

DAWSON VALLEY IRRIGATOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE



MINUTES OF MEETING – 18 May 2016

Meeting opened by Peter French at 10:15am

Present

Attendees	Representation
Peter French	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Peter Mahoney	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Greg Hutchinson	Irrigator LMA Representative
John Kelly	SunWater – Service Manager (IS)
Peter Tweed	SunWater – Service Supervisor Theodore (IS)
Milton Pukallus	SunWater – Service Manager (BW)
Steve Keyworth	SunWater – Operator Maintainer (BW)

1. Apologies

Trevor Brownlie, Harrod Anderson, Robert Hoadley.

Moved Peter Mahoney, Seconded Greg Hutchinson.

2. Agenda

- Current Water Storage Situation
- CSG Water Supplies
- LMA Discussion
- R&E Update BulkWater
- R&E Update Irrigation Systems
- Draft 2017 Network Service Plans (IS and BW)
- General Business

3. Previous minutes

Reviewed business arising from the November 2015 meeting. Peter advised that item 6, referring to Orange Creek Weir was not correct. **Action** – Milton to correct and recirculate to IAC.

Moved Greg Hutchinson, Seconded Peter Mahoney.

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4. Current Water Storage Situation

As at 18/05/2016	<u>Storage ML</u>	<u>%</u>
Glebe	15,380	87
Gyranda	11,391	61
Theodore	4,708	99
Moura	6,504	85
Neville Hewitt	9,251	87
MOSS	2,238	79

Steve is currently releasing water below Moura to maintain waterholes above the minimum level. Greg asked about losses downstream and whether they were significant. Losses are reasonable but our obligation under the ROP is to maintain the level of the waterholes so that they are drawn down no lower than 0.5m.

5. Coal Seam Gas Water supplies

John gave an update on CSG water forecasts from QGC and in general are lower than expected. Current forecast is 15ML/d and this would increase to 28ML/d in March 2017. See forecast data attached to minutes. There are several new customers on the pipeline who have priority on access to the water and are expected to become operational in the near future. This will likely see minimal water delivered into Glebe Weir. It is not considered practical to progress the water sharing rules further given the small volumes likely to reach and benefit the scheme or other users.

6. LMA Update

Peter gave a brief update on LMA progress. At this stage there is little to provide by way of update but it is expected an announcement will be provided in the near future.

7. R&E Update Bulk Water

At this stage of the year most works are being completed as the end of financial year draws closer. There will be a number of jobs commencing at MOSS in July/August. It is anticipated that the site works for Orange Creek Weir can commence in mid June, dependant on water levels. Steve advised that the weir needs to be drawn down enough to keep the water off the crest and provide a safe work environment.

8. R&E Update IS

Key R&E Projects have been a study into the operational issues of existing automated control gates, the refurbishment of pump #1 at Gibber Gunyah and replacement of the siphon support structure on Channel D. The works on the Siphon at Channel D will run into July but are expected to be complete by the 30 July. The other projects will be completed by 30 June.

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9. Draft 2017 Bulk Water Network Service Plan

Milton presented the draft 2017 Bulk NSP. Questions and comments were noted and feedback on these will be provided shortly.

There is also available the e-mail address to utilise which is nspfeedback@sunwater.com.au

10. General Business

- Greg asked whether SunWater was intending to publish the operational report for CSG water use. Operational report should be updated at least after every meter reading (ie the end of the quarter) or due to the CSG reporting requirements this could be every month as some people may update their meter readings online. Currently it is only posted on the website if there is a change to the AA therefore the actual use out of the system is not made public on a regular basis. This information in the past was made available via the SunWater website and was instantaneous if a meter reading was updated / entered by SunWater staff. This will be referred to Gordon Delaney for follow up.
- Water ordering issues were raised by Greg, regarding irrigators who are taking water but not ordering. Whilst no firm actions were identified it was suggested that a letter should go to those who have taken water (meter reads) but have not ordered equivalent volumes.
- Peter asked if information on where the excess profit from this system goes and how SunWater as a whole operates on the financial side. Do they give a dividend to government, or is money evened out across the various systems. This will be included in the NSP feedback answers.

Greg Hutchinson and Peter Mahoney left the meeting at 12:15pm.

Draft 2017 Distribution Network Service Plan

John presented the draft 2017 Distribution NSP.

Next meeting

No meeting date has been set at this stage. The committee will be contacted before the next meeting is due in October.

Meeting Closed 12:50pm

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Chairperson	Service Manager (IS)	Service Manager (BW)
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