



Authority News:-

IRSA Meeting on 09.05.2022

IRSA meeting was held on May 09, 2022 under the Chairmanship of Chairman IRSA and the following decisions were taken:-

- a) Punjab's releases will be enhanced from 77,700 cfs to 80,800 cfs as per its share while 4000 cfs additional supplies will be allocated to Sindh over & above its share to compensate for the shortages en-route. Accordingly, Sindh share will be enhanced from 63,000 cfs to 67,000 cfs with immediate effect. However, Member IRSA Punjab disagreed to the above indicated over & above releases to Sindh.
- b) Punjab and Sindh releases will be adjusted to level their cumulative withdrawals by end of Early Kharif as per shares given in Kharif Plan 2022.
- c) CJ Link Canal will be opened with a discharge of 2,000 cfs to feed the Greater Thal Canal (GTC) strictly remaining within the share of Punjab. Member IRSA Sindh disagreed with the opening of GTC/CJ Link and termed it as violation of the WAA1991. [Member IRSA (KP) did not agree with the remarks of Member IRSA Sindh].
- d) The excessive losses in Indus Zone will be deliberated upon after considering the reports to be submitted by the SDOs posted at Taunsa, Panjnad, Guddu & Kotri Barrages on reciprocal basis.

IRSA Meeting on 19.05.2022

IRSA meeting was held on May 19, 2022 under the Chairmanship of Chairman IRSA and the following decisions were taken:-

Review of Water Situation

- a) The Authority noticed with grave concern, the significantly less Rim-Station inflows of 28% against anticipations for the period under review. It was decided that the Provinces, WAPDA & MoWR would be informed of the current & expected Water Situation by issuing a communiqué.
- b) It was decided that conveyance loss percentages for Punjab and Sindh reaches would be based on the reported discharges that occurred in the previous 10-daily inclusive of heat-wave parameters, i.e., for Punjab Indus Zone 25%, JC Zone 5% & Sindh & Balochistan 38% till receipt of the report of NASCWR Sub Committee formulated on the issue. However, Member IRSA Punjab dissented with the above decision and advocated postponing of immediate

application of current loss percentages till receipt of the detailed report of NASCWR Sub Committee.

- c) Tarbela outflow would be reduced immediately to 95,000 cfs to control the drop in reservoir levels due to the expected dip in inflows and also to stabilize the levels around 1398 ft in line with the decision of WAPDA as per Dam Safety Guidelines.
- d) Reiterating Authority's previous decisions on the issue, the shortage complaints being received from PID Balochistan would be endorsed to the concerned quarters forthwith, as and when received.

Hiring of Consultancy Firm for Institutional Reforms and Capacity Building of Indus River System Authority (IRSA)

The comments submitted by Member (IRSA) Punjab in consultation with Member IRSA KP, Federal, Admn & Accounts Sections on the agenda item were approved by the Authority for endorsing and forwarding to the MoWR for further necessary action.

Construction of Link Canals from Kachhi to Patfeeder Canal

It was decided that IRSA has already issued NOC for Kachhi Canal Project; therefore, Balochistan Province may utilize its share through proposed link channels from Kachhi Canal within its allocations as desired. However, Member IRSA Sindh argued to decide the issue with the permission of PID Sindh.

Operational News:-

During the period under report, 09 Nos, 01 No. and 14 Nos. consolidated operational directives were issued to Tarbela, Mangla and Chashma authorities, respectively, by IRSA as per its mandate in IRSA of 1992.

Water Account

The actual provincial canal utilization vis-à-vis their shares from April 01, 2022 to May 31, 2022 remained 24% below than anticipated likely shares.

Rim-Station Inflows

The overall Rim-stations inflows from April 01, 2022 to May 31, 2022 remained 31% below the anticipation.

Senate & National Assembly News:-

Meeting of the National Assembly Standing Committee on Water Resources was held on May 25, 2022 which was attended by Chairman and All IRSA Members.