



Construction and Community Advisory Group Update 4/11/2011

Construction has continued to progress with the recent dry conditions providing suitable conditions for all active work sites.

Works Recently Undertaken

- Levee earthworks have continued with good progress made. Works have consisted of topsoil stripping, excavation, foundation preparation with a concentration on the filling operations. Overall progress of the levee construction is approximately 15-20% complete.
- Concrete clean up and finishing works have continued at the Return Channel and Calf Creek sites, both are around 90-95% complete.
- Earthworks adjoining the Calf Creek regulator structure have commenced with the key trench being cut up to the regulator.
- Clean up of the Thule Creek regulator site has continued. The stability of the foundation affected by the flood waters has been assessed and remedial works are in progress.
- Foundation preparation works at the Barber Overflow regulator site has continued with the blinding concrete being poured.
- The Inlet Channel excavation extends beyond 1.3kms from its offtake with the Murray River extending past the River Road crossing. Total excavations are approximately 59% complete.
- Foundation works for the River Road bridge which crosses the inlet channel have been excavated and compacted.
- Concrete works at the Inlet Channel structure including the fishway has continued.

Upcoming Construction Works and Activities

- Murray River flows below Torrumbarry Weir are expected to remain below the level at which water enters the forest. This may vary depending on rain forecasted in the catchment.
- Flows in the downstream creeks have ceased. De-watering and clean up work at the Barber and Cow Creek regulator sites may commence in early to mid November when conditions are suitable.
- Accelerated levee earthworks will continue to take advantage of the recent dry conditions. An extra scraper crew may commence works if conditions remain suitable.
- Concrete clean up and finishing works will continue on the Calf Creek and Return Channel regulator structures.
- The excavation of the inlet channel will continue through November. Foundation preparation for the turtle ramp and River Road bridge and concreting of the fishway at the inlet channel will continue.
- Construction of forest Access Roads 1 and 2 off the Barham-Moulamein Road is in progress and will continue.

Please be reminded that due to safety regulations all levee, regulator and channel construction areas are closed to the public. This includes access via boats to any creeks with-in the forest that are part of the construction area during times of inundation.

Community Operation and Planning Advisory Group (COPAC) meetings.

COPAC meets monthly to discuss operating issues and risks and to provide local knowledge and expertise. At the last meeting members discussed with one of the project designers the implications of the where the new levee coincides with existing private levee's and the alignment of the Calf Creek regulator.

There was also further discussion on the mechanisms for community input into watering proposals and agreement from the COPAC members and agency staff that significant environmental benefits downstream of the forest could be achieved and that the project should be a “win win ‘situation.

The next meeting will be held on the 29th November.

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Pouring of concrete for the floor slab section as part of the fishway entrance on the inlet regulator structure. Photo courtesy of Professional Engineering Services.