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Colorado Water Conservation Board, and Division of Water
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HOW TO USE THIS DOCUMENT

The Department Overview contains a table summarizing the staff recommended incremental changes followed by brief explanations of each incremental change. A similar overview table is provided for each division, but the description of incremental changes is not repeated, since it is available under the Department Overview. More details about the incremental changes are provided in the sections following the Department Overview and the division summary tables.

Decision items, both department-requested items and staff-initiated items, are discussed either in the Decision Items Affecting Multiple Divisions or at the beginning of the most relevant division. Within a section, decision items are listed in the requested priority order, if applicable.

In some of the analysis of decision items in this document, you may see language denoting certain 'levels of evidence', e.g. theory-informed, evidence-informed, or proven. For a detailed explanation of what is meant by 'levels of evidence', and how those levels of evidence are categorized, please refer to Section 2-3-210 (2), C.R.S.

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The Department of Natural Resources is responsible for developing, protecting, and enhancing Colorado’s natural resources for the use and enjoyment of present and future residents and visitors. The Department is comprised of seven total divisions, but this document focuses only on the following four divisions:

- The **Executive Director's Office** (EDO) develops department-wide policies and provides administrative and technical support for Department divisions including: budgeting, accounting, financial management, human resources services, and the coordination of public information and environmental education. The EDO also houses the Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC) that provides avalanche information, education and promotes research for the protection of life and property.
- The **Division of Parks and Wildlife** (CPW) provides recreational opportunities at 43 state parks, manages more than 960 game and non-game wildlife species, issues hunting and fishing licenses, enforces wildlife regulations, and administers more than 350 state wildlife areas.
- The **Colorado Water Conservation Board** (CWCB) works to conserve, develop, and protect the state's water resources to ensure adequate water supply, maximize beneficial use, and reduce the impact of flooding and drought.
- The **Division of Water Resources** (State Engineer's Office) administers and enforces water rights, issues well permits, monitors streamflow and water use, regulates dam construction and safety, and represents Colorado in interstate water compact proceedings.

The three remaining divisions—Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety; Oil and Gas Conservation Commission; and the State Board of Land Commissioners—were discussed in a separate staff figure setting document on February 21, 2023.

SUMMARY OF STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

| DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, PARKS & WILDLIFE, COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD, DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES) | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | \$312,173,881 | \$38,428,154 | \$243,684,393 | \$7,669,474 | \$22,391,860 | 1,299.7 |
| Other legislation | 155,156,242 | 261,197 | 94,911,459 | 59,990,401 | (6,815) | 2.3 |
| SB 23-126 (Supplemental) | 5,597,963 | 383,523 | 5,167,588 | 43,686 | 3,166 | 0.4 |
| TOTAL | \$472,928,086 | \$39,072,874 | \$343,763,440 | \$67,703,561 | \$22,388,211 | 1,302.4 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$472,928,086 | \$39,072,874 | \$343,763,440 | \$67,703,561 | \$22,388,211 | 1,302.4 |
| Technical adjustments | 19,017,466 | 0 | 19,017,466 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Centrally appropriated line items | 13,098,777 | 1,813,011 | 10,423,867 | 718,251 | 143,648 | 0.0 |
| R04 Severance Tax for wildfire mitigation | 5,000,000 | 0 | 5,000,000 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Non-prioritized decision items | 2,983,088 | 308,076 | 2,514,590 | 125,526 | 34,896 | 3.0 |
| R08 Resources for state parks | 1,816,999 | 0 | 1,816,999 | 0 | 0 | 19.0 |
| R02 CO River policy and tech. support | 1,593,951 | 832,657 | 761,294 | 0 | 0 | 13.9 |
| R07 Winter recreation and safety | 1,075,419 | 0 | 1,075,419 | 0 | 0 | 5.5 |
| R09 Resources for wildlife management | 604,730 | 0 | 604,730 | 0 | 0 | 6.0 |
| R01/BA01 COGCC mission change | 514,811 | 0 | 514,811 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R11 Wildlife water & research projects | 431,909 | 0 | 431,909 | 0 | 0 | 4.0 |
| R10 CPW business tech staff | 379,052 | 0 | 379,052 | 0 | 0 | 5.0 |
| Indirect cost assessment | 363,847 | 856,196 | 276,136 | (856,196) | 87,711 | 0.0 |
| R12 Financial administration & support | 262,847 | 0 | 0 | 262,847 | 0 | 2.0 |
| R06/BA03 Keep CO Wild support | 169,231 | 0 | 169,231 | 0 | 0 | 0.6 |
| R05 Inclusive recruitment & retention | 155,500 | 20,315 | 94,405 | 40,780 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R13 CO water plan data & mapping specialist | 129,750 | 0 | 129,750 | 0 | 0 | 1.0 |
| R16 True-up CWCB FEMA funding | 105,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 105,000 | 1.0 |
| R15 Vehicles for water admin staff | 34,063 | 34,063 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R14 SLB field ops capacity | 22,079 | 0 | 22,079 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R03 Wildfire mitigation, outreach, and capacity package | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R17/BA02 Water plan legislative placeholder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Annualize prior year legislation | (154,481,718) | (151,718) | (94,330,000) | (60,000,000) | 0 | (1.0) |
| Annualize prior year budget actions | (3,606,047) | (282,922) | (3,183,300) | (48,777) | (91,048) | 0.2 |
| TOTAL | \$362,598,840 | \$42,502,552 | \$289,481,878 | \$7,945,992 | \$22,668,418 | 1,362.6 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | (\$110,329,246) | \$3,429,678 | (\$54,281,562) | (\$59,757,569) | \$280,207 | 60.2 |
| Percentage Change | (23.3%) | 8.8% | (15.8%) | (88.3%) | 1.3% | 4.6% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | \$364,209,464 | \$42,766,110 | \$290,521,923 | \$8,212,840 | \$22,708,591 | 1,364.6 |
| Request Above/(Below) Recommendation | \$1,610,624 | \$263,558 | \$1,040,045 | \$266,848 | \$40,173 | 2.0 |

*Note: The table does not show the requested \$9.0 million General Fund transfer for R3, nor does it show staff's recommended appropriation of \$2.0 million for that decision item. The table also does not show the requested \$12.6 million General Fund legislative placeholder for the Water Plan Grant Program.

DESCRIPTION OF INCREMENTAL CHANGES

TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS: The recommendation includes an increase of \$19,017,466 cash funds. Most of this increase—\$18,990,317—stems from adjustments to informational-only fund sources like

Great Outdoors Colorado grants and lottery proceeds. These sources are not appropriated by the General Assembly but are reflected in the budget for informational purposes.

CENTRALLY APPROPRIATED LINE ITEMS: The recommendation includes adjustments to the following centrally appropriated line items. These items are addressed in separate staff briefings for the Department of Personnel and Administration and the Governor’s Office.

| CENTRALLY APPROPRIATED LINE ITEMS | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| Salary survey | \$4,476,978 | \$656,263 | \$3,553,998 | \$163,192 | \$103,525 | 0.0 |
| Salary survey COWINS | 3,347,755 | 468,174 | 2,698,442 | 112,121 | 69,018 | 0.0 |
| Payments to OIT | 1,754,038 | 74,158 | 1,818,492 | (82,086) | (56,526) | 0.0 |
| Health, life, and dental | 1,614,939 | (154,890) | 1,081,780 | 672,026 | 16,023 | 0.0 |
| Legal services | 1,582,632 | 540,954 | 1,054,494 | (22,908) | 10,092 | 0.0 |
| Health, life, dental true-up | 1,100,923 | 178,414 | 863,304 | 39,667 | 19,538 | 0.0 |
| Digital trunk radio payments | 683,521 | 0 | 683,521 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Minimum wage adjustment | 423,993 | 3,155 | 414,603 | 6,235 | 0 | 0.0 |
| AED | 224,917 | (12,280) | 196,659 | 34,890 | 5,648 | 0.0 |
| SAED | 224,917 | (12,280) | 196,659 | 34,890 | 5,648 | 0.0 |
| AED COWINS | 148,105 | 20,712 | 119,379 | 4,960 | 3,054 | 0.0 |
| SAED COWINS | 148,105 | 20,712 | 119,379 | 4,960 | 3,054 | 0.0 |
| Payment to risk management and property funds | 8,601 | (5,425) | 14,247 | 492 | (713) | 0.0 |
| Short-term disability COWINS | 3,993 | 613 | 3,148 | 145 | 87 | 0.0 |
| Vehicle lease payments | 32 | 2 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| DPA Pay plan | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Risk legal adjustment correction | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Capitol Complex inflation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| PERA Direct Distribution COWINS | 0 | (92) | 122 | (30) | 0 | 0.0 |
| PERA Direct Distribution | (1,999,288) | 79,559 | (1,997,092) | (81,755) | 0 | 0.0 |
| Capitol Complex leased space | (239,551) | (18,492) | (42,099) | (166,600) | (12,360) | 0.0 |
| Workers’ compensation | (231,027) | 0 | (215,956) | 1,148 | (16,219) | 0.0 |
| CORE adjustment | (142,855) | (10,066) | (125,549) | (3,132) | (4,108) | 0.0 |
| Leased space | (24,255) | (10,777) | (11,938) | 151 | (1,691) | 0.0 |
| Short-term disability | (7,095) | (5,403) | (1,155) | (115) | (422) | 0.0 |
| Shift differential | (601) | 0 | (601) | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$13,098,777 | \$1,813,011 | \$10,423,867 | \$718,251 | \$143,648 | 0.0 |

R04 SEVERANCE TAX FOR WILDFIRE MITIGATION: The recommendation includes an appropriation of \$5.0 million from the Severance Tax Operational Fund to the Wildfire Mitigation Capacity Development Fund in in FY 2023-24. The Wildfire Mitigation Capacity Development Fund supports the Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program.

NON-PRIORITIZED DECISION ITEMS: The recommendation includes an increase of \$2,983,088 total funds for items requested by other agencies that impact this department. These items are still pending a decision from the JBC.

| NON-PRIORITIZED DECISION ITEMS | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------|-----|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| OIT IT Accessibility testing and remediation | \$2,109,274 | \$149,337 | \$1,829,892 | \$107,839 | \$22,206 | 3.0 |
| OIT budget package | 701,249 | 98,627 | 575,411 | 17,687 | 9,524 | 0.0 |
| OIT real-time billing | 172,565 | 60,112 | 109,287 | 0 | 3,166 | 0.0 |

| NON-PRIORITIZED DECISION ITEMS | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| TOTAL | \$2,983,088 | \$308,076 | \$2,514,590 | \$125,526 | \$34,896 | 3.0 |

R03 WILDFIRE MITIGATION, OUTREACH, AND CAPACITY PACKAGE: The recommendation includes an increase of \$2,000,000 General Fund in FY 2023-24. This amount is not shown in the summary table for the Department of Natural Resources because the increase would occur in the Long Bill for the Department of Higher Education. Specifically, the recommendation includes an increase of \$2.0 million to the *Healthy Forests and Vibrant Communities Fund at Colorado State University* line item in that department.

R08 RESOURCES FOR STATE PARKS: The recommendation includes an increase of \$1,816,999 cash funds from the Parks Cash Fund and 19.0 FTE in FY 2023-24. Of these 19.0 FTE, fourteen were funded through H.B. 21-1326 (General Fund Support Natural Resource). This request represents continuation funding for those 14.0 FTE and funding for 5.0 new FTE.

R02 CO RIVER POLICY AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT: The recommendation includes an increase of \$1,593,951 total funds and 13.9 FTE in FY 2023-24. These new FTE would “navigate the state’s negotiating position and implementation of its interstate commitments in support of agricultural, municipal, recreational, and environmental needs.”

R07 WINTER RECREATION AND SAFETY: *This item was addressed in a previous JBC staff figure setting presentation. The amounts shown in summary table reflect the JBC’s actions on this decision item.*

R09 RESOURCES FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT: The recommendation includes an increase of 604,730 cash funds from the Wildlife Cash Fund and 6.0 FTE in FY 2023-24. The recommended FTE consists of 3.0 wildlife managers, 2.0 biologists, and a property maintenance technician

R01/BA01 COGCC MISSION CHANGE: *This item was addressed in a previous JBC staff figure setting presentation. The amounts shown in summary table reflect the JBC’s actions on this decision item.*

R11 WILDLIFE WATER & RESEARCH PROJECTS: The recommendation includes an increase of 431,909 cash funds from the Wildlife Cash Fund and 4.0 FTE in FY 2023-24. Two FTE will focus on wildlife research, one will focus primarily on research related to public involvement in CPW’s work, and another will focus on Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Plans used in the federal water project permitting process.

R10 CPW BUSINESS TECH STAFF: The recommendation includes an increase of \$379,052 cash funds from the Wildlife Cash Fund and 5.0 FTE beginning in FY 2023-24. These funds support the addition of personnel who would address various issues related to CPW’s technology infrastructure and activities.

INDIRECT COST ASSESSMENT: The recommendation includes a net increase in the Department’s indirect cost assessments.

R12 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT: *This item was addressed in a previous JBC staff figure setting presentation. The amounts shown in summary table reflect the JBC’s actions on this decision item.*

R06/BA03 KEEP CO WILD SUPPORT: The recommendation includes an increase of \$169,231 cash funds from the Parks Cash Fund and 0.6 FTE in FY 2023-24. This amount represents the difference between approved funding levels in FY 2022-23 for the related supplemental decision item and requested funding levels for FY 2023-24.

R05 INCLUSIVE RECRUITMENT & RETENTION: *This item was addressed in a previous JBC staff figure setting presentation. The amounts shown in summary table reflect the JBC’s actions on this decision item.*

R13 CO WATER PLAN DATA & MAPPING SPECIALIST: The recommendation includes an increase of 129,750 cash funds from the CWCB Construction Fund and 1.0 FTE in FY 2023-24. These funds support the addition of a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) specialist in the CWCB’s Water Supply Planning Section.

R16 TRUE-UP CWCB FEMA FUNDING: The recommendation includes an increase of \$105,000 federal funds and 1.0 FTE in FY 2023-24.

R15 VEHICLES FOR WATER ADMINISTRATION STAFF: The recommendation includes an increase of \$34,063 General Fund in FY 2023-24 to acquire vehicles for full-time water administration personnel who are currently using personal vehicles for work. The amount recommended for FY 2023-24 would support the acquisition of the first 8 of 24 total vehicles acquired over three years.

R14 SLB FIELD OPS CAPACITY: *This item was addressed in a previous JBC staff figure setting presentation. The amounts shown in summary table reflect the JBC’s actions on this decision item.*

R17/BA02 WATER PLAN LEGISLATIVE PLACEHOLDER: Staff recommends delaying action on the requested legislative placeholder of \$12.6 million General Fund for the Water Plan Grant Program. These funds would be appropriated in the annual CWCB Projects Bill; JBC-sponsored legislation is not requested.

ANNUALIZE PRIOR YEAR LEGISLATION: The recommendation includes a net decrease for the impact of prior year legislation.

| ANNUALIZE PRIOR YEAR LEGISLATION | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| HB21-1318 Outdoor equity program | \$750,000 | \$0 | \$750,000 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| HB22-1361 Oil & gas reporting | 61,500 | 0 | 61,500 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| SB22-206 Disaster prep and recovery | 2,868 | 2,868 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.1 |
| SB22-028 Groundwater compact | (120,000,000) | 0 | (60,000,000) | (60,000,000) | 0 | 0.0 |
| HB22-1316 CWCB projects | (17,080,000) | 0 | (17,080,000) | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| HB22-1379 Wildfire & watershed | (15,000,000) | 0 | (15,000,000) | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| HB22-1151 Turf replacement | (2,000,000) | 0 | (2,000,000) | 0 | 0 | (0.8) |
| SB22-168 Search & rescue | (1,000,000) | 0 | (1,000,000) | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| SB22-199 Native pollinating insects | (148,304) | (148,304) | 0 | 0 | 0 | (0.3) |
| HB22-1348 Oversight chem. oil gas | (61,500) | 0 | (61,500) | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| SB22-114 Fire suppression ponds | (6,282) | (6,282) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | (\$154,481,718) | (\$151,718) | (\$94,330,000) | (\$60,000,000) | \$0 | (1.0) |

ANNUALIZE PRIOR YEAR BUDGET ACTIONS: The recommendation includes a decrease of \$3,606,047 total funds for the impact of prior year budget actions.

| ANNUALIZE PRIOR YEAR BUDGET ACTIONS | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY23 R07 Internet protocol phones | \$402,653 | \$57,541 | \$336,203 | \$8,909 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| FY23 BA03 Sweetwater Lake | 108,297 | 0 | 108,297 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| FY23 R10 Records access system | 8,483 | 0 | 8,483 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| FY23 DPA variable vehicle adj. | (3,104,091) | (323,411) | (2,736,994) | (43,686) | 0 | 0.0 |
| Prior year salary survey | (661,815) | (1,797) | (568,970) | 0 | (91,048) | 0.0 |
| FY23 R01 Outdoor rec. and conservation | (132,750) | 0 | (132,750) | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| FY23 S1 COGCC mission change | (84,366) | 0 | (84,366) | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| FY23 BA02 Big game policy report | (56,000) | 0 | (56,000) | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| FY23 R02 Staff for water plan | (42,000) | 0 | (42,000) | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| FY23 R04 Water accounting staff | (15,255) | (15,255) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.2 |
| FY22 R01 Fishers Peak funding | (8,203) | 0 | (8,203) | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| FY23 R06 Asst. director energy innovation | (7,000) | 0 | 0 | (7,000) | 0 | 0.0 |
| FY23 BA01 Tribal liaison | (7,000) | 0 | 0 | (7,000) | 0 | 0.0 |
| FY23 R03 Outdoor regional partnerships | (7,000) | 0 | (7,000) | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | (\$3,606,047) | (\$282,922) | (\$3,183,300) | (\$48,777) | (\$91,048) | 0.2 |

MAJOR DIFFERENCES FROM THE REQUEST

- Staff recommends only \$2.0 million General Fund of the \$9.0 million General Fund requested for R3 Wildfire mitigation, outreach, and capacity package.
- Staff did not include centrally appropriated costs for the first year for FTE for most FTE requests. The exception is R8 Resources for State Parks.

DECISION ITEMS AFFECTING MULTIPLE DIVISIONS

→ R2 CO RIVER POLICY & TECHNICAL SUPPORT

REQUEST: The Department requests 13.9 FTE at a cost of \$1,868,315 total funds, including \$982,752 General Fund and \$885,563 from the CWCB Construction Fund. The team’s purpose is to “navigate the state’s negotiating position and implementation of its interstate commitments in support of agricultural, municipal, recreational, and environmental needs.” The following table provides a breakdown of these FTE and costs.

| R2 COLORADO RIVER TEAM SUMMARY | | |
|---|---|--------------------|
| DIVISION | POSITION | FTE |
| Executive Director's Office (CWCB Construction Fund) | Upper Colorado River Commissioner | 1.0 |
| | Communications specialist | 1.0 |
| CO Water Cons. Board (CWCB Construction Fund) | Technical modeling scientists | 2.0 |
| | Federal policy and legal matters specialist | 1.0 |
| | Administrative program support | 1.0 |
| Division of Water Resources (General Fund) | River operations coordinators | 1.8 |
| | Hydrographers | 4.3 |
| | Geographical information systems (GIS) specialist | 0.9 |
| | Program management support | 0.9 |
| Total | | 13.9 |
| COST CATEGORIES | POSITION | AMOUNT |
| Salaries, PERA, Medicare | All | \$1,350,156 |
| Centrally appropriated costs | All | 274,364 |
| One-time operating expenses | All | 146,780 |
| Ongoing operating expenses | All | 97,015 |
| Total | | \$1,868,315 |

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends \$1,593,951 total funds, including \$832,657 General Fund and \$761,294 cash funds, and 13.9 FTE in FY 2023-24. This recommendation excludes centrally appropriated costs in the first year in accordance with the Committee’s common policy for FTE requests. If approved, the FY 2024-25 cost will be \$1,007,411 General Fund and \$831,673 cash funds.

ANALYSIS:

Lake Powell (Utah and Arizona) and Lake Mead (Nevada and Arizona) supply water to California, Arizona, and Nevada and power to those states and others. Both reservoirs are nearing water levels that threaten the supply of each.

These conditions prompted the BOR Commissioner to ask Colorado River basin states to develop plans by August 2022 to conserve 2-4 million acre feet of water in the Colorado River System.¹ The Upper Basin states (Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, and New Mexico) responded with a “5-point Plan.”² The five points of that plan are as follows:

¹ Colorado River basin states are Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, California, and Nevada.

