

**Minutes of Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) meeting of Project Steering Committee (PSC) for Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project Phase-I (WSIP-I) held on April 02, 2009 in the Committee Room of P&D Department, GoSindh, Karachi**

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

The meeting chaired by Additional Chief Secretary (Dev.) P&D Department, GoSindh. After welcome remarks, the Chair asked to proceed as per agenda of the meeting.

**Item # 1: Confirmation of the minutes of fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) meeting of the Committee:**

2. The Project Coordinator, WSIP, PCMU stated that the minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> PSC meeting were circulated on February 07, 2009 to all the concerned departments/agencies and the participants of the meeting. No comments were received from any quarter on the minutes. The Chair, however, enquired from all the participants for any comments. *All participants agreed with the minutes of previous meeting, hence minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting stand confirmed.*

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

3. Giving the updated implementation status / progress of the project component activities, the Project Director WSIP informed that under component-A of the project, the recruitment process for project staff of SIDA has almost completed by PMC/A and the recommendations of PMC/A for selection of staff is under submission for approval of GoSindh. For selection of MD SIDA from market, copy of earlier approved EOI will be forwarded to clearance of PMC/A as well as the Bank. The selection process for staff of AWBs has been initiated for which draft TORs have been forwarded to PMC/A for further action.

4. The PD WSIP further stated that based on the recommendations of recent World Bank Mission (February 2009), the proposal has been prepared regarding (i) function of the office of Project Director WSIP including staffing plan (team of PD office) and (ii) financial / technical powers as per decision of ECNEC and is submitted for approval of the Committee before forwarding to the World Bank their clearance. Committee agreed with the proposal and directed PC WSIP to take further action i.e. forwarding proposal to the Bank and submission of summary for awarding of financial and technical powers to PD for approval of competent authority.

5. Regarding implementation of component-B of the Project, it was informed that procurement process for deployment of Project Implementation Consultants (PICs) has been completed and contract would be signed during this month and hopefully the consultants would be on board in 1<sup>st</sup> week of next month. On a point raised by PD WSIP, the Committee directed PD WSIP to get all necessary clearance as per normal procedure before signing of the Agreement. It was further informed that survey work for rehabilitation of distributary / minor level has been started through SIDA staff in consultation with FOs. On a suggestion of Sr. Chief W&P P&D Department, SIDA was directed to make sure that there would be no duplication in rehabilitation works. In this regard SIDA was directed to provide final list of canal/branch canals and distributaries/minors to be improved under WSIP to Sr. Chief (W&P) P&D as well as PC, PCMU for reference and record. On a query, MD SIDA informed that the next SIDA Board meeting has been scheduled for April 15, 2009.

6. Forum was informed that under component-C of the project activities, the draft TORs for deployment of consultancy services to carryout feasibility study for Guddu Barrage has been forwarded by IPD to PMC/A for providing of their input. It was further informed that in compliance to the decision of WSIP PSC meeting and the recommendations of the World Bank's Mission, SIDA arranged consultative workshop / seminar on March 11, 2009 at Hyderabad by inviting stakeholders to discuss draft TORs for preparation of Regional Master Plan for Left Bank of Indus Delta and Coastal Zone". The TORs were under finalization based on the discussions/outcome of the workshop/seminar.

7. The actions on other project component activities i.e. social mobilization, trainings to FOs, strategic studies etc was under way.

8. The representative of SEPA stated that environmental issues under the project should properly be addressed. The PD WSIP responded that lot of actions have been proposed in the project documents i.e. PAD and PC-I to address the environmental issues properly for which project environmental management plan as well as individual sub-project wise specific level environmental plans are being prepared. Accordingly separate Environmental Management Unit is has been established in SIDA under WSIP Project to address the environmental issues properly in close coordination with SEPA. It was further informed that during the preparation of project, the Integrated Social & Environmental Assessment (ISEA) report prepared by SIDA was got approved by SEPA before inclusion in the project documents.

**Item # 3: Compliance status of the decisions of previous (5<sup>th</sup>) meeting of Project Steering Committee (PSC) of WSIP held on January 28, 2009 wherein further guidance /decision of committee is required**

9. The Project Coordinator, WSIP, PCMU stated that the compliance status of decisions of PSC meeting was reviewed / discussed in 3<sup>rd</sup> Monthly Review Meeting (MRM) held at PCMU on March 7, 2009. However, the forum reviewed the compliance status and directed that SIDA to take all possible measures to get the actions completed as per decisions. The decisions recorded during the meeting as follows.

**Item # 4: Nomination of Farmers representatives as member of Project Steering Committee (PSC) for Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project Phase-I**

10. The position was apprised to the forum as per working paper of the meeting. After detailed discussions the forum agreed with the proposal as per working paper regarding induction of farmers community representatives as member of PSC and directed to get the notification of Committee amended accordingly. On the suggestion of Sr. Chief (W&P) P&D department, it was agreed that in future, the Chief (F.Aid) P&D Department may be invited in the meetings of Committee.

11. At the end of meeting the Chair stated that since PD WSIP is on board therefore he has lot of responsibility to take all possible efforts to get the project implementation on faster track. In this regard clear / proper time line action plan be prepared for implementation of the Project. He also urged all project partners to play their role and provide support / help to PD in all respects for speedy implementation of project since project has already been delayed.

