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Irrigation System can only be improved with the participation of farmers: World Bank

World Bank Mission inspected ongoing work under the Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project on 21st & 22nd January 2011 at Choondko & Kunri and got detailed briefing about the progress of the



project from the officials.

The Mission comprised on Mr. Masuod Ahmed, Team Task Leader World Bank, Mr. Ylli Deja, Team Leader of the Project Management and Coordination Agent, Mr. Nazir Mughal, Director Coordination,

Mr. Nazeer Essani, General Manager Transition and others are also present.

The mission visited Choondko and different parts of Nara Canal and took briefing about the rehabilitation of the canal.

Later, the members of the mission also visited Khipro canal where they were briefed by the Mr. Mansoor Memon, Divisional Executive Engineer, who said that as government had not released funds for desilting water channels and the growers had collected Rs 5 million and accomplished the task on self-help basis.

Later, members of the mission inspected Kurna minor canal at Umerkot where work had been done under a community-based contract.

The World Bank mission also met with

the office-bearers of farmers` organizations.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Masuod



Ahmed lauded the farmers of Khipro canal for desilting the canal on self-help basis. He said irrigation system can only be improved with the participation of farmers.

He said water shortages in Pakistan would become acute in future and added that to combat this situation the farmers would have to get rid off flood irrigation and adopt modern drip irrigation system to save water.



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He said after the rehabilitation of Nara canal under the Water Sector Improvement Project, the water carrying capacity of the canal would increase from 12,000 cusecs to 18,000 cusecs and the tail-end growers would also get water.

SIDA disconnected two illegal connections of SITE

A team of the Sindh Irrigation and Drainage Authority (SIDA) raided RD37 of Akram Wah canal on 8th February 2011 and severed two illegal water connections of the Sindh Industrial Trading Estate (SITE) Hyderabad.

Mr. Aftab Memon, Manager Revenue said that the SITE had installed two illegal water connections to steal water. He said that the approved quantity of water for Site was only one cusec for which a 15 horsepower machine had

been installed. However, the Site had installed two additional machines of 200 horsepower and was drawing six cusec of water.

On this occasion Mr. Nazir Essani, General Manager Transition warned the SITE management that if these two connections were reinstalled, legal action would be taken against them.

Further he said that the SITE had failed to pay an amount of Rs22.4 million outstanding against its approved connection and asked the management to pay the dues otherwise the approved connection would be disconnected.

The Left Bank Canals Area Water Board has decided to issue notices to encroachers on Akram Wah & Phulelli Canal

The Left Bank Canals Area Water Board has decided to issue notices to encroachers on Akram Wah, Phulelli Canal, Indus River and channels falling within its jurisdiction to voluntarily vacate illegal occupation.

The decision to this effect was taken at the 52nd meeting of the board held on 2nd March 2011 under the chairmanship of Khalil Bhurgari and was



attended by Mr. Mohammad Khan Nizamani, Director Area Water Board, Mr. Nazir Essani, General Manager (Transition), Executive Engineer Phulelli division Mr.



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Mujeeb Abbasi and Manager Revenue SIDA Mr. Aftab Memon, besides other members.

The process will be carried out systematically first by issuing notices to remove encroachments voluntarily and then legal action will be taken against elements refusing to move out.

Manager Revenue SIDA submitted a report regarding dues recovery position and informed the meeting that some fish farm owners in Badin were not paying water dues upon which Director ordered issuing them with notices and taking legal action against those who refuse.

A resolution was adopted demanding the concerned authorities to take Board members into confidence before appointing or transferring any officer or launching a development scheme.

Mr. Nazir Essani called for strictly implementing the increased water charges of industrial consumers. A two-member team was entrusted to persuade them to clear their outstanding dues.

Meeting of Review Panel of Experts on “Regional Plan for the Left Bank of Indus River, Delta & Coastal Zone”

Release of water downstream Kotri, plantation of trees along coastal belt, inclusion of previous reports on



national drainage programme, cyclone warning system and insertion of locals`

viewpoint while deciding about the drainage were few proposals set forth by experts for warding off natural disasters.

