



MINUTES OF MEETING – 14 October 2009

Meeting opened at 12 noon at Mundubbera Development Meeting Rooms

Present

Attendees	Representation
Ben Harzer	Committee Member
Ron Carige	Committee Member
John Vicary	Committee Member
Mark Berthelsen	Committee Member
Ken Darrow	Chairman
Troy Emmerton	Committee Member
Danny Green	SunWater

1. Apologies

Nil

2. Previous Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held 12 December 2008 were endorsed as a true and correct Record.

3. Business Arising From Minutes

3.1 Danny spoke on the benefits and requirements of implementing water ordering for the scheme. All irrigators would need to agree and to provide forward planning of their demands. Whilst orders can be placed per phone, it is preferred that users are online.

The meeting felt that the system is currently working well at present with minimal interruptions to supply and minimal flows out of the scheme.

3.2 Danny advised that he has investigated the apparent release loss between Cooranga and the dam. Whilst there is still some losses it has not been as great lately. To ascertain the actual loss into the aquifer or geological recharge etc a series of recordings over an extended period at a constant release volume would be needed. This issue however is what can be done about it. A pipeline is perhaps one solution at a cost. A revised AA model to reflect the loss would adversely impact on scheme allocations.

The meeting agreed to leave the matter as is given the inability to prevent the loss.

4. Correspondence

Inwards

- Interim and actual announced allocation notices
- Notices to IAC members



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5. SunWater Manager's Report

Danny Green presented his report.

Storage was at 90875 (44%).

5.1 Announced Allocation

From 1 July

HP 100%

MP 53%

Storage Volume at	98969
DSV	8360
Storage losses	16856
Cut off volume	69943 (EL 268.67m)
HP water allocations	32390
MP water allocations	13309

5.2 Water Deliveries

September quarter reads – 903 MLs

5.3 Other Water Management Issues

Annual Compliance Report prepared by ROL Holder (i.e. SunWater) – no issues.

5.4 Assets and Refurbishments

Current Works

09/10 R&E projects

Boondooma Dam

- Outlet works -Reconfigure handrails and platforms
- Install safe work platform to dehumidifier in valve house
- Modify access stairway gauging station
- Various other

Other statutory items such as:

- Deformation studies
- Dam break analysis
- Update to Dam documentation
- FIA reviews
- Install survey markers
- Spillway risk assessments
- 5 year dam safety inspections



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Planned Works

10/11 R&E projects

Boondooma Dam

- Valvehouse lining
- Concrete cap spillway floor
- Install safety buoys
- Various other

Other statutory items such as:

- Meter replacement program
- FIA reviews
- 5 year dam safety inspections

6. New Business

6.1 Release volumes queried. Key points – currently 54 ML/p/day plus 45 ML day Tarong. Need to remind customers of need for advance ordering and awareness of travel times.

6.2 WRP/ROP Review.

- WRP must be complete by 1 September 2011 – statutory requirement
- DERM aim to deliver by 1 July 2011 – in effect for water year 2011/12
- Will deal with water sharing rules
- Yet to commence review formally i.e. Notice of Intent, however preliminary work has commenced on updating IQQM. Notice of Intent and Information Notices be out end of this year
- Project underway to speed up process, amendment to Water Act 2000 required. Aim in place for end of next year
- Currently seeking government feedback
- Aim to reduce number of times needs to go to cabinet
- WRP and ROP review will run concurrently

The meeting considered issues to be included in a submission to the review. These were:

- Potential to reduce the cut off volume.
- Viability of the scheme given further transfers of MP allocations to HP.
- Use of regulating weirs.
- How to optimise use of flood harvesting.

7. Next Meeting

A meeting will be arranged prior to Christmas.

Meeting closed at 1.30 p.m.

**BOYNE RIVER
IRRIGATOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



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MINUTES CONFIRMED

Chairperson

SunWater Regional Manager

Date

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