



Water Quality Information Bulletin Highlights for March 2026

Water Quality Control Commission Activities

[Commission meetings.](#)

- The commission is in recess for the month of March. The next monthly commission meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2026, as a hybrid and virtual meeting. The agenda will be available closer to the meeting date.

[Notice of upcoming rulemaking hearings.](#)

- June 8-9, 2026
 - [Regulations 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 37 & 38 “Basins Hearing”.](#)

[Notice of upcoming administrative action hearings.](#)

- April 13, 2026
 - [Section 319 Nonpoint Source Funds \(NPS\).](#)

[Notice of upcoming informational hearings.](#)

- April 13, 2026
 - [Regulations 41 & 42 Triennial Review Informational Hearing.](#)
 - [Regulation 65 Triennial Review Informational Hearing.](#)
- May 11, 2026
 - [Regulation 81 Triennial Review Informational Hearing.](#)

[Summary of proceedings/motions.](#)

Special Notes

Isolated State Waters General Authorization for Dredge and Fill Activities - The Isolated State Waters General Authorization for Dredge and Fill Activities became effective February 6, 2026. House Bill 24-1379 directs the division to issue a General Authorization for Discharge of Dredged and Fill Material into Isolated State Waters or “ISWGA”. In June 2025, the division noticed the draft of ISWGA for a 60-day public comment period. To view the ISWGA, public comments, and the division’s response to comments, please visit the division’s [Dredge and Fill webpage](#).

Clean Water Permit Actions

[Permits sent to public notice](#) on February 12, 2026.

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

General permit certifications - January 2026.

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 - January 2026.

| Permittee | Permit Number | County | Issued |
|------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| GLH Construction LLC | COG-081416 | Weld | 01/09/2026 |
| Structures Inc | COG-081418 | Larimer | 01/14/2026 |
| Canyon Peak Power LLC | COG-604488 | Arapahoe | 01/14/2026 |
| Concrete Express Inc | COG-081413 | Arapahoe | 01/15/2026 |
| L7L Enterprises LLC | COG-081419 | Weld | 01/15/2026 |
| Garney Construction Co | COG-081420 | Larimer | 01/15/2026 |
| QuikTrip Corporation | COG-081421 | Adams | 01/15/2026 |
| QuikTrip Corporation | COG-317245 | Broomfield | 01/15/2026 |
| Seneca Companies Inc | COG-604489 | Pueblo | 01/15/2026 |
| Koru Ltd | COG-081417 | Pitkin | 01/23/2026 |
| Roche Constructors Inc | COG-317247 | Weld | 01/23/2026 |
| QuikTrip Corporation | COG-081422 | Weld | 01/26/2026 |
| Kalter Capital LLC | COG-081423 | Weld | 01/26/2026 |
| Bedrock LLC | COG-081424 | Weld | 01/26/2026 |
| Shannon & Wilson Inc | COG-081425 | Jefferson | 01/26/2026 |

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.

Enforcement - new actions.

| Responsible Party | Action | County | Date |
|--|---|---------|------------|
| Mountain Brook Partners, LLC | Stormwater - Order for Civil Penalty | Boulder | 01/26/2026 |
| Union Pacific Railroad Company | Industrial - Notice of Violation / Cease and Desist Order | Grand | 01/28/2026 |
| Holtz Builders Inc & Main Street Apartments Hayden LLC | Stormwater - Notice of Violation / Cease and Desist Order | Routt | 02/17/2026 |

Consent or settlement agreements to public notice.

| Responsible Party | Action | County | Date |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Cedar Rose Farms, Inc. | CAFO - Compliance Order on Consent | Kit Carson | 02/06/2026 |

Construction Actions

Site applications review.

