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Planning & Development Department  
Project Coordination & Monitoring Unit  
Water Sector Improvement Project

Karachi, dated 09<sup>th</sup> October, 2015

- 1. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Finance Department, Karachi
- 2. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Forest Department, Karachi
- 3. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Environment Department, Karachi
- 7. The Managing Director, SIDA, Hyderabad
- 9. The Director General, AE&WM, Sindh, Hyderabad
- 11. The Project Director, WSIP, SIDA, Hyderabad
- 13. Mr. Sohail Akbar Mirza  
Farmer Representative, LBCAWB, Badin

- 12. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Irrigation & Power Department, Karachi
- 4. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Agriculture Department, Karachi
- 6. The Additional Secretary (Coordination) SGA&C Department, GoSindh, Karachi
- 8. The Chief Engineer, Water South, WAPDA Hyderabad
- 10. The Director General, Coastal Development Authority, Karachi
- 12. Mr. Zahid Hussain Bhurgri,  
FO Member in Nara Canal AWB, Mirpurkhas
- 14. Mr. Aakash Ansari,  
Chairman SINGOF, Badin

**Subject:** Minutes of Twenty First (21<sup>st</sup>) Meeting of Project Steering Committee (PSC) for Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project Phase-I (WSIP) held on Wednesday 09 September, 2015 in the Committee Room of P&D Department, GoSindh, Karachi under the Chairmanship of ACS (Dev) P&D Department, GoSindh

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

Enclosed: As above (Minutes)

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Dr. Fateh M. Marri  
Project Coordinator & Members/Secretary, PSC  
9/10/15

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- ⇒ The Chief (W&D) P&D Department, GoSindh, Karachi
- ⇒ The Chief (F. Aid) P&D Department, GoSindh, Karachi
- ⇒ The Team Leader, PMC/A WSIP, Karachi - *Received on 13.10.2015*
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The meeting started with welcome remarks from the Chair and introduction of all participants who attended the meeting. List of the participants is attached at **Annex-A**. Dr. Fateh Marri, the Project Coordinator, WSIP /PCMU who is the Secretary of the Committee stated that the meetings of Committee are generally held on quarterly basis, but this meeting is taking place after some delay due to more focus on completion of all awarded activities of first credit, frequent visits of World Bank Missions for finalization of additional financing of WSIP and preparation of new project for rehabilitation of Guddu Barrage. However, during the period, series of meetings were held at the level of P&D, Irrigation Department, PCMU and SIDA wherein project progress was reviewed and discussed accordingly.

2. Thereafter, the meeting proceeded as per agenda and the Project Coordinator, WSIP/PCMU presented overview of the agenda items of the meeting. The record of discussions and decisions described as under:

**Item # 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of previous (20<sup>th</sup>) Meeting of the Committee:**

3. It was informed that the minutes of previous (20<sup>th</sup>) meeting of Project Steering Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 were circulated to all concerned departments/agencies and participants of the meeting. No comments on the minutes so far 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 twentieth meeting were confirmed.*

**Item No. 2: Progress/Performance of activities completed under first credit and present status/way forward of revised project under additional financing:**

4. Providing the overview of the project, it was informed that all awarded activities under the first credit have successfully been completed to the satisfaction of the all project partners. In addition to civil works on main Nara Canal system, 100 FOs managed distributaries/minors of three AWBs have been rehabilitated and improved. Master Plan to address flood & drainage issues has been prepared which is under consideration with GoSindh for implementation. Detailed diagnostic feasibility studies for Guddu & Sukkur Barrages have been conducted and based on the recommendations of study, a new project for rehabilitation and modernization of Guddu Barrage prepared which has recently been approved by ECNEC as well World Bank Board. The project agreement has been signed by Secretary Irrigation Department with the World Bank on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2015.

