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Public Health and Environmental Protection

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Attachment A

CDPHE Mission and Vision

- The mission of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is to protect and improve the health of Colorado's people and the quality of its environment.
- Vision - Colorado will be the healthiest state with the highest quality environment.

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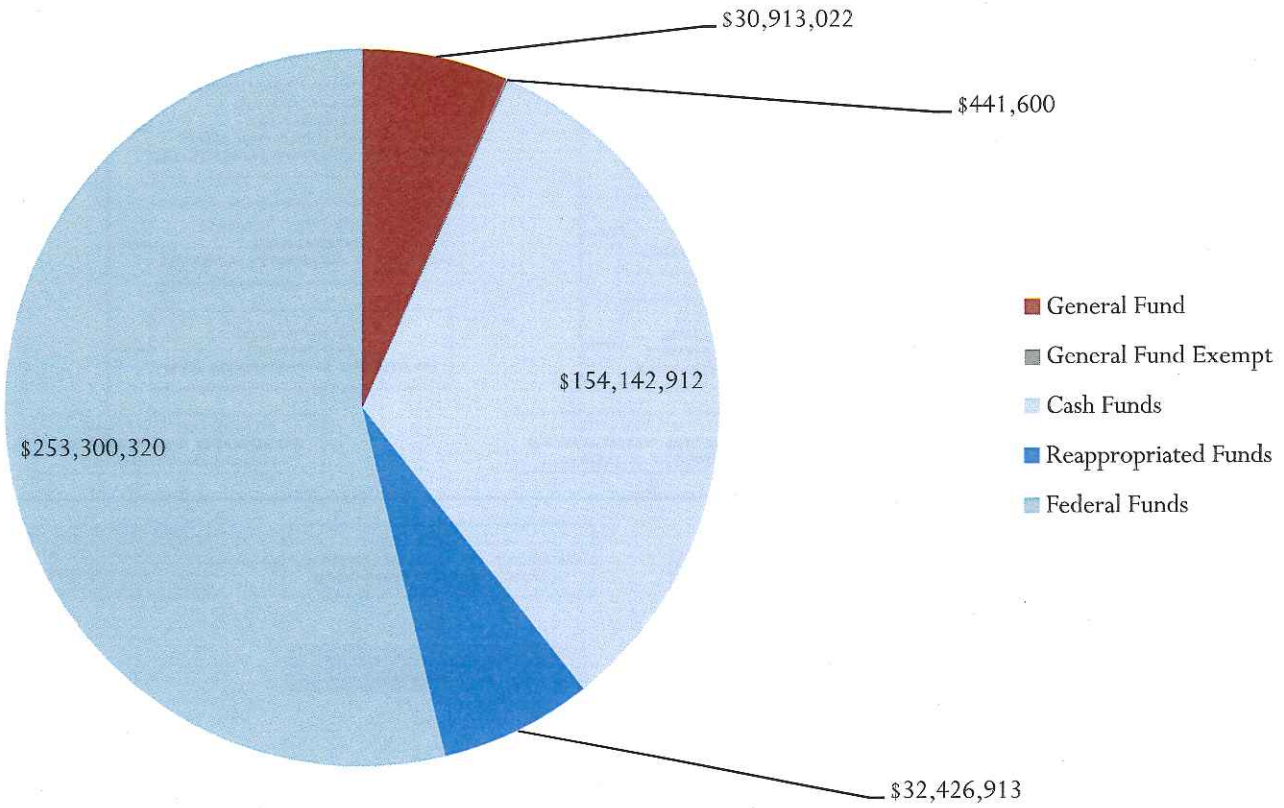
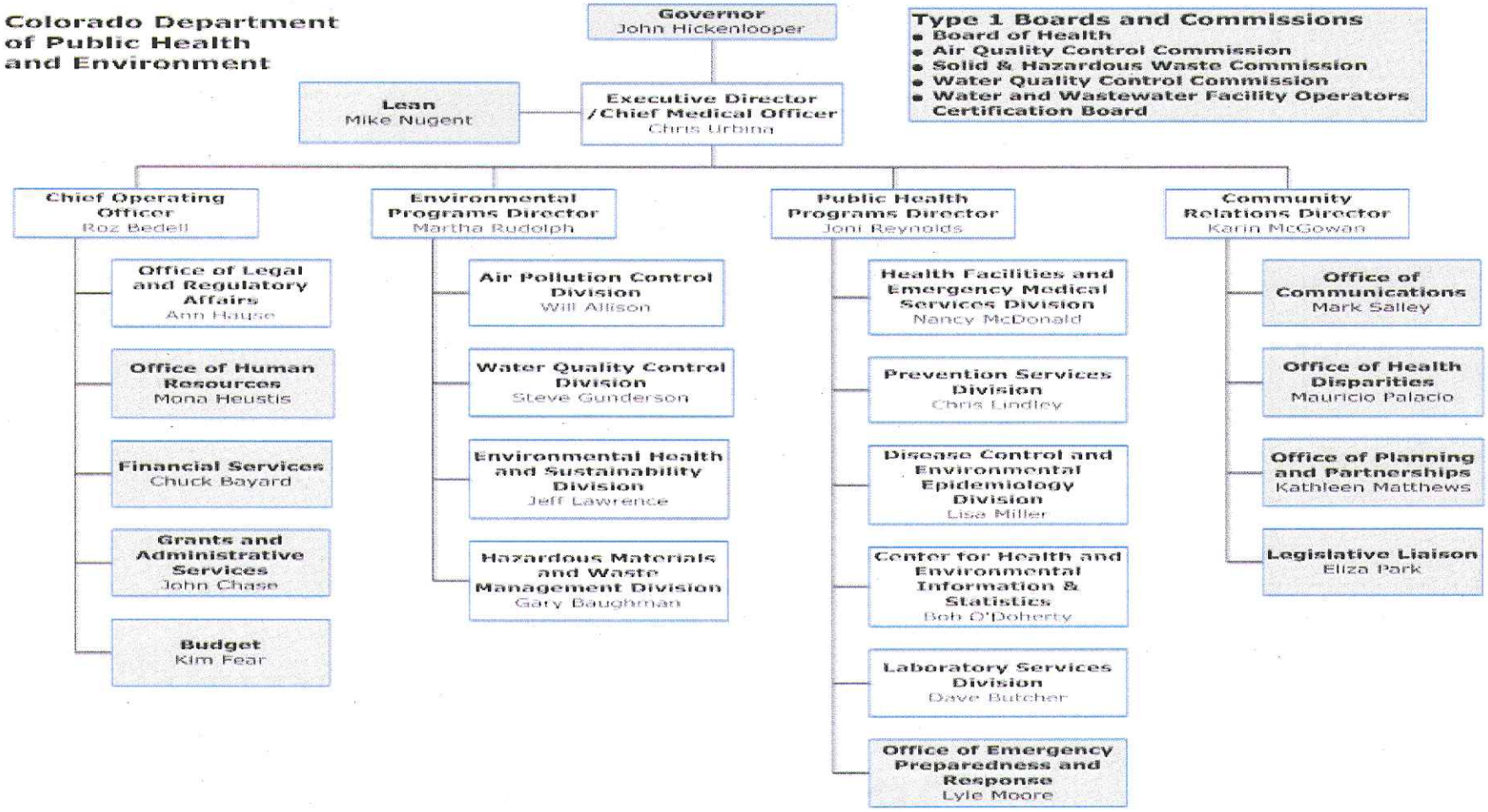
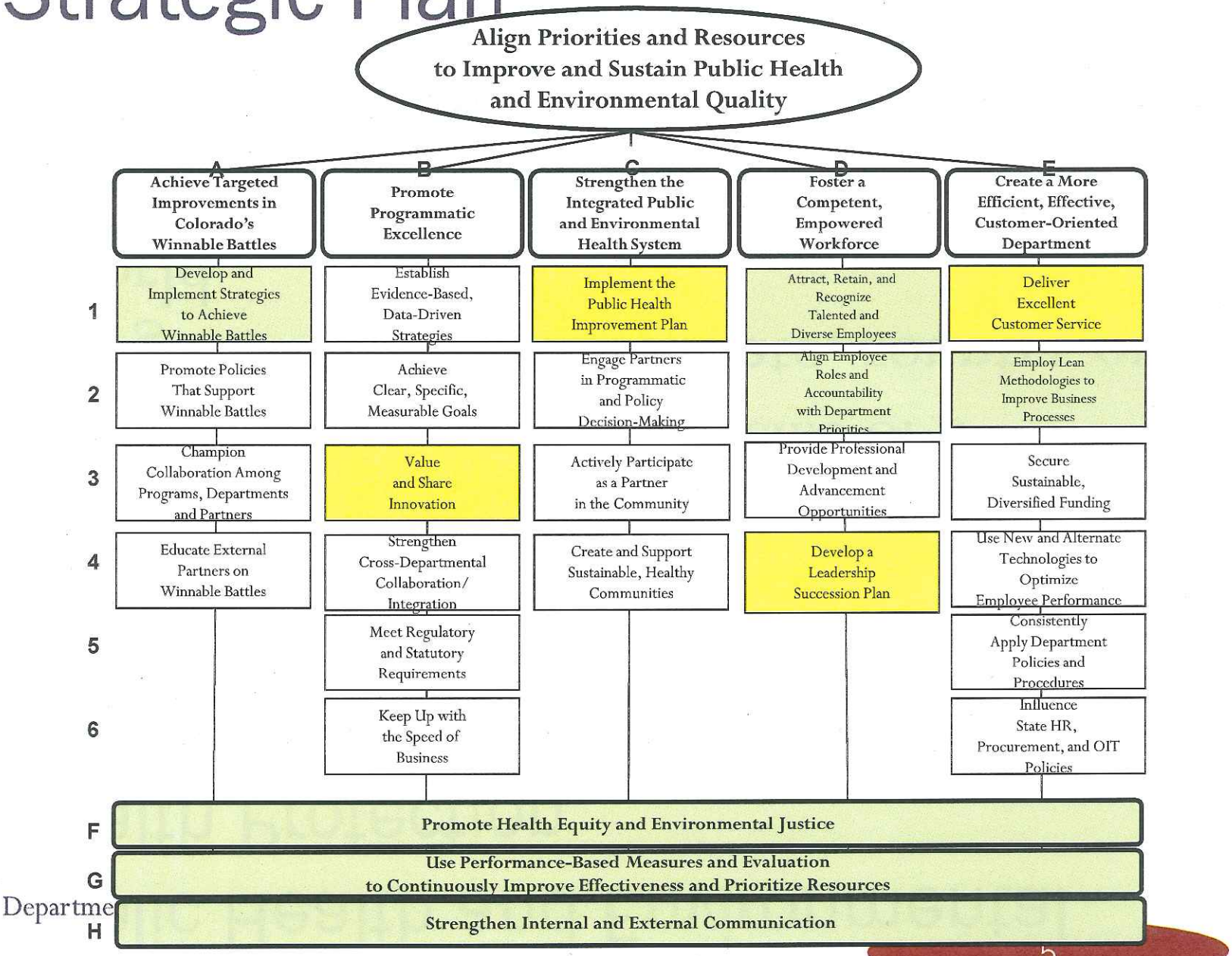


