

MINUTES OF 42th MEETING OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR WATER COORDINATION (ICWC) REPRESENTED BY THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN, THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC, THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

28-29 April 2005

Almaty city

Participants:

ICWC members:

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From ICWC Executive Bodies:

Dukhovny Viktor Abramovich	Director of SIC ICWC, Professor, Honorary Member of ICWC
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Khamidov Makhmud Khamidovich	Head of BWO "Syrdarya"
Negmatov Gayrat Abdusattarovich	Chief of ICWC Secretariat
Makarov Oleg Stepanovich	Director of CMC ICWC, Director of PKTI "Vodoavtomatika i metrologiya"
Umarov Pulatkhon Djakhanovich	Director of ICWC Training Center

Invitees:

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Chairman:	Ryabtsev Anatoliy Dmitriyevich - Chairman of the Committee for Water Resources, Ministry of Agriculture, the Republic of Kazakhstan

AGENDA

1. Outcomes of the non-growing season 2004-2005 and adoption of water withdrawal limits from the Amudarya and Syrdarya for the next growing season 2005, approval of forecast operation modes of reservoir cascade (responsible - BWO “Amudarya” and BWO “Syrdarya”).
2. Sharing financing of SIC ICWC and BWO “Syrdarya” activities.
3. Development of hydrometric instruments to the benefit of ICWC (responsible SIC ICWC and CMC ICWC)
4. Preparation to 4 World Water Forum
5. CAREWIB project progress
6. Agenda and venue of the next 43rd ICWC meeting.

Having approved the agenda, heard the speeches made by the participants of the meeting, and exchanged views, the members of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination (ICWC) in Central Asia decided:

On the first item:

1. Take into consideration information of BWO “Amudarya” and BWO “Syrdarya” on implementing water withdrawal limits and ensuring the adopted operation mode of the reservoir cascade for the non-growing season 2004-2005.
2. Adopt the water withdrawal limits from the Amudarya and the Syrdarya for the growing season 2005 and approve the forecast operation schedule-mode of the reservoir cascade on the Amudarya river. Adopt the presented schedule-mode for the Syrdarya river. This schedule should be considered at the work group meeting of water and energy experts from riparian countries. BWO “Syrdarya” should submit to ICWC members the forecast on the basis of decisions made by the above work group in May 3-5, 2005 in Bishkek city.

3. Request ICWC members to promote signing of the interstate agreement on multipurpose use of water and energy resources in Naryn-Syrdarya reservoir cascade for the next growing season 2005.

On the second item:

1. Agree with proposals on sharing costs between the state-founders of SIC ICWC, taking into account the water withdrawal share of a state and the share of attracted grants. Item on financing of ICWC Training Center should be raised at the next ICWC meeting.

2. ICWC members should submit to national Ministries of Finance their proposals on shared financing of SIC ICWC in 2006 and in the future.

3. In order to provide financing before decision of the Government, SIC ICWC should discuss, on a routine basis, financing sources and document them in protocols with respective ICWC members for provision of financing in an amount of \$US120,4 thousand in 2005.

4. Submit for consideration of IFAS Board of Management Provisions on ICWC, according to which to move amendments to the Statute of SIC ICWC.

5. Take into consideration information of BWO "Syrdarya" about status of its activity financing.

6. Given the lack of funds allocated for operation and maintenance of the interstate structures, ICWC members – riparian states in Syrdarya basin should consider with respective governments a possibility to finance BWO "Syrdarya" on a shared basis as set in Agreement of 1992.

7. ICWC members should consider a possibility to allocate funds for capital repair and reconstruction of structures being under temporal management of BWO "Syrdarya".

On the third item:

Recognizing that actual need for hydrometric instruments which, particularly in light of introduction of water charges, increases and calls for organization of production of these instruments in the region:

1. Taking into account available production capacities and experience in development of measurement instrumentation in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan, it is advisable to develop them as the base to the benefit of basin countries.

2. CMC ICWC together with national metrological institutions should prepare comparative analysis for measurement instrumentation, costs of existing meters and industrial standards for price policy formation.

3. CMC ICWC together with national metrological institutions should prepare interstate program for provision with measurement instrumentation and water meters, with attraction of required capital investments for development of bases and acquisition of equipment by water users and submit it for consideration at the next ICWC meeting.

4. In order to reform the national metrological services and apply international standards, training of water measurement specialists should be organized on the base of CMC ICWC through Training centers.

On the fourth item:

1. SIC ICWC suggested plan of measures for preparation to the 4 World Water Forum should be approved and submitted to IFAS Executive Committee for joint work.

2. Agree with composition of regional work groups for development of proposals and reports under Forum's themes.

3. Charge SIC ICWC with collection of opinions for further processing and presentation in virtual forum.

On the fifth item:

1. Approve CAREWIB project activities and consider it expedient to continue activities with account of comments given.

2. Underline importance of the project in terms of raising trust and openness among water-management institutions and water users in the basin and of continuous updating information about all aspects of ICWC activities, as well as propagandizing ICWC.

3. Mark high degree of involvement from the side of BWO "Amudarya", BWO "Syrdarya", national Tajikistan coordinator and Uzgidromet in establishing the information system.

4. Request ICWC members and EC IFAS to remove obstacles in involvement of national Hidromets from other riparian countries and of the Regional hydrological center in CAREWIB activities.

5. Introduce "Agreement about information exchange in area of water sector between the countries in the Aral Sea basin" for approval by IFAS Board of Management.

On the sixth item:

1. The next 43rd ICWC meeting should be held in Tajikistan in September 2005.

2. Approve the following agenda for the next 43rd meeting:

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1. Status report on implementation of water limits and operation modes of reservoir cascades in the Amudarya and the Syrdarya basins in the growing season 2005 and adoption of water limits for the non-growing season 2005 (responsible - BWO "Amudarya" and BWO "Syrdarya").

2. Preparation to 4 World Water Forum

3. Report on implementation of the Decision of the Heads of State, 6 October 2002 regarding priorities № 1 and № 6.

4. Agenda and venue of the next 44th ICWC meeting.

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PROTOCOLAR DECISION OF THE 42nd ICWC MEETING

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Upon results of the round-table discussion on “Improvement of water management and regulation mechanism in the Amudarya and Syrdarya basins”, it was decided the following:

1. Approve the ADB’s initiative for support and further development of water-related cooperation in the Aral Sea basin through joint activities of national and regional institutions under the regional protocol ADB RETA 6163: «Improvement of shared water use in Central Asia».

2. Support main activity directions as discussed and agreed by ICWC members during round-table in Almaty in 28 April 2005.

3. Charge SIC ICWC together with BWO “Amudarya” and BWO “Syrdarya” with preparation of detailed work plan, by June 2005, regarding to project components, such as (I) arrangement of regional discussion on water policies in the Aral Sea basin, and (II) organization of training for representatives of the regional and national water institutions from all Central Asian countries. Completed plans should be submitted to ICWC members and ADB for approval.

4. ICWC members should prepare proposals on establishment of permanent work groups dealing with regional water policy and with improvement of interstate water management on inter-sectoral basis.

5. Make inventory of all activities implemented by the states and aimed at supporting joint water management in the Amudarya and the Syrdarya.

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