

Water Administration Interaction between the SEO, Division Offices, and other Agencies

1. Water Court
 - a. Monthly Water Court Resume
 - 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
 - b. Pending cases – SEO is a party
 - Division Engineer or designee works with engineers in the Denver office and the AGO to review material (reports, proposed decrees, etc.) toward an acceptable decree/settlement
 - Or, Division Engineer or designee works with engineers in the Denver office and the AGO to prepare for trial
 - Hal Simpson makes the final decision to settle a case
 - c. The division office administers the water right to ensure compliance with the decree
 - d. The division office administers an augmentation plan to ensure no injury [37-92-305(8) C.R.S.]
 - e. The Denver office will issue well permits that are subject of a decree
2. SWSPs
 - a. Denver office performs primary review and coordinates the evaluation and communication with the applicant
 - b. Denver office will draft the denial or the approval with conditions of approval.
 - c. Division personnel, including the water commissioner, will review the SWSP to ensure that field conditions will allow its operation and administration
 - d. The Denver office and division office will be in agreement before approval
 - e. The division office administers the SWSP to ensure compliance
 - f. The Denver office will evaluate well permit applications that are subject of the SWSP
 - g. Note: In Division 2, Well Depletion Replacement Plans are reviewed by division staff in coordination with the Denver office
3. Wells
 - a. Well permitting
 - The Denver office will do the evaluation and approval (Divisions 1 and 2)¹
 - The Denver office will consult with the division office/water commissioner on a case-by-case basis
 - b. Wells out of compliance
 - The division office is responsible for curtailment action
 - The division office will work with the AGO
4. General Administration
 - a. As complaints from the public come up, if the Denver office is contacted the Denver office will work to gather information
 - b. Based on information from the Denver office and gathered by the division office, the division office will perform field investigation, if necessary, and work with the Denver office to take necessary action

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¹ Divisions 3 through 7 do some well permitting in their offices

5. DWR Interaction with other parties/agencies

a. 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

b. 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

c. State

- MOUs or agreements regarding water rights issues, for example:
 - Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment – 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
- Colorado water supply planning efforts like SWSI and Interbasin Compacts Committee
- State legislature, fiscal impact for proposed bills
- Department of Natural Resources (DNR) coordination
- Compact compliance (also Federal)

d. Federal

- U.S. Army Corps 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