

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF
THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES

The Ministry of Water Resources is concerned with the development of water resources in the Sultanate, conservation and proposal of general policies for the preparation of long term plans, to be in consistence with the economic and social development plan of the Sultanate and presentation to us for approval.

The Ministry shall have all the appropriate authorities for the achievement of its objectives particularly the following:

1. Undertaking of the general plan for the development of water resources and its conservation after coordination with other ministries and government units.
2. To establish information and data centre for water resources and connected programmes related to its development and perfect utilization of water resources.
3. To collect data and information about ground and surface water resources and springs and computation, classification and filing of these data for use in the related studies.
4. The undertaking of researches, studies and surveys which are aiming at the exploration of other water resources and finding out the best methods as well as the related studies for the conservation and use of the available water resources.
5. The operation, development & maintenance of the hydrologic and hydrogeologic monitoring networks in the Sultanate and to record, review and analysis of its information for use in the evaluation of available resources for different uses.
6. The assessment of water balance and water availability in various areas of the Sultanate.
7. Collection of water samples from wells, aflaj and analysis of these samples to determine salinity rate and its treatment methods and its suitability for different uses.

8. To undertake site visit to new agricultural lands to ensure [?] water availability in these lands and its suitability and to coordinate with Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries in order to ensure soil suitability for agricultural development.
9. The issuance of permits for the construction of new wells with the consideration of the adopted regulation in regard to ban areas and the distance from the mother wells.
10. To provide technical assistance and views to government units in the water field and the methods of its use.
11. Preparation of the regulation according to this decree after coordination with the concerned authorities.
12. To undertake the training and qualifying of Omani employees who are working in this Ministry.

Royal Decree No. 100/89
for the establishment of the Ministry
of Water Resources and designation of its
duties & responsibilities

We, Qaboos bin Said, Sultan of Oman,

After reviewing the Royal Decree No.26/75 issuing the State Administrative Machinery Organization Law and its amendments,

And the Royal Decree No. 82/88 considering the water reservoir as national wealth,

And the Royal Decree No. 44/89 for the establishment of Public Authority for Water Resources,

And as necessitated by public interest,

we decreed the following:

Article (1)

Establishment of a ministry for water resources under the name of "Ministry of Water Resources".

Article (2)

Khalfan bin Nassir Al Wahaibi, Minister of Electricity and Water shall be the Acting Minister of Water Resources.

Article (3)

PAWR funds, records and reports shall be transferred to the Ministry of Water Resources together with its personnel and those working in it.

Article (4)

Ministry of Water Resources' duties and responsibilities shall be designated according to the attached appendix.

Article (5)

The duties and responsibilities of other ministries and government units in water field shall remain the same without contradiction with the duties and responsibilities of MWR mentioned in above article.

Article (6)

The Minister of Water Resources shall prepare the organization chart of the Ministry in coordination with the concerned units.

Article (7)

The Royal Decree No.44/89 and all that contradict with this Decree or its rules shall be cancelled.

Article (8)

This Decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall be in effect as from the date of it's issuance.

Qaboos bin Said
Sultan of Oman

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