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Region 7 Ordinary Meeting No 119 MINUTES

Indigenous Acknowledgement

"The Murray Darling Association acknowledges the traditional owners of this land and the waters on which we meet"

Location: Adelaide Hills Council, Council Chambers
63 Mount Barker Road, Stirling

Time / Date: 10am, Thursday 29 September 2022

1. WELCOME:

Mr Andrew Aitken, CEO of Adelaide Hills Council welcomed everyone present and spoke about his passion regarding environment and water.

2. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present:

- Cr Andrew Tilley, City of Mitcham
- Mr Peter Bice, Adelaide Hills Council
- Cr Robin Coleman, City of Tea Tree Gully
- Mr Thornton Harfield, City of Tea Tree Gully
- Mr Gary Goland
- Ms Val Maslan
- Mr Ray Najar
- Mr Peter Shepherd

1.2 Apologies:

- Mayor Jan-Claire Wisdom – Adelaide Hills Council
- Cr Therese Britton – La Salle, Campbelltown City Council
- Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross, City of Mitcham
- Ms Lynda Yates
- Ms Pauline Frost OAM

3. REPORTS FROM THE CEO

The CEO spoke to the meeting then took questions from the floor. Topics discussed included:

- National Conference held last week, study tour on Monday to Dartmouth Dam was well received, it was at 99% capacity and has since overflowed, the first time since 1996 and only the 5th time since it was completed in 1979.
- Hume Weir was at 96% and 4 gates were open which was a significant amount of water.
- Concern that due to the current water levels people are now getting complacent with their water usage.
- Other major concern at the moment are the more regularly occurring flooding events, this is impacting the lives of those that live around the southern basin and affecting tourism to the areas.
- A fantastic array of speakers and politicians attended the Conference with wonderful topics

- including circular economy, water system issues, recharging aquifers
- A focus moving forward is collaboration, emphasized by Minister Plibersek at the Conference who has since sent a letter stating she was very encouraged by the event and very thankful for the opportunity to be involved.

4. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING AND WELCOME

Hoping to focus on new Council engagements post Election.

5. MINUTES

MOVED: Cr Coleman

That the Minutes of Meeting No 120 of Adelaide Metro Region 7 held on Thursday 23 June 2022 be confirmed.

SECONDED: Mr Goland

6. MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES

Noted

7. REPORTS FROM THE CEO

Noted

8. PRESENTATIONS

8.1 – Julianne Tanner, Senior Director, Murray-Darling Basin Authority

TOPIC: SDL (Sustainable Diversion Limit) Accounting, Groundwater and Trade

Presentation included with minutes

8.2 – Monique White – Assistant Director, Engagement, Murray-Darling Basin Authority

TOPIC: MDBA Verbal Update including:

- New CEO has started and working with the new Minister's has led to a step back and refocus within the organization
- Will be working on three key documents:
 - MDB Outlook
 - Legislative – Evaluation of the Basin Plan and unintended outcomes (2025)
 - Basin Plan Review (2026)
- Next week Minister Plibersek will be meeting with key stakeholders in Adelaide
- Complete listening tour SA
- Outside SA tours continuing
- New region engagement office is Kate Bartlett – starts next week.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 National Conference

Informal conversations from those who attended the Conference – around room discussion.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the MDA Region 7 will be confirmed post Council Elections.

11. CLOSE

The meeting closed at 11:59am.