

**MINUTES OF MEETING – Friday, 21 June 2013**  
**Tableland Canegrowers Ltd Office - Mareeba**

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**1. Shutdowns**

Over twenty shutdowns earlier in the year went well. Only one significant shutdown planned for the installation of new pumps at Price Creek A Pump Station and is planned for October – November 2013. Customers have requested if this can be changed to February if possible or at least minimised. SunWater are to get more information from the Contractor before finalising the date.

Minor shutdowns occur as required for repairs such as pipe leaks and are usually a short duration.

**2. SunWater Network Service Plans**

SunWater staff went through the bulk water and distribution system NSP reports, budget and QCA targets.

Discussed fencing program and the risk control it is intended to achieve. It was proposed that if the committee objects to the fencing program, that they may write to SunWater requesting it to be deferred until LMA direction is determined.

**3. Internet Water Ordering**

SunWater has developed a new internet ordering system but Mareeba and the Burdekin will remain using the current StreamLine system as it would not need to then be changed again if LMA is implemented.

**4. Upcoming Shed Meetings**

There are no shed meetings currently scheduled. A shed meeting will be scheduled for Price Creek shutdown once further planning is done for the pump replacement. Other shed meetings may be called if water ordering in specific areas needs further action.

**5. Layout of Invoices**

It was explained that under the new SunWater system that a new format summary invoice would be issued next billing period. Detailed reports are available on request or online. Customers will also be requested to provide updated contact details to improve customer notifications via SMS and email.

Credit Card bill payment is now available and will attract a small credit card fee.

**6. Carryover & Announced Allocation**

A projected Announced Allocation estimate was given for July 2013 which was approximately 90% AA and carryover. Expect carryover to be for only a short period as it is cancelled once Tinaroo level drops below 75% and it is currently 78% and falling.

**7. Barron River Releases**

Do not expect any significant changes for river releases as the Tinaroo dam levels are in the medium zone which has fairly stable flow targets.

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**8. Refurbishment Program**

The main project this year is the Price Creek A Pump Station pump replacement.

Many minor valving replacement projects and channel lining repairs are being planned.

It was explained that larger projects must have an options study to ensure that the project is being carried out at the most cost efficient time and to the correct standards to minimise overall life cycle costs.

**9. Copper Sulphate Licence and Potential Acrolein use**

SunWater has obtained a two year research permit for Mareeba to use and research the use of Copper Sulphate. As the Mareeba Dimbulah Scheme is an open system that supplements streams, it cannot use the permit obtained for use in other closed water supply schemes.

The outcome is not yet known regarding this research but it is required to be demonstrated to the APVMA that minimal environmental impacts to the natural watercourses is achieved and that controlled and repeatable dosing using copper sulphate treats the algae effectively using minimal levels of dosing concentrations.

**10. Local Management Update**

Interim Local Management Board Chair Joe Moro gave an update on the formation of the new board. While a target date of November to give a report to the Minister has been set, Joe explained that it may take longer. Joe explained that until this due diligence phase is finalised, and local customers have a chance to be informed and have a say, that it would not be decided.