| Applicant | Type | Facility Description | County | Action |
|--|---|--|------------|------------------------|
| Parker Water and Sanitation District | Lift Station Site Application No. 259502 | Fields Lift Station | Douglas | Approved 01/27/2026 |
| City of Montrose | WWTP Site Application No. 4946 [259627] | New Anaerobic Basin and Other Improvements | Montrose | Approved 01/27/2026 |
| Highlands Ranch Water | WWTP Site Application No. 3366 [259952] | Marcy Gulch WWTP Headworks Improvements TWAS Pumps In-Kind Replacement | Douglas | Approved 01/27/2026 |
| Frisco Sanitation District | WWTP Site Application No. 4919 [259744] | Main Channel Screen In-Kind Replacement | Summit | Approved 01/29/2026 |
| Frisco Sanitation District | WWTP Site Application No. 4919 [259951] | Influent Bypass Screen In-Kind Replacement | Summit | Approved 01/29/2026 |
| City Market | Lift Station Site Application No. 259176 | City Market Vail Parking Garage Lift Station Permitting | Eagle | Approved 02/02/2026 |
| City Market | Lift Station Site Application No. 259193 | City Market Vail Truck Loading Dock Lift Station | Eagle | Denied 02/02/2026 |
| Metro Water Recovery | WWTP Site Application No. 259599 | Robert W. Hite WWTP North Secondary Upgrades and Intensification | Adams | Approved 02/02/2026 |
| Colorado Department of Transportation | WWTP Site Application No. 227264 [259430] | No Name Area WWTP SA Extension | Garfield | Approved 02/02/2026 |
| Colorado Department of Transportation | WWTP Site Application No. 4603 [227262, 259431] | Grizzly Creek Rest Area WWTP Improvements SA Extension | Garfield | Approved 02/03/2026 |
| Town of Cheraw | Lift Station Site Application No. 3111 [259647] | Cheraw Lift Station Improvements | Otero | Approved 02/03/2026 |
| City of Burlington | WWTP Site Application No. 259843 | City of Burlington WWTP Replace Lagoons with SBR | Kit Carson | Approved 02/10/2026 |
| Upper Thompson Sanitation District | Lift Station Site Application No. 249079 [227406] | Wapiti Lift Station Update | Larimer | Approved 02/20/2026 |
| GS Pinion Pines, LLC | WWTP Site Application No. 4357 [259474] | Pinon Pines Mobile Home Park Leach Field C Septic Tank Replacement | Chaffee | Approved 02/20/2026 |
| Plum Creek Water Reclamation Authority | WWTP Site Application No. 3795 [259915] | PCWRA WWTP Reservoir Lining In-Kind Replacement | Douglas | Approved 02/20/2026 |

Plans and specifications review.

| Applicant | Site Application | Facility Description | County | Action |
|--|------------------------------------|---|---------|---------------------|
| City of Ouray | Site Application No. 205799 | City of Ouray WWTP Expansion Updated PDR Approval 259883 | Ouray | Approved 02/05/2026 |
| Town of Manzanola | Site Application No. 4306 [227194] | Town of Manzanola WWTP Improvements Self Certification Acceptance 259925 | Otero | Approved 02/05/2026 |
| Young Life Campaign | Site Application No. 249111 | Frontier Ranch WWTP Sludge Dewatering Improvements Self Certification Acceptance 260030 | Chaffee | Approved 02/06/2026 |
| Redtail Ridge Metropolitan District | Site Application No. 195286 | Redtail Ridge Lift Station Final P/S Approval 195287 | Boulder | Approved 02/09/2026 |
| Castle Pines North Metropolitan District | Site Application No. 248700 | Lift Station 6 Improvements Final P/S Approval 248701 | Douglas | Approved 02/20/2026 |
| Castle Pines North Metropolitan District | Site Application No. 248702 | Lift Station 7 Improvements Final P/S Approval 248703 | Douglas | Approved 02/20/2026 |
| City of Loveland | Site Application No. 259795 | Railroad Lift Station Final P/S Approval 259962 | Larimer | Approved 02/20/2026 |

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) or Brittany Sprout (brittany.sprout@state.co.us, 303-692-2003). 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 certification determination.

| Applicant | Permit | Activity | County | Waterbody | Certification |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--|-------------|--|--|
| #4516 - Georgetown Forebay Project | NWO-2023-00442-DEN | Bypass pipeline around dam for safety. | Clear Creek | South Platte River Basin, Seg. COSPCL03a, of Clear Creek Sub-Basin | 82.5(A)(2) Draft Regular Certification |
| #4517 - Lena Gulch Project | NWO-2025-01550-DEN | Improvements to prevent flooding. | Jefferson | South Platte River Basin, Seg. COSPCL16A, of Clear Creek Sub-Basin | 82.5(A)(2) Draft Regular Certification |

The following projects have received a final certification determination from the division. For further information regarding these projects, please call the division at 303 692-3500.

