

# THREE MOON CREEK IRRIGATOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE



## MINUTES OF MEETING – 14 August 2015

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Meeting opened by Paul Francis at 1:00pm at Council Boardroom, Monto

### Present

Attendees	Representation
Paul Francis	Irrigator Advisory Committee - Chairman
Brad Forsyth	Irrigator Advisory Committee – Section 1 upper
Lindsay Penney	Irrigator Advisory Committee – Section 5
Ben Jarvis	Irrigator Advisory Committee – Section 1
Jason Larsen	Irrigator Advisory Committee – Section 4
Milton Pukallus	SunWater – Service Manager Central
Andrew Maughan	SunWater – Operations Supervisor
Ron Boal	SunWater – A/Storage Supervisor

### 1. Apologies

Russ Salisbury, Allan Little

### 2. Agenda

- Previous Minutes
- Storage and Release Update
- General business

### 3. Business Arising From Previous Minutes

- There were no minutes for the 18 May 2015 meeting as there were not enough present to form a quorum.
- Minutes of the previous 16 October 2014 meeting to be circulated by email.

### 4. Storage Update and Release Strategy

- Cania Dam was at 98% capacity on the day of the meeting.
- The creek downstream of Monto has stopped running.
- The creek downstream of Moonford has stopped running.
- The Monel still has a small flow.
- There is approximately 2ML/day being released from Avis Weir.
- The topic was opened up to the committee for discussion on the release requirement.
- Jason – some demand in the area and the release should be commenced now.
- Lindsay – Not much time before he runs out of water. Bill Avis also concerned about the level in Avis Weir.
- Brad – Almost out of water now. Agreed the release should commence.
- Ben – Start trickling the flow now for surface users.

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- The general consensus was that the release should commence as soon as possible. It was noted that there is a notification process to adhere to and this would delay the release.
- Brad advised that there was some obstruction at a crossing which needed attention. Paul and Brad agreed on a strategy to resolve this.
- It was agreed that a small release, that wouldn't close any crossings, should commence the next day until sufficient notice had been provided to enable the larger release to start.
- Notifications would be arranged as soon as possible.

### OUTCOMES

- Small release (approx 20ML/d) to commence next day.
- Notifications to be arranged for larger release.
- Larger release scheduled for last week of August or first week of September.

Moved by Lindsay, Seconded by Ben

## 5. General Business

- A query was raised about signage for water over road crossing on Youlambie. Agreed this was Council responsibility but SunWater to advise.
- Youlambie channel has some debris build up from TC Marcia event. Agreed that this will be cleared as soon as possible to ensure the release is not impacted.
- Ben advised that there had been some work undertaken on his property below Youlambie channel and that the outlet in the middle of his paddock is damaged (from floods) and is possible in the wrong place now that the low areas have been changed. Suggested that the outlet should be moved. Ron and Ben to inspect on site. Milton to follow up.  
Moved Ben. Seconded Jason.
- Lindsay asked if there should be an approval from the committee before any releases from weirs are made. The example was the current release from Avis. General consensus was that the committee should be consulted when this scenario is likely.  
Moved Lindsay. Seconded Brad.
- Discussion held on the amount of debris in the system. Suggested by Paul that some form of survey be conducted to establish any extent of siltation in the weirs. This should be a basic survey by boat and sounder. It was also noted that there is a significant amount of debris and timber in the creek system following the floods. This normally falls within the realm of DNRM but it was mentioned that the committee could send correspondence to the department to convey their concerns.
- There was some discussion about queries posed to the committee members about the dam by fellow irrigators. It was suggested that a fact sheet be arranged so that the committee has access to accurate information about the dam such as storage volume, release capacity etc.

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**Next meeting** – The next meeting would be to review the 2014/2015 NSP report around October.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2:10pm.

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**Chairperson**

Milton Pukallus  
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**Service Manager**

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