



Authority News:-

Issuance of NOC for Kas Umar Khan Canal - Punjab

In IRSA meeting on 9th March, 2021, the Authority took up review of Water Availability Certificate for Kas Umar Khan Canal - Punjab, under Clause 10 of Water Apportionment Accord 1991. It was decided with consensus to issue No Objection Certificate (NOC) on construction of barrage, proposed development and remodelling / rehabilitation of Kas Umar Khan Canal off-taking from Darra Tang on Kurram River.

Short Supplies in Balochistan Canals

In IRSA meeting on 9th March, 2021, the Authority considered serious reservations raised by Member IRSA Balochistan regarding the long-standing issue of Short Supplies to Balochistan and decided that:

- i) IRSA shall deploy Neutral Hydraulic Experts in Early Kharif 2021 to carry out Joint Discharge Measurements (JDMs) with the objective of developing consensus Rating Tables (RTs), including locations but not limited to, RD 109 Patfeeder Canal and at Garang Regulator RD 102 Kirther Canal.
- ii) A JDM Plan, in consultation with all concerned, shall be issued by IRSA before Early Kharif 2021.

IRSA Technical Committee Meeting

An online meeting of IRSA Technical Committee (ITC) was held under the Chairmanship of Director (Operation), IRSA on 26th March 2021 to finalize the draft Anticipated Water Availability for Kharif 2021 for approval by IRSA Advisory Committee (IAC) with the following recommendations:-

- i) The draft Anticipated Water Availability for Kharif 2021 based on the agreed probabilities at Rim-Stations (including Eastern Rivers Component) was recommended as **26.58 MAF** for Early Kharif and **82.17 MAF** for Late Kharif to be put up to IAC for formal assent.
- ii) 35% and 15% losses in Indus Zone during Early and Late Kharifs, respectively. Also, 10% and 0% losses in JC Zone during Early and Late Kharifs, respectively, were recommended. However, Punjab indicated to take up the matter of losses with IAC in its forthcoming meeting.
- iii) Tarbela Reservoir levels to be maintained at 1417 ft SPD for works at T3&T4 HPPs till 10th June 2021, in line with the request of WAPDA. Any unexpected increase in levels or Delta movements due to increased inflows or sustenance of levels shall be the responsibility of WAPDA authorities.



Computer Screen of Virtual Meeting of ITC

Secretary, PID, Punjab arranged Dinner for IRSA Members and Officers

A dinner was hosted by Secretary PID Punjab in honour of IRSA Members and Officers on 16th March, 2021 at Rawal Dam Rest House.



Group Photo of IRSA Members, Officers, DCO Rawalpindi and PID Punjab Officers at the Dinner

Operational News:-

During the period under report, 08 Nos, 04 Nos and 05 Nos consolidated operational directives were issued to Tarbela, Mangla and Chashma authorities, respectively, by the Authority as per its mandate in IRSA of 1992.

Water Account

The actual provincial canal utilization vis-à-vis their shares from 1st Oct, 2020 to 31st Mar, 2021 remained 6% less than anticipated likely shares.

Rim-Station Inflows

The overall Rim-stations inflows from 1st Oct, 2020 to 31st March, 2021 remained 10% below anticipation.

Senate & National Assembly News:-

Meeting of the National Assembly Standing Committee on Water Resources was held on March 01, 2021 which was attended by the Chairman and Authority Members.