

Current agencies and non-governmental organizations with associated roles and interactions with the NPS program

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Colorado Water Conservancy, River & Conservation Districts	Provide nitrate data to producers for their nutrient management programs. Selenium listings in the Uncompahgre, Gunnison and Lower Colorado basins.	Collect nitrate from surface and ground water in Adams, Weld and Morgan Counties. Collect data and assist in projects related to selenium.	Unknown at this time.
Colorado Association of Soil Conservation Districts	Mission of the association; also represents 78 local soil conservation districts.	Education assistance and information.	Teacher conservation workshops. Youth conservation camp. District supervisor training sessions. Grazing Land Conservation Initiative.
Colorado Water Quality Forum	Mission is to achieve solutions to Colorado water quality issues through communication and understanding, balancing use and protection of the resource.	Distribution of information.	Public participation, stakeholders' input on NPS and water quality issues.
Colorado Riparian Association	Mission is to protect and enhance the riparian resources of the state.	Participates in the NPS Alliance. Has served as chair of Hydrologic Modification technical committee. Provides project monitoring.	Information and education projects, e.g., riparian trailers, Driving Guide. Sponsor for demonstration projects.
Colorado Watershed Assembly	Mission is to support, provide leadership and advocate for individual, grassroots, and nonprofit community groups to help them protect, conserve and enhance our state watersheds.	Distribution of information; education and outreach.	RiverWatch
Colorado Foundation for	The mission is to promote better understanding of	Distribution of information; education and outreach.	

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Water Education	Colorado's water resources and issues by providing balanced and accurate information and education.		
Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority	Clean Water Act, Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund.	Financial assistance in low interest loans.	Loans to governmental agencies through the Revolving Fund and Small Water Resources Projects.
Councils of Governments/ North Front Range Water Quality Planning Association	Area-wide 208 planning agencies; correction of NPS problems, and personal interest by organization's management and members	Technical assistance; implementation and/or monitoring of NPS controls; potential project sponsors; assist member governments in project planning.	Programs related to 208 planning such as listing of problem areas and recommending solutions.
Northwest Council of Governments	Area-wide 208 water quality planning agencies; correction of NPS problems, and personal interest by organization's management and members	Technical assistance; implementation and/or monitoring of NPS controls; potential project sponsors; assist member governments in project planning.	Programs related to 208 planning such as listing of problem areas and recommending solutions.
Resource Conservation and Development Councils	Interest of member organizations; generally focused on local natural resource and economic needs within a community.	Technical assistance, current and prospective project sponsors, in some instances financial assistance; local project coordination.	Varies among the RC&Ds.
Soil Conservation Districts	Local initiatives and interest, legislative requirements.	Local project sponsors; technical assistance and possibly financial assistance.	Several SCDs are or have been project sponsors.
Several watershed groups throughout the state	Local initiatives and interest.	Local project sponsors.	
Colorado Department of Agriculture	Legislative requirement, SB90-126.	Technical assistance in SB126 responsibilities.	BMP publications and programs regarding fertilizer, pesticide and water management. Monitoring program to determine impact of agricultural chemicals on ground water throughout the state.

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Colorado Department of Transportation	Legislative requirements.	Technical assistance internally to construction personnel on CDOT construction roadway projects regarding erosion control and water quality issues.	Provide education assistance in teaching the “Stormwater Management During Construction” course at Red Rocks Community College. Course is required for Erosion Control Supervisor certification on construction projects that require coverage under NPDES permits.
Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety	Mission of inactive mine program is to reclaim and restore inactive and abandoned mines, which considers water quality impacts and benefits.	Technical assistance on abandoned mine projects Solicit and encourage project sponsors.	Colorado Inactive Mine Reclamation Program.
Colorado Parks and Wildlife	Mission includes habitat management for wildlife, including aquatic species. Own, lease and manage many state wildlife properties and state parks.	Technical assistance regarding NPS program priorities of drinking water and aquatic life uses at project level with private landowners; monitoring assistance in projects through River Watch Program.	Several may provide benefits to water quality: Wetlands Initiative Legacy Project ; Habitat Partnership Program; Fishing is Fun Program; River Watch Program.
Colorado State Forest Service	Agency mission is to support forest management efforts to state and private landowners. Water quality is an associated benefit.	Technical assistance on forestry practices with potential nonpoint source pollution negative impacts. Conducts training sessions for loggers and natural resource professionals.	BMP program was funded through a NPS project and will be continued with a series of workshops on specific practices.
Colorado State University Extension and Water Institute	Involvement is related to organization’s mission as well as state and federal policy directives.	Educational assistance, especially addressing the agricultural sector.	Statewide Water Quality Education program, with special emphasis in local areas of intense agricultural production.
Colorado Water Conservation Board	General interest in water quality as it relates to beneficial uses of the water and the Board’s statutorily based mission: “To promote the protection, conservation and development of	Directly involved in Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program. Funding for several small irrigation BMP demonstration projects. Cooperative agreement with	Office of Water conservation demonstration projects and educational programs. CRBSCP and Endangered Fish Recovery Programs could be coordinated to meet other water quality goals, such as the current joint salinity/selenium control demonstration project

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	Colorado’s water resources in order to secure the greatest utilization of those resources for the benefit of present and future generations.”	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to provide water conservation planning services to local irrigation districts	in the Montrose area. Irrigation improvement/ rehabilitation projects financed through the construction loan program could incorporate BMP features to facilitate NPS objectives.
State Conservation Board	Represent 78 soil conservation districts that have identified water quality as a major concern in their long range programs and annual plans of work.	Sponsored various projects; assist SCDs in preparation of proposals and implementation of projects; liaison between SCDs and other units of government.	Natural Resources Conservation Matching Grants. HB 1041 Funds, to gather natural resource information. Irrigation water management program in the Ogallala Basin. Colorado River Salinity Program cost-share.
U.S EPA	Provides funding for the NPS program via a cooperative agreement with the State and approves individual projects.	Provides NPS program implementation supervision, approval of PIPs, and participation in the NPS Alliance.	Other EPA programs also sometimes provide support for watershed efforts or individual projects. Examples include Brownfields site assessments at legacy mine sites, Brownfields grants for remediation of priority legacy mine sites identified in watershed-based plans, and direct monitoring support from the Region 8 laboratory.
U. S. Bureau of Land Management	Federal lands nexus with nonpoint sources. TMDLs and Federal Consistency	NPS Alliance member	Federal Consistency, TMDLs, and Clean Water Action Plan.
U.S. Forest Service	Federal lands management issues, TMDLs, Federal Consistency	Federal consistency audits, IPA for NPS/TMDL issues.	Federal Consistency, Clean Water Action Plan, TMDLs.
U.S. Geological Survey	Water quality data collection and interpretive studies	Technical assistance	Cooperative water quality studies. Data and interpretations are available to the public and can be used to manage water, biological, energy and mineral resources; enhance and protect quality of life; and contribute to wise economic and physical

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USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service	Legislative requirements.	Technical assistance in planning and on-the-ground BMP implementation.	Environmental Quality Incentives Program Small Watershed Program Conservation reserve Program Emergency Watershed Protection Program Forestry Incentives Program