



Summary – Board Meeting 310, 24 July 2019

Overview

The July Board meeting was held at the Tatura Conference Room.

Present at the meeting were Diane James AM (Chairman), Patrick McNamara, Margot Henty, David McKenzie, Ari Suss, Alana Johnson, Marg O'Rourke, Jonathan Koop and Daniel Irwin (Acting Managing Director).

Director Dennis Quinn and Managing Director Charmaine Quick were apologies.

In opening the meeting, Chairman Diane James AM updated the Board on her activities and meetings with the Deputy Secretary, the Chairman of Dairy Australia, NE Water, DELWP and WSC workshops. In addition:

- Patrick McNamara was congratulated on his appointment as Chairman of the Project Control Group for the Connections Project. GMW's Deputy Chairman takes on the role from Peter McManamon, who was congratulated for his valuable contribution
- Director David McKenzie Director was congratulated on his appointment as a member of a Commonwealth independent expert panel investigating social and economic conditions affecting communities across the Murray–Darling Basin
- The Board also welcomed Glenda Smith as GMW's new General Manager People, Culture and Safety.

Health, Safety and Wellbeing

The Board reviewed GMW's Health, Safety and Wellbeing performance with Glenda Smith, including:

- A decline in GMW's Lost Time Incident (LTI) severity rate
- GMW's action in response to a significant event involving an excavator making contact with underground power (no persons injured)

Seasonal outlook

Mark Bailey, Acting General Manager Water Delivery, Head of Water Resources, reported on the latest seasonal outlook and GMW's key message to prepare customers for the potential for a dry season.

Groundwater

Mark Bailey and Scott Ridges, Senior Groundwater Resource Officer, gave a presentation on groundwater management, including:

- Trends in groundwater including larger applications, technology changes, increasing recognition of its value
- Issues with groundwater decline
- How GMW assesses groundwater applications and risk





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Price Submission

Ann Telford, General Manager Customer and Stakeholders, and Peter Clydesdale, Pricing Submission Project Manager, discussed with the Board:

- Customer feedback so far
- Completion of 1100 conversations with customers to date
- More conversations to come with engagement on draft submission

Connection Project

Connections Project Director Frank Fisseler reported to the Board on the status of the Connections Project, including:

- The Project tracking at 88.3 per cent completion (subject to audit) with 379GL of water savings achieved of overall 429GL target
- Arrangements being made to complete Project works for successful delivery by October 2020
- The status of the Mitiamo pipeline project

Transformation

Daniel Irwin, Acting Managing Director, discussed with the Board:

- The Regional Mobility Agreement GMW has signed with the CPSU and AWU
- An update on the recruitment of the Executive Management team
- The status of the implementation of the Transformation Working Plan

Other

The Board approved the membership of GMW's Water Service Committee and also reviewed and discussed:

- GMW's financial status
- GMW's customer service performance
- the status of GMW in meeting the Victorian Government's expectations in Water for Victoria

Board of Goulburn-Murray Water

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Managing Director: Charmaine Quick

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