



The Colorado Water Quality Monitoring Council (CWQMC) has been working to reorganize as an organization designed to meet the current needs of its members. Over the last three years the Council has devoted all of its energy and resources toward implementing the Colorado Data Sharing Network (CDSN) Work Plan. The Council has been sensitive to the reality that dedicating all of its resources to the CDSN has not allowed the Council to place an appropriate amount of effort on the other objectives that initiated the interest of its original members. For this reason the Council has held a series of meetings with all interested members over the last eighteen months to solicit feed back on data management needs and the services that the Council should provide to better serve the public. Based on the feedback from these meetings the Council has developed a new vision, mission, and organizational structure. These are documented in the attached “Colorado Water Quality Monitoring Council Charter.” The Charter can also be viewed on the Council website, <http://www.coloradowatershed.org/cwqmc/>. Please take a few moments to review this brief four page document.

The reorganization of CWQMC establishes the following four Committees:

The Executive Committee: will provide oversight and direction for the Council with responsibility for the annual budget, funding and grant administration. The intent is to have representation on this Committee from all major water basins. Current volunteers include Barb Horn (DOW), Vic Lucero (Thornton), Steve Lundt (Metro Wastewater), and Dan Beley (CDPH&E).

The Technical Advisory Committee: will provide the technical assistance for the Data Sharing Network and all future Council projects including training workshops. Current volunteers include Jim Dorsch (Metro Wastewater), Karl Herman (EPA Region VIII), and Arne Sjodin (CDPH&E).

The Outreach Committee: will organize and implement activities such as Data Swaps, data calls, conferences, workshops, and training sessions. This committee will also assist the Executive Committee with sponsorship drives. Funding in the past has been from grants and from member contributions. Future funding needs will require additional resources. Current volunteers include Paul Grundeman (Centennial W&S Dist.), Joan Carlson (U.S. Forrest Service), Barb Horn (DOW), and Jason Graham (Lower Poudre Monitoring Group/City of Fort Collins).

The Mentoring Team: will assist members with review of data sets, watershed monitoring plans, and provide quality assurance recommendations. Current volunteers include Phil Russell (Littleton/Englewood W&S Dist.), Amy Volckens (Riverside Technology – Fort Collins), Esther Vincent (Northern Water Conserv. Dist.), Katie Lucchesi (Northern Conserv. Dist), Holly Huyck (CDOT), Joan Carlson (U.S. Forrest Service), and Robin Reilley (DRCOG).

The General Contractor, Colorado Watershed Network will provide assistance on all committees as required. They will also function as the fiscal agent for the Council. If you are interested in participating on any of these committees contact either [barb.horn@state.co.us/](mailto:barb.horn@state.co.us) or vic.lucero@cityofthornton.net. Your assistance is much needed. There is a particular need for representation on the Leadership Committee from watershed leaders and data providers from the major water basins. Currently only the South Platte Basin is represented. It will be important for this Committee to have the perspective from all basins as they move forward with future projects and activities.

The kick-off meeting for the Leadership Team is scheduled for September 18, 2007 (1:30 – 3:30pm) at the DOW facilities at 6060 Broadway in Denver. You will be able to conference call into this meeting. An agenda and conference call information will be sent out prior to the meeting. Your participation is critical as the Council moves forward to implement the new organization and begins to work on many important tasks such as planning for the sustainability of the Data Sharing Network. Please join with us in the Council's vision to provide valuable data management services that will make data monitoring, data management and data sharing efficient for all interested parties and agencies in Colorado.