

ORIGINAL HOUSE
BILL NO. HB0073

ENROLLED ACT NO. 51, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2022 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to water development projects; authorizing specified level I and level II studies; providing appropriations; requiring reports; providing for the reversion of unexpended funds; authorizing unobligated funds to be used to complete other designated projects as specified; providing an appropriation for the office of water programs; extending reversion and study dates; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

[2022-2023 WATER PROGRAM]

[AUTHORIZED LEVEL I AND LEVEL II STUDIES]

Section 1. LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT. The following sums of money are appropriated from water development account I, as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(i), to the water development commission to be expended to conduct the following reconnaissance studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this section for a particular study that are in excess of the actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject to the review and recommendation of the select water committee, be expended by the commission to complete any other reconnaissance study listed in this section. Appropriated funds not expended or obligated prior to July 1, 2025 shall revert to water development account I. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to the 2024 legislative session:

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[LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Clarks Fork Upper Shoshone Watershed Study	Park County	\$396,000
Dayton Water Master Plan	Sheridan County	\$167,000
Riverton Regional Water Master Plan	Fremont County	\$256,000
UW Water Research Program	Statewide	<u>\$310,277</u>
Total appropriation for Section 1		\$1,129,277

Section 2. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT. The following sums of money are appropriated from water development account I, as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(i), to the water development commission to be expended to conduct the following feasibility studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this section for a particular study that are in excess of the actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject to the review and recommendation of the select water committee, be expended by the commission to complete any other feasibility study listed in this section. Appropriated funds not expended or obligated prior to July 1, 2025 shall revert to water development account I. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to the 2024 legislative session:

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[LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Cloud Seeding: Operations Hydrological Assessment Medicine Bow & Sierra Madre Mountain Ranges Fontenelle Reservoir Storage	Albany and Carbon Counties Lincoln and Sweetwater Counties	\$300,000 \$1,700,000
LaGrange Groundwater Supply & Improvements Pavillion Groundwater Supply	Goshen County Fremont County	\$725,000 \$687,000
Total appropriation for Section 2		\$3,412,000

Section 3. LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - REHABILITATION. The following sums of money are appropriated from water development account II, as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(ii), to the water development commission to be expended to conduct the following reconnaissance studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this section for a particular study that are in excess of the actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject to the review and recommendation of the select water committee, be expended by the commission to complete any other reconnaissance study listed in this section. Appropriated funds not expended or obligated prior to July 1, 2025 shall revert to water development account II. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to the 2024 legislative session:

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[LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - REHABILITATION]

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Critical Aging Irrigation Infrastructure Assessment	Statewide	\$500,000
West Afton/Nield String Master Plan	Lincoln County	<u>\$88,000</u>
Total appropriation for Section 3		\$588,000

Section 4. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - REHABILITATION. The following sums of money are appropriated from water development account II, as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(ii), to the water development commission to be expended to conduct the following feasibility study as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Appropriated funds not expended or obligated prior to July 1, 2025 shall revert to water development account II. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature on the following study prior to the 2024 legislative session:

[LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - REHABILITATION]

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Dowlin Diversion Rehabilitation	Albany County	<u>\$110,000</u>
Total appropriation for Section 4		\$110,000

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Section 5. There is appropriated one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00) to the water development commission from water development account I, as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(i), to fund the office of water programs established under W.S. 41-2-125 for the period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2024. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2024.

Section 6. 2017 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 65, Section 5 is amended to read:

Section 5.

LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - DAMS AND RESERVOIRS.

(a) The following sums of money are appropriated from water development account III, as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(iii), to the water development commission to be expended to conduct the following feasibility studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this section for a particular project ~~which~~that are in excess of the actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject to the review of the select water committee, be expended by the commission to complete ~~the any other~~ feasibility study ~~for any other project~~ listed in this section. ~~Appropriated~~Except as provided in subsection (b), appropriated funds not obligated prior to July 1, 2022 shall revert to water development account III. ~~The~~Except as provided

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in subsection (b), the commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to the 2021 legislative session:

[LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - DAMS AND RESERVOIRS]

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Big Wind River Storage Study, Phase II	Fremont County	\$475,000
Greybull Valley ID Storage Enlargement, Phase II	Big Horn and Park Counties	\$500,000
Little Wind River Storage Study, Phase II	Fremont County	\$475,000 -\$625,000
New Fork Lake Dam Enlargement, Phase II	Sublette County	\$450,000
Stateline Dam Enlargement, Phase II	Uinta County	\$300,000 ^{a1}
West Fork Reservoir, Phase III	Carbon County	\$6,220,000
Total <u>2017</u> appropriation for Section 5		\$8,420,000
<u>Total 2022 appropriation for Section 5</u>		<u>\$150,000</u>

Footnotes:

(a)(1) Funds from this appropriation shall not be expended until the water development commission has accepted the Level II, Phase I Meeks Cabin Dam Enlargement study.

(b) Funds not obligated prior to July 1, 2027, for the Little Wind River Storage Study, Phase II and the West Fork Reservoir, Phase III studies, shall revert to water development account III. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each of these studies prior to the 2026 legislative session.

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Section 7. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk