



**I-70 Mountain Corridor CSS  
SWEEP Working Group Meeting  
5-21-08**

Attendees:

- Bill Andree/CDOW
- Shane Briggs/CDOW
- Carl Chambers/USFS
- Jeff Crane/Colorado Watershed Assembly
- Mike Crouse/Clear Creek Consultants
- Lynne Deibel/USFS
- Paula Durkin/CDOT
- Jon Ewert/CDOW
- Tom Fresques/BLM
- Gary Frey/Colorado Trout Unlimited
- David Fulton/Eagle River Watershed Council
- Christine Hirsch/USFS
- Dikran Kashkashian/Colorado Trout Unlimited
- Julia Kintsch/SREP
- Peter Kozinski/CDOT
- Carol Kruse/USFS
- Alison Michael/USWFS
- Ben Moline/Coors Brewing Company
- Pat Noyes/Pat Noyes & Associates
- Jeff Peterson/CDOT
- Rebecca Pierce/CDOT
- Ed Rapp/Clear Creek County
- Kendall Ross/CDOW
- Jo Ann Sorensen/Clear Creek County
- Gary Spinuzzi/CDOT
- Chuck Stearns/Town of Georgetown
- Dylan Taylor/SREP
- Tim Tetherow/JF Sato
- Mark Weinhold/USFS
- Paul Winkle/CDOT
- Greg Zimmerman/Colorado Watershed Assn.

DATE: May 21, 2008  
LOCATION: Silverthorne Pavilion

## **Introduction**

Peter Kozinski told the group the original SWEEP group worked on policy level mitigations for the PEIS. The purpose of reconvening the SWEEP group is to develop a guidance policy to be used for future decisions made for projects along the I-70 corridor. This include a memorandum of understanding outlining stakeholder commitments for coordination, and list of strategies, not project specific recommendations, to be used in Tier 2 studies.

## **Goals, Outcomes and Actions**

The group reviewed the goal:

*Improve or enhance water resources in the I-70 Corridor by including mitigation and/or enhancements in advance of and during project development, project design, project construction, and system operations and maintenance. Water resources include: water quality, wetland and riparian ecosystems, fisheries, aquatic-dependent communities, and recreational opportunities.*

The group agreed the goal should include protection. The goal will be revised to read:

*Improve, enhance and protect water resources in the I-70 Corridor by including mitigation and/or enhancements in advance of and during project development, project design, project construction, and system operations and maintenance. Water resources include: water quality, water supply, wetland and riparian ecosystems, fisheries, aquatic-dependent communities, recreational opportunities and other ecological services.*

## **Discussion of SWEEP Outcomes and Actions**

The group suggested that the Outcomes and Actions could be rearranged to go in order of action.

The MOU should reference the ALIVE MOU. The two MOUs need to work together.

The group would like to see educating the public about the value of water resources as an Action Item.

The group is concerned about mitigating impacts beyond the limits of a given project and would like to see this added to the Action Items. This would include existing as well as future impacts.

It was suggested that mitigation strategies be developed for each life cycle phase of a project and that a commitment be made to maintaining mitigations.

The group would like language included in the PEIS that links it to the SWEEP recommendations and any memorandum of understanding developed through this process.

The group will be sent an email when the document: *An Inventory of I-70 Mountain Corridor Water Resource-Related Issues for Clear Creek Eisenhower Tunnel to Floyd Hill* has been uploaded to the I-70 CSS Project website: <http://www.i70css.com>.

### **Presentation on Southern Rockies Ecosystem Project**

Julia Kintsch announced that SREP & CDOT have been awarded a grant to study aquatic and terrestrial mitigation along the I-70 Mountain Corridor from Evergreen to Dotsero. They will be doing field work and data collection over the summer and will have a preliminary analysis sometime in the fall. Julia would like to keep the SWEEP group informed and feels the working group would benefit from their research.

### **Working Group Membership**

The group suggested adding a stakeholder from the following groups:

USFS Arapahoe Roosevelt Forest - Fisheries representative  
NWCOG - Lane Wyatt  
Blue River Watershed – Karn Stiegelmeier

### **Establish Meeting Schedule**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Silverthorne Pavilion from 1:00 – 3:30.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.