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1. AT THE MEETING

Wednesday, 24th of February 2010 – Head Office, 14-18 Pioneer St. Foster.

Directors: Llew Vale [Chair] Joan Liley [Deputy Chair]
John Anderson
Noel Maud
John Rundell
Gillian Sparkes
Steve Evans [Managing Director]
[Jim Fawcett - *Apology*]

Visitors

& Staff: - Bill Whitford & Mark Tracey from Treasury Corporation Victoria [TCV].
- Relevant Managers and Officers in attendance as required.

2. STRATEGIC DISCUSSION

Bill Whitford and Mark Tracey of the Treasury Corporation of Victoria [TCV] presented a Board information session on the operations and services provided by TCV, who are the central financing authority and financial advisors for the State of Victoria. This presentation related specifically to the Water Industry. The session included a review of recent market developments and an economic update covering the international and Australian situation.

3. PROJECTS DISCUSSED

3.1 Battery Creek Catchment – Re-vegetation & Biodiversity Enhancement

The Board gave conceptual approval to a program of re-vegetation and biodiversity enhancement for the Battery Creek catchment. Approximately 88 Ha of land will be replanted and other catchment works will be carried out over the 6 year project.

3.2 Ocean Outfall Monitoring

The Corporation via its statutory obligations is required to monitor its ocean outfalls. The Board accepted a tender [over 2 years] to undertake ecological/biological monitoring of discharge impacts to waterways, identify mixing zones and to conduct ecological risk assessment of the impact of discharges. It was agreed at the meeting that the Corporation should share the monitoring results with other stakeholders.

3.3 Meeniyan Sewerage Scheme

The Board received an update report on the Meeniyan Sewerage Scheme. Progress on the reticulation network, pump station, rising main and wetlands wastewater treatment plant are on schedule and within budget

3.3 Augmentation of Yarram Water Supply – Yarram Bore & Pipeline

The Board were informed that the testing of the recently drilled bore, near Yarram, has commenced and is progressing satisfactorily. The Board were also informed that the results of the initial tests for water quality and yield were promising. Construction of the pipeline from the treatment plant to the bore site is well underway with nearly 3 kilometres of pipe laid.

4. POLICIES DISCUSSED

The Board approved one new and one revised policy:-

- **Plant and Equipment – New Policy**

This policy outlines South Gippsland Water's commitment to protecting its employees from harm or injury as a result of erection or use of plant within the workplace in line with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations.

- **Customer Debt Recovery – Revised Policy**

This policy outlines the processes and actions to be undertaken when dealing with non-paying customers, with due regard to South Gippsland Water's Residential Hardship Policy, Customer Charter, the Essential Services Commission's Customer Service Code, the Trade Practices Act and the Bankruptcy Act.

5. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

5.1 Water Quality

The monthly report for January 2010 on water quality compliance was presented to the Board. The report covers an extensive range of compliance indicators. The independent water quality monitoring confirmed that no water quality standards were exceeded for January 2010.

5.2 Occupational Health & Safety [OH&S]

The monthly Occupational Health and Safety report for January 2010 was presented to the Board. Eight new OH&S procedures were developed and ten existing procedures were reviewed, three new improvements or initiatives were received including 2 from staff. The Board noted there were 2 non-injury incidents, in January 2010, both of which were investigated and the appropriate action taken.