

Statewide Water Quality Priorities Task Force

Purpose: *To develop a new system/process for developing long-term water quality priorities in Colorado*

The stakeholder group's work would all be done with the Vision of 2050 Goal in the State Water Plan in mind (long-term planning).

The preliminary scope of the Task Force would include:

- 1. An analysis of where water quality was in the past and where it is at today.**
 - *Identify what we have already accomplished (e.g. ammonia reduction, other parameters)*
 - *Where were we in the 70s (e.g. the unchecked pollution into the system and what is it now?)*
 - *Concern: Is there data and applicable analysis available across time to make these comparisons? We must compare apples to apples.*
- 2. Conduct a SWOT analysis on the current WQF process for priority setting.**
 - *What are strengths and weakness of our current process?*
 - *What are the opportunities/threats to setting or not setting priorities in the next 5-7 years in Colorado?*
- 3. Identify the current drivers for priority setting (if not already identified in the SWOT Analysis).**
 - *Goal is to identify the spectrum of issues/problems (substance and process) we need to tackle in the next 5-7 years*
- 4. Identify potential new system/process options.**
 - *What are the pros and cons of different process strategies?*
- 5. Develop an overall road map required to implement the strategies supporting the preferred option.**

Process moving forward:

Discuss with steering committee at May WQF meeting in preparation for July retreat.