



Construction and Community Advisory Group Update 7/10/2011

Construction has continued to progress. The recent rainfall has affected some work sites and restricted access.

Works Recently Undertaken

- Levee earthworks have continued and consist of topsoil stripping, excavation, foundation preparation and filling. Foundation work has also continued in the sandier sections of the levee.
- Concrete works have continued at the Return Channel and Calf Creek sites.
- De-watering of the Barber Overflow and Thule Creek sites has been completed. Clean up of these sites has commenced.
- The Inlet Channel excavation extends beyond 1.2km's from its offtake with the Murray River extending past the River Road crossing. Total excavations are approximately 56% complete.

Upcoming Construction Works and Activities

- Murray River flows below Torrumbarry Weir are expected to rise as a result of inflows from the recent wet conditions, although it is not expected that any flows will enter the forest.
- Water levels in the downstream creeks will continue to recede.
- Accelerated levee earthworks will continue where conditions are favourable.
- Concrete works on the piers and wing walls at the Return Channel regulator structure will continue.
- The construction of the piers and wing walls as part of the Calf Creek regulator structure has been completed and the construction of the decking will continue.
- The excavation of the inlet channel will continue through October. Foundation preparation for the turtle ramp and 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.
- Pre-casting of stop logs in Bendigo for use as part of the regulator operations has commenced.

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 developed mechanisms for incorporating community input during watering events.

The next meeting will be held on the 25th October.

The COPAC members are:

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