

**Minutes of Ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) meeting of Project Steering Committee (PSC) for Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project Phase-I (WSIP) held on December 09, 2009 under the Chairmanship of ACS (Dev.) P&D in the Committee Room of P&D Department, GoSindh, Karachi**

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

The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran. After welcome remarks the Chair directed to proceed as per agenda of the meeting.

2. The forum confirmed the minutes of previous (8<sup>th</sup>) meeting of PSC, since there were no comments from any quarter/participants of the meeting.

3. Apprising the updated status of implementation of project activities, the Project Director WSIP, SIDA informed that, the implementation progress is going to improve and during the last three months tangible results have been achieved. He informed that staffing arrangement for SIDA, PCMU, FOs have almost been completed whereas the process for recruitment of staff for AWBs and remaining positions for SIDA is in hand and would be completed during the month. The procurement of consultancy services of the project is also in advance stages the Agreement for M&E Consultants would be signed very shortly. The procurement process for Master Plan Consultants is near completion and the procurement process of consultancy services for Guddu Barrage studies has been initiated. It was further informed that the ground work including identification of physical works has almost been completed and design and survey works are in hand and hopefully the works will start within two to three month period.

4. The PC, PCMU informed the forum that based on the decision of previous PSC meeting, the matter was processed accordingly and after receipt of NOL (No Objection Letter) from the World Bank, the draft final Contract Agreement for M&E Consultants has been sent to Law and Finance Department, GoSindh for vetting of the Agreement. PCMU actively pursuing with Finance and Law departments and hopefully the response will receive within a day or two and Contract Agreement will be signed very shortly with selected firm M/s. NESPAK Pvt. Limited Pakistan.

5. The Secretary IPD suggested that on appointments of project staff specially appointment of MD SIDA and Directors AWBs, the consent of Chief Minister may be obtained. The PD WSIP stated that the approval of Minister IPD/Chairman SIDA has already been obtained before start of the appointment process.

6. Regarding approval of C.M Sindh, PD WSIP further stated that during the video conference meeting held on Nov 12, 2009, the Minister IPD/Chairman SIDA informed the World

Bank that he got the approval from Chief Minister Sindh on appointments issue particularly appointment of MD SIDA. However, the Chair directed that it may be recorded properly on paper by submitting note for Minister IPD/Chairman SIDA.

7. The Team Leader of Project Implementation Consultants (PICs) gave detailed presentation during the meeting on their activities. The Team Leader apprised the status of the activities carried out by PIC and activities in hand and the ones to be started. During the presentation, PIC pointed out some issues related to physical works i.e. timely approval of documents, inclusion of Akram Wah etc for further guidance of PSC.

8. The farmer representatives of Left Bank and Nara Canal AWBs emphasized on the relative priority of their canals. The forum discussed the issue and recommended that let SIDA may discuss in-house and come up with their recommendation on determining the priority and also consult with the World Bank (the Development Partners of the project). Regarding the issue of approval process of project documents, the Chair directed PC, PCMU to arrange a meeting with PICs and SIDA to get it resolved.

9. The representative of FO member from Left Bank Canal AWB reemphasized again inclusion of Akram Wah works as priority works. He also complained that being a member of PSC forum, he has not been consulted on any WSIP issue even he has not been provided with any information /documents related to the implementation status of the project except the papers related with the PSC meeting, therefore, being a member of PSC, he is not fully aware about the project implementation. In this regard he suggested that he may be fully informed and involved in the project implementation activities so that he could play a meaningful role for the benefit of the project. Supporting the above view point a representative/FOs member from Nara Canal AWB pointed out the delay in implementation of physical works and asked for time frame to start the physical works on ground, because farmers want results (instead of documentations) / resolution of their grievances/issues being faced by them.

10. The Chair took a very serious view of the issues raised by FO members and directed PC, PCMU to arrange a meeting of the farmers members with MD SIDA and PD WSIP and get the issue resolved immediately. The Chair also appreciated the role of FOs members. He thanked the FOs members for taking very keen interest in the project affairs which is definitely the sign of success of the project / reforms. The Secretary, IPD also appreciated the role of FOs particularly he mentioned the role of Mr. Sohail Akbar Mirza, the farmer member from Left Bank AWB for playing proactive role in irrigation sector of the area.

11. The Secretary IPD further stated that two new major schemes i.e. Lining of Phulili Canal and Makhi Farsh are in pipeline for implementation in the project area through

government funds. Therefore he suggested that project entities may ensure that WSIP Consultants should review such project documents while preparing the project implementation planning under WSIP Project to avoid any duplication etc. In this regard the Chair directed that suggestion must be followed.

