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

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1. The Secretary to Government of Sindh,  
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Karachi
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Forest Department, Karachi
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Agriculture Department, Karachi
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Karachi
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SGA&C Department, GoSindh,  
Karachi
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8. The Chief Engineer,  
Water South, WAPDA Hyderabad
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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 Fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) meeting of Project Steering Committee (PSC) for Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project held on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2011 under Chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary (Dev.) P&D Department**

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

Encl: As above (*Minutes*)

**--Signed--**

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

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- ⇒ The Secretary Planning Commission, GoPakistan, Islamabad
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**Minutes of Fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) meeting of Project Steering Committee (PSC) for Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project Phase-I (WSIP) held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 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**

After welcome remarks and permission from the Chair, the Project Coordinator, PCMU who is member secretary of the Committee gave quick overview of the Project and informed the forum that due to heavy rainfalls and floods in the Province specially in the districts covered in the Project area, the meeting has been arranged late as SIDA and AWBs staff were busy in floods response activities. The meeting proceeded further as per agenda of the meeting and record of discussions and decisions is as under:

**Item # 1: Confirmation of the minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee:**

2. It was informed that the minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of Project Steering Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 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 fourteenth meeting were confirmed.*

**Item # 2: Situation / status in the Project area due to recent heavy rainfalls / floods during the months of August-September, 2011**

3. The Managing Director SIDA and Director (Nara Canal and Left Bank Canal AWBs) briefed the forum about the situation of their respective areas which were badly affected due to recent unprecedented heavy rainfalls and floods. Giving the facts and figures, it was informed that the recent heavy rainfall was record of last one century and was much higher than the carrying capacity of drains; causing overtopping; breaching and flooding in the areas and damaged in addition to other infrastructure, the exiting irrigation and drainage system of the area. It has also affected the implementation of ongoing civil works contracts under WSIP Project. However, with grace of Almighty Allah and help and support of all concerned departments/organizations, the relief and rescue was provided to the people of the affected area and also taken all possible measures to plug and repair/maintain the damaged infrastructure in the jurisdiction of Nara Canal AWB and Left Bank Canal AWB.

4. The farmer representatives from Nara Canal and left Bank Canal AWBs loudly appreciated the efforts made by AWBs and SIDA staff specially role of MD SIDA and Directors of AWBs who personally supervised the affected works day and night during the rainfalls and floods. Supporting the point of view of the farmer members, the Secretary Irrigation Department also praised the efforts of MD SIDA, Directors of AWBs and other staff for their hard work and dedication. He assured his full support and cooperation to SIDA and AWBs. He further stated that the department as per directives of Honourable President of Pakistan is making its efforts for water evacuation from the flooded areas/districts. The farmer member from left bank canal AWB suggested that the required resources and funds may be provided to AWBs to plug the breaches and repair other damages and permanent solution of the drainage issue including increasing the carrying capacity of LBOD may be taken-up. The FO representative of NCAWB pointed out one aqueduct on LBOD which was creating obstacle for smooth drainage flow and requested for taking action on the issue.

5. Responding to the above suggestions / recommendations, the MD SIDA informed that SIDA in consultation with respective AWBs is already working on the issue and the team of international professional/consultations deployed under WSIP Project is also in field to address and find out the permanent solution to floods and drainage issues of the area.

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6. It was further informed that the recent World Bank Mission provided full support and help to address and as per their advise the process for construction of elevated platforms along with the distributaries/minors through the ongoing contracts of WSIP project is under way. MD SIDA further informed the forum that World Food Program (WFP) is also interested to work with SIDA and AWBs (NC & LBC) to provide labor for repair works on damaged distributaries and drains under its cash for work program. The MD SIDA requested for early releasing of floods restoration funds from the government of Sindh to plug and repair the damaged. *The representative of Finance Department, GoSindh was requested for early releasing of required funds. The Chair directed that all efforts should be taken to address the drainage and floods issues and to make short term and long term planning for the purpose. SIDA being client of the consultants should actively pursue with the consultants to get the result oriented outputs.*

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

7. The Managing Director SIDA made a briefing/presentation to the forum on the component-wise implementation activities of the project. The major milestones was signing of consultancy agreement between Irrigation Department and an international consultancy firm for carrying out detailed diagnostic study of Sukkur Barrage for which consultants would be on board during the month. MD SIDA further informed that the bid for rehabilitation and improvement of Nara Canal contract package-2 was opened under international competitive bidding process and selection of contractor was in process for award. Most of the project staff has been deployed and selection of remaining staff was in hand with PMC/A. The approval of deployment of some of staff as recommended by PMC/A is yet to be obtained. Regarding implementation status of awarded ongoing civil works contracts, it was informed that some of the contracts are delayed due to recent rainfalls and floods. *In this regard, SIDA was directed to pursue with the concerned supervision consultants and contractors to complete the work as per agreed time frame, in case of delay because of rainfalls, proper procedure should be adopted for extension in time period as suggested by the Team Leader, PMC/A. The Chair desired that in next PSC meeting detailed presentation should be made on the implementation of civil work contracts with their progress time frame.*

