

CALLIDE VALLEY IRRIGATOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE



MINUTES OF MEETING – 23 April 2014

Meeting opened by Milton Pukallus at 9:20am at DAFF Conference Room Biloela

Present

Attendees	Representation
Scott Fitzgerald	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Bruce Burrows	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Ivan Shepardson	Irrigator Advisory Committee
James Fairley	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Paul Stringer	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Trevor Goos	Irrigator Advisory Committee
John Barber	SunWater – Storage Supervisor
Milton Pukallus	SunWater – Service Manager
Andrew Maughan	SunWater – Operations Supervisor
Tony Watson	SunWater – Maintenance Supervisor

1. Apologies

Apologies received from David Snell.

2. Agenda

- Network Service Plans
- Meeting schedule
- General business

3. Previous minutes

Not reviewed at this meeting.

4. Business arising from previous minutes

Nil

5. Network Service Plans

Milton presented the draft 2015 Network Service Plan for the scheme. Feedback and requests for further information were noted for consideration in the final NSP which will be published in June.

6. Meeting schedule

The committee discussed the previous frequency of meetings and agreed that it could be improved. There was general feeling that the committee did not have the same impact as it did previously. Raised by John and Milton that a chairman is needed. This can be discussed further at the next meeting.

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7. General Business

- The announced allocation process is creating some angst amongst the IAC and irrigators in general. The feeling of the committee is
 - a. that it is not fully understood both how the process works at present and
 - b. that they are not consulted about the review of AA.
- The committee believes that groundwater is higher than it has been for some time but the corresponding increase in AA is not occurring. It was resolved that Milton would liaise with DNRM and SunWater about arranging a meeting to discuss this issue. The intent of such a meeting would be to clarify the current process and look at next year's forecast AA.
- Ivan queried the current operating rules for Callide Dam. John provided a brief overview of the revised operating rules. Discussion occurred regarding what effect the dam may have had on downstream flooding if the operating level was lower before the event. This has been fully investigated by an independent reviewer and not within the scope of the IAC. It was reiterated that the dam was not designed for flood mitigation.
- John advised of a closedown period on Callide Creek in May.

Next meeting – The next meeting has not been formally set however it is intended to have a meeting in early May to discuss the AA process and forecast for next year.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10:45

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Chairperson	_____
	Service Manager
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