

Colorado Water Conservation Board Adopts SDS Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Plan: A Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Plan (FWMP), developed in partnership with the Colorado Division of Wildlife for the Southern Delivery System (SDS), was adopted today by the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB). With acceptance of the plan by the Colorado Wildlife Commission and the adoption by CWCB, the FWMP will serve as the state of Colorado's official position on the wildlife mitigation activities required for the project. The plan was developed pursuant to state law and the Record of Decision (ROD).

Throughout the SDS project development process, the project participants' goal has been to build an environmentally responsible project by avoiding and minimizing project impacts. For unavoidable impacts, SDS will implement appropriate mitigation measures. The FWMP outlines projected impacts to fish and wildlife as a result of SDS operations and provides a blueprint to address them.

"We look forward to working with the Colorado Division of Wildlife to implement this important plan as we move into the construction phase of the project," said John Fredell, SDS Project Director. "The benefits of SDS transcend water delivery. SDS will also benefit fish and wildlife, habitat, and offer recreational opportunities."

Some of these opportunities outlined in the FWMP include the possibility of angling and wildlife recreation opportunities at the future reservoir sites.

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