

**MINUTES OF THE 73<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE INTERSTATE  
COMMISSION FOR WATER COORDINATION (ICWC) OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZ REPUBLIC,  
REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN AND  
REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN**

May 3, 2018

Kyzylorda, Republic of Kazakhstan

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**Invited:**

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Baydjanov Guyzgeldy. Nazargeldyyevich	Chairman, Executive Committee of IFAS
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Bekniyaz Bolat Kabykenovich	Director, Executive Board of IFAS, Republic of Kazakhstan
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Khasanzoda Khomid Usmonovich	Deputy Director, Agency of Land Reclamation and Irrigation at the Government of the Republic
Ubaydullozoda Golib Khochon	Deputy Chairman, Barki Tochik OJSC, Republic of Tajikistan
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### **Agenda of the 73<sup>rd</sup> ICWC meeting**

1. Results of the non-growing season 2017-2018 in the Syrdarya and Amudarya River basins.
2. Consideration and adoption of water withdrawal limits and operation regimes of the reservoir cascade in the Syrdarya and Amudarya River basins for the growing season 2018.
3. Draft Agreement between the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and the Republic of Uzbekistan on the Information and Analytical Support of Water Management, Use, and Protection in the Aral Sea Basin and the Arrangement of Interstate Exchange of Information.
4. Progress on the “Implementation Plan on strengthening ICWC activities in key directions”.
5. Agenda and venue of the next 74<sup>th</sup> regular ICWC meeting

**Decision on the first item:**

1. Take into account information provided by BWO Amudarya and BWO Syrdarya on the results of the non-growing season 2017-2018 in the Amudarya and Syrdarya River basins.

**Decisions on the second item:**

1. Take into account information of BWO Amudarya on the forecast of water content in the Amudarya River for the growing season 2018 - 80-85% of the average annual data.

2. Taking into account the above mentioned information, water limits for 90% of water availability should be adopted for April-May.

3. By June 1, BWO Amudarya should make forecast of water content in the Amudarya River for the growing season 2018 more accurate and negotiate the approval of water withdrawal limits and operation regimes of the reservoirs on a routine basis.

4. Take into account information of BWO Syrdarya on the forecast water withdrawal limits of the countries and forecast operation regime of the reservoir cascade in the Syrdarya River basin for the growing season 2018.

5. BWO Syrdarya in cooperation with the Kazakh and Uzbek sides proposed the option with the forecast operation regime of the Naryn-Syrdarya reservoir cascade for the growing season 2018 (Annex 1).

6. The Tajik side noted that operation regime of the Bakhri Tochik reservoir depended on inflow at the Akdjar GS and water releases from the Toktogul reservoir. In this context, the Tajik side would present its notes and comments to the proposed forecast operation schedule of the Naryn-Syrdarya reservoir cascade after the Uzbek and Kazakh sides inform on their work on electricity receipt from the Kyrgyz Republic to ensure inflow to the Bakhri Tochik reservoir.

7. The parties have agreed to improve, through consultations, operation regime of the Bakhri Tochik reservoir for the growing season 2018 on a routine basis.

8. Entrust BWO Syrdarya to negotiate the approval of operation regime of the Bakhri Tochik reservoir for the growing season 2018 till the end of May 2018.

**Decisions on the third item:**

1. Take into account information of SIC ICWC on the draft Agreement between the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and the Republic of Uzbekistan on the Information and Analytical Support of Water Management, Use, and Protection in the Aral Sea Basin and the Arrangement of Interstate Exchange of Information.

2. ICWC members should take measures to fulfill the third position of Item 2 of the 63<sup>rd</sup> ICWC meeting's decision (April 18-19, 2014, Tashkent).

**Decisions on the fourth item:**

1. Take into account information of SIC ICWC on the "Implementation Plan on strengthening ICWC activities in key directions" in the Republic of Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, and Republic of Uzbekistan.

2. Propose EC IFAS to include an item to support the "Implementation Plan on strengthening ICWC activities in key directions" into the agenda of EC IFAS meeting with partners and entrust SIC ICWC Director to prepare a report.

3. Take into account that SIC ICW identified the list of activities from the Plan for 2018-2019 that would be fulfilled by the Center at its own expenses.

4. Ask the ICWC members, as well as BWO Amudarya and BWO Syrdarya to identify activities from the remaining list of activities for 2018-2019 that can be fulfilled by their subordinate agencies.

**Decisions on the fifth item:**

1. Organize the 74<sup>th</sup> regular ICWC meeting in Turkmenistan. The date of the meeting should be approved in due course.

2. Propose the following agenda of the 74<sup>th</sup> regular ICWC meeting:

1) Implementation of water limits and operation regimes of the reservoir cascade for the growing season 2018 in the Syrdarya and Amudarya River basins.

2) Draft Agreement between the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and the Republic of Uzbekistan on the Information and Analytical Support of Water Management, Use, and Protection in the

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Aral Sea Basin and the Arrangement of Interstate Exchange of Information.

3) Supplementary items;

4) Agenda and venue of the next 75<sup>th</sup> regular ICWC meeting.

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