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# Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Rep. McCormick; Catlin Sen. Donovan; Simpson	<b>Bill Status:</b>	House Agriculture
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**Bill Topic:** CO WATER CONSERVATION BD CONSTRUCTION FUND PROJECT

<b>Summary of Fiscal Impact:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill funds water projects in the Department of Natural Resources and transfers funds between cash funds devoted to water-related projects.

**Appropriation Summary:** For FY 2022-23, the bill includes appropriations totaling \$17.08 million to the Department of Natural Resources.

**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

**Table 1  
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 22-1316**

		Budget Year FY 2022-23	Out Year FY 2023-24
<b>Revenue</b>		-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>	Cash Funds	\$17,080,000	-
<b>Transfers</b>	Cash Funds	(\$3,000,000)	-
	Cash Funds	\$3,000,000	-
	<b>Net Transfer</b>	<b>\$0</b>	-
<b>Other Budget Impacts</b>		-	-

## Summary of Legislation

The bill appropriates a total of \$17,080,000 from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) Construction Fund in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to the CWCB and the Division of Water Resources for specified water-related projects. In addition, the bill transfers \$3.0 million between water-related cash funds and authorizes the CWCB to loan up to \$13,130,000 from the CWCB Construction Fund to the town of Breckenridge to rehabilitate the Goose Pasture Tarn dam.

## State Revenue

Revenue will be generated from the interest on water project loans authorized by the bill. This amount will depend on the terms of the loans and is not estimated at this time.

## State Transfers

In FY 2022-23, the bill transfers up to \$2.0 million from unreserved cash in the CWCB Construction Fund to the Litigation Fund for legal services associated with compact compliance or related issues. The amount transferred must bring the fund's balance to \$2.0 million on July 1, 2022.

The bill also transfers \$1.0 million from unreserved cash in the CWCB Construction Fund to the Water Plan Implementation Cash Fund.

## State Expenditures

For FY 2022-23, the bill appropriates \$17.08 million to the Department of Natural Resources for water-related projects paid from the CWCB Construction Fund. The funds are available for the designated purposes until fully expended. These projects are shown in Table 2.

**Table 2**  
**FY 2022-23 Appropriations for Water Projects in HB 22-1316**

<b>Projects</b>	<b>FY 2022-23</b>
<b>Satellite Monitoring System Maintenance.</b> To renovate existing gauging stations; replace outdated collection platforms; upgrade transmission components; fund stream gauge flood hardening projects; and fund flood-related data collection efforts.	\$380,000
<b>Colorado Floodplain Map Modernization Program.</b> To continue assistance to communities to revise and improve floodplain studies and maps.	\$500,000
<b>Weather Modification Permitting Program.</b> To assist water conservation and conservancy districts and water providers with the development of cloud seeding programs.	\$350,000
<b>Technical Assistance for Federal Grants.</b> For assistance to applicants seeking competitive water-related federal grants.	\$300,000
<b>Arkansas River Decision Support System.</b> To continue implementation of the Arkansas river decision support system (ArkDSS), as identified in the ArkDSS feasibility study completed in December 2011.	\$500,000
<b>Colorado Mesonet Project.</b> To support the Colorado Mesonet, including operation, maintenance, travel, communications, and database and website management for temperature and precipitation stations.	\$150,000
<b>Water Forecasting Partnership.</b> To support the development of new ground and aerial remote sensing data and equipment and hydrologic modeling, to provide reliable volumetric water supply forecasting, and to provide better characterization of snowpack.	\$450,000
<b>Modeling and Data Analysis for the Upper Colorado River Commission.</b> To provide support to the upper Colorado river commission's interstate planning and negotiation efforts, including modeling and data analyses.	\$200,000
<b>Reservoir Enlargement Assessment Project.</b> To conduct comprehensive dam safety evaluations on existing dams that have a potential consideration for enlargement.	\$250,000
<b>Platte River Recovery Implementation.</b> To support the Platte river recovery implementation program, which implements certain aspects of the United States fish and wildlife service's recovery plans and provides compliance with the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973.	\$3,800,000
<b>Republican River Matters.</b> To provide matching cash incentives to producers to reduce irrigation and facilitate land retirement within the south fork of the Republican river, and assist the Republican river water conservation district in meeting compact compliance obligations pursuant to the Republican river compact.	\$2,000,000
<b>Projects to Implement the State Water Plan.</b> For grant-making for projects that assist in the implementation of the state water plan.	\$8,200,000
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$17,080,000</b>

## **Local Government**

Funding provided by this bill will benefit local water districts and water providers.

## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

## **State Appropriations**

For FY 2022-23, the bill includes appropriations totaling \$17,080,000 from the Colorado Water Conservation Board Construction Fund to the Department of Natural Resources.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Natural Resources