

Minutes

Date: Wednesday 7 August 2019
Time: 5:00 pm
Location: Inglewood Bowls Club, Inglewood
Attendees:

Attendees	Representation
Andrew Hooker	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Kieran Bosnjak	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Darli Doljaniin	Irrigator Advisory Committee
John Kelly	Sunwater Area Operations Manager - South
Chris Mann	Sunwater Storage Supervisor - Coolmunda Dam

Apologies: Anthony Doljanin, Matthew Oxenford, Gino Destefani, Boaz Merin, Rick McDougall

Chair: John Kelly Minutes: John Kelly

Item No.	Item	Presenter
1.	Welcome and Introductions	John Kelly
2.	Apologies	John Kelly
3.	Review of Previous Minutes	John Kelly
4.	Business Arising from Previous Minutes	John Kelly
5.	Agenda Items	John Kelly
6.	Water Storage Update	John Kelly
7.	Water Trader Update	John Kelly
8.	General Business	All

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair opened the meeting at 5:10pm and welcomed the IAC members and thanked them for their attendance.

2. Apologies

Anthony Doljanin, Matthew Oxenford, Gino Destefani, Boaz Merin, Rick McDougall

3. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting held on 3 July 2019 were reviewed and accepted as a true and accurate record.

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

5. Water Storage Update

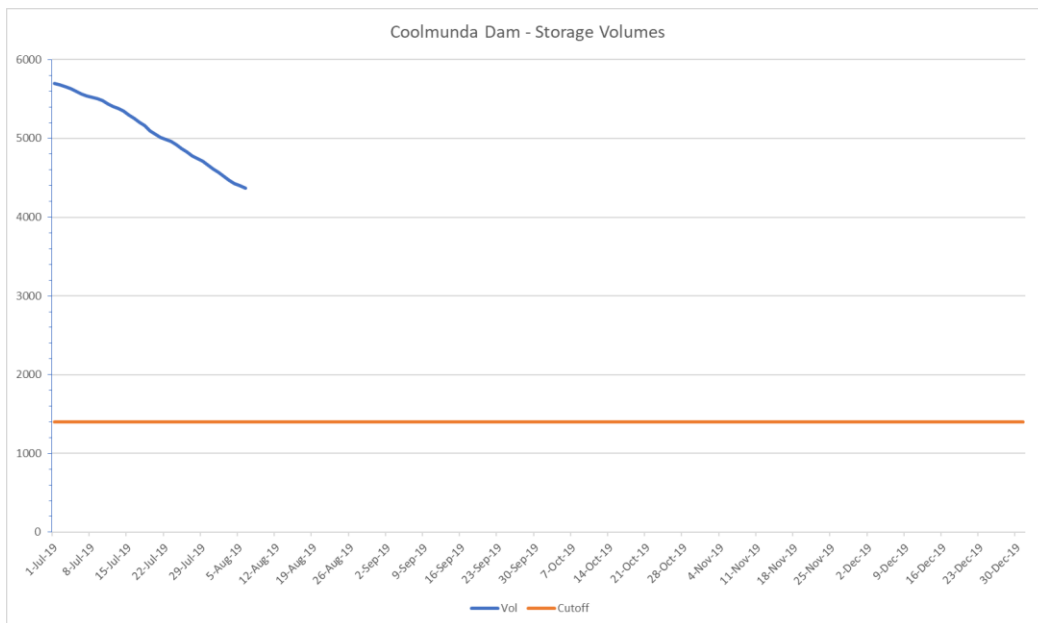
Coolmunda Dam: 4,333ML or 6.3%

Whetstone Weir: 336ML or 66.5%

Ben Dor Weir: 490ML or 70%

Sunwater advised that it expected the decline in storage volume to flatten out as Medium Priority (MP) water is used as there is approximately 3,000ML of High Priority (HP) water in the dam which will be utilised at a much slower rate.

Sunwater further advised it was continuing discussions with DNRME about the cut off rule and its application in the continuous sharing environment however given the amount of HP water in the dam it was unlikely that the cut off level (approximately 1,400ML) would be reached in October as currently predicted.



Post Meeting Note: In discussions with DNRME modellers, Sunwater has been advised that the cut off rule is required to ensure the High Priority water allocation security objective (reliability) can be met and as such cannot be removed at this point in time. Sunwater will continue to monitor the level in relation to the cut off but does not expect, given the amount of HP water in storage, that the cut off will be reached in the short term.

6. Water Trader Update

Sunwater advised the IAC that all customers were sent notification in relation to the water trader and that Sunwater would be making approximately 300ML of Medium Priority water available to the water trader on Friday 9 August. The notification sent to customers was as follows:

Sunwater sells its available allocations on the temporary trade market each year via our water broker. Sunwater has recently changed brokers and are now using Ruralco Water to trade our allocations via the Waterexchange online trading platform. Sunwater has selected the Waterexchange

platform from a range of service providers to deliver better visibility of the allocations that we have available for trade.

Waterexchange is available for public use and we encourage all customers to consider utilisation of this platform for your own trading activities. Ownership details are not listed on the platform so trading activities are confidential, however data from all trades relating to pricing and volumes are made publicly available. Sunwater are strong advocates of increasing water market transparency in order to promote both trading and better utilisation of water throughout the State, and we hope that moving our trading activities to a publicly available platform will assist in achieving this goal.

To obtain access to Sunwater seasonal allocations for the 19/20 water year, Waterexchange have developed a unique webpage for Sunwater customers – www.ruralcowater.com.au/sunwater. All users must register a new water trading account before trading can commence, and this web page will provide the directions on this process. Sunwater will place its available allocations for trade on the exchange on **Friday 9 August** in order to provide time for all parties interested in trading to establish an account prior to our allocations becoming available.

For any enquires relating to water trading using the Waterexchange platform please contact Ruralco Water on the details provided at www.ruralcowater.com.au/sunwater. For any enquiries regarding your water accounts, as always you can access your information at [Sunwater Online](#) or call our Customer Service Desk at 13 15 89.

7. General Business

Whetstone Weir valve leakage: Sunwater advised it had organised to have the valve removed in the next fortnight to investigate the cause of leakage. Sunwater will deliver some additional water through to Ben Dor Weir to meet downstream demand prior to the removal of the valve. Water can still be delivered by overtopping the weir if required and is dependent on the allocation remaining downstream to be delivered.

Post Meeting Note: Sunwater removed the valve on Monday 19 August 2019. It was found that the rubber lining had failed. See photo below. Investigations are underway into repair or replacement.

