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Planning & Development Department  
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Water Sector Improvement Project**

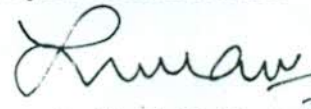
Karachi dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2011

1. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Finance & Cooperation Department Karachi
2. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Irrigation & Power Department, Karachi
3. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Forest Department, Karachi
4. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Agriculture Department, Karachi
5. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Environment & Alternate Energy Department Karachi
6. The Additional Secretary (Coordination) SGA&C Department, GoSindh, Karachi
7. The Managing Director, SIDA, Hyderabad
8. The Chief Engineer, Water South, WAPDA Hyderabad
9. The Director General, AE&WM, Sindh, Hyderabad
10. The Director General, Coastal Development Authority, Karachi
11. The Project Director, WSIP, SIDA, Hyderabad
12. Mr. Zahid Hussain Bhurgri, FO Member in Nara Canal AWB, Mirpurkhas
13. Mr. Sohail Akbar Mirza Farmer Representative, LBCAWB, Badin
14. Mr. Aakash Ansari, Chairman SINGOF, Badin

**Subject: Minutes of Fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) meeting of Project Steering Committee (PSC) for Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project held on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 under Chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary (Dev.) P&D Department**


Find enclosed herewith minutes of the subject meeting for your information and further action.

Encl: As above (*Minutes*)

  
Dr. Fateh M. Marri  
Project Coordinator &  
Members/Secretary, PSC

Copy along with copy of minutes is forwarded to:

- ⇒ The Secretary Planning Commission, GoPakistan, Islamabad
- ⇒ The Sr. Chief (W&P) P&D Department, GoSindh, Karachi
- ⇒ The Chief (F.Aid) P&D Department, GoSindh, Karachi
- ⇒ The Team Leader, PMC/A WSIP, PCMU, Karachi
- ⇒ The Team Leader, PICs, WSIP, Hyderabad
- ⇒ The Team Leader, M&E Consultants, WSIP, Hyderabad
- ⇒ P.S. to ACS (Dev.)/Chairman PSC, P&D Department, GoSindh, Karachi

  
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**Minutes of Fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) meeting of Project Steering Committee (PSC) for Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project Phase-I (WSIP) held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 under the Chairmanship of ACS (Dev.) P&D Department, GoSindh at Karachi**

List of the participants of the meeting is attached at **Annex-A**.

The chair welcomed the participants of the meeting especially he congratulated MD SIDA who survived and recovered from the car accident injuries which he had during last month. After welcome, the ACS (Dev.) in his opening remarks stated that the WSIP is very important project in irrigation sector to improve the agriculture productivity in Sindh for the betterment of the people of Province. Therefore he urged all project partners to play their role efficiently to bring the project implementation on fast track so that objective of the project is achieved and the people of the province especially people of the project area can get benefit from the project.

2. After permission from the Chair, the Project Coordinator, PCMU proceeded further as per agenda of the meeting. The summary of discussions and decisions recorded as under:

**Item # 1: Confirmation of the minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee:**

3. The Project Coordinator, PCMU who is member secretary of the Committee, informed the forum, that the minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of Project Steering Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 were circulated to all concerned departments/agencies and participants of the meeting. No comments on the minutes have been received from any quarter. The Chair, however, inquired from all the participants for any comments. *All participants agreed with the minutes of previous meeting, hence minutes of the thirteenth meeting were confirmed.*

**Item # 2: Review of updated implementation status / progress of Project activities:**

4. The Managing Director SIDA made a briefing/presentation to the forum on the component-wise implementation activities of the project. He informed that most of the issues/problems have been resolved and the project implementation is now on faster track and lot of project activities have been carried out since last PSC meeting including deployment of staff of AWBs from market including Director AWBs; posting/appointment of full time Project Director WSIP; award of Contract Package-I for main Nara Canal (NC-I) and finalization of bidding process to meet the target for award of contracts for 70 distributaries. Accordingly, the recent World Bank implementation support mission led by Mr. Masood Ahmed, the WSIP Task Team Leader, appreciated the efforts of the government for meeting the targets of the previous mission.

