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Region 10 Ordinary Meeting

Date: 11 June 2015, 10.00am

Location: Warren Shire Council- Council Chambers
Address: 115 Dubbo Street, Warren

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present

Clr Dennis Brady	Councillor - Lachlan Shire Council
Clr Lucy White	Councillor – Mid-Western Regional Council
Russell Holden	Mudgee
Ken Harrison	Local Engagement Officer - Commonwealth Environmental Water Office
Clr Rex Wilson OAM	Mayor – Warren Shire Council
Clr Julian Campbell AM	Councillor – Warren Shire Council
Ashley Wielinga	General Manager – Warren
Peter Brown	Manager Works – Bourke Shire Council
Murray Wood	Director Parks and Landcare Services / Chair, Region 10

1.2 Apologies

Emma Bradbury	CEO – Murray Darling Association	Forbes Shire Council
Tim Ryan	Bogan Shire Council	Cowra Shire Council
Gary Woodman	Cobar Shire Council	Muswellbrook Shire Council
Lynton Auld	Dubbo City Council	Oberon Shire Council
Stan Robb	Wellington Shire Council	Warrumbungle Shire Council
Brad Cam	Mid-Western Regional Council	

Motion: That the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Ashley Wielinga

Seconded: Peter Brown

All in favour: Motion Carried

2. WELCOME

2.1 Chair, Region 10 – Murray Wood

3. REPORTS

3.1; 3.2 & 3.3

General discussion of content.

Motion: For notation.

Moved: Murray Wood

Seconded: Ashleigh Wielinga

All in favour: Motion Carried

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 A discussion was held in regards to the review of the Constitution led to the following resolution.

Motion:

- 1. That due to the outcomes of the Murray Darling Basin Plan and the lack of funding to the northern basin through the Murray Darling Economic Diversification Program, that Councils present reconsider their participation in the MDA in favour of more effective regional advocacy groups such as the Orana Regional Organisation of Councils.**
- 2. That the representatives present seek comment from other Region 10 Councils as to the relevance of their membership.**
- 3. Advise the Association of the outcomes of the above defined considerations.**

Moved: Russell Holden

Seconded: Clr Lucy White

All in favour: Motion Carried

5. GUEST PRESENTATION

5.1 Commonwealth Environmental Water Officer – Ken Harrison

Mr Harrison gave a presentation on the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office and the context within which it operates in the Macquarie Valley. It should be noted that the Lachlan River Valley is considered as part of the southern basin (should the Lachlan be in Region 10?).

In addition Mr Harrison updated the group on the potential de-commissioning of the northern Macquarie Marsh bypass channel, which potentially inhibits connectivity of the Macquarie with the northern Basin.

Handouts provided to the group in regards to the “Progress of Water Recovery Against 2750GL Reduction in Surface Water SDLs as at 30 April 2015.”

Presentation handouts attached.

Motion: That Mr Ken Harrison be thanked for his presentation and his time given to the group.

Moved: Clr Rex Wilson

Seconded: Clr Lucy White

All in favour: Motion Carried

6. Meeting closed 1.00pm

*The Murray Darling Association acknowledges and thanks
Dubbo City Council for arranging this meeting,
and Warren Shire Council for hosting this meeting of Region 10.*