² <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/colorado-river-commissioners-corner>

- 1 Seek reauthorization of a pilot program to explore temporary, voluntary, and compensated water conservation measures.³
- 2 Commence 2023 Drought Response Operations planning in August 2022.
- 3 Consider the feasibility of a potential water demand management program.⁴
- 4 Implement federal funding to improve measurement, monitoring, and reporting infrastructure.
- 5 Continue strict water management and administration and consider intrastate conservation measures.

R02 Colorado River Policy & Technical Support relates to this 5-point plan, though not exclusively. The request also considers upcoming negotiations related to the December 2025 expiration of current operating guidelines for Lake Powell and Lake Mead.⁵ These guidelines divide water shortage scenarios into “tiers” and lay out predetermined reductions in water allocations to Lower Basin states (primarily Nevada and Arizona) should shortages occur.

The remainder of this analysis will focus on the requested funds for the Upper Colorado River Commissioner, the river operations coordinators, the hydrographers, and the GIS specialist.

UPPER COLORADO RIVER COMMISSIONER (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S OFFICE)

The request includes funding to separate the Upper Colorado River (UCR) Commissioner position from the CWCB Director position; both job functions are currently performed by one person. The UCR Commissioner works with commissioners from Utah, New Mexico, and Wyoming on interstate water issues. The CWCB Director’s duties include operational and policy guidance for the CWCB, implementation of the Colorado Water Plan, and support for the agency’s fifteen-member governing board. With Colorado River issues growing more technically, legally, and politically challenging, the request asserts that UCR Commissioner duties are occupying the majority of the CWCB Director’s time.

By creating a separate UCR Commissioner position, the request aims to allow the UCR Commissioner to focus exclusively on Colorado River issues while allowing the CWCB Director to focus on running the agency. Per the request, the Commissioner would focus on the following things:

- Implementing the 5-Point Plan
- Evaluating options for “voluntary and compensated water conservation, otherwise known as “demand management” (assuming Congress reauthorizes the System Conservation Pilot Program)
- Negotiate updated Lake Powell and Lake Mead operating guidelines with the other CO River Basin States and the federal government
- Continued Drought Contingency Plan implementation
- Protecting Colorado’s legal interests
- Responding to growth and climate change pressures

³ <http://www.ucrcommission.com/system-conservation-pilot-program/>

⁴ <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/focus-areas/supply/demand-management>

⁵ Current guidelines were developed in 2007 and are often referred to as the 2007 Interim Guidelines. <https://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/programs/strategies/RecordofDecision.pdf>

The position—appointed by the Governor—would report directly to the DNR Executive Director and would be supported by CWCB Construction Fund with a proposed salary of \$175,000. The request notes that the Department will need to acquire a Senior Executive Service designation from the Department of Personnel.

RIVER OPERATIONS COORDINATORS (DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES)

DWR administers seven water divisions, as shown in the map below. Each of these divisions is broken into smaller districts, with water commissioners serving specific areas within those districts. These commissioners regulate water distribution according to state laws and decreed water rights.



Source: Division of Water Resources

Per the request, water commissioners have historically administered water rights in their district with little coordination with neighboring districts. The request asserts that greater coordination between districts and divisions is necessary to “optimize our use of water in the Colorado River Basin,” hence the request for two River Operations Coordinators. These coordinators would “oversee all of the water moving through multiple districts within the river basins...to determine how much water is in the river at any one time, the legal character of that water, and how it is being used.” The request notes that River Operations Coordinators have been useful in the South Platte (Division 1) and Arkansas (Division 2) River basins.

HYDROGRAPHERS (DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES)

DWR hydrographers measure the flow of water, service and operate the stream gages that allow measurement, and compile and analyze streamflow data. Of the 4.5 requested hydrographers, 2.0 would be located in the Colorado River Basin (Division 5), one would be located in the Gunnison

River Basin (Division 4), and 0.5 would be located in the Yampa/White River Basin (Division 6). One additional FTE would be an electronics specialist to help DWR install and maintain new gages.

Growth in the number of stream gages—both past and future—is the main driver of this portion of the request. The table below, taken from the request, shows growth in the number of stream gages in Divisions 4, 5, and 6 since 2002. DWR is also expecting federal funding from the Bureau of Reclamation to install, operate, and maintain 12 to 20 new gages in Divisions 4, 5, and 6. These new gages are *not* included in the table.

Table 1: DWR Gages per Hydrographer²

| Water Division | 2002 Gages | 2017 Gages | 2022 Gages | Current # Hydros | 2002 Gages/ Hydro | 2017 Gages/ Hydro | 2022 Gages/ Hydro | Square Miles | 5 year % increase | 20 year % increase |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 4 | 22 | 39 | 51 | 1 | 22 | 39 | 51 | 10,791 | 31% | 132% |
| 5 | 37 | 50 | 55 | 1 | 37 | 50 | 55 | 9,841 | 10% | 49% |
| 6 | 13 | 18 | 20 | 0.5 | 26 | 36 | 40 | 12,154 | 11% | 54% |

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS SPECIALIST (DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES)

This new position will map irrigated lands in the Colorado River Basin on an annual basis to improve the DWR’s ability to determine water consumption in the basin. Per the request, DWR has traditionally updated GIS maps of irrigated lands at 5-year intervals. The request asserts that five years is not sufficient because “lands can come in and out of production and crop types can change every year.” With that being the case, water consumption estimates in the four years after the initial measurement may not be accurate. Per the request, accurate data will be necessary to accurately and fairly determine Colorado’s obligations in a “Compact compliance administration scenario.”

→ R15 VEHICLES FOR WATER ADMINISTRATION FIELD STAFF

REQUEST: The Department requests an increase of \$34,063 General Fund to lease 24 new electric vehicles that will be phased in over three fiscal years. Costs will rise to \$88,332 General Fund in FY 2024-25 and \$136,643 General Fund in FY 2025-26. The request includes funds for all-wheel or four-wheel drive vehicles, plus the costs of home charging stations and electricity use reimbursements. The following table shows requested funds by category.

| R15 VEHICLES FOR WATER ADMINISTRATION FIELD STAFF | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| CATEGORY | FY 23-24 | FY 24-25 | FY 25-26 |
| Fleet lease & telematics | \$21,124 | \$85,704 | 142,715 |
| Home charging infrastructure | 16,000 | 16,000 | 16,000 |
| Charging operating | 2,569 | 9,158 | 13,369 |
| Savings from mileage reimbursements | -5,630 | -22,531 | -35,442 |
| Total | \$34,063 | \$88,331 | 136,642 |
| Vehicles added | 8 | 8 | 8 |

The request aims to provide state vehicles for 24 full-time water administration field staff who are currently using their personal vehicles for work. That work requires a lot of driving. Field staff include

water commissioners, river operations coordinators, and hydrographers who assist with water rights administrations.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of this request. Staff agrees that it is reasonable for the State to provide vehicles for full-time staff rather than requiring those staff to use their personal vehicles. The decision to focus on electric vehicles is a policy decision that staff has no opinion on.

(1) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

The Executive Director's Office is responsible for the overall administration of the Department, including budgeting, accounting, financial management, human resources services, and other general administrative services. It provides leadership and support to Department divisions and programs in order to meet strategic objectives. The Executive Director's Office is comprised of two sub-sections: (A) Administration and (B) Special Programs. Pursuant to H.B. 13-1057, the Colorado Avalanche Information Center was added as the Special Programs subdivision following the transfer of the Colorado Geological Survey to the Colorado School of Mines.

| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | | | | | | |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | 87,525,550 | 12,644,875 | 65,745,214 | 7,669,474 | 1,465,987 | 64.2 |
| Other legislation | (\$19,665) | \$153,890 | (\$157,141) | (\$9,599) | (\$6,815) | 0.6 |
| SB 23-126 (Supplemental) | 308,194 | 60,112 | 201,230 | 43,686 | 3,166 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$87,814,079 | \$12,858,877 | \$65,789,303 | \$7,703,561 | \$1,462,338 | 64.8 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$87,814,079 | \$12,858,877 | \$65,789,303 | \$7,703,561 | \$1,462,338 | 64.8 |
| Centrally appropriated line items | 12,682,281 | 1,809,856 | 10,010,526 | 718,251 | 143,648 | 0.0 |
| R04 Severance Tax for wildfire mitigation | 5,000,000 | 0 | 5,000,000 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Non-prioritized decision items | 2,983,088 | 308,076 | 2,514,590 | 125,526 | 34,896 | 3.0 |
| R07 Winter recreation and safety | 1,075,419 | 0 | 1,075,419 | 0 | 0 | 5.5 |
| R01/BA01 COGCC mission change | 514,811 | 0 | 514,811 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R02 CO River policy and tech. support | 341,613 | 17,713 | 323,900 | 0 | 0 | 2.0 |
| R12 Financial administration & support | 262,847 | 0 | 0 | 262,847 | 0 | 2.0 |
| R08 Resources for state parks | 180,962 | 0 | 180,962 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R05 Inclusive recruitment & retention | 155,500 | 20,315 | 94,405 | 40,780 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Indirect cost assessment | 26,129 | 856,196 | 26,129 | (856,196) | 0 | 0.0 |
| R09 Resources for wildlife management | 25,128 | 0 | 25,128 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R14 SLB field ops capacity | 22,079 | 0 | 22,079 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R15 Vehicles for water admin staff | 21,124 | 21,124 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R06/BA03 Keep CO Wild support | 11,365 | 0 | 11,365 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R11 Wildlife water & research projects | 4,115 | 0 | 4,115 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R13 CO water plan data & mapping | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R10 CPW business tech staff | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R03 Wildfire mitigation, outreach, and capacity package | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Annualize prior year legislation | (179,132) | (167,732) | (11,400) | 0 | 0 | (0.3) |
| Annualize prior year budget actions | (4,577,723) | (599,653) | (3,829,763) | (48,777) | (99,530) | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$106,363,685 | \$15,124,772 | \$81,751,569 | \$7,945,992 | \$1,541,352 | 77.0 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | \$18,549,606 | \$2,265,895 | \$15,962,266 | \$242,431 | \$79,014 | 12.2 |
| Percentage Change | 21.1% | 17.6% | 24.3% | 3.1% | 5.4% | 18.8% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | \$107,728,560 | \$15,289,536 | \$82,644,659 | \$8,212,840 | \$1,581,525 | 78.0 |
| Request Above/(Below) Recommendation | \$1,364,875 | \$164,764 | \$893,090 | \$266,848 | \$40,173 | 1.0 |

DECISION ITEMS - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

- R3 Wildfire mitigation, outreach, and capacity package
- R4 Severance Tax for wildfire mitigation

→ R3 WILDFIRE MITIGATION, OUTREACH, AND CAPACITY PACKAGE

REQUEST: The Department requests that the JBC sponsor legislation for a one-time transfer of \$9.0 million General Fund to multiple cash funds as shown in the table below. This request aims to “reduce overall wildfire risk in Colorado through effective mitigation projects combined with community outreach, education, and incentive efforts that advance the mission of wildfire risk reduction and home hardening.” The Department describes this request as “theory-informed.”

| R03 WILDFIRE MITIGATION, OUTREACH, AND CAPACITY PACKAGE PROPOSED TRANSFERS | | | | |
|--|--|-------------|---------------------------|--|
| DEPARTMENT | FUND | AMOUNT | FUND TYPE | PURPOSE |
| Natural Resources | Wildfire Mitigation Capacity Development Fund | \$2,000,000 | Continuously-appropriated | Support up to two large-scale, high-priority wildfire mitigation projects through the Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program (COSWAP) |
| | | | | \$2.0 million would support the hiring of 11 positions for four years in various Colorado State Forest Service office. These positions would develop and implement wildfire mitigation projects on federal lands (leveraging federal funding), possibly facilitating 5,000-15,000 acres of mitigation work per year. |
| Higher Education | Healthy Forests Vibrant Communities Fund | 4,000,000 | Continuously-appropriated | \$2.0 million would go to public education and outreach efforts, building off of efforts developed in response to S.B. 22-007 (Increase Wildfire Mitigation Outreach Efforts). |
| Higher Education | Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Fund | 1,000,000 | Continuously-appropriated | Local and state agency planning & management |
| Public Safety | Wildland Urban Interface Home Hardening Fund | 2,000,000 | New fund | Provide funds to make homes more fire-resistant. Priority for existing homes in areas deemed to be moderate or higher risk in wildland-urban interface areas. |

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends a one-time increase \$2.0 million General Fund in FY 2023-24 for the Healthy Forests Vibrant Communities Fund for FTE to develop wildfire mitigation projects on federal lands. The HFVC fund is managed by the Colorado State Forest Service. Legislation is not necessary. Staff recommends that these funds be appropriated to the existing line item for the HFVC fund in the Department of Higher Education.

Staff does not recommend General Fund appropriations/transfers to the following cash funds:

- \$2.0 million requested for the Wildfire Mitigation Capacity Development Fund, which supports the Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program (COSWAP)
- \$2.0 million requested for the Healthy Forests Vibrant Communities Fund for public outreach
- \$1.0 million requested for the Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation (FRWRM) Fund for local and state agency project planning and management capacity.
- \$2.0 million for the Wildland Urban Interface Home Hardening Fund (legislation required to create the fund and related grant program)

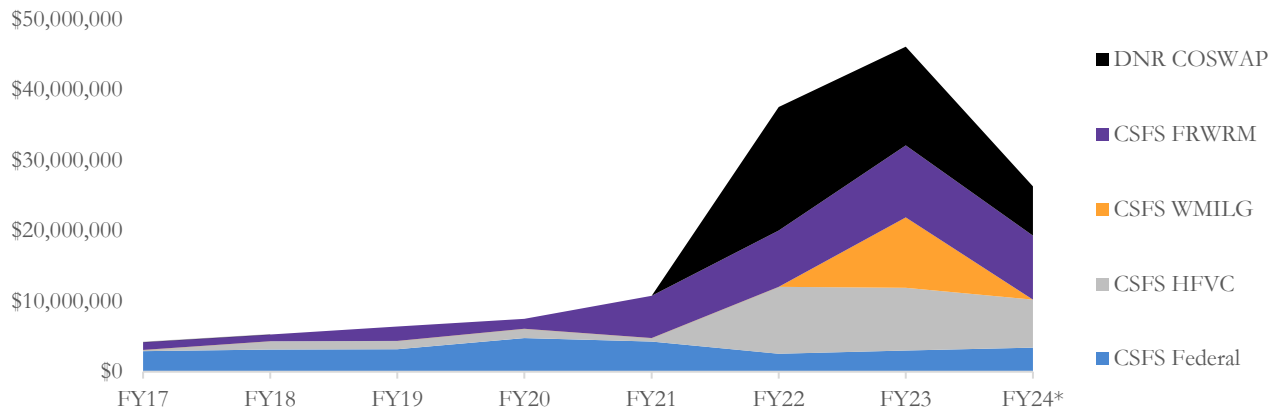
EVIDENCE LEVEL: The Department indicated that this request item is a *theory-informed program or practice*. Staff agrees with this rating.

ANALYSIS:

BACKGROUND: STATE FUNDING FOR WILDFIRE MITIGATION

The following graph shows wildfire preparation and mitigation funding allocated to various cash funds managed by the Colorado State Forest Service in the Department of Higher Education and the Department of Natural Resources. The table that follows the graph provides additional detail.

Wildfire preparation and mitigation funding, all sources
(Colorado State Forest Service and Department of Natural Resources only)



* Requested for FY 2023-24.

The underlying data for this graph comes primarily from Legislative Council Staff. [Link](#) to "Updated Wildfire-related Funding in Colorado, FYs 2016-17 through 2022-23," July 20, 2022. The table below lays out the acronyms referenced in the table above.

| CSFS AND DNR WILDFIRE MITIGATION EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS/TRANSFERS | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| | FY17 | FY18 | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 | FY22 | FY23 | FY24* |
| CSFS-Various federal | \$2,899,404 | \$3,140,224 | \$3,165,896 | \$4,767,294 | \$4,265,316 | \$2,538,807 | \$3,000,000 | 3,396,706 |
| CSFS-Health Forests Vibrant Communities Cash Fund (HFVC) | 189,979 | 1,186,363 | 1,186,363 | 1,305,000 | 521,531 | 9,500,000 | 8,895,047 | 6,807,248 ^a |
| CSFS-Wildfire Mitigation Incentives Local Government Cash Fund (WMLG) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10,000,000 | 0 |
| CSFS-Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Cash Fund (FRWRM) | 1,107,401 | 954,545 | 2,050,000 | 1,419,623 | 6,000,000 | 8,000,000 | 10,200,000 | 9,088,159 ^b |
| DNR COSWAP Cash Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17,500,000 | 14,000,000 ^c | 7,000,000 ^c |
| Total | \$1,297,380 | \$2,140,908 | \$3,236,363 | \$2,724,623 | \$6,521,531 | \$35,000,000 | \$43,095,047 | 22,895,407 |

*FY 2023-24 request and estimated federal funds based on prior years.

a) HFVC FY 2023-24 amount includes a \$2.0 million General Fund base appropriation via the Long Bill and the \$4.0 million requested General Fund transfer via this budget request.

b) FRWRM FY 2023-24 amount includes an \$8.0 million General Fund base appropriation via the Long Bill and the \$1.0 million requested General Fund transfer via this budget request.

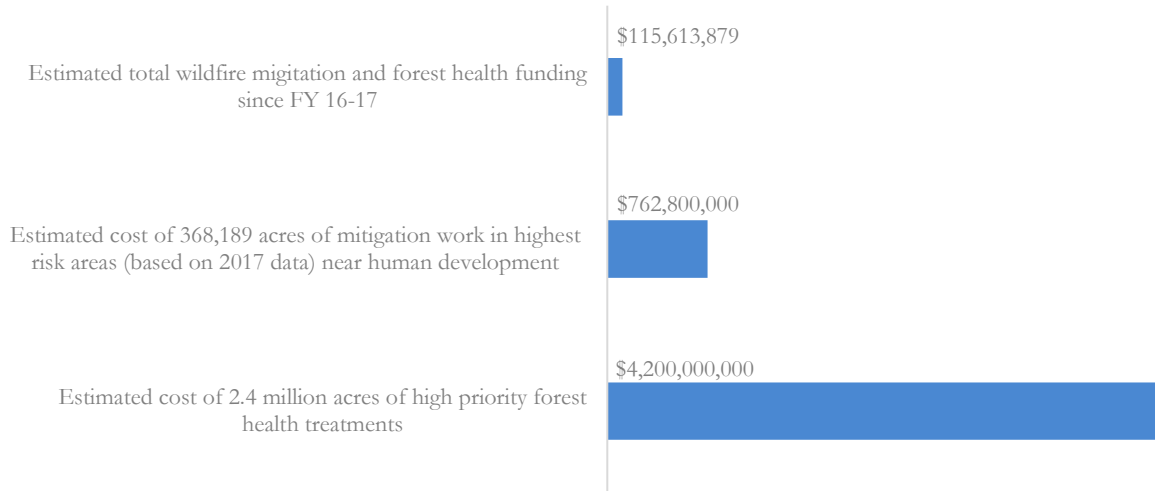
c) COSWAP FY 2022-23 amount includes the \$10.0 million appropriation from the Severance Tax Operational Fund via S.B. 23-139 (State Severance Tax Trust Fund Allocation). COSWAP FY 2023-24 amount includes a \$5.0 million appropriation from the Severance Tax Operational Fund as allowed by S.B. 23-139 (State Severance Tax Trust Fund Allocation). It also includes a \$2.0 million General Fund transfer via this budget request.

Staff notes that all of the cash funds listed above are continuously appropriated. That means that unspent appropriations from previous years remain in each fund and can be spent by the department without further approval by the General Assembly.

HOW EXISTING AND REQUESTED FUNDING COMPARES TO NEEDED FUNDING

Per the CSFS’ 2020 Forest Action Plan, about 10.0 percent of Colorado’s 24.0 million acres of forest “...are in urgent need of treatment to address forest health, wildfire risk and watershed protection threats, at a cost of approximately \$4.2 billion.”⁶ When focusing exclusively on the highest risk areas near human development, the cost is still significant. Per the DNR’s R4 Severance Tax for Wildfire Mitigation request, “...focusing treatment and mitigation efforts only on the highest risk areas...[is] estimated to cost at least \$762.8 million.” If this \$9.0 million request and the \$5.0 million request for R4 are approved, total funding since FY 2016-17 is estimated to be \$115.6 million. Staff notes that not all of this \$115.6 million has been (or would be) spent on forest health treatments, as some of this amount has been or is earmarked for planning, capacity development, and outreach purposes. With that caveat in mind, the following table visualizes the figures described above.

Wildfire preparation and mitigation funding (DNR and CSFS) compared to extent of forest health and wildfire mitigation problem



RECOMMENDATIONS

JBC STAFF RECOMMENDED \$2.0 MILLION FOR THE HEALTHY FORESTS VIBRANT COMMUNITIES (HFVC) FUND FOR GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY PROJECTS

The Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) allows the CSFS to enter into agreements with federal agencies like the United States Forest Service (USFS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to accomplish forest management goals on federal lands. For example, when a wildfire mitigation project needs to cross federal, state, and/or private land to be effective, the GNA facilitates work on the federal land portion. Funding for GNA projects come through both the federal government and the State of Colorado and represents both treatment costs and forester capacity to implement the project.

⁶ <https://csfs.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2020-ForestActionPlan.pdf> (page 5 of pdf)

In September 2022, the USFS and the CSFS entered into an agreement to increase the CSFS' project implementation capacity with an initial investment of \$1.99 million federal funds. This increased the CSFS' workforce by 5.0 FTE, who will focus on developing a pipeline of GNA projects that can be implemented once funding is secured. The requested \$2.0 million General Fund would support a total of 10.0 FTE for four years when combined with the previously awarded \$1.99 million federal funds. Per the request, each FTE will develop between 500-1,500 acres of mitigation work, meaning they could identify and prepare up to 60,000 acres of GNA mitigation work over four years. These FTE would be located in Fort Collins, Boulder, Franktown, Woodland Park, Durango, Montrose, Granby, and Steamboat Springs.

Per the request, developing “shovel-ready” projects could incentivize additional federal funds. For example, the USFS has \$160.0 million available over the next five years for GNA projects nationwide. The CSFS has only asked for the previously referenced \$1.99 million, but could expand future asks with additional personnel. There are other federal funds that could be requested through the GNA program.

JBC staff concluded that this request was reasonable due to specific and measurable goals. Actual acres of implementation will be tracked on an annual basis from these positions and will be directly related to goals jointly identified by both CSFS and DNR.

FUNDING NOT RECOMMENDED BY JBC STAFF

\$2.0 MILLION GENERAL FUND TO THE HFVC FUND FOR PUBLIC OUTREACH

Senate Bill 22-007 (Increase Wildfire Risk Mitigation Outreach Efforts) provided \$800,000 General Fund to the HFVC Fund. This money will support a public awareness campaign about wildfire risk from May 2023 through 2024. The bill also required the CSFS to convene a working group of local, state, and federal partners to enhance outreach efforts. This working group is expected to provide outreach recommendations in the Fall of 2023.

Per the request, the requested \$2.0 million General Fund (in addition to the existing \$800,000) would “allow for a more robust, wider-reaching and more impactful campaign already in development for Senate Bill 22-007.” The request says that the campaign will include metrics to gauge success, which are still being developed. JBC staff received possible metrics, none of which included actual changes in behavior.

The request also says that if this request is not approved, the campaign developed through S.B. 22-007 “will remain limited in scope,” and that, “In the end, fewer residents will know of their wildfire risk and be prepared for fire.” Lastly, the request says that the requested \$2.0 million should allow state agencies to “implement recommendations of the working group [established by S.B. 22-007].”

Staff concludes that additional funding for public outreach is not justified for four reasons. First, staff assumes that the \$800,000 General Fund provided through S.B. 22-007 indicates legislative intent

regarding the scope of the public outreach campaign. In other words, if a broader campaign was desired, it would have been funded at \$2.8 million General Fund. Furthermore, staff notes that there is already a \$2.0 million General Fund base appropriation to the HFVC Fund in the Long Bill.

Second, the S.B. 22-007 working group has not made its recommendations yet and will not do so until the fall of 2023. In JBC staff's view it is premature to appropriate money to implement recommendations before those recommendations have been made.

The third reason relates to possible overlap with other programs. H.B. 22-1011 created the Wildfire Mitigation Incentives for Local Government Grant Program and transferred \$10.0 million General Fund to a newly-created, continuously appropriated cash fund bearing the same name.⁷ This new program and fund is also managed by the CSFS. Statute allows these funds to be used for “outreach and education efforts directed at property owners and other members of the public.” The overlap between this program and the requested funds is not clear.

Lastly, with regards to Colorado residents understanding wildfire risk, it is not clear to JBC staff why a public outreach campaign will achieve that which the destructive wildfires of 2020 and 2021 could not.

*\$1.0 MILLION GENERAL FUND TO THE FRWRM CASH FUND FOR LOCAL AND STATE AGENCY
PLANNING AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT CAPACITY*

The Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation (FRWRM) Grant Program is a competitive grant program that funds forest health & wildfire mitigation projects and capacity building projects. Statute allows up to 25.0 percent of the money in the fund to be used for capacity-building efforts, which includes planning and implementation.

There is already an \$8.0 million General Fund base appropriation for the FRWRM program. This base appropriation started in FY 2021-22. During FY 2021-22 budget cycle, the Executive Branch requested a \$5.0 million transfer of General Fund to the FRWRM Cash Fund. This was in addition to a \$1.0 million General Fund appropriation to the FRWRM Cash Fund in the Long Bill for the Department of Higher Education.

JBC staff recommended an ongoing \$8.0 million General Fund appropriation to the FRWRM Fund in the Long Bill, along with an ongoing \$2.0 million General Fund appropriation to the HFVC Fund. This \$8.0 million appropriation for FRWRM has been built into the base budget for the Department of Higher Education and is included in the Department of Higher Education's FY 2023-24 budget request. Statute allows the CSFS to distribute up to \$2.0 million of the \$8.0 million appropriation for capacity building purposes.

⁷ Section 23-31-318 (7)(d), C.R.S.

The request did not present information regarding the extent of local and state agency planning and project management deficiencies and/or what \$1.0 million additional General Fund will actually achieve. It is staff's understanding that it may help local communities be more competitive for federal grants, but the exact link between the two was not readily apparent to staff. Applicants can use FRWRM funding as a local match for federal grants, but that does not strike staff as a capacity building use of state funds.

§2.0 MILLION GENERAL FUND TO THE WILDFIRE MITIGATION CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FUND (COSWAP)

The General Assembly already appropriated \$10.0 million from the Severance Tax Operational Fund to the COSWAP Cash Fund in FY 2022-23. An additional \$5.0 million is slated for FY 2023-24. The Executive Branch originally requested \$7.0 million for COSWAP, including this \$2.0 million General Fund transfer. Staff concludes that additional General Fund appropriations are not necessary due to the amount of funding provided by the Severance Tax Operational Fund.

§2.0 MILLION GENERAL FUND TO THE WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE HOME HARDENING FUND [REQUIRES LEGISLATION TO CREATE THE PROGRAM AND THE FUND]

Approval of this request would require the JBC to sponsor legislation to create both the grant program and the related cash fund. The request did not provide much detail about this program and fund, which would require the JBC and JBC staff to conceptualize the program and fund largely from scratch. Consequently, JBC staff believes the Department of Public Safety should work with the General Assembly to craft legislation outside of the budget process and that said legislation should be routed through the appropriate committees of reference. Staff's recommendation to pursue alternative legislative paths should not be viewed as an endorsement of the concept.

→ R4 SEVERANCE TAX FOR WILDFIRE MITIGATION

REQUEST: The Department requests that the JBC sponsor legislation to authorize an annual, on-going \$5.0 million appropriation from the Severance Tax Operational Fund to the Wildfire Mitigation Development Capacity Development Fund. This cash fund supports the Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program (COSWAP).

RECOMMENDATION: The JBC already approved this request during the FY 2022-23 supplemental process, with \$10.0 million appropriated in FY 2022-23 and \$5.0 million appropriated in FY 2023-24 and future years. This appropriation can be found in the line item detail for the Executive Director's Office below.

LINE ITEM DETAIL — EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

(A) ADMINISTRATION

The Administration subdivision includes the following units:

- The **Administration and Policy Development** unit oversees the administration of Department divisions, policy development, and program implementation.
- **Human Resources** is responsible for all duties pertaining to personnel management.
- **Accounting and Purchasing** directs, controls, and manages accounting and procurement operations and functions within the Department.
- The **Budgeting** unit formulates the Department's annual budget and administers central appropriations and allocations for all divisions.

PERSONAL SERVICES

This line item supports personnel costs for the division. It is funded entirely through indirect cost recoveries collected from each division in the Department.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 24-1-105, 24-1-124, and 24-33-101 *et seq.*, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests \$5,383,143 total funds and 52.3 FTE as shown in the table below.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends \$5,240,248 total funds and 51.3 FTE as shown in the table below.

| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, ADMINISTRATION, PERSONAL SERVICES | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | \$4,867,553 | \$126,861 | \$58,916 | \$4,681,776 | \$0 | 49.0 |
| Other legislation | \$50,632 | \$50,632 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.6 |
| TOTAL | \$4,918,185 | \$177,493 | \$58,916 | \$4,681,776 | \$0 | 49.6 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$4,918,185 | \$177,493 | \$58,916 | \$4,681,776 | \$0 | 49.6 |
| R12 Financial administration & support | 213,530 | 0 | 0 | 213,530 | 0 | 2.0 |
| Annualize prior year budget actions | 126,574 | 2,758 | 0 | 123,816 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Centrally appropriated line items | 4,973 | 0 | 0 | 4,973 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R05 Inclusive recruitment & retention | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Annualize prior year legislation | (23,014) | (23,014) | 0 | 0 | 0 | (0.3) |
| TOTAL | \$5,240,248 | \$157,237 | \$58,916 | \$5,024,095 | \$0 | 51.3 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | \$322,063 | (\$20,256) | \$0 | \$342,319 | \$0 | 1.7 |
| Percentage Change | 6.5% | (11.4%) | 0.0% | 7.3% | 0.0% | 3.4% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | | | | | | |
| Request Above/(Below) Recommendation | \$142,895 | \$0 | \$0 | \$142,895 | \$0 | 1.0 |

HEALTH, LIFE, AND DENTAL

This line item pays for the state contribution to health insurance, life insurance, and dental insurance.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 24-50-611 and 24-50-603 (9), C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests \$23,346,054 total funds as shown in the table below.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends an appropriation of \$22,813,617 total funds as shown in the table below.

| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, ADMINISTRATION, HEALTH, LIFE, AND DENTAL | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | \$19,700,550 | \$3,638,034 | \$15,548,071 | \$120,928 | \$393,517 | 0.0 |
| SB 23-126 (Supplemental) | \$54,062 | \$0 | \$54,062 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$19,754,612 | \$3,638,034 | \$15,602,133 | \$120,928 | \$393,517 | 0.0 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$19,754,612 | \$3,638,034 | \$15,602,133 | \$120,928 | \$393,517 | 0.0 |
| Centrally appropriated line items | 2,715,862 | 23,524 | 1,945,084 | 711,693 | 35,561 | 0.0 |
| R01/BA01 COGCC mission change | 221,850 | 0 | 221,850 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R08 Resources for state parks | 99,297 | 0 | 99,297 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R07 Winter recreation and safety | 42,075 | 0 | 42,075 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R12 Financial administration & support | 15,300 | 0 | 0 | 15,300 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R14 SLB field ops capacity | 7,650 | 0 | 7,650 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R06/BA03 Keep CO Wild support | 6,620 | 0 | 6,620 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R10 CPW business tech staff | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R11 Wildlife water & research projects | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R02 CO River policy and technical support | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R05 Inclusive recruitment & retention | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R09 Resources for wildlife management | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Indirect cost assessment | 0 | 476,061 | 0 | (476,061) | 0 | 0.0 |
| R13 CO water plan data & mapping specialist | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Annualize prior year budget actions | (49,649) | 0 | (49,649) | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$22,813,617 | \$4,137,619 | \$17,875,060 | \$371,860 | \$429,078 | 0.0 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | \$3,059,005 | \$499,585 | \$2,272,927 | \$250,932 | \$35,561 | 0.0 |
| Percentage Change | 15.5% | 13.7% | 14.6% | 207.5% | 9.0% | 0.0% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | \$23,346,054 | \$4,224,338 | \$18,302,979 | \$389,659 | \$429,078 | 0.0 |
| Request Above/(Below) Recommendation | \$532,437 | \$86,719 | \$427,919 | \$17,799 | \$0 | 0.0 |

SHORT-TERM DISABILITY

The appropriation for this line item funds short-term disability insurance premiums paid by the State to provide for the partial replacement of salary if an employee becomes disabled. The Department's short-term disability request is calculated as 0.17 percent of salaries.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 24-50-611 and 24-50-603 (13), C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests \$194,907 total funds as shown in the table below.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends \$188,694 total funds as shown in the table below.

| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, ADMINISTRATION, SHORT-TERM DISABILITY | | | | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | \$187,448 | \$31,903 | \$144,218 | \$6,720 | \$4,607 | 0.0 |
| SB 23-126 (Supplemental) | \$597 | \$0 | \$597 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$188,045 | \$31,903 | \$144,815 | \$6,720 | \$4,607 | 0.0 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$188,045 | \$31,903 | \$144,815 | \$6,720 | \$4,607 | 0.0 |
| R01/BA01 COGCC mission change | 3,198 | 0 | 3,198 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R07 Winter recreation and safety | 633 | 0 | 633 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R12 Financial administration & support | 302 | 0 | 0 | 302 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R14 SLB field ops capacity | 90 | 0 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R06/BA03 Keep CO Wild support | 75 | 0 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R02 CO River policy and technical support | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R13 CO water plan data & mapping specialist | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R05 Inclusive recruitment & retention | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R08 Resources for state parks | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R09 Resources for wildlife management | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R10 CPW business tech staff | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R11 Wildlife water & research projects | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Centrally appropriated line items | (3,102) | (4,790) | 1,993 | 30 | (335) | 0.0 |
| Annualize prior year budget actions | (547) | 0 | (547) | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$188,694 | \$27,113 | \$150,257 | \$7,052 | \$4,272 | 0.0 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | \$649 | (\$4,790) | \$5,442 | \$332 | (\$335) | 0.0 |
| Percentage Change | 0.3% | (15.0%) | 3.8% | 4.9% | (7.3%) | 0.0% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | \$194,907 | \$31,128 | \$151,146 | \$8,083 | \$4,550 | 0.0 |
| Request Above/(Below) Recommendation | \$6,213 | \$4,015 | \$889 | \$1,031 | \$278 | 0.0 |

S.B. 04-257 AMORTIZATION EQUALIZATION DISBURSEMENT

Beginning in January 2006, statute requires the State to contribute additional funds to assist in the amortization of the Public Employees' Retirement Association's (PERA) unfunded liability. This rate is 5.0 percent of total payroll.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 24-51-411, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests \$7,264,371 total funds as shown in the table below.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends \$7,099,272 total funds as shown in the table below.

| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, ADMINISTRATION, S.B. 04-257 AMORTIZATION EQUALIZATION DISBURSEMENT | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|--------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|-----|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |

| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, ADMINISTRATION, S.B. 04-257 AMORTIZATION EQUALIZATION DISBURSEMENT | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | \$6,558,946 | \$1,009,173 | \$5,185,030 | \$213,304 | \$151,439 | 0.0 |
| SB 23-126 (Supplemental) | \$18,642 | \$0 | \$18,642 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$6,577,588 | \$1,009,173 | \$5,203,672 | \$213,304 | \$151,439 | 0.0 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$6,577,588 | \$1,009,173 | \$5,203,672 | \$213,304 | \$151,439 | 0.0 |
| Centrally appropriated line items | 373,022 | 8,432 | 316,038 | 39,850 | 8,702 | 0.0 |
| R01/BA01 COGCC mission change | 104,367 | 0 | 104,367 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R08 Resources for state parks | 27,025 | 0 | 27,025 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R07 Winter recreation and safety | 19,766 | 0 | 19,766 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R12 Financial administration & support | 9,453 | 0 | 0 | 9,453 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R14 SLB field ops capacity | 2,801 | 0 | 2,801 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R06/BA03 Keep CO Wild support | 2,335 | 0 | 2,335 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R09 Resources for wildlife management | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R10 CPW business tech staff | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R11 Wildlife water & research projects | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R13 CO water plan data & mapping specialist | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R02 CO River policy and technical support | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R05 Inclusive recruitment & retention | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Annualize prior year budget actions | (17,085) | 0 | (17,085) | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$7,099,272 | \$1,017,605 | \$5,658,919 | \$262,607 | \$160,141 | 0.0 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | \$521,684 | \$8,432 | \$455,247 | \$49,303 | \$8,702 | 0.0 |
| Percentage Change | 7.9% | 0.8% | 8.7% | 23.1% | 5.7% | 0.0% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | | | | | | |
| Request Above/(Below) Recommendation | \$165,099 | \$32,279 | \$124,142 | \$8,678 | \$0 | 0.0 |

S.B. 06-235 SUPPLEMENTAL AMORTIZATION EQUALIZATION DISBURSEMENT

Similar to the AED line item, the Supplemental Amortization Equalization Disbursement (SAED) line item increases employees' contributions to the PERA Trust Fund to amortize the unfunded liability in the Trust Fund.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 24-51-411, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$7,264,371 total funds as shown in the table below.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends \$7,099,272 total funds as shown in the table below.

| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, ADMINISTRATION, S.B. 06-235 SUPPLEMENTAL AMORTIZATION EQUALIZATION DISBURSEMENT | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | \$6,558,946 | \$1,009,173 | \$5,185,030 | \$213,304 | \$151,439 | 0.0 |
| SB 23-126 (Supplemental) | \$18,642 | \$0 | \$18,642 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$6,577,588 | \$1,009,173 | \$5,203,672 | \$213,304 | \$151,439 | 0.0 |

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, ADMINISTRATION, S.B. 06-235 SUPPLEMENTAL AMORTIZATION
EQUALIZATION DISBURSEMENT

| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------|
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$6,577,588 | \$1,009,173 | \$5,203,672 | \$213,304 | \$151,439 | 0.0 |
| Centrally appropriated line items | 373,022 | 8,432 | 316,038 | 39,850 | 8,702 | 0.0 |
| R01/BA01 COGCC mission change | 104,367 | 0 | 104,367 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R08 Resources for state parks | 27,025 | 0 | 27,025 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R07 Winter recreation and safety | 19,766 | 0 | 19,766 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R12 Financial administration & support | 9,452 | 0 | 0 | 9,452 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R14 SLB field ops capacity | 2,802 | 0 | 2,802 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R06/BA03 Keep CO Wild support | 2,335 | 0 | 2,335 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R02 CO River policy and technical support | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R05 Inclusive recruitment & retention | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R09 Resources for wildlife management | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R10 CPW business tech staff | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R11 Wildlife water & research projects | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R13 CO water plan data & mapping specialist | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Annualize prior year budget actions | (17,085) | 0 | (17,085) | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$7,099,272 | \$1,017,605 | \$5,658,920 | \$262,606 | \$160,141 | 0.0 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | \$521,684 | \$8,432 | \$455,248 | \$49,302 | \$8,702 | 0.0 |
| Percentage Change | 7.9% | 0.8% | 8.7% | 23.1% | 5.7% | 0.0% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | \$7,264,371 | \$1,049,884 | \$5,783,061 | \$271,285 | \$160,141 | 0.0 |
| Request Above/(Below) Recommendation | \$165,099 | \$32,279 | \$124,141 | \$8,679 | \$0 | 0.0 |

PERA DIRECT DISTRIBUTION

This line item is included as a common policy allocation payment for the state portion of the PERA Direct Distribution created in Section 24-51-414, C.R.S., enacted in S.B. 18-200.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 24-51-414, (2) C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$468,983 total funds, as shown in the table below.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request in accordance with the Committee's common policy decisions.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, ADMINISTRATION, PERA DIRECT DISTRIBUTION

| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| FY 2022-23 APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | \$2,468,271 | \$0 | \$2,369,405 | \$98,866 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$2,468,271 | \$0 | \$2,369,405 | \$98,866 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$2,468,271 | \$0 | \$2,369,405 | \$98,866 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| Centrally appropriated line items | (1,999,288) | 79,467 | (1,996,970) | (81,785) | 0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$468,983 | \$79,467 | \$372,435 | \$17,081 | \$0 | 0.0 |

| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, ADMINISTRATION, PERA DIRECT DISTRIBUTION | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | (\$1,999,288) | \$79,467 | (\$1,996,970) | (\$81,785) | \$0 | 0.0 |
| Percentage Change | (81.0%) | #DIV/0! | (84.3%) | (82.7%) | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | \$468,983 | \$79,467 | \$372,435 | \$17,081 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| Request Above/(Below) Recommendation | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |

SALARY SURVEY

Pursuant to Section 24-50-104 (4) (c), C.R.S., the Department of Personnel's total compensation report recommends a salary adjustment each year, which is funded by this line item.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 24-50-104, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests \$8,017,982 total funds as shown in the table below.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends \$7,901,922 total funds as shown in the table below.

| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, ADMINISTRATION, SALARY SURVEY | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | \$5,006,060 | \$659,952 | \$4,106,365 | \$140,213 | \$99,530 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$5,006,060 | \$659,952 | \$4,106,365 | \$140,213 | \$99,530 | 0.0 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$5,006,060 | \$659,952 | \$4,106,365 | \$140,213 | \$99,530 | 0.0 |
| Centrally appropriated line items | 7,824,733 | 1,124,437 | 6,252,440 | 275,313 | 172,543 | 0.0 |
| R01/BA01 COGCC mission change | 77,189 | 0 | 77,189 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Annualize prior year budget actions | (5,006,060) | (659,952) | (4,106,365) | (140,213) | (99,530) | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$7,901,922 | \$1,124,437 | \$6,329,629 | \$275,313 | \$172,543 | 0.0 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | \$2,895,862 | \$464,485 | \$2,223,264 | \$135,100 | \$73,013 | 0.0 |
| Percentage Change | 57.8% | 70.4% | 54.1% | 96.4% | 73.4% | 0.0% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | \$8,017,982 | \$1,146,237 | \$6,376,831 | \$322,371 | \$172,543 | 0.0 |
| Request Above/(Below) Recommendation | \$116,060 | \$21,800 | \$47,202 | \$47,058 | \$0 | 0.0 |

TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES RELATED TO AUTHORIZED LEAVE

This line item would fund the backfill costs associated with state employees utilizing 160 hours or four weeks of Paid Family Medical Leave.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Not applicable.

REQUEST: The Department requests \$111,198 total funds, including \$3,427 General Fund, \$107,227 cash funds, and \$544 reappropriated funds.

RECOMMENDATION: This item was originally created and added as a statewide compensation policy for FY 2022-23. Traditionally, statewide compensation policies require annual approval by the

Committee on a statewide basis and this item was not requested as a statewide compensation policy for FY 2023-24. Nevertheless, this item was included by the Department as a continuation, base budget appropriation. Without Committee action on a statewide basis for this policy, staff is addressing this as a department request for continued base funding for this policy.

SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL

The Shift Differential line item addresses the adjustment necessary to compensate employees for work performed outside of normal work schedules. These are second and third shift workers whose scheduled work hours fall outside of regular work hours.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 24-50-104 (1) (a), C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests \$54,230 cash funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request in accordance with the Committee’s decision on common policies.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

This line item is used to pay the Department's share of the State's workers' compensation program administered by the Department of Personnel.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 24-30-1510.7, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests \$1,093,266 total funds, as shown in the table below.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends \$1,105,642 total funds, but requests permission to adjust fund splits as necessary to implement the Committee’s common policy decisions.

| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, ADMINISTRATION, WORKERS' COMPENSATION | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | \$1,336,669 | \$0 | \$1,301,229 | \$0 | \$35,440 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$1,336,669 | \$0 | \$1,301,229 | \$0 | \$35,440 | 0.0 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$1,336,669 | \$0 | \$1,301,229 | \$0 | \$35,440 | 0.0 |
| Centrally appropriated line items | (231,027) | 0 | (215,956) | 1,148 | (16,219) | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$1,105,642 | \$0 | \$1,085,273 | \$1,148 | \$19,221 | 0.0 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | (\$231,027) | \$0 | (\$215,956) | \$1,148 | (\$16,219) | 0.0 |
| Percentage Change | (17.3%) | 0.0% | (16.6%) | #DIV/0! | (45.8%) | 0.0% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | \$1,093,266 | \$0 | \$1,072,897 | \$1,148 | \$19,221 | 0.0 |
| Request Above/(Below) Recommendation | (\$12,376) | \$0 | (\$12,376) | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |

OPERATING EXPENSES

This line item includes both the Executive Director’s Office operating costs and capital outlay. Capital outlay is typically spent on computers, furniture and other one-time purchases. A portion of this line

is also annually held aside in a technology fund for IT projects that benefit all divisions within the Department. The total appropriation amount for this line changes very little from year to year. Staff notes that the majority of expenses are related to Division of Parks and Wildlife capital outlay related expenditures.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 24-1-105, 24-1-124, and 24-33-101 *et seq.*, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests \$278,658 total funds as shown in the table below.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends \$250,221 total funds as shown in the table below.

| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, ADMINISTRATION, OPERATING EXPENSES | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | \$222,691 | \$1,620 | \$7,950 | \$213,121 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| Other legislation | \$129,010 | \$129,010 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| SB 23-126 (Supplemental) | \$2,639 | \$0 | \$0 | \$2,639 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$354,340 | \$130,630 | \$7,950 | \$215,760 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$354,340 | \$130,630 | \$7,950 | \$215,760 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| R05 Inclusive recruitment & retention | 30,000 | 0 | 0 | 30,000 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R12 Financial administration & support | 14,810 | 0 | 0 | 14,810 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Centrally appropriated line items | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Annualize prior year legislation | (125,290) | (125,290) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Annualize prior year budget actions | (23,639) | 0 | (7,000) | (16,639) | 0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$250,221 | \$5,340 | \$950 | \$243,931 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | (\$104,119) | (\$125,290) | (\$7,000) | \$28,171 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| Percentage Change | (29.4%) | (95.9%) | (88.1%) | 13.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | | | | | | |
| Request Above/(Below) Recommendation | \$28,437 | \$146 | \$716 | \$27,575 | \$0 | 0.0 |

LEGAL SERVICES

This line item is used to pay the Department of Law for the provision of attorney and paralegal services for all Divisions.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 24-31-101 (1) (a) and 24-75-112 (1) (i), C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$7,216,400 total funds, as shown in the table below.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommendation is pending Committee approval of the common policy for this line item. Staff requests permission to adjust all pending line items and the fund splits, as necessary, once Committee policy is established.

| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL SERVICES | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | \$5,633,768 | \$1,452,711 | \$4,029,721 | \$137,628 | \$13,708 | 0.0 |
| Other legislation | \$11,828 | \$11,828 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$5,645,596 | \$1,464,539 | \$4,029,721 | \$137,628 | \$13,708 | 0.0 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$5,645,596 | \$1,464,539 | \$4,029,721 | \$137,628 | \$13,708 | 0.0 |
| Centrally appropriated line items | 1,582,632 | 540,954 | 1,054,494 | (22,908) | 10,092 | 0.0 |
| Annualize prior year legislation | (11,828) | (11,828) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$7,216,400 | \$1,993,665 | \$5,084,215 | \$114,720 | \$23,800 | 0.0 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | \$1,570,804 | \$529,126 | \$1,054,494 | (\$22,908) | \$10,092 | 0.0 |
| Percentage Change | 27.8% | 36.1% | 26.2% | (16.6%) | 73.6% | 0.0% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | \$7,216,400 | \$1,993,665 | \$5,084,215 | \$114,720 | \$23,800 | 0.0 |
| Request Above/(Below) Recommendation | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |

STATEWIDE TRAINING [NEW LINE ITEM]

This line item provides funding for payments to the Center for Organizational Effectiveness, which provides professional development and training services for state employees.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 24-50-122, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests \$28,267 total funds, including \$4,480 General Fun, \$22,907 cash funds, and \$880 reappropriated funds, related to the creation of a new line item to accommodate a new common policy to provide annual funding for employee training.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends denial of the request in accordance with the Committee’s actions on non-prioritized decision items.

PAYMENT TO RISK MANAGEMENT AND PROPERTY FUNDS

This line item represents an allocation appropriated to each department based on a shared statewide risk formula for two programs, the Liability Program and the Property Program. The Liability Program is used to pay liability claims and expenses brought against the State. The Property Program provides insurance coverage for State buildings and their contents.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 24-30-1510 and 24-30-1510.5, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$1,645,034 total funds as shown in the table below.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends \$1,575,650 total funds as shown in the table below, but requests permission to adjust fund splits as necessary to implement the Committee’s common policy decisions.

| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, ADMINISTRATION, PAYMENT TO RISK MANAGEMENT AND PROPERTY FUNDS | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | \$1,567,049 | \$140,186 | \$1,388,639 | \$22,532 | \$15,692 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$1,567,049 | \$140,186 | \$1,388,639 | \$22,532 | \$15,692 | 0.0 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$1,567,049 | \$140,186 | \$1,388,639 | \$22,532 | \$15,692 | 0.0 |
| Centrally appropriated line items | 8,601 | (5,425) | 14,247 | 492 | (713) | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$1,575,650 | \$134,761 | \$1,402,886 | \$23,024 | \$14,979 | 0.0 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | \$8,601 | (\$5,425) | \$14,247 | \$492 | (\$713) | 0.0 |
| Percentage Change | 0.5% | (3.9%) | 1.0% | 2.2% | (4.5%) | 0.0% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | \$1,645,034 | \$141,451 | \$1,463,317 | \$24,326 | \$15,940 | 0.0 |
| Request Above/(Below) Recommendation | \$69,384 | \$6,690 | \$60,431 | \$1,302 | \$961 | 0.0 |

VEHICLE LEASE PAYMENTS

Funds provided through this line item enable the Department to lease vehicles from State Fleet Management in the Department of Personnel and Administration. Seven of the Department’s eight divisions lease vehicles to perform their work. The cost of each lease is based on the purchase price of the vehicle selected and the terms of the lease agreement.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 24-30-1104 (2), C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$5,319,091 total funds as shown in the table below.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends \$5,203,394 total funds as shown in the table below, but requests permission to adjust fund splits as necessary to implement the Committee’s common policy decisions.

| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, ADMINISTRATION, VEHICLE LEASE PAYMENTS | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | \$5,097,079 | \$369,671 | \$4,668,788 | \$18,834 | \$39,786 | 0.0 |
| SB 23-126 (Supplemental) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$5,097,079 | \$369,671 | \$4,668,788 | \$18,834 | \$39,786 | 0.0 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$5,097,079 | \$369,671 | \$4,668,788 | \$18,834 | \$39,786 | 0.0 |
| R08 Resources for state parks | 27,615 | 0 | 27,615 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R09 Resources for wildlife management | 25,128 | 0 | 25,128 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R15 Vehicles for water admin staff | 21,124 | 21,124 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R02 CO River policy and technical support | 17,713 | 17,713 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R07 Winter recreation and safety | 4,612 | 0 | 4,612 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R11 Wildlife water & research projects | 4,115 | 0 | 4,115 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R01/BA01 COGCC mission change | 3,840 | 0 | 3,840 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R14 SLB field ops capacity | 2,136 | 0 | 2,136 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Centrally appropriated line items | 32 | 2 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |

| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, ADMINISTRATION, VEHICLE LEASE PAYMENTS | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| TOTAL | \$5,203,394 | \$408,510 | \$4,736,264 | \$18,834 | \$39,786 | 0.0 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | \$106,315 | \$38,839 | \$67,476 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| Percentage Change | 2.1% | 10.5% | 1.4% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | \$5,319,091 | \$406,730 | \$4,834,532 | \$14,014 | \$63,815 | 0.0 |
| Request Above/(Below) Recommendation | \$115,697 | (\$1,780) | \$98,268 | (\$4,820) | \$24,029 | 0.0 |

CAPITAL OUTLAY

This line item provides funding for the replacement of equipment and furnishings and minor facility renovations.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 24-1-105, 24-1-124, and 24-33-101 *et seq.*, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests a continuation-level appropriation of \$1,062,343 total funds, including \$1,057,006 cash fund and \$5,337 federal funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ASSET MAINTENANCE

This line item enables the Department to maintain and replace its IT systems. This includes annual IT support and maintenance agreements with hardware and software vendors, new and replacement equipment, computer supplies, data communication charges, utilities and other related costs.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 24-1-105, 24-1-124, and 24-33-101 *et seq.*, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$871,821 total funds, as shown in the table below.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends \$871,820 total funds, as shown in the table below.

| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, ADMINISTRATION, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ASSET MAINTENANCE | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | \$343,667 | \$43,136 | \$208,211 | \$92,320 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$343,667 | \$43,136 | \$208,211 | \$92,320 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$343,667 | \$43,136 | \$208,211 | \$92,320 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| Annualize prior year budget actions | 402,653 | 57,541 | 336,203 | 8,909 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R05 Inclusive recruitment & retention | 125,500 | 20,315 | 94,405 | 10,780 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$871,820 | \$120,992 | \$638,819 | \$112,009 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | \$528,153 | \$77,856 | \$430,608 | \$19,689 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| Percentage Change | 153.7% | 180.5% | 206.8% | 21.3% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | \$871,821 | \$120,992 | \$638,820 | \$112,009 | \$0 | 0.0 |

| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, ADMINISTRATION, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ASSET MAINTENANCE | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|--------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|-----|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| Request Above/(Below) | | | | | | |
| Recommendation | \$1 | \$0 | \$1 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |

LEASED SPACE

The responsibilities of the Department of Natural Resources extend across the entire state, and for reasons of efficiency and proximity to specific project areas DNR’s divisions operate a number of satellite offices throughout Colorado. In many instances, divisions are statutorily required to operate offices in specific counties and/or congressional districts.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 24-30-1303, *et seq.*, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$1,992,479 total funds, as shown in the table below.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends \$1,994,429 total funds, as shown in the table below.

| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, ADMINISTRATION, LEASED SPACE | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | \$2,012,084 | \$741,748 | \$1,241,076 | \$5,205 | \$24,055 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$2,012,084 | \$741,748 | \$1,241,076 | \$5,205 | \$24,055 | 0.0 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$2,012,084 | \$741,748 | \$1,241,076 | \$5,205 | \$24,055 | 0.0 |
| R14 SLB field ops capacity | 6,600 | 0 | 6,600 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Centrally appropriated line items | (24,255) | (10,777) | (11,938) | 151 | (1,691) | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$1,994,429 | \$730,971 | \$1,235,738 | \$5,356 | \$22,364 | 0.0 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | (\$17,655) | (\$10,777) | (\$5,338) | \$151 | (\$1,691) | 0.0 |
| Percentage Change | (0.9%) | (1.5%) | (0.4%) | 2.9% | (7.0%) | 0.0% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | \$1,992,479 | \$730,971 | \$1,233,788 | \$5,356 | \$22,364 | 0.0 |
| Request Above/(Below) | | | | | | |
| Recommendation | (\$1,950) | \$0 | (\$1,950) | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |

CAPITOL COMPLEX LEASED SPACE

This line item is used to pay the Department of Personnel for the costs of maintaining state buildings that are part of the capitol complex. Capitol Complex Leased Space is appropriated based on usable square footage utilized by each state department. For the Department of Natural Resources, this includes 79,240 square feet of space at 1313 Sherman Street (Centennial Building).

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 24-30-1104 (4), C.R.S., and Part 1 of Article 82 of Title 24, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests \$919,582 total funds as shown in the table below.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends \$828,339 total funds as shown in the table below, but requests permission to adjust fund splits as necessary to implement the Committee’s common policy decisions.

| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, ADMINISTRATION, CAPITOL COMPLEX LEASED SPACE | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | \$1,067,890 | \$280,328 | \$333,837 | \$291,016 | \$162,709 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$1,067,890 | \$280,328 | \$333,837 | \$291,016 | \$162,709 | 0.0 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$1,067,890 | \$280,328 | \$333,837 | \$291,016 | \$162,709 | 0.0 |
| Centrally appropriated line items | (239,551) | (18,492) | (42,099) | (166,600) | (12,360) | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$828,339 | \$261,836 | \$291,738 | \$124,416 | \$150,349 | 0.0 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | (\$239,551) | (\$18,492) | (\$42,099) | (\$166,600) | (\$12,360) | 0.0 |
| Percentage Change | (22.4%) | (6.6%) | (12.6%) | (57.2%) | (7.6%) | 0.0% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | \$919,582 | \$292,100 | \$322,279 | \$137,475 | \$167,728 | 0.0 |
| Request Above/(Below) Recommendation | \$91,243 | \$30,264 | \$30,541 | \$13,059 | \$17,379 | 0.0 |

IT ACCESSIBILITY [NEW LINE ITEM]

This line item provides funding for payments to the Governor's Office of Information Technology for implementation of the statewide effort to meet digital accessibility standards outlined in H.B. 21-1110. IT systems must be compliant before July 1, 2024, when potential penalties can be awarded to civil plaintiffs.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 24-34-802 and 24-85-103, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests \$2,109,274 total funds, including \$149,337 General Fund, \$1,829,892 cash funds, \$107,839 reappropriated funds, and \$22,206 federal funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommendation is pending Committee action on common policy for this line item. Staff requests permission to update pending line items and apply necessary fund split adjustments once Committee policy is established. The table below reflects the Department's request.

DIGITAL TRUNK RADIO PAYMENTS [NEW LINE ITEM]

This line item provides funding for payments to the Office of Public Safety Communications in the Department of Public Safety related to digital trunk radio user charges. This is a new line item that reflects the transfer of digital trunk radio administration from the Office of Information Technology to the Office of Public Safety Communications as created by H.B. 22-1353 (Public Safety Communications Transfer).

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 24-33.5-2508, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests \$1,943,878 cash funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends \$1,940,561 cash funds in accordance with the Committee's common policy decisions.

