

**Protocol No 25
of ICWC meeting of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tadjikistan Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan**

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R. Lyubar	SANIPLAST Director, Uzbekistan
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K. Batyrkanov	MAWR of Kyrgyzstan, Department Chief

A. Kostyuk, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Water Management of the Kyrgyz Republic was as a Chairman.

Agenda

1. Amplification of reservoir cascade on AmuDarya and SyrDarya rivers operation regime for non-growing period of 1999-2000.
2. Program of ICWC and its executive bodies (BWOs, SIC ICWC, Secretariat) financing for 2000 including operation needs, design and scientific works, etc.
3. About SCADA system on Dustlik canal operation experience.
4. About Agreement of Central Asia states on information exchange and database creation on transboundary water resources.
5. About the project "Provision on order of financing of BWOs, SIC ICWC and ICWC Secretariat.
6. About the project "Provision on metrological center".

Additional questions

1. Approval of the project "Provision of Training Center in water sector of Central Asia" and "Program of specialists training".
2. About WARMAP-2 Project results and WARMAP-3 directions.

ICWC members have decided:

On the first question

1. To accept BWOs' measures on realization of water intake limits and providing established regime of reservoirs' cascade operation for past period of non-growing period of 1999-2000.
2. To note that recommended at 24th ICWC meeting regime of Naryn-SyrDarya reservoirs' cascade operation (Protocol No 24 of October 24, 1999 in Kzylorda) is not being followed due to the lack of annual intergovernmental agreement on Naryn-SyrDarya cascade on 2000 that has led to increased from Toktogul reservoir.
3. To approve amplified regime of reservoirs' cascade operation and water intake limits for non-growing period of 1999-2000. Releases from Toktogul reservoir can be changed with respect to water-economic situation.
4. ICWC members and ICWC executive bodies to promote signing of intergovernmental agreements on water-power resources of Naryn-SyrDarya cascade.

On the second question

1. To approve cost estimates for 2000 on BWOs and SIC ICWC.
2. To approve SIC ICWC plan of scientific-research works on 2000-2002.
3. ICWC bodies' cost estimates on 2001 to submit to ICWC consideration up to September of current year.

On the third question

1. Accept information about BWO "SyrDarya" and SIC ICWC work completion on design, installation and putting in operation telemetric automatic SCADA system on Dustlik canal's headwork.

2. To express gratitude to CIDA for financial and technical assistance and UMA Engineering Ltd for design and installation of SCADA system.

3. BWO "SyrDarya" and BWO "AmuDarya" together with SIC ICWC to prepare proposals on further introduction of telemetric automatic systems on other interstate irrigation schemes of Central Asia. To apply to international organizations for joint financing of this activity.

On the fourth question

1. To adopt preparatory work for draft "Agreement between the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tadjikistan, Turkmenistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan on information exchange and national, basin and regional database on integrated transboundary water resources use and protection in the Aral Sea basin", finalized in accordance with decision of International Review Seminar (Almaty, December 21-22, 1999).

2. ICWC members to finalize draft agreement taking into account national procedures of coordination. To charge SIC ICWC to correct text of agreement jointly with national and regional experts and submit for consideration to next ICWC meeting.

On the fifth question

1. To take into account that BWO "AmuDarya", BWO "SyrDarya" and SIC ICWC have prepared the project "Provision about financing order of BWOs, SIC ICWC and ICWC Secretariat", which according to national procedures of coordination will be submitted in completed version on the next ICWC meeting.

On the sixth question

1. To approve provision "About ICWC coordination metrological center".

On the first additional question

1. To approve finalized project "provision of Training Center in water sector of Central Asia".

2. To adopt program of vocational training of water specialists prepared by SIC ICWC jointly with CIDA.

On the second additional question

1. To adopt positive results of work on WARMAP-2 Project gained in 1998-2000.
2. New WARMAP-3 Project should be directed to resolution of resources management problems taking into account the following major aspects:
 - a) legal base regulating integrated water resources use and protection;
 - b) creation of two pilot plots in each state providing integrated management of water resources according to hydrographic and other principles taking into account agriculture restructuring;
 - c) information base strengthening, in first turn, through remote monitoring and tools of decision making for water resources management, especially at the national level.

Agenda of next 26th ICWC meeting

1. Consideration and approval of water reservoir cascades regime, water intake limits within the AmuDarya and SyrDarya basins for growing period of 2000 (responsible - BWO "AmuDarya" and BWO "SyrDarya").
2. About the project "Provision about BWOs, SIC ICWC and Secretariat financing" (responsible - ICWC Members, SIC ICWC, BWOs).
3. About Agreement of Central Asian governments "About information exchange and database establishing on water resources of the transboundary rivers of the Aral Sea basin" and base of knowledge development within IPTRID network (responsible - SIC ICWC).
4. About agenda and place of next 27th ICWC meeting.

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