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Meeting 1, 14 November 2019, Deniliquin

The Yanco Community Advisory Group discussed planning for the proposed three Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) projects associated with the Yanco Creek System.

- Yanco Creek Offtake Project
- Modernising Supply Systems For Effluent Creeks - Murrumbidgee River Project
- Computer-Aided River Management (CARM) Project.

The meeting was an important initial step in formalising community and stakeholder engagement.

Membership includes an independent Chair and representatives from the Yanco Creek and Tributaries Advisory Council, Leeton Shire Council, Murrumbidgee Council, Federation Council, Narrandera Shire Council, Edward River Council, South West Anglers Association, Creek Country Alliance, Colombo Ski Club, Murrumbidgee Field Naturalists and NSW Farmers Association.

Department of Planning, Industry and Environment staff present included David Leslie (Principal Project Officer), David Clarke (Senior Project Officer), Dan Hutton (Senior Project Officer) and Rod Hardwick (Senior Project Officer).

Meeting summary

- Meeting opened 10.30am. Meeting closed at 3:00pm
- Group members worked through the wording and intent of the Yanco Community Advisory Group Terms of Reference
- Members raised they believed sitting fees should be provided for meeting attendance. The SDLAM team committed to raise the consideration with senior executives and further information would be provided at the next meeting
- The group requested DPIE staff to seek correspondence from WaterNSW on its position and intent for the future development of the Yanco SDLAM projects
- Discussions were had on how to talk to the community and media about YCAG meetings, issues and decisions. It was agreed a one page communique would be distributed for publication however meeting minutes would be distributed to the members but would not be published on the web
- The group listened to presentations on the Basin Plan, SDLAM Program and Yanco SDLAM
- Noted the final Yanco SDLAM Community Engagement Plan will soon be publicly available on the DPIE website
- The collaboration and information sharing arrangements between the three Yanco SDLAM advisory groups was discussed and will be encouraged
- Names of members and the organisations they represent will be published on the website
- The next meeting will be held on the 12 December 2019, subject to the department offering members an acceptable alternative to sitting fees

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