

Renewed Surface Water Management Program: Priority Construction Projects Sub-Program

The renewed Surface Water Management Program (SWMP) in the Shepparton Irrigation Region (SIR) will see the construction of a number of priority primary and community surface water management systems (SWMS). These SWMS projects have been fully designed, costed and approved by relevant agencies but not implemented due to funding constraints.



The recently reviewed SIR Drainage Strategy identifies key priority sub-catchments requiring drainage based on a range of economic, social and environmental criteria.

The SIR Drainage Working Group has identified two primary SWMS and two community SMWS as priority construction projects able to be delivered in the short term. These four projects have a strong legacy of community support, significant investment including completed designs and service priority sub-catchments.

Landholders involved in these priority construction projects will be engaged to secure support for construction and determine cost-share arrangements for community SWMS.

Approved SWMS will be constructed by Goulburn-Murray Water, with landholder extension and engagement being undertaken by Agriculture Victoria irrigation farm services.

The Primary SWMS are:

- Completion of Mosquito Drain 40
- Completion of Stanhope Drain



The Community SWMS are:

- Muckatah 2/3P
- Muckatah 3/8P

The four selected priority construction projects were recommended by the SIR Drainage Working Group and endorsed by the Shepparton Irrigation Region People and Planning Implementation Committee (SIRPPIC). It is expected that landholder engagement will commence in late 2016.

There are a number of priority sub-catchments in the SIR which contain existing designs for primary or community SWMS. While projects will not be delivered in line with these original designs, the relevant sub-catchments may be considered for improved drainage services in the Hybrid SWMS sub-program of the SWMP or as part of the On-farm Package sub-program.

These other sub-programs are currently being developed by Goulburn Broken CMA, Goulburn-Murray Water and Agriculture Victoria to ensure the best outcomes for the region with the available funding.

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