

**SOUTHERN DELIVERY SYSTEM | eNews**  
**March 11, 2010**

**Colorado Wildlife Commission approves SDS Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Plan:**

On Thursday, March 11, Colorado Springs Utilities received unanimous approval from the Colorado Wildlife Commission on the Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Plan (FWMP) for the [Southern Delivery System](#) (SDS). The plan was developed in collaboration with the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) over the last year and outlines specific mitigation to address projected impacts to fish and wildlife as a result of SDS operations.

During Thursday's meeting, Wildlife Commissioner Dennis Buechler commended the SDS team for working collaboratively with CDOW and involving the agency early in the process. He also noted the project's emphasis on the avoidance of impacts to fish and wildlife.

The approval was made conditional on finalizing a draft Memorandum of Agreement to implement the plan with CDOW. Once the Agreement is finalized, CDOW will submit the plan on behalf of the SDS Project Participants to the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) for adoption. The FWMP was developed pursuant to provisions of state law and related requirements of the project's Record of Decision issued by the Bureau of Reclamation.

"We are pleased by yet another approval to move the project forward," said John Fredell, SDS Project Director. "This plan is one more example of our commitment to build an environmentally responsible project."

For more information on the Southern Delivery System, visit [www.sdswater.org](http://www.sdswater.org).

---

Southern Delivery System | eNews is an electronic newsletter designed to keep interested public officials and members of the public up to date on developments associated with the Southern Delivery System. Please forward it to anyone you think would be interested. Contact us at [sdsinfo@csu.org](mailto:sdsinfo@csu.org) to subscribe or unsubscribe.

© 2010 Colorado Spring Utilities  
Reprints with attribution to Colorado Springs Utilities permissible

For more information, please contact us:

Southern Delivery System  
P.O. Box 1103, MC 940  
Colorado springs, CO 80947  
719-668-7582  
866-719-4SDS (4737) toll free  
[sdsinfo@csu.org](mailto:sdsinfo@csu.org)  
Media contact: 719-668-3848