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CDSN SWAP Opportunity

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Dear Colorado Data Sharing Network (CDSN) Members:

CDSN has the opportunity to organize and host a Data Sharing Network SWAP in your watershed or basin this spring or fall. The target audiences for SWAP events are anyone in a local watershed who is interested and working with water resources, whether generating data or just a data user. A SWAP is a place based gathering, at a local watershed scale such as the Gunnison River, where entities come prepared to share what they are doing or need done, when, where, how, why and their monitoring and assessment needs and concerns. Presentations can also be given regarding recent studies, projects or work in that basin. The agenda is set by a local team. CDSN creates a watershed team that plans the time, location and agenda of the SWAP and then produces a fact sheet available to all documenting the information exchanged.

Benefits from previous SWAPs included on the ground monitoring collaboration, increased knowledge of activities in the basin, concerns and needs documented for entities outside the basin, such as the state, that then can understand local needs.


SWAP "Fact Sheets" or summaries of past SWAPs are available on our web site:

<http://www.coloradowaterquality.org/swapfacts.html>.

CDSN conducted 16 SWAPS between 2006 to 2008 (our first 3-year grant cycle) as an outreach tool that is critical and valuable to the Colorado Water Quality Monitoring Council, the Data Sharing Network project, and the state-wide water quality community. Because we received much positive feedback from these SWAPS, CDSN planned to host a SWAP in about 16 basins on a three year rotating cycle based on the Colorado Water Quality Control Commissions' (WQCC) Rule Making Hearing Basin every June. This timing was chosen to leverage the fact that many entities are focusing on data generation and analyses the year before a basin has a rule making hearing. CDSN's goal is to have a SWAP about every two years in each Colorado basin. The WQCC Basic Standards Hearing occurs every fifth year and the next one would have been in June 2010. The WQCC has decided to extend that hearing date for another year until June 2011. The date change pushes back all of the subsequent rule making hearings, and has created a gap in this year's basin cycle. Therefore there is a new opportunity for CDSN to offer a SWAP where it may be most needed in the Spring of 2010, Fall of 2010, or Spring of 2011.

Would a SWAP in the Spring of 2010, Fall of 2010, or Spring of 2011, be of value to you?

If you are interested in having CDSN conduct a SWAP in your watershed during any of these open seasons, please contact CDSN Project Coordinator at cwqmc@coloradowaterquality.org. Questions can be answered by Barb Horn, co-chair, at 970.382.6667 or barb.horn@state.co.us.

Year 1	Fall DSN SWAP (Optional) Year 1	October Issue Scoping Hearing Year 1	Year 2	Spring DSN SWAP Year 2	WQCD Data Call August Year 2	Issue Formulation Hearing November Year 2	Year 3	Rulemaking Hearing June Year 3
2008*	CWQMC Eval & Workshop	Basic Standards	2009	YOUR SWAP?	Statewide 303d	Basic Standards	2010	Basic Standards
2009	YOUR SWAP?	Basic Standards	2010	YOUR SWAP?		Basic Standards	2011	Basic Standards
2010	Upper Colorado; Lower Colorado	San Juan; Gunnison	2011	San Juan; Gunnison	San Juan; Gunnison	San Juan; Gunnison	2012	San Juan; Gunnison
2011	South Platte	Arkansas; Rio Grande	2012	Arkansas; Rio Grande	Arkansas; Rio Grande/303d	Arkansas; Rio Grande	2013	Arkansas; Rio Grande
2012	San Juan; Gunnison	Upper Colorado; Lower Colorado	2013	Upper Colorado; Lower Colorado	Upper Colorado; Lower Colorado	Upper Colorado; Lower Colorado	2014	Upper Colorado; Lower Colorado
2013	Arkansas; Rio Grande	South Platte	2014	South Platte	South Platte/303d	South Platte	2015	South Platte
2014	CWQMC Eval & Workshop	Basic Standards	2015	CWQMC Eval & Workshop		Basic Standards	2016	Basic Standards
2015	Upper Colorado; Lower Colorado	San Juan; Gunnison	2016	San Juan; Gunnison	San Juan; Gunnison/303d	San Juan; Gunnison	2017	San Juan; Gunnison
2016	South Platte	Arkansas; Rio Grande	2017	Arkansas; Rio Grande	Arkansas; Rio Grande	Arkansas; Rio Grande	2018	Arkansas; Rio Grande
2017	San Juan; Gunnison	Upper Colorado; Lower Colorado	2018	Upper Colorado; Lower Colorado/303d	Upper Colorado; Lower Colorado/303d	Upper Colorado; Lower Colorado	2019	Upper Colorado; Lower Colorado
2018	Arkansas; Rio Grande	South Platte	2019	South Platte	South Platte	South Platte	2020	South Platte
2019	CWQMC Eval & Workshop	Basic Standards	2020	CWQMC Eval & Workshop	Statewide 303d	Basic Standards	2021	Basic Standards
2020	Upper Colorado; Lower Colorado	San Juan; Gunnison	2021	San Juan; Gunnison	San Juan; Gunnison	San Juan; Gunnison	2022	San Juan; Gunnison
2021	South Platte	Arkansas; Rio Grande	2022	Arkansas; Rio Grande/303d	Arkansas; Rio Grande/303d	Arkansas; Rio Grande	2023	Arkansas; Rio Grande