



Water Quality Information Bulletin Highlights for April 2025

Water Quality Control Commission Activities

Agenda: No meeting April 14, 2025 - the Commissions is in recess.

<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/wqcc-meetings>

Notice of upcoming informational hearings.

<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/rulemaking-boards-and-commissions/water-quality-control-commission/wqcc-public-informational>

- Meeting Date: May 12, 2025
 - Routine Review
 - Regulation #62: Regulations for Effluent Limitations
 - Triennial Review
 - Regulation #71: Dillon Reservoir Control Regulation
 - Regulation #84: Reclaimed Water Control Regulation

Summary of proceedings/motions.

<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/wqcc-meeting-summaries>

Special Notes

Notice: Metro Water Recover Temperature Limits

On January 31, 2025, Metro Water Recovery [requested additional time](#) to meet temperature limits for its two facilities, the Robert W. Hite Treatment Facility (RWHTF) - [Permit No. CO0026638](#)- and Northern Treatment Plant (NTP) - [Permit No. CO0048959](#). Metro is in the process of completing an integrated plan incorporating plans to meet temperature limits as well as other future limitations for nutrients. Metro plans to use [innovative thermal energy recovery technologies](#) to reduce the temperature of water it discharges to the South Platte River. These technologies support multiple environmental outcomes. In addition, the [Environmental Protection Agency supports the use of integrated planning](#) to sequence water quality improvements. The Water Quality Control Division [agreed to provide](#) Metro Water Recovery more time as they complete their integrated plan. The division will continue collaborating with Metro as they develop their integrated plan.

Notice: Updated Clean Water Policy 14

In 2024, the division accepted [public comments](#) on draft revisions to Clean Water Policy 14 (alternative link = https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-fUZBnvDd8EafMbb0BLv33p4wo4sCFHw?usp=drive_link). The division then finalized the updated policy, which has been posted to [the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment website](#).

Clean Water Permit Actions

Permits sent to public notice on March 13, 2025.

You usually have 30 days to make comments on the draft action, but please check the exact deadline on the website.

<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/water-quality-draft-permit-actions>

Discharge permits issued - February 2025.

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wq-final-permit-actions> for Permits info

Permittee	Permit Number	County	Issued
Climax Molybdenum Co	CO-0000230	Grand	02/28/2025

General permit certifications - February 2025.

To check that your permit contact information is correct, look up your permit number in this [list of all active clean water permits](#). If your contact information is incorrect, please change your contacts in CEOS for certifications under general permits COR400000, COG080000, COG317000, COG318000, COG603000, and COG608000. Otherwise, fill out the [change of contact form](#), and send the signed form to the cdphe.wqrecordscenter@state.co.us

General permit certifications - February 2025.

Permittee	Permit Number	County	Issued
Claystone Construction Inc	COG-081165	Adams	02/04/2025
Wagner Rock LLC	COG-502229	Moffat	02/04/2025
GLH Construction LLC	COG-081164	Larimer	02/05/2025
QuikTrip Corporation	COG-317185	Pueblo	02/06/2025
SEMA Construction	COG-317190	Pueblo	02/06/2025
Brighton, City of	COG-608032	Adams	02/06/2025
TC Loveland Development LLC	COG-081166	Denver	02/10/2025
L and M Enterprises Inc	COG-081167	Arapahoe	02/10/2025
Wildcat Construction Co Inc	COG-081156	El Paso	02/11/2025
QuikTrip Corporation	COG-081169	Denver	02/12/2025
Garney Companies Inc	COG-081168	Weld	02/14/2025
Flatiron Constructors Inc	COG-081170	Denver	02/14/2025
F&M Construction Inc	COG-081171	La Plata	02/14/2025
Connell Resources Inc	COG-081172	Larimer	02/14/2025
Coyote Ridge Construction LLC	COG-081173	Larimer	02/14/2025
Moltz Constructors Inc	COG-081174	Teller	02/14/2025
Connell Resources Inc	COG-081175	Larimer	02/14/2025
Elk Meadows Estates	COG-591091	Ouray	02/21/2025
Saddler Ridge Metro Dist	COG-591107	Weld	02/21/2025
Ault, Town of	COG-591140	Weld	02/21/2025

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QuikTrip Corporation	COG-317185	Pueblo	02/06/2025
SEMA Construction	COG-317190	Pueblo	02/06/2025
Brighton, City of	COG-608032	Adams	02/06/2025
Ridgway, Town of	COG-591217	Ouray	02/21/2025
Longmont, City of	COG-081177	Boulder	02/26/2025
Oldcastle SW Group d/b/a United Co	COG-081178	Delta	02/26/2025
Garney Construction Co	COG-317192	Douglas	02/26/2025
HEI Civil	COG-081179	Clear Creek	02/28/2025
JHL Constructors	COG-081180	Douglas	02/28/2025

Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) General Permit Certifications - March 2025.

Permittee	Permit Number	County	Issued
JBS Live Pork, LLC	COB-005000	Kiowa/Prowers	03/18/2025

Enforcement/Civil Penalties/Consent or Settlement Agreements

Documents related to the below enforcement actions are available for public inspection at the division. Copies of the below actions are available upon written request to the division or, in most instances, may be obtained from the division's enforcement action website shown below.

