

**MINUTES OF THE 58TH 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**

February 17, 2012

Almaty

Chairman: Abishev Islam Almakhanovich –
Chairman of the Committee for Water Resources,
Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Kazakhstan

Attended:

ICWC members:

Uzakbaev Makeshovich	Chyngysbek	Acting Chairman of the State Committee for Water Management and Land Reclamation, Kyrgyz Republic
Bobokalonov Rakhmatjon Bobokalonovich		Minister of Land Reclamation and Water Resources, Republic of Tajikistan
Mukhammedov Akhmet Khamraev Shavkat Rakhimovich		Deputy Minister of Water Resources, Turkmenistan Deputy Minister, Head of Central Water Administration at the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, Republic of Uzbekistan

ICWC Executive agencies:

Dukhovny Abramovich	Victor	Director of SIC ICWC, Professor, Honorable ICWC member
Kdyrniyazov Tadjiniyazovich	Burkitbay	Head of BWO “Amudarya”
Khamidov Makhmud Khamidovich		Head of BWO “Syrdarya”
Mukhitdinov Ergashevich	Khayrullo	Head of ICWC Secretariat

Invited:

Nurmahanbetov Demesin Sheralievich		Vice-Chirman of the IFAS Executive Committee
Kipshakbaev		Director of Kazakh branch of SIC ICWC, Honorable

Nariman Kipshakbaevich	ICWC member
Rakhmatullaev Rakhmonkul	Expert of the Ministry of Land Reclamation and Water Resources, Republic of Tajikistan
Zhienbaev	Chief expert of the Committee for Water Resources, Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Kazakhstan
Musilim Rysmakhanovich	Chief expert of the Committee for Water Resources, Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Kazakhstan
Imasheva	Chief expert of the Committee for Water Resources, Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Kazakhstan
Gulmira Sagimbaevna	Chief expert of the Committee for Water Resources, Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Kazakhstan
Karlykhanov Adilkhan	Head of the Aral-Syrdarya Basin Inspectorate on Regulation of Water Resources Use and Protection, Republic of Kazakhstan
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Beglov Iskander	Key specialist of SIC ICWC

Agenda

1. Regarding results of vegetation period 2011 for the Amudarya and Syrdarya river basins.
2. Regarding water delivery, operation regimes of reservoir cascades, and withdrawal limits for non-vegetation period 2011-2012 in the Amudarya and Syrdarya river basins.
3. Regarding organization of the Central Asian International Research and Practical Conference "Twenty Years of Cooperation in the Field of Joint Management of Transboundary Water Resources in Central Asia: Methodical Approaches, Outcomes, Outlook".
4. Regarding the "Concept of development of information exchange and communication mechanisms between Central Asian actor".
5. Regarding agenda and venue of the next 59th ICWC meeting.

Having approved the agenda and having heard participants of the meeting, and having exchanged opinions, the members of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination of Central Asia have decided the followings:

First item:

1. Take into consideration information on the results of the vegetation period of 2011 provided by BWO "Amudarya" and BWO "Syrdarya" with comments and suggestions.
2. BWO "Amudarya" and BWO "Syrdarya" should provide data on releases from reservoirs and on compliance with interstate water sharing limits by state by 10th day of each month.

Second item:

1. Take into consideration information on the results of non-vegetation period of 2011 provided by BWO "Amudarya" and BWO "Syrdarya" with comments and suggestions.

2. Each party should prepare suggestions on reducing inflow to the Shardara reservoir and take measures to prevent emergency in Shardara, Arnasay and Kairakkum reservoirs.

3. BWO "Syrdarya" should prepare suggestions on operation mode of Shardara reservoir and water distribution upstream the Shardara reservoir up to 22 February.

4. Because of existing water-related situation in the Syrdarya river basin, water as a result of reducing inflow to the Shardara reservoir should be considered as a transit water and not to be considered as a water withdrawal.

5. Taking into consideration the expected high water level and mudflows along the rivers of the Aral Sea Basin, ICWC's members should take all necessary measures for technical, material and financial support provided to each other in order to mitigate flood-related disasters.

Third item:

1. Hold the Central Asian International Research and Practical Conference "Twenty Years of Cooperation in the Field of Joint Management of Transboundary Water Resources in Central Asia: Methodical Approaches, Outcomes, Outlook" in September, 2012 in Almaty.

2. Approve the draft agenda of the Central Asian Central Asian International Research and Practical Conference "Twenty Years of Cooperation in the Field of Joint Management of Transboundary Water Resources in Central Asia: Methodical Approaches, Outcomes, Outlook" presented to ICWC's members.

3. Set up the Organizing Committee consisting of the following members:

Abishev I. A. – Chairman of the Committee for Water Resources, Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Kazakhstan

Uzakbaev Ch.M. – Acting Chairman of the State Committee for Water Management and Land Reclamation, Kyrgyz Republic

Bobokalonov R. – Minister of Land Reclamation and Water Resources, Republic of Tajikistan

Yazmyradov A.O. – Minister of Water Resources, Turkmenistan

Khamraev Sh.R. – Deputy Minister, Head of Central Water Administration at

the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, Republic of Uzbekistan

Ibatullin S.R. – Chairman of EC IFAS

Mukhitdinov Kh.E. – Head of ICWC Secretariat

Dukhovny V.A. – Director of SIC ICWC

Kipshakbaev N.K. – Director of Kazakh branch of SIC ICWC

Sokolov V.I. – Regional coordinator of GWP CACENA.

4. The Organizing Committee members should provide proposals regarding the conference program and themes at the next ICWC meeting.

5. Entrust to SIC ICWC to collect reports and speeches and to publish the "Anniversary Edition".

Fourth item:

1. Recognizing the significance of the "Concept for development of information exchange and communication mechanisms between Central Asian actors" that was submitted to ICWC members for consideration, the parties should submit comments and suggestions to SIC ICWC until 15 March 2012. They should be reviewed at the next ICWC meeting.

Fifth item:

1. Conduct the next 59th ICWC meeting during the third ten-day period of May, 2012, in Ashgabad city.

2. Approve the agenda of the next 59th ICWC meeting.

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1. Regarding results of non-vegetation period 2011-2012, approved measures for flood water control, withdrawal limits, and operation regimes along the Amudarya and Syrdarya rivers for vegetation period 2012;

2. Regarding work progress on the regional project "Integrated Water Resources Management in the Fergana Valley" (IWRM-Fergana) (responsible: SIC ICWC, Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan, State Committee for Water Management and Land Reclamation of the Kyrgyz Republic, Ministry for Water Resources and Land Reclamation of the Republic of Tajikistan).

3. Regarding work progress on the regional project "Ferghana Valley Canal Automation" (responsible: SIC ICWC and BWO "Syrdarya").

4. The organizing committee's information on progress in preparing the

Anniversary Central Asian International Research and Practical Conference "Twenty Years of Cooperation in the Field of Joint Management of Transboundary Water Resources in Central Asia: Methodical Approaches, Outcomes, Outlook";

5. Consideration of updated version of the "Concept of development of information exchange and communication mechanisms between Central Asia actors";

6. Regarding agenda and venue of the next 60th ICWC meeting

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