

## **FACT SHEET**

### **What is Shared Vision Planning?**

- Shared Vision Planning (SVP) is a collaborative approach to formulating water management solutions that combines three contrasting practices: 1) traditional water resources planning, 2) structured public participation and 3) collaborative computer modeling.
- This is the first time in the U.S. that SVP has been attempted during the permitting phase of a water supply project.
- The key participants in the Halligan Seaman Water Management SVP project are: the City of Greeley, the City of Fort Collins, North Poudre Irrigation Company, the water districts of North Weld County, Fort Collins-Loveland, and East Larimer County, The Nature Conservancy, Trout Unlimited, the Colorado Division of Wildlife, and others. The process will be facilitated by Bill Werick of Werick Creative Solutions and the technical modeler for the process will be Mark Lorie of Resolution Planning.
- The goal of this SVP project is to evaluate the possibility of streamflow enhancement on the North Fork and mainstem of the Cache La Poudre River, upstream of the confluence. SVP will bring together the project applicants and other stakeholders to engage in a collaborative planning and model-building exercise. This *Shared Vision Model (SVM)* will help all parties fine tune their understanding of how the reservoirs might impact streamflows and jointly develop new reservoir management strategies to improve ecological outcomes and meet growing water supply needs.
- As part of the SVP process, a comprehensive website will be launched to provide the public with up-to-date developments and modeling and technical analysis.

### **What is the Halligan-Seaman Water Management Project?**

- The Halligan-Seaman Water Management Project (HSWMP) is a regional water storage and management project proposed by the Cities of Greeley and Fort Collins on the North Fork of the Cache la Poudre River.
- Halligan Reservoir is owned by Fort Collins and has a current storage capacity of 6,400 acre feet while Greeley's Seaman Reservoir has a capacity of 5,000 acre feet. Proposed plans call for expanding Seaman to approximately 53,000 acre feet and Halligan to 40,000 acre feet.
- Other participants in the enlargement of Halligan Reservoir include the North Poudre Irrigation Company and the water districts of North Weld County, Fort Collins-Loveland, and East Larimer County.

### **What is the Role of the Colorado Water Conservation Board?**

- The Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) aids in the protection and development of the waters of the state. The agency is responsible for water project planning and finance, stream and lake protection, flood hazard identification and mitigation, weather modification, river restoration, water conservation and drought planning, water information, and water supply protection.
- The CWCB administers the Water Supply Reserve Account, which was set up by the Colorado legislature in 2006 to provide statewide financial assistance to implement projects and methods that help address the state's water needs. The grant to fund the SVP process comes from the Water Supply Reserve Account.
- The \$101,740 grant was awarded by the Colorado Water Conservation Board at its meeting on September 17, 2008.

### **What are the next milestones of the SVP process?**

- Development and enhancement of the Shared Vision Model (SVM) is already underway and will continue throughout the project.
- An internal SVP workshop has been scheduled for early November. The focus of that meeting will be to discuss how the rest of project will be managed, as well as defining stakeholders' key objectives related to streamflows and water supply.
- Scenarios for stream flow enhancement will be developed and tested using the SVM starting in December. Stakeholders will review these "draft" scenarios at a workshop in early 2009.
- Based on feedback from stakeholders, the SVP facilitators will fine tune the scenarios in advance of a final workshop, currently scheduled for mid- 2009. At that time, stakeholders will work to determine the best overall scenario.

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