** under the Chairmanship of Director General, PDMA Punjab in the Conference Room of PDMA at 40-A, Lawrence Road, Lahore, to discuss the 'Drought Alert' issued by Pakistan Meteorological Department (Notification No. Dr-5/DRT/ADV2014-15, dated 06.06.2018) and resultant water / drought management strategy in Punjab.

3. It is, requested to make it convenient to attend the aforementioned meeting on stipulated time / date alongwith suitable proposals.

  
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CC:

1. Chairman NDMA Islamabad
2. SMBR/Relief Commissioner, Punjab.
3. Member (Operations), NDMA
4. Additional Secretary (Staff) to Chief Secretary.
5. Director General, PDMA Punjab.

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