

WATER MANAGEMENT SECRETARIAT - MAHAWELI AUTHORITY OF SRI LANKA

Decisions arrived at the Weekly Operational Meeting held on 30th January 2026

Duration - 02nd February 2026 to 08th February 2026

Week No. - 19

Present

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2 Eng.(Ms.) U. Basnayake	DD/DMD&RO
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4 Eng. (Mr). K.M.C.M. Kulathunga	CE/(MASL/TS)
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6 Eng. (Ms) K.D.L.I. Jayathilaka	IE (WM/ID)
7 Eng.(Ms). M.L. Nimanthi Manjula	DD/ WMS
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9 Eng.(Mr). N.D. Weerasingha	CE/WMS

(I) Power Releases

Reservoir	Power Releases				Duration & Remarks	
	Proposed /(mcm/week)	Actual		Water Release & Power Generation /(mcm/d & GWh)		
		Water Released /(mcm/week)	Power Generation /(GWh/week)			
Mausakelle	CEB Requirement	6.67	2.98	CEB Requirement		
Canyon		7.87	9.60			
Castlereigh		2.13	1.08			
Norton Pond		2.87	3.02			
Laxpana Pond		10.93	6.43			
Broadland						
Kukulegaga	Inflow Generation (17 th to 23 rd Jan) (Average 1.15 mcm/day)			Inflow Generation (31 st Jan to 06 th Feb .) (Average 0.60 mcm/day)	Possible to Spilling - 06 th Feb (1.03 mcm)	
Samanalawewa	1.50 mcm/day	9.16	6.90	0.75 mcm/day		
Udawalawa	3.58 mcm/day	24.87		3.78 mcm/day		
Upper Kotmale	Inflow Generation	2.88	3.59	Inflow Generation	Average 2.30 mcm/day	
Kotmale	2.50 mcm/day (19 th to 23 rd Jan)	14.90	7.84	2.00 mcm/day		
	2.00 mcm/day (24 th & 25 th Jan)					
Polgolla	2.45 mcm/day	16.23	3.01	3.00 mcm/day		
Bowatenna	1.25 mcm/day	8.13	1.00	0.70 mcm/day		
Moragahakanda	1120 Cusec	21.19	1.98	No water release	4.00hrs to 18:00 hrs on 31 st Jan	
				840 Cusec	18.00hrs on 31 st Jan to 16.00hrs on 01 st Feb	
				1120 Cusec	from 16.00hrs on 01 st Feb	
Victoria	8.00 mcm/day	57.97	22.30	6.00 mcm/day		
Randenigala	Rantambe Requirment	99.68	17.49	Rantambe Requirment	Average 9.70 mcm/day, w.i.e.	
Rantambe	Maximize	100.14	7.48	00.00 hrs to 05.00 hrs -25MW 05.00 hrs to 07.00 hrs -50MW 07.00 hrs to 11.30 hrs -25MW 13.30 hrs to 16.00 hrs -25MW 16.00 hrs to 24.00 hrs -50MW	10.70 mcm/day Minimum & possible to increase up to 12.00 mcm/day if necessary, w.i.e.	
Puhulpola	Inflow Diversion	1.45		Inflow Diversion	Average 0.20 mcm/day, (31 st Jan to 06 th Feb),	
Dayaraba	0.85 mcm/day (17 th to 20 th Jan)	3.91		0.50 mcm/day	(31 st Jan to 06 th Feb),	
	0.95 mcm/day (21 st to 23 rd Jan)					

(2) Irrigation Diversions

From	To	Quantity & Duration	Used/(mcm)	Allocation for Irrigation System /(mcm)	% of Use	Remarks
Minipe Anicut	LB	18 Cumec		145.80		
	RB	Maximum Possible				
	Downstream /Allai	Inflow				
Minipe RB	Mapakada			7.80		
	Dambarawa			7.80		
	Diyabana Oya & Sorabora	0.25 mcm/day		14.40		
Ulhitiya	Maduruoya	34 Cumec (w.i.e)				
Maduru Oya	Vakaneri	-		39.60		
Bowatenna	Dambulu Oya	400 Cusec (w.i.e.)				
	KHFC	300 Cusec				
	(i) HFC @ KH bifurcation	175 Cusec (2 nd to 04 th Feb)		34.80		
	(ii) Kandalama @ KH bifurcation	Balance				
	(iii) Huruluwewa	Balance	27.90	35.00	80%	
Kalawewa RB	Nachchaduwa	-		27.90		
	Nachchaduwa Feeder Canal	200 Cusec (05 th to 08 th Feb)				
	Thuruwila	-				
	Batuwaththa (Nachchaduwa d/s)	-				
	Tisawewa/Abayawewa	-		3.20		
Kalawewa	Ragangana	-	53.52	87.00	62%	
Nachchaduwa	Nuwarawewa	-		11.30		
Kaluganga	Moragahakanda	-				
Moragahakanda	Angamedilla / PSS	-	90.21	126.40	71%	
	Elahara Scheme	800 Cusec		116.00		
	Girithale	200 Cusec	20.87	39.60	53%	
	Minneriya	-	46.68	88.10	53%	
Minneriya	Kaudulla	-	35.79	49.90	72%	
	Kantale	250 Cusec	50.02	68.20	73%	
Kantale	Vendrason	-				
Samanalawewa	Kaltota	1.50 Cumec		49.10		
Udawalawa	Muruthawela, Track 03	-				
	Liyangastota LB (Ridiyagama)	-		47.40		
	Liyangastota RB	-		46.80		
Puhulpola	Hangiriella	0.25 Cumec				if necessary
Dayarabaa	Bathmadilla Anicut					

