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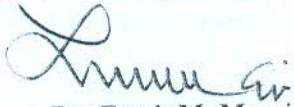
Karachi dated 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2013

1. The Secretary to Government of Sindh,  
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Forest Department, Karachi
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Agriculture Department, Karachi
5. The Secretary to Government of Sindh,  
Environment & Alternate Energy Department  
Karachi
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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
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Farmer Representative, Left Bank Canal AWB  
Badin
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Chairman SINGOF,  
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**Subject: Minutes of Eighteenth (18<sup>th</sup>) meeting of Project Steering Committee (PSC) for Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project held on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 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*)

  
**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&D) P&D Department, GoSindh, Karachi
- ⇒ The Chief (F.Aid) P&D Department, GoSindh, Karachi
- ⇒ The Team Leader, PMC/A WSIP, Karachi
- ⇒ The Team Leader, M&ECs, WSIP, Hyderabad
- ⇒ P.S. to ACS (Dev.)/Chairman PSC, P&D Department, GoSindh, Karachi
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Minutes of Eighteenth (18<sup>th</sup>) meeting of Project Steering Committee (PSC) for Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project Phase-I (WSIP) held on Wednesday 06<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 under the Chairmanship of ACS (Dev) P&D Department in the Committee Room of P&D Department, GoSindh, Karachi

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

After welcome remarks from the Chair, the meeting proceeded as per agenda of the meeting. Dr. Fateh Marri, the Project Coordinator, WSIP/PCMU, who is Secretary of the Committee, informed the forum that four items have been placed on the agenda of the meeting and requested for confirmation of the minutes of previous (17<sup>th</sup>) meeting of the Committee circulated to all members/participants of the meeting as per agenda item No. 1. The forum agreed and confirmed the minutes of previous meeting as there were no any comments on the minutes from the participants.

2. Giving the compliance status of decisions taken in previous (17<sup>th</sup>) meeting of Committee as per agenda item NO: 2 the Project Coordinator, WSIP/PCMU stated that decisions of last PSC meeting were followed by PCMU through review meetings held on regular basis and most of decisions have been complied as per status provided in the working paper. However, actions on some decisions are yet to be taken including settlement of land acquisition issue, releases of remaining amount/funds for the project as per current year ADP allocation, approval of revised PC-I of WSIP from CDWP/ECNEC and steps towards institutional strengthening and capacity building component activities.

3. On the response, the Managing Director SIDA informed that with kind support of ACS (Dev) P&D Department, the district management of Mirpurkhas and Sanghar districts are very much supportive and helping out for settlement of issues related with land acquisition as well as security of foreign contractor/consultants. He informed that in compliance to the decision of meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2013, Nara Canal Area Water Board has released Rs. 3.50 million (50% of the total amount) to the concerned Land Acquisition Officer and resultantly the Deputy Commissioner, Sanghar notified section-IV of the land on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2013. Now, the matter is under process of finalization and hopefully it will be settled down very soon. The Secretary Irrigation suggested that in future these kinds of issues should be settled down before award of works to avoid delay in execution of works and also paying extra money because of delay. PD WSIP assured for compliance of the suggestion in future contracts to be awarded under the project.

4. The PD WSIP also informed the forum that as the World Bank has extended the loan closing date upto 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, the contract of Project Implementation Consultants is also being extended from 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014 to 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 through Addendum in the Contract Agreement. The process is under way and will be completed soon.

5. MD SIDA further informed that revised PC-I has been considered in CDWP<sup>22</sup> for onward submission/approval of ECNEC. He informed that CDWP has, in that respect, formed a subcommittee to rationalize the cost, particularly the consultancies' costs. The chair enquired about the nature of observations with regard to the reduction in consultancies' costs. The chair was informed that there are several consultancies on WSIP, like, Project Implementation Consultants (PICs), Consultants for the preparation of Regional Master Plan for Left Bank Area of Indus River, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) as the Project Monitoring Consultants and procurement Agent (PMCA), two consultants for separate feasibility studies of Guddu and Sukkur Barrage, and Monitoring and Evaluation Consultants. He was informed that most of the consultancies are due to prerequisite condition of the World Bank. The chair himself was in favour of the consultancies on such an important project, which along with high quality services provided the opportunities for the stakeholders to learn as well. The forum too supported the existing consultancies.

