

MINUTES OF MEETING – 23 NOVEMBER 2010

Meeting opened by Stuart Nicholson at 7:15pm Murgon RSL Meeting Room

Present

Attendees	Representation
Stuart Nicholson	Chairperson
Peter Enkermann	Committee Member
Andrew Mayne	Committee Member
Scott Johns	Observer
Nev Wogandt	SunWater
Milt Pukallus	SunWater

Agenda

- Current Storage and Release Position
- Scheme Operations and Maintenance
- General Business

1. Apologies

Kev Armstrong, Michael Stewart

2. Previous Minutes

Not Tabled

3. Business Arising from Minutes

Nil

4. Water Storage Position

Water storage data covering the previous 12 month was produced and discussed

STORAGE	% (16/11/ 2010)	% (01/07 / 2009)
Bjelke Petersen Dam	86	6
Silver leaf Weir	100	95
Joe Sippel Weir	100	99

5. Update Announced Allocation

The announced Allocation for the 2010 / 2011 water year is currently 100%

6. ROP Review – WRP

There has been input into the ROP review from the IAC particularly on operational issues.

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7. Maintenance and Refurbishment Program

Discussion centred on the maintenance and refurbishment program in particular the works for Scheme storages (projects listed in the Operational Report attached)

General Business

- **Water Ordering**

The issue of water ordering was raised along with the importance of ordering water. With the good season and Bjelke Petersen Dam at 86% of capacity and 100% announced allocation demand for water will increase. To ensure that efficiencies within the system are maintained and water orders are delivered on time it is paramount that orders for water are lodged.

It was reported that the current water ordering arrangements both on line and by Interactive Voice Response (IVR) have been performing below expectation.

Following discussion it was recommended that a newsletter be sent out to all customers outlining the importance of water ordering and providing details for irrigators on how to place orders and alternative water ordering arrangements.

- **Stream Flow events**

Stream flow events were discussed, however this is being looked at by DERM. It was discussed the need to ensure that on a first flow situation that the water travels the full system before access is provided to ensure that all water users have some access to base flows for stock water etc. some possibilities for managing these situations is to have gauge boards placed in water holes to indicate cease to flow levels and approved drawdown levels.

- **Carryover of Unused Allocation**

Discussion centred on the current quarterly accounting for carryover water allocation and the impost on customers in determining water requirements for the coming months.

SunWater to follow up, with the view to having a “one off” announcement for carryover, at the beginning of the water year.

Meeting closed at 9:00pm

**Barker Barambah
IRRIGATOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



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Chairperson

Area Operations Manager

Date

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