8. It was further informed that team of consultants is already working in field for Guddu barrage study. In this regard *it was directed that the output/deliverables of the Consultants deployed for barrages studies should properly be reviewed / examined for which Irrigation Department being client of the both consultants should make close coordination with the consultants. It was further agreed that although the concerned Chief Engineers are responsible for the output of the consultants however, Irrigation department should depute some staff members/engineers who have relevant experience to support the concerned Chief Engineers. It was also decided that PCMU may review the progress of Sukkur and Guddu barrage consultancies on monthly/bimonthly basis and update may be shared with PSC.*

9. *The Project Coordinator, PCMU being client of M&E Consultants may continue closely monitoring the work performance of the M&E Consultants. In next PSC meeting M&ECs should make presentation on the implementation of WSIP Project as per their role and responsibility under the contract agreement. It was further directed that PC PCMU may speedup and finalize the MOU with AIT for trainings of project staff as per provision under the WSIP. The trainings area should be more relevant with the objectives of the project and relevant government departments may be considered for their trainings.*

**Item # 3: Compliance status of the decisions of previous (14<sup>th</sup>) meeting of PSC.**

10. 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. However, some of pending decisions were reviewed especially on Abiana issue wherein the Secretary Irrigation department expressed his concerns on low Abiana recovery. In this regard following line of actions were agreed for compliance:

- a) *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 Abiana defaulters as per SWMO.*
- b) *The Finance Department, GoSindh was requested to take necessary action on the request made by SIDA regarding deduction (at source) of Abiana outstanding dues against the different government and semi government offices, corporations and private originations.*
- c) *SIDA in consultation with Nara Canal AWB to form a strategy with one year targets for achievement to make themselves fully operational and strengthened in accordance with the objective of their formation/establishment. SIDA will move a Summary from Irrigation Department through P&D Department for administrative transfer of the staff from irrigation department to SIDA and AWBs.*
- d) *Inauguration ceremony of awarded contract for rehabilitation of main Nara Canal package-I would be held after Muharam Holidays. In the meantime, SIDA will get the date and time from Honourable Chief Minister Sindh through Chairman SIDA.*
- e) *SIDA will share 1<sup>st</sup> draft of revised PC-I of the project with all project partners within 10 days i.e. by 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2011 for their input.*

**Item # 5: Compliance Status of agreed actions / recommendations highlighted in recent World Bank Mission's aide-memoire (January, 2011)**

11. Forum was informed during the period from the last PSC meeting, two World Bank Missions visited the project (i) Implementation Support Mission headed by Task Team Leader and (ii) Environmental Safeguard Mission led by WB Senior Environmental Specialist. It was further informed that the actions on the recommendations of both Missions have been initiated for its compliance. *However, it was agreed that all project implementing partners have to take actions on the recommendations of the Bank Missions to meet the timelines. PCMU should follow the compliance through its monthly review meetings.*

**Item # 6: Deployment of Deputy Project Director, WSIP:**

12. The subject matter was discussed in light of position mentioned in the working paper. *The forum agreed with the proposal. It was also decided that the Secretary, Irrigation department will get the approval form the Chairman on the proposal of SIDA for transfer of services of recommended candidate, Mr. Jamaludin Manghan S/o Mr. Anwar Ali to be posted as Deputy Project Director, WSIP.*

13. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Chair especially thanks and appreciated to Secretary Irrigation department on his support of SIDA and WSIP Project.

**List of the Participants of the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of PSC, WSIP held on 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. 2011**

- 1) Mr. Malik Asrar Hussain, Additional Chief Secretary (Dev), P&D Department In Chair
- 2) Mr. Khalid Hyder Memon, Secretary, Irrigation Department, GoSindh
- 3) Dr. Fateh Muhammad Marri, Project Coordinator, PCMU, WSIP
- 4) Mr. Muhammad Ehsan Leghari, Managing Director, SIDA
- 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 Junejo, Project Director, WSIP, SIDA
- 8) Mr. Zahid Hussain Bhurgari, FOs representative/Member NCAWB
- 9) Sohail Akbar Mirza, FO representative/Chairman LBCAWB
- 10) Mr. Naushad Ali Jamali Additional Director General AE&WM, Sindh
- 11) Mr. Ylli Dedja, Team Leader, PMC/A WSIP
- 12) Mr. Nazir Hussain Mughal, Director (C&WM) PCMU, WSIP
- 13) Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Ujjan, Director, Nara Canal AWB
- 14) Mr. Habib Ursani, Director, Left Bank Canal AWB
- 15) Mr. Manzoor Hussain Samo, Director, AE&WM, Sindh
- 16) Mr. Nazeer Ahmed Memon, General Manager (Transition) SIDA
- 17) Mr. Jai Ram Motwani, Acting General Manager (Operation) SIDA
- 18) Mr. Ishtiaque Ahmed, Assistant Chief (W&P) P&D Department, GoSindh
- 19) Mr. Ghulam Hyder Qureshi, Sociologist, PCMU, P&D Department, GoSindh
- 20) Mr. Muhammad Ashraf Sahto, Assistant Director, Sindh CDA
- 21) Mr. Muhammad F. Jones, Chief Resident Engineer, PICs, WSIP
- 22) Dr. Muhammad Saleh Soomro, Deputy Team Leader, Master Plan Consultants, WSIP
- 23) Mr. Muhammad Umer Karim, Technical Specialist, PCMU, WSIP