

MINUTES OF THE 62nd MEETING OF THE INTERSTATE COORDINATION WATER COMMISSION (ICWC) OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN, THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC, THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN, AND THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

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Agenda of the 62nd ICWC meeting

1. Results of the growing season 2013 in the Amudarya and Syrdarya basins; water supply, operation regimes of reservoir cascades and water withdrawal limits during the non-growing season 2013-2014 in the Amudarya and Syrdarya basins (responsible: BWO Amudarya and BWO Syrdarya).

2. Viewing comments and proposals to the Draft Concept for developing information exchange and relationship mechanisms among its participants in Central Asia (responsible SIC ICWC).

3. Primary areas for improvement of ICWC activity and mechanisms to achieve them:

- Plan for achievement of the primary areas in improvement of ICWC activity;
- Strategy of capacity building in the water sector of CA countries (responsible SIC ICWC).

4. Next 63rd ICWC meeting.

Additional points

5. About appointment of the Director of BWO Syrdarya

6. About the ICWC Secretariat.

The first item:

1. Take into consideration the information of BWO Amudarya and BWO Syrdarya about the results of the growing season 2013.
2. Charge the BWO Syrdarya with entering proper adjustment in the certificate of the results of the growing season, the Kayrakkum reservoir operation.
3. Note that coordinated relationship of the parties ensured successful vegetative irrigations.
4. Approve proposals of BWO Amudarya and BWO Syrdarya on reservoir cascades operation regimes and water withdrawal limits during the non-growing season 2013-2014 for the Amudarya and Syrdarya basins.
5. Charge BWO Amudarya and Syrdarya with providing monthly information on water limits and withdrawal, the operation regime of the reservoir cascade during the growing and non-growing seasons, and including data on water withdrawal downstream of the Shardara reservoir in the certificate on the Syrdarya River basin.

The second item:

Charge the SIC ICWC to completing the following documents with representatives from the parties: Draft Concept for developing information exchange and relationship mechanisms among its participants in Central Asia and Agreement on Establishment and function of national, basin and regional data bases of integrated use and conservation of water resources in the Aral Sea basin, and also Temporal regulations for use of the regional information system on water and land resources in the Aral Sea basin, and submitting at the next ICWC meeting.

The third item:

1. Agree with the main lines of further development of regional water cooperation:
 - water saving;
 - implementation of integrated water resources management in the all regional countries as a tool of “green development” and climate change adaptation;
 - improved quality and accuracy of water resources accounting and implementation of automation facilities in water allocation;
 - capacity building of regional and national organizations through development of information systems and training.
2. Charge SIC ICWC with forming a working group to complete drafts as agreed upon with the ICWC members:

- Plan for achievement of the primary areas in improvement of ICWC activity (term adjustment, expected results, implementation mechanisms, financing).

- Strategies of capacity building in the water sector of CA countries (implementation mechanism, national center development, financing).

3. Charge SIC ICWC with submitting the draft proposal on capacity building in the water sector to submit to donor organizations to the ICWC members for endorsement.

The fourth item:

1. Hold the next 63rd ICWC meeting in the first ten-day period of April 2014 in the Republic of Uzbekistan.

2. Approve the agenda of the next 63rd ICWC meeting.

Agenda of the next 63rd ICWC meeting

1. About results of the non-growing season of 2013–2014 and approval of diversion limits, reservoir cascade mode operation at the next growing season of 2014 for the Amudarya nad Syrdarya basins.

2. Consider completed versions of Concept for developing information exchange and relationship mechanisms among its participants in Central Asia and Agreement on Establishment and function of national, basin and regional data bases of integrated use and conservation of water resources in the Aral Sea basin.

3. Consider completed versions of Plan for achievement of the primary areas in improvement of ICWC activity and Strategy of capacity building in the water sector of CA countries.

4. The agenda and venue of the next 64th ICWC meeting.

Additional issues:

The fifth item:

1. Comply with the request of resignation from the position of BWO Syrdarya for health reasons from Khamidov Makhmud Khamidovich.

2. Appoint Kholkhuzhaev Odil Akhmedovich to the position of acting as Director of BWO Syrdarya.

The sixth item:

1. Agree with the offer from the Tajik party regarding relocation of the ICWC Secretariat from Khudjand city to Dushanbe city of the Republic of Tajikistan.

2. Relieve Mukhiddinov Khayrullo Ergashevich of his position of the Head of the ICWC Secretariat due to a transfer to another appointment.

3. Assign Gafarov Bakhrom Abdulafizovich to the position of the Head of the ICWC Secretariat.

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