

MEMORANDUM



DATE: September 10, 2026

TO: NWCCOG Council

FROM: Ashley Bembenek, 208 Plan Administrator
Consultant to the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

RE: **Recommendation to Adopt 2026 Regional Water Quality Management Plan**

NWCCOG is regional water quality management agency and implements the regional water quality management plan ("208 Plan"). NWCCOG last updated its 208 Plan in 2012.

2026 Draft 208 Plan is available here: <https://www.nwccog.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/26-08-20-NWCCOG-208-Plan-Draft-10.pdf>

The 208 Plan was reviewed by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) Water Quality Control Division and the US Environmental Protection Agency during June, July, and August 2026. NWCCOG has responded to all comments received.

The 208 Plan also must be approved by CDPHE's Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC). On November 9, 2026, WQCC will consider approving the 208 Plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

QQ and NWCCOG staff recommend that NWCCOG Council adopt the Regional Water Quality Management Plan as noticed for this hearing, along with any minor revisions that may be requested by the Water Quality Control Division and the US Environmental Protection Agency.