



SUMMARY OF THE ORDINARY BOARD MEETING #OM6:11/12 for GWMWater held Wednesday, 7 December 2011

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

Decision Papers

1. The Managing Director provided a report on a range of key operational matters.
2. Material changes in planning assumptions relating to headworks growth water sales and asset revaluation have been reflected in a revised version of our 2011/12 Corporate Plan to be submitted to the Department of Sustainability and Environment and Department of Treasury and Finance.
3. GWMWater will develop a suite of Guaranteed Service Levels relating to the provision of services to urban customers for further consultation with the community.
4. The Board endorsed the Bulk Entitlement Conversion Orders for Buangor, Elmhurst and Willaura water supply systems.
5. The outcomes from the Essential Services Commission (ESC) Water Industry Regulatory Audit conducted at GWMWater by Pitcher Partners were presented to the Board. The auditor's report has been lodged with the ESC who will subsequently issue a consolidated Water Industry Performance Report later this month.
6. Commencing February 2012, the GWMWater Board will receive their Business Papers for future meetings via electronic technology.
7. The Board endorsed the addition of the mobility solution as part of the new Asset Management Information System, to enable remote field workers with access to additional computer-based information systems and applications.

Discussion Papers

8. An information session was held to inform the Board of issues to be considered in the development of the 2013-18 Water Plan. Guidance on any key policy issues also to be considered was sought from the Board.
9. The Board noted the establishment of a new set of 2011/12 performance targets for Occupational Health and Safety. Performance against these targets will be monitored through the Corporate Safety Committee and reported to the Board.

10. An update was provided on discussions relating to the upper limit on surface water diversions from the Murray-Darling Basin granted to GWMWater by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority.
11. The Board was provided with an overview of relevant issues to GWMWater arising from the 'Proposed Basin Plan' report recently released by the Murray-Darling Basing Authority.
12. The Board received an overview on the preparation of GWMWater's Water Supply Demand Strategy and likely impacts on future water supply and demand.
13. A progress update on the activities of the Wetland Evaluations Team was provided at the meeting.
14. The Board received an update on planning and actions undertaken to address water quality issues that have arisen from the high turbidity levels in Lake Bellfield since the January 2011 flood.
15. Board Director attendance at future Customer Committee meetings to be held during February 2012 was confirmed. A summary of the responses and feedback received from previous Committee meetings held was also provided.

General Business

16. Discussion was held on a suitable date to declare a public Board meeting.
17. The Board received a briefing on the first meeting of the Entitlement Holder and Key Stakeholder Council for the Wimmera-Glenelg System Bulk and Environmental Entitlements held in Ararat on Friday 2 December 2011.
18. A policy on water supply to inundated land adjacent to Lake Buloke is to be presented at the February 2012 Board meeting for consideration.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on 1 February 2012.

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