1. **Update on key S&HLGA 2013-2014 projects**

The Board was updated on the year to date progress of the two key 2013-2014 S&HLGA projects.

o **The Regional Public Health Plan**

Consultant appointed and contract signed. The tender process and contract preparation was very supervised by Mt Barker contracts co-ordinator, Bill Graham. The S&HLGA regional SA Public Health Plan task group met with the consultants 30/1/2014 to review the strategy going forward and the preliminary findings of the consultant.

The consultation strategy for the region and critical timelines are detailed in the consultant’s report in the correspondence section of the Agenda.

Individual Council Contributions for Phase one has been posted. Phase two needs to be agreed as part of a future budget.

1. **Initial contact and meetings:**

   o Project contact (Penny)
   o SAFKIML and CAHML
   o SA Health
   o Public Health Information Development Unit (PHIDU)
   o S&HLGA SA Public Health plan committee.

2. **Document review:**

   o State Public Health Plan – South Australia: A Better Place to Live (2013)


- The 2020 Regional Transport and Roads database Plan review

1. No further information on regional road deficiencies has been received from individual councils since the last report. According to HDS while the data will be far from complete, HDS is now in the process of finalising initial S&HLGA regional versions of Road Deficiency Action Plans 1, 2 and 3 using the information provided to date. HDS will have these to the EO of S&HLGA by COB next Monday 17 February.

2. Once supplied to the EO, the roads identified in Action Plan 1 will form the basis of the 2014 Roads Database, which is created as part of the existing 2020 Regional Transport Plan methodology. Based upon that list, you will need to call for specific funding applications from individual councils for (up to) all roads in Action Plan 1, using the spreadsheet format we have previously adopted. HDS suggest giving councils not more than two weeks to supply this information (e.g. by Monday 3 March).

3. Tim and John Olson from HDS will then assess and prioritise all submissions received, using the current S&HLGA Roads Database assessment methodology. HDS will provide their report and priority recommendations not later than Friday 14 March.

4. S&HLGA will then need to convene a physical (or virtual) meeting of the Roads Working Party to confirm priorities for 2014-15 SLRP applications.

5. Once the RWP has agreed on priorities, formal SLRP applications will need to be prepared from those councils with roads included in this year’s priority list. HDS is happy to assist councils with this process, as an extension to the 2020 Regional Transport Plan 2013 Update Stage 2 activities, but only if councils request such assistance.

HDS have not progressed Stage 3 (2020 Transport Plan review) of the project as yet, but will commence this work on Monday 24 February and run Stage 3 activities in tandem with finishing off Stage 2.
Contribution Invoices have been posted to each participating Council. Contributions have been calculated on the agreed 50% equal share base rate and the remaining 50% pro rata based on elector numbers in each individual Council.

2. **RDA Investment & Strategy Day**

An Investment Workshop was coordinated by Regional Development Australia – Adelaide Hills Fleurieu & Kangaroo Island on 20 February at Penneshaw. The purpose was to start a process to capture investment opportunities and projects across the six councils in the regions and to consider investment opportunities and comparable models for investment attraction.

The six individual Councils in the RDA region prepared and presented a listing of the projects in their regions comprising both public infrastructure and private business opportunities.

The outcomes from the day were the development of a report that outlines each project and determine next steps to be undertaken to move the concept/project forward for inclusion in the final investment portfolio which is intended to be marketed both nationally and internationally.

3. **S&HLGA Planning & Strategy Day**

The S&HLGA Board has determined to continue valuable discussions around the organisation’s future strategy and direction. To that end the Board has set a meeting for the afternoon of Thursday 3rd April in Goolwa.

4. **Native Vegetation Council workshops**

Following on from the various workshops conducted by the NVC on the revised Significant Environmental Benefit (SEB) offset formula, the Board had the opportunity to review the S&HLGA workshop report. While the S&HLGA understands that the various workshop notes are to be collated and distributed for feedback and confirmation prior to be summarised into a report for the NVC to consider, the S&HLGA Board nonetheless expressed strong disappointment in the content and format of the workshop notes and requested the EO communicate their disappointment to the NVC.

It is noted that the LGA via SAROC is still continuing a watching brief on this critical issue of the SEB offset review.

5. **Budget Review**

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act the S&HLGA Board conducted a formal mid-year Budget review and noted that no adjustment is required.

6. **Minister Invitation**

The Board resolved to invite to a S&HLGA Board meeting as a matter of urgency the next appointed Local Government Minister following the conclusion of the March 15 State Government election. Among the key issues to be discussed would be the Waste management levy and the NVC SEB offset formula review.