(3) **Irrigation Water Issues**

Reservoir	RB	LB	Other Canals	Used /(mcm)	Allocation /(mcm)	% of Use
Kalawewa	1000 Cusec (02 th to 05 th Feb) 650 Cusec (06 th Feb) 250 Cusec (07 th Feb) 1000 Cusec (08 th Feb)	375 Cusec (02 nd to 06 th Feb) 350 Cusec (07 th Feb)	KYE 150 Cusec (02 nd to 04 th & 08 th Feb)	222.96	300.00	74.3%
Kandalama	300 Cusec (02 nd Feb) 200 Cusec (03 rd to 05 th Feb) 300 Cusec (08 th Feb)	35 Cusec (02 nd , 03 rd & 08 th Feb)		27.15	40.00	67.9%
Dambulu Oya		150 Cusec (02 nd , 03 rd , 07 th & 08 th Feb)		15.55	19.50	79.7%
Rathkinda	30.32Cumec	0.45 Cumec		199.08	292.00	68.2%
Ulhitiya		8.35 Cumec				
Maduru Oya		33 Cumec		189.56	294.40	64.4%
Kaluganga	38 Cusec	43 Cusec		19.38	14.87	130.3%
Udawalawa	810 Cusec	720 Cusec		289.52	402.50	71.9%

(4) **Other important decisions in brief**

- 4.1 WMS & CEB - Issuance of a three-month rolling forecasting plan for power generation by the first week of each month and presenting the progress.
- 4.2 Next Monthly Water Panel Meeting on 06th Feb @ 9.00 am
- 4.3 DIE(Wellawaya) - No flooding at Allikotara access road causeway
- 4.4 The Kaluganga–Moragahakanda Transfer Canal is currently not in operation due to blockage with earth slip and this was informed to PD(MWSIP)
- 4.5 DD(WMS) - Present the proposed end date of water issue comparision in next weekly meeting (30th Jan)
- 4.6 PD(MWSIP) - Submitting of Minipe anicut characteristics to WMS.
- 4.7 CEB - Possible to spilling [Kukuleganga (06th Feb)]
- 4.8 EIC(UmaOya)/CEB - Expecting spilling [Puhulpola & Dayaraba (06th Feb)]
- 4.9 ID - Submission of daily status report of Bathmadilla through WhatsApp to minimize the farmer unrest and optimize the UmaOya power generation
- 4.10 MASL, ID, CEB - Submission of expected maintenance activity scheduled for off season to plan the 2026 Yala season
- 4.11 ID, MASL & CEB - NWS&DB requested advance notice (at least 2 weeks) of any water level reduction near water intake locations for public awareness.
- 4.12 WMS - Inform possible time period to EIC(Bowatenna) to prepare the KHFC maintenance and contract works schedule
- 4.13 DIE(Wellawaya) -Take maximum flow to Handapanagala tank to avoid the water shortage in coming yala season due to low inflow at Dayaraba
- 4.14 CEB, MASL & NWS&DB - Polgolla Pool water level has to be reduced on 15th February for 8 hours to recover a submerged dredger machine.
- 4.15 NWS&DB has started sand barrier construction work at Ambathale to prevent saltwater intrusion.
- 4.16 EIC(Moragahakanda) - G2 Turbine will be shutdown for 2 days inspection from 31st Jan to 1st Feb

4.17 End dates of Maha 2025/26 Season

End Date	Scheme
4-Feb	Allai
15-Feb	Minipe LB (iii,iv), Handapanagala (LB), Handapanagala (RB), Handapanagala (FC), Uda Walawe (RB)
16-Feb	Nachchaduwa (FC), Thuruwila,
17-Feb	Nuwarawewa, Dambulu Oya,
20-Feb	Huruluwewa,
21-Feb	Liyangastota LBMC
22-Feb	Kantale, Vendrason, Kaluganga(LB), Kaluganga(RB)
23-Feb	DiayabanaOya,
25-Feb	Minipe LB (i,ii), Vahaneri, Liyangastota RBMC, Kandalama,
28-Feb	Bowathenna,
1-Mar	Uda Walawe (LB)
2-Mar	Kaltota
5-Mar	Muruthawela
6-Mar	Alikotara/KudaOya, Lunugamvehera(RB), Lunugamvehera (LB), Hangiri Ella
10-Mar	Ulhitiya/Rathkinda, Kalawewa (RB), Kalawewa (LB), Kalawewa (Yoda Ela),
12-Mar	Girithale,
13-Mar	PSS, Kaudulla,
15-Mar	Nachchaduwa, Tissawewa/Abhayawewa, KH-feeder canal
16-Mar	Minneriya,
18-Mar	Maduru Oya
20-Mar	Hattota Amuna, Mapakada,
22-Mar	Rajangana,
30-Mar	Sorabora, Dambarawa,
5-Apr	Elahera, Neela Bemba,
2-May	Bathmadilla

4.18 Power Plant maintenance schedule

Duration	Station
04 th Aug to 03 rd Nov	Moragahakanda - G3
14 th Nov to 01 st Feb	Umaoya - Unit 02
12 th Jan to 31 st Jan	Kukulegaga - Unit 01
27 th Jan to 23 rd Feb	Canyon - Unit 01
27 th Jan to 23 rd Feb	Moussakele - Unit 01

(5) Above decisions should not be violated without obtaining prior approval from the weekly water pannel.

Date 2/3/2026

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