Progress of Water Recovery Against 2750GL Reduction in Surface Water SDLs

As at 30 April 2015

SDL Resource Unit (Catchment)	Sustainable Diversion Limit Reduction Amount			Environmental Water Recovery							Proportion of total reduction already Recovered (%)	Volume still to be Recovered ⁽⁶⁾
	Local Component (GL)	Shared Component (GL)	Total Reduction incl Shared Component (GL) ⁽²⁾	SRWUIP Recoveries ⁽¹⁾			Other Recoveries		Total Water Recovery which 'Bridges the Gap' (GL)			
				Purchased by Tender (GL) ⁽³⁾	Other Purchases (GL) ⁽⁴⁾	Infrastructure (GL) ⁽⁵⁾	SARMSP and Commonwealth (GL) ⁽⁶⁾	State Government (GL) ⁽⁷⁾				
Paroo	0									0.0		
Warrego	8						8.0			8.0		
Gwydir	42			35.5		5.9			6.2	47.6		
Nebine	1							1.0		1.0		
Condamine-Balonne	100			50.3		3.8				54.1		
Intersecting Streams ⁽⁹⁾	0				8.1					8.1		
Moonie	0	143	390					1.1		1.1	66.1%	
Namoi	10			4.8		6.6				11.4		
Macquarie-Castlereagh	65			24.6		37.9			22.6	85.1		
QLD Border Rivers	8			3.6		9.9	0.5			14.0		
NSW Border Rivers	7					1.6				1.6		
Barwon-Darling	6			15.9	8.4				1.5	25.8		
Northern Basin Total	247			134.6	16.5	65.8		10.6	30.3	257.8		
Marne Saunders	0	N/A								0.0	N/A	
Ovens	0			0.1						0.1		
Goulburn	344			181.6	51.0	96.9			35.4	364.9		
Broken	0			0.0		0.2				0.2		
Loddon	12			2.8		0.6			8.6	11.9		
Campaspe	18			6.3		0.1			22.6	29.0		
NSW Murrumbidgee	320			128.1	1.1	209.0	2.4		24.4	365.0		
ACT Murrumbidgee	0	971	2289		4.9					4.9	71.4%	
Kiewa	0									0.0		
Eastern Mt Lofty Ranges	0									0.0		
NSW Murray	262			217.9	1.6	95.4				314.8		
Vic Murray	253			220.0	51.0	97.1			30.1	398.1		
SA Murray	101			86.3		13.6	36.0		6.4	142.3		
Lower Darling	8			1.0		1.3				2.2		
Southern Basin Total	1318			843.9	109.6	514.1		38.4	127.5	1633.5		
Lachlan *	48	N/A	71	35.0		1.5			11.4	48	100%	
Wimmera-Mallee	22.6	N/A			22.6					22.6	100%	
Total Basin	1836	1114	2750	1013.6	148.6	581.4		49.0	169.2	1961.9	71.3%	
				1162.3								

Note:

All water entitlement figures are expressed in average annual yield terms. Average annual yields are calculated using the Department of the Environment's estimates of the long term average annual yield (LTAAY) for each entitlement advised in the Murray-Darling Basin Ministers' Communiqué of 4 November 2011.

- The Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure Program (SRWUIP) is a national programme investing in rural water use, management and efficiency, including improved water knowledge and market reform, and water purchase for the environment. It is the key mechanism to 'bridge the gap' to the sustainable diversion limits under the Murray Darling Basin Plan through three main components: irrigation infrastructure projects; water purchase and supply measures.
- Data is sourced from the Basin Plan 2012.
- Includes water purchases secured by an exchanged water sale contract.
- Other Purchases include water purchased from the Wimmera and Murray Irrigation Irrigator Led Group Proposals, water acquired from the New South Wales Government relating to its purchase of Toorale Station, water purchase from the Victorian Government relating to the Goulburn-Murray Water Connections Program and water purchased from ACTEW Corporation (Australian Capital Territory).
- SRWUIP infrastructure water recovery is reported at the point at which water savings have been received, estimated or agreed in signed project works contracts. Until water transfer contracts have been exchanged however, these figures may be subject to change over time.
- Other recoveries includes Commonwealth water recoveries from the South Australian River Murray Sustainability Program (SARMSP) that is funded separately from SRWUIP, water gifted by the Queensland Government to the Commonwealth and Commonwealth water recoveries secured through the Water Smart Australia Program which contribute to 'Bridging the Gap' to the new sustainable diversion limits.
- State Recovery figures are as at 31 March 2015.
- In the Lachlan catchment contracted water recovery above the local component does not contribute towards the shared downstream component as the Basin Plan identifies the Lachlan as a disconnected catchment.
- This data includes unregulated water entitlements acquired from the NSW Government relating to its purchase of Toorale Station. An additional new entitlement - unregulated river special additional high flow entitlement for 9.720GL is part of the Intersecting Streams Unregulated and Alluvial water sharing plan, has been issued to the Commonwealth. This recovery is not shown in the table because there is currently no long term diversion limit equivalent factor available to estimate the long term average annual yield (LTAAY) recovery volume for this entitlement.

Northern Basin Shared Reduction Zone

SDL Resource Unit/Catchment	BDL* (GL) (excl intercept.)	Default apportionment as per s.6.05 (4) (GL)
Paroo	0.2	0.0
Warrego	45	2.5
Nebine	6	0.3
Moonie	33	1.9
Condamine-Balonne	713	40.2
Queensland Border Rivers	242	13.6
Queensland Total	1039	59
Intersecting Streams	3	0.2
Gwydir	325	18.3
NSW Border Rivers	207	11.7
Namoi	343	19.3
Macquarie-Castlereagh	424	23.9
Barwon-Darling	198	11.2
NSW Total	1500	84
Total	2539	143

* BDL: Baseline Diversion Limit