

MINUTES OF THE 43rd MEETING OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR WATER COORDINATION (ICWC) OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZ REPUBLIC, REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN AND REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

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Almaty

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AGENDA

1. Progress in implementation of the limits on water withdrawals and operation modes for reservoir cascades in the Amudarya and Syrdarya river basins in the vegetation period 2005, and confirmation of limits on water withdrawals for the non-vegetation period 2005/2006 (BWO “Amudarya” and BWO “Syrdarya” responsible).

2. Progress in implementation of the Decision of the Heads of Central Asian states made on 6 October 2002 in regard to priorities 1 and 6.

3. Venue and agenda of the 44th ICWC meeting.

Additional matter:

1. Confirmation of Provisional Rules for Use of Regional Information System on Water and Land Resources in the Aral Sea Basin (SIC ICWC responsible).

Having confirmed the agenda, listened to speeches of the participants in the meeting and exchanged opinions, members of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination in Central Asia (ICWC) decided:

On the 1st matter:

1) to take into account the measures taken by BWO “Amudarya” and BWO “Syrdarya” to implement the limits on water withdrawals and provide the adopted operation mode of reservoir cascades for the vegetation period 2005;

2) confirm limits on water withdrawals for the non-vegetation period 2005/2006 and approve the recommended predicted operation modes for the Amudarya and Naryn-Syrdarya reservoir cascades; send BWO “Syrdarya” a predicted operation mode for the Naryn-Syrdarya reservoir cascade to agree with energy specialists in Central Asian states, then submit it to the ICWC members;

3) note that in the vegetation period 2005, there were cases when water supply limits for some creeks were violated, water was supplied unstably, and big fluctuations in water in pools of some hydro power plants took place. This led to disorganization of water use. In order to avoid the mentioned drawbacks, it is necessary to establish a Working Commission, which would be entrusted to consider and analyze these violations of water supply limits and causes of non-observance. The Commission should make suggestions on avoiding the indicated drawbacks in future, and report on the results at the next ICWC meeting.

On the 2nd matter:

1) take into account information on the progress in implementation of the Decision made by the Heads of Central Asian states on 6 October 2002 in regard to priorities 1 and 6 of the ASBP-2 and discuss it at the national level;

2) ICWC to specify the membership of the national groups for considering draft Agreements under items 1, 2, 3, 5, and 7 of Priority 1 in the ASBP-2 by 20 November 2005, and hold a meeting within the first ten days of December 2005 in Tashkent city; submit information on the results of the discussion to ICWC meeting;

3) instruct the SIC ICWC together with BWO “Amudarya”, BWO “Syrdarya” and CMC ICWC to prepare detailed suggestions on strengthening material, technical and legal base for ICWC executive bodies, developing the regional management information system by the next ICWC meeting.

On the 3rd matter:

- 1) hold the ordinary 44th ICWC meeting in March-April 2005 in Turkmenistan;
- 2) confirm the agenda for the 44th ICWC meeting.

AGENDA:

1. Progress in implementation of water withdrawal limits in the non-vegetation period 2005/2006, and confirmation of water withdrawal limits for the vegetation period 2006 (BWO “Amudarya” and BWO “Syrdarya” responsible).

2. Development of the RETA Program “Improvement of shared water resources management in Central Asia” and a detailed work scope and plan.

3. “Comparative analysis of data on the status of measurement and control devices by August 2005 in Central Asian Republics, CIS and foreign countries” and “Suggestions to the CMC work program concerning metrological provision for water-related activities of metrological services in Central Asian Republics” (CMC ICWC responsible).

4. Consideration of “Regulation on ICWC” (SIC ICWC responsible)

5. Venue and agenda for the next 45th ICWC meeting.

On the additional matter:

1) confirm the submitted draft Provisional Rules for Use of Regional Information System on Water and Land Resources in the Aral Sea Basin developed by the SIC ICWC on the instruction given at the 42nd ICWC meeting (April 2005, Almaty);

2) Instruct the SIC ICWC to make copies of the Provisional Rules and distribute them to all the interested water authorities and organizations for practical application.

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