

### UNDERPINNINGS OF CMF

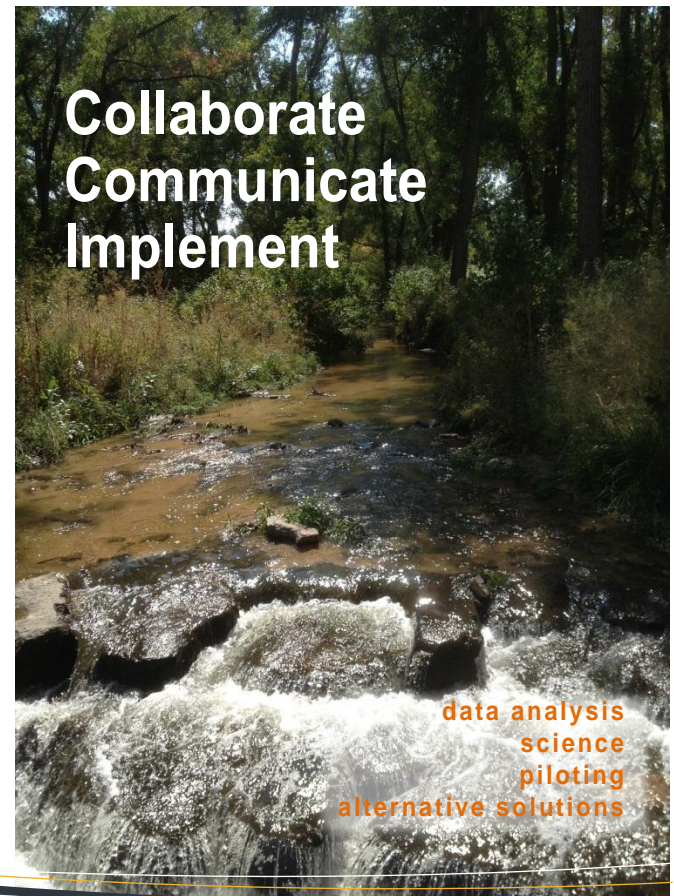
Closest to the heart of the flower are the supporting entities that contribute through dues and direct participation. The next layer lists organizations with which CMF interacts and communicates. Strong support comes from the base in foundational science that is used for sound decision making.

CMF encourages the Members of the water quality community to be proactively involved in the implementation of regulations in Colorado. There are many individuals and groups that are working to find sustainable ways to protect Colorado's water resources. Together, the membership of CMF hopes to speak with one larger voice. The benefits of CMF membership include:

- Development of scientifically-sound data.
- Tracking water quality improvements over time.
- Cooperative data management and technical analysis.
- Identification of strategies to protect river and reservoir health.
- Participation in CMF Task Forces.
- Information and knowledge sharing.
- Training opportunities.
- Participation in development of regs/policies.
- Improved collaboration, understanding, and trust between the regulated and regulator communities.
- Pooled resources.
- Bridging stakeholders' water quality perspectives.



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# Collaborate Communicate Implement

data analysis  
 science  
 piloting  
 alternative solutions



# Colorado Monitoring Framework (CMF)

WATERSHEDS WASTEWATER WATER INDUSTRIES STORMWATER AGRICULTURE

A collaborative effort to assess data and implement effective solutions to water quality challenges in Colorado

The CMF is a statewide nonprofit organization formed with the objective of implementing a scientific and collaborative process to protect water quality by practicing and promoting environmental stewardship. The CMF also coordinates with other members of the water quality community, such as the Water Quality Control Division, the Water Quality Forum, and the Colorado Water Quality Monitoring Council.

## collaborative solutions to Colorado's water quality challenges

### OUR GOAL

The CMF operates with the goal of having a diverse membership in order to support municipal, industrial, and agricultural interests and address increasingly complex regulations and compliance requirements. The CMF provides a unique forum for members to share information, exchange implementation experiences, and develop scientifically-defensible data to address statewide and site-specific water quality challenges.

### OUR APPROACH

Coordinating monitoring activities and sharing data facilitates identification of opportunities to improve the scientific foundations for water quality standards development. Collaborative problem-solving is the approach the CMF emphasizes to help its individual members develop approaches that are technically sound, effective, and in compliance with state and federal regulations.

### TASK FORCES

- NUTRIENTS
- AGRICULTURE
- TEMPERATURE
- DISCHARGER SPECIFIC

### VARIANCES



# NMT

Nutrient Modeling Toolbox  
Your Link to Site-Specific  
Nutrient Criteria



### COLLABORATION

In concert with the Division and the CWQMC, CMF developed a Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) to meet Reg. 85 requirements. Realizing that there was a statewide need, CMF provided the SAP for public use.



### COMMUNICATION

CMF understands that it is important to communicate our efforts with both the Commission and Division. We provide science-based testimony on topics of concern to our membership and we regularly update the Commission on our current and planned efforts.



### IMPLEMENTATION

CMF's focus is testing implementation options for regulations and developing solutions that could be applied by our members to sustainably protect Colorado's water resources.



WE'RE WORKING TOGETHER.

You are welcome to attend a meeting to see what CMF is doing and to consider membership.