CORE OPERATIONS

This line item funds the Department's share of the statewide accounting system (CORE) used by the State Controller to record all state revenues and expenditures.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 24-30-209, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$556,303 total funds as shown in the table below.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends \$481,863 total funds as shown in the table below, but requests permission to adjust fund splits as necessary to implement the Committee’s common policy decisions.

| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, ADMINISTRATION, CORE OPERATIONS | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | \$624,718 | \$44,019 | \$549,036 | \$13,699 | \$17,964 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$624,718 | \$44,019 | \$549,036 | \$13,699 | \$17,964 | 0.0 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$624,718 | \$44,019 | \$549,036 | \$13,699 | \$17,964 | 0.0 |
| Non-prioritized decision items | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Centrally appropriated line items | (142,855) | (10,066) | (125,549) | (3,132) | (4,108) | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$481,863 | \$33,953 | \$423,487 | \$10,567 | \$13,856 | 0.0 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | (\$142,855) | (\$10,066) | (\$125,549) | (\$3,132) | (\$4,108) | 0.0 |
| Percentage Change | (22.9%) | (22.9%) | (22.9%) | (22.9%) | (22.9%) | 0.0% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | \$556,303 | \$41,937 | \$486,539 | \$13,279 | \$14,548 | 0.0 |
| Request Above/(Below) Recommendation | \$74,440 | \$7,984 | \$63,052 | \$2,712 | \$692 | 0.0 |

PAYMENTS TO OIT

This line item provides spending authority for the Department to purchase IT services from the Governor’s Office of Information Technology (OIT). The majority of this appropriation is used to pay for the OIT staff who provide network support, desktop support, and applications development for the Department.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 24-37.5-103, 4-37.5-506 and 24-37.5-604, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$17,580,581 total funds as shown in the table below.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommendation is pending Committee approval of the common policy for this line item. Staff requests permission to adjust all pending line items and fund splits to reflect the Committee’s common policy decisions.

| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, ADMINISTRATION, PAYMENTS TO OIT | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|--------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|-----|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |

| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, ADMINISTRATION, PAYMENTS TO OIT | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | \$16,148,269 | \$3,047,753 | \$12,145,669 | \$629,869 | \$324,978 | 0.0 |
| SB 23-126 (Supplemental) | \$172,565 | \$60,112 | \$109,287 | \$0 | \$3,166 | 0.0 |
| Other legislation | \$80,500 | \$7,600 | \$72,900 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$16,401,334 | \$3,115,465 | \$12,327,856 | \$629,869 | \$328,144 | 0.0 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$16,401,334 | \$3,115,465 | \$12,327,856 | \$629,869 | \$328,144 | 0.0 |
| Non-prioritized decision items | 873,814 | 158,739 | 684,698 | 17,687 | 12,690 | 0.0 |
| Centrally appropriated line items | 496,998 | 74,158 | 561,452 | (82,086) | (56,526) | 0.0 |
| Indirect cost assessment | 0 | 380,135 | 0 | (380,135) | 0 | 0.0 |
| Annualize prior year legislation | (19,000) | (7,600) | (11,400) | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$17,753,146 | \$3,720,897 | \$13,562,606 | \$185,335 | \$284,308 | 0.0 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | \$1,351,812 | \$605,432 | \$1,234,750 | (\$444,534) | (\$43,836) | 0.0 |
| Percentage Change | 8.2% | 19.4% | 10.0% | (70.6%) | (13.4%) | 0.0% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | \$17,580,581 | \$3,660,785 | \$13,453,319 | \$185,335 | \$281,142 | 0.0 |
| Request Above/(Below) Recommendation | (\$172,565) | (\$60,112) | (\$109,287) | \$0 | (\$3,166) | 0.0 |

SPECIES CONSERVATION TRUST FUND

Senate Bill 21-281 (Concerning Severance Tax Revenue) authorized an annual appropriation up to \$5.0 annually from the Severance Tax Operational Fund to the Species Conservation Trust Fund (SCTF). However, pursuant to Section 24-33-111 (3)(a), C.R.S., legislative approval through an annual SCTF bill is required to authorize spending from the Species Conservation Trust Fund.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 39-29-109.3 (1)(g)(I), C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$5,000,000 cash funds from the Severance Tax Operational Fund to the Species Conservation Trust Fund in FY 2023-24.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

WILDFIRE MITIGATION CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FUND [NEW LINE ITEM]

Senate Bill 23-139 (State Severance Tax Trust Fund Allocation) authorized an annual appropriation up to \$5.0 annually from the Severance Tax Operational Fund to the Wildfire Mitigation Capacity Development Fund. This continuously appropriated cash fund supports the Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 39-29-109.3 (1)(g)(V), C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$5,000,000 cash funds from the Severance Tax Operational Fund to the Wildfire Mitigation Capacity Development Fund in FY 2023-24.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

(B) SPECIAL PROGRAMS

COLORADO AVALANCHE INFORMATION CENTER PROGRAM COSTS

The Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC) works to minimize the economic and human impact of snow avalanches on recreation, tourism, commerce, industry, and the citizens of Colorado by providing information and education on avalanche danger. The CAIC is responsible for forecasting avalanche danger and providing education and safety training to help reduce risks to highway travelers, Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) staff, recreationalists, and avalanche professionals.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 24-1-124 (2.1) (c) and 24-33-116, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$2,585,979 total funds and 20.7 FTE as shown in the table below.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends \$2,572,802 total funds and 20.7 FTE as shown in the table below.

| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, SPECIAL PROGRAMS, COLORADO AVALANCHE INFORMATION CENTER | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | \$1,533,549 | \$0 | \$754,582 | \$759,996 | \$18,971 | 15.2 |
| SB 23-126 (Supplemental) | \$41,047 | \$0 | \$0 | \$41,047 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$1,574,596 | \$0 | \$754,582 | \$801,043 | \$18,971 | 15.2 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$1,574,596 | \$0 | \$754,582 | \$801,043 | \$18,971 | 15.2 |
| R07 Winter recreation and safety | 988,567 | 0 | 988,567 | 0 | 0 | 5.5 |
| Annualize prior year budget actions | 7,115 | 0 | 31,765 | (24,650) | 0 | 0.0 |
| Centrally appropriated line items | 2,524 | 0 | 1,262 | 1,262 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$2,572,802 | \$0 | \$1,776,176 | \$777,655 | \$18,971 | 20.7 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | \$998,206 | \$0 | \$1,021,594 | (\$23,388) | \$0 | 5.5 |
| Percentage Change | 63.4% | 0.0% | 135.4% | (2.9%) | 0.0% | 36.2% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | \$2,585,979 | \$0 | \$1,789,353 | \$777,655 | \$18,971 | 20.7 |
| Request Above/(Below) Recommendation | \$13,177 | \$0 | \$13,177 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |

COLORADO RIVER PROGRAM

This line item supports funding for the Upper Colorado River Commissioner and a communications specialist. Both are paid for out of CWCB Construction Fund.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$323,900 cash funds from the CWCB construction fund and 2.0 FTE.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

INDIRECT COST ASSESSMENT

This line item reflects the amount of indirect cost assessments to cash and federal funding sources within the Colorado Avalanche Information Center program line item. The Department uses the funds collected to offset General Fund that would otherwise be required to pay for services from the Executive Director’s Office.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$96,465 cash funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

(5) DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE

The Division of Parks and Wildlife (CPW) provides recreational opportunities at 42 state parks, manages 960 game and non-game wildlife species, issues hunting and fishing licenses, enforces wildlife regulations, and oversees more than 295 state wildlife areas.

| DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | | | | | | |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | \$188,679,640 | \$2,225,000 | \$166,226,481 | \$0 | \$20,228,159 | 924.0 |
| SB 23-126 (Supplemental) | 4,956,330 | 0 | 4,956,330 | 0 | 0 | 0.4 |
| Other legislation | 1,107,307 | 107,307 | 1,000,000 | 0 | 0 | 0.9 |
| TOTAL | \$194,743,277 | \$2,332,307 | \$172,182,811 | \$0 | \$20,228,159 | 925.3 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$194,743,277 | \$2,332,307 | \$172,182,811 | \$0 | \$20,228,159 | 925.3 |
| Technical adjustments | 19,017,466 | 0 | 19,017,466 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R08 Resources for state parks | 1,636,037 | 0 | 1,636,037 | 0 | 0 | 19.0 |
| R09 Resources for wildlife management | 579,602 | 0 | 579,602 | 0 | 0 | 6.0 |
| Annualize prior year budget actions | 538,763 | 0 | 538,763 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R11 Wildlife water & research projects | 427,794 | 0 | 427,794 | 0 | 0 | 4.0 |
| Centrally appropriated line items | 408,000 | 0 | 408,000 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R10 CPW business tech staff | 379,052 | 0 | 379,052 | 0 | 0 | 5.0 |
| Indirect cost assessment | 283,033 | 0 | 184,515 | 0 | 98,518 | 0.0 |
| R06/BA03 Keep CO Wild support | 157,866 | 0 | 157,866 | 0 | 0 | 0.6 |
| R05 Inclusive recruitment & retention | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Annualize prior year legislation | (247,132) | 2,868 | (250,000) | 0 | 0 | 0.1 |
| TOTAL | \$217,923,758 | \$2,335,175 | \$195,261,906 | \$0 | \$20,326,677 | 960.0 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | \$23,180,481 | \$2,868 | \$23,079,095 | \$0 | \$98,518 | 34.7 |
| Percentage Change | 11.9% | 0.1% | 13.4% | 0.0% | 0.5% | 3.8% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | \$218,015,244 | \$2,335,175 | \$195,353,392 | \$0 | \$20,326,677 | 961.0 |
| Request Above/(Below) Recommendation | \$91,486 | \$0 | \$91,486 | \$0 | \$0 | 1.0 |

DECISION ITEMS – DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE

- R8 Resources for state parks
- R9 Resources for wildlife management
- R10 CPW business technology staff
- R11 Wildlife water & research projects

❶ ROLE OF SENATE BILL 18-143 (PARKS AND WILDLIFE MEASURES TO INCREASE REVENUE) IN WILDLIFE FUNDING AND FTE REQUESTS

Senate Bill 18-143 increased statutory fees for most hunting and fishing licenses and allowed the Parks and Wildlife Commission to adjust fees and surcharges by an amount up to the annual percentage change in the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood consumer price index. The legislative declaration for the bill tied these changes to the following objectives:

- **Increasing the number of hunters and anglers** in Colorado in the face of national declines in hunting and fishing numbers through investments in recruitment programs;

- **Partnering with stakeholders** to develop strategies to engage all outdoor recreationists, including hikers, bikers, climbers, and wildlife watchers, in funding the division and commission, maintenance of state lands and facilities, and management of wildlife;
- **Recruiting and retaining qualified employees** to manage wildlife, park, recreational, and aquatic resources;
- **Supporting access programs** on public and private lands, including the renewal of existing high-priority leases that provide public access for hunters, anglers, and outdoor recreationists;
- **Increasing and improving the state's big game populations** through investments in habitat and conservation, including increased support for highway wildlife crossings to protect animals and motorists;
- **Reducing the \$44.76 million maintenance and repair backlog for dams** managed by CPW;
- **Reducing the division's known \$26 million large capital construction and maintenance backlog** by 50% and establishing a capital development backlog strategic plan to provide a stable funding stream to address future maintenance projects at state wildlife areas and state parks;
- Reducing or avoiding the need to list additional species under the federal Endangered Species Act.

Senate Bill 18-143 played a significant role in recent revenue gains and now the Department is asking permission to spend that revenue. Staff concluded that many portions of the FY 2023-24 requests satisfy the purposes laid out in S.B. 18-143. For example, all FTE are requested at the average for each job classification. Staff concludes that this could help with recruitment and retention. Additionally, many of the requested FTE would work in regions or job functions where existing staff number between 1-3 people. The addition of new FTE aims to reduce workload issues stemming from increased recreation, increased human development, and technology changes (e.g. remote work).

Each request provided much more detail than JBC staff has provided in this document. With the above context in mind, staff opted for brevity in the written document and will be prepared for questions during the figure setting presentation.

➔ R8 RESOURCES FOR STATE PARKS

REQUEST: The Department requests an increase of \$1,816,999 from the Parks Cash Fund and 19.0 FTE in FY 2023-24. Of these 19.0 FTE, fourteen are a continuation of staff funded through H.B. 21-1326 (General Fund Support DNR Programs). The five new FTE consists of two park rangers and three park resource technicians. The two park rangers would be located at Lory State Park and Crawford State Park. The technicians would be located at Jackson Lake State Park and Elkhead Reservoir State Park, with the third technician split between Eleven Mile and Spinney Mountain State Parks. The request also includes funding for 17 additional vehicles phased in over three years. It also assumes salaries at the average in each job classification. Lastly, the request includes funding for a newly-acquired shooting range called Colorado Clays. The following table summarizes the requested funds by general category.

| R8 RESOURCES FOR STATE PARKS SUMMARY | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| CATEGORY | FY 23-24 COST | FTE | FY 24-25 COST |
| Continue H.B. 21-1326 staff and operating | \$1,090,671 | 14.0 | \$1,090,671 |
| New staff and operating for state parks | 462,123 | 5.0 | 411,373 |
| Colorado Clays temporary staff and operating | 222,348 | 0.0 | 222,348 |
| Vehicle costs | 41,857 | 0.0 | 170,517 |
| Total | \$1,816,999 | 19.0 | \$1,894,909 |

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

ANALYSIS:

This section focuses on the five new FTE in the request. One would be a park ranger at Lory State Park, which saw a 91.0 percent increase in visitation between FY 2015-16 and FY 2020-21. Lory State Park has managed this increase without any additional park rangers. Current duties are split between the two existing park rangers.

The second requested park ranger would be assigned to Crawford State Park, which has seen a 30.0 percent increase in visitation in the past six years or so. Crawford State Park is currently managed by one senior park ranger who also manages Sweitzer Lake State Park and Paonia State Park. When this senior ranger is not present, Crawford is managed by seasonal staff. This request would dedicate one park ranger to Crawford State Park on a year-round basis.

Regarding the park resource technicians, the general issue is that certain parks—Jackson Lake, Elkhead Reservoir, Spinney Mountain, and Eleven Mile—all have one park resource technician dedicated to those parks. In some cases, that technician is shared between two parks. The three requested technicians would alleviate some workload issues that have been caused by increased visitation and help to address maintenance backlogs.

JBC staff has no concerns about the request and therefore recommends its approval.

→ R9 RESOURCES FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

REQUEST: The Department requests an increase of \$715,807 from the Wildlife Cash Fund and 6.0 FTE in FY 2023-24. The request includes 3.0 wildlife managers, 2.0 biologists, and a property maintenance technician with salaries at the average for each job classification. It also includes funding for fourteen additional vehicles. The following table summarizes these costs.

| R9 RESOURCES FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT SUMMARY | | | |
|--|------------------|------------|------------------|
| CATEGORY | FY 23-24 COST | FTE | FY 24-25 COST |
| Wildlife staffing-personal services | \$609,993 | 6.0 | \$609,993 |
| Wildlife staffing-operating expenses | 73,886 | n/a | 46,237 |
| Vehicle leases and mileage | 31,928 | n/a | 178,309 |
| Total | \$715,807 | 6.0 | \$834,539 |

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends an increase of \$604,730 cash funds from the Wildlife Cash fund in FY 2023-24. This recommendation excludes centrally appropriated costs in the first year in accordance with the Committee’s common policy for FTE requests.

ANALYSIS:

This section focuses on the six new FTE in the request:

- Wildlife property technician (Lake, Chaffee, Fremont counties)
- Wildlife manager/biologist (NW Colorado, Rio Blanco and Moffat counties)
- Wildlife manager (northcentral Colorado, Routt and Jackson counties)
- Wildlife manager (central Colorado, east Grand County)
- Assistant area wildlife manager (SW Colorado, Montrose, San Miguel, Ouray, Delta counties)

- Fish reclamation biologist (statewide)

WILDLIFE PROPERTY TECHNICIAN (LAKE, CHAFFEE, FREMONT COUNTIES)

There are currently two technicians working in this region, which includes 25 state wildlife areas and 37 state trust lands. This position would be responsible for maintenance repairs and projects on 15 state wildlife area properties and seven state trust land properties.

WILDLIFE MANAGER/BIOLOGIST (NW COLORADO, RIO BLANCO AND MOFFAT COUNTIES)

There is currently one big game biologist in this region. This position would be responsible for counting and managing big game populations, assisting with grouse monitoring, and other projects. These duties include elk survival monitoring studies and updating and implementing outdated herd management plans. Some of these plans are more than 10 years old.

WILDLIFE MANAGER (NORTHCENTRAL COLORADO, ROUTT AND JACKSON COUNTIES)

CPW has not added a wildlife manager in this region since 2010. This position would focus on law enforcement, wildlife management (e.g. responding to bear and lion conflicts), state wildlife area monitoring, and more. The request for this position is motivated, in part, by a significant increase in human development and recreation in the region.

WILDLIFE MANAGER (CENTRAL COLORADO, EAST GRAND COUNTY)

This position would cover a new management district in east Grand County, which includes Winter Park and the Fraser Valley. The request is motivated by human development in the area. The new wildlife manager would monitor conservation easements and the landowner preference program, oversee the habitat partnership program, and monitor wildlife migration corridors.

ASSISTANT AREA WILDLIFE MANAGER (SW COLORADO, MONTROSE, SAN MIGUEL, OURAY, DELTA COUNTIES)

This position would support the Area Wildlife Manager with staff training and mentoring, capital project planning, and other general supervisory duties. This person would also assist wildlife managers with some of their duties.

FISH RECLAMATION BIOLOGIST (STATEWIDE)

This position would focus on planning and executing native fish reclamation projects. Specifically, they would be dedicated to on-the-ground mitigation implementation and monitoring. This will help with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service assessments regarding the Colorado River cutthroat trout, the Greenback cutthroat, and the Rio Grande chub and sucker.

→ R10 CPW BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY STAFF

REQUEST: The Department requests an increase of \$464,835 from the Wildlife Cash Fund and 5.0 FTE in FY 2023-24. This includes two technicians to support daily activities, including hardware, software, applications, stakeholder meetings, and an increasing workload supporting a hybrid workspace. The request also includes a business analyst and project manager to support business technology changes, improvements, new development, and ongoing maintenance. Finally, the request includes a capital asset data technician responsible for tracking and maintaining updated records required for all of CPW's facilities and infrastructure projects, including underground utilities. The request assumes salaries at the average for each job classification.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends \$379,052 cash funds from the Wildlife Cash fund in FY 2023-24. This recommendation excludes centrally appropriated costs in the first year in accordance with the Committee’s common policy for FTE requests.

ANALYSIS:

BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT TECHNICIANS (2.0 FTE)

There are currently two employees responsible for managing all of CPW’s technical infrastructure. They also serve as liaisons to the Governor’s Office of Information Technology (OIT). Per the request, the number of FTE responsible for these things has not changed in over 10 years. The request notes that these two FTE have been struggling to keep up with workload, especially since the COVID-19 pandemic and the related onset of remote meetings and work.

The requested FTE will support business technology needs statewide, including video conferencing administration, asset management, computer replacements, and general technology infrastructure inventory and maintenance.

BUSINESS SYSTEMS ANALYST

This position will coordinate with the OIT and CPW’s external vendors, manage technical projects, support daily operations, and work on application and interface design and development.

PROJECT DELIVERY COORDINATOR

This position will be responsible for planning and overseeing CPW business technology projects. This includes coordinating resources, budgets, and schedules.

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT ASSET TECHNICIAN

This position will manage CPW’s capital asset data set. Responsibilities will include management of a mapping database, field verification of existing assets (e.g. structures, utilities, roads, signs, etc.), and training of property maintenance technicians. They will also act as the main point of contact for field managers and projects managers during capital asset construction and maintenance.

→ R11 WILDLIFE WATER & RESEARCH PROJECTS

REQUEST: The Department requests an increase of \$511,260 from the Wildlife Cash Fund and 4.0 FTE in FY 2023-24. Two FTE will focus on wildlife research, one will focus primarily on research related to public involvement in CPW’s work, and another will focus on Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Plans used in the federal water project permitting process. The request assumes salaries at the average for each job classification. Lastly, the request includes \$4,115 for vehicle leases.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends \$431,909 from the Wildlife Cash Fund in FY 2023-24. This recommendation excludes centrally appropriated costs in the first year in accordance with the Committee’s common policy for FTE requests.

ANALYSIS:

LAKE AND RESERVOIR RESEARCH SCIENTIST

This position will address an existing backlog of 15 high priority lake and reservoir research requests. They will also do sport fishing research. This position will replace a current contract with Colorado State University to increase the amount of research that is completed.

HABITAT RESEARCH SCIENTIST

This position will specialize in plant and habitat ecology and management and conduct experiments related to the restoration and maintenance of wildlife habitat. The current habitat research scientist has focused primarily on sagebrush and mountain shrub habitats in northwestern Colorado. This new position will expand CPW's ability to analyze other habitats.

HUMAN DIMENSIONS SPECIALIST

This position will support the lone existing specialist to address a backlog of inquires related to the social components of CPW's work. An example of that work is resident versus nonresident attitudes about big game license distributions.⁸

WATER PROJECT MANAGER

This position will support the lone existing water project manager with Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Plans used in the federal water project permitting process. Per the request, the existing FTE can manage about 17 projects, but there are currently over 30 active projects and CPW expects more projects in the coming years. This can cause delays in water project permitting.

→ R6/BA3 KEEP CO WILD SUPPORT

REQUEST: After the FY 2022-23 supplemental actions regarding this decision item, Department requests an increase of \$169,231 cash funds from the Parks Cash Fund and 0.6 FTE in FY 2023-24.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request. The Committee already approved the majority of the funding for this decision item during the FY 2022-23 supplemental budget process. The remaining \$169,231 reflects the difference between approved amounts for FY 2022-23 and requested amounts for FY 2023-24.

LINE ITEM DETAIL - DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE

(A) COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE OPERATIONS

STATE PARK OPERATIONS

The State Park Operations line item funds the ongoing operations and administrative staff at all state parks and central offices. This includes personal services, operating expenses, and utility expenses, as well as a seasonal work program that enables CPW to hire temporary staff to assist at state parks during the busy season. Most of the funding for this line item is from the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Cash Fund, which is predominantly supported by revenue from fees, passes, and registrations. Other sources of funding include Lottery proceeds and grants from the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) program, both informational, and the Severance Tax Operational Fund.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 33-10-101 to 33-13-116, C.R.S., and Section 33-60-101 *et seq.*, C.R.S.

