

**Governance Committee Business Meeting Minutes**  
**Comfort Suites, DIA**  
**Denver, Colorado**  
**September 14, 2006**

**Updates**

It was reported that there are currently no hearings planned on the Platte River Program Legislation, but that they could occur later this year.

There was discussion regarding when the Secretary of the Interior would sign the ROD. All parties encouraged DOI officials to relay that they would like to see a signed ROD as soon as possible.

Brian Barels reported that the NPPD board approved support for the Program at the September 14 board meeting.

**CA Extension**

The Governance Committee reviewed the Extension Document and provided comments at the meeting. The Extension Document was unanimously approved as amended at the meeting and will be forwarded to the Governors and Secretary of the Interior for their considerations.

**Transition to Program**

Mike Ryan reported that the Platte River EIS Office will be closed by October 1, 2006 and the personnel are archiving the permanent files at the Great Plains Office in Billings, MT. The Platte EIS Office library has been transferred to the Grand Island FWS Field Office. There was discussion regarding where models would be housed and if there are manuals written for all of the models. Curt Brown will issue a memo describing the current status of the models and where they will be housed. The CA Executive Director will continue to house their files until a Program Executive Director is hired and settled in an office.

**Program Start-Up**

The Governance Committee requested that work continue on developing a full list of activities and estimated budget for 2007, including possible baseline monitoring efforts.

The Governance Committee was updated on the search for a Program Executive Director. To date, 25 parties have requested the full announcement and others have likely downloaded the announcement directly from the Platte River web page. Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) are due by September 22. The current Executive Director subcommittee will review the SOQs and have a recommendation to the Governance Committee on the short-list of candidates that will be requested to prepare full proposals by the October 24 meeting. Others, if interested, can review and provide comments to the subcommittee on potential short-list candidates.

**Remaining Program Documents**

All Program Documents with final modifications will be available for Governance Committee review and approval at the October 24 meeting. These documents will then be printed and full, updated, Program Document binders available for distribution.