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**US FOSTERS TRANSBOUNDARY WATER COOPERATION BETWEEN TAJIKISTAN, KYRGYZSTAN**

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U.S. Ambassador to Tajikistan John Mark Pommersheim participated in an event to celebrate the opening of the Agency of Land Reclamation and Irrigations renovated conference hall, and a ceremonial handover of a wheel excavator for the Tajik Isfana Small Basin Council in Jabbor-Rasulov district of Sughd province, both of which were supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) at a cost of \$125,000, the U.S. Embassy in Tajikistan reported on August 6.

The U.S. government, through the USAID-funded Smart Waters project, fosters transboundary river cooperation between the countries of Central Asia, including Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan by building partnerships among water management stakeholders, specifically on the Isfana river basin.

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