

MINUTES OF MEETING – 2 JUNE 2010

Meeting opened by Mark Trott at 10:20am Mundubbera Development Meeting Rooms

Present

Attendees	Representation
Mark Trott	Chairperson
Greg Green	Committee Member
Les Darrow	Committee Member
Allan Voss	Committee Member
Judy Shepherd	Committee Member
Alan Roth	Committee Member
Neville Wogandt	SunWater – Area Operations Manager
Milton Pukallus	SunWater – Service Manager

Guests

Mark Pearson, Gary Burgess, Graeme Buckler and Amanda Casey from DERM

1. Apologies

Nil

2. Previous Minutes

Not Tabled

3. Business Arising from Minutes

Nil

4. Water Storage Position

STORAGE	VOLUME ML	%
Claude Wharton Weir	8327	65
Kiara Weir	8849	93
John Golby Weir	1587	94
Jones Weir	3682	99
Wuruma Dam	12989	8

5. Update Announced Allocation

An initial evaluation of the proposed announced Allocation for the 2010/2011 water year is currently being assessed.

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6. ROP Review – WRP

Discussions centred around the following dot point issues.

- There is a need to address operational issues
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- Issues with HP water allocation in the weirs as these are effecting MP allocation holders. HP allocation held by the NBRC is more than what is required at the current time. The development of the towns is not sufficient to currently the volume of water held in reserve. It is this reserve that is affecting the MP allocation holder's access to water.
- Need to look at the frequency of revising the AA even if it is 1% or 2% each time as this small volume can mean a watering or part watering for struggling crops.
- There is a need to look at release trigger levels for Kiara Weir Wuruma Dam and Jones Weirs.
- Stream flow periods should be taken into account when the weirs are continuing to overflow, with water used not being debited against AA.
- Distribution of water from Burnett water through the zones – How are the volumes determined for each zone?
- The water year is currently July to June is this the best time – IAC members to follow up with members and report to DERM.
- There is a need for better communication for release events from weirs. There were issues with the release from Kiara weir in 2009 when irrigators did not know what was happening. Neville and Milton to follow up on operational issues with local staff.

Conclusion

DERM staff still in consultation with irrigators within the scheme and this will continue. SunWater is to progress a communication strategy for dissemination of information for releases from storages and operational issues.

Meeting closed at 12:55pm

Chairperson

Area Operations Manager

Date

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