5. Mr. Zahid Bhurgari, the Farmer member of the committee endorsed the above view point of the project progress/ performance especially the physical works completed with high quality and to the satisfaction of AWB and farmers. On a query raised by the Chair regarding benefits of these works to the farming community, Mr. Bhurgari informed that farmers of Nara Canal AWB are definitely benefited especially the tail end farmers of lower Nara and Khipro Canals are getting irrigation water after completion of rehabilitation works. However, he reminded his earlier request for rehabilitation and improvement of Mithrao Canal which according to him is in worst condition which may be improved and made efficient canal so that farmers of the area also benefit. *The MD SIDA/PD WSIP informed that rehabilitation and improvement of Mithrao canal is in approved project plan and will be executed under additional financing for which the procurement process has already been started.*

6. Dr. Ylli Dedja, Team Leader, FAO/PMCA showed his satisfaction towards civil works and pointed out slow progress of component-A activities especially institutional reforms related actions and urged for special attention towards institutional improvements so that project development objective could be achieved. Responding to the observation, MD SIDA stated that some of the actions have already been taken and remaining are in hand to speed up the reform related activities. ***In this regard, the Chair directed MD SIDA to chalk out a plan having detailed work methodology to address the issues properly and to submit a plan within 15 days i.e. by 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.***

7. Regarding implementation of revised project activities under additional financing credit, it was informed that all codal formalities and requirements have been completed including continuation of existing services of Project Implementation Consultants (PICs) and team of FAO as PMC/A. The procurement process for award of two (out of three) major contract packages for rehabilitation works on Ghotki Feeder and Fulleli Canal is at final stage and contracts would be awarded very soon. The procurement process for deployment of M&E Consultants under additional financing credit has been started through PMC/A and as per plan, the consultants would be on board by January, 2016. ***The chair directed that implementation schedule should strictly be followed and required codal formalities be completed so that planned activities be completed in time as agreed with the World Bank.*** The forum reviewed/discussed and considered the proposals/suggestions recommended in the working paper for strict compliance as under:

- i) ***SIDA will ensure the Nara Canal AWB should properly maintain the rehabilitated and improved Nara Canal system so that tail-end receives irrigation water. SIDA and AWBs will also pursue with FOs for maintenance of 100 rehabilitated distributaries/minors at their level in accordance with Irrigation & Drainage Management Transfer Agreements signed for management of system.***
- ii) ***In addition to signing of IDMTAs with 15 FOs of Ghotki Feeder AWB scheduled on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2015, SIDA will ensure that IDMTAs with remaining FOs should be completed with two months period by 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 and the capacity of FOs be built in a manner so that they serve the purpose of reforms.***
- iii) ***The operational manual drafted by SIDA for O&M of FOs managed distributaries/minors should be finalized within 15 days by 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 and provided to FOs for operation and maintenance of distributaries / minors at their level.***
- iv) ***SIDA will process the case with Government of Sindh for reduction of annual O&M budget of AWBs for the rehabilitated and improved system. At least 10% of overall O&M budget of AWBs may be reduced on annual basis as per previous decisions of PSC.***
- v) ***SIDA and AWBs will properly maintain all moveable and immoveable assets including offices, vehicles, equipment etc. created under the project and also ensure that these assets are being utilized exclusively for the official purposes related to Project Development Objectives.***
- vi) ***SIDA will ensure that the vehicles and equipment procured for civil works and consultancies under original project credit may also be used for the works to be implemented under additional financing period to avoid new procurement.***
- vii) ***SIDA and AWBs will settle down the land acquisition issue if any in proposed works before the award of works and also complete the award process in time so that works may be completed within the project period without delay.***
- viii) ***SIDA and AWBs will activate committees/taskforces etc. formed earlier for effective implementation of civil works and also offices of EMU/SDC/GIS in all respects to play their role under the additional financing works.***

8. Regarding the implementation of Sukkur Barrage Study, Secretary, Irrigation Department informed that the matter has been discussed at length and department has prioritized the civil works on Sukkur Barrage based on the study undertaken by the consultants. However, he informed that the final decision will be taken by the department after presentation to the Honorable Chief Minister very soon as desired by CM Sindh. He further informed that conducting feasibility study for construction of new Barrage is also under consideration in the department. ***In this regard it was decided that Irrigation Department will immediately contact CM House for arrangement of presentation before the Honorable Chief Minister Sindh for taking final decision on the options of Sukkur Barrage Study.***

9. For implementation of flood & drainage Master Plan prepared by the consultants, ***it was decided that the Irrigation Department will prioritize the schemes indicated by consultants in Master Plan through a sub-committee headed by Additional Secretary (Technical) Irrigation Department formed by PSC and submit its recommendations within 15 days for further process of action.***

