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Colorado Data Sharing Network OPEN DATA CALL INVITATION TO ALL COLORADO WATER DATA GENERATORS Participate in the Colorado Data Sharing Network Project

Please take a minute to review this information and determine if it will help you maximize your resources and leverage your impact. We believe that if you:

- *Collect watershed data - chemical, physical or biological*
- *Depend upon watershed data*
- *Participate in Colorado Water Quality Control Commission Basin Hearings*
- *Could benefit from a common watershed database*
- *Have technical, fiscal or will power barriers to managing your data*
- *Pay someone else to manage or analyze your data*
- *Have received or are applying for Non Point Source funds*
- *Are developing a watershed or drinking water protection plan*
- *Need an interactive map or data summary tools to enhance your data management*
- *Need a mechanism to know what is going on in your watershed or to voice your monitoring priorities and needs*

you can benefit by maximizing your resources and have more impact by participating with and supporting the Data Sharing Network (DSN).

The vision of CWQMC is to create tools and opportunities to share data and collaborate on monitoring. The DSN has three components:

- **SWAPS**, a facilitated data exchange meeting where participants share monitoring and assessment priorities, what data is being collected, and why;
- **Google-Map utility**, an interactive web map directory of all CDSN, USGS and National Data Warehouse monitoring locations in Colorado that allows users to download data directly from the map;

- **AWQMS Database**, a database and analysis tools that targets unmanaged, unshared data sets or those data that require uploads to EPA STORET warehouse.

The Colorado Water Quality Monitoring Council (CWQMC) and the Colorado Data Sharing Network Project are dedicated to coordinating, collaborating and streamline water quality monitoring efforts. The CWQMC also offers mentoring -- assisting organizations involved in water resource protection, restoration, enhancement, and/or monitoring activities. We offer mentoring in project design, quality assurance, data management, sampling techniques. We encourage all organizations collecting water data in Colorado to upload it to the Colorado Data Sharing Network AWQMS Database.

The CDSN AWQMS Database can be used by any entity that is collecting water quality data in Colorado, such as a watershed group, special district, government agency, or private industry, that is involved in compliance, watershed restoration, or watershed protection. The CDSN AWQMS Database allows for data to be managed and shared with other monitoring entities, state agencies, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, watershed groups, and others analyzing water quality data within the state. It also allows for Non Point Source (NPS) program participants to meet their data reporting STORET/WQX requirements while also making available more data and information for the implementation of watershed plans throughout Colorado.

The CDSN and CWQMC continue to work with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Water Quality Control Division to collect all available water data for its decision making activities, including the development of the 303(d) List of Impaired Waters and its Triennial Basin Review Hearings, when CDPHE issues data calls.

As part of the CDSN project and our dedication to our goals of state-wide coordination and collaboration for watershed restoration and watershed protection, the CWQMC is geared up to provide mentoring to help water data generators get their data into the format required by by the Water Quality Control Division.

The CDSN project offers to assist water data generators get their data into the required format and to upload their data into the CDSN AWQMS Database so that data is shared statewide and is available (when allowed by the generator) for analysis and display on the CDSN interactive Google-web map. Data is uploaded into the CDSN AWQMS Database in the same format that it is submitted to the WQCD. Thus, if you send your data to CDPHE, you can send a duplicate copy or upload your data directly to CDSN and the AWQMS Database.

WQCD data calls requesting water quality data from any sampling events that have been conducted in the basins during the last ten years to assist in determining ambient water quality across the state during this period.

There is no need to submit data that have previously been submitted to the **WQCD Environmental Data Unit**. However, data that have been previously submitted to other units

within the WQCD should be resubmitted to the Environmental Data Unit in order to ensure that it is used in this assessment process. The Colorado Water Quality Monitoring Council and the Colorado Data Sharing Network are requesting that all water quality data submitted to the WQCD during their data calls also be submitted/uploaded into the CDSN project AWQMS Database.

We hope you will contact us to assist with providing data for a CDPHE data call and that you will simultaneously participate in the Colorado Data Sharing Network project.

HOW DO I FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT DATA CALLS OR REQUEST MENTORING SERVICES?

Data Calls -

- Go to the Colorado Data Sharing Network (CDSN) Project web site at: <http://www.ColoradoWaterData.org>
- Go to the CDSN Data Call web page at: <http://www.ColoradoWaterData.org/datacalls.html>
- Go to the CDSN AWQMS Portal web page at <http://coloradowaterdata.org/awqmsportal.html> and visit the "Resources/General Info" tab and the "Member/Contributor Organization Data Upload Portal & Login" tab. These tabs have links to resources, templates, fact sheets, tutorials, etc.
- Go to the WQCD Environmental Data Unit documents and forms page at: <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/wg/EDU/FormsDocs/Docs.htm>
- Contact Council Project Coordinator at: cwqmc@coloradowaterquality.org

Mentoring -

- Visit the Colorado Water Quality Monitoring Council (CWQMC) web site at: <http://www.ColoradoWaterQuality.org>
- Visit the CWQMC mentoring page at: <http://www.ColoradoWaterQuality.org/mentoring.html>
- Contact Council Project Coordinator at: cwqmc@coloradowaterquality.org