

# Mareeba Dimbulah Irrigation Area Council

## MINUTES OF MEETING – 6 June 2017

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Meeting opened at 10.11am

### Present:

Attendees	Representation
Joe Moro	Mareeba Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association
Bronwyn Dwyer	Secretary
Evan McGrath	
Eva Arena	Barron River/Tinaroo Falls Dam Area (12.40pm)
Gerard Kath	Channels/Pipelines – Central Area (left: 12.40pm)
Charlie Martens	Sunwater Service Manager, Mareeba
Remo Terranova	Mitchell Catchment Supplemented Streams (left 12.47pm)
Maryann Salvetti	Tableland CANEGROWERS Ltd (12.45pm)
Kylie Collins	Channels/ Pipelines – Western Area (left: 12.40pm)
Peter Howe	Channels/Pipelines – Eastern Area (left 12.40)
Makse Srhoj	Barron River Catchment Supplemented Streams
Peter Cocuzza	Operations Supervisor – SunWater Mareeba

### 1. Apologies: Shaun Fassio

### 2. Previous Minutes & Action List:

- Minutes of 4 May 2017 Meeting were *Moved: Eva Arena, Seconded: Evan McGrath as a true and correct record. Carried*

- Action List:

4May 2017 5.1.1 – Hydro is paying 20% of costs of bulk (routine plus capital)

### 3. Correspondence:

- Tabled

### 4. SunWater:

- **Network Service Plans** – Bulk: Revenue transfer from \$539,000 QCA target to \$961,000 actual

- Bulk price path negotiation – need to revisit the 20% being paid by hydro and also costs paid for by industrial and urban

#### **Action: Review Bulk cost sharing by hydro, industrial and urban on bulk for next price path**

- Dam wall maintenance is a scheme cost

- Distribution Revenue: 2016 actual \$6.727M, 2017 \$5.993M forecast, Budget \$6.149M for 2018. Expecting about \$90,000 surplus

- Revenue – CSO for insurance and electricity from \$54,000 for 2017 to \$788,000 for 2018

- Revenue transfer – CSO for irrigation part gets transferred to bulk for insurance etc.

- 2018 revenue expected \$6.15M

- Annuity balance gaining about \$1m per year due to not replacing pipelines

- \$2.2M contribution for 2018 and only spending about \$800,000

#### **Action: Need to review the bulk costs associated with for dam safety**

- *The MDIACouncil resolved to accept the NSP's as presented by SunWater*

**Modernisation Project** – Charlie presented the project proposal. Should know if the project has been successful by end June

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### 5. Policy Discussion:

- North Johnstone Diversion – industry will support a feasibility study if the water is to increase reliability. Write letter to Barnaby Joyce re feasibility

**Action: Joe and Bronwyn to write letter to Barnaby Joyce re North Johnstone Diversion**

- Request DNRM to attend 27 July meeting to go through previous North Johnstone Diversion studies

**Action: Bronwyn to email Nigel to see if he can attend 27 July meeting to present North Johnstone Diversion studies**

- Start of Water Year – *MDIA Council resolved that our position is that the water year stays at 1 July – 30 June*

- Carryover – Any change could have implications to water allocation so would need to carry out modelling.

**Action: Charlie to see what model they have for carryover and whether we can use it run different carry over scenarios**

- Capacity Sharing – Would like to have a presentation on capacity sharing

**Action: Charlie to organise SunWater to present to us on Capacity Sharing**

- Water Harvesting – Include as item for next Resource Planning Review

**Action: Include Water Harvesting as item for next Resource Planning Review**

### 6. Discussion on DNRM Environmental Flow Release Modelling Report

- Too difficult to understand and need to have discussion at next meeting

### 7. Other Business:

- NIL

### 8. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items: 27 July 2017 at 10am & 17 July Reference Panel Meeting on LMA at Mareeba Soccer Club at 6pm

Meeting closed: 12.25pm

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## ACTION LIST – 6 June 2017

Agenda No.	Action	Who	By When	Status
17Apr15 2.7	Put Termination Fees on agenda for next price Path	Bronwyn	Next price path	
4May17 4.1.2	Provide Feedback to DNRM on Env Flow Release Modelling report	Committee	July-17	
6Jun174.1.1	Review bulk cost sharing by hydro, industrial & urban at next bulk price path	Bronwyn	Next price path	
6Jun174.1.2	Review bulk costs associated with dam safety at next bulk price path	Bronwyn	Next price path	
6Jun17 5.1.1	Write to Barnaby Joyce re North Johnstone Diversion Feasibility Study	Joe/Bronwyn	Jul-17	
6Jun17 5.1.2	Email Nigel re 27 July Mtg to present on North Johnstone Diversion	Bronwyn	9.6.17	
6Jun17 5.3	See what carryover model there is and whether we can use it to run scenarios	Charlie	24.7.17	
6Jun17 5.4	Organise presentation on Capacity Sharing	Charlie	24.7.17	
6Jun17 5.5	Include water harvesting as item for next Resource Planning Review	Bronwyn	Next Resource Plan review	