

Date: 21 September 2022

Time: 9am

Location: Paroo Shire Council Chambers, Cunnamulla

Attendees:

Representing customers: George Grimwade, Nathan Ferguson, Cassie White (Paroo Shire Council)

Sunwater representatives: John Kelly

Apologies: John Biggs

Agenda items		
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1	Welcome and Introductions	John K
2	Apologies	John K
3	Review of Previous Minutes and Business Arising	John K
4	Storage Update	John K
5	DRDMW Meter Standards	John K
6	FY22 Scheme Budget and Expenditure Review	John K
7	FY22 Planned Corrective Maintenance Program	John K
8	FY23 Planned corrective Maintenance Program	John K
9	22/23 Service and Performance Plan (SPP)	John K
10	General Business - Net Zero Water Product	John K

1. Welcome and introductions

The chair opened the meeting at 9:00am and thanked the committee members for their attendance.

2. Apologies

John Biggs

3. Review of Previous Minutes and Business Arising

The IAC reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting.

Sunwater advised that the automation of the outlet gate at the weir was progressing however the project has experienced delays with the supply of parts (electric actuator) from overseas (Germany). Sunwater advised the work will be completed this financial year.

Sunwater advised the IAC that it was continuing the replace meters as required to meet the DRDMW standards and was including Back to Base technology so ultimately the meters could be read remotely. It was also discussed that customers would have access to this information.

Sunwater advised that it had received a quote to undertake a lidar/bathymetric survey of the weir. The cost to undertake the work would be \$70k. Sunwater discussed with the IAC the value in spending this money and what would be done as a result of knowing of any siltation. Based on the fact that there is currently no impact on water sharing rules, water access or availability and the fact that the cost to remove any silt would be significant for the additional volume created (uneconomical), it was decided to not undertake the survey at this point in time.

4. Storage Update

Sunwater advised the IAC that the current storage of Allan Tannock weir (ATW) was 4,772ML or 100%. The weir has continued to spill for the best part of the last 12 months and will continue to spill for some time based on the current weather predictions (La Nina event).

5. DRDMW Meter Standards

Sunwater advised the IAC that DRDMW had issued their non-urban metering standard in Sept 2021 and that there was a requirement for all meters in the Cunnamulla Water Supply Scheme to be validated by 2025. Sunwater advised it would undertake the validation process and for meters that are unable to be validated they would need to be replaced with a meter that meets the standard. Sunwater advised that any meters replaced in recent times were replaced with meters that met the standard and therefor will be able to be validated.

6. FY22 scheme budget and expenditure review

Sunwater provided the IAC with the Profit and Loss (P&L) report for the scheme to 30 June 2022 ([see Attachment to the minutes](#)). Of note:

- Operating revenue was above budget at \$120k
- Operating costs were below budget at \$85k
- Net profit was above budget at \$34k

Sunwater noted that the operating costs being below budget was in part driven by work that could not be completed as a result of the weir being full/overtopping for most of the period, preventing access to undertake projects such as the erosion on the upstream wall of the weir, the replacement of the seals on the upstream outlet gate, and the 5 yearly comprehensive weir inspection.

7. FY22 Planned Corrective Maintenance Program review

Sunwater provided the IAC with a summary of the FY22 R&E program ([see Attachment to the minutes](#)) and includes actual costs for each project.

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The main projects completed for the scheme this year were the replacement of a major customers meter and contribution towards the control of water lettuce on the weir which was led by the Paroo Shire Council. Some expenditure had also occurred on the project to automate the outlet gate however delays in the supply of some materials will see this project carry over into FY23. The remaining projects scheduled (5 yearly comprehensive inspection, erosion control upstream of the weir wall and replacement of seals on the upstream gate, could not be completed to due elevated water levels or the weir spilling for most of the year. These projects will carry over into FY23.

8. FY23 Planned Corrective Maintenance Program review

Sunwater provided the IAC with the program of capital works planned to be undertaken in FY23 ([*see Attachment to the minutes*](#)). Completion of a number of projects once again will be dependant on access to the weir.

9. 22/23 Draft Service and Performance Plan

Sunwater provided the IAC with the draft [22/23 Service and Performance Plan](#) for the scheme ([*see attachment to the Minutes*](#)). Sunwater did a page turn of the document with the IAC pointing out the salient points of the schemes performance. Sunwater noted the key performance measures for 2020-21 as follows:

- Operating costs were \$49.7k which was slightly above the QCA target of \$46.2k or 7.5% above than QCA forecast
- Annuity funded costs were \$0 as there were no annuity funded projects undertaken in 20/21
- Total water deliveries were 2,476ML

Sunwater noted the outlook for 2022/23 as follows:

- Forecast operating costs are \$54.6k
- Forecast annuity funded costs are \$250k (including comprehensive inspection of ATW, replaced of seals on the upstream gate, repairs to erosion upstream of the weir wall, meter replacements, signage replacement)

10. General Business

Net Zero Water Product

Sunwater asked the IAC if there would be any interest in a net zero water product in their business (carbon neutral). Sunwater advised this was something the business may look at in the future and noted it may cost slightly more than the current charges for medium priority water. Advice from the IAC was that a net zero water product was probably not something they were looking for in their business.

Water Lettuce

It was discussed that the threat of further water lettuce outbreaks were possible in the short term. Sunwater advised it would be happy to contribute to control measures in partnership with the Paroo Shire Council as it had done previously.

11. Approval and Review

Minutes:	John Kelly
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