

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE
TETON COUNTY
WATER QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD**

24-054

WHEREAS, the Teton County Board of County Commissioners adopted the Teton County Water Quality Management Plan on June 4, 2024; and

WHEREAS, in order to implement the Teton County Water Quality Management Plan, the Teton County Board of County Commissioners approved the Water Quality Summary Action Plan on June 4, 2024; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Water Quality Summary Action Plan, one of the plan's first recommended action items is to create a Water Quality Advisory Board (WQAB). The action is identified as an essential early step for implementing the Water Quality Management Plan. Specifically, the WQAB would assist Public Works staff in developing strategic priorities, informing and balancing financial trade-offs, and contributing to a process in which future projects can be evaluated openly and equitably; and

WHEREAS, the Teton County Board of County Commissioners desires to form an advisory board to advise the Teton County Board of County Commissioners as to (1) defining a vision for the protection of water resources, (2) recommending projects for a county water quality cost-share program, including multi-year projects, (3) recommending potential revenue sources, (4) recommending long term goals prioritizing human and natural resource health, and (5) providing other recommendations as requested by the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Teton County Board of County Commissioners also desires to form the Teton County Water Quality Technical Working Group to assist and advise the Teton County Public Works Department. The Teton County Water Quality Working Group will facilitate inter-agency coordination, provide technical assistance, facilitate project development, and facilitate progress reporting. The selection of members to the Teton County Water Quality Working Group will be informal, with the Director of the Teton County Public Works Department selecting members as he/she determines best assists the Teton County Public Works Department to complement and best inform specific projects. Membership will include, at a minimum, staff from the Teton County Public Works Department, the Teton County Public Health Department, and the Teton Conservation District. The Working Group's central focus will be to advise and assist the Director of the Teton County Public Works Department in how best to complete projects and initiatives. The Working Group will contribute to the technical aspects of project implementation and review reporting for project management. The Working Group will assist in identifying who should be invited to participate in various Water Quality Management Plan initiatives and also assist in reviewing the 5-year technical update to the Water Quality Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that the Teton County Water Quality Technical Working Group will assist and advise the Director of the Teton County Public Works Department. The Teton County Public Works Department shall provide staffing assistance to the Teton County Water Quality Advisory Board. And the Teton County Water Quality Advisory Board will provide advice and recommendations to the Teton County Board of County Commissioners, as requested.

NOW THEREFORE, having duly met at a regular meeting and considered the matter, it is

RESOLVED, to create an advisory board called the "Teton County Water Quality Advisory Board" (hereinafter referred to as the "advisory board"); and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the advisory board shall have no powers and shall serve solely in an advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners of Teton County; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, the advisory board shall receive staffing assistance from the Teton County Public Works Department; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, the advisory board shall comply with all provisions of the State of Wyoming open meeting laws and meet at least quarterly throughout the year; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, the advisory board shall be comprised of 5 or 7 members as determined by the Teton County Board of County Commissioners and the members shall be appointed by the Teton County Board of County Commissioners. The members of the advisory board shall serve 3-year terms and the initial members' terms shall be staggered. Members can only serve two (2) consecutive terms. The initial board shall be comprised of 7 members, with 2 members serving a one-year term, 2 members serving a two-year term, and 3 members serving a three-year term; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that members of the advisory board are required to be residents of Teton County, Wyoming; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that members of the advisory board shall be chosen based on their strong interest, knowledge, and significant experience in water quality, hydrology, land-use planning, engineering, public health, infrastructure planning, or water regulatory knowledge. Though not required, the Teton County Board of County Commissioners will strive to include on the advisory board a resident of the Town of Jackson, a current board member or representative of a water, sewer, water and sewer, improvement and service district, and a board member or representative of a water quality issue-oriented public interest group.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the initial advisory board shall adopt by-laws that include the election of board officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary) with an annual election of board officers; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of the Teton County Public Works Department is authorized to create and form the Teton County Water Quality Technical Working Group with staff from the Teton County Public Works Department, Teton County Public Health Department, City of Jackson Public Works Department, representatives from the Teton Conservation District, and others selected by the Director of the Teton County Public Works Department as is determined by need. The Working Group will be an advisory group for the Director of the Teton County Public Works Department to assist with prioritizing and implementing the Water Quality Management Plan. The Working Group will assist with the review of the Water Quality Management Plan recommended 5-year technical update; provide technical assistance and strategic advice regarding implementing identified Water Quality Actions; assist with project coordination; meet annually to develop a work plan to prioritize projects for the next fiscal year; identify potential partnerships and joint projects; provide input on the annual progress report; and provide short term and long-term goals. The Working Group shall meet upon the call of the Director of the Teton County Public Works Department and shall be non-public staff meetings.

Dated this 3rd day of September, 2024

TETON COUNTY, WYOMING

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Luther Propst, Chair
Teton County Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Maureen Murphy

Maureen E. Murphy, Teton County Clerk