⁸ <https://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/Research/SocialScience/CPW-Big-Game-License-Report.pdf>

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$53,147,336 total funds and 289.9 FTE as shown in the table below.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends \$53,115,316 total funds and 289.6 FTE as shown in the table below.

| DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE, COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE OPERATIONS, STATE PARK OPERATIONS | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | \$42,963,752 | \$125,000 | \$42,393,946 | \$0 | \$444,806 | 269.6 |
| SB 23-126 (Supplemental) | \$3,112,901 | \$0 | \$3,112,901 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.4 |
| TOTAL | \$46,076,653 | \$125,000 | \$45,506,847 | \$0 | \$444,806 | 270.0 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$46,076,653 | \$125,000 | \$45,506,847 | \$0 | \$444,806 | 270.0 |
| Technical adjustments | 4,765,000 | 0 | 4,765,000 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R08 Resources for state parks | 1,636,037 | 0 | 1,636,037 | 0 | 0 | 19.0 |
| Annualize prior year budget actions | 336,960 | 0 | 336,960 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R06/BA03 Keep CO Wild support | 157,866 | 0 | 157,866 | 0 | 0 | 0.6 |
| Centrally appropriated line items | 142,800 | 0 | 142,800 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R05 Inclusive recruitment & retention | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$53,115,316 | \$125,000 | \$52,545,510 | \$0 | \$444,806 | 289.6 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | \$7,038,663 | \$0 | \$7,038,663 | \$0 | \$0 | 19.6 |
| Percentage Change | 15.3% | 0.0% | 15.5% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 7.3% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | \$53,147,336 | \$125,000 | \$52,577,530 | \$0 | \$444,806 | 289.9 |
| Request Above/(Below) Recommendation | \$32,020 | \$0 | \$32,020 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.3 |

WILDLIFE OPERATIONS

This line item provides funding for Division’s supervision and management, program and financial oversight, grant management, and intermediary activities necessary to encourage the success of the Division’s strategic plan. It also funds the education and training of new wildlife officers.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 31-1-101 to 33-6-101 *et seq.*, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$113,210,253 total funds and 665.3 FTE as shown in the table below.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends \$113,150,787 and 664.6 FTE as shown in the table below.

| DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE, COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE OPERATIONS, WILDLIFE OPERATIONS | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------|-------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | \$95,131,525 | \$2,100,000 | \$73,856,842 | \$0 | \$19,174,683 | 648.6 |
| SB 23-126 (Supplemental) | \$1,829,794 | \$0 | \$1,829,794 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| Other legislation | \$1,107,307 | \$107,307 | \$1,000,000 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.9 |

| DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE, COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE OPERATIONS, WILDLIFE OPERATIONS | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| TOTAL | \$98,068,626 | \$2,207,307 | \$76,686,636 | \$0 | \$19,174,683 | 649.5 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$98,068,626 | \$2,207,307 | \$76,686,636 | \$0 | \$19,174,683 | 649.5 |
| Technical adjustments (informational funds) | 14,225,317 | 0 | 14,225,317 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R09 Resources for wildlife management | 579,602 | 0 | 579,602 | 0 | 0 | 6.0 |
| R11 Wildlife water & research projects | 427,794 | 0 | 427,794 | 0 | 0 | 4.0 |
| R10 CPW business tech staff | 379,052 | 0 | 379,052 | 0 | 0 | 5.0 |
| Centrally appropriated line items | 265,200 | 0 | 265,200 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Annualize prior year budget actions | 202,328 | 0 | 202,328 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R05 Inclusive recruitment & retention | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Annualize prior year legislation | (997,132) | 2,868 | (1,000,000) | 0 | 0 | 0.1 |
| TOTAL | \$113,150,787 | \$2,210,175 | \$91,765,929 | \$0 | \$19,174,683 | 664.6 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | \$15,082,161 | \$2,868 | \$15,079,293 | \$0 | \$0 | 15.1 |
| Percentage Change | 15.4% | 0.1% | 19.7% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 2.3% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | \$113,210,253 | \$2,210,175 | \$91,825,395 | \$0 | \$19,174,683 | 665.3 |
| Request Above/(Below) Recommendation | \$59,466 | \$0 | \$59,466 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.7 |

VENDOR COMMISSIONS, FULFILLMENT FEES, AND CREDIT CARD FEES

This line item provides funding for vendor commissions, fulfillment fees, and credit card fees associated with the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, park passes, and recreational vehicle registration (e.g., snowmobiles, boats, etc.).

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 33-4-101 and 33-12-101 C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests continuation-level funding of \$14,555,758 cash funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

(B) SPECIAL PURPOSE

Line items in this subdivision support programs that have a dedicated funding source or are related to federal programs that do not directly pertain to the operations of the Colorado parks system or wildlife programs.

SNOWMOBILE PROGRAM

This line item funds the Snowmobile Program, which is responsible for the registration of snowmobiles, mandatory safety certification of young operators, enforcement of registration requirements, trail marking and signing, establishment and maintenance of snowmobile trails and related facilities. The source of funds is the Snowmobile Recreation Fund, established pursuant to Section 33-14-106, C.R.S. to receive fees from the registration of snowmobiles.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 33-14-102, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$1,029,520 cash funds and 1.3 FTE.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

RIVER OUTFITTERS REGULATION

This program is responsible for the administration of the annual licensing for river outfitters, regulation of the river outfitters, and ensuring the safety of river running activities through inspections. This program performs inspections on these companies to ensure river outfitters employ qualified personnel, follow appropriate operating parameters and meet minimum equipment standards to ensure customer safety. Funding comes from registration and licensing fee revenue from river outfitters credited to the River Outfitters Cash Fund established pursuant to Section 33-32-111, C.R.S. The program also receives some funding from the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Cash Fund.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 33-32-103, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$150,863 cash funds and 0.5 FTE.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

STORES REVOLVING FUND

This line item appropriates money into the Stores Revolving Fund, which was established pursuant to S.B. 03-290. This fund is used for the acquisition of warehousing stock and distributing supplies for retail sales to park visitors. At the end of every fiscal year, any fund balance exceeding \$200,000 reverts back to the Parks Cash Fund. The Stores Revolving Fund is continuously appropriated and this appropriation is for informational purposes only.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 33-10-111.5 (4), C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests a continuation-level appropriation of \$200,000 cash funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE PROGRAM SUPPORT

This line item funds the administrative costs of the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Program, which is responsible for the administration of OHV grants. The program provides promotes the availability of OHV recreational opportunities, and encourages safe and responsible use through brochures, news releases and other media. The program is also responsible for OHV safety awareness through the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations. Partnerships with land management agencies and enthusiasts are formed to leverage grant funds and promote good management of motorized recreation. Funding is from OHV registration fees credited to the Off- Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 33-14.5-106, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$600,084 cash funds and 3.0 FTE.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE DIRECT SERVICES

This line item supports direct services provided by the OHV Program including activities and expenses associated with law enforcement, capital equipment, rescue and first aid equipment, off-highway vehicle facilities, and division and contract services related to clearing parking lots and providing trail maintenance. This is mostly in the form of grants to federal, state, and local government agencies and non-profit user groups to construct and maintain off-highway vehicle trails, parking areas, signage and maps. Funding is from off-highway vehicle registrations collected in the Off-Highway Vehicle Registration Fund. As part of this line item, the Committee approved a footnote that authorized three year spending authority and to account for projects that require more than a year of funding to complete.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 33-14.5-106, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests a continuation-level appropriation of \$6,000,000 cash funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

This line item supports IT systems and services necessary for core CPW functions by providing computer and communications infrastructure, asset management, user support, standardized software applications, internet oversight, development of IT policies and plans, and the development and maintenance of new and existing business applications.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 33-10-109, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests a continuation-level appropriation of \$2,605,016 cash funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

SEVERANCE TAX FOR AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

Senate Bill 21-281 (Concerning Severance Tax Revenue) authorized an annual appropriation up to \$4,006,050 annually from the Severance Tax Operational Fund to the continuously-appropriated Aquatic Nuisance Species Fund.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 39-29-109.3 (1)(g)(I), C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$4,006,005 cash funds from the Severance Tax Operational Fund.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

GAME DAMAGE CLAIMS AND PREVENTION

The Game Damage program is a prevention and reimbursement program that compensates ranchers, farmers, and landowners for damage caused by big game animals. This line item also includes funds for the purchase of fencing, pyrotechnics and other materials provided to landowners to prevent damage (and potential CPW liability) to standing and harvested crops, forage, and other property. Approximately half of the expenditures for this line item are for game damage prevention and the

other half is for claims. However, spending on claims is unpredictable and dependent upon many factors, including the weather.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 33-3-101 *et seq.*, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests a continuation-level appropriation of \$1,282,500 cash funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

GRANTS AND HABITAT PARTNERSHIPS

This line item funds projects related to (1) grants for habitat improvement on private property under the Pheasant Habitat Partnership Program; (2) the CPW Wetlands Program, which supports work to protect vulnerable wetlands and improve habitat; (3) grants for the Large Shooting Range Program to expand shooting range opportunities in Colorado; (4) grants for the Fishing Is Fun Program, which supports the improvement of fishing opportunities in the State. The three year spending authority can be found in the footnote section of the Division's Long Bill.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 33-3-101 *et seq.*, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests a continuation-level appropriation of \$2,375,000 cash funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

OUTDOOR EQUITY GRANT PROGRAM

House Bill 21-1318 authorized the Outdoor Equity Grant Program and creates the Outdoor Equity Board to engage diverse eligible youth from historically underserved communities in such a way as to build sustainability and capacity. This line item supports grants to reduce barriers to the outdoors, create pathways for formal or information conservation of the Colorado outdoors, or offer environmental and Colorado outdoor-based educational opportunities. Typical expenditures from the line item will include grants, personal services, and operating expenses including the direct and indirect costs to administer the program and the per diem and expenses of the Board members. Funding comes from the Outdoor Equity Fund (Section 33-9-206, C.R.S.) via proceeds from lottery sales pursuant to Section 44-40-111, C.R.S.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 33-9-201 *et seq.*, and 33-60-104, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$2,782,482 cash funds and 1.0 FTE.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

ASSET MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

This line item funds small construction projects that do not rise to the scope or funding level of the Division's annual legislative capital construction request. These are typically routine repair projects that occur during the normal lifecycle of capital assets. Appropriations under this line item are available for three years, as authorized in the Long Bill footnote.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 33-1-107, 33-10-106, and 24-75-112, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests \$10,100,000 cash funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

ANNUAL DEPRECIATION-LEASE EQUIVALENT

This line item was added as a result of H.B. 17-1144 (Amend Capital Construction Automatic Funding Mechanism) that required state agencies with capital projects funded by cash funds to include this line item in their operating budgets. The Department annually calculates an amount equal to the recorded depreciation of the capital asset and includes this amount as a base adjustment in the budget request.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 24-30-1310 (2)(a), C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$402,265 cash funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request

BEAVER PARK DAM REPAYMENT

This line item was moved from the capital construction budget to CPW's operating budget in FY 2015-16. It provides spending authority for CPW to repay the Colorado Water Conservation Board for a \$10 million loan for improvements to the dam at Beaver Park Reservoir. This zero interest loan is being repaid at \$333,334 per year for 30 years.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 39-29-109 (2) (a) (X), C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests a continuation-level appropriation of \$333,334 cash funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

CHATFIELD REALLOCATION REPAYMENT

This line item was added to CPW's operating budget in FY 2017-18. It provides spending authority for CPW to repay the Colorado Water Conservation Board for an \$8.3 million interest-free loan.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 37-60-120.1 and 37-60-122 (1) (b), C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests a continuation-level appropriation of \$276,700 cash funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

INDIRECT COST ASSESSMENT

This line item reflects indirect cost assessments to cash and federal funds within the Division of Parks and Wildlife. The Department uses indirect cost recoveries to offset General Fund that would otherwise be required to pay for services from the Executive Director's Office.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$4,958,128 total funds, including \$4,250,940 cash funds and \$707,188 federal funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

(6) COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

The Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) was created in 1937 with a mission to conserve, develop, protect, and manage Colorado’s water for present and future generations. Section 37-60-104 (1), C.R.S., stipulates the requirement of a 15-member Board of Directors and Section 37-60-106, C.R.S., describes the duties of those board members “to promote the conservation of the waters of the state of Colorado in order to secure the greatest utilization of such waters and the utmost prevention of floods.” The CWCB manages two large cash fund accounts—the CWCB Construction Fund and the Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund—to provide loans and grants for projects that will increase the beneficial consumptive use of Colorado’s waters. This includes protection of water resources, water conservation, flood mitigation, stream restoration, drought planning, and implementation of the Colorado Water Plan. Special bills provide a significant source of funding for the CWCB.

| COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | | | | | | |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | \$10,363,745 | \$0 | \$9,901,993 | \$0 | \$461,752 | 54.7 |
| SB 23-126 (Supplemental) | 10,028 | 0 | 10,028 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Other legislation | 153,438,600 | 0 | 93,438,600 | 60,000,000 | 0 | 0.8 |
| TOTAL | \$163,812,373 | \$0 | \$103,350,621 | \$60,000,000 | \$461,752 | 55.5 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$163,812,373 | \$0 | \$103,350,621 | \$60,000,000 | \$461,752 | 55.5 |
| R02 CO River policy and technical support | 437,394 | 0 | 437,394 | 0 | 0 | 4.0 |
| R13 CO water plan data & mapping specialist | 129,750 | 0 | 129,750 | 0 | 0 | 1.0 |
| R16 True-up CWCB FEMA funding | 105,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 105,000 | 1.0 |
| Annualize prior year budget actions | 100,594 | 0 | 92,112 | 0 | 8,482 | 0.0 |
| Indirect cost assessment | 53,091 | 0 | 59,369 | 0 | (6,278) | 0.0 |
| Centrally appropriated line items | 5,341 | 0 | 5,341 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Non-prioritized decision items | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R17/BA02 Water plan legislative placeholder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Annualize prior year legislation | (153,438,600) | 0 | (93,438,600) | (60,000,000) | 0 | (0.8) |
| TOTAL | \$11,204,943 | \$0 | \$10,635,987 | \$0 | \$568,956 | 60.7 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | (\$152,607,430) | \$0 | (\$92,714,634) | (\$60,000,000) | \$107,204 | 5.2 |
| Percentage Change | (93.2%) | 0.0% | (89.7%) | (100.0%) | 23.2% | 9.4% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | | | | | | |
| Request Above/(Below) Recommendation | \$55,469 | \$0 | \$55,469 | \$0 | \$0 | (0.0) |

DECISION ITEMS – COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

- R17/BA2 Water Plan legislative placeholder
- R13 Water Plan data & mapping specialist
- R16 True up CWCB FEMA funding

→ R17/BA2 WATER PLAN LEGISLATIVE PLACEHOLDER

REQUEST: The Department requests that the JBC approve a one-time \$12.6 million General Fund legislative placeholder for the Water Plan Grant Program in FY 2023-24. The Department proposes that the appropriation occur in the annual CWCB Projects Bill, so the JBC does not have to sponsor legislation related to this placeholder.

The CWCB is aiming for a \$25.6 million appropriation for the Water Plan Grant Program in FY 2023-24 via the 2023 CWCB Projects Bill. Per the request, the requested \$12.6 million General Fund would combine with other funding sources to act as “one-time bridge funding to jumpstart the CWCB’s capacity to make investments in multi-beneficial projects at a higher level in FY 2023-24...” In FY 2024-25, the CWCB expects that sports betting revenue will provide more than \$20.0 million in annual funding for the Water Plan Grant Program.

An underlying driver of this request for General Fund is the way the Department plans to manage appropriations from the Water Plan Implementation Cash Fund (WPICF), which receives revenue from sports betting proceeds. Specifically, the Department wants to appropriate sports betting revenue two years in arrears.

For example, sports betting revenue from FY 2022-23 will be deposited into the WPICF in the fall of FY 2023-24. The Department would then request that the General Assembly appropriate those funds for FY 2024-25. Thus FY 2022-23’s revenue would be appropriated in FY 2024-25. The following table shows how the two-year arrears model works as compared to model that appropriates revenue the year after it is generated.

| MODELS FOR APPROPRIATING SPORTS BETTING REVENUE FOR WATER PLAN GRANT PROGRAM | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | DNR PREFERRED TWO-YEAR ARREARS MODEL | YEAR-AFTER MODEL | |
| Year that revenue is earned | | FY 22-23 | FY 22-23 |
| Year that revenue is distributed to water plan cash fund | | FY 23-24 | FY 23-24 |
| Year that revenue is appropriated for water plan grant program | | FY 24-25 | FY 23-24 |

The December 2022 forecasts from LCS and OSPB expect that FY 2022-23 sports betting revenues will allow a distribution of \$20.6 million or \$22.5 million to the WCIPF in the fall of 2023. The Department’s preference is to appropriate this distribution in FY 2024-25. This two-year arrears model provides certainty about available funding, whereas a year-after model has some uncertainty because the March economic forecasts cannot know the exact amount of sports betting revenue through the remainder of the current fiscal year. They do, however, know how much revenue has been earned through at least some of the fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends delaying action on this item until after the March economic forecasts. The JBC can then act on this item after updated economic forecasts, along with other requested legislative placeholders in other departments.

EVIDENCE LEVEL: The Department indicated that this request item is a *theory-informed program or practice*. Section 2-3-210 (2)(f), C.R.S. defines “theory-informed” as a program or practice that reflects a moderate to low or promising level of confidence of effectiveness, ineffectiveness, or harmfulness as determined by tracking and evaluating performance measures including pre- and post-intervention evaluation of program outcomes, evaluation of program outputs, identification and implementation of a theory of change, or equivalent measures. Staff agrees with this rating.

→ R13 WATER PLAN DATA & MAPPING SPECIALIST

REQUEST: The Department requests an increase of \$149,838 from the CWCB Construction Fund and 1.0 FTE for FY 2023-24. This specialist would work in the CWCB’s Water Supply Planning Section and “perform technical Geographic Information System (GIS) data analysis and watershed mapping related to conservation, agriculture, and equity.”

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends \$129,750 cash funds and 1.0 FTE. This recommendation excludes centrally appropriated costs in the first year in accordance with the Committee’s common policy for FTE requests.

ANALYSIS:

The CWCB currently has one GIS specialist, who works in their Interstate, Federal, and Water Information Section. This specialist focuses on developing and maintaining the Colorado Decision Support System, which is a water management system developed for each of Colorado's major water basins. Per the request, the current GIS specialist does not have the capacity to take on additional work for a different section of the CWCB.

The requested GIS specialist will work in the CWCB’s Water Supply Planning Section, which currently consists of eleven people. The new FTE will focus on developing and maintaining GIS tools related to the Water Plan. These tools are aimed at making data easier to access and comprehend for planning and decision-making purposes.

Staff concluded that the request was reasonable given: (1) the lack of existing GIS specialists working for the CWCB and, (2) the public benefit that comes from easier access to and comprehension of data that is presented through maps and other information visualization tools.

→ R16 TRUE UP CWCB FEMA FUNDING

REQUEST: The Department requests an increase of \$105,000 federal funds and 1.0 FTE in FY 2023-24 to reflect updated federal funding levels. The request also includes a net-zero reallocation of \$70,000 cash funds from the Severance Tax Operational Fund between line items. Specifically, the CWCB’s Severance Tax Fund line item would decrease by \$70,000 and the CWCB’s Federal Emergency Management Assistance line item would increase by \$70,000.

The request relates to the Community Assistance Program (CAP), which provides information about the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and flood prevention to Colorado communities. The CAP is currently supported by annual federal grants from the Federal Emergency Management

Administration (FEMA). The CWCB has historically used the Severance Tax Operational Fund to provide the 25.0 percent state match to these federal dollars.

The increase of 105,000 federal funds better reflects amounts received by the State, bringing the total amount of federal funds for this purpose to \$431,686. The net-zero reallocation of \$70,000 cash funds is intended to accurately reflect current practice and increase budgetary transparency.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of this request.

