



SUMMARY OF THE ORDINARY BOARD MEETING #OM2:11/12 for GWMWater held Wednesday, 3 August 2011

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

Decision Papers

1. The Board approved a revised version of the Instrument of Delegation outlining the financial and statutory delegation limits of management and staff.
2. The Executive Manager Stakeholder Services and Governance has been given a fixed term delegation to assist in collection of outstanding debts.
3. Pitcher Partners has been appointed to provide regulatory audit services for a period of three years. The consultant will conduct annual audits of urban performance, which is reported to the Essential Services Commission.
4. The Board adopted a Channel Isolation Policy to support the decommissioning of channels. The policy has been developed to reduce the risk of inundation caused by the transfer of flood and drainage water across property boundaries by redundant channels.
5. An exemption was granted to all eligible customers from the mandatory requirement to complete a Water Management Action Plan under its Permanent Water Saving Plan. Eligible customers include all non-residential customers that use 5 ML or more of drinking water per year.
6. The terms of appointment of the Channel Decommissioning Reference Group have been extended until March 2012 for the purpose of providing advice to the Board on the development of a Regional Channel Decommissioning and Drainage Plan.

Discussion Papers

7. An overview of consultation and discussions relating to the supply of water to Lake Walpeup
8. An update was given on the progress of the Comrie Report into the Review of the 2010-11 Flood Warnings and Responses.

9. The Board was updated on the current situation with regard to the flood damage and long term repair options for the Dimboola Weir.
10. The Board was updated on the levels in Rocklands Reservoir and the future transfer of water into Toolondo Reservoir which could occur in late August 2011.
11. Supply arrangements to customers supplied from the Horsham Weir Pool is to be further examined to determine the form of water product that applies to the water diversion licences held by individuals.
12. The Victorian Minister for Water has acknowledged GWMWater's 2011-12 Corporate Plan and the Victorian Treasurer has approved GWMWater's financial accommodation for the current financial year.
13. The Board was updated on the status of the Victorian Water Register project and associated water accounting issues that need to be considered.
14. An update was provided on water quality issues that have arisen as a result of January 2011 flood.
15. Details of the draft Storage Operating Rules is to be provided to the Board for consideration and approval prior to their release for public comment.

General Business

16. An update on the 400 Day GWMWater Strategic Action Program will be provided at the September 2011 Board meeting.
17. The Minister for Water, Peter Walsh has announced the opening of Round 4 of the Small Towns Water Quality Fund. The fund can assist water supply and sewerage infrastructure projects, and wastewater solutions in small towns across regional Victoria. Submissions close on 1 September 2011.

The next meeting of the Board will be held 7 September 2011.

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