

**Minute No 26
of Interstate Coordination Water Commission's meeting**

April 29, 2000

Dushanbe

ICWC members:

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From ICWC organizations:

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Yuldash Khudaiberganov	BWO "AmuDarya" Head
Oleg Lysenko	BWO "AmuDarya" Water Management Department Head
Makhmud Khamidov	BWO "SyrDarya" Head
Abram Leshansky	BWO "SyrDarya" Water Management Department Head
Victor Dukhovny	SIC ICWC Director
Pulatkhon Umarov	SIC ICWC Deputy Director

Invitees:

Kozidavlat Koimdodov	Vice-Prime-Minister of the Republic of Tadjikistan
Rakhimdjan Ikramov	SANIIRI SPA Director General
Abdumanap Kutjanov	"Kyzylordavodkhoz" Head
Musayabsho nazriev	First Deputy Minister of Reclamation and Water Management of the Republic of Tadjikistan
Abdybay Jailoobayev	MAWR of Kyrgyz Republic, Water Department Head
Sultanmurad Latipov	Head of Batkent Basin Board, Water Department, MAWR of Kyrgyz Republic
Nabi Nosirov	"TadjikNIIGiM" Director General, SIC ICWC Tadjik Branch Director
Anvar Kamolitdinov	Head of Department for science, technique and water resources of the Republic of Tadjikistan

Chairman - A. Nazirov, Minister of Reclamation and Water Management of the Republic of Tadjikistan

AGENDA

1. About BWO "AmuDarya" Head approval.
2. 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").
3. About the project "Provision about BWOs, SIC ICWC and Secretariat financing" (responsible - ICWC Members, SIC ICWC, BWOs).
4. 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).
5. About next 27th ICWC meeting's agenda.

Additional questions

1. Information about ICWC delegation participation in the Second World Water Forum and Inter-Ministerial Conference, March 17-22, 2000, Hague, the Netherlands.
2. Information about the regional project "Integrated management of irrigated farming in Fergana valley" to be implemented on the territory of Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tadjikistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Having heard participants' presentations and exchanging opinion ICWC Members have decided:

On the first question

1. In connection with Mr. I. Kalandarov evection to the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan to dismiss him from his position. Under sides agreement Mr. Yu. Khudaiberganov is appointed as BWO "AmuDarya" Head.

On the second question

1. To approve BWO "AmuDarya" and BWO "SyrDarya" measures on intake limits realization and water reservoirs' cascade regime provision on non-growing period of 1999-2000.

2. To approve intake limits from AmuDarya and SyrDarya river taking into account average multi-year humidity, water reservoirs' cascade regime during growing period of 2000 and water release volume to the Aral Sea coastal zone and Aral Sea. Under shift from average multi-year humidity to give BWOs right to correct correspondingly water intake limits and cascades regime according to Agreement about water-energy resources utilization between Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Kazakhstan.

3. To agree that inflow to Chardara reservoir in May-June could be increased on 50 m³/s under coordination between Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Kazakhstan

increased release from Toktogul reservoir with simultaneous acceptance by Kazakh side additionally generated electric energy BWO "SyrDarya" shall provide transit of this water under assistance of other ICWC Members.

On the third question

1. To ask ICWC Members according to the previous decision to accelerate coordination of the project "Provision about order of financing of ICWC executive bodies" with correspondent ministries and agencies of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tadjikistan and Turkmenistan which did not submit their conclusions on the document.

2. SIC ICWC to finalize the project "Provisions..." taking into account comments and to submit it for approval to the next ICWC meeting.

On the fourth question

1. To accept SIC ICWC information, that according to IFAS meeting in Almaty in December 1999 comments from all countries have been received. To prepare final texts of Agreements No 1 and No 4 to the next IFAS Board meeting taking into account that the meeting of national coordinators will be held on May 12-13, 2000 in Nukus.

2. Taking into account emergency situation in the SyrDarya basin, to consider necessary to develop intergovernmental agreement on water resources management and use. To charge BWO "SyrDarya" and SIC ICWC to prepare Draft Agreement and submit it for ICWC Members consideration.

3. To approve SIC ICWC activity within IPTRID network. To broaden this activity inside the region ICWC Members to assist to the national SIC ICWC branches in development of information exchange at the level "State water management agency - provincial organizations".

On the fifth question

Next 27th ICWC meeting to be held in June-July 2000 in the Republic of Uzbekistan.

On the first additional question

1. To accept for consideration information about ICWC delegation participation in the Second World Water Forum and Inter-Ministerial Conference on March 17-22, 2000 in Hague, the Netherlands.

On the second additional question

1. To approve proposals on the joint regional project "Integrated management of irrigated farming in Fergana valley" to be implemented in Kyrgyz Republic, Tadjikistan and Uzbekistan and funded by Swiss Agency for International Development and Cooperation (SDC).

2. To note interest of Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan in the project broadening on their frontier systems. For that to define their representatives to be included in the Coordination Group of the project.

3. To commission SIC ICWC to prepare necessary documents and negotiate with SDC and IWMI to accelerate preparatory work.

Agenda of the next 27th ICWC meeting

1. Consideration of the growing period irrigations and refining of the water reservoirs' cascade regime on the SyrDarya and AmuDarya rivers (responsible - BWO "AmuDarya" and BWO "SyrDarya").

2. About the Program of ICWC activity development and strengthening (responsible - SIC ICWC).

3. About refining of the legal base of interstate relations in water resources regional use, taking into account discussions on the European Convention in Hague, the Netherlands (responsible - SIC ICWC).

4. ICWC Members information about ICWC decisions (1998, 1999, 2000) fulfillment (responsible - ICWC Members, SIC ICWC, BWO "AmuDarya", BWO "SyrDarya", ICWC Secretariat).

5. About the project "Provision on the order of financing of BWOs, SIC ICWC and ICWC Secretariat (responsible - SIC ICWC).

6. About preparation of interstate Agreement on management and use of water resources in SyrDarya river basin (responsible - BWO "SyrDarya", SIC ICWC).

7. About agenda and place of the next 28th ICWC meeting.

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For Kyrgyz Republic
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For Turkmenistan
For the Republic of Uzbekistan

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