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Minutes of Seventh (7th) meeting of Project Steering Committee (PSC) for Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project Phase-I (WSIP-I) held on June 27, 2009 in the Committee Room of P&D Department, GoSindh, Karachi

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

The 7th PSC meeting of WSIP held on June 27, 2009 in the committee room of P&D department under the Chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary (Dev.) P&D Department, GoSindh. The Chair welcomed the members / participants of the meeting especially Mr. Mirza Suhail Akbar Baig, Farmer's Representative from Left Bank Canal AWB who participated as member of the Committee as appointed by GoSindh. The Chair in his opening remarks stated that due to one or the other reason, the progress in implementation of the project as well as performance of SIDA are not encouraging. However, he hoped that by taking all possible efforts and making joint efforts and with the support from all stakeholders of the project particularly support from farming community, the pace of implementation would accelerate. The representatives of FOs assured for their full cooperation to get the project implementation on faster track. Thereafter, the meeting proceeded as per agenda of the meeting.

Item # 1: Confirmation of the minutes of sixth (6th) meeting of the Committee

2. Forum was informed that the minutes of 6th PSC meeting held on April 2, 2009 were circulated to all the concerned departments/agencies and participants of the meeting. No comments were received from any quarter on the minutes. The Chair asked participants if they had any comment. *All participants agreed with the minutes of previous meeting, hence, minutes of the 6th meeting stand confirmed.*

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

3. The Project Director WSIP stated that by taking all possible measures, substantial progress for implementation of Project activities has been achieved during the previous two months period. Giving the updated status / progress of the project activities, the Project Director WSIP informed that the recruitment process for the Project staff of SIDA and FOs has been completed by PMC/A and the recommendations for selection of staff have been sent to GoSindh for approval which is awaited. The selection of staff for AWBs is in hand and would be completed by July 2009. He stated that the reference regarding delegation of powers to PD WSIP has been moved for approval of Governor Sindh and the proposal for recruitment of staff (08 additional positions for PD Office) has been finalized and agreed with the recent World Bank Mission. The process for recruitment of these staff members would be completed by SIDA within one-month period. It was further informed that the Procurement of Project Implementation Consultants (PICs) has been completed and contract would be signed based on the decision of today's meeting.

4. The process for procurement of other consultants to carry out feasibility studies for Guddu Barrage and preparation of Flood and Drainage Master Plan of Left Bank Indus, delta and coastal zone has been started. A schedule has been agreed for these studies with World Bank during the recent World Bank Mission. The draft TORs for both activities are under the process of finalization. PD requested that as per recommendation of recent World Bank Mission, IPD has to nominate focal person to deal with the matter of Barrage studies.

5. The social mobilization and other project activities have been started. The consultative meetings have been held with RSPCon regarding their role in carrying out social mobilization activities under WSIP Project and SIDA will submit proposal within 10 days. The complaint Cell as well as GIS Cell has been activated in SIDA. The PC, PCMU informed that the Training Plan under the component-E of the project has been drafted and it would be submitted in next PSC meeting. The process for identification of strategic / research studies has been started and so far 54 studies have been identified by 6 different agencies. It was proposed that a Research Advisory Committee may be formed to prioritize these studies for implementation.

6. Based on the above position and the recommendations of the working paper, the forum took following decisions for early compliance:

- i) *MD SIDA will pursue with Chief Minister House for getting approval for recruitment of SIDA staff as recommended by PMC/A.*
- ii) *PD WSIP and PC, PCMU will follow up the Summary submitted for award of delegation of powers to PD WSIP.*
- iii) *SIDA and PD WSIP will immediately start the recruitment process of staff to be recruited from market on contract basis for the office of PD WSIP and get it on board by end July 2009.*
- iv) *SIDA will submit a proposal within 10 days regarding involvement of CSOs in social mobilization activities under WSIP Project and partner will be selected through a competitive process.*
- v) *SIDA to get the IDMT Agreement signed with 27 FOs of Ghotki Feeder AWB that are ready for signing.*
- vi) *The Complaint Cell may be made functional round the clock and it should be operational in all respects.*
- vii) *SIDA may consult with SUPARCO regarding establishment of GIS system in SIDA.*
- viii) *With the consent of the representative of IPD, the Chief Engineer Guddu Barrage has been nominated as a focal person from IPD to deal with the matters related with feasibility study for Guddu Barrage.*
- ix) *The matter regarding award of PICs Contract was placed by the MD SIDA before the forum and discussed in detail. The representative of Finance Department again raised the objection on the evaluation process however the I&P Department had no objection. It was informed to forum that all comments/ objections on selection and evaluation including by the FD were communicated to World Bank for issuance of NOC as per agreement, rules, procedures and guidelines of the World Bank are to be adopted and after considering all comments/ reports World Bank has given clearance to sign the contract with PIC. Moreover the Law Department, Government of Sindh has also vetted the contract. In light of these facts the forum endorsed the decision of the Selection Committee and gave go ahead for signing the contract.*

- x) Also it was decided that SIDA and PMC/A will provide full information to Finance Department including (i) para-wise response on the observations of Finance Department on combined evaluation report and (ii) correspondence made by SIDA / PMC/A with the World Bank for NOC from the World Bank on the above matter.
- xi) SIDA will submit a proposal by July 15, 2009 regarding "Pilot initiative aimed at supporting agricultural productivity and income enhancement measures at farmer level" as per recommendation of the World Bank. The Agriculture University and other universities of Province as well as Faisalabad Agriculture University may be consulted in this regard.
- xii) PCMU will submit draft Training Plan in next PSC meeting
- xiii) PCMU will submit a proposal within three days regarding formation of Research Advisory Committee to deal with strategic / research studies under component-E of the project.

Item # 3: Compliance status of the decisions of 6th meeting of Project Steering Committee (PSC) of WSIP held on April 2, 2009 wherein further guidance /decision of committee was required

7. Forum was informed that the compliance status of decisions of 6th PSC meeting was reviewed / discussed in 4th Monthly Review Meeting (MRM) held at PCMU on April 25, 2009. The actions on some of the decisions have been taken by SIDA. However, the Committee reviewed / discussed the non compliance of decisions of 6th meeting and taken the decisions as under:

- i) For preparation of proposal regarding self-sustainability SIDA, on the request of MD SIDA, it was agreed that SIDA will hire a small consultancy to get the proposal prepared. In this regard SIDA will prepare TORs in consultation with PMC/A.
- ii) PCMU will provide copies of TORs/EOIs of MD SIDA earlier approved by Cabinet sub-committee and SIDA Board to PMC/A to get it revised / modified for further process.
- iii) SIDA will submit Abiana recovery position of each AWBs indicating status of FOs recovery on regular monthly basis showing targets as well as achievement etc. In next meeting PowerPoint presentation would be made by GM (T).
- iv) MD SIDA/PD WSIP to ensure all assets of training cell are provided to Training Cell SIDA after their procurement.
- v) ACS (D) will visit SIDA office before next PSC meeting. MD SIDA will get the date conformed with Staff Officer of ACS (Dev.).
- vi) In next meeting a consolidated implementation plan of the project component would be submitted by PD WSIP.

