

**Date:** 24 May 2022

**Time:** 09:00 – 10:00

**Location:** Microsoft Teams

**Attendees:**

**Chair:** Manesh Magan (Customer Engagement Lead)

**Representing customers:** Madeline Bourke, Ross Burnett, Nathan Litzow, Neek Morawitz, Neil Dale, Steve Winter, Amber Robinson, David Hiette, Deborah Silver, Peter Besch

**Sunwater representatives:** Jason Smith (General Manager, Central), Marian Hart (Yield & Planning Manager), Amelia Jewell (Senior Project Manager), Luis Rodriguez (Growth and Planning Manager), Alexandra Bernard (Senior Government Relations)

**Apologies:** Tom Cregan, John McDougall, Elmein Ballot, Brian Gaka, Scott Mason, Scott McEwan, Nick Williams, Scott Collinge, Tania Kennedy, Jason Hall, Patrick Stewart, Sean Allen, Geoffrey Kavanagh, Hamish Millar, Dan Cawte, Robert Ingram

**Minutes:**

Agenda items		
Item no.	item	Presenter
1	MEETING OPEN	Manesh Magan
2	BEDFORD WEIR PROJECT UPDATE	Manesh Magan
3	CARRYOVER	Marian Hart
4	GENERAL BUSINESS	ALL
5	MEETING CLOSE	Manesh Magan

## 1. MEETING OPEN

[Agenda item 1]

- Introduction of those attending (representing Customers & Sunwater).
- Confirmed location of previous and future meeting minutes (Sunwater Website).

## 2. BEDFORD WEIR PROJECT UPDATE

[Agenda item 2]

- The Australian Government (the Commonwealth) established the National Water Grid Fund (NWGF) to fund development and delivery of nationally important water infrastructure projects.
- The State of Queensland acting through the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water (DRDMW) is responsible for administering the NWGF funds on behalf of the Commonwealth.
- Sunwater has been granted \$1.7M to produce an Options Analysis, with the draft report due by 28 February 2023.
- The Options Analysis will include the outputs of the recent Bedford Weir development alongside other potential scheme improvements.
- Sunwater is establishing the project team to deliver this work and will continue to collaborate with the Low Water Storage Working Group.

### 2.1. Questions from the Low Water Storage Working Group

[Agenda item 2 additional points]

- The working group want to understand further details on the scope of the project.
  - Sunwater confirmed this will be shared as the project progresses
- The working group want to understand the linkage to project outcomes to the issue of Bedford Weir.
  - Sunwater confirmed The Options Analysis will recommend cost-effective solutions to increase long-term water reliability to either meet or improve the historical performance of the scheme prior to the removal of the Bedford Weir inflatable rubber dams (IRDs).

## 3. CARRYOVER

- Sunwater presented the attached Microsoft [PowerPoint presentation](#)

### Questions from the Low Water Storage Working Group

[Agenda item 3 additional points]

- Can Sunwater look at the last 20-years and provide an understanding of how Announced Allocations (AAs) would be impacted if the sliding scale methodology was adopted.
  - Sunwater have taken this as an action item.
- Looking at Medium Priority (MP) water, adjusting carryover may not work well for our businesses.
  - Sunwater are looking for a fair adjustment/result for both MP & HP customers.
  - Will look at previous 10 – 15 years and provide this data to the group.
  - Sunwater want to understand if we should put forward a proposal to the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing & Water (DRDMW) and if we have customer support.

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## 4. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 4.1 River Gauges

- Advised of river gauge installation, detailing specific locations.
  - Ensham Mine offered to provide LIDAR data for Keely gauge.
  - Want to understand ML/Day at Bridge Flats as well
  - Sunwater want to survey while levels are low to understand flow hydrology.

### 4.2 Water Ordering

- Explained plan to introduce water ordering through technology to support the better management of the scheme.
- Sunwater will engage with customers through this process to help support the implementation and uptake.
- As Sunwater customers, there is a requirement to order water.
- Back-to-base metering will allow for further improvements. Unsure of network for use and if live data will be available at this stage. Currently in trial in South Region.

### 4.3 General Questions, Concerns, Conversation

- Discussion between HP users who indicated support for carryover smoothing option – uncertainty of sudden drop in carryover option creates difficulties in management of carryover.

[Meeting close time] 10:00AM

## 5. Approval and Review

<b>Chair:</b>	Manesh Magan (Customer Engagement Lead)
<b>Minutes:</b>	Manesh Magan (Customer Engagement Lead)
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