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Editorial

I wish all our readers a very happy New Year 2013. May this year bring continued success in the efforts of the Water Management Wing to bring about meaningful and productive progress in our efforts to enhance irrigated agriculture productivity in Punjab.

This newsletter is the first in our on-going endeavor to develop a broad based information delivery system and generate an awareness of the strenuous efforts being made by WM to achieve its objectives.

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Meetings

26th Nov, 2012 to 30th Nov., 2012.

Ten (10) staff meetings were chaired by Ch. Irshad Ahmed, Director (HQs.) Directorate General Agriculture (WM) at Districts Khanewal, Vehari, Bahawalnagar, Lodh-ran, R.Y. Khan, Rajanpur, D.G. Khan, Layyah, Muzaffar-garh, and Multan to review the status of physical progress under PIPIP.

04th Dec, 2012.

A meeting was chaired by Director General Agriculture (Water Management) at Faisalabad, attended by RPD's, DO's and DDO's to review the physical progress and compliance of decisions made during the last review meeting.

06th Dec, 2012.

A meeting was chaired by Director General Agriculture (Water Management) at Sargodha, attended by RPD's, DO's and DDO's to review the physical progress and compliance of decisions made during the last review meeting.

10th Dec, 2012 to 11th Dec, 2012.

Director General Agriculture (Water Management) convened meetings with RPD's, DO's (OFWM), DDO's (OFWM), and Filed Engineers at D.G. Khan, Multan, and Bahawalpur.

13th Dec. 2012 to 17th Dec, 2012.

Director General Agriculture (Water Management) inspected field activities and convened meetings with D.O.s (OFWM) of districts Sahiwal, Multan, D.G.Khan, and Bahawalpur to review the progress under PIPIP.

28th Dec, 2012.

Director General Agriculture (Water Management) chaired two meetings at Districts Gujranwala and Rawalpindi to review the progress under PIPIP.



Trainings and Seminars

05th Nov. 2012 to 21 Nov 2012. Fifteen “Refreshers Training Courses” for DDO’s, WMO’s, and supervisors of On Farm Management were conducted, five (5) each at Lahore, Muzaffargarh, and Faisalabad regarding Social Mobilization,



Surveying & Leveling, Flow Measurements, Watercourse Designing, and Watercourse Construction. Each course was of three days duration. Experienced resource persons from OFWM and supervisory consultants delivered lectures to refresh their knowledge on the said

topics. Class exercises were conducted and field tours were also arranged.

Nov. 2012, Six (6) training courses for “Laser Tractor Operation”, three each at Lahore, and Khanewal Districts were conducted by Water

Management Training Institute. The participants were given detailed lectures on operation and maintenance of LASER Units. Practical field training for laser unit operation was also imparted to the participants. Each trainee physically



worked on the tractor

with LASER Units for at least one hour per day. Participants of the trainings were the tractor drivers or farmers who have received LASER Units with subsidy from the Department under PIPIP.

Dec. 2012. Five (5) training courses for “Laser Tractor Operation” were also completed at Lahore under the supervision of Directorate, Water Management Training Institute, Lahore.

17th Dec. 2012. Training session on “Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP)” was organized at Water Management Training Institute, Lahore, under the supervision of Environmental and Social Management Cell (ESMC) established by Directorate General Agriculture (Water Management) under the supervision of Ch. Irshad Ahmad, Director (HQs.) for capacity building of OFWM staff at provincial, regional, and district level particularly District Environmental and Social Coordinators (DESC's) of Lahore Region.

24th Dec. 2012. Training session on “Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP)” was organized at 2012 at seminar room of office of the Cotton Botanist, Multan, under the supervision of Environmental and Social Management Cell (ESMC) established by Directorate General Agriculture (Water Management) under the supervision of Ch. Irshad Ahmad, Director (HQs.) for capacity building of OFWM staff at provincial, regional, and district level particularly District Environmental and Social Coordinators (DESC's) of Multan Region.

29th Dec. 2012. training session on “Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP)” was organized at Committee

Room of District Complex, Chakwal, under the supervision of Environmental and Social Management Cell (ESMC).



17th Dec. 2012 to 21st Dec. 2012.

Mr. Akhtar Ali, Administrative Officer WMTI completed five (5) days training course on Capacity Building in “Budgeting and Finance”. The same was organized by Ministry of Education and Training, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.

5th Dec. 2012 to 10th Dec. 2012 Field visits for “High Efficiency Irrigation system” sites were organized in collaboration with Jaffar Brothers Limited and Experts from Jain Irrigation System, India. Already installed drip irrigation sites were visited in Bahawalnagar, Muzaffargarh, Bhakkar, Multan, Rawalpindi, and Chakwal districts. Concerned Regional Project Director's, DO's (OFWM), Agriculture Engineer, Agronomist, Assistant Agronomist of WMTI, the supervisory consultants, Project Director (PMU) and Field Staff and farmer community of the adjoining areas participated. The farmers were made aware of the benefits of drip irrigation system and were motivated to install the same on their lands. A seminar session was conducted at Multan on 6-12-2012 which was attended by farmers of Multan, D.G. Khan, and Bahawalpur Divisions. The experts from Jaffar brothers showed documentary film, gave presentation on HEIS, and an-

answered the questioned of farmers regarding installation and operation/ maintenance of drip irrigation.

