
MINUTES OF THE 72nd MEETING OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR WATER COORDINATION (ICWC) OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZ REPUBLIC, REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN AND REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

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Chairman:

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ICWC members:

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Babadjanova Malika Pulatovna Head, ICWC Secretariat

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Invited:

Baydjanov Guyzgeldy. Nazargeldyyevich	Chairman, Executive Committee of IFAS
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Zhienbaev Musilim Rysmakhanovich	Head, Transboundary Rivers Division of Water and Resources Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Kazakhstan
Imasheva Gulmira Saginbayevna	Head, Administration on Regulation of Use of Water Resources of the Committee for Water Resources, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Karlykhanov Adilkhan Karlykhanovich	Head, Aralo-Syrdarya Basin Inspection for Water Use Regulation and Protection
Khasanzoda Khomid	Deputy Director, Agency of Land Reclamation and Irrigation at the Government of the Republic
Kholmatov Daler Abdukhalokovich	Head, Administration on Energy and Water Policy, Ministry of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan
Pashyyev Yanov Durdyevich	Head, Water Use Administration, Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, Turkmenistan
Kuchkarov Sharifjon Zikrillayevich	Head, Water Balance and Advanced Water Saving Technologies Division, MAWR of the Republic of Uzbekistan
Beglov Iskander Ferdinandovich	Head, Information Division of SIC ICWC
Uktamov Avazjon Rakhimberdievich	Head, Water Use Department, BWO Syrdarya

Agenda of the 72nd ICWC Meeting

1. Results of the use of water withdrawal limits and operation regimes of reservoir cascade in the Syrdarya and Amudarya River basins over the growing season 2017 and forecasts for the non-growing season 2017-2018.
2. Progress on the “Implementation Plan on strengthening ICWC activities in key directions”.
3. Agenda and venue of the next 73rd ICWC meeting.
4. Supplementary items

Decisions on the first item:

1. Take into account the reports presented by BWO Amudarya and BWO Syrdarya on the results of the use of water withdrawal limits and operation regimes of the reservoir cascade in the Amudarya and Syrdarya River basins over the growing season 2017, including the fact that water was discharged into the Arnasay depression (Syrdarya basin) at the expense of the Uzbekistan’s limit in the amount of 500 mcm, as well as emergency water releases because of high water availability in this period.
2. Approve water withdrawal limits by country and forecast operation regimes of the reservoir cascade in the Amudarya and Syrdarya River basins over the non-growing season 2017-2018 (Annexes 1 and 2).

Decisions on the second item:

1. Take into account information of SIC ICWC about the progress on the “Implementation Plan on strengthening ICWC activities in key directions”.
2. Note that based on decisions of ICWC, four Working Groups were organized on water conservation, IWRM, water accounting, and water sector professional development with the participation of Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, BWO Amudarya, and BWO Syrdarya.
3. Agree on the need to enhance the work of these groups and focus on water conservation and water accounting, as well as staff professional development. It is desirable to establish a network of demonstration sites, 50 ha each, in all representative areas of the Aral Sea basin countries.
4. Apply to the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, GIZ, and other donors with the request to develop a unique donor program to support the strengthening of ICWC activities.

Decisions on the third item:

1. Hold the 73rd meeting of ICWC in Kyzylorda, Republic of Kazakhstan. The date of the meeting should be approved in a working order.
2. Propose the following agenda of the 73rd meeting of ICWC:
 - 1) Use of water withdrawal limits and operation regimes of the reservoir cascade in the Amudarya and Syrdarya River basins over the non-growing season 2017-2018 and forecasts for 2018.
 - 2) Supplementary issues.
 - 3) Agenda and venue of the next 74th ICWC meeting.

Decisions on the supplementary issue

1. Award the title “Honorary member of ICWC” to:
 - 1) Kokhir Rasulzoda, Prime-Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan;
 - 2) Islam Abishev, Chairman of the Committee for Water Resources, Republic of Kazakhstan;
 - 3) Shavkat Khamraev, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Water Resources, Republic of Uzbekistan;
 - 4) Khomid Khasanzoda, Deputy Director of the Agency for Land Reclamation and Irrigation at the Government of Tajikistan,
 - 5) Begench Mommadov, Head of Water Use Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, Turkmenistan
 - 6) Ismat Eshmirzoev, former Minister of Land Reclamation and Water Resources, Republic of Tajikistan
2. Award the breastplates “Veteran of ICWC” and “For active work” to distinguished members of water-management organizations in the Central Asian countries (Annex 3)

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