Organizational Chart



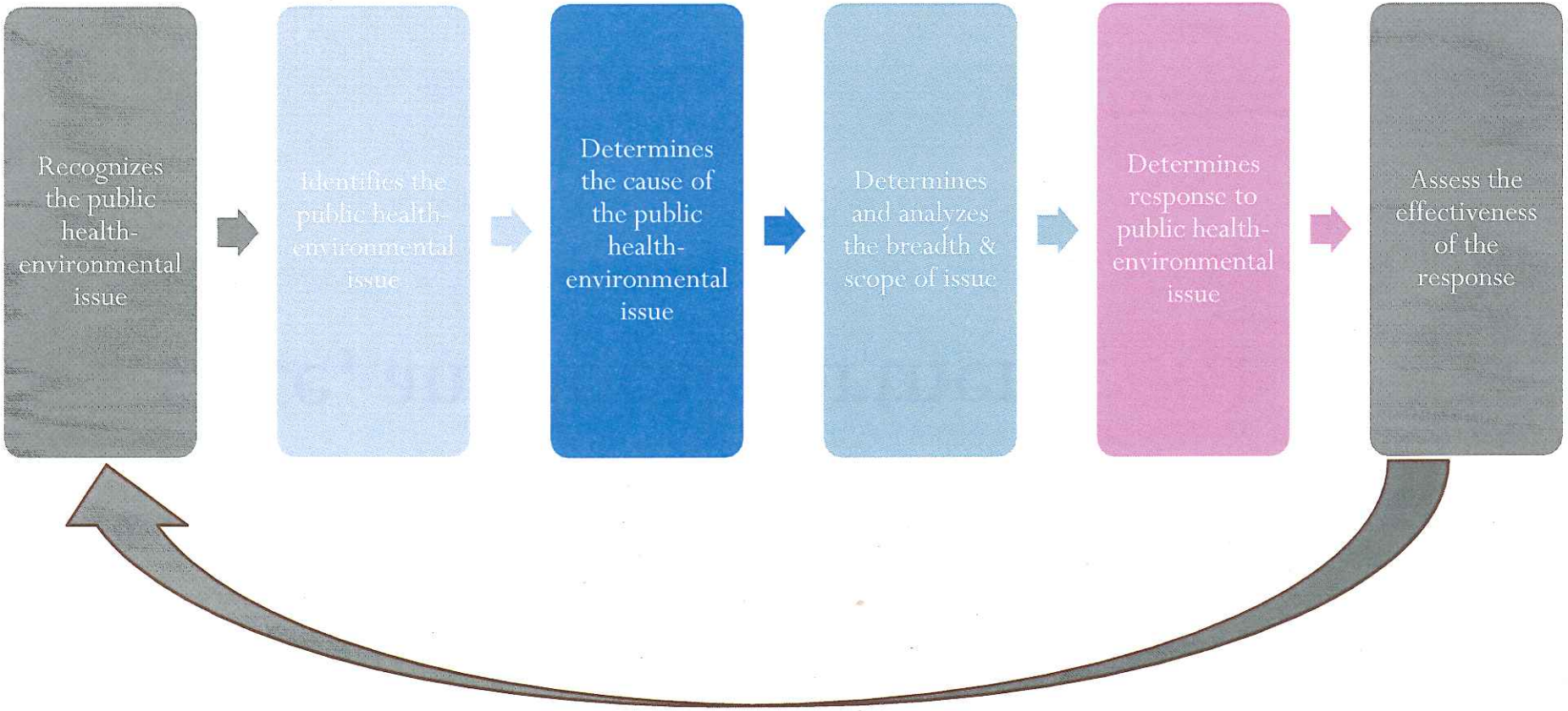
Strategic Plan



Public Health and Environmental Health Protection

- Doesn't focus on the health of one individual, but the health of the entire community.
- Communities can be the size of a neighborhood, county, state, country or world.
- Is population-based
- Driven by evidence and data

Public Health Environmental Protection is data driven



Federal-State-Local Structure

- CDPHE works with many federal, state, and local partners.

Federal Partners

- Health and Human Services
- Centers for Disease Control
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
- Food and Drug Administration
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Nuclear Regulatory Commission

State Partners

- Governor
- Legislature
- Colorado Department of Human Services
- Health Care Policy and Finance
- Colorado Department of Transportation
- Colorado Department of Agriculture
- Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies
- Colorado Department of Natural Resources
- Higher Education Institutions
- Department of Local Affairs

