

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority

Adelaide Hills Council, Adelaide Plains Council, The Barossa Council,
Town of Gawler, Light Regional Council, City of Playford

KEY OUTCOMES SUMMARY

GRFMA Board Meeting 14/12/17

Management of levee banks

The Board resolved to receive a notice of motion from the Adelaide Plains Council seeking to facilitate consistency in appropriate approval processes across Council boundaries along the Gawler River Floodplain in relation to levee bank maintenance and construction.

Following discussion on the motion the meeting resolved further to authorise the Executive Officer to liaise with Natural Resources Adelaide & Mt Lofty Ranges Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) to determine issues relating to the current legislative status for authorisation for construction and maintenance of Levee Banks in the Gawler River floodplain; and to consult with Constituent Councils of the GRFMA to seek feedback on current approval requirements for levee bank construction or maintenance activities.

A report is to be provided to the 15 February 2018 meeting to facilitate consideration of a way forward to provide a consistent approach to management of levees within the Gawler River Floodplain.

Long-term natural hazard risk. UNHaRMED

UNHaRMED is designed to explore how to manage risk into the future in an integrated and dynamic approach considering different drivers and options impacting on future risk. Hazards included in the application of UNHaRMED to Greater Adelaide are earthquake, bushfire, coastal inundation and riverine flood.

Following advice of support from the Constituent Council staff workshop on UNHaRMED the Board endorsed preparation of a suitable funding application proposal to initiate the program for GRFMA via application to the SA Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) and or the LGA R&D Scheme.

Australian National Committee on Large Dams (ANCOLD), Guidelines

The meeting noted Australian National Committee on Large Dams (ANCOLD), Guidelines relating to management of dams and the Board resolved to consider the merits of undertaking a Consequence Category rating for the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam as part of the discussion and development of the 2018- 2021 GRFMA Business Plan.

Northern Floodways

A report was received providing indication of costs to undertake the further work indicated at page 21 of the 2016 Gawler River Flood Review Project Report, including provision of estimated on going costs. The Board endorsed the Executive Officer, subject to determination of a final costing, to initiate development of a Gawler River Project Prospectus document with specific inclusion of matters relating to all ongoing and future maintenance and infrastructure costs, legal aspects and costs and project management requirements and cost.

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The Chair will also further write and seek meeting with both the Hon Ian Hunter, MLC Minister for Water and the River Murray and David Spears MP Shadow Minister for Environment to advise of the proposed development of the Gawler River Project Prospectus and to discuss next steps in initiating progress for development of the Northern Floodways project.

GRFMA Charter Review

The meeting noted the pending decision process by the Minister for Local Government in relation to the Adelaide Plains Council's application for withdrawal from the GRFMA and the Board determined that the advancement of the Charter Review for the GRFMA be deferred until the 15 February 2018 meeting.

GRFMA Policies

The Board resolved to endorse, with amendment, adoption of the following policies as recommended by the 4/12/17 meeting of the GRFMA Audit Committee:

- Access to meetings and Documents;
- Internal Review of Decisions;
- Procurement and Operations;
- Dam Valuation; and
- Treasury Management.

Further feedback will be sought from Constituent Councils in relation to the Public Consultation Policy.

GRFMA Financial Report

The financial report as at 30 November 2017 showing a balance of total funds available of \$178,191.18 was received.

Schedule of Meetings

The Schedule of ordinary GRFMA meetings for 2018 was determined as: Thursday 15 February 2018, Light Regional Council; Thursday 19 April 2018, Adelaide Hills Council; Thursday 14 June 2018, The Barossa Council; Thursday 16 August 2018 Town of Gawler; Thursday 18 October 2018 Adelaide Plains Council; Thursday 13 December 2018 (2nd Thur), City of Playford.

Depreciation of Assets

The Audit Committee will be asked to consider the matter of depreciation of the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam in relation to the GRFMA view that the constituent councils (GRFMA) do not necessarily have to fund annual depreciation costs as the GRFMA is very unlikely to have capacity to fund a new or replacement Dam.

Next GRFMA meeting

Freeling Operations Centre. Corner of Stephenson and Coulls Streets in FREELING.