**12. The gist of decisions of the meeting is as under:**

- i) PC, PCMU and PD WSIP to pursue with staff of Chief Minister House to get the approval of CM for deployment of SIDA staff finalized by PMC/A.
- ii) SIDA will provide copies of EOIs approved by cabinet sub-committee and SIDA Board earlier for appointment of MD SIDA from market by **April 5, 2009** for review / clearance of PMC/A as well as by the World Bank.
- iii) PMC/A will start selection process for appointment of staff of AWBs under the project and submit its recommendations for approval of GoSindh by June 2009.
- iv) PD WSIP will forward the proposal regarding functioning of the office of Project Director WSIP including staffing plan (team of PD office) and financial / technical powers to the Bank by **April 10, 2009**.

- v) PD WSIP to forward Contract Agreement for PICs to Finance and Law Departments by **April 05, 2009** and get it vetted /cleared before signing of the Agreement.
- vi) SIDA will provide final list of canal/branch canals and distributaries/minors to be improved under WSIP to Sr. Chief (W&P) P&D as well as PCMU **within a week's time**.
- vii) PMC/A to provide their input on draft TORs for Guddu Barrage and forward to IPD by **April 30, 2009** for taking further action.
- viii) SIDA to get the draft TORs finalized regarding preparation of regional master plan **by April 30, 2009** based on the recommendations / input of consultative seminar / workshop.
- ix) SIDA will submit a proposal regarding involvement of RSPs in social mobilization process under WSIP as well as SOFWM Project. A meeting will be arranged by SIDA **within a week's time** in PCMU where representatives of PCMU, SIDA, RSPs, DG, AE&WM would be invited to participate in the meeting. Proposal would be forwarded to the participants of the meeting at least two days before the meeting.
- x) SIDA will get the complaint handling system operational properly by using of toll free telephone facility **by end of April 2009**.
- xi) MD SIDA to take all possible measures to increase in Abiana collection and will submit Abiana recovery position of each AWBs on **regular monthly basis** showing targets as well as achievement etc.
- xii) MD SIDA to ensure providing all the assets to Training Cell SIDA **by April 8, 2009** and will inform to PCMU. PD WSIP will submit its clear strategy for conducting trainings to FOs under WSIP so that trainings could be started. GM (T) SIDA will share detailed report of trainings conducted by SIDA during last six months with details of trainings, title of trainings and number of the participants within two weeks time.
- xiii) MD SIDA will consult with the staff officer to ACS (Dev.) for fixing of dates for meeting of ACS (D) with AWBs & FOs and field visit to CBC works in 2<sup>nd</sup>/ 3<sup>rd</sup> **week of April 09**.
- xiv) PD WSIP will provide Project Implementation activity report to PCMU as well as P&D Department on **by 10th of every month** on a prescribed proforma circulated by P&D Department dated January 4, 2009.
- xv) SIDA will place information on website regarding (i) Audit Reports of last five years, (ii) updated Abiana collection status as well as (iii) latest monthly /quarterly activity report of SIDA / WSIP Project.
- xvi) SIDA will consult with PMC/A and PCMU before payment to contingent staff under the project. It was made clear that any amount spent by SIDA from WSIP on account of salaries of Project staff would only be eligible if required formalities are completed. Any ineligible expenditure incurred should be treated as un-authorized and SIDA should be responsible for it.
- xvii) **In next meeting** MD SIDA will make presentation on self sustainability of SIDA in accordance with the program design under which SIDA was supposed to be self sustainable within 7-10 years after its establishment.
- xviii) Committee agreed with the proposal as per working paper regarding induction of farmers community representatives as member of PSC for which notification of Committee would be amended accordingly. Chief (F.Aid) P&D may be invited in the meetings of Committee

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

**List of the Participants of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of PSC, WSIP held on April 02, 2009**

- i. Mr. Nazar Hussain Mahar, Additional Chief Secretary (Dev), P&D Department in Chair
- ii. Syed Mazhar Ali Shah, Additional, Secretary Irrigation & Power Department, GoSindh
- iii. Mr. Fazal A. Nizamani, Senior Chief (W&P) P&D Department, GoSindh
- iv. Dr. Salam Memon, Project Coordinator, PCMU P&D, WSIP
- v. Mr. Muhammad Ashraf Sahto, Secretary, Coastal Development Authority (CDA)
- vi. Mr. Ghulam Nabi Mughal, Managing Director SIDA
- vii. Mr. Muhammad Ehasan Leghari, Project Director, WSIP, SIDA
- viii. Mr. Haval, Khoshnar, Technical Officer, PMC/A, WSIP
- ix. Mr. Fateh M. Marri, Director (M&E) PCMU, WSIP
- x. Mr. Hyder Raza Khan, Deputy Secretary Forest & Wildlife Department, GoSindh
- xi. Mr. Nazar Muhammad Chang, Director, PRB, AE&WM, GoSindh
- xii. Professor Aijaz Ahmed Qureshi, General Manager (Transition), SIDA
- xiii. Dr. Mumtaz Ahmed Sohag, General Manager (R&D), SIDA
- xiv. Mr. Anwar Hussain Memon, General Manager (Finance), SIDA
- xv. Mr. S.M Yehya, Deputy Director, SEPA, Environment Department GoSindh
- xvi. Mr. Ghulam Hyder Qureshi, Sociologist, PCMU, WSIP