GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
PROJECT COORDINATION & MONITORING UNIT
SHARED SERVICES UNIT

Newsletter

July & August 2026

PCMU is functional as an integral part of P&D Department, Government of Sindh with Role/Tasks of:

1.Project Coordination & Monitoring Unit (PCMU): Providing implementation management support to two mega projects: Sindh Water & Agriculture Transformation (SWAT) Project and Sindh Barrages Improvement Project (SBIP).

2.Shared Services Unit (SSU): Provides one window quality cross functional support to conceive and conceptualization of new projects and provide startup support in implementation of new donar's funded development projects.

3.Recovery & Reconstruction Unit (RRU): Provides Coordination and implementation facility support to all 2022 Post Flood Emergency Projects in Sindh under 4RF.

4.Coordination Desk: Follow-up implementation actions of approved Sindh R&R Policy-2023. Coordination and Management Support: Updating implementation progress of all ongoing foreign-funded projects in Sindh and participating in projects progress review meetings held at various forums.



Chairman P&D Board Mr. Najam Ahmed Shah chairs the 13th Project Steering Comittee Meeting of Sindh Barrages Improvement Project (SBIP).



Farewell and Welcome Reception of New Task Team Leader (TTL) of Sindh Water & Agriculture Transformation (SWAT) Project.



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PROJECT NEWS & EVENTS

Project Steering Committee (PSC) Sindh Barrages Improvement Project Reviews Progress of Project

Project Steering Committee for Sindh Barrages Improvement Project (SBIP) reviewed project progress and key actions during its 13th meeting, held on 27 August 2026. The meeting presided by Mr. Najam Ahmed Shah, Chairman, P&D Board and attended by the Members of the Committee, Government officials, and Project Team and Consultants. The Committee provided policy guidelines for settlement of the project issues for speedy implementation to complete the project in agreed timeframe.

HAI Committee Greenlights Phase-II TA Contract Procurement under SWAT Project

The HAI Committee, at its 11th meeting held on 7 July, 2026 at PCMU, Karachi, approved the procurement process for awarding the Technical Assistance (TA) contract to implement Phase-II of the program, which includes setting up the HAI Platform and the HAI & AIC Centre under the SWAT Project.



The meeting was chaired by Mr. Nazeer Ahmed Memon, Project Coordinator, PCMU-SWAT and participated Committee's members including Mr. Suhail Ahmed Baloch Chief Engineer, BMU, Irrigation Department and SWAT Project Directors both Irrigation and Agriculture components and the HAI Program Consultants. The Committee approved the TORs and agreed to move forward with the TA contract invloving M/s. CEGIS Bangladesh and USPAK Water Centre, MUET for carrying out Phase-II design work under the HAI Program, following on from Phase-I.

Fourth Draft of New Water Law Submitted to Irrigation Department

The fourth draft of the proposed new Water Law has been submitted to the Irrigation Department, after incorporating the views and comments of the department's Chief Engineers.


GOVERNMENT OF SINDH

IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT

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SINDH WATER BILL, 2026

A New Legal Framework to provide for the regulation, conservation, and sustainable management of water resources within the Province of Sindh

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Note: It is titled as Sindh Water Bill, because a bill is a proposal for a new law or a change to an existing one, drafted and introduced in a legislature for debate and voting. A law (or Act/Statute) is the final, legally binding, and enforceable version that has been passed by the legislature and received assent from the executive head.

The draft has been forwarded on 8th July, 2026 to Irrigation Department with a request for further processing at the departmental level, aimed at finalization and approval of the bill by the Government of Sindh. The submission marks the latest milestone in an ongoing legislative drafting process. A four-member team of professionals were engaged to prepare the bill.

Contracts Signed for Modernization of KGM and Thatt Minors under SWAT

SIDA has signed separate contract agreements with two successful bidders for the rehabilitation and modernization of the KGM and Thatt distributaries/minors, both of which are managed by Farmer Organizations (FOs). These two distributaries/minor are the first batch of works under a broader canal modernization initiative covering 15 FO-managed distributaries/minors. The procurement process for the Khorwah Minor, which forms part of the next phase of the initiative, is scheduled to commence in August 2026. Meanwhile, walkthrough surveys of the remaining 12 distributaries/minors across the respective Area Water Boards (AWBs) have been completed to identify and finalize four distributaries/minors per AWB for the upcoming canal modernization works. Detailed social, agricultural, and engineering surveys of three additional identified distributaries/minors are currently in progress.

PCMU Participates in Project Steering Committee Meetings for Multiple Foreign-Funded Projects

PCMU actively took part in Project Steering Committee meetings for various foreign-funded projects of Sindh, including SSPDSS, Sindh People's Housing Project & STAR WASH Program, Karachi Mobility Project, SWEEP, LIVAQUA, KWSSIP, and SELECT. The meetings were held throughout July and August 2026 under the Chairmanship of the Chairman, P&D Board and participated by the relevant project team and officials.



ADU-SWAT distributes 2,650 Dhaki date suckers among farmers under SWAT

The Agriculture Delivery Unit (ADU)- SWAT has distributed 2,650 Dhaki date suckers among selected beneficiary farmers identified in the pilot districts of Khairpur and Sukkur, against an overall target of 5,000 suckers. The remaining 2,350 suckers are expected to be distributed by the first week of September 2026.



Honoring Partnerships: PCMU Welcomes New and Bids Farewell to World Bank Task Team Leaders

The World Bank has appointed Ms. Gabriella Izzi, based at World Bank HQ Washington, D.C., as the new Task Team Leader (TTL) for the SWAT Project, replacing Mr. Francois Onimus. Additionally, Mr. Zelalem Tesfaye Mekonnen, Water Resources Specialist, has been appointed as the new Co-Task Team Leader (Co-TTL) for Component-1 & 4 of the SWAT Project.





The newly appointed and outgoing Task Team Leaders visited Karachi and Hyderabad from 12–14 August 2026, holding detailed meetings with the Project Implementation Units (PIUs), including SIDA, ADU, and PCMU, to review project progress and discuss implementation matters. PCMU, in collaboration with the PIUs, organized a Farewell and Welcome Reception in honour of Mr. Francois Onimus and Ms. Gabriella Izzi. The event also commemorated Pakistan's 79th Independence Day, featuring a cultural celebration in Karachi on 14 August 2026. The reception was attended by project partners and senior officials of the project partners.

PC- PCMU Chairs a Joint Meeting on Update of Indus Dolphin Conservation Activities under SBIP

In compliance with the decision of the PSC-SBIP, the Project Coordinator, Project Coordination and Monitoring Unit (PCMU), chaired a joint meeting on July 2, 2026, to review progress on dolphin conservation activities under the Sindh Barrages Improvement Project (SBIP). The meeting was attended by the World Bank Environment Specialist, representatives of the Project Management Office (PMO-SBIP), and officials of the Sindh Wildlife Department (SWD). The forum reviewed and discussed the progress of ongoing activities under the Blind Indus Dolphin Conservation Management Plan being implemented as part of the SBIP. The World Bank Environment Specialist emphasized the need for early action to conduct the dolphin population survey. In response, the Sindh Wildlife Department assured the forum that a revised proposal, including the proposed survey schedule and other relevant details, would be submitted shortly for further processing and necessary action by the PMO-SBIP



PCMU Convenes First Joint Coordination Meeting of Sindh Coastal Resilience Project (SCRP)

The first Joint Coordination Meeting of the Sindh Coastal Resilience Project was arranged by PCMU on 19 August 2026 at PCMU, Karachi, chaired by Mr. Nazeer Ahmed Memon. The meeting was attended by the Project Directors of the three SCRP components: Livelihoods & Community Infrastructure (IFAD-funded), Irrigation and Forestry components (ADB-funded), along with the team. The meeting focused on reviewing progress against the actions and decisions of the Project Steering Committee, strengthening coordination among the three components, and addressing key implementation matters. Participants also discussed arrangements for the joint launch of the SCRP, scheduled on 1st October, 2026.



