

MINUTES OF MEETING – 4 July 2012

Meeting opened by Mark Mammino at 9:30am at the SunWater Office Bundaberg

Present

Attendees	Representation
Mark Mammino	Chairperson
Selwyn Bengston	Gin Gin/Bingera Channel including Abbotsf
Peter Maidment	
Anthony Rheibein	
Neville Wogandt	SunWater – Area Operations Manager
Milton Pukallus	SunWater – Service Manager
Darren Large	SunWater – Operations Supervisor
Observers	
Wayne Stanley	Isis Canegrowers
Peter Hockings	Observer – Bundaberg Fruit & Vegetable Growers Cooperative – Small Crops

1. Apologies

George Green, Peter Russo and Dale Hollis

2. Acknowledgement of Edwin Tesch's Contribution

A minute silence was held in respect of Edwin's recent passing and to acknowledge his contribution to the irrigation community and the committee

3. Water Storage Position

As per attached Table

4. Update Announced Allocation

100% allocation for medium and high with no carryover.

5. Future Role of IAC

Wayne Stanley posed the question about the future role of IAC. This question was also jointly discussed with QCA water pricing reporting outcomes for future meetings.

It is intended to continue with IAC meetings to ensure higher level operational governance issues can be addressed in an appropriate forum. It is also intended to recommence shed meetings for operationally specific issues to ensure more information is provided to irrigators. The frequency

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of meetings was discussed and generally agreed that quarterly may be the minimum.

Nev facilitated discussion on which criteria the committee would like to see reported at each meeting and the initial points were;

- Operational plans
- Building asset maintenance plans – review/input
- Corrective maintenance schedule
- Preventive (routine) maintenance schedule
- Financials – mthly/qtrly
- Regulatory
- Standards of service

It was acknowledged that some elements above would require approval from SunWater executive before they could be provided to the committee.

6. Shutdown Management and Planning

Milton provided a brief presentation on some of the maintenance activities undertaken during this year's closedowns. This included an overview of channel regulator gate overhaul, Woongarra pump overhaul and channel desilting.

7. Renewals and Maintenance

Nev discussed the process used to build renewals and maintenance plan to ensure that the assets are maintained in a serviceable condition. Reference was made to the planned refurbishment of a pump at the Woongarra pump station. It is critical that pumping plant is kept in good condition, given the 100% allocations and possible reduced rainfall going forward.

8. Pipebreaks and Outages

The processes that are required to repair a pipe break was discussed. With a significant number of SunWater pipe lines in road reserves and located in close proximity to other services such as telecom, power lines both underground and above ground as well as other facility water mains. It is difficult to excavate and repair these pipe leaks as significant effort and time is required to consult and arrange access to effect repairs.

9. Acrolein Weed Control

Discussion on the acrolein weed control program and closedown notifications. It was agreed that where possible longer periods of notice would be provided and discussed with relevant parties through planned "shed meetings" etc.

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IRRIGATOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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Next Meeting scheduled for the 4 September 2012

Meeting closed at 10:55am

Chairperson

Area Operations Manager

Date

Date