



**MEETING SUMMARY
WATER ADAPTATION POLICY WORKING GROUP
COLORADO CLIMATE PROJECT
Meeting #1**

Golden, Colorado
May 4, 2007

Attendance

Susan Avery
Andy Colosimo
Chris Crosby
Ben Harding
Eric Kuhn
Bart Miller
Mark Pifher
David Robbins
Brad Udall
Marc Waage

Tom Easley, Rocky Mountain Climate Organization
Stephen Saunders, Rocky Mountain Climate Organization

Observer: Michelle Garrison, Colorado Water Conservation Board

Discussion and Conclusions

The Water Adaptation Policy Work Group (PWG) will submit its preliminary (or perhaps final) written recommendations to the full Climate Action Panel for the panel's consideration at its July 12 meeting. This will allow for any necessary refinement or reconsideration by the PWG in time for the Climate Action Panel's final meeting in September. The schedule for developing those Water Adaptation PWG recommendations will be:

May 24 Initial drafts to be submitted by email to Stephen Saunders

June 5, 3:00-5:00 pm Water Group telephone conference call to discuss initial drafts

June 14, 9:00 am-noon,
 Archer Room, Three Stones Building,
 Denver Water

Water Adaptation PWG meeting to discuss and potentially
 approve draft recommendations to the Climate Action Panel

The guidelines for drafting recommendations are:

- Keep them concise.
- Draft them in a form that could be adopted by the Climate Action Panel without any need for conforming amendments, e.g., do **not** write “the Water Group recommends that the Climate Action Panel . . .”
- Statements of conclusion about potential climate change effects should precede recommendations. Draft statements of conclusion should be expressed along the lines of: “It is likely that . . .”, “Most scientific studies suggest that . . .”, or the like.
- Recommendations should be expressed in this form: “the state government should . . .” or “water providers should”. Be as explicit as possible in identifying which entities would be the appropriate parties to implement a recommendation.

Initial Drafting Responsibilities	Topics for Statements & Recommendations
Susan Avery, Brad Udall	WA-intro -- Statement of vulnerability and risks [with specific elements to be incorporated later from material drafted by others on some topics below]
Susan Avery	WA-1 -- Statement/recommendation(s) on need for leadership, e.g., by Governor, Executive Director of DNR, Colorado Water Conservation Board
Eric Kuhn	WA-2 -- Statement/recommendation(s) on consideration of climate change in newly legislated Colorado Water Conservation Board study on Colorado River
Brad Udall	WA-3 -- Statement/recommendation(s) on the need for water officials to consider the water effects of climate change risks in all relevant decisions
David Robbins	WA-4 -- Statement/recommendation(s) on the need to consider the water effects of climate change together with the operation of interstate compacts
Ben Harding	WA-5 -- Statement/recommendation(s) on needs for regional modeling of climate change effects on Colorado snowpack/water supply and for additional data collection, e.g., snowpack monitoring sites and stream gauges
Marc Waage	WA-6 -- Statement/recommendation(s) on the ramifications of the water effects of climate changes on

	water storage and planning, e.g., not using just past hydrology to plan for the future
Bart Miller, Andy Colosimo, Marc Waage	WA-7 -- Statement/recommendation(s) on the need for additional conservation (including with respect to landscaping)
David Robbins	WA-8 -- Statement/recommendation(s) on the ramifications of the water effects of climate change on agriculture
Brad Udall, Bart Miller, Andy Colosimo	WA-9 -- Statement/recommendations with respect to the interrelationships between energy use and water use
Ben Harding	WA-10 -- Statement/recommendations on need for additional information exchanges on effects of climate change and on actions to deal with it
Bart Miller, Chris Crosby	WA-12 -- Statement/recommendations on the ramifications of the water effects of climate change on recreation and tourism
Mark Pifher	WA-13 -- Statement/recommendations with respect to climate change effects on water quality
David Robbins	WA-14 -- Statement/recommendations with respect to climate change effects on groundwater