

South Platte Water Related Activities Program, Inc.
220 Water Avenue, Berthoud, Colorado, 80513

**Meeting Minutes of the SPWRAP 1st Annual Meeting
October 26, 2006**

1. Call to Order

The SPWRAP 1st Annual Meeting was called to order by President Dave Little.

2. Interim Board of Directors introductions. A quorum was present.

Dave Little, Denver Water (President)	Lisa Darling, Aurora Water (Vice-President)
Josh Nims, City of Westminster (Secretary)	Dennis Harmon, WSSC, (Treasurer) - not present
Eric Wilkinson, NCWCD	Dennis Bode, City of Fort Collins
Randy Rhodes, Xcel Energy	John Kolanz, City of Greeley
Greg Dewey, City of Loveland - not present	

3. Dave Little provided a brief chronological history of the Cooperative Agreement and the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program.

4. Deb Freeman discussed the benefits of the Program and summarized the streamlined documents: Template Biological Assessment, Platte River Tier 2 Biological Opinion Template, and Platte River Recovery Agreement.

5. Questions and answers.

The Governor's of CO and WY are expected to sign the Program and the Governor of NE is likely to sign. DOI will sign.

Consult your individual BO to determine interim measure procedures. Generally, interim measure payments will stop when you join the Program. The Board will consider interim payments when determining assessments, and is in the process of working out its specific application to the assessments.

You can not choose to just keep paying your interim measure payment. The choice is between joining SPWRAP or re-initiating consultation with USFWS to secure ESA compliance independent of the Program.

The assessment is due April 1, 2007 for SPWRAP membership through the remainder of 2006 and for 2007. 2008 membership assessment will be due in January.

If you choose to join 5 years out, you will be required to pay all past assessments.

The Board anticipates assessments over the next four years to remain similar to that for 2007; however, the assessment may vary based on membership and the State's contribution.

The number of members is growing as entities are currently signing up.

Details on the current budget are available from Kevin Urie.

The Board addressed questions regarding dues applicable to members of multiple water groups. The Board explained that the dues schedule was set up so that municipalities would carry the major financial burden of the Program, and so that agricultural entities would find it cost effective to join. The dues schedule is intended to encourage participation from a broad spectrum of interests. The Board noted that it would evaluate certain individual cases to help ensure consistency with such intent. A request to provide a "Membership Class decision tree" was made.

The Board can provide information and presentations to help make the case for your organizations.

There were questions regarding the calculation of assessments and water used.

The Board referred questions of federal agency participation in SPWRAP to Margot Zallen, the Department of Interior Solicitor's Office

Further questions can be directed to:

Kevin Urie: 303-628-5987

Austin Hamre: 303-779-0200

Alan Berryman: 970-532-7700

6. Austin Hamre discussed joining SPWRAP, the assessment, and invoicing.
7. Next Meeting: November 16, 2006 at NCWCD at 10 am.