In addition some other points were also discussed by water and environmental experts during a conference held on 3rd March 2011 at SIDA secretariat Hyderabad to discuss the report on water sector improvement project of the Sindh Irrigation and Drainage Authority on Thursday, under the chairmanship of geologist and chancellor of Isra University Dr Asadullah Kazi.

Experts believed that it was necessary to release water downstream Kotri and plant trees for the protection of coastal belt and deltaic areas from natural disasters, besides setting up a cyclone warning system.

Mr. Mohammad Ehsan Laghari, Managing



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Director, SIDA emphasized on taking on board local people while taking decisions on the drainage system and floods. These people, he said, were ignored in the past.

Dr Asadullah Kazi asked inclusion of previous reports on national drainage programme in future plans.

Water expert Mr. Naseer Memon appreciated



SIDA's plan on draining out water on the left bank of river Indus while criticising the LBOD for its failure.

He was aghast over the inaptness of the

authorities to installing cyclone warning system even though 14 cyclones had hit the area in the last 20 years.

Speakers included Mr. A.W.Channa, Dr Rasool Bux Mahar and journalist Ghulam Nabi Mughul.

The conference was attended among others by Mr. Zahid Junejo Director Water Sector Improvement Project (WSIP-1), Mr. Ylli Dedja, Team Leader of Project Management and Coordination Agent, Mr. Nazeer Mughul, Director Project Coordination and Monitoring Unit, Mr. Marshall L.Silver, flood Management Specialist of Foreign consultant company, and others.

BIDs were opened for 11 distributaries & Nara Canals rehabilitation works

Under Sindh Water Sector Improvement

Project WSIP-1 bid conferences were held on 25th January, 7th, 14th & 15th March 2011 at SIDA secretariat Hyderabad. In which the tenders of rehabilitation works of 11 distributaries of Nara Canal, Left Bank & Ghotki Feeder Canal Area Water Boards & main Nara Canal were opened before the contractors. Mr. Ylli Deja Team leader of Project Management and Coordination Agent, Mr. Nazir Mughal, Director,



Project Coordination and Monitoring Unit, Mr. Muhammad Ehsan Leghari, Managing Director of SIDA, Mr. Khadim Hussain



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Memon, Deputy Team Leader of Project Implementation

Consultants, and the members of FOs, AWBs, Civil Society, Journalists and contractors attended the BID Conferences.

Mr. Muhammad Ehsan Laghari, M.D SIDA has formally opened the Tenders in the presence of all contractors along with the members of the Civil Society, Journalists; representatives the FOs were invited to make this bidding process fair and transparent.

Mr. Zahid Junejo appointed as Project Director WSIP-1

According to a notification, Sindh government has appointed Mr. Zahid Junejo as Project Director of Water Sector Improvement Project. After notification, Mr. Zahid Junejo has taken the charge on 21st

February 2011 and started working on the seat.

NCAWB shows his concern on Transfer & Posting of officers

Nara Canal Area Water Board demanded the concerned authorities to take Board members in to confidence before appointing or transferring any officer. Nara Canal Area Water Board meeting was held on 9th March 2011 at Area Water Board office Mirpurkhas. Presided over by Mir Tariq Hussain Talpur, Chairman Board, attended by Mr. Nazir Essani General Manager Transition, Mr. Piyar Ali Gaddiwahann, Director Board, members Qazi Abdul Majeed, Ghulam Hussain Soomro and executive engineers. In the meeting, Board members advised and urged the Executive Engineers and SDOs on the spot to fasten the

process of recovery of water dues.

During Meeting decision was made that project directors of new and running schemes should brief about the progress in next board meeting. On the occasion the sugar mills' delegation informed board about their objections about increased the rates of water for commercial customers from 1 rupee per thousand gallons to 10 rupees per thousand gallons, on which Mr. Nazir Essani assured them to resolve the issue after consultation with other boards.



