



Karachi, dated 28th March, 2016

To,

1. The Secretary to Government of Sindh,
Finance Department, Karachi

2. The Secretary to Government of Sindh,
Irrigation Department, Karachi

3. The Secretary to Government of Sindh,
Forest Department, Karachi

4. The Secretary to Government of Sindh,
Agriculture Department, Karachi

5. The Secretary to Government of Sindh,
Environment Department, Karachi

6. The Additional Secretary (Coordination)
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

13. Mr. Sohail Akbar Mirza
Farmer Representative, LBCAWB, Badin

14. Mr. Aakash Ansari,
Chairman SINGOF, Badin

Subject: Draft Minutes of Twenty Second (22nd) Meeting of Project Steering Committee (PSC) for Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project Phase-I (WSIP) held on Tuesday 02nd February, 2016 in 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*)

Dr. Fatch M. Marri
Project Coordinator &
Members/Secretary, PSC

Copy along with copy of minutes is forwarded to:

- ⇒ The Secretary Planning Commission, GoPakistan, Islamabad
- ⇒ The Chief (W&D) P&D Department, GoSindh, Karachi
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The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran. Thereafter, the Chair welcomed the participants of the meeting especially he welcomed and appreciated the presence of World Bank Team led by Mr. Abdul Hamid Azad, the Task Team Leader of the Project. The list of participants of the meeting is attached at **Annex-A**.

2. With the permission from the Chair, the Project Coordinator, WSIP who is Member/Secretary of the Committee informed that there are three agenda items to be discussed in this meeting and he briefed the forum on the project implementation progress achieved as of January, 2016. Thereafter, the meeting proceeded as per agenda.

Item # 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of Previous Twenty First Meeting of the Committee:

3. It was informed that the minutes of previous (21st) meeting of Project Steering Committee held on 9th September, 2015 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 the participants for any comments. *All participants agreed with the minutes of previous meeting hence, minutes of the twenty first meeting were confirmed.*

Item 2: Updated Implementation Status/Progress of activities carried out under Revised Project Period:

4. Giving the detailed updated implementation status/progress of Project, the Project Director, WSIP informed that the planned activities under the revised project have been started including award of civil work contracts, procurement of M&E consultancy services, activation of social mobilization process and trainings etc. He further informed that the World Bank Mission was in Pakistan/Sindh for a week from 26th January, 2016 and reviewed the implementation progress in detail and expressed satisfactory remarks on project progress.

5. The Team Leader, Project Implementation Consultants (PICs) presented the details of works involved under three civil works contract packages and apprised the forum about the procurement process carried out for these works. It was informed that after completion of due process and with the consent of the World Bank, two major civil work contracts for rehabilitation and improvement of Ghotki Feeder and Fulleli Canal have been awarded and signed by SIDA with selected contractors at the contract's value of Rs. 2,989 million and Rs. 2,893 million respectively. The contractors are in process of mobilization for execution of works.

6. It was further informed that the bids of prequalified bidders have been opened on 21st January, 2016 for award of remaining contract package for rehabilitation and improvement of Mithrao Canal. The bid has been reviewed by the consultants and submitted evaluation report with their recommendations of action. This report is under review of SIDA and will be sent to the World Bank by end of this week.

7. On a query from the Chair, it was responded that, the contractor for Ghotki Feeder has mobilized his team on ground; whereas other contractor for Fulleli Canal is in the process of mobilization. As per the contract agreement, both contracts will be completed within two years period. PD WSIP further informed that according to the revised Procurement Plan, about 28 remaining FOs managed distributaries/minors will also be rehabilitated and improved under the project. In this regard procurement process will start very soon. ***The Chair directed to undertake the process as per agreed time frame to avoid delay in execution of works on these distributaries/minors. The Chair further directed that, the project partners involved in implementation of civil works should play their role efficiently and effectively to complete these contracts in agreed time frame with high quality and approved quantity.***

8. The farmer members of Nara Canal AWB urged for rehabilitation and improvement of Mithrao Canal on priority basis as according to him, the canal is in worst condition and also pointed out some of critical works required to be carried out on urgent basis during the execution of NC3 contract package. In this regard he suggested for demolishing of two regulators of Daroro and Karnar Minors as soon as possible because poor condition of these regulators are creating hindrance in smooth supply of irrigation water in field.

