

Southern Forests Irrigation Scheme

Water Sales



The Southern Forest Irrigation Scheme is an agricultural irrigation scheme being developed in the Manjimup-Pemberton area in south west Western Australia. The proposed scheme will comprise a 15GL dam located on Record Brook and a pipeline distribution network that will supply water to irrigators who have purchased a water entitlement for the scheme. Water for the scheme will be supplied from peak flows that are over and above the environmental flow requirements of the Donnelly River and will be of high quality and reliability.

The scheme will be owned and operated by the SF Irrigation Co-operative Ltd, which was set up to be owned and controlled by the Southern Forests Irrigation Scheme's water users.



Background

In 2016 interested landholders in the area were requested to express their interest in purchasing irrigation water through a letter of intent process. This process allowed for project planners to receive invaluable information that allowed for the development of a conceptual plan, costings and a business case.

Following on from the letter of intent process, the Southern Forests Irrigation Co-operative Ltd is now asking land holders to become a member of the Co-operative and enter into binding water entitlements agreements.

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The Southern Forests Irrigation Scheme water sales close at 12 noon on Wednesday 28 February 2018.

During water sales, irrigators can apply for a water entitlement by lodging an application and a deposit with the SF Irrigation Co-operative Ltd.

An offer to purchase does not constitute an acceptance that water is able to be supplied to a given property or landholder. After the close of water sales, the Co-operative will assess all applications for compatibility with the aims, terms and conditions of the proposed scheme. The Co-operative will endeavour to satisfy as many applications as possible subject to the capital budget, operating costs and approval constraints. This process may involve a review of the initial scheme design.

Once the scheme design has been confirmed, all applicants will be advised of the outcome. If an application cannot be accepted, the Co-operative will refund any deposit in full.

The Co-operative will have until up to 30 May 2018 to complete the acceptance process.

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Briefings

A number of briefings and workshops for landholders wanting to know more about the proposed irrigation scheme and the water sales process will be held.

To register your interest in attending one of these briefings, please email:

 jenni.boyle@dpird.wa.gov.au



WATER SALES OFFICE

There will be a water sales office open from Tuesday, 9 January 2018.

 **Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Agriculture and Food Research Centre, South West Highway, Manjimup**

Opening hours:

Tuesday and Thursday, 12 pm to 3 pm

ONE ON ONE CONSULTATIONS WITH AGRONOMIST

One on one appointments with a consultant agronomist are also available for those wishing to discuss their specific business needs.

Bookings can be made by contacting:

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