A topographic map of Colorado, showing the state's terrain with various elevations and colors. The map is framed by a red border. The text is overlaid on the map.

Statewide Water Quality Management Plan (SWQMP)

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A topographic map of a region, likely the western United States, showing terrain elevation with colors ranging from green (low elevation) to brown and purple (high elevation). The map is framed by a red border.

Purpose of the SWQMP

Utilize American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding to:

- **Develop an integrated, planning framework at a statewide scale;**
- **Compile existing information for more detailed assessment of water quality at a basin and sub-basin scale;**
- **Incorporate green elements; and**
- **Direct implementation, especially of the Water Quality Control Division's Strategic Plan.**

A topographic map of Colorado, showing the state's terrain in shades of green, yellow, and brown. A red border is drawn around the map. The text of the strategic plan is overlaid on the map.

WQCD Strategic Plan

- **Protect all designated uses by fully attaining water quality standards**
- **Restore impaired water quality to attainable standards**
- **Aid Colorado's economic recovery through increased funding to water infrastructure and nonpoint source projects**



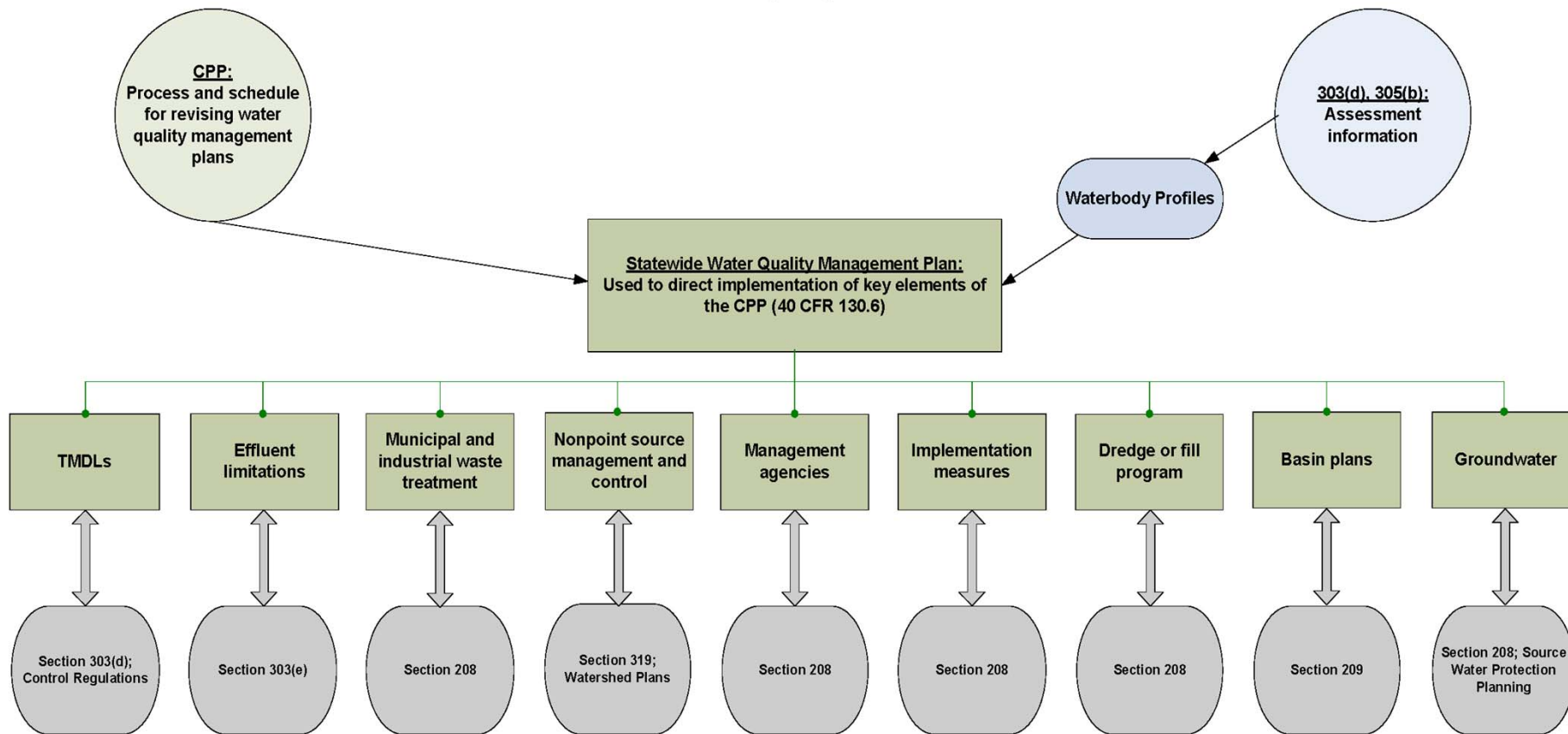
The Framework

Water Quality Management Plan Elements (40 C.F.R. 130.6)

Required Elements

- 1) TMDLs
- 2) Effluent Limitations
- 3) Municipal and industrial waste treatment
- 4) Nonpoint source management
- 5) Management Agencies
- 6) Implementation measures
- 7) Dredge or fill program
- 8) Basin plans
- 9) Groundwater

Statewide Water Quality Management Plan Overview



Primary Sources of Information

- *Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report, 2010* (aka 305(b) report, IR);
- Monitoring station-level assessment data to develop the Integrated Report; and
- Water quality data collected at long-term monitoring sites throughout the state.

A topographic map of a region, likely a watershed, showing various elevations and drainage patterns. The map uses a color gradient from green (low elevation) to brown and purple (high elevation). A red border is visible around the map.

SWQMP Basin/Sub-Basin Profiles: A Foundational Effort

Major Tasks

- **Develop a solid baseline of information for each major drainage basin and sub-basin;**
- **Illustrate findings with maps and other exhibits;**
