

**MINUTES OF 45th 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**

13-14 October 2006

Bishkek city

Participants:

ICWC members:

Ryabtsev Anatoliy Dmitrievich	Chairman, the Committee for Water Resources under the Ministry of Agriculture, the Republic of Kazakhstan
Koshmatov Baratali Turanovich	Director General, the Department for Water Resources under the Ministry for Agriculture, Water Resources and Processing Industry, the Kyrgyz Republic
Zairov Anvar Mukhitdinovich	Deputy Minister for Land Reclamation and Water Resources, the Republic of Tajikistan
Mommadov Begench Amanovich	Deputy Minister for Water Resources, Turkmenistan
Khamraev Shavkat Rakhimovich	Deputy Minister, Chief of Central Water Administration, Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources (MAWR), the Republic of Uzbekistan

From ICWC Executive Bodies:

Dukhovny Viktor Abramovich	Director of SIC ICWC, Professor, Honorary Member of ICWC
Khudayberganov Yuldash Khudayberganovich	Head of BWO "Amudarya"
Khamidov Makhmud Khamidovich	Head of BWO "Syrdarya"
Negmatov Gayrat Abdusattarovich	Chief of ICWC Secretariat, Honorary Member of ICWC
Makarov Oleg Stepanovich	Director of CMC ICWC, Director of PKTI «Vodoavtomatika and metrologiya»

Invitees:

Kipshakbaev Nariman Kipshakbaevich	Director of SIC ICWC Kazakh Office, Professor, Honorary Member of ICWC
Kazykeev Ilyas Legaevich	Director of RGP «Tarazvodkhoz»
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Kuchkarov Sharif Zikrillaevich	Deputy Chief, Administration of Water Resources Balance, MAWR, the Republic of Uzbekistan
Chairman:	Koshmatov Baratali Turanovich – Director General of the Department for Water Resources, the Ministry for Agriculture, Water Resources and Processing Industry, the Kyrgyz Republic

AGENDA

- 1.1. The report on water withdrawal limits use for the non-growing season 2005-2006 and specification of operating modes of cascade of reservoirs and water withdrawal limits in the Amudarya and the Syrdarya basins in the growing season 2006 (responsible – BWO «Amudarya» and BWO «Syrdarya»).
- 1.2. Implementation of water withdrawal limits and operating modes of cascade of reservoirs in the Amudarya and the Syrdarya basins in the growing season 2006, approval of water withdrawal limits and approval of forecast operating modes of cascade of reservoirs for the non-growing season 2006-2007 (responsible – BWO «Amudarya» and BWO «Syrdarya»).
- 1.3. Water situation in the Syrdarya basin for the growing season 2006 (responsible - SIC ICWC)
2. Information on work progress of International Project «IWRM-Fergana», Phase III (responsible - SIC ICWC)
3. Principles and order of rotation of ICWC executive bodies (responsible – ICWC Secretariat)
4. Results of participation of ICWC representatives in the World Water Forum IV in Mexico (responsible – SIC ICWC)
5. Agenda and venue of the next 46th ICWC meeting

Additional questions:

1. Work progress on ADB Technical Assistance Project RETA «Improvement of shared water resources management in Central Asia» (responsible – SIC ICWC)

2. Progress in preparation of events devoted to 15th Anniversary of ICWC (responsible – SIC ICWC)

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 in Central Asia (ICWC) decided:

On the first item:

1. Take into consideration the information of BWO «Amudarya» and BWO «Syrdarya» on implementing water withdrawal limits and ensuring the adopted operating mode of cascade of reservoirs for the non-growing season 2005 - 2006.
2. Take into consideration the information of the Head of BWO «Syrdarya» Khamidov M.Kh. regarding vegetation irrigations 2006. Mark out the absence of quadrilateral Agreement on water and energy resources use in the Syrdarya river basin for 2006 due to non-initialing by the Uzbek part, the facts on non-implementation of provisions of bilateral agreements and protocols as a result of non-water supply to Kayrakkum reservoir as well as the facts on gross violations of agreed water allocation for canal «Dustlik» owing to intervention by local bodies, that brought to significant crop yield loss. Undertake required measures for avoiding such events in the future. An active assistance should be provided for ICWC members in resolving these issues.
3. BWO «Syrdarya», Khamidov M.Kh. should prepare draft Protocol on water and energy resources use in the Syrdarya river basin for the growing season 2007 as well as draft Protocol on water resources use of Kayrakkum reservoir. Undertake measures on providing terms of agreements and protocols in strict accordance with their established conditions.
4. Approve water withdrawal limits and forecast operating mode of cascade of reservoirs in the Amudarya and the Syrdarya basins for the growing season 2006.
5. Approve water withdrawal limits in the Amudarya and the Syrdarya basins for the non-growing season 2006-2007. Agree with forecast schedule of operating mode of cascade of reservoirs for 2006-2007.

