



SUMMARY OF THE ORDINARY BOARD MEETING #OM1:11/12 for GWMWater held Wednesday, 6 July 2011

The Board of Directors approved and/or discussed the following matters.

Decision Papers

1. A Memorandum of Understanding setting out the governance arrangements for the operation of the Wimmera-Glenelg System Bulk Entitlements has been prepared and is to be circulated to key agencies for consideration.
2. An update on work being undertaken to address water quality issues following the January 2011 floods was provided.
3. Discussions will be held with the Department of Health to consider a formal declaration of water supplies in disinfected-only towns. This is in response to a series of information sessions held during May and June 2011.
4. GWMWater has commenced preparation of its 2013-18 Water Plan.
5. The Board formally approved GWMWater's 2010-13 Tariff and Pricing Proposal as approved by the Essential Services Commission. Details of these tariffs will be published in regional newspapers.
6. The Department of Sustainability and Environment has prepared an industry response to the Water Accounting Standards Board on the standardisation of Water Accounting practices for all Victorian water resources. GWMWater supports the position adopted by DSE as it prepares for the future introduction of water trading.
7. An Information Communications and Technology Strategy to be used as the basis for information and technology investments to 2013 was adopted.
8. The Terms of Reference for the Pricing and Tariff Working Group has been amended to include two members of the Regional Recreation Water Users Group.
9. The boundary of existing water districts to be reviewed to meet the supply obligations of larger urban customers currently receiving a service through Supply by Agreement.

Discussion Papers

10. Discussion was held on the recommendations of the final report issued by the Commonwealth House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Australia on the inquiry conducted by the Committee into the impact of the Guide to the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.
11. Division Four customers receiving a water supply via the Wimmera Mallee pipeline will receive a letter formally declaring their property as serviced in accordance with the provisions of Section 144 of the *Water Act 1989*.
12. The Board was updated on the asset valuation program that is being undertaken by the Valuer General.
13. The Board was updated on the activities of the Wetlands Evaluation Team which is assisting GWMWater with implementation of the supply to wetlands as part of the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project.
14. Arrangements to supply water to recreational lakes may need to be reviewed pending ongoing water quality issues at Lake Bellfield.
15. The Business Case for the WMPP on the supply of water to recreation lakes to be used as the basis of any future discussion to provide a supplementary supply to recreation lakes.
16. Attendance at future Customer Committee meetings was confirmed. A Customer Committee Summit will be held on Friday 22 July 2011.

Other reports noted by the Board include:

17. Contracts and agreements signed under delegated authority.

General Business

18. Eight new Chairs have been appointed to Catchment Management Authorities across the State.
19. The appointment of new Directors to the Board of GWMWater will be announced late September 2011.
20. The final transfer of all GWMWater water records at a customer/property level into the Water Register was completed on Sunday 3 July 2011.

The next meeting of the Board will be held 3 August 2011.

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