

Teton County Water Quality Advisory Board Update

To provide a progress update on the activities of the WQAB and share recommendations, consider intervals for communication and funding requests, and discuss near-term priorities.

Teton County Public Works

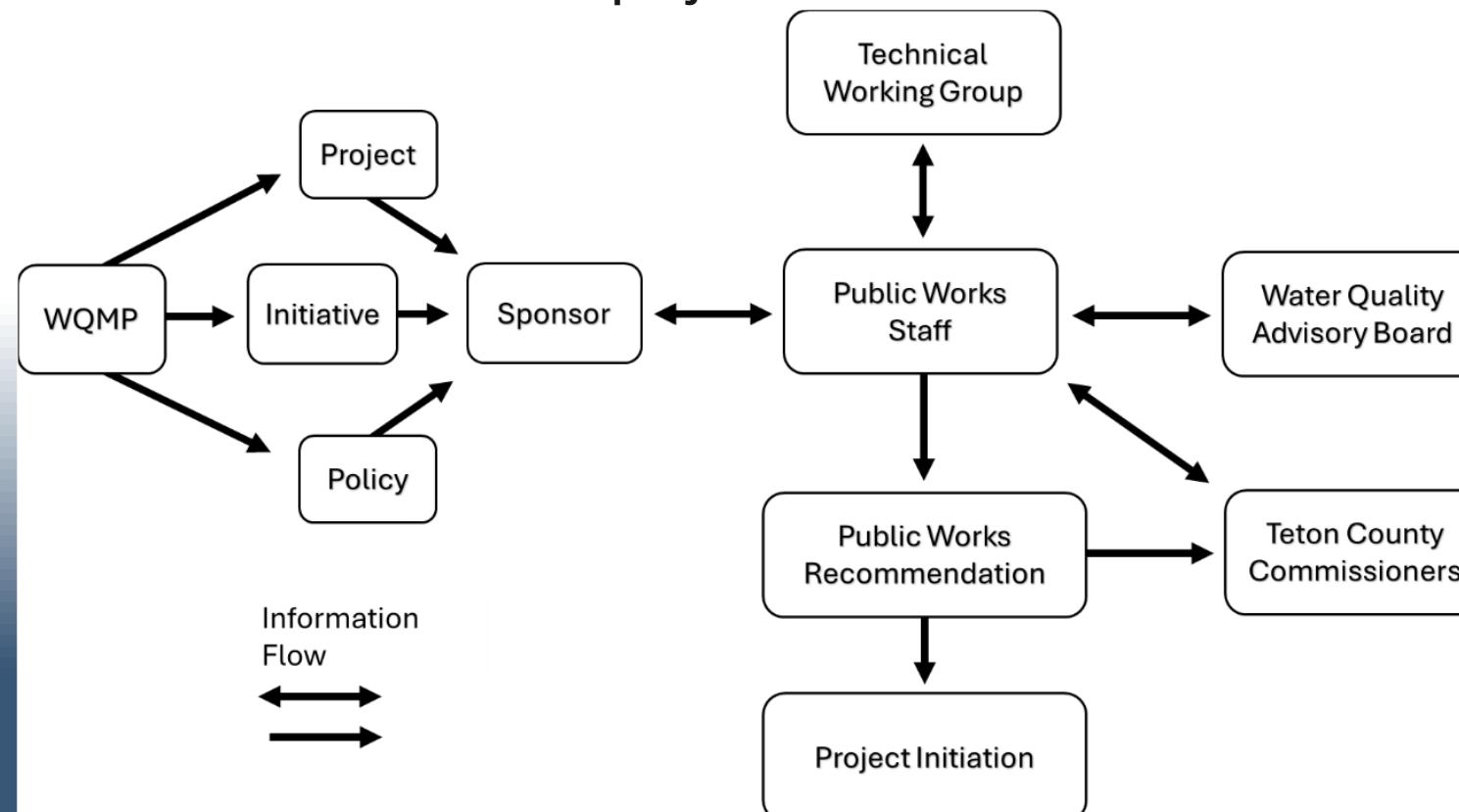
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What does this board do?

- The board assists Teton County staff with developing strategic priorities, informing and balancing financial trade-offs, and developing policy and programmatic tools to improve water quality throughout the county.
- Serves as a venue for discussing and evaluating projects, initiatives, and policies to provide recommendations to the BCC.
- WQAB recommendations seek to identify opportunities for cost savings, identify funding sources, and opportunities for coordination with other projects or initiatives.



Focus Areas

- **Big-picture, long-term goals: prioritizing human and natural resource health.**
- **Assist staff by evaluating proposals and providing recommendations.**
- **Assist staff with developing strategic priorities, informing and balancing financial trade-offs, and contributing to open and equitable recommendations for water quality project funding.**



2025 Priorities

- A vision and long-term water quality policy guidance.
- A criterion and process for water quality initiatives and projects.
- Recommendations for long-term goals and regulations.
- Recommendations for water quality cost-share.
- Other priorities as identified by the BCC



2025 Actions

- Draft water quality policy recommendation.
- Small Wastewater Facility and LDR Regulations.
- Project and funding proposal review and recommendations.
- An evaluation process to review and recommend funding proposals.
- Alternative funding ideas.
- Public engagement and coordination.



2026 Priorities

- **Title 9 SWF regulatory updates**
- **Education/outreach strategy**
- **LDR amendments**
- **Alternative water quality financing tools**