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GFCAWB decided to consult higher authorities for recovery of 5.2 million rupees dues of water from Pano Aqil Cant

Ghotki Feeder Canal Area Water Board passed resolution demanding to start rehabilitation works of all regulator and bridges and digging of all canals. The Ghotki Feeder Canal Area



Water Board meeting was held on 19th march 2011 at Area Water Board office Ghotki. presided over by Mr. Abdul Rab Pitafi, Chairman Board, attended by Mr. Ghulam Qadir Junejo, Director Board, Mr. Nazir Essani,

General Manager Transition, Prof: Ghulam Hussain Wagan, Prof: M. Nawaz Chand, Mian Sharif Qureshi, Mr. Aftab Ahmed Memon, Revenue Manager SIDA, Mr. Sher Mhuhammad Mahar and others.

Board decided to consult higher authorities for recovery 5.2 million rupees dues of water to Pano Aqil Cant, where as decision of fixing new water rates for customers will be done after report of sub committee.

Executive Engineer Ghulam Mustafa Kalwar told that digging of canals and minors should be done other wise water will not reach to the lower ends and repair of bridges and regulator should be done on immediately other wise difficulties will be faced during Abkalani. Board instructed Manager Revenue to

call FO assembly within two weeks.

In the meeting Mr. Nazir



Essani said that a survey is being done for rehabilitation works of Ghotki feeder Canal under WSIP-1, where as survey of 22 minors of Ghotki Feeder Canal has been completed and tenders for 6 minors have also been auctioned and others will also be done soon. Before that sub committee of the board in the leadership of Prof: Raza Bhatti, checked the samples of FFC plant's water left in Masoo Wah and professor said that after laboratory reports it will come into our



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knowledge whether this water could be left in Masoo Canal or not.

Stake Holder workshops held in Badin & Mirpurkhas

Under water Sector Improvement Project WSIP-1 two Workshops were held on 22nd & 29th March 2011 at Badin & Mirpurkhas by M/S Louis Berger Consultants in the collaboration of Sindh



Irrigation and Drainage Authority regarding "Preparation of Regional Plan for the left Bank of Indus River, Delta & Coastal zone". In which, participants from different walks of life have attended these

informative workshops and gave their valuable suggestions. Some important issue was highlighted in this forum by Mr. Carlos A. Gandrilas, Team Leader, M/s Louis Berger Consultants, Mr. Marshall L. Silver, Field Management Specialist & Mrs. Dragica Veselinovic Sociologist in their presentation of surveys done in fields and got valuable feedback/suggestions from the participants. Under WSIP-1 M/s Louis Berger Consultants, who has expertise in different fields especially in irrigation will inform about the problems in the Left Bank of Indus River after conducting survey said by General Manager Transition, SIDA while give opening remarks in workshop. Nevertheless, they will analyze the problems according to the priority, further he said that these foreigner consultants were present in Pakistan during the

recent flood. This firm also has some



observations which were arising during recent flood also some work is being done on the flood management to face the problems in future.

CBC works will complete on due time with transparency: FO Bilalani/ Ashabo

Under WSIP-1 inauguration ceremonies of FO Bilalani & FO Asahbo Minors regarding CBC works were held at Asahbo Minor & Bilalani Minors head regulator at Kunri & Jhudo on 31st March 2011.



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Mr. Nazeer Ahmed Memon, General Manager Transition SIDA, Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed Cheema, Chairman FO Ashabo Minor & Faqeer Faiz Muhammad Bilalani, Chairman FO Bilalani



Minor inaugurated ceremonies.

Beside these from SIDA office Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Ujjan, Social Development Specialist, Mr. Abdul Rasheed Mahar, Manager Social Mobilization & Gender, PIC & M&E consultants, representatives of NCAWB, Media Personnel's and also

large number of farmers participated. While addressing Mr. Nazir Essani said that the works of these mentioned minors have been given to Farmers organizations on their will and hope they will complete that with transparency. He said that after rehabilitation works the minors will be capable to flow the quantity of water as their design, the wastage of water will be saved, and safe flow of water to the lower ends will be assured. On The occasion Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed Cheema, Chairman FO Ashabo Minor & Faqeer Faiz Muhammad Bilalani, Chairman FO Bilalani Minor said that they are happy that their distributaries have been included in the Water Sector Improvement Project (WSIP-1) and rehabilitation works has been given to farmers. They said that they will surely perform better

than the contractors and



complete works on due time with transparency.