**LINE ITEM DETAIL - COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
(A) ADMINISTRATION**

PERSONAL SERVICES

This line item provides funding for salaries and associated expenses for program staff in the Colorado Water Conservation Board.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Articles 60 to 69 of Title 37, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$4,625,118 cash funds and 42.0 FTE.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

| COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD, ADMINISTRATION, PERSONAL SERVICES | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | \$4,067,789 | \$0 | \$4,067,789 | \$0 | \$0 | 37.0 |
| TOTAL | \$4,067,789 | \$0 | \$4,067,789 | \$0 | \$0 | 37.0 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$4,067,789 | \$0 | \$4,067,789 | \$0 | \$0 | 37.0 |
| R02 CO River policy and technical support | 364,182 | 0 | 364,182 | 0 | 0 | 4.0 |
| R13 CO water plan data & mapping specialist | 100,652 | 0 | 100,652 | 0 | 0 | 1.0 |
| Annualize prior year budget actions | 87,154 | 0 | 87,154 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Centrally appropriated line items | 5,341 | 0 | 5,341 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$4,625,118 | \$0 | \$4,625,118 | \$0 | \$0 | 42.0 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | \$557,329 | \$0 | \$557,329 | \$0 | \$0 | 5.0 |
| Percentage Change | 13.7% | 0.0% | 13.7% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 13.5% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | \$4,625,118 | \$0 | \$4,625,118 | \$0 | \$0 | 42.0 |
| Request Above/(Below) Recommendation | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |

OPERATING EXPENSES

This line item funds the day-to-day operating costs of the CWCB.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Articles 60 to 69 of Title 37, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$739,101 cash funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends \$683,632 cash funds.

| COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD, ADMINISTRATION, OPERATING EXPENSES | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | \$616,322 | \$0 | \$616,322 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| SB 23-126 (Supplemental) | \$10,028 | \$0 | \$10,028 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$626,350 | \$0 | \$626,350 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$626,350 | \$0 | \$626,350 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| R02 CO River policy and technical support | 73,212 | 0 | 73,212 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R13 CO water plan data & mapping specialist | 29,098 | 0 | 29,098 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Non-prioritized decision items | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Annualize prior year budget actions | (45,028) | 0 | (45,028) | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$683,632 | \$0 | \$683,632 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | \$57,282 | \$0 | \$57,282 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| Percentage Change | 9.1% | 0.0% | 9.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | \$739,101 | \$0 | \$739,101 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| Request Above/(Below) Recommendation | \$55,469 | \$0 | \$55,469 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |

RIVER DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEMS

The River Decision Support System (RDSS) consists of databases and models that facilitate decision making related to interstate compacts, water resource planning, and water rights administration, through use of historic data and geographic information system data to support Colorado's Decision Support System (CDSS). The CDSS is comprised of water management systems being developed and maintained by the CWCB and the Division of Water Resources for each of Colorado's major water basins.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Article 60 of Title 37, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests \$532,770 cash funds and 4.0 FTE.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

(B) SPECIAL PURPOSE

INTRASTATE WATER MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

This line item supports the work of the CWCB's Water Supply Planning Section. Duties of this section include providing broad technical expertise in water use, water availability, and water supply planning. Staff members in this section also manage the Water Supply Reserve Fund, which provides money for grants and loans to complete water activities. Requests for monies from this program must be approved by Basin Roundtables established under Section 37-75-104, C.R.S.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Articles 60 to 69 of Title 37, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests a continuation-level appropriation of \$361,821 cash funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

The majority of the appropriation for this line item is federal funds, which are included in the Long Bill for informational purposes only. This is a federally-funded program that provides flood plain mapping and information about flood prevention. This line item supports 3.0 FTE for the Map Modernization Coordinator and the State Coordinator for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The Map Modernization Coordinator is responsible for the management of the Map Modernization Program and ensuring high quality mapping products. The State Coordinator for the NFIP is responsible for performance measurement, community assistance visits, ordinance assistance, community information system, floodplain mitigation strategies, education and outreach, technical assistance, Community Rating System (CRS) support, mapping coordination assistance, intra- and inter-state coordination, and other related activities. The position also serves as the State Hazard Mitigation Officer in the event of a federally declared flood disasters, and has a primary responsibility as the CWCB representative within Disaster Field Offices when they become active.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 37-60-121 (3) (b), C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$515,418 total funds and 4.0 FTE, as reflected in the table below.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

| COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD, SPECIAL PURPOSE, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | \$331,936 | \$0 | \$13,732 | \$0 | \$318,204 | 3.0 |
| TOTAL | \$331,936 | \$0 | \$13,732 | \$0 | \$318,204 | 3.0 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$331,936 | \$0 | \$13,732 | \$0 | \$318,204 | 3.0 |
| R16 True-up CWCB FEMA funding | 175,000 | 0 | 70,000 | 0 | 105,000 | 1.0 |
| Centrally appropriated line items | 8,482 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8,482 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$515,418 | \$0 | \$83,732 | \$0 | \$431,686 | 4.0 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | \$183,482 | \$0 | \$70,000 | \$0 | \$113,482 | 1.0 |
| Percentage Change | 55.3% | 0.0% | 509.8% | 0.0% | 35.7% | 33.3% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | \$515,418 | \$0 | \$83,732 | \$0 | \$431,686 | 4.0 |
| Request Above/(Below) Recommendation | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |

WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

This line item supports the Office of Water Conservation and Drought Planning (OWCDP), which promotes water use efficiency and drought management planning. Funding for the program comes from the CWCB Construction Fund. Program responsibilities include the administration of municipal and agricultural grants, the provision of technical assistance, precipitation harvesting pilot projects, and water conservation training. The OWCDP also promotes drought planning by encouraging and assisting communities to prepare and implement drought mitigation plans and by monitoring drought impacts and informing the public, media, and state officials.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 37-60-106, 37-60-115, 37-60-124-127, and 37-96-103 C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$536,475 cash funds and 5.0 FTE.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

WATER EFFICIENCY GRANT PROGRAM

This program is administered within the Office of Water Conservation and Drought Planning and supports the implementation of water conservation plan goals and programs identified in locally adopted water conservation plans. The program also gives grants to help agencies promote the benefits of water efficiency through public education and outreach programs. Funding for this program is from the Water Efficiency Grant Program Cash Fund, which receives annual transfers from the Natural Resources and Energy Grant Programs section (formerly Tier II) of the Severance Tax Operational Fund, and the CWCB Construction Fund.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 37-60-126, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests \$615,575 cash funds and 1.0 FTE.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

SEVERANCE TAX FUND

This line item provides funding for water projects with cash funds from the Core Departmental Programs section of the Severance Tax Operational Fund. The CWCB prepares an annual proposal for projects to be funded from this line item comprised of agency initiatives and grant requests submitted by other parties. Proposals are forwarded to the CWCB Board and the Executive Director of the Department for review and approval, and the list of approved projects is included in the annual budget request. This line item accounts for most of the CWCB's Core Departmental Program appropriation each year.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 39-29-109.3 (1) (d), C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$1,205,500 cash funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

INTERBASIN COMPACTS

House Bill 05-1177 created nine permanent basin roundtables to develop a common understanding of existing water supplies and future water supply needs and demands throughout Colorado, and

possible means of meeting those needs. These “Basin Roundtables” include municipal users, agricultural users, local governments, water conservation and conservancy districts, recreational and environmental interests, and the business community. The Basin Roundtable meetings are focused on consensus building and the exchange of information on water use. This line item is funded in part by the continuously-appropriated Interbasin Compact Committee Operation Fund, which receives annual transfers from the Natural Resources and Energy Grant Programs section (formerly Tier II) of the Severance Tax Operational Fund. The remainder is from CWCB Construction Fund.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Article 75 of Title 37, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$1,204,392 cash funds and 3.7 FTE.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

PLATTE RIVER BASIN COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Colorado became a participant in the Platte River Basin Endangered Species Cooperative, now known as the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program, in 1997. The Cooperative Agreement is a three-year agreement signed by the governors of Wyoming, Colorado, and Nebraska and by the Secretary of the Interior to address the protection and restoration of various endangered species habitats along the North Platte River. The cash funds appropriation from the Fish and Wildlife Resources Fund supports 1.0 FTE and contractual personal services for ongoing administration of the program and Colorado's portion of contract technical support.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 24-33-111 and 37-65-101, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$255,712 cash funds and 1.0 FTE.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

INDIRECT COST ASSESSMENT

Indirect cost assessments are charged to cash and federally-funded programs for departmental and statewide overhead costs. The indirect cost assessments for this Department are based upon personal services costs of cash and federally funded FTE in each division.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$668,530 total funds, including \$531,260 cash funds and \$137,270 federal funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

(7) DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

The Water Resources Division, also called the Office of the State Engineer, is primarily responsible for administration of water resources, which includes overseeing over 170,000 intrastate surface and groundwater rights, as well as ensuring compliance with nine interstate compact agreements. The Division has seven field offices that monitor and distribute water based on priority and ensure dam safety. Additionally, the Division issues permits for well construction; engages in community education; consults with water suppliers and conservation districts; and collects, preserves, and provides current and historic water records and information.

| DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | | | | | | |
| SB 23-126 (Supplemental) | \$323,411 | \$323,411 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | 25,604,946 | 23,558,279 | 1,810,705 | 0 | 235,962 | 256.8 |
| Other legislation | 630,000 | 0 | 630,000 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$26,558,357 | \$23,881,690 | \$2,440,705 | \$0 | \$235,962 | 256.8 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$26,558,357 | \$23,881,690 | \$2,440,705 | \$0 | \$235,962 | 256.8 |
| R02 CO River policy and technical support | 814,944 | 814,944 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7.9 |
| Annualize prior year budget actions | 332,319 | 316,731 | 15,588 | 0 | 0 | 0.2 |
| R15 Vehicles for water admin staff | 12,939 | 12,939 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Centrally appropriated line items | 3,155 | 3,155 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Indirect cost assessment | 1,594 | 0 | 6,123 | 0 | (4,529) | 0.0 |
| Annualize prior year legislation | (616,854) | 13,146 | (630,000) | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$27,106,454 | \$25,042,605 | \$1,832,416 | \$0 | \$231,433 | 264.9 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | \$548,097 | \$1,160,915 | (\$608,289) | \$0 | (\$4,529) | 8.1 |
| Percentage Change | 2.1% | 4.9% | (24.9%) | 0.0% | (1.9%) | 3.2% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | \$27,205,248 | \$25,141,399 | \$1,832,416 | \$0 | \$231,433 | 264.9 |
| Request Above/(Below) Recommendation | \$98,794 | \$98,794 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |

DECISION ITEMS – DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES [NONE]

LINE ITEM DETAIL – DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

(A) DIVISION OPERATIONS

WATER ADMINISTRATION

Water Administration consists of two sub-programs: administration of intrastate water rights and interstate compact enforcement. It is the statutory responsibility of DWR to verify: 1) stream diversions are per decree; 2) wells are operated in compliance with their decrees; 3) augmentation or substitute water supply plans are replacing stream depletions; and 4) interstate compact flows are delivered to downstream states. This requires daily oversight of the water allocation system. There are seven division offices located throughout the state, one in each major drainage basin; these division offices employ field staff, including water commissioners, who perform duties that contribute to water

administration. Duties of the field staff include adjusting water flow, collecting water use and/or diversion data, and enforcing decrees and water laws.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Articles 61 to 69, 80 to 92 of Title 37, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$25,724,654 total funds and 257.9 FTE as shown in the table below.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends \$25,625,860 total funds and 257.9 FTE as shown in the table below.

| DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES, DIVISION OPERATIONS, WATER ADMINISTRATION | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| | TOTAL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS | FTE |
| FY 2022-23 APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| HB 22-1329 (Long Bill) | \$24,125,946 | \$23,363,311 | \$762,635 | \$0 | \$0 | 249.8 |
| SB 23-126 (Supplemental) | \$323,411 | \$323,411 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$24,449,357 | \$23,686,722 | \$762,635 | \$0 | \$0 | 249.8 |
| FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| FY 2022-23 Appropriation | \$24,449,357 | \$23,686,722 | \$762,635 | \$0 | \$0 | 249.8 |
| R02 CO River policy and technical support | 814,944 | 814,944 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7.9 |
| Annualize prior year budget actions | 332,319 | 316,731 | 15,588 | 0 | 0 | 0.2 |
| Annualize prior year legislation | 13,146 | 13,146 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| R15 Vehicles for water admin staff | 12,939 | 12,939 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Centrally appropriated line items | 3,155 | 3,155 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | \$25,625,860 | \$24,847,637 | \$778,223 | \$0 | \$0 | 257.9 |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) | \$1,176,503 | \$1,160,915 | \$15,588 | \$0 | \$0 | 8.1 |
| Percentage Change | 4.8% | 4.9% | 2.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3.2% |
| FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE REQUEST | | | | | | |
| Request Above/(Below) Recommendation | \$98,794 | \$98,794 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | (0.0) |

WELL INSPECTION

The Well Inspection Program was established by S.B. 03-045 and continues to be funded by well permit application fees. The Well Inspection Program licenses water well construction contractors and enforces existing rules and regulations. The General Assembly created the State Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors to develop construction standards to protect aquifers and license contractors for well construction. The Board is also authorized to enforce the rules and standards for well construction and pump installation.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Article 91 of Title 37, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests a continuation-level appropriation of \$379,038 cash funds and 3.0 FTE.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

SATELLITE MONITORING SYSTEM

This line item supports satellite-linked water resource monitoring stations throughout the state. This system provides "real-time" stream flow information that is used by the Division, consumptive water users such as agricultural users, and other interested persons such as rafters and anglers. Stations record stream flow and transmit the information to a database. Some revenue is generated through voluntary fees from local conservancy districts, water users, user associations, and municipalities, which are deposited in the Satellite Monitoring System Cash Fund.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 37-80-102 (10) and 37-80-111.5, C.R.S., and Article 92 of Title 37, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests a continuation-level appropriation of \$575,204 total funds, including \$194,968 General Fund and \$380,236 cash funds, and 2.0 FTE.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

FEDERAL GRANTS

This line item is funded by federal grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) and is included in the Long Bill for informational purposes only. FEMA grants are used support the Division's Dam Safety Program and BOR grants support a water project in the San Luis Valley and provide gauging station maintenance for the Williams Fork gauge in northwestern Colorado.

REQUEST: The Department requests a continuation-level appropriation of \$230,000 federal funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

RIVER DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEMS

This line item supports a statewide decision support system for the Colorado, Rio Grande, South Platte, and Arkansas River Basins. The Colorado Decision Support System consists of databases and models that use historic data and geographic information systems to facilitate decisions related to interstate compacts, water resource planning, and water rights administration.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Article 60 of Title 37, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests a continuation-level appropriation of \$212,467 cash funds and 2.0 FTE.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

(B) SPECIAL PURPOSE

DAM EMERGENCY REPAIR

This appropriation provides funding to the State Engineer if emergency action is necessary to repair a dangerous or threatened dam. Cash funds are from the Emergency Dam Repair Cash Fund, which is replenished from transfers from the CWCB Construction Fund. A maximum amount of \$50,000 is

continuously appropriated. These funds have only been required in one year to date (FY 2013-14), but any funds expended are recoverable from the dam owner.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 37-60-122.5 and 37-87-108.5, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department requests a continuation-level appropriation of \$50,000 cash funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request, as it is consistent with statutory provisions regarding funding for this line item.

INDIRECT COST ASSESSMENT

Indirect cost assessments are charged to cash and federally-funded programs for departmental and statewide overhead costs. The indirect cost assessments for this Department are based upon personal services costs of cash and federally funded FTE in each division.

REQUEST: The Department requests an appropriation of \$33,885 total funds, including \$32,452 cash funds and \$1,433 federal funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

LONG BILL FOOTNOTES AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

LONG BILL FOOTNOTES

Staff recommends **CONTINUING** the following footnote:

- N Department of Natural Resources, Executive Director’s Office, Administration – In addition to the transfer authority provided in Section 24-75-108, C.R.S., the Department may transfer up to 5.0 percent of the total appropriation among the following line items in this section: Personal Services and Operating Expenses.

COMMENT: This footnote provides transfer authority between the specified line items.

Staff recommends **CONTINUING AND MODIFYING** the following footnotes:

- N Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Wildlife, Parks and Outdoor Recreation, Special Purpose, Off-highway Vehicle Direct Services – This appropriation remains available for expenditure until the completion of the project or the close of the ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26 state fiscal year, whichever comes first.

COMMENT: This footnote provides roll-forward authority three fiscal years to accommodate grant reimbursements for multi-year projects.

- N Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Wildlife, Special Purpose, Grants and Habitat Partnerships – This appropriation remains available for expenditure until the completion of the project or the close of the ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26 state fiscal year, whichever comes first.

COMMENT: This footnote provides roll-forward authority three fiscal years to accommodate grant reimbursements for multi-year projects.

- N Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Wildlife, Special Purpose, Asset Maintenance and Repairs – This appropriation remains available for expenditure until the completion of the project or the close of the ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26 state fiscal year, whichever comes first.

COMMENT: This footnote provides roll-forward authority three fiscal years to accommodate grant reimbursements for multi-year projects.

- N Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Wildlife, Special Purpose, Outdoor Equity Grant Program – ~~Of this appropriation, \$551,808 remains available for expenditure until the close of the 2023-24 state fiscal year, and \$750,000 remains available for expenditure until the close of the 2024-25 state fiscal year.~~ This appropriation remains available for expenditure until the completion of the project or the close of the 2025-26 state fiscal year.

COMMENT: This footnote provides roll-forward authority three fiscal years to accommodate grant reimbursements for multi-year projects.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Staff recommends **CONTINUING AND MODIFYING** the following request for information:

- 1 Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Wildlife – The Division of Parks and Wildlife is requested to provide the Joint Budget Committee with actual expenditures for the prior fiscal year and estimated expenditures and awards/distributions expected in the next budget year for informational-only sources included in the State Park Operations line item and the Wildlife Operations line item. The Division is also requested to include a technical adjustment in its annual November 1 budget request that represents its best estimate for informational-only expenditures in the State Park Operations line item and the Wildlife Operations line item. The report is requested to be submitted by November 1, ~~2022~~ 2023.

COMMENT: The State Park Operations line item and the Wildlife Operations line item are the main funding lines for CPW. These lines contain both appropriated funds and informational-only funds. This request for information asks the Department to update these lines on an annual basis and provide tables that show both actual expenditures for the prior fiscal year and expected awards for the next fiscal year.

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Appendix A: Numbers Pages

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Dan Gibbs, Executive Director

(1) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

(A) Administration

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Personal Services | <u>4,297,148</u> | <u>4,423,247</u> | <u>4,918,185</u> | <u>5,383,143</u> | <u>5,240,248</u> * |
| FTE | 38.8 | 42.7 | 49.6 | 52.3 | 51.3 |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 177,493 | 157,237 | 157,237 |
| Cash Funds | 0 | 73,147 | 58,916 | 58,916 | 58,916 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 4,297,148 | 4,350,100 | 4,681,776 | 5,166,990 | 5,024,095 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Health, Life, and Dental | <u>16,712,961</u> | <u>18,366,109</u> | <u>19,754,612</u> | <u>23,346,054</u> | <u>22,813,617</u> * |
| General Fund | 2,151,198 | 3,587,245 | 3,638,034 | 4,224,338 | 4,137,619 |
| Cash Funds | 13,963,072 | 14,554,675 | 15,602,133 | 18,302,979 | 17,875,060 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 598,691 | 224,189 | 120,928 | 389,659 | 371,860 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 393,517 | 429,078 | 429,078 |
| Short-term Disability | <u>178,267</u> | <u>174,443</u> | <u>188,045</u> | <u>194,907</u> | <u>188,694</u> * |
| General Fund | 31,080 | 31,485 | 31,903 | 31,128 | 27,113 |
| Cash Funds | 141,472 | 136,753 | 144,815 | 151,146 | 150,257 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 5,715 | 6,205 | 6,720 | 8,083 | 7,052 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 4,607 | 4,550 | 4,272 |

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| S.B. 04-257 Amortization Equalization Disbursement | <u>5,881,194</u> | <u>6,113,311</u> | <u>6,577,588</u> | <u>7,264,371</u> | <u>7,099,272</u> * |
| General Fund | 919,279 | 988,697 | 1,009,173 | 1,049,884 | 1,017,605 |
| Cash Funds | 4,784,922 | 4,921,127 | 5,203,672 | 5,783,061 | 5,658,919 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 176,993 | 203,487 | 213,304 | 271,285 | 262,607 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 151,439 | 160,141 | 160,141 |
| S.B. 06-235 Supplemental Amortization Equalization Disbursement | <u>5,881,194</u> | <u>6,113,311</u> | <u>6,577,588</u> | <u>7,264,371</u> | <u>7,099,272</u> * |
| General Fund | 919,279 | 988,697 | 1,009,173 | 1,049,884 | 1,017,605 |
| Cash Funds | 4,784,922 | 4,921,127 | 5,203,672 | 5,783,061 | 5,658,920 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 176,993 | 203,487 | 213,304 | 271,285 | 262,606 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 151,439 | 160,141 | 160,141 |
| PERA Direct Distribution | <u>0</u> | <u>3,098,784</u> | <u>2,468,271</u> | <u>468,983</u> | <u>468,983</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 567,764 | 0 | 79,467 | 79,467 |
| Cash Funds | 0 | 2,430,519 | 2,369,405 | 372,435 | 372,435 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 100,501 | 98,866 | 17,081 | 17,081 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Salary Survey | 0 | <u>3,808,687</u> | <u>5,006,060</u> | <u>8,017,982</u> | <u>7,901,922</u> * |
| General Fund | 0 | 614,722 | 659,952 | 1,146,237 | 1,124,437 |
| Cash Funds | 0 | 3,065,584 | 4,106,365 | 6,376,831 | 6,329,629 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 128,381 | 140,213 | 322,371 | 275,313 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 99,530 | 172,543 | 172,543 |
| Shift Differential | <u>38,953</u> | <u>48,117</u> | <u>54,831</u> | <u>54,230</u> | <u>54,230</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 38,953 | 48,117 | 54,831 | 54,230 | 54,230 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Workers' Compensation | <u>1,367,677</u> | <u>1,210,150</u> | <u>1,336,669</u> | <u>1,093,266</u> | <u>1,105,642</u> |
| General Fund | 107,726 | 175,209 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 1,245,205 | 1,027,989 | 1,301,229 | 1,072,897 | 1,085,273 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 10,218 | 3,679 | 0 | 1,148 | 1,148 |
| Federal Funds | 4,528 | 3,273 | 35,440 | 19,221 | 19,221 |
| Operating Expenses | <u>91,400</u> | <u>168,282</u> | <u>354,340</u> | <u>278,658</u> | <u>250,221</u> * |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 130,630 | 5,486 | 5,340 |
| Cash Funds | 0 | 0 | 7,950 | 1,666 | 950 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 91,400 | 168,282 | 215,760 | 271,506 | 243,931 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Legal Services | <u>5,482,947</u> | <u>5,134,607</u> | <u>5,645,596</u> | <u>7,216,400</u> | <u>7,216,400</u> |
| General Fund | 1,432,746 | 1,329,757 | 1,464,539 | 1,993,665 | 1,993,665 |
| Cash Funds | 3,963,212 | 3,727,750 | 4,029,721 | 5,084,215 | 5,084,215 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 33,837 | 137,628 | 114,720 | 114,720 |
| Federal Funds | 86,989 | 43,263 | 13,708 | 23,800 | 23,800 |

