

COLORADO WATER QUALITY FORUM 2006 - 2007 ANNUAL WORK PLAN

The Colorado Water Quality Forum mission is *To achieve solutions to Colorado water quality issues through communications and understanding, balancing use and protection of the resource.* The Forum was created in 1992 to provide an opportunity for an ongoing informal dialogue among diverse parties representing a broad spectrum of stakeholder interests in water quality management. Participants include water suppliers, industrial and municipal dischargers, environmental groups, and federal, state and local governmental agencies. Forum meetings are facilitated by the University of Colorado at Denver, Center for Public-Private Sector Cooperation, funded through participant contributions.

A planning retreat was held on July 10 - 11 2006 in Breckenridge, Colorado. To develop a Colorado Water Quality Forum (CWQF) work plan for the coming year, over fifty WQF Retreat Participants reviewed, clarified, and refined a comprehensive water quality issues list.. A “triage review” of the finalized list was completed to develop the 2006 – 2007 WQF Work Plan. The review included (1) Issues for work groups or other proactive CWQF attention, (2) Issues for monitoring or informational briefings only, and (3) Issues that are not a priority for CWQF attention at this time.

The following are the agreed upon 2006-2007 CWQF work groups. More detailed information including meeting times and minutes are under the “Work Group Links” Section of the website www.cwqf.org . Participation in the CWQF and the workgroups is open to all interested persons. If you want to be included as a member of a work group, contact the Chairperson indicated.

1. Ammonia Standards and Implementation

This work group is considering how the new Basic Standards Ammonia Criteria will be implemented into basic standards and discharge permits.

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2. Membrane Treatment

The Membrane Treatment work group process was driven by (1) issues raised regarding situations where a discharge is proposed to a segment where there is little or no assimilative capacity and (2) other situations where parties are interested in above low flow permitting.. The question this Workgroup must answer is “Should higher than critical low flow assimilative capacity be used for discharge permitting and if so, what should the criteria be for its use?”

Dave Akers, Co-Chair (dave.akers@state.co.us)
Laurie Rink, Co-Chair(lrink@uos.net)

3. Practical Quantitation Limits Guidance (PQL)

This work group was formed to help develop a draft PQL Guidance Document that would include PQLs that are greater than existing standards, PQLs for new organic standards, and PQLs for inorganics.

The work of this group should be completed by November 2006.

Dave Akers, Chair (dave.akers@state.co.us)
Dave Akers, Coordinator

4. Nutrient Criteria

The Nutrient Criteria work group was formed to help develop a system for nutrient criteria for Colorado lakes and streams.

Joni Nuttle , Chair (joni.nuttle@state.co.us)
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5. Sediment Guidance

This working group was formed to help with the revision of CDPHE's *Provisional Guidance for Determining Sediment Deposition Impacts to Aquatic Life in Streams and Rivers*.

Christy Pickens, Chair (christy.pickens@state.co.us)
TBD, Coordinator

6. Aquatic Life Classification

The overall goal of the Aquatic Life Workgroup is to address technical concerns with aquatic life use classification. The overall objective of the Aquatic Life Workgroup is to evaluate how biological information is used for water quality management decisions.

Chris Theel, Chair (christopher.theel@state.co.us)
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7. Temperature Standards

This work group is providing feedback regarding the Division's further review of appropriate temperature criteria in preparation for the January 2007 rulemaking hearing.

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Amy Woodis, Coordinator (AWoodis@mwr.dst.co.us)

8. 303(d) Listing Methodology

The work group was re-initiated to begin work on Colorado's 2008 List, which must be submitted to EPA by April 1, 2008. The first task is to re-evaluate the current Listing Methodology. Recommended methodology will be submitted to WQCC for their approval in February 2007.

Phil Hegeman, Chair (phillip.hegeman@state.co.us)
TBD, Coordinator

9. Colorado Discharge Permit Regulations

This work group was formed to discuss issues to be addressed in a February 12, 2007 Routine Review Informational Hearing regarding the Colorado Discharge Permit System Regulations.

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Carol Webb, Coordinator (cwebb@fcgov.com)

10. Spill Reporting and Response (#36, #14)

This work group was formed to discuss issues related to requirements for reporting of spills, and other related topics to be included in guidance/policy.

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The following are the proposed issues for monitoring and informational briefings at the CWQF meetings. Other items such as updates on current or proposed legislation and updates on Commission and Division activities will also be included on Forum agendas. Final agendas for each of the meetings will be posted to the CWQF website two weeks prior to the meeting dates.

September 18, 2006

- Temporary Modifications, Regs. #32-38 (12/06).
- Pretreatment Regulations, Reg. #63 (02/07).
- Biosolids Regulation, Reg. #64 (2/07).
- Procedural Rules, Reg. #21 (05/07)
- EPA Performance Partnership Agreement/Strategic Plan efforts. (Karen Hamilton, EPA)
- Coalbed methane development –Montana model (Karen Hamilton, EPA)
- NORM-TENORM (Gary Bauman)
- Implementation of the Water Quality Improvement Fund

November 20, 2006

- Arid West Water Quality Research Project (as needed)
- Practical Quantitation Limits Guidance (Dave Akers)
- Rocky Mountain National Park air deposition issues.
- CAFO permitting in view of 2nd Circuit decision (Meg Collins/Landon Gates)
- Supreme Court Rapanos “decision”, re: waters of U.S. (Karen Hamilton)

January 23, 2007

- CDPHE policy for fish consumption advisories
- EPA guidance re water quality standards for effluent dependent waters

March 19, 2007

- Ground Water Standards, Regs. #41, 42 (05/07)

- Oil and gas stormwater permits follow-up (05/07)
- Source Water Protection Program.

May 21, 2006

Other Topics as needed:

- a. Future water quality program funding (in Division update)
- b. Colorado Water Quality Monitoring Council status (data sharing and networking project--in WQMC update)(
- c. Colorado Ground Water Quality Protection Council--ground water monitoring data base
- d. Proposed "Good Samaritan" Act
- e. Discharge permit jurisdictional issues re: Miccosukee, Catskills, Talent Irrigation, etc.
- f. Environmental Management System implementation (Dave Akers—if available)
- g. E.Coli TMDLs (re: permits) – check w/Dave Akers for timing