Final certification determination.

| Applicant | Permit | Activity | County | Waterbody | Certification |
|-------------------------------|----------------|--|--------|--|--|
| #4514 - Grand County Road 522 | SPA-2004-75197 | Construct a road with bike lane between Tabernash and Fraser | Grand | Upper Colorado River Basin, Seg. COUCUC10a_G and COUCUC10a_F of Upper Colorado River Sub-Basin | 82.5(A)(3) Final Regular Certification |

Community Development and Partnership Section (CDAP)

Pre-qualification submittals.

| Entity | Amount | Project Description | County | Date |
|----------------------|-------------|---|---------|------------|
| Town of Iliff | \$1,714,000 | The project includes upgrades to the Water Treatment Plant, including conversion from chlorine gas disinfection to a liquid sodium hypochlorite system, and improvements to the storage tank. | Logan | 01/22/2026 |
| City of Fort Collins | TBD | The project involves upgrades and repairs to the sidestream phosphorus treatment system to maintain compliance with total phosphorus limits specified in Regulation 85. | Larimer | 01/30/2026 |
| Town of Hugo | \$1,367,000 | The project includes replacing portions of the collection system. | Lincoln | 02/18/2026 |
| Town of Ridgway | \$5,000,000 | The project involves upgrades to the wastewater treatment facility to meet future effluent limits outlined in the permit compliance schedules. | Ouray | 02/03/2026 |

Planning grant awards.

| Entity | Amount | Project Description | County | Date |
|---------------------------|----------|---|----------|------------|
| McClave Water Association | \$25,000 | The project includes upgrades and improvements to the distribution system, drilling a new well, and upgrades to a pump house required to receive water from the Arkansas Valley Conduit. | Bent | 02/01/2026 |
| Town of Springfield | \$10,000 | The project includes determining the location for a new well, constructing a new high-producing well, constructing a new transmission main and treatment, as necessary, and adding iron and radium removal to the central treatment facility. | Baca | 02/01/2026 |
| Town of La Veta | \$10,000 | This project includes the construction of a dewatering system. | Huerfano | 02/01/2026 |

Project needs assessment submittals.

| Entity | Amount | Project Description | County | Date |
|--|-------------|--|-----------|------------|
| Pine Drive Water District | \$1,864,000 | The project includes installing Granulated Activated Carbon treatment to address DBPs and PFAS. | Pueblo | 01/30/2026 |
| Town of Fairplay | \$600,000 | The project includes replacing water meters throughout the distribution system and rehabilitating the town's water wells. | Park | 01/27/2026 |
| Forest Hills Metropolitan District | \$590,500 | The project includes the construction of a new building and the addition of ion exchange treatment to the existing water treatment plant. | Jefferson | 02/18/2026 |
| Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District | \$3,095,000 | This project consists of the design and construction of a new lift station, sewer line replacement, and various collection system improvements. | Archuleta | 02/11/2026 |
| Town of Iliff | \$1,714,000 | The project includes upgrades to the Water Treatment Plant, including converting from chlorine gas disinfection to a liquid sodium hypochlorite system and improving the storage tank. | Logan | 02/12/2026 |

Design and engineering grant awards.

| Entity | Amount | Project Description | County | Date |
|-----------------|-----------|--|---------|------------|
| Town of Fowler | \$206,000 | The project consists of converting to reclaimed water disposal under Reg 84. The project will include the construction of a new lift station, a new force main, a new chlorine disinfection system building, and a pumping system to tie into the existing irrigation system at the nearby fields proposed for disposal. | Otero | 02/05/2026 |
| Town of La Jara | \$134,000 | The project includes improvements to the lagoon wastewater treatment facility and to the collection system. | Conejos | 02/03/2026 |

Public meetings.

| Entity | Amount | Project Description | County | Date |
|---------------------|--------------|---|--------|------------|
| City of Fort Morgan | \$50,000,000 | The project includes improvements and expansion of the wastewater treatment facility. | Morgan | 01/30/2026 |

Finding of no significant impact and categorical exclusion determinations.

| Entity | Amount | Project Description | County | Date |
|----------------|--------------|---|----------|------------|
| City of Aurora | \$18,449,228 | Construction of PFAS Facility adjacent to Quincy Reservoir. | Arapahoe | 02/04/2026 |

Loan applications board approval.

| Entity | Amount | Project Description | County | Date |
|--|--------------|--|--------|------------|
| Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District | \$44,000,000 | This multi-phased project consists of the delivery and spur lines for the AVC. | Pueblo | 01/29/2026 |

Loans executed.

| Entity | Amount | Project Description | County | Date |
|--------------|-------------|--|---------|------------|
| Town of Hugo | \$5,395,767 | The project consists of replacing an existing water storage tank with a new tank and installing touch-read meters. | Lincoln | 02/06/2026 |

Emerging contaminants for small or disadvantaged communities grant contracts executed.

| Entity | Amount | Project Description | County | Date |
|--------------|----------|--|--------|------------|
| Avondale WSD | \$68,971 | Tier 1 project to complete alternatives analysis and design to reduce PFAS levels. | Pueblo | 02/17/2026 |