

SENATE FILE NO. SF0062

Omnibus water bill-planning.

Sponsored by: Select Water Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to water development projects; authorizing
2 specified level I and level II studies; providing
3 appropriations; requiring reports; providing for reversion
4 of unexpended funds; authorizing unobligated funds to be
5 used to complete other designated projects as specified;
6 providing an appropriation for the office of water
7 programs; extending the Platte River Basin endangered
8 species account and providing an appropriation; and
9 providing for an effective date.

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

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13 [2018-2019 WATER PROGRAM]

14 [AUTHORIZED LEVEL I AND LEVEL II STUDIES]

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1 **Section 1. LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW**
2 **DEVELOPMENT.** The following sums of money are appropriated
3 from water development account I, as created by W.S.
4 41-2-124(a)(i), to the water development commission to be
5 expended to conduct the following reconnaissance studies as
6 defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this
7 section for a particular project which are in excess of the
8 actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject
9 to the review of the select water committee, be expended by
10 the commission to complete the reconnaissance study for any
11 other project listed in this section. Appropriated funds
12 not obligated prior to July 1, 2021 shall revert to water
13 development account I. The commission shall submit a report
14 to the legislature on each of the following studies prior
15 to the 2020 legislative session:

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17 [LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

19 <u>PROJECT</u>	20 <u>LOCATION</u>	21 <u>APPROPRIATION</u>
22 Bedford Water Supply Master Plan	23 Lincoln County	\$100,000
24 Big Sandy Watershed Study	25 Fremont, Sublette and 26 Sweetwater Counties	\$275,000
27 Horse Creek Watershed Study	28 Albany, Goshen, Laramie and 29 Platte Counties	\$284,000
30 Lower Laramie River Watershed 31 Study	32 Albany, Goshen, Laramie and Platte Counties	\$290,000
33 Middle Big Horn River 34 Watershed Study	35 Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park and Washakie Counties	\$300,000
36 Osage Water Master Plan	37 Weston County	\$190,000
38 Popo Agie Watershed Study, 39 Phase II	40 Fremont County	\$235,000

1	River Basin Planning - GIS	Statewide	
2	Data Model Implementation		\$115,000
3	River Basin Planning - NHDPlus	Statewide	
4	HR and Streamstats -		
5	Phase I and II		\$240,000
6	River Basin Planning - Water	Statewide	
7	Supply Index		\$170,000
8	Saratoga Water Master Plan	Carbon	\$175,000
9	Sheridan Municipal Watershed	Johnson and Sheridan	
10	Wildfire Hazard Mitigation	Counties	
11	Assessment ¹ .		\$165,000
12	Sheridan Water Master Plan	Sheridan	\$250,000
13	UW Water Research Program	Statewide	\$285,150
14	Total appropriation for Section 1		\$3,074,150

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Footnote:

1. No funds shall be expended from this appropriation for the wildfire hazard mitigation assessment until the project sponsor demonstrates to the commission that the sponsor has pursued community or county fire protection funding through the state forester for a similar assessment and funding was not available or not sufficient to fund the assessment.

24 **Section 2. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - NEW**
25 **DEVELOPMENT.** The following sums of money are appropriated
26 from water development account I, as created by W.S.
27 41-2-124(a)(i), to the water development commission to be
28 expended to conduct the following feasibility studies as
29 defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this
30 section for a particular project which are in excess of the
31 actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject
32 to the review of the select water committee, be expended by
33 the commission to complete the feasibility study for any
34 other project listed in this section. Appropriated funds
35 not obligated prior to July 1, 2021 shall revert to water

1 development account I. The commission shall submit a report
 2 to the legislature on each of the following studies prior
 3 to the 2020 legislative session:

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 5 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]
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<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Fontenelle Dam and Outworks Infrastructure Completion	Lincoln and Sweetwater Counties	\$750,000
Glendo Reservoir Full Utilization Project	Platte County	\$750,000
GR-RS-SC JPWB Pump Station and Transmission	Sweetwater County	\$180,000
Lander Test Well Study	Fremont County	\$2,340,000
Little Snake River Valley Municipal Water Supply	Carbon County	\$135,000
Total appropriation for Section 2		<u>\$4,155,000</u>

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 20 **Section 3.** LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES -

21 REHABILITATION. The following sums of money are
 22 appropriated from water development account II, as created
 23 by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(ii), to the water development
 24 commission to be expended to conduct the following
 25 feasibility studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds
 26 appropriated under this section for a particular project
 27 which are in excess of the actual amount necessary to
 28 complete the study may, subject to the review of the select
 29 water committee, be expended by the commission to complete
 30 the feasibility study for any other project listed in this
 31 section. Appropriated funds not obligated prior to July 1,

1 2021 shall revert to water development account II. The
 2 commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each
 3 of the following studies prior to the 2020 legislative
 4 session:

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 6 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - REHABILITATION]

7	8 <u>PROJECT</u>	9 <u>LOCATION</u>	10 <u>APPROPRIATION</u>
11	Big Laramie River Oasis Ditch	Albany County	
12	Diversion Rehabilitation		\$95,000
13	Hanover ID Bighorn Flume	Washakie County	
14	Replacement		\$65,000
15	Silver Lake Dam Rehabilitation	Sublette County	\$250,000
16	Total appropriation for Section 3		\$410,000

17 **Section 4.** LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - DAMS AND
 18 RESERVOIRS. The following sums of money are appropriated
 19 from water development account III, as created by W.S.
 20 41-2-124(a)(iii), to the water development commission to be
 21 expended to conduct the following feasibility studies as
 22 defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this
 23 section for a particular project which are in excess of the
 24 actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject
 25 to the review of the select water committee, be expended by
 26 the commission to complete the feasibility study for any
 27 other project listed in this section. Appropriated funds
 28 not obligated prior to July 1, 2023 shall revert to water
 29 development account III. The commission shall submit a

1 report to the legislature on each of the following studies
2 prior to the 2022 legislative session:

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4 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - DAMS AND RESERVOIRS]

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<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Cheyenne Municipal Storage Phase I	Laramie County	<u>\$330,000</u>
Total appropriation for Section 4		<u>\$330,000</u>

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12 **Section 5. TIME EXTENSION FOR LEVEL II FEASIBILITY**

13 **STUDIES - DAMS AND RESERVOIRS.** In the 2015 Omnibus water

14 bill - planning, 2015 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 168,

15 Section 5, the following sums of money were appropriated

16 from water development account III, as created by W.S.

17 41-2-124(a)(iii), to the water development commission to be

18 expended to conduct the following feasibility studies as

19 defined in W.S. 41-2-114. A three (3) year time extension

20 is granted for those feasibility studies and appropriated

21 funds not obligated prior to July 1, 2021 shall revert to

22 water development account III. The commission shall submit

23 a report to the legislature on each of the following

24 studies prior to the 2020 legislative session:

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26 [LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - DAMS AND RESERVOIRS]

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<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
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1	Clear Creek Storage	Johnson County	\$700,000
2	Nowood River Storage-Alkali Cr.	Big Horn, Washakie Counties	\$4,000,000
3	Shell Valley Storage-Leavitt		
4	Reservoir	Big Horn County	\$4,500,000
5	Total 2015 appropriation for Section 5		\$9,200,000
6	Total 2018 appropriation for Section 5		\$0
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8 **Section 6.** The Wyoming water development commission
9 is authorized to expend funds from water development
10 account I, as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(i), to contract
11 with the University of Wyoming in an amount not to exceed
12 one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00) to
13 fund the office of water programs established under W.S.
14 41-2-125 from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020.

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16 **Section 7.** PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION
17 PROGRAM - EXTENSION. Three million one hundred thousand
18 dollars (\$3,100,000.00) is appropriated from water
19 development account I, as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(i),
20 to the Platte River Basin endangered species account for
21 the Wyoming water development office to fund the state of
22 Wyoming's participation in a thirteen (13) year extension
23 of the first increment of the Platte River Recovery
24 Implementation Program (PRRIP). Any unexpended balance in
25 the Platte River Basin endangered species account shall be
26 invested by the state treasurer and the interest earned

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<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>REMAINING APPROPRIATION</u>
Lake DeSmet Facilities Acquisition	Johnson County	\$200,000
Total reversions for Section 8		\$200,000

9 **Section 9.** This act is effective immediately upon
10 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
11 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
12 Constitution.

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