

COLORADO WATER QUALITY FORUM 2008-2009 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 21-22, 2008 in Breckenridge, Colorado. To develop a Colorado Water Quality Forum (CWQF) work plan for the coming year, 55-60 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 2008 – 2009 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 2008-2009 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 on the website.

1. 2008-2009 CWQF work groups:
 - a. Membrane Treatment (Dave Akers/Laurie Rink)
 - b. Practical Quantitation Limits Guidance (Dave Akers/Sharon Davis)
 - c. Nutrient Criteria (Jim Saunders/Blake Beyea/Mary Fabisiak)
 - d. Aquatic Life Classification (Chris Theel/Blair Corning)
 - e. Discharge Permit Implementation (Janet Kieler/Christine Johnson)
 - f. Agricultural Diversions (Gary Beers/Landon Gates)—Until 9/08
 - g. E coli (Jim McCarthy/Becky Dunavant)
 - h. Standards Framework (Paul Frohardt/Amy Woodis)
 - i. Site Application Regulations (Dave Akers/Larry Mugler)
 - j. 2010 Section 303(d) Listing Methodology (Aimee Konowal/Amy Woodis)

2. Informational Briefings at CWQF meetings

September 15, 2008

- Updates: Legislative, Division (including funding), Commission, Permits, Drinking Water
- Groundwater Commission as a SB 181 Agency (Peter Nichols)

- Colorado Water Quality Monitoring Council status (Barb Horn)
- Selenium standards translator issues (Sarah Johnson)
- Incorporating Drinking Water into WQF processes

November 17, 2008

- Updates: Legislative, Division (including funding), Commission, Permits, Drinking Water
- Human Health Criteria, Policy 96-2: proposed revisions
- 2008 Farm Bill (NRCS/Landon Gates)
- Upcoming drinking water Issues, including disinfection waivers (WQCD)
- Oil and Gas issues; HB07-1341 implementation (Paul Frohardt)
- Membrane treatment pilot project update (Dave Akers)
- Emerging technologies (Piper Foster)

January 20, 2009 (Tuesday)

- Updates: Legislative, Division (including funding), Commission, Permits, Drinking Water
- Design Criteria, Policy 96-1: plans for updating
- Pretreatment Regulations, Reg. #63: proposals for revisions (WQCD)
- Water quality standards and discharge permit implementation (WQCD)

March 16, 2009

- Updates: Legislative, Division (including funding), Commission, Permits, Drinking Water
- Colorado Ground Water Quality Protection Council (after position filled)
- Fish consumption advisories
- Emerging contaminants (EPA and/or CSU person?)
- Technology migration: from PCS to ISIS (WQCD)

May 19, 2009 (Tuesday)

- Updates: Legislative, Division (including funding), Commission, Permits, Drinking Water
- Requirements/SSO Response Plans/Roles of entities (What is Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority doing?)
- Rapanos decision implications (WQCD; EPA?)
- Review of status of all work groups

July 20 and 21, 2009 (Annual retreat)

3. Other issues to be addressed as developments warrant:

- Good Samaritan legislation/1872 Mining Law
- Oil shale issues
- CAFO permitting (after EPA action)
- Rocky Mountain National Park air deposition issues
- Infrastructure/sustainability (NACEPT report?)

4. Other initiatives:

- An initial stakeholders meeting will be convened to identify and discuss specific issues regarding antidegradation provisions and their implementation—get issues Steve Gunderson by August 20, 2008. (Steve Gunderson/ Dave Akers/ Dick Parachini)
- For regular CWQF meetings, anyone with a suggested agenda items or issues of concern is encouraged to contact Lisa Carlson (lisa.carlson@ucdenver.edu) at least 3 weeks prior to the meeting. At each meeting, there will be an opportunity to identify issues for Water Quality Forum discussion. Depending on the nature of the item, such issues may be discussed at the meeting where they are raised or scheduled for discussion at a subsequent meeting. The purpose of identifying these issues is to "clear the air" before the problem festers.
- Telephone conferencing should be available for WQF meetings. Send power point presentations in advance for those not in the room.
- Workgroup agendas should be e-mailed out in advance the meetings

4. Committees:

Executive Committee: Robert Sakata, Jeanette Hillery

Agenda Committee: Paul Frohardt, Amy Woodis, Steve Gunderson, Jeannette Hillery, «GreetingLine», Mary Fabisiak

Web Committee: Sharon Henderson Davis, Lisa Carlson, Paul Frohardt, Jen Richards