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Colorado Oil & Gas Association Supports Use of Reclaimed Water for Energy Development

DENVER – Today, the Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) approved the use of reclaimed water for oil and natural gas development. The Colorado Oil & Gas Association (COGA) and participating stakeholders unanimously supported a consensus agreement around this rulemaking.

“Colorado oil and natural gas companies, adhering to a rigorous statewide regulatory framework, are utilizing state-of-the-art technology to decrease emissions, reduce leaks, limit venting and flaring, disturb less land, and to protect our precious water resources,” said Dan Haley, President & CEO of COGA. “We can rely on other countries to produce our energy, where poor labor practices and questionable environmental standards are often the case, or we can do it here at home, in ways that we know will protect the environment, keep costs low, and provide good paying jobs.”

Haley added, “These new regulations allow the oil and natural gas industry to utilize reclaimed water in development practices, reducing freshwater usage where possible. This is a win for companies, for communities with effective wastewater treatment facilities that are efficiently producing a surplus of reclaimed water, and for our broader environment. COGA and our members greatly appreciate the chance to participate in the stakeholder process led by Aurora Water over the past year, and we are grateful for the opportunity to work on draft rule language with multiple stakeholders, including the Water Quality Control Division staff.”

About COGA

Founded in 1984, the Colorado Oil & Gas Association’s (COGA) mission is to be the unified political and regulatory voice for the oil and natural gas industry in Colorado, and to support our members through advocacy, partnerships, education and stakeholder engagement.