Finalization of Cash Compensation to Remaining Farmers under SWAT-FERC

In pursuance of the decisions of the Sindh Cabinet, the Agriculture Delivery Unit (ADU) has substantially completed the disbursement of cash compensation to the remaining eligible farmers under the SWAT-FERC initiative. The ADU has also initiated the process of reconciling all payments made to farmers under FERC through Phases I, II, and III. Upon completion of the reconciliation process, an impact evaluation will be undertaken by an independent third party, preferably Sindh Agriculture University, Tando Jam. The evaluation will be carried out under a formal contract agreement to be signed by both parties with the concurrence of the World Bank.

PCMU strengthen with joining of new staff

Six staff members, selected through a competitive process for various positions, joined PCMU to strengthen the functions of the R&R Desk, RRU-4RF, and SSU. The staff joined their duties after verification of their documents and also issuance of fitness certificates issued from Medical Superintendent, Services Hospital, Karachi.

Building Future Leaders: PMS Officers' Second Batch Visits PCMU for Learning and Professional Exposure Session

The second batch of Provincial Management Service (PMS) Officers visited the Project Coordination & Monitoring Unit (PCMU), P&D department on 1 July 2026 for a comprehensive learning and professional exposure session. The officers were welcomed and briefed by Project Coordinator Mr. Nazeer Memon, along with his team. The session covered key aspects of project management and development, followed by a comprehensive tour of the PCMU office, providing participants with practical exposure to the unit's operations and ongoing initiatives.



PCMU Conducts Site Visit to Assess Progress under KWSSIP

A team of Project Coordination & Monitoring Unit (PCMU) experts, led by the Director Procurement, visited the worksites of the ongoing Karachi Water and Sewerage Services Improvement Project (KWSSIP) on 24 July 2026 to review progress and implementation activities. During the visit, the team held a detailed coordination meeting with the Project Implementation Unit (PIU), Contractor, and Supervision Consultant teams. The PCMU team reviewed project implementation progress, monitored ongoing field activities, and carried out a comprehensive site inspection to assess the quality of works, implementation status, and compliance with project requirements.



SSU-RRU Services Performed During Reporting Period (July-August 2026):

SN	Activity/Service Provided	Project
1.	Team of PCMU participated in **various meetings of Project Steering Committees (PSC)** of the projects presided by the Chairman P&D Board held on 2nd July, 9th July, 16th July, 21st July, 22nd July, 2026, 7th August and 27th August, 2026, respectively.	Sindh People's Housing Project and STAR WASH Program, Karachi Mobility Project, SWEEP, LIVAQUA, SELECT, SFRP and SBIP
2.	In accordance with directives of Chairman P&D Board during the Wrap-up meeting held on 16th July, 2026, PCMU provided technical and coordination support to the Sindh Secondary Education Improvement Project (SSEIP) and prepared and submitted the technical report accordingly.	
3.	Participated in the 2nd TRIPARTITE Portfolio Review Meeting of **all ADB-funded projects in Sindh**, chaired by the Chairman P&D Board, held on 25th August, 2026.	
4.	Collected, consolidated, and analysed progress data from **all World Bank and ADB-funded projects in Sindh**; prepared Project Performance Snapshots of each project covering KPIs & overall project status and presented in the PSC meetings, Donor's wrap-up and review meetings chaired by the Chairman P&D Board.	
5.	Consolidated and shared with Federal RRU the updated progress reports for the months of July and August 2026 of **all emergency projects in Sindh under 4RF**.	
6.	The team of PCMU-RRU Sindh participated in the meeting organized by Federal RRU (virtually) regarding the Citizen Perception Survey (CPS) under the vigilance recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction framework (4RF) held on 23rd July, 2026.	

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