9. Responding to this suggestion, the MD SIDA stated that he will consult with engineers of AWB, PICs and contractor for taking decision in this matter as suggested by the member and will apprise the position accordingly. On a query from the Chair, MD SIDA further informed that contract execution period is for two years and after completion of proposed rehabilitation works of NC3, the carrying capacity of Mithrao Canal will reach at its original design i.e. 4000 cusses.

10. The farmer member from Left Bank AWB expressed his views that Left Bank AWB was not fully consulted for finalization of works under contract package of LB-I (Fulleli Canal). Responding to the concerns of member, the MD SIDA informed that AWB was fully involved in all process starting from identification of works and its approval of contract package LB-1. He further informed that the representatives of AWB were always invited and they participated in all process of procurement including signing of contract etc. which is on record. However, SIDA is ready to provide all details of the contract to honorable member at any time convenient to him. ***In this regard it was decided that SIDA will arrange separate meeting on the convenient date and time with AWB to present the contract details LB-1 (Fulleli Canal) before the members of AWBs.***

11. The Project Director, WSIP informed that the implementation of component-A activities has been accelerated especially social mobilization activities to speed-up the institutional reform process. MD SIDA stated that in compliance to the decision of previous PSC meeting, a detailed plan has been prepared indicating line of action with time frame and methodology for implementation of irrigation reform related activities. SIDA shared the plan with all members/participants during the meeting. ***The Chair directed that, the plan should strictly be followed with timeline of actions and MD SIDA personally will ensure the compliance of the actions and share the report on regular/ monthly basis with all project partners and also apprise in next PSC meeting.***

12. The Project Coordinator, PCMU/WSIP informed the forum that, the M&E Consultants appointed under the first credit have completed their assignment. For hiring of M&E Consultants under the revised project period, the procurement process has been started with the consent of the World Bank. RFP has been issued to five shortlisted firms for submission of their technical and financial proposals by 8th February, 2016. The consultants are expected to be on board by May, 2016. On query from the Chair, it was informed that team of FAO working under project as procurement agent is dealing with the procurement process of M&ECs in a transparent manner as per World Bank's procurement guidelines. ***The Chair directed that time line should be followed.***

Item 3: Compliance Status of decisions taken in previous (21st) meeting of Committee held on 9th September, 2015

13. During the meeting, SIDA distributed paper showing the compliance status of decisions taken in last PSC meeting. It was informed that most of the actions required by SIDA have already been taken and also pursuing with AWBs for taking actions on the remaining decisions regarding signing of IDMTAs with remaining FOs and reduction of O&M budget for three AWBs which is under discussions and consideration of respective AWBs. Regarding activation of EMU by deployment of staff to play its role during execution of works, MD SIDA informed that EOI has been prepared for deployment of staff including staff for EMU and will be published in press after approval of Honorable Chairman SIDA. ***The forum directed that MD SIDA may personally pursue for obtaining approval of EOI and to ensure that decisions of PSC should strictly be followed and complied in all respects.***

14. The Farmer Member from Nara Canal AWB pointed out the action required on the decision of previous meeting regarding formation of sub-committee to discuss the appointment of Directors AWBs from market. The Project Coordinator, WISP clarified that the issue for deployment of Director AWBs from market was discussed in the meeting held on 9th Dec. 2015 under the Chairmanship of ACS (Dev.) attended by Secretary, Irrigation Department and Project Coordinator WSIP. In the meeting it was decided to refer the matter to SIDA Board (Regulatory Authority) which may decide as per law. However, if needed the meeting of sub-committee will be arranged as and when required.

15. Apprising the compliance status of decisions of previous meeting pertaining to Irrigation Department, the forum was informed that the presentation / meeting was arranged on 27th November, 2015 under the Chairmanship of Honourable Chief Minister Sindh attended by Irrigation Experts, consultants regarding Sukkur Barrage rehabilitation works proposed in the designed study. The Irrigation department in consultation of study consultants is in process of action as per decision of the meeting. The decision has been conveyed to World Bank Mission during their recent visit to the department. ***It was decided that Irrigation Department will take necessary steps on priority basis in light of the decision of presentation/meeting and understanding with the World Bank Mission for Sukkur Barrage Project.***

16. Moreover, It was further informed that prioritizing the schemes identified under Floods & Drainage Master Plan is under discussions and consideration of the sub-committee formed by the PSC. ***The Chair desired to expedite the matter to avoid the delay.***

