

**South Platte Water Related Activities Program, Inc. (SPWRAP)**  
**Meeting Minutes of the Interim Board of Directors**  
**March 16, 2006**

1. Call to Order

The Interim Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Dave Little.

2. Re-cap of February Workshop

Alan Berryman provided a summary of the workshop. The workshop was a good start. Need to simplify and focus on why the Program is needed, what it will cost, what happens if an entity does not participate, etc. Need to update and distribute workshop materials and set up future workshops.

3. Projected Program Timeline

- a. Final EIS by end of March
  - Reviewing a DRAFT Final EIS (provided on CD) and looking for “fatal flaw”
- b. BO / ROD by end of April
  - Expect opportunity to review a version of the BO in mid-April
- c. Program Start: October 2006
- d. Possible Obstacles
  - Nebraska uncertainty: does not like the Endangered Species Act, the Governor’s race, Republican River Contract issues
  - Biological Opinion: written by Grand Island, preliminary draft was very unfavorable
  - Funding Uncertainty: depends on State and Federal authorization and legislation
- e. Deb Freeman noted that the US F&WS is revising the Platte River consultation template by making it non-jeopardy. Will need to revisit consultation streamlining.

4. Colorado Milestones

- a. Water Action Plan Obligations
  - Tamarack: 5,000 AF 2-years post Program implementation, Tamarack complete (10,000 AF) 4-years post-Program
  - New Depletion Plans and water accounting
    1. Hire consultant to calculate Colorado’s obligation
    2. Form a subcommittee: Alan Berryman, Steve Sims, John Hendricks. Get scope of work and RFP
- b. Where get Water?
  - Form a standing committee: Steve Sims, Alan Berryman, Jon Altenhofen, Grady McNeill?, SEO, Ted Kowalski?, etc
  - Options: Tamarack, excess water in river, CREP, augmentation groups, recharge plans, etc

5. Incidental Take

- a. Beneficially revised due to the efforts of Deb Freeman and Steve Sims
  - True to Program – aimed at direct forms of take
  - Re-consult is required only on measure that causes exceedence

6. Status of Draft MOA with the State of Colorado
  - a. Re-cap of meeting on Tuesday March 14
    - Got direction, defined priorities, and raised Russ George's awareness
    - Raised funding issues
      1. Share costs, get CWCB loan, lobby legislature
      2. Continue to Support HB-1311 – Species Conservation Trust Fund
7. Deb Freeman will write a Draft Letter to Introduce the Program to Water Users
8. SPWRAP Administrative & Corporate Issues
  - Need members to elect Directors
  - Need to finalize calculation of single family equivalents (SFEs)
  - Eric Wilkinson and Dennis Harmon will pursue getting SPWRAP money from CWC
9. Next meeting is Thursday April 20, 2006 at Denver Water's Three Stones Building at 10:00 am.