

Meeting Minutes

Date: 15 May 2017
Time: 3:00pm
Location: SunWater Chinchilla Office
Attendees: John Kelly, SunWater
John Bender, IAC Chair
Ian Wolski, IAC
Mark Jenyns, IAC
David Uebergang, IAC

Apologies:

Observers: Nil

Chair: John Bender

Minutes: John Kelly, SunWater

Meeting No: 2

Agenda			
Item No.	Item	HB Doc No.	Presenter
1.	Welcome and Introductions		John K
2.	Apologies		Chair
3.	Review of Previous Minutes		Chair
4.	Business Arising from Previous Minutes		Chair
5.	Agenda Items		
6.	2017 Network Service Plan		John K
7.	Chinchilla Weir – Predicted AA from 1 July 2017		John K
8.	General Business		All

Agenda Item 2 – Apologies

- Nil

Agenda Item 3 – Review of Previous Minutes

- The minutes from the previous IAC meeting held on 12 January 2017 were reviewed. The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Agenda Item 4 – Business arising from the previous minutes

- In relation to the metering of releases from the weir at the Tailwater Gauging Station, as discussed in the general business in the meeting of 12 January 2017, the IAC requested SunWater to provide information on the calibration of the tailwater gauging station. Moved Ian Wolski and Seconded Mark Jenyns.
- In relation to the previous action item from the minutes in which SunWater was to provide further advice on QGC's contribution to fixed costs of the weir such as insurance, SunWater advised the IAC that QGC pay for operational costs associated with use of the weir to operate the CSG Beneficial Use Scheme and water accounting for CSG water. These items included things such as meter readings, scheduling CSG water and delivering CSG water. Whilst QGC do not contribute to fixed costs such as insurance, they did contribute the total cost of upgrading of the weir outlet (approx. \$800k) in 2012 which the entire scheme benefits from. In light of this information the IAC were happy that QGC had and continue to contribute to their share of costs of the weir.

Agenda Item 6 – 2017 Network Service Plan Report

- SunWater provided the IAC with a copy of the 2017 Network Service Plan for review. The IAC queried the increased Preventative Maintenance costs in 2018 (\$23k) when compared to previous years (approx. \$10-\$14k).

Post Meeting Note: SunWater advises the increase in Preventative Maintenance Costs in 2018 is primarily driven by increased labour costs of \$8k in 2018 compared to \$3k in previous years and an increase in non-direct costs of \$15k in 2018 compared to \$6k in previous years including billing and customer support, asset management, water planning, hydrographic services, environmental support costs, HR, payroll, ICT, legal, property, finance etc.

- The IAC queried who was responsible to repair meters. SunWater advised that SunWater budgets to repair a few meters each year under the R&E Program, however any new customers requiring meters are required to pay for the meter.
- The IAC questioned the surplus for the scheme detailed in table 1 and in particular what happens to this surplus.

Post Meeting Note: SunWater advises that the scheme surplus (if there is one) is returned to SunWater's shareholding ministers as a dividend.

- The IAC questioned if the scheme could be benchmarked against another scheme to see if costs were efficient. SunWater advised it will look into benchmarking with schemes of a similar nature.
- The IAC endorsed the 2017 Network Service Plan. Moved Ian Wolski and seconded David Uebergang

The 2017 Network Service Plan for the scheme is available on SunWater's website at:

<http://www.sunwater.com.au/schemes/nsp/annual-nsp-and-performance-reports>

Agenda Item 7 – Chinchilla Weir – Predicted AA from 1 July 2017

Predicting the AA on 1 July 2017 requires an estimation of the storage level in the weir on 1 July 2017. The predicted AA range has been modelled on the drawdown scenario that occurred between 1 May 2014 and 1 July 2014. The weir was spilling on 1 May 2014 at levels similar to the current volumes. The weir drew down approx. 1,375 ML between 8 May and 1 July 2014. The current level (on 9 May 2017) in Chinchilla Weir is 295.787 m AHD (9,904 ML).

As it appears the minimal flow scenario is more likely to arise, the level of Chinchilla Weir on 1 July 2017 may be in the vicinity of 8,529 ML (9,904 – 1,375). This corresponds to an EL 295.363 m AHD.

If inflows cease and below average rainfall results, as predicted by the Bureau of Meteorology, a conservative announced allocation prediction would be in the range of 45-55% for MP.

Agenda Item 8 – General Business

The IAC suggested that the representation on the IAC should be increased. SunWater advised that this is acceptable as long as the IAC agreed and representation was equal amongst the different zones (upstream and downstream). The IAC suggested two more representatives would assist in ensuring a quorum was met in case other IAC members were unable to make the meetings. The IAC suggested some representatives that may be interested, one from upstream and one from downstream. The IAC advised they would approach these people to see if they would like to be nominated for these roles.

The IAC queried the weir buoys and were they supposed to separate in flood events as it was understood that in the last flood event they didn't separate but rather drowned and it was a concern driving boats over the buoy line as you didn't know how far beneath the surface the line was. SunWater advised it would investigate the design of the line and see if it was supposed to separate in flood events.

Meeting Close: 4:30pm

Open Action Item Summary			
Ref No.	Description	Assigned To	Due Date
4	SunWater to provide information on the calibration of the tailwater gauging station	John K	Next IAC meeting
6	SunWater to look into benchmarking Chinchilla Weir with other schemes of a similar nature	John K	Next IAC Meeting
8	SunWater to investigate if the buoy line is supposed to separate during flood events	John K	Next IAC Meeting

Next Meeting:

Date: TBA
Time: TBA
Location: TBA

**Chinchilla Weir WSS Irrigator Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**



John Bender

IAC, Chair

30 June 2017

Date

John Kelly

SunWater Service Manager

30 June 2017

Date