

**South Platte Water Related Activities Program, Inc. (SPWRAP)
Meeting Minutes of the Interim Board of Directors
November 17, 2005**

1. Call to Order
The Interim Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Vice President Lisa Darling.
2. Minutes from the October 20, 2005 meeting of the Interim Board of Directors were approved.
3. Old Business
 - a. Filing for 501(c)(3) status
The application is ready to go in and should be filed this month
 - b. SPWRAP Administrative & Corporate Issues Discussion
 - To keep initial costs for prospective members low, the initiation fee was originally set at \$500.
 - The memo developed by the subcommittee was recapped and members were urged to further consider the issues raised in the memo.
 - The definition of single family equivalent taps was discussed. A preliminary handout from Kevin Urie, who canvassed some of the municipal entities about their definitions, was reviewed. After some discussion, Greg Dewey took the initiative to contact Kevin and work on a standardized methodology such as the AWWA standard and bring it back to the group.
4. Status of MOA with the State of Colorado to Define Roles & Responsibilities
Ted Kowalski reported that he received the initial proposal from SPWRAP and is working on it and has involved the AG and DOW. They felt it was a good start to further discussion, and they expect to have a redlined version back to the group by the next meeting. Some issues that came up included:
 - The potential to re-capitalize the Species Conservation Trust Fund (SCTF) may alter the focus of the MOA and should be acknowledged.
 - The MOU should acknowledge the State's contributions at Tamarack SWA.
 - Federal funds used to purchase lands at the Tamarack SWA and the issue of "diversion of federal funds" and the associated limitations must be remembered.
5. Report on GC negotiations.

The issues about Vegetation Management by the USFS have reached tentative agreement and language should be agreed upon soon. Deb Freeman and Jim Witwer have taken the lead on this issue and been very persuasive.

There is an issue with the costs of the Program and the focus is on the value of water in the States' water projects (Tamarack, Pathfinder, and McConaughy). If the value is similar to that of the estimated value of water to be developed in the reconnaissance level water action plan, the 50/50 split required to have a federal participation in the Program is met. Dan Leucke has had the value looked at by a economist retained by the enviro community who has indicated that the water is worth less, thus causing the states to fall short of the minimum 50/50 requirement. Reclamation is having their economists look at the situation.

If Referendum C passes, Colorado may be able to re-capitalize the SCTF and help pay for Colorado's participation in the Program.

A document describing exit strategy / ownership of Program assets has been developed. Entities would receive a pro-rata share of assets in the Program in the event of failure.

Consultation Streamlining – Colorado has drafted three documents that would streamline the consultation process for water projects. Documents include 1) a BA and Request for Formal Section 7 Consultation, 2) a Platte River Recovery Agreement and 3) a narrative description of the Section 7 Consultation Flow Diagram.

6. SPWRAP Member Workshop

Discussion was held on how to market the Program to potential Colorado water users. A subcommittee on marketing was suggested. Timing for a workshop was discussed. Discussion concluded that the first workshop to describe the Program and what it offered to Colorado entities should be given to the SPWRAP interim members and then expanded to outside entities.

7. New Business

Funding for the Program was discussed. About \$2.4 million previously taken from the SCTF currently is available and is held by CWCB. Dollars also are available in the state to fund Colorado's needed \$38,000 for GC operations between January and October, 2006. It is hoped to have the SCTF re-capitalized to the sum of \$12M-\$14M, with at least \$4M available to the Platte Program.

8. Next meeting is Dec. 15 at Denver Water at 10:00.