**Item No. 3: Advance Funds required for Project Designated Account**

10. The subject matter was discussed in detail during the meeting and the forum considered the request of SIDA for arrangement of Rs. 50 million as revolving fund for the additional financing project. ***In this regard it was decided that, on the request of SIDA, the Irrigation Department through P&D and Finance Departments will move a summary to Chief Minister Sindh for his kind approval of funds worth Rs. 50 million from outside of ADP as revolving fund for WSIP Project which will be returned back once funds are received from the World Bank.***

11. During the meeting, the representative of Agriculture Department, GoSindh pointed out that another Bank financed Sindh Irrigated Agriculture Productivity Enhancement Project being executed by the department is also facing the same problem for which they have already made a request to P&D Department, GoSindh for bridge financing of Rupees One Billion. ***In this regard, the Agriculture Department was advised by the Chair to rationalize demand with proper justification and submit Summary for CM through P&D Department.***

**Item No. 4: Approval of Training activities/plan under the revised WSIP Project:**

12. The Project Coordinator, WSIP/PCMU briefed the forum on the subject based on the information provided in the working paper and requested for consideration of the proposed Training Plan duly recommended by a Sub-Committee comprising of PCMU, SIDA, & PMC/A. ***The training plan was discussed in detail and forum considered for its implementation with small modification by increasing the numbers of participants of farming community from 5 to 10 and 15 to 20 for International Conferences/Seminar and Exposure Visits respectively so that farmer's representatives like Sindh Abadgar Board and Sindh Chamber of Agriculture may also be benefited.***

**Item No. 5: Appointment of Directors of Area Water Boards (AWBs) under WSIP:**

13. The subject matter was discussed in detail during the meeting, however, it was noted that matter is very important nature which needs detailed discussions and deliberations to reach the conclusion/decision according to the law (SWMO-02).

14. ***It was decided that matter should be discussed separately, for which a sub-committee was formed comprising of PC WSIP/PCMU, Secretary, Irrigation Department, MD, SIDA, Team Leader PMC/A, and Farmer Member (Mr. Zahid Hussain Bhurgari). The sub-committee will discuss/review the matter and submit its recommendations within one month period for taking final decision/necessary action in the matter.***

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

**LIST OF THE PARTICIPANTS OF 21<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF PSC WSIP  
HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2015**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

- 1) Mr. Ajaz Ali Khan,  
Additional Chief Secretary (Dev.), P&D Department **In Chair**
- 2) Dr. Fateh Muhammad Marri, Project Coordinator, WSIP/PCMU
- 3) Syed Zaheer Hyder Shah, Secretary, Irrigation Department, GoSindh
- 4) Mr. Babar Hussain Effendi, Managing Director, SIDA
- 5) Mr. Jamaluddin Mangan, Acting Project Director, WSIP
- 6) Agha Zafarullah Durani Director General, AE&WM, Agriculture Department
- 7) Syed Imtiaz Ali Shah, Director General, Coastal Development Authority, Sindh
- 8) Mr. Hanif Muhammad, Additional Secretary (Technical) S&GAD, GoSindh
- 9) Mr. Muhammad Arif, Conservator of Forest, Forest Department, GoSindh
- 10) Mr. Waqar Hussain Phulpoto, Director, EPA Sindh
- 11) Dr. Aijaz Alam, Deputy Secretary Finance Department, GoSindh
- 12) Mr. Zahid Hussain Bhurgari, Farmer Member from Nara Canal AWB
- 13) Mr. Ylli Dedja, Team Leader, PMC/A WSIP

**SPECIAL INVITEES:**

- 14) Mr. Nazir Hussain Mughal, Director (C&WM) PCMU, WSIP
- 15) Mr. Liaqat Qureshi, Chief (Water & Drainage) P&D Department, GoSindh
- 16) Mr. Nazeer Ahmed Memon, General Manager, Transition SIDA
- 17) Mr. Naeem Ahmed Memon, General Manager, Finance, SIDA
- 18) Mr. Ghulam Hyder Qureshi, Procurement Specialist, PMC/A WSIP
- 19) Ms. Saba Ashfaq, Planning Officer (F. Aid) P&D Department, GoSindh
- 20) Mr. Muhammad Umar Karim, Technical Specialist, PCMU, WSIP