



**Government of Sindh
Planning & Development Department
Project Coordination & Monitoring Unit
Water Sector Improvement Project**

Karachi dated 23rd 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 (14th) meeting of Project Steering Committee (PSC) for Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project held on 9th 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 (14th) meeting of Project Steering Committee (PSC) for Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project Phase-I (WSIP) held on Saturday 9th 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 13th meeting of the Committee:

3. The Project Coordinator, PCMU who is member secretary of the Committee, informed the forum, that the minutes of 13th meeting of Project Steering Committee held on 19th 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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