

**MINUTES OF THE 54TH MEETING OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION
FOR WATER COORDINATION (ICWC)
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN, THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC, THE
REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN AND
THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN**

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Shymkent city

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AGENDA

1. About results of vegetation period 2009 on the Amudarya and Syrdarya river basins (responsible: BWO “Amudarya” and BWO “Syrdarya”).
2. About limits on water withdrawals from the Amudarya and Syrdarya river basins for Central Asian states, the forecast operation modes of cascade reservoirs and water delivery process in non-vegetation period 2009-2010 (responsible: BWO “Amudarya” and BWO “Syrdarya”).
3. About improvement of ecological situation in the deltas of Amudarya and Syrdarya rivers (responsible: SIC ICWC).
4. About preparing new ADB project RETA-6486 “Improved management of water resources in Central Asia” (responsible: SIC ICWC).
5. About realization of ICWC executive bodies rotation.
6. Regarding agenda and venue of the next 55th ICWC meeting.

First item:

1. Take into account the results of fulfillment of water withdrawal limits and of operation modes of cascade reservoirs in the Amudarya and Syrdarya river basins for vegetation period 2009 as informed by BWO “Amudarya” and BWO “Syrdarya”;
2. Instruct executive bodies (of SIC ICWC and its branches) to analyze the data of BWO “Amudarya” and BWO “Syrdarya”, draw conclusions and present them at the next ICWC meeting;
3. Upon the request of BWO “Amudarya” and BWO “Syrdarya” ICWC members shall organize joint measurements at border gauging stations.

Second item:

1. Take into account the information provided by BWO “Amudarya” and BWO “Syrdarya” about water delivery process in non-vegetation period 2009-2010;
2. Note that Parties have not come to a common agreement concerning proposed forecast water withdrawal limits and operation modes of reservoirs for non-vegetation period 2009-2010 due to existing energy problems in the region.

Third item:

1. Take into account the information provided by SIC ICWC about improvement of ecological situation in the deltas of Amudarya and Syrdarya rivers.

Fourth item:

1. In connection with the presentation of proposals by Asian Development Bank on the development of the project RETA-6486 “Improved management of water resources in Central Asia” works, ICWC members shall review the materials submitted and prepare proposals on the work scope and personnel of the national working groups in accordance with ADB requirements.

Fifth item:

1. By February 1, 2010 ICWC Secretariat shall establish an Organizing Commission from among the representatives of the SIC ICWC and its branches for the relocation of SIC ICWC to the Republic of Tajikistan in accordance with the decision of the 53rd ICWC meetings.

2. The chairman of the Organizing Commission is the host country.

3. Instruct the Organizing Commission to prepare a proposal for taking all necessary measures for the timely relocation of SIC ICWC to the city of Dushanbe (Republic of Tajikistan) and submit the final report to ICWC members by April 1, 2010.

Sixth item:

1. Next 55th ICWC meeting will be held in Uzbekistan during the second decade of April 2010.

2. Approve the agenda of the next 55th ICWC meeting.

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1. Regarding fulfillment of water withdrawal limits during non-vegetation period 2009-2010 and approval of limits on water withdrawals from the Amudarya and Syrdarya rivers during forthcoming vegetation period 2010, and coordination of the forecast operation mode of the cascade reservoirs (responsible BWO “Amudarya” and BWO “Syrdarya”);

2. Consideration of proposals on the ADB project RETA 6486 “Improved management of water resources in Central Asia” (responsible SIC ICWC);
3. Regarding results of the Organizing Commission activity related to relocation of SIC ICWC to the Republic of Tajikistan;
4. Venue and agenda of the next 56th ICWC meeting.

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