

South Platte Water Related Activities Program, Inc. (SPWRAP)
Meeting Minutes of the Interim Board of Directors
January 19, 2006

1. Call to Order
The Interim Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Dave Little.
2. Minutes from the December 15, 2005 meeting of the Interim Board of Directors were approved.
3. Old Business
 - a. Filing for 501(c)(3) status
Bob Trout of Trout, Raley, Montañó, Witwer & Freeman, P.C. filed the application with the Secretary of State on January 17, 2006.
 - b. SPWRAP Administrative & Corporate Issues Discussion
 - No questions were raised regarding the Open Meetings Memo previously provided by Austin Hamre.
 - Discussed the four methods of calculating single family equivalents (SFEs) that were discussed at the meeting on December 15, 2005. Each municipal representative is to calculate SFEs for his/her respective member organization using the four methods. Alan Berryman passed out a memo from John Kolanz regarding Greeley's calculations. Greg Dewey and Kevin Urie will work together to contact the municipal member entities and summarize their information for presentation at a future meeting.
 - c. Status of Draft MOA with the State of Colorado to Define Roles & Responsibilities
 - *This item was moved to the end of the agenda.* Ted Kowalski provided a redline of the draft MOA to Austin. A basic level of understanding on key policy points needs to be reached between the State of Colorado and the water users, or SPWRAP, Inc. It was suggested that a meeting of representatives from the State of Colorado and the water users or SPWRAP, Inc. be held to discuss policy points. The meeting would include the following people: Don Ament, Russell George, and Ted Kowalski (from the State of Colorado); Austin Hamre, John Kolanz, Eric Wilkinson, Alan Berryman, Dave Little, and Steve Sims (from the water users or SPWRAP, Inc.). Based on the meeting, Austin can use the results of the meeting to modify the draft.

- d. Report on Governance Committee (GC) Negotiations
- Revised estimated Program schedule:
 1. Draft BO – April 5, 2006
 2. Final BO – End of April
 3. Final EIS – Public distribution on March 21, 2006
 4. Record of Decision – Late April
 5. Approval/Sign – no later than July 31, 2006
 - A subgroup, including Deb Freeman, has been formed to look at the issues surrounding incidental take.
 - Dan Leucke has dropped his argument with Reclamation's economists that the States' assumptions and figures regarding the value of water in the States' water projects are incorrect.
 - Dave Little, Alan Berryman, Steve Sims and Deb Freeman agreed that the change in leadership with Mitch King as Acting Regional Director of Region 6, has been positive so far.
 - Authorizing federal congressional legislation for the Program is still in draft form.
 - The GC will select 4 to 5 people to serve as a delegation to Washington D.C. to meet with congressmen and garner federal support for the Program.

4. New Business

- a. Contracting with Federal Agencies (Greg Dewey's question)
- Greg Dewey had raised a question regarding non-profits contracting with federal agencies. Other similar contracting questions have been raised at the GC. Margot Zallen (Senior Attorney with Dept. of Interior) will be bringing back an opinion to the GC regarding these issues which we will review at that time.
- b. The SPWRAP Member Workshop on Cooperative Agreement
- Steve Sims had a copy of the Program document (current as of December 7, 2005) which will guide the Cooperative Agreement. Changes are still being made to Colorado's future depletions plan. A subgroup will present an overview of the Program in a 2-hour segment at the February 16, 2006 meeting of SPWRAP, Inc. The subgroup includes: Steve Sims, Alan Berryman, Deb Freeman and Ted Kowalski. This will be a pre-cursor to a future workshop targeted toward a larger audience.

- c. Draft Letter to Introduce the Program to Water Users
 - It was decided to wait and use notes and questions from next month's presentation to draft the letter.
 - d. Timeline for the Program, Colorado Milestones
 - *Previously discussed under report on GC Negotiations*
 - e. List of Potential Water User Entities (Bob Trout)
 - Bob Trout has assembled a list of Colorado water user entities in the South Platte Basin which have a need for participation in the Program. This list will be emailed to SPWRAP members soon.
 - f. Additional item: Funding Issues – brought up by Ted Kowalski
 - Ted suggested that SPWRAP, Inc. send a couple people to Washington D.C. to visit the Colorado congressmen and garner federal support for the Program.
 - Ted suggested that SPWRAP, Inc. set forth a concerted effort in support of the Species Conservation Trust Fund (SCTF). Representative Kathleen Curry and Representative Diane Hoppe will co-sponsor a bill in this legislative session to re-capitalize the SCTF to a total balance of 12.8 million dollars. For 2006 the State Wildlife Commission, the CWCB, and DNR have recommended to take 5 million dollars of the SCTF to fund the South Platte Program. SPWRAP, Inc. members from Denver Water, NCWCD, Aurora, Fort Collins, and Centennial Water and San. Dist. agreed to coordinate lobbying efforts in support of re-capitalizing the SCTF.
5. Next meeting is February 16, 2006 at Denver Water at 9:00 am. Note, the meeting starts 1 hour earlier than usual to accommodate presentation on details of the Program and the Cooperative Agreement.