6. It was agreed that the implementation of sub-component of trainings and institutional strengthening and capacity building towards success of irrigation reform process would be discussed separately in the meeting being organized after Muharram Holidays. The M&E Consultants will also make detailed presentation during the meeting. The PC PCMU will coordinate with office of ACS for fixing of the date and time for the meeting.
7. Apprising the updated implementation status of the project activities especially status of execution of civil works as per agenda item NO: 3 in respect to the review of updated implementation status/progress of project activities, the Project Director, WSIP, SIDA informed that, one major contract of Nara Canal (NC-1) has almost been completed within the agreed time frame and as per cost provisions of contract and some important structures have been commissioned and others are in the process of commissioning. The contractor is processing for finalization of contract by completing remaining associated works and hopefully these works would be completed during the month. The forum appreciated the efforts of project team for completion of a major contract. The M&E consultants were also asked to comment on the completed works. The M&E consultants did not offer any comment. On the suggestion from PC, WSIP/PCMU, it was agreed that date and time from Honourable Chief Minister Sindh would be requested for inauguration of the completed works.
8. It was further informed that another major contract NC-2 is under execution which is delayed as against the agreed time schedule. The forum took notice of slow pace of work on contract NC-02 and asked the PD to expedite the execution of work.
9. The forum was informed that the Guddu Barrage Consultants are reviewing the EIA in the light of comments of World Bank Mission who visited Sindh in June 2013 and the report would be submitted in December, 2013. For Sukkur Barrage Study, Secretary Irrigation informed the forum that a Panel of Experts (PoE) was made to vet the recommendations of the consultants. The PoE has submitted its report and the consultants are updating their report in the light of recommendations. Moreover, he informed that Consultants are carrying out the Physical Modeling of the Sukkur Barrage at Hyderabad; the work is though slow due to non-release of the requisite funds to the consultants for onward transmission to Hyderabad Laboratory. It was also informed that an expert had been hired from the Mott McDonald who was working on the Modeling. Once the Physical Modeling report was obtained the consultants would finalize their Feasibility Study Report. The Secretary Irrigation expressed his satisfaction on overall project implementation especially the studies are being carried out for Barrages.
10. The agenda item NO: 4 regarding finalization of recommendations of consultation for preparation of regional master plan to address floods and drainage issues on left side of Indus River was not discussed and decided to have a separate session in the meeting to be arranged after Muharram as decided above. It was also decided that SIDA in consultation of Irrigation Department will prepare Working Paper with regard to status of those ADP schemes of left bank drainage system; which have either been completed or are ongoing outside of WSIP, for review by the forum in the light of Regional Master Plan's recommendations and accordingly the portfolio of schemes under RMP will be finalized.
11. Before end of the meeting, the representative of EPA Sindh pointed out the project proponents should ensure the compliances of EIA and share the progress of EMP implementation for all of the sub projects. The forum asked the PD WSIP to ensure that the project is not harming the environment and the EMP compliance report should regularly be sent to EPA.
12. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from and to the Chair.

**List of the participants of the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of PSC, WSIP held on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2013**

**Committee Members**

- 1) Mr. Arif Ahmed Khan, Additional Chief Secretary (Dev.), P&D Department In Chair
- 2) Mr. Babar Hussain Effendi, Secretary, Irrigation Department, GoSindh
- 3) Dr. Fateh Muhammad Marri, Project Coordinator, WSIP/PCMU
- 4) Mr. Muhammad Ehsan Leghari, Managing Director, SIDA.
- 5) Mr. Aslam Ansari, Additional Secretary, Irrigation Department, GoSindh
- 6) Mr. Khair M. Kalwar, Additional Secretary (Dev.), Finance Department, GoSindh
- 7) Mr. Fazal-ay-Akbar Afridi, Deputy Chief, Planning Commission, GoPakistan
- 8) Mr. Zahid Hussain Junejo, Project Director, WSIP, SIDA
- 9) Mr. Naushad Ali Jamali, Additional DG, SOFWM, Agriculture Department, GoSindh
- 10) Dr. Abdul Shakoor, Director General, CDA, Sindh
- 11) Mr. M. Waqar Hussain Phulpoto, Director, Sindh EPA
- 12) Mr. Ylli Dedja, Team Leader, PMC/A WSIP

**Special Invitees**

- 13) Mr. Fazal A. Nizamani, Senior Chief (W&D) P&D Department, GoSindh
- 14) Mr. Nazir Hussain Mughal, Director (C&WM) PCMU, WSIP
- 15) Dr. Nisar Ahmed Memon, Director (M&E) PCMU, WSIP
- 16) Mr. Nazeer Ahmed Memon, General Manager, Transition SIDA
- 17) Mr. Naeem Ahmed Memon, General Manager, Finance, SIDA
- 18) Mr. Jai Ram Motwani, General Manager, Operation SIDA
- 19) Mr. Ishtiaque Ahmed, Assistant Chief (W&D) P&D Department, GoSindh.
- 20) Mr. Ghulam Hyder Qureshi, Procurement Specialist, PMC/A.
- 21) Mr. Muhammad Umer Karim, Technical Specialist, PCMU, WSIP.
- 22) Mr. Javed Akhter Memon, Irrigation and Drainage Engineer, PCMU, WSIP.

**Project Consultants**

- 23) Mr. Farahat Adil, Vice President, NESPAK, M&E Consultant, WSIP.
- 24) Rana Muhammad Ashique, Team Leader M&E Consultants, WSIP.
- 25) Mr. Khadim Ali Memon, Deputy Team Leader, PICs, WSIP.
- 26) Mr. Mahi Mahendrarajh, CRE, B-1, PICs WSIP.
- 27) Mr. Rahamatullah Khan, Senior Engineer, M&E Consultants