12. Decisions on the above have been summarized as under:

- i) On receipt of response / clearance form Finance and Law Department, PC, PCMU will sign the Contract Agreement with selected firm M/s. NESPAK Pvt. Limited Pakistan as M&E consultants for the WSIP Project.*
- ii) SIDA will get record completed regarding the approval of Honourable Chief Minister Sindh on appointments of SIDA staff under WSIP Project conveyed through Minister IPD/Chairman SIDA.*
- iii) MD SIDA to get the consent of SIDA Board to determine the priority works and priority of inclusion of Akram Wah under WSIP rehabilitation program and also to consult with the World Bank.*
- iv) PC, PCMU will arrange a meeting with PICs and SIDA immediately to resolve the issues pointed by PICs during the meeting.*
- v) PC, PCMU will arrange a meeting of FOs members of PSC with MD SIDA and PD WSIP and resolve the grievances highlighted by FOs members during the meeting and apprise the position to ACS (Dev.).*

13. The PC, PCMU pointed out some pending actions required to be taken on the decisions of previous 8<sup>th</sup> meeting as per agenda item No. 3 of the meeting. The forum discussed the issues one by one and decisions were taken as under:

- i) PD WSIP will ensure that payments are to be made from WSIP in accordance with the agreed procedure of the WSIP project and will provide list of contingent staff with full justification of their deployment to PCMU within three days i.e. by December 12, 2009.*
- ii) It was informed that draft rules of SIDA are under preparation in consultation with PICs and same will be placed in agenda of next Board meeting to be held during the*

*month for consideration. SIDA will share the draft rules with PCMU and PMC/A before submitting to SIDA Board.*

- iii) It was informed that Business Plan of one of AWB was under preparation and would be shared with PCMU / PMC/A in next month*
- iv) For getting the consent from Finance Department regarding rectification of anomaly / enhancement of salary packages of staff under WSIP, the reference has been sent to FD but response is awaited. It was decided that SIDA will depute one staff member to pursue with FD and to get the consent from FD without further delay.*
- v) Regarding formation of Panel of Expert (POE) by IPD (for Safety Assessment of Sukkur Barrage based on the recommendations of World Bank Mission), it was informed the forum that PD WSIP is coordinating the matter between IPD and World Bank on the issue and Bank has been apprised the position by PD WSIP, so there is no issue on this count.*

14. The PC, WSIP, PCMU informed to the forum that through an email dated Dec. 8, 2009 he received an additional agenda item from SIDA regarding “creation of 18 additional support staff positions under WSIP project”. SIDA reported that since there is very small provision for above positions in the approved PC-I of the WSIP Project, therefore SIDA need this additional support. With the permission from the Chair, the issue was discussed in detail and it was pointed out that on one hand the proposal was very sketchy which lacked basic information of financial implications, on the other hand the creation of new positions will require lengthy approval /revision of PC-I from different forums of provincial as well as federal level, therefore it can only be considered if there was strong justification. However, the Secretary IPD offered his support/help to SIDA by providing drivers available with IPD during walkthrough survey period.

15. At the end of the meeting Chair desired that all project partners particularly SIDA being lead implementing agency has to play their role and responsibilities to get the project implementation on faster track without further delay since project has already been delayed. In this regard MD SIDA and PD WSIP assured that they will take all possible measures to get implementation on faster tracks.

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

**(Revised)**  
**Annex-A**  
*Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> PSC meeting*

**List of the Participants of the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of PSC, WSIP held on December 9, 2009**

- 1) Mr. Munawar Opel In Chair  
Additional Chief Secretary (Dev), P&D Department
- 2) Mr. Shuja Ahmed Junejo, Secretary Irrigation & Power Department
- 3) Dr. Salam Memon, Project Coordinator, PCMU/ WSIP, P&D Department
- 4) Mr. Muhammad Mithal Abbasi, Managing Director SIDA
- 5) Mr. Muhammad Ehsan Leghari, Project Director, WSIP, SIDA
- 6) Mr. Zahid Hussain Bhurgari, Representative of FOs, NCAWB
- 7) Mr. Sohail Akbar Mirza, Representative of FOs from LBCAWB
- 8) Mr. Ylli Dedja, Team Leader, PMC/A, WSIP
- 9) Agha Zafarullah Durrani, Director General, AE&WM, Agriculture Department
- 10) Mr. Hassan Ali Din-Muhammad, Chief (F. Aid) P&D Department
- 11) Mr. Hyder Raza Khan, Deputy Secretary Forest & Wildlife Department
- 12) Mr. Anwar Hussain Memon, General Manager (Finance), SIDA
- 13) Mr. Moula Bux, Mirbahar, General Manager (Operation) SIDA
- 14) Mr. Nazeer Ahmed Memon, General Manager (Transition) SIDA
- 15) Mr. Faizullah Khatri, Assistant Chief (W&P) P&D Department
- 16) Mr. Guy Jones, Team Leader, PIC, WSIP, SIDA
- 17) Mr. Khadim Ali Memon, Deputy Team Leader, PIC, WSIP, SIDA
- 18) Mr. Amanullah Qureshi, PIC Consultants, WSIP Project
- 19) Mr. Ghulam Hyder Qureshi, Sociologist, PCMU/WSIP, P&D Department
- 20) Mr. M. Ashraf Sahto, Assistant Director, SCDA, GoSindh