Local Partners

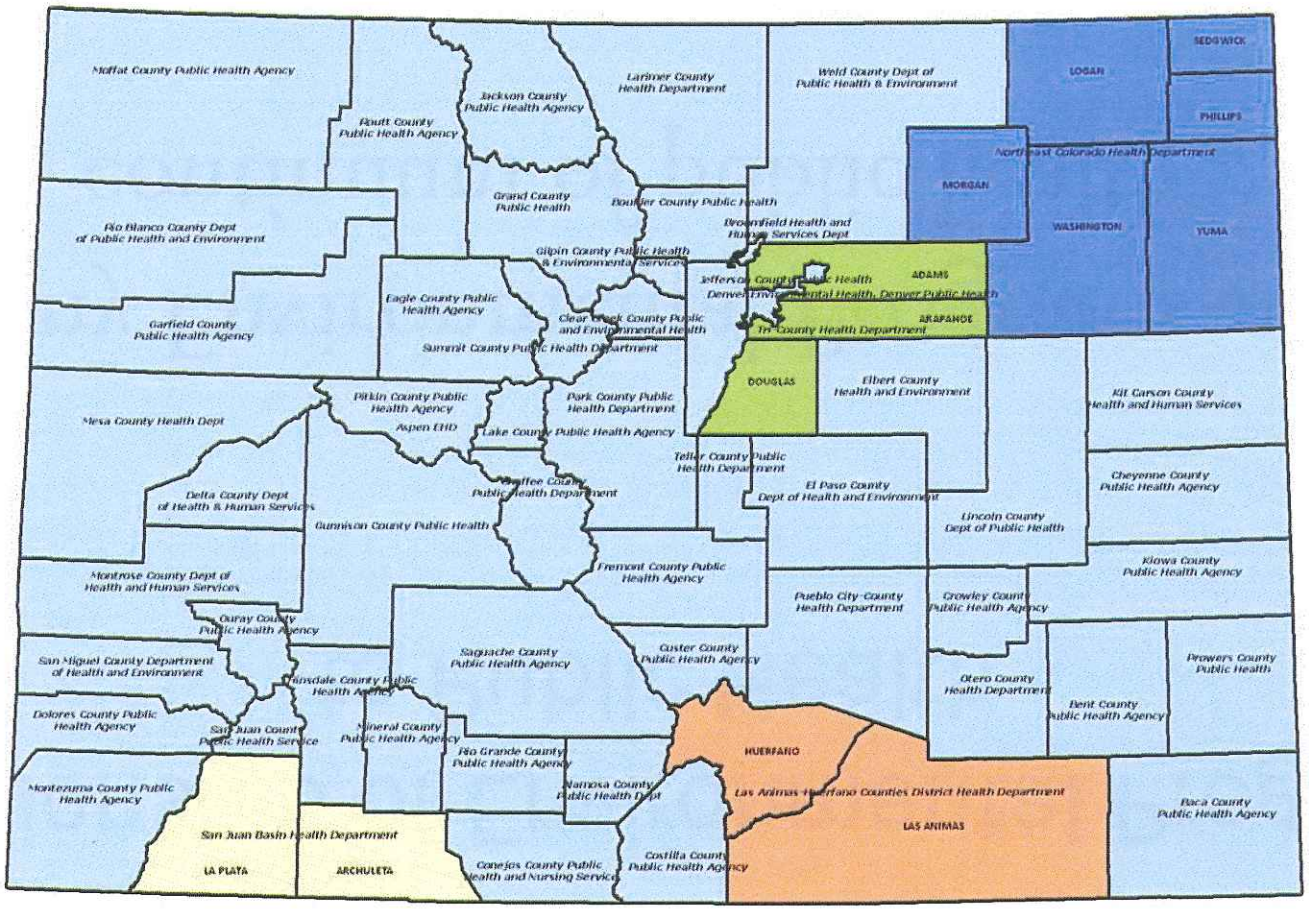
- Every County is serviced by a Local Public Health Agency (LPHA).
- SB 08-128, Public Health Act, updated Colorado's public health system.
  - Restructured local governmental public health;
  - Defined new roles for the State Board of Health as well as local boards of health; and
  - Established a collaborative, statewide five year planning cycle

Local Public Health Agencies

- The Act requires each county to establish and maintain a county public health agency or participate in a district (two or more contiguous counties) public health agency to protect and preserve the public's health.
- An agency consists of a county or district board of health, a public health director, and a medical officer (if the director is not a physician), and other relevant personnel necessary to carry out the duties of the agency.

Local Public Health Agencies

Colorado Local and District Public Health Agencies, July 2009



Relationship of Environmental Programs to Public Health

Many Environmental Programs are a continuum of public health…

Environmental Programs are regulatory:

- To reduce exposure to adverse public health pollutants
- To Protect, Maintain and improve the environment
- To ensure federal standards are implemented
- To determine need for and do adopt state standards
- To ensure strategies are implemented to meet standards
- To monitor the current conditions and the effects of the strategies

Policy Issues in Environmental Programs

- Who are the stakeholders?
  - Regulated community
  - Local Public Health Agencies, Local Environmental Health Agencies or Environmental Health Directors within a Local Public health Agency
  - Public
  - Legislators
  - Federal Agencies – EPA/FDA/NRC
  - Environmental Groups
  - Trade Associations
  - Media

What are the issues?

- **Need for regulation**
  - Federal requirement
  - State statute
  - Data Driven
- **Costs of regulations**
- **National Politics**
- **Media**
  - Can drive public concern
  - Can drive legislative response

Questions?