On the second item:

1. Approve work progress on International Project «IWRM-Fergana», Phase III. Mark out that developed IWRM approaches, methods and tools as combination of organizational, managerial, technical, information measures as well as prepared tool box for water users allow improving water use effectiveness and irrigated land productivity.
2. Consider that it is required:
 - to disseminate widely IWRM approaches especially to projects financed by MFP;
 - using the experience of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, to apply for the initiative on acceptance of IWRM principles on a state scale to the Governments and Legislative Authorities of

Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, having integrated them into legislation of the countries;

- to strengthen a wide propaganda of IWRM principles in their countries as well as dissemination of experience, management and water pricing tools developed within the Project.

3. Using the experience of Kyrgyzstan, to disseminate the experience on organization of extension services in the states.

4. To apply to international donor organizations with request to support as well as to develop IWRM activities including the Project «IWRM in the Lowlands», paying a special attention to UCC - Water activity in the form of regional support for developing national IWRM plans.

On the third item:

1. Take into consideration the information of SIC ICWC Secretariat regarding performed work to prepare draft Rotation of ICWC bodies.

2. Mark out lack of proposals on Rotation of ICWC executive bodies for the Republic of Uzbekistan.

3. ICWC members should conduct additional activity regarding existing proposals on Rotation of ICWC executive bodies with their respective Governments.

4. ICWC Secretariat should carry out an intensive activity on approaching positions of the states regarding Rotation of ICWC executive bodies.

5. Consider Rotation of ICWC executive bodies during the next ICWC meeting.

On the fourth item:

1. Agree with the information on the results of participation of ICWC representatives in the World Water Forum IV in Mexico.

2. Note that participation of ICWC delegation in WWF IV showed ICWC unity and solidarity when resolving water problems in the region, which are corresponding to development tendencies and Millennium Development Goals.

3. Aim activity of water management organizations at:

- further development of IWRM at all water hierarchy levels;

- strengthening cooperation on transboundary water resources management and developing its main provisions;

- technical and institutional capacity building.

On the fifth item:

1. Hold the next 46th ICWC meeting in Turkmenistan in the first quarter 2007.
2. Approve the agenda of the next 46th ICWC meeting.

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1. Implementation of water withdrawal limits for the non-growing season 2006-2007 and approval of specified operating modes of cascade of reservoirs in the Amudarya and the Syrdarya basins (responsible – BWO «Amudarya» and BWO «Syrdarya»).
2. Water allocation in small transboundary rivers (responsible – SIC ICWC)
3. Continuation of the Project ABD RETA (6163) (responsible – SIC ICWC)
4. Rotation of ICWC executive bodies.
5. Progress on preparation of Central Asian International Scientific-Practical Conference devoted to 15th Anniversary of ICWC, the Republic of Kazakhstan, Almaty city, April 2007 (responsible – SIC ICWC)
6. The information on progress in signing quadripartite protocol on water and energy resources use in the Syrdarya basin for 2007 and the first quarter 2008 (responsible – BWO «Syrdarya»)
7. Venue and agenda of the next 47th ICWC Meeting.

On the first additional item:

A special protocolar decision of ICWC was adopted.

On the second additional item:

1. Approve the program of events devoted to the 15th ICWC Anniversary.
2. Define the venue of events in Almaty city, date – the third decade of April 2007.
3. Approve the list of organizations and number of persons taking part in anniversary events.
4. ICWC members in collaboration with SIC ICWC should conduct the activity with donor organizations in order to provide sponsor assistance in preparing and holding anniversary events.
5. Request ICWC member for the Republic of Kazakhstan, Ryabtsev A.D., to supervise over Organizational Committee activity.

6. The working group of Organizational Committee should start to prepare planned events and inform ICWC members on progress in preparing the events.

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