

ORIGINAL HOUSE
BILL NO. HB0081

ENROLLED ACT NO. 38, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2019 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to water development projects; authorizing specified level I and level II studies; providing appropriations; requiring reports; providing for reversion of unexpended funds; authorizing unobligated funds to be used to complete other designated projects as specified; providing for groundwater studies funding; and providing for an effective date.

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

[2019-2020 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 project which 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 reconnaissance study for any other project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not obligated prior to July 1, 2022 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 2021 legislative session:

[LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Crook County Rural Water Supply Plan	Crook County	\$370,000

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Evanston Water Master Plan	Uinta County	\$126,000
River Basin Planning Streamstats Phases III and IV	Statewide	\$631,000
Salt Creek-Edgerton-Midwest Master Plan	Natrona County	\$160,000
Torrington Water Master Plan	Goshen County	\$174,000
UW Water Research Program	Statewide	<u>\$350,511</u>
Total appropriation for Section 1		\$1,811,511

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 project which 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 feasibility study for any other project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not obligated prior to July 1, 2022 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 2021 legislative session:

[LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Lake DeSmet/Healy Reservoir Utilization	Johnson County	\$268,000
Total appropriation for Section 2		\$268,000

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

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expended to conduct the following reconnaissance studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this section for a particular project which 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 reconnaissance study for any other project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not obligated prior to July 1, 2022 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 2021 legislative session. The appropriation of funds for this study is contingent upon the transfer of funds from the Buffalo Bill dam account, as created by W.S. 99-99-1001(a)(ii), to the water development account II as provided for in 2019 Senate File 0059:

[LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - REHABILITATION]

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Bluff/Upper Bluff Irrigation Districts Master Plan	Washakie County	\$123,000
Total appropriation for Section 3		\$123,000

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 studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this section for a particular project which 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 feasibility study for any other project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not obligated prior to July 1, 2022 shall revert to water

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development account II. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to the 2021 legislative session. The appropriation of funds for these studies is contingent upon the transfer of funds from the Buffalo Bill dam account, as created by W.S. 99-99-1001(a)(ii), to the water development account II as provided for in 2019 Senate File 0059:

[LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - REHABILITATION]

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Boulder Irrigation District Rehabilitation	Sublette County	\$171,000
LaPrele Irrigation District Rehabilitation	Converse County	<u>\$290,000</u>
Total appropriation for Section 4		\$461,000

Section 5. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - DAMS AND RESERVOIRS. 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 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 feasibility study for any other project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not obligated prior to July 1, 2024 shall revert to water development account III. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to the 2023 legislative session:

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[LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - DAMS AND RESERVOIRS]

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Greybull Valley Irrigation District Storage Enlargement, Phase II	Park and Big Horn Counties	\$300,000
New Fork Lake Dam Enlargement, Phase III	Sublette County	<u>\$1,500,000</u>
Total appropriation for Section 5		\$1,800,000

Section 6. W.S. 41-2-119(a) is amended to read:

41-2-119. Groundwater studies.

(a) The Wyoming water development commission may grant not to exceed ~~six million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$6,800,000.00)~~ eight million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$8,800,000.00) to incorporated cities and towns, water and sewer districts and improvement and service districts in Wyoming for exploration for and feasibility studies of the use of underground water for municipal and rural domestic purposes, not to exceed four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) for any one (1) exploration or study. The grants shall be made from revenues from water development account I and those revenues are hereby so appropriated. Any city or town, water and sewer district or service and improvement district receiving a grant pursuant to this section shall provide at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the cost of the exploration or study from its own funds. The commission shall adopt rules and regulations governing application procedures for the grants.

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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