Item No. 4: Additional Agenda Items:

17. With the permission from the Chair, MD SIDA submitted following two additional agenda items for discussions and consideration of the Committee:

i) Salary enhancement of WSIP Project Staff:

18. The proposal submitted by SIDA for enhancement of salaries of WSIP Project staff was discussed at length. It was informed that project staff salaries have not been increased for last many years and staff was being paid according to standard pay package fixed in Feb 2009 by Finance Department, Government of Sindh. It was highlighted that the Government had enhanced salaries regular employees from- 50% to 70% in last five years, therefore, enhancement of 50% in initial/basic salary was proposed. PC WSIP/PCMU proposed that the increase in salaries as a whole may be prepared and processed to Finance Department for their consent. On the query from Chair, SIDA informed that they had substantial saving in their salary budget under approved PC1 and no additional funds would be required on this account. All members also supported and agreed with the proposal in principle.

19. *Thereafter the Committee considered the proposal and decided that detailed proposal may be prepared by SIDA in consultation with PCMU and also the consent of Finance Department be obtained. It was also decided that NOL from World Bank will also be obtained before implementation.*

ii) Approval for Advertisement of vacant position of SIDA Staff:

20. The subject issue was discussed and agreed that policy decisions already taken should be followed. *MD SIDA personally will follow and pursue to obtain the approval of Senior Minister, Finance/Irrigation who is Chairman SIDA as Chief Minister Sindh has very kindly allowed for recruitment of staff for foreign funded development projects.*

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

**LIST OF THE PARTICIPANTS OF 22ND MEETING OF PSC WSIP
HELD ON 2ND FEBRARY, 2016**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- 1) Mr. Ajaz Ali Khan, **In Chair**
Additional Chief Secretary (Dev.), P&D Department, GoSindh
- 2) Dr. Fateh M. Marri, Project Coordinator, WSIP/PCMU P&D Department, GoSindh
- 3) Mr. Aslam Ansari, Additional Secretary (Tech), Irrigation Department, GoSindh
- 4) Mr. Babar Hussain Effendi, Managing Director, SIDA
- 5) Mr. Jamaluddin Mangan, Acting Project Director, WSIP, SIDA
- 6) Agha Zafarullah Durani Director General, AE&WM, Agriculture Department, GoSindh
- 7) Mr. M. Ashraf Sahto, Director, Sindh Coastal Development Authority
- 8) Mr. Dara Munir Qazi, ACW, (Tech) Sindh Wildlife Department, GoSindh
- 9) Mr. Nisar Ahmed Abro, Deputy Secretary (Dev-I) Finance Department, GoSindh
- 10) Mr. Zahid Hussain Bhurgari, Farmer Member from Nara Canal AWB
- 11) Mirza Sohail Akbar, Farmer Member from Left Bank Canals AWB
- 12) Dr. Ylli Dedja, Team Leader, FAO-PMC/A WSIP

SPECIAL INVITEES:

- 13) Mr. Abdul Hamid Azad, WSIP Task Team Leader, World Bank
- 14) Ms. Susanne M. Scheierling, Sr. Irrigation & Drainage Economist, World Bank
- 15) Mr. Nazir Hussain Mughal, Director (C&WM) PCMU, WSIP
- 16) Dr. Nisar A. Memon, Director M&E, PCMU, WSIP
- 17) Mr. Liaqat Qureshi, Chief (Water & Drainage) P&D Department, GoSindh
- 18) Mr. Nazeer Ahmed Memon, General Manager, Transition SIDA
- 19) Mr. Naeem Ahmed Memon, General Manager, Finance, SIDA
- 20) Mr. Jai Ram Motwani, General Manager, Operation, SIDA
- 21) Mr. Ishtiaque Ahmed, Assistant Chief (W&D) P&D Department, GoSindh
- 22) Mr. Javed Ahmed, Assistant Chief (F. Aid) P&D Department, GoSindh
- 23) Mr. Ghulam Hyder Qureshi, Procurement Specialist, PMC/A WSIP
- 24) Mr. John Prytherch, Team Leader, Project Implementation Consultants, WSIP
- 25) Mr. Mahe Mahendrarajah, Chief Resident Engineer, PICs, WSIP
- 26) Mr. Amanullah Qureshi, Project Coordinator, PICs, WSIP