5. Supporting the above statement of MD, SIDA, the FO representative from Nara Canal AWB Mr. Zahid Hussain Bhurgri conveyed thanks and appreciation remarks on behalf of farmer community of Nara Canal to Government of Sindh for support in continuation of reforms process. He congratulated and appreciated the efforts made by ACS (Dev.) P&D especially on deployment of Directors of AWBs which was one of the very important actions required for strengthening of the AWBs. The ACS (Dev.) stated that this was the joint effort at the all levels of the government as well as project partners especially we must thank to the Honourable Chief Minister Sindh for his kind support and help for the project and approving appointments under this project in the interest of people of Sindh.

6. During the presentation made by the MD SIDA on agenda item No. 2, the following decisions were unanimously taken to further improve the implementation of project component activities:

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- i) SIDA should take all possible efforts/measures and utilize the existing staff efficiently to improve the Abiana recovery. SIDA may coordinate with AWBs and FOs to reinforce the penalization process against the Abiana defaulters as per SWMO-02. The Finance Department, GoSindh was requested to take necessary action on the request made by SIDA in compliance of decision of previous PSC meeting regarding deduction (at source) of Abiana outstanding dues against the different government and semi government offices, corporations and private originations.
- ii) SIDA and AWBs have to form a strategy with targets for achievement to make them selves fully operational and strengthened in accordance with the objective of their formation/establishment.
- iii) IPD will immediately relieve Mr. Zahid Hussain Junejo, PD-WSIP from his additional charge/duties assigned by IPD so that he may fully concentrate on job of PD WSIP as he has been appointed by the Government of Sindh as PD WSIP Project. The PD WSIP was also directed to focus only on the project activities so that the planned activities of the project could be completed.
- iv) SIDA in consultation with Nara Canal AWB will prepare a strategy/plan for transfer of administrative control of staff working in Nara Canal AWB from IPD to NCAWB and will submit to IPD by 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2011. The IPD will review the proposal for decision for transfer of administrative control of staff before or on 25 July, 2011.
- v) SIDA and Consultants may concentrate on the quality and timely completion of the awarded works and speedup the process for award of remaining works in other AWBs.
- vi) SIDA will immediately move a summary for the date and time from Honourable Chief Minister Sindh for inauguration of awarded contract for rehabilitation of main Nara Canal package-I (NC-I).
- vii) SIDA will look into the request/proposal of one of farmer member from LBCAWB Mr. Sohail Akbar Mirza regarding possibility for inclusion of rehabilitation/improvement works of Akram Wah under WSIP during process of revision of PC-I or next phase.
- viii) SIDA will request WAPDA to prepare research/safety study proposal on the issues of Chotiari Reservoir and submit to RAC, WSIP for taking further decision for financing under WSIP.
- ix) SIDA will speedup the process for revision of PC-I of the project in consultation with all project partners and submit it for further clearance /approval from the different competent forums.
- x) The representative of M/s. Louis Berger consultants made presentation on the outcome report of 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the consultancy for preparation of floods and drainage master plan. Based on the endorsement of the SIDA, the forum agreed with the report and gave go-ahead signal for preparation of next phase of the study as per TORs of the consultants.
- xi) The forum noted the poor performance of M&E Consultants regarding delay and quality of deliverables. On the question from the Chair, the Team Leader, PMC/A confirmed that there was no any delay /issue on part of client /PCMU. In this regard the Team Leader, PMC/A was requested to critically review the progress of M&ECs as per TORs of the consultancy and submit its recommendations along with future line of action as per their mandate for taking further decision.

- xii) Forum was informed that the proposal has been sent to Chief Minister Sindh for approval regarding exposure visit of 1<sup>st</sup> batch of high level Govt. officials to different countries having experience on Participatory Irrigation Management. Regarding signing of MOU with AIT Bangkok Thailand and arranging other local as well as international trainings and exposure visits, the forum formed a sub-committee with representatives comprising of PCMU, FD, P&D, IPD and SIDA representatives to review the proposal and submit its recommendations for clearance from World Bank and PMC/A. Committee will also look on the options to engage local Universities and training institutions for capacity building and training of Project Partners.