- **Establish an inventory of the water quality problems and existing controls and programs that are in place within each of these drainage systems; and**
- **Incorporate green elements.**



Basin Profiles

1. System Characterization

- a. Location and Physical Setting
- b. Ecology
- c. Climate
- d. Land Ownership and Land Cover/Use
- e. Demographic and Socioeconomic Conditions
- f. Hydrography and Hydrology (surface and ground water)

2. Classifications and Standards (surface and ground water)

3. Sources of Stressors to the System

- a. Impairments and TMDLs
- b. Segments Listed for Further Monitoring and Evaluation
- c. Parameters of Potential Concern
- d. Trends for Selected Parameters

4. Water Quality Restoration and Protection Strategies

- a. Nonpoint and Point Source Strategies, Including Green Elements
- b. Scheduled Point Source Projects

5. Data Gaps

A topographic map of a river basin, likely the Colorado River basin, showing a central river channel and surrounding terrain. The map is color-coded by elevation, with higher elevations in shades of green and yellow, and lower elevations in shades of purple and blue. A prominent red border is drawn around the map. The title "Sub-basin Scale of Profiling" is centered at the top in a large, bold, black font.

Sub-basin Scale of Profiling

- Sub-basins are major portions of Drainage Basins, e.g., Upper Arkansas, or Lower Colorado Basin
- Intended to address the “Basin Plans” requirement of 40 CFR 130.6

Draft SWQMP Status

- **Draft completed 12/31/10.**
- **WQCD Reviewed draft to CAG January 2011.**
- **Draft available on Website March 2011**
- **WQCC AAH scheduled for 4/11/2011**
- **Public input opportunities:**
 - **CAG:**
 - **Potential for Commission process; and**
 - **Contact us.**

Future Iterations of the SWQMP

Major Basin	Regulation No.	Rulemaking Hearing (June) / SWQMP Basin Updates start (Oct.)
None/Initial SWQMP approval	#31	2011
San Juan, Gunnison, and Dolores	#34, #35	2012*
Arkansas and Rio Grande	#32, #36	2013
Colorado and North Platte	#33, #37	2014*
South Platte	#38	2015
None/Updated SWQMP approval	#31	2016*

* The Integrated Report (aka 305(b)) report is updated during even number years.

A topographic map showing a mountain range with a river valley. The terrain is color-coded by elevation, with higher elevations in purple and lower elevations in green and yellow. A river valley is visible on the left side of the map, flowing from the mountains towards the right. The map is framed by a red border.

Questions and Discussion

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