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## Minutes of Meeting No. 99 of Region 7 (Greater Adelaide) On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016 at Tea Tree Gully Council Banksia Room, Civic Centre, 571 Montague Rd, Modbury SA 5092

### 1. ATTENDANCE

#### 1.1 Present

Cr Lynda Yates	Secretary, Holdfast Bay Council
Cr Peter Jamieson	Region 7 Chair, Port Adelaide Enfield Council
Mayor Kevin Knight	Tea Tree Gully Council
Cr Robin Coleman	Tea Tree Gully Council
CEO John Moyle	Tea Tree Gully Council staff
Director Thornton Harfield	Tea Tree Gully Council staff
Mark Konecny	Tea Tree Gully Council staff
Cr John Kennedy	Campbelltown Council
Cr Shirley Halls	Playford Council (del)
Cr Denis Davey	Playford Council
Cr Arthur Mangos	West Torrens Council
Cr David Shetliffe	Walkerville Council
Pauline Frost	
Gary Goland	
Ray Najar	

#### 1.2 Apologies

Mayor Glenn Docherty	Playford Council
Mayor Denis Clark	Northern Areas Council
Mayor John Trainer	West Torrens Council
Cr Garth Palmer	West Torrens Council
Cr Andrew Tilley	Mitcham Council
Robert Brokenshire	MP
Adrian Pederick	MP
Nick Xenophon	Senator
Rex Adams	
Barbara Hardy	
Frank Verrall	

### 2. WELCOME

2.1 Cr Kevin Knight welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.2 Cr Peter Jamieson opened the meeting.

### 3. MINUTES

The last meeting was held on 16/06/16 at West Torrens Council.

**Motion:** That the minutes of the last Region 7 meeting be accepted.  
Cr Charles Kennedy / Cr Shirley Halls – Carried

### 4. BUSINESS ARISING

### 5. PRESENTATION

#### Reclaimed Water by Mark Konecny

CTTG provided a copy of the Powerpoint presentation

### 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 6.1 Report from Chair of Region 7, Peter Jamieson

Peter Jamieson said the MDBA was concerned at the Forum about regional representation. Climate change plans have been produced for each area of Adelaide with common issues of stormwater and flooding. Peter said the Skype meetings are working well and saving time and effort travelling to meetings. Renewal notices for private members are due. The Fight for the Bight against BP drilling for oil has seen Kingscote (KI), Victor Harbor, Yankalilla and possibly Alexandrina come out against BP while Ceduna and Pt Lincoln support it for potential jobs. An oil spill would be a MDA issue as oil could badly affect the Coorong and Murray Mouth.

#### 6.2 LGA Forum 11<sup>th</sup> July

The meeting held at the LGA offices in Adelaide with MDBA was considered worthwhile. Neil Andrews of the MDBA and Tim Goodes each talked about the Basin Plan. Neil gave an overview and history of the Plan. It was clarified that transfer of water to Broken Hill will not come out of SA's water allocation – it is a decision for NSW. Tim referred to issues such as the SDL adjustment mechanism, environmental flows, the desalination plant, carp virus, Lake Albert and farm dams. Emma Bradbury talked about regional issues.

There is a follow-up LGA meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Motion :

That Ray Najar attend the 5<sup>th</sup> Oct meeting instead of Pauline Frost unless she is also allowed to attend.

Moved Cr Arthur Mangos, Seconded Denis Davey, carried.

#### 6.3 Motions for AGM

The constitution and strategic plan have both been amended. Cr John Kennedy said the constitution throws away the history of the MDA by discouraging private members. Ray Najar said he could not see individuals ever being able to out-vote councils.

Cr John Kennedy suggested a motion be made requesting Riverlander Notes / The Bulletin be reinstated but agreed that this might be difficult with the lack of staff so did not raise it. As an email publication it would not be expensive other than in staff time to produce.

Motion :

That the MDA communicates with the Federal Minister for funding to address the recurring

problem of blue-green algae in the Murray Darling Basin.

Moved Cr John Kennedy, Seconded Denis Davey, carried unanimously.

The conference in Dubbo is now only 2 days long. It was suggested that perhaps an outside organization could be asked to arrange the next Conference and AGM to return it to a full program of 3 days. Several people felt 2 days was not long enough to make the travelling worthwhile.

It was pointed out that the website looks unprofessional in the section for membership of Region 7. It also needs to have listings in alphabetic order, CCTG be lined up properly, gaps closed and 'Sity of Salisbury' being corrected in order to look professional.

The allocation of River Murray water to Adelaide is now 25% of what it was, Ray Najar said. SA Water quotes 650GL from the Murray over 5 years ie. 150GL/year. It was suggested that the LGA be asked if they could provide a spreadsheet of local councils, listing water taken from River Murray and treated stormwater/wastewater injected into aquifers. This was amended as follows.

Motion for LGA:

That the LGA be asked to develop a catalogue of Waterproofing Adelaide projects undertaken by Adelaide councils for the purpose of demonstrating reduction of reliance on the River Murray.

Cr David Shetliffe moved, Pauline Frost seconded, carried unanimously.

#### **6.4 Region 7's 100<sup>th</sup> meeting**

It was suggested by Cr Shirley Halls that members could take a dolphin cruise from Pt Adelaide. Cr John Kennedy suggested that all member councils be invited to attend the meeting. Cr Arthur Mangos suggested the Lord Mayor Martin Haese be asked to host a dinner at the Town Hall for Region 7. Ray Najar suggested all life members be invited.

Motion :

That the Chair and Secretary decide how to proceed re the 100<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Moved Cr John Kennedy, Seconded Cr Shirley Halls, carried

#### **5. NEXT MEETING**

National Conference and AGM at Dubbo NSW 26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> Oct with theme 'Local Government – The Voice of the Basin'.

#### **6. CLOSE 9.30pm**

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*The Murray Darling Association acknowledges and thanks  
Tea Tree Gully Council for arranging and hosting this meeting of Region 7.*