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### World Water Day Celebrated

International water day was celebrated by Ghotki Feeder Canal (GFCAWB) in Ghotki AWB office. On that occasion Dr. Fateh Marri, PC WSIP while addressing the seminar, said that the aim of celebrating Water day is



to create awareness that we promise that we will not or misuse water and also we will pay Abiana on time so that the Irrigation system can be strengthened. Mr. Yelli Dedja, Procurement consultant agent WSIP said that we need to understand the importance of this day, he further said that to

overcome the water shortage we have to exploit the new methods of Irrigation to save water from wastage. Mr. Anwar Siyal, Director GFCAWB said the Area Water Board is implementing reforms and excess of water at tail end has been ensured. Journalist Allah Warayo, Tariq Ali, Javed Ahmed and others also addressed the seminar.

### Training on Regulations for Development Projects held

A training workshop was organized by Project Coordination & Monitoring Unit (PCMU) of WSIP on "Environmental Regulations for Development Projects in Sindh Focusing on WSIP" at Hyderabad, in which the officials of SIDA, Irrigation, Consultants and Engineers of WSIP participated. Addressing to workshop Dr. Fateh Marri, Project Coordinator WSIP, said that purpose of this workshop is to create

awareness about the protection of environment during the development projects, so that engineers, consultants and officials of Irrigation which implementing development projects take certain measure to avoid possible harm and pollution to the atmosphere. He further said that during different developmental schemes on environmental protection has been



ignored but in the project of WSIP stressed the need to take steps to ensure environmental protection so that the negative effects on the environment can be ceased. On the occasion, Mr. Zahid Junejo, Project



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Director WSIP-1 said that which implementing different projects, steps have been taken for the proper protection of environment according to the World Bank's guidelines. On that occasion Shahid Latifi, Dr. Sami-uz-zaman Siddique, Najam Khursheed, Saeed Baloch and Prof; Abdul Rasheed Memon gave presentations on the effect of Irrigation and drainage on environment guideline of World Bank regarding environment, Sindh wildlife and protection laws, Environmental safeguards and Policies. In the end, Mr. Babar Affandi, Prof; Abdul Rasheed Memon and Zahid Junejo distributed the certificate among the participants of the workshop.

### **Bid Opening Conference held for rehabilitation works of Three FO Distributaries**

The tenders of three distributaries of Nara Canal

were opened under WSIP in SIDA, Secretariat Hyderabad. Mr. Zahid Junejo, Project Director WSIP, presided over the bid opening conference and the tenders of distries of Nara Canal i-e Doso Shakh, Juma Shakh and Hingorno Shakh were opened. On that occasion ZAHID Junejo while addressing the bid opening conference, said



that the tenders have been opened before all the contractors, Farmers and the representatives of civil society and media. He urged the FO members to supervise the quality of works while co-operating with the contractors. He said no compromise is tolerable on quality of

works. He further said that after of all the three distributaries rehabilitation works, the capacity of distributaries to the flow of water will increase and access of water at the end will also be ensured.

### **SIDA Initiating Revised Water Charges for Commercial Users**

Ghotki Feeder Canal Area Water Board (GFCAWB) meeting was held at Area Water Board Office. Meeting was presided over by Mr. Abdul Rab Pittafi, Chairman GFCAWB and it was decided to recover 2 rupees per one thousand gallon from industrial consumer for June 2011 and 3 rupees per one thousand gallon after July 2011. On that occasion, Mr. Anwar Siyal, Director GFCAWB said that the process of recovery of Abiana has been speed up in Ghotki and as compared to the last year we have recovered 4 millions more,



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he said that in this matter Manager Revenue, SIDA also co-operated. He further Said that action will be taken against those Abdars and Canals who don't asses it well.

### SIDA Initiated Visit of Journalists at Nara & Ranto Canal Rehabilitation Works

A visit of Journalist of Hyderabad & Sanghar arranged by Sindh Irrigation & Drainage Authority (SIDA) at Head Jamrao site for promotion of WSIP Project activities on Nara Canal & Ranto Canal at Head Jamrao near Sanghar on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012. The primary focus was to create awareness among the stakeholders about on going works under way through WSIP.

The group of Reporters of Daily Express Tribune, Daily Kawish, KTN, Daily Sobh, Duniya News TV, Sach TV, Sindh TV, Vish TV, Vibe TV, Mehran TV & other local Journalists

participated & attended the briefing .

On that occasion Mr. Abdul Rasheed Mahar, Manager Social Mobilization gave brief introduction about Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project (WSIP). Mr. Nazir Lashari, Resident Engineer of



Project Implementation Consultants gave briefing on rehabilitation Works of Nara & ranto canals.

After detailed briefing the Journalists visited Head Regulator Construction works, rehabilitation works of Ranto Canal and Draggers are running and desalting works are on going. On that occasion, Journalists praised the

SIDAs works and said that they are surprised to see such huge works are being underway through SIDA. The journalist also assured that in future before writing on SIDA they must see the ground realities and try to report positively in electronic and Print Media.

### SIDA started rehabilitation of FO Distributaries/Minors , damaged During Flood 2011

Sindh irrigation & Drainage Authority (SIDA) started a project "Cash for Work" with collaboration





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of "Save The Children" organization & funded by World Food Program for

rehabilitation works of Irrigation system of Nara Canal & Left Bank Canal Area Water Boards which was damaged during rain flood 2011.

Under this project flood victimized local people hired on daily wages for rehabilitation works of Distributaries/ Minors. In this project not only rehabilitate the damaged Distributaries/ Minors but also provide a source of income for flood victim people. In this project SIDA select poor families for work in a transparent manner.

### **SIDA started Rehabilitation Works of Nara & Ranto Canal**

The Sindh Irrigation and Drainage Authority (SIDA) has started the maintenance of Nara Canal and Ranto Canal under the Sindh Water Sector Improvement Project (WSIP). The

contract is under implementation of Chinese firm i-e CWE which is being conducted by a Chinese company known as China Water and Electrical (CWE). Mr. Nazir Lashari CWE Consultant while his briefing to journalists at the Nara Canal informed that the maintenance work is estimated at cost is more than Rs 6 billion, in which



the deepening of canals, raising height of its embankments and construction of 3 fall structures are included. He further said that the bed of Nara canal gets filled with silt immediately, which reduces its water carrying capacity due to which the

department is conducting its excavation with heavy machines which can excavate even in the flowing water. He said that the head regulators are being constructed at the Nara Canal. Addressing on the occasion Mr. Hizbullah Mangrio, Communication Specialist SIDA said that Nara Canal has reduced in efficiency due to the filling of its bed with mud due to which to the department is conducting the excavation, currently 13,000 cusecs of water can flow through the Nara Canal and after the excavation flow of 20,000



cusecs will be made possible, he told. He added that 2,000 cusecs



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water is flowing through Ranto Canal and it would be increased up to 6,000 cusecs after rehabilitation. Due to the adequate amount of water the chutiyarion Dam would be filled and provision of water to the tail and growers will be easy, he told. Either Manager of Social Mobilization SIDA Abdul Rasheed Mahar informed that under the WSIP project development work in the irrigation sector are being carried out. Which included the restoration of 173 branches and the maintenance of Guddu and Sukkur barrage with the help of International firm. A master plan for the drainage out of saline water from the Left bank of the river Indus is also being formulated, he told.