11th Dec. 2012 to 12th Dec. 2012. Two (2) days training session “High Efficiency Irrigation System” was organized at Water

Management Training Institute with the collaboration of Jaffar Brothers Private Limited and Jain Irrigation Systems Limited, India. On-Farm Water Management technical staff from all dis-



tricts of Punjab attended the training session. The experts

gave lectures on Soil-Plant-Water relationship, Irrigation Scheduling, Design Procedure, Fertigation, etc. Question -answer session was conducted under the Chairmanship of DGA (WM) and the problems regarding installation & operation and maintenance of HEIS were ana-



lyzed in detail.

26th Nov. 2012 to 30th Nov. 2012 Hafiz Qasir Yaseen and Mr. Hamyoon Mirza attended one week training course at SUPARCO Karachi from titled “On-Job Training of Developed GIS”.

03th Dec. 2012 to 08th Dec. 2012 One week training course titled “Capacity Building of Provincial Departments in Environmental Management Through Training in Conducting IEE, EIA, EA, and LCA” successfully completed by Mr. Shafiq-ur-Rehman, Sociologist (WMTI), Mr. Umer Mehmood, Assistant Director (Tech.), RPD Office (PIPIP), Lahore and Mr. Muhammad Naveed Tahir, Assistant Director (Tech.), RPD Office (PIPIP), Lahore at Management and Planning Development Department (MPDD).

14th Dec. 2012 to 15th Dec. 2012. A meeting of Pakistan Society of Agricultural Engineers (PSAE) was held at University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, which was attended by Malik Muhammad Akram (DPD, PIPIP) Mr. Bashir Anjum Sb (RPD, Rawalpindi), Engineers from office of the Director General Agriculture (WM), and Water Management Training Institute (WMTI)

Progress During Nov-Dec, 2012

Drip/ Sprinkler Irrigation (HEIS)				
Particulars	November		December	
	Sites (Nos.)	Acres (Acres)	Sites (Nos.)	Acres (Acres)
Design Submitted	530	5119	619	5817
Design Approved	415	4416	496	5162
Work Order Issued	244	2582	335	3187
Material Dispatch	113	1170	163	1534
Material Verification	113	1170	113	1170
Commissioning	24	305	38	440
Laser Land Leveling				
Particulars	November		December	
Units Allotted (Nos.)	700		700	
Units Booked (Nos.)	668		685	
Units Delivered (Nos.)	232		355	
Watercourse Improvement				
Particulars	Design Approved	ICR -I	ICR-II	FCR
November				
Regular Watercourse (Nos.)	1425	64 7	33	4
Additional Water-course	440	25 4	31	5
Irrigation Schemes (Nos.)	414	29 1	51	15
December				
Regular Watercourse (Nos.)	1433	77 2	109	27
Additional Water-course	521	33 5	70	13
Irrigation Schemes (Nos.)	518	43 0	164	77

Transfers

Dec. 2012. Mr. Hamid Ullah Sharif, Assistant Agronomist was transferred from District Office (OFWM) Toba Tak Singh to District Office (OFWM) Faisalabad.

Dec. 2012. Mr. Mazhar Iqbal Qureshi, Assistant Agronomist, Faisalabad has been transferred as DDO (OFWM) Tehsil Okara.

Dec. 2012. Mr. Muhammad Ramzan, DDO (OFWM), Minchanabad was transferred as DDO (OFWM), MinChannu.

Dec. 2012. Mr. Tariq Sheikh, Water Management Offices, Toba Tak Singh was posted as Assistant Agronomist in the office of the DO (OFWM) Toba Tak Singh on current charge basis.

Retirements

06th Nov, 2012 Mr. Faqir Muhammad, DDO (OFWM) Tehsil & District Okara retired. The Department appreciates his services at various positions in the Water Management Department.

08th Dec. 2012 Mr. Mirza Zafar Iqbal EDO (Agri.) Sargodha, retired after a long and illustrious career in the Department. The dedicated services will always be remembered by his well wishers.

31th Dec. 2012 Mehar Allah Dita EDO (Agri.) Sahiwal retired. He worked for the cause of Water Management throughout his service at various positions. We all wish him success in his future efforts.

Condolences

17th Dec. 2012. Our colleague Mr. Saif-ur-Rehman, WMO, Lahore passed away. May Allah rest his soul in peace.

19th Dec. 2012 Mother of our colleague Mr. Abdul Hameed, Assistant Director (Tech.), Directorate General Agriculture (Water Management) passed away. May ALLAH accept her in paradise and give patience to family and friends.

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