<https://www.colorado.gov/water-quality-enforcement-actions>

Enforcement - new actions.

Responsible Party	Action	County	Date
Union Pacific Railroad Company	Industrial - Order for Civil Penalty	Grand	02/24/2025
Parker Water and Sanitation District	Domestic - Notice of Violation/ Cease and Desist Order	Douglas	03/03/2025
Grand Park Development LLC	Stormwater - Order for Civil Penalty	Grand	02/28/2025
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Byers Peak Properties, LLC / The Mill Apartments, LLLP	Stormwater - Order for Civil Penalty	Grand	02/28/2025
Byers Peak Properties, LLC / The Mill Apartments, LLLP	Stormwater - Order for Civil Penalty	Grand	02/28/2025
DD&B Construction, Inc	Stormwater - Order for Civil Penalty	Larimer	03/18/2025

Construction Actions

Site applications review.

Applicant	Type	Facility Description	County	Action
Eagle River Water and San District	WWTP-Site Application No. 4365 [ES.24.SA.08603]	Edwards WWTP Nutrients Upgrades	Eagle	Approved 03/06/2025
Eagle River Water and San District	WWTP-Site Application No. 4365 [ES.24.SA.08603]	Edwards WWTP Nutrients Upgrades Update	Eagle	Approved 03/10/2025
Kremmling San District	WWTP-Site Application No. 4777 [ES.24.SA.09115]	Kremmling SD WWTP Secondary Outfall	Grand	Approved 03/17/2025
Elk Mountain Resort	WWTP-Site Application No. ES.23.SA.07682	Elk Mountain Resort WWTP Improvements	Ouray	Approved 03/18/2025
Mancos, Town of	WWTP-Site Application No. 5088 [ES.24.SA.08808]	Town of Mancos WWTP New Headworks Building	Montezuma	Approved 03/20/2025
Parker Water and Sanitation District	WWTP-Site Application No. ES.24.SA.08969	South WRF Aeration System Blower In-Kind Replacement	Douglas	Approved 03/20/2025

Plans and specifications review.

Applicant	Site Application	Facility Description	County	Action
Bethune, Town of	Site Application No. ES.21.SA.05928 [ES.24.SA.08028]	Town of Bethune WWTP New Un aerated Retention Ponds WWTP Self Certification Acceptance ES.24.CWFDR.09147	Kit Carson	Approved 03/03/2025
Colorado Dept of Transportation	Site Application No. ES.22.SA.07264	No Name Rest Area New WWTP Self Certification Acceptance	Garfield	Approved 03/11/2025
Gunnison County	Site Application No. ES.23.SA.08242	Whetstone Lift Station Final P/S Approval ES.23.CWPDR.08243	Gunnison	Approved 03/12/2025
Bennett, Town of	Site Application No. ES.22.SA.07178	Town of Bennett WRF Facility Expansion Process Design approval ES.22.CWPDR.07179	Adams	Approved 03/17/2025
City and County of Broomfield	Site Application No. ES.24.SA.08439	Broomfield WWTP Improvements Phase I Self Certification Acceptance ES.25.CWFDR.09318	Broomfield	Approved 03/19/2025

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Applicant	Site Application	Facility Description	County	Action
Pagosa Area Water and San District	Site Application No. 4614 [ES.23.SA.08235]	Vista WWTP Improvements Process Design Approval ES.23.CWPDR.08236	Archuleta	Approved 03/25/2025
Castle Pines North Metro District	Site Application No. ES.24.SA.08321	Lift Station 5 Improvements Final P/S Approval ES.24.CWPDR.08322	Douglas	Approved 03/26/2025
Colorado Dept of Transportation	Site Application No. ES.22.SA.07264	No Name Rest Area WWTP Final P/S Update ES.25.CWPDR.09367	Garfield	Approved 03/26/2025

Water Quality Certifications (Section 401)

Water Quality Certifications, under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, provide for division determinations that federally issued permits and licenses will comply with the Basic Standards and Methodologies for Surface Water, the Basic Standards for Ground Water, surface and ground water classifications and water quality standards, and all other applicable water quality requirements for the affected waters.

For the purposes of the antidegradation requirements found in Section 31.8 of the Basic Standards and Methodologies, the following projects have been reviewed to make a preliminary determination of the significance of such projects and a draft certification determination. Public comment on these preliminary determinations will be received for thirty days following the date of publication of this newsletter. More information on the specific projects can be obtained from Alex Powell (alex.powell@state.co.us, 303-692-3618). The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (COE) may also review these projects, under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and a list of their current public notice can be found on their website.

Draft 401 certification determination.

