Colorado Division of Water Resources

Water Administration Interaction between the SEO and the Division Offices



- Monthly Water Court Resume
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 - Initial review by Denver office and division office
 - Decision whether a statement of opposition is necessary
 - Compose summary of consultation, presumptive findings, recommend that AGO file a statement of opposition

- Pending cases SEO is a party
 - Division Engineer, Denver office and the AGO review material (reports, proposed decrees, etc.) toward an acceptable decree/settlement
 - Or, Division Engineer, Denver office, and AGO to prepare for trial
 - Hal Simpson makes the final decision to settle a case

- The division office administers the water right to ensure compliance
- The division office administers an augmentation plan to ensure no injury [37-92-305(8) C.R.S.]
- The Denver office will issue well permits that are subject of a decree

SWSPs

- Denver office performs primary review and coordinates the evaluation and communication with the applicant
- Denver office will draft the denial or the approval with its conditions of approval.

SWSPs

- Division personnel, including the water commissioner, will review the SWSP to ensure that field conditions will allow its operation and administration
- The Denver office and division office will be in agreement before approval

SWSPs

- The division office administers the SWSP to ensure compliance
- The Denver office will evaluate well permit applications that are subject of the SWSP
- (Note: In division 2, Well Depletion Replacement Plans are reviewed by division staff in coordination with the Denver office)

Well permitting

- The Denver office will do the evaluation and approval (Divisions 1 and 2)
- The Denver office will consult with the division office/water commissioner on a case-by-case basis

Wells out of compliance

- The division office is responsible for curtailment action
- The division office will work with the AGO

General Administration

- Public complaints, Denver office will work to gather information
- Division office will perform field investigation, if necessary, and work with the Denver office to take necessary action

Other Agencies

- Public
- Local
- State
- Federal

Public contact

- Upcoming or pending well permit applications
- Upcoming or pending SWSPs
- Upcoming water court applications
- Development of Decision Support Systems
- Water Education
- Technical Studies
- Water records
- IT program development
- General questions

Local

- County subdivision process (statutory)
- Informal review, water and wastewater treatment plants
- Colorado Water Congress
- Water districts, water conservation districts, ditch and reservoir companies
- Dam safety (also state and federal)
- Assistance providing water records
- Operation of agency projects such as the Colorado Big Thompson Project

State

- MOUs or agreements, for example:
 - CDPHE discharge permits
 - Division of Mining, Reclamation and Safety gravel pit referrals
 - Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation
 Commission produced water from oil and gas wells
 - Division of Wildlife

State

- Colorado water supply planning efforts like SWSI and Interbasin Compacts Committee
- State Legislature, fiscal impact for proposed bills
- Department of Natural Resources coordination
- Compact compliance

Federal

- U.S. Army Corop of Engineers, 404 permit process
- EA and EIS (pipelines, wind farms, oil shale, etc.)
- Development and operation of recovery programs for endangered species
- Federal reservoir operations