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Local companies gain contracts for winter works

Local construction companies have been awarded contracts to continue the modernisation of the irrigation delivery system in Northern Victoria. The works which commenced this week throughout the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District include the installation of regulator gates and on-farm meters as well as 44 kilometres of channel lining.

The contracts valued at just over \$91 million will see \$40 million being spent on the regulator gates installed in the major backbone channels, over \$18 million to set –up on-farm meters and over \$32 million of channel lined with a High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) product.

“It is great to see this project employing companies from the region or those that have established offices in the GMID,” CEO of the Northern Victoria Irrigation Renewal Project Murray Smith said.

“This project is not only assisting to rejuvenate an old irrigation system it is providing hundreds of jobs in the construction industry. Throughout this winter irrigation shut-down period we expect that there will be construction staff working at 150 sites daily as they install over 600 regulator gates in 420 channel regulator sites, as well as work at over 50 channel lining sites.

“This is a major logistics project with constraints being that we can only work on these major construction components during the winter irrigation shut-down period from mid May to mid August, Mr Smith said.

Major regulator gates and structures will be installed in the backbone channels of the system and three local companies have been awarded the contracts. J & C Reid Earthmoving Pty Ltd will undertake the installations in the Pyramid-Hill-Boort and Torrumbarry irrigation areas, Kyabram Excavations Pty works will be in both Central Goulburn and Murray Valley irrigation areas and Ward Bros Earthmoving (Aust) Pty Ltd will install the regulator structures in the Rochester Irrigation Area.

Over 44 kilometres of channel lining will be installed over the next three months in an effort to capture water savings from water currently lost in the delivery of irrigation water and in most instances the seven companies* contracted are local companies employing regional work teams throughout the Murray Valley, Rochester and Central Goulburn irrigation areas.

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* Seven companies are Armstrong Constructions (Vic) Pty Ltd (Melbourne), Comdain Asset Management Pty Ltd (Shepparton), Ertech Pty Ltd (Melbourne), K & S Marsh Excavations Pty Ltd (Strathallan), Kyabram Excavations Pty Ltd (Kyabram), Northern Constructions Group Pty Ltd (Echuca), and Pearse Earthmoving Pty Ltd (Shepparton).

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