Applicant	Permit	Activity	County	Waterbody	Certification
#4511- Lone Creek Land/Kelly Reservoir Rehab and Enlargement	SPA-2023-445	Dam construction to rehabilitate and enlarge an existing dam. Replacement of outlet works and spillway for an existing dam. Raising the dam crest to provide additional storage and water supply to irrigate up to 156 acres of irrigated hay.	Routt	Wohler Gulch, Upper Colorado River and North Platte River Basin, Seg. COUCUC007b, of Upper Colorado River Sub-basin	Draft 82.5(A)(3) Conditional Certification

Community Development and Partnership Section (CDAP)

Pre-qualification submittals.

Entity	Amount	Project Description	County	Date
Lamar, City of	\$35,770,000	The project involves the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant and a new surface water discharge to the Arkansas River.	Prowers	02/11/2025
May Valley Water Association	\$4,000,000	The project includes the construction of a new chlorination building, the addition of a booster pump station, rehabilitation and improvements to the distribution system, construction of a new storage tank, and consolidation through the Arkansas Valley Conduit.	Prowers	02/17/2025

Planning grant awards.

Entity	Amount	Project Description	County	Date
Burlington, City of	\$10,000	The project consists of upgrading and replacing the current lagoon system by constructing a new sequencing batch reactor system.	Kit Carson	03/01/2025

Project needs assessment submittals.

Entity	Amount	Project Description	County	Date
Colorado City Metropolitan District	\$18,830,213	The project consists of distribution system repairs, water meters, upgrades and repairs to the water treatment plant, SCADA systems, water storage, and associated appurtenances.	Pueblo	03/06/2025
Swink, Town of	\$674,000	The project consists of upgrades and repairs to the Town's 75,000-gallon cone water tower.	Otero	02/14/2025
South Swink WC	\$1,459,000	This project consists of treatment plant upgrades and two finished water storage tanks.	Otero	03/18/2025

Design and engineering grant awards.

Entity	Amount	Project Description	County	Date
Salida, Town of	\$163,403.76	The project includes designing and constructing a new raw water supply pipeline to replace the Harrington Ditch from Poncha Springs to Salida.	Chaffee	02/25/2025
Gardner Public Improvements District	\$200,000	The project includes replacing sanitary sewer pipelines and manholes and extending the treatment plant's outfall to the Huerfano River.	Huerfano	03/13/2025

Public meetings.

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Swink, Town of	\$674,000	The project consists of upgrades and repairs to the Town's 75,000-gallon cone water tower.	Otero	03/18/2025

Finding of no significant impact and categorical exclusion determinations.

Entity	Amount	Project Description	County	Date
Pinewood Springs Water District	\$2,837,519	This project is for a water main replacement and removal of TTHM/HAA5 to return the system to compliance.	Larimer	02/03/2025

Loan applications received.

Entity	Amount	Project Description	County	Date
Mesa Water & Sanitation District	\$1,004,570	The project consists of replacing and upsizing existing distribution lines	Mesa	03/13/2025

Loan applications board approval.

Entity	Amount	Project Description	County	Date
Cañon City, City of	\$6,600,000	This project includes replacing aging distribution lines throughout the City's water system.	Fremont	03/07/2025
Evergreen Metropolitan District	\$4,415,000	This project consists of upgrades and repairs to the existing water treatment plant.	Jefferson	03/07/2025
Fort Lupton, City of	\$19,000,000	This project is for the construction of a new elevated water tank and the addition of distribution lines.	Weld	03/07/2025
Frisco, Town of	\$8,200,000	The proposed project consists of granular activated carbon (GAC) treatment for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), including treatment vessels, a treatment building, and conveyance piping & site work as may be necessary for the disposal of conditioning start-up water of the GAC filtration media.	Summit	03/07/2025
Granby, Town of	\$23,588,997	The project consists of the construction of a new conventional surface water treatment plant to replace the existing plant and retrofit the existing raw water pump station with new pumps, piping, valves, and controls.	Grand	03/07/2025
Paonia, Town of	\$11,000,000	This is the 1st phase of a staged project to address Paonia's drinking water improvement needs. This stage of the project includes the installation of a temporary tank and relining and repairing of the 2-MG finished water storage tank. The project also includes the replacement of distribution piping and raw water monitoring improvements to their spring structures.	Delta	03/07/2025
Gardner Public Improvement District	\$1,000,000	The project includes replacing sanitary sewer pipelines and manholes and extending the treatment plant's outfall to the Huerfano River.	Huerfano	03/07/2025
Plum Creek Water Reclamation Authority	\$7,000,000	The project includes rehabilitating the reuse reservoir including a new liner, aeration system, algae control in the reservoir, and a new pump station with 4 new pumps.	Douglas	03/07/2025

Loans executed.

Entity	Amount	Project Description	County	Date
Trinidad, City of	\$3,450,000	This project includes the replacement and rehabilitation of four water storage tanks.	Las Animas	02/25/2025
Sedgwick, Town of	\$2,700,065	This project includes upgrading the existing lift station, modifying the two existing wastewater treatment lagoons to repurpose them as stabilization lagoons, installing a transfer lift station and force main from the two stabilization lagoons to the new non-discharging evaporative lagoon, constructing a new evaporative lagoon, and gravity main improvements including new manholes, spot repairs, and cleaning of the gravity system.	Sedgwick	02/12/2025