

# **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

## **MEETING NO. 8**

**2:00PM TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2008**

**LEVEL 6 ROMA MITCHELL HOUSE, 136 NORTH TERRACE, ADELAIDE**

## **MINUTES**

**Present:** Barry Gear AO (Presiding Member)  
Anne Howe  
Grant Hudson  
Colin Pitman

**In Attendance:** Terry Stewart (General Manager)  
Michael Barry (LGA)  
Bill Lipp (DTEI)  
Brian Clancey

The Presiding Member welcomed Brian Clancey (pending appointment) and Bill Lipp, Principal Stormwater Engineer, DTEI (technical adviser).

The Presiding Member advised that due to unforeseen circumstances a quorum of five members were not present, however, Andrew Gear had advised by email his support for the recommendations in agenda items 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4 (refer attached). It was agreed decisions could be carried for these items providing at least three of the four members present also supported the recommendation as circulated.

### **1 APOLOGIES**

Kym Good  
Andrew Gear

### **2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the seventh meeting of the Stormwater Management Authority held on 19 August 2008 were confirmed as an accurate record.

### **3 FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Resolution:** Members noted the Stormwater Management Fund financial report as at 30 September 2008.

#### **4 FORMER CMSS COMMITMENTS (TO 30 JUNE 2006)**

**Resolution:** Members noted the status of remaining funding commitments approved under the former Catchment Management Subsidy Scheme.

#### **5 APPLICATIONS SUMMARY**

**Resolution:** Members noted the summary of applications received since January 2006.

#### **6 CURRENT APPLICATIONS**

##### **6.1 DC of Loxton Waikerie (34/06) Loxton South Flood Mitigation Project**

**Resolution:** The Authority resolved to **approve a total contribution of up to \$585,000** towards the Loxton South Flood Mitigation Project.

##### **6.2 Brown Hill & Keswick Creeks Project (59/08) Essential Repair Works**

*Grant Hudson, as a City of Mitcham Councillor, abstained from voting hence a decision could not be carried at the meeting. It was agreed to deal with this item by electronic conference under section 10 (5) of Schedule 1A of the Local Government Act 1999. The recommendation from the agenda was circulated to members on 22 October 2008 and based on responses the following decision is carried.*

**Post Meeting Resolution:** The Authority resolved to **approve a total contribution of up to \$100,000** towards essential repair works subject to the following conditions:

- 1 The Brown Hill and Keswick Creeks Project at least match this contribution on a dollar for dollar basis.
- 2 The Brown Hill and Keswick Creeks Project formerly advise SA Water of the need to undertake urgent maintenance of those sections of the creek for which it is responsible.

##### **6.3 City of Mitcham (62/08) Belair Road Stormwater Drainage Stage 2:4**

*Grant Hudson, as a City of Mitcham Councillor, abstained from voting hence a decision could not be carried at the meeting. It was agreed to deal with this item by electronic conference under section 10 (5) of Schedule 1A of the Local Government Act 1999. The recommendation from the agenda was circulated to members on 22 October 2008 and based on responses the following decision is carried.*

**Post Meeting Resolution:** The Authority resolved to **approve a total contribution of up to \$825,600** towards Stage 2 of the Belair Road Stormwater Drainage project.

**6.4 Bureau of Meteorology (61/08)  
Rainfall & Stormwater Flow Data Collection**

**Resolution:** The Authority resolved to **approve a total contribution of up to \$187,684 (including \$59,535 in 2008/09, \$62,512 in 2009/10 and \$65,637 in 2010/11)** towards the Rainfall & Stormwater Data Collection project.

**7 ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

Members noted there had been no further progress on the proposed relocation of the Stormwater Management Authority to the Office for Water Security. The General Manager undertook to resolve with Department of Treasury and Finance impeding doubts raised by DWLBC about responsibility for administrative and financial management of the Authority.

**8 ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERION FOR FUNDING**

Members noted that the eligibility and criterion for funding and the assessment process were being reviewed and updated prior to a presentation and recommendation for adoption at the next meeting.

**9 PROCESS FOR BORROWING FUNDS**

Members noted the process for borrowing funds and potential interest cost impacts. It was agreed that alternatives including additional State Government funding must be explored in order for the Authority to fund large scale projects.

**10 STORMWATER REUSE IN ADELAIDE PLANNING WORKSHOP**

Members noted the summary of the Stormwater Reuse in Adelaide Planning Workshop held by the Office for Water Security on 19 September 2008.

**11 STORMWATER HARVESTING STUDY**

Members discussed the proposal to commission a study on the Development of Conceptual Schemes for Capture and Storage of Urban Stormwater on a Large Scale.

The inclusion of wastewater recycling was raised and Members undertook to forward to the General Manager as soon as possible any other comments on the brief which would be circulated to invitees of the Stormwater Reuse in Adelaide Planning Workshop for information and comment.

**Resolution:** The Authority resolved that:

- 1 The Authority should be the lead agency for this study to be undertaken in conjunction with Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board, Office for Water Security, SA Water and Local Government Association.
- 2 The Steering Group should include representatives from the Authority, Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board, Office for Water Security, SA Water and Local Government Association.
- 3 The Presiding Member should write to the Minister for Water Security seeking endorsement and support of the proposed arrangements for undertaking the study.
- 4 The Presiding Member should write to the Local Government Association seeking endorsement and support of the proposed arrangements for undertaking the study and inviting representation on the Steering Group.
- 5 The Presiding Member should write to SA Water once the brief is finalised recommending that the study be funded from the \$2 million allocation for feasibility studies for stormwater use projects.

## **12 FOI APPLICATION**

Members noted that in response to an application for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*, a determination dated 2 October 2008 had been forwarded to Hon Robert Brokenshire MLC that the Authority had no documents or correspondence regarding reports since 18 March 2006 on the estimated cost of stormwater harvesting, aquifer storage or recovery.

## **13 ANNUAL REPORT**

Members noted the Annual Report for 2007/08 (including the independent auditor's report by the Auditor-General and financial statements).

## **14 OTHER BUSINESS**

### **14.1 Gawler River Flood Mitigation Scheme**

Members discussed the circumstances where estimated peak stormwater flow rates in a 1 in 100 year flood event based on 2007 hydrology data are significantly greater than previously estimated.

This means that although the dam is the largest that can be constructed on the site, it would be overtopped when flood events exceed about a 1 in 40 year flood event.

**Resolution:** The Authority resolved that the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority be requested to report on progress of the floodplain mapping project, the review of the scheme and program of remaining works.

## **15 NEXT MEETING**

2:00pm on Tuesday 16 December 2008 at Level 6 Roma Mitchell House.

The Presiding Member closed the meeting at 4:40pm.

**Stewart, Terry (DTEI)**

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**From:** Grear, Andrew (PlanningSA)  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 October 2008 5:34 PM  
**To:** Stewart, Terry (DTEI)  
**Cc:** B J Grear  
**Subject:** SMA meeting no: 8 scheduled for 21 October 2008

Terry,  
further to our conversation of 5.20pm 20/10/08.  
Thanks for responding to my questions regarding various agenda items as per my earlier email.  
In terms of the agenda items for tomorrow (meeting 8) I advise as follows:  
I support the recommendations' as per the agenda papers for items 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4.

**Andrew Grear** | Director Strategic Development | **PLANNING**

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