

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
FOR  
LOWER FOUNTAIN WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**

The undersigned persons acting as incorporators of a corporation under the Colorado Nonprofit Corporation act, sign, and acknowledge the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation.

**FIRST:** The name of the corporation is THE LOWER FOUNTAIN WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION.

**SECOND:** The period of duration is perpetual.

**THIRD:** The purpose for which the corporation is organized is;

- a. To provide recommendation for approval or disapproval for the planning, construction, operation and maintenance of works and facilities for the collection, transmission, treatment, disposal, and reclamation of sewage, waste, waste waters and storm waters in order to better regulate and protect respective and joint areas of jurisdiction of the Association's members.
- b. To act in matters of water quality, pollution abatement, and waste management in cooperation and conjunction with other agencies and authorities of the State of Colorado and the United States of America in furtherance of plans for achieving the water quality, pollution abatement and waste management goals of those governments.
- c. To undertake and implement by the exercise of the joint powers of the participating Association members the waste treatment management responsibilities as provided in an area-wide waste treatment management plan to be adopted by participating entities and Association members.
- d. To carry out appropriate portions of the approved area-wide waste treatment management plan as it pertains to the areas of jurisdiction of the member agencies of the Association and such other areas contiguous thereto as may be established by mutual agreement with other governments or associations of governments.
- e. To review and provide recommendation for approval or disapproval to plans and proposals of the public and private entities within the area of the Association relative to conformance thereof with such waste treatment management plan and to cooperate thereby with all regulatory agencies.
- f. To research, obtain, and utilize grants or other funds from any source, for the purpose of protecting the watershed and environment to be held, used, and applied only for the purpose and within the limits for which such funds were made available.

- g. To raise revenues as necessary in support of Corporation Articles including the establishment of an annual dues assessment, amount to be determined.
- h. To refuse and receive wastes from any municipality or subdivision thereof, which does not comply with any provision of the approved plan applicable to such area.
- i. To provide collective representation of member agencies in connection with State and Federal water quality and related planning and policy matters within its area of authority and to participate in related deliberations of, and cooperation with regional planning programs; provided however, that this representation shall not impair or restrict the right of any member agency to represent itself in such matters or to participate directly in such deliberations.
- j. To monitor records of water quality and quantity within the area of jurisdiction encompassed by its member agencies.
- k. To provide central services or the identification of exchange services required or available for member agencies in order that efficiencies and economics may be achieved in the use of personnel and equipment on common projects or operations of member governments.
- l. To allow bargaining with government bodies and other entities to the end that such bargaining shall represent the collective unity of the members of the Association.
- m. To provide a medium for the mutual exchange of information and ideas with similar groups or government entities pertaining to the collection, transmission, treatment, disposal and reclamation of sewage, waste, waste waters, and storm waters.
- n. To promote better legislation regarding the collection, transmission, treatment, disposal and reclamation of sewage waste, waste waters, and storm waters.
- o. Generally, to provide a medium to accomplish the optimum collection, transmission, treatment, disposal and reclamation of sewage, waste, waste waters and storm waters.
- p. No provision of the Articles of Incorporation or any action of this Corporation shall be binding upon any organization or municipality which may be represented on the Board of Directors of said Corporation, unless the same shall be specifically authorized and approved in writing by such organization or municipality.
- q. A venue which member agencies can discuss, research, tests, fund, and respond to proposed wastewater regulations collectively.