**Item # 3: Compliance status of the decisions of previous (13<sup>th</sup>) meeting of PSC.**

7. Forum was informed that the actions have been taken and most of decisions of previous meeting have been complied since PCMU pursued through review meetings which are held on regular monthly basis. The pending issue of enhancement of salary of project staff was discussed and based on the views/comments of finance department. The forum agreed to recommend the proposal to SIDA Board for further decision for enhancement of salary of project staff appointed under WSIP through PMC/A. However, SIDA may have to rectify the errors/anomalies in the proposal as pointed out during the meeting and in PCMU conveyed vide letter of 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2011.

**Item # 4: Compliance Status of agreed actions / recommendations highlighted in recent World Bank Mission's aide-memoire (January, 2011)**

8. Forum was informed that recently World Bank Mission visited the project on June 13-15, 2011 and Mission appreciated the efforts made by the government for complying the recommendations of previous missions. The Mission met with high level Sindh Government officials and held detailed meetings with the project partners/consultants. Since the ACS (Dev.) was out of country, therefore, Mr. Masood desired that on arrival of ACS (Dev.) he will have wrap-up meeting on Video Conference (VC) to appraise ACS (Dev.) P&D Department about the outcome of his recent visit/ discussions with project partners and to agree on future line of actions for implementation of the WSIP Project. In this regard based on consultation with ACS (Dev.) and Mr. Masood Ahmed, a Video Conferencing meeting was rescheduled to be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2011. Accordingly, the notice of the meeting was issued by PC, PCMU on 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 to project partners i.e. SIDA, IPD, P&D, PMC/A with a request to participate in the VC meeting.

9. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from and to the Chair.

**List of the Participants of the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of PSC, WSIP held on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2011**

- 1) Mr. Muhammad Ishaque Lashari  
Additional Chief Secretary (Dev), P&D Department In Chair
- 2) Dr. Fateh Muhammad Marri, Project Coordinator, PCMU, WSIP
- 3) Mr. Muhammad Ehsan Leghari, Managing Director, SIDA
- 4) Mr. Aslam Ansari, designated Additional Secretary, IPD, GoSindh
- 5) Mr. Khair M. Kalwar, Additional Secretary, Finance Department, GoSindh
- 6) Mr. Fazal A. Nizamani, Senior Chief (W&D) P&D Department, GoSindh
- 7) Mr. Zahid Hussain Bhurgari, FOs representative/Member NCAWB
- 8) MR. Ylli Dedja, Team Leader, PMC/A WSIP
- 9) Mr. Nazir Hussain Mughal, Director (C&WM) PCMU, WSIP
- 10) Mr. M. Azam Channa, Director, Agriculture P&M Cell, GoSindh
- 11) Mr. Nazeer Ahmed Memon, General Manager (Transition) SIDA
- 12) Mr. Naeem Ahmed Memon, General Manager (Finance) SIDA
- 13) Mr. Jai Ram Motwani, Acting General Manager (Operation) SIDA
- 14) Mr. Abbas Ali, Assistant Chief (F.Aid) P&D Department, GoSindh
- 15) Mr. Ishtiaque Ahmed, Assistant Chief (W&P) P&D Department, GoSindh
- 16) Mr. Muhammad Ashraf Sahto, Assistant Director, Sindh CDA
- 17) Mr. Safdar Ali Soomro, Section Officer, Wildlife & Forest Department, GoSindh
- 18) Mr. Rana Muhammad Ashique, Team Leader, M&E Consultants, WSIP
- 19) Dr. Muhammad Saleh Soomro, Deputy Team Leader, Master Plan Consultants, WSIP
- 20) Mr. Amanullah Qureshi, Project Coordinator, PICs, WSIP
- 21) Mr. Ghulam Hyder Qureshi, Sociologist, PCMU/WSIP, P&D Department
- 22) Mr. Muhammad Umer Karim, Technical Specialist, PCMU, WSIP