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| Statewide training | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>28,267</u> | <u>0</u> * |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,480 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22,907 | 0 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 880 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Payment to Risk Management and Property Funds | <u>982,886</u> | <u>1,551,672</u> | <u>1,567,049</u> | <u>1,645,034</u> | <u>1,575,650</u> |
| General Fund | 64,406 | 100,414 | 140,186 | 141,451 | 134,761 |
| Cash Funds | 902,570 | 1,426,273 | 1,388,639 | 1,463,317 | 1,402,886 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 8,735 | 14,497 | 22,532 | 24,326 | 23,024 |
| Federal Funds | 7,175 | 10,488 | 15,692 | 15,940 | 14,979 |
| Vehicle Lease Payments | <u>4,043,946</u> | <u>4,243,323</u> | <u>5,097,079</u> | <u>5,319,091</u> | <u>5,203,394</u> * |
| General Fund | 283,220 | 330,872 | 369,671 | 406,730 | 408,510 |
| Cash Funds | 3,663,507 | 3,833,241 | 4,668,788 | 4,834,532 | 4,736,264 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 45,175 | 17,186 | 18,834 | 14,014 | 18,834 |
| Federal Funds | 52,044 | 62,024 | 39,786 | 63,815 | 39,786 |
| Capital Outlay | <u>667,486</u> | <u>129,674</u> | <u>1,062,343</u> | <u>1,062,343</u> | <u>1,062,343</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 667,486 | 129,674 | 1,057,006 | 1,057,006 | 1,057,006 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 5,337 | 5,337 | 5,337 |

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| Information Technology Asset Maintenance | <u>151,179</u> | <u>90,208</u> | <u>343,667</u> | <u>871,821</u> | <u>871,820</u> * |
| General Fund | 0 | 28,065 | 43,136 | 120,992 | 120,992 |
| Cash Funds | 84,835 | 28,282 | 208,211 | 638,820 | 638,819 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 66,344 | 33,861 | 92,320 | 112,009 | 112,009 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Leased Space | <u>1,779,487</u> | <u>1,779,628</u> | <u>2,012,084</u> | <u>1,992,479</u> | <u>1,994,429</u> * |
| General Fund | 673,446 | 685,152 | 741,748 | 730,971 | 730,971 |
| Cash Funds | 1,076,928 | 1,066,428 | 1,241,076 | 1,233,788 | 1,235,738 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 5,058 | 5,130 | 5,205 | 5,356 | 5,356 |
| Federal Funds | 24,055 | 22,918 | 24,055 | 22,364 | 22,364 |
| Temporary Employees Related to Authorized Leave | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>111,198</u> | <u>111,198</u> | <u>111,198</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 3,427 | 3,427 | 3,427 |
| Cash Funds | 0 | 0 | 107,227 | 107,227 | 107,227 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 544 | 544 | 544 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Capitol Complex Leased Space | <u>1,408,234</u> | <u>1,551,708</u> | <u>1,067,890</u> | <u>919,582</u> | <u>828,339</u> * |
| General Fund | 264,631 | 291,590 | 280,328 | 292,100 | 261,836 |
| Cash Funds | 715,290 | 788,166 | 333,837 | 322,279 | 291,738 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 274,718 | 302,707 | 291,016 | 137,475 | 124,416 |
| Federal Funds | 153,595 | 169,245 | 162,709 | 167,728 | 150,349 |
| CORE Operations | <u>616,928</u> | <u>541,043</u> | <u>624,718</u> | <u>556,303</u> | <u>481,863</u> * |
| General Fund | 45,698 | 37,899 | 44,019 | 41,937 | 33,953 |
| Cash Funds | 539,620 | 473,728 | 549,036 | 486,539 | 423,487 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 12,692 | 12,469 | 13,699 | 13,279 | 10,567 |
| Federal Funds | 18,918 | 16,947 | 17,964 | 14,548 | 13,856 |

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| Digital Trunk Radio Payments | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>1,943,878</u> | <u>1,940,561</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,943,878 | 1,940,561 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Species Conservation Trust Fund | <u>5,139,461</u> | <u>8,513,848</u> | <u>5,000,000</u> | <u>5,000,000</u> | <u>5,000,000</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 5,139,461 | 8,513,848 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Payments to OIT | <u>14,741,085</u> | <u>13,035,332</u> | <u>16,401,334</u> | <u>17,580,581</u> | <u>17,753,146</u> * |
| General Fund | 3,011,333 | 1,907,668 | 3,115,465 | 3,660,785 | 3,720,897 |
| Cash Funds | 11,280,143 | 10,478,065 | 12,327,856 | 13,453,319 | 13,562,606 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 320,532 | 482,515 | 629,869 | 185,335 | 185,335 |
| Federal Funds | 129,077 | 167,084 | 328,144 | 281,142 | 284,308 |
| Appropriation to Wildfire Mitigation and Capacity | | | | | |
| Development Fund | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>5,000,000</u> | <u>5,000,000</u> * |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| IT Accessibility | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>2,109,274</u> | <u>2,109,274</u> * |
| FTE | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 149,337 | 149,337 |
| Cash Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,829,892 | 1,829,892 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 107,839 | 107,839 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22,206 | 22,206 |
| SUBTOTAL - (A) Administration | 69,462,433 | 80,095,484 | 86,169,147 | 104,722,216 | 103,370,518 |
| <i>FTE</i> | <u>38.8</u> | <u>42.7</u> | <u>49.6</u> | <u>55.3</u> | <u>54.3</u> |
| General Fund | 9,904,042 | 11,665,236 | 12,858,877 | 15,289,536 | 15,124,772 |
| Cash Funds | 52,991,598 | 61,644,493 | 64,964,385 | 80,434,941 | 79,555,028 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 6,090,412 | 6,290,513 | 6,902,518 | 7,435,185 | 7,168,337 |
| Federal Funds | 476,381 | 495,242 | 1,443,367 | 1,562,554 | 1,522,381 |

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| (B) Special Programs | | | | | |
| Colorado Avalanche Information Center | <u>1,406,475</u> | <u>1,763,716</u> | <u>1,574,596</u> | <u>2,585,979</u> | <u>2,572,802</u> * |
| FTE | 13.0 | 14.7 | 15.2 | 20.7 | 20.7 |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 692,307 | 968,707 | 754,582 | 1,789,353 | 1,776,176 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 665,671 | 745,009 | 801,043 | 777,655 | 777,655 |
| Federal Funds | 48,497 | 50,000 | 18,971 | 18,971 | 18,971 |
| Colorado River Program | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>323,900 2.0</u> | <u>323,900 2.0</u> * |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 323,900 | 323,900 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Indirect Cost Assessment | <u>1,503</u> | <u>58,249</u> | <u>70,336</u> | <u>96,465</u> | <u>96,465</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 0 | 58,249 | 70,336 | 96,465 | 96,465 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 1,503 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| SUBTOTAL - (B) Special Programs | 1,407,978 | 1,821,965 | 1,644,932 | 3,006,344 | 2,993,167 |
| <i>FTE</i> | <u>13.0</u> | <u>14.7</u> | <u>15.2</u> | <u>22.7</u> | <u>22.7</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 692,307 | 1,026,956 | 824,918 | 2,209,718 | 2,196,541 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 665,671 | 745,009 | 801,043 | 777,655 | 777,655 |
| Federal Funds | 50,000 | 50,000 | 18,971 | 18,971 | 18,971 |
| TOTAL - (1) Executive Director's Office | 70,870,411 | 81,917,449 | 87,814,079 | 107,728,560 | 106,363,685 |
| <i>FTE</i> | <u>51.8</u> | <u>57.4</u> | <u>64.8</u> | <u>78.0</u> | <u>77.0</u> |
| General Fund | 9,904,042 | 11,665,236 | 12,858,877 | 15,289,536 | 15,124,772 |
| Cash Funds | 53,683,905 | 62,671,449 | 65,789,303 | 82,644,659 | 81,751,569 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 6,756,083 | 7,035,522 | 7,703,561 | 8,212,840 | 7,945,992 |
| Federal Funds | 526,381 | 545,242 | 1,462,338 | 1,581,525 | 1,541,352 |

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(5) DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE

(A) Colorado Parks and Wildlife Operations

| | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| State Park Operations | <u>36,662,606</u> | <u>38,997,182</u> | <u>46,076,653</u> | <u>53,147,336</u> | <u>53,115,316</u> * |
| FTE | 282.5 | 290.7 | 270.0 | 289.9 | 289.6 |
| General Fund | 125,001 | 200,625 | 125,000 | 125,000 | 125,000 |
| Cash Funds | 36,401,009 | 38,762,427 | 45,506,847 | 52,577,530 | 52,545,510 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 136,596 | 34,130 | 444,806 | 444,806 | 444,806 |
| Wildlife Operations | <u>79,725,632</u> | <u>84,794,401</u> | <u>98,068,626</u> | <u>113,210,253</u> | <u>113,150,787</u> * |
| FTE | 608.4 | 596.9 | 649.5 | 665.3 | 664.6 |
| General Fund | 0 | 1,240,445 | 2,207,307 | 2,210,175 | 2,210,175 |
| Cash Funds | 57,126,189 | 59,349,015 | 76,686,636 | 91,825,395 | 91,765,929 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 22,599,443 | 24,204,941 | 19,174,683 | 19,174,683 | 19,174,683 |
| Vendor commissions, fulfillment fees, and credit card fees | <u>10,677,423</u> | <u>10,056,487</u> | <u>14,555,758</u> | <u>14,555,758</u> | <u>14,555,758</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 10,677,423 | 10,056,487 | 14,555,758 | 14,555,758 | 14,555,758 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| SUBTOTAL - (A) Colorado Parks and Wildlife | | | | | |
| Operations | 127,065,661 | 133,848,070 | 158,701,037 | 180,913,347 | 180,821,861 |
| <i>FTE</i> | <u>890.9</u> | <u>887.6</u> | <u>919.5</u> | <u>955.2</u> | <u>954.2</u> |
| General Fund | 125,001 | 1,441,070 | 2,332,307 | 2,335,175 | 2,335,175 |
| Cash Funds | 104,204,621 | 108,167,929 | 136,749,241 | 158,958,683 | 158,867,197 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 22,736,039 | 24,239,071 | 19,619,489 | 19,619,489 | 19,619,489 |

(B) Special Purpose

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Snowmobile Program | <u>883,844</u> | <u>920,511</u> | <u>1,025,055</u> | <u>1,029,520</u> | <u>1,029,520</u> |
| FTE | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 883,844 | 920,511 | 1,025,055 | 1,029,520 | 1,029,520 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| River Outfitters Regulation | <u>61,855</u> | <u>92,967</u> | <u>158,935</u> | <u>150,863</u> | <u>150,863</u> |
| FTE | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 61,855 | 92,967 | 158,935 | 150,863 | 150,863 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Off-highway Vehicle Program | <u>354,833</u> | <u>377,920</u> | <u>597,002</u> | <u>600,084</u> | <u>600,084</u> |
| FTE | 0.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 354,833 | 377,920 | 597,002 | 600,084 | 600,084 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Off-highway Vehicle Grants | <u>3,760,444</u> | <u>4,211,608</u> | <u>6,000,000</u> | <u>6,000,000</u> | <u>6,000,000</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 3,760,444 | 4,211,608 | 6,000,000 | 6,000,000 | 6,000,000 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Grants | <u>784,511 2.0</u> | <u>1,306,718</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 784,511 | 1,306,718 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stores Revolving Fund | <u>1,037,012</u> | <u>1,446,990</u> | <u>200,000</u> | <u>200,000</u> | <u>200,000</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 1,037,012 | 1,446,990 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Information Technology | <u>1,726,779</u> | <u>1,951,458</u> | <u>2,605,016</u> | <u>2,605,016</u> | <u>2,605,016</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 1,726,779 | 1,951,458 | 2,605,016 | 2,605,016 | 2,605,016 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Trails Grants | <u>4,837,651</u> | <u>6,696,462</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 3,087,243 | 3,379,855 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 1,750,408 | 3,316,607 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Appropriation to Aquatic Nuisance Species Fund | <u>0</u> | <u>4,006,005</u> | <u>4,006,005</u> | <u>4,006,005</u> | <u>4,006,005</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 0 | 4,006,005 | 4,006,005 | 4,006,005 | 4,006,005 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Game Damage Claims and Prevention | <u>912,735</u> | <u>1,157,561</u> | <u>1,282,500</u> | <u>1,282,500</u> | <u>1,282,500</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 912,735 | 1,157,561 | 1,282,500 | 1,282,500 | 1,282,500 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Habitat Partnership Program | <u>2,676,171</u> | <u>2,556,231</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| FTE | 4.7 | 5.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 2,676,171 | 2,556,231 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grants and Habitat Partnerships | <u>785,986</u> | <u>940,848</u> | <u>2,375,000</u> | <u>2,375,000</u> | <u>2,375,000</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 785,986 | 940,848 | 2,375,000 | 2,375,000 | 2,375,000 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Outdoor Equity Grant Program | <u>0</u> | <u>14,047</u> | <u>2,032,482</u> | <u>2,782,482</u> | <u>2,782,482</u> |
| FTE | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 0 | 14,047 | 2,032,482 | 2,782,482 | 2,782,482 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Asset Maintenance and Repairs | <u>3,804,427</u> | <u>4,799,704</u> | <u>10,100,000</u> | <u>10,100,000</u> | <u>10,100,000</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 3,804,427 | 4,799,704 | 10,100,000 | 10,100,000 | 10,100,000 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Annual Depreciation-lease Equivalent Payment | <u>194,797</u> | <u>431,051</u> | <u>375,116</u> | <u>402,265</u> | <u>402,265</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 194,797 | 431,051 | 375,116 | 402,265 | 402,265 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Beaver Park Dam Repayment | <u>333,333</u> | <u>333,333</u> | <u>333,334</u> | <u>333,334</u> | <u>333,334</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 333,333 | 333,333 | 333,334 | 333,334 | 333,334 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chatfield Reallocation Project Loan Repayment | <u>276,699</u> | <u>276,699</u> | <u>276,700</u> | <u>276,700</u> | <u>276,700</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 276,699 | 276,699 | 276,700 | 276,700 | 276,700 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Indirect Cost Assessment | <u>7,926,662</u> | <u>8,350,107</u> | <u>4,675,095</u> | <u>4,958,128</u> | <u>4,958,128</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 3,388,097 | 3,819,721 | 4,066,425 | 4,250,940 | 4,250,940 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 4,538,565 | 4,530,386 | 608,670 | 707,188 | 707,188 |

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| Aquatic Nuisance Species Program | <u>1,662,125</u> | <u>2,554,395</u> | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FTE | 4.3 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 1,662,125 | 2,554,395 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUBTOTAL - (B) Special Purpose | 32,019,864 | 42,424,615 | 36,042,240 | 37,101,897 | 37,101,897 |
| FTE | <u>12.6</u> | <u>14.6</u> | <u>5.8</u> | <u>5.8</u> | <u>5.8</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 24,946,380 | 33,270,904 | 35,433,570 | 36,394,709 | 36,394,709 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 7,073,484 | 9,153,711 | 608,670 | 707,188 | 707,188 |
| TOTAL - (5) Division of Parks and Wildlife | 159,085,525 | 176,272,685 | 194,743,277 | 218,015,244 | 217,923,758 |
| FTE | <u>903.5</u> | <u>902.2</u> | <u>925.3</u> | <u>961.0</u> | <u>960.0</u> |
| General Fund | 125,001 | 1,441,070 | 2,332,307 | 2,335,175 | 2,335,175 |
| Cash Funds | 129,151,001 | 141,438,833 | 172,182,811 | 195,353,392 | 195,261,906 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 29,809,523 | 33,392,782 | 20,228,159 | 20,326,677 | 20,326,677 |

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| (6) COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD | | | | | |
| (A) Administration | | | | | |
| Personal Services | 3,497,016 | 3,435,027 | 4,067,789 | 4,625,118 | 4,625,118 * |
| FTE | 30.7 | 29.9 | 37.0 | 42.0 | 42.0 |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 3,497,016 | 3,435,027 | 4,067,789 | 4,625,118 | 4,625,118 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Operating Expenses | 496,404 | 532,891 | 626,350 | 739,101 | 683,632 * |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 496,404 | 532,891 | 626,350 | 739,101 | 683,632 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| River Decision Support Systems | 468,121 | 498,431 | 520,707 | 532,770 | 532,770 |
| FTE | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 468,121 | 498,431 | 520,707 | 532,770 | 532,770 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| SUBTOTAL - (A) Administration | 4,461,541 | 4,466,349 | 5,214,846 | 5,896,989 | 5,841,520 |
| <i>FTE</i> | <u>34.7</u> | <u>33.9</u> | <u>41.0</u> | <u>46.0</u> | <u>46.0</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 4,461,541 | 4,466,349 | 5,214,846 | 5,896,989 | 5,841,520 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

(B) Special Purpose

| | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Colorado Water Plan Implementation | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> * |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Intrastate Water Management and Development | <u>192,201</u> | <u>256,429</u> | <u>361,821</u> | <u>361,821</u> | <u>361,821</u> |
| <i>FTE</i> | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 192,201 | 256,429 | 361,821 | 361,821 | 361,821 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Emergency Management Assistance | <u>4,244,381</u> | <u>4,909,073</u> | <u>331,936</u> | <u>515,418</u> | <u>515,418</u> * |
| <i>FTE</i> | 2.7 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 7,096 | 10,840 | 13,732 | 83,732 | 83,732 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 4,237,285 | 4,898,233 | 318,204 | 431,686 | 431,686 |

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| Water Conservation Program | <u>351,670</u> | <u>370,310</u> | <u>515,793</u> | <u>536,475</u> | <u>536,475</u> |
| FTE | 4.0 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 351,670 | 370,310 | 515,793 | 536,475 | 536,475 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Water Efficiency Grant Program | <u>263,027</u> | <u>190,054</u> | <u>611,747</u> | <u>615,575</u> | <u>615,575</u> |
| FTE | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 263,027 | 190,054 | 611,747 | 615,575 | 615,575 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Severance Tax Fund | <u>73,029</u> | <u>1,219,522</u> | <u>1,275,500</u> | <u>1,205,500</u> | <u>1,205,500</u> * |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 73,029 | 1,219,522 | 1,275,500 | 1,205,500 | 1,205,500 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Interbasin Compacts | <u>423,550</u> | <u>478,730</u> | <u>1,193,197</u> | <u>1,204,392</u> | <u>1,204,392</u> |
| FTE | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 423,550 | 478,730 | 1,193,197 | 1,204,392 | 1,204,392 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Platte River Basin Cooperative Agreement | <u>241,367</u> | <u>131,934</u> | <u>253,494</u> | <u>255,712</u> | <u>255,712</u> |
| FTE | 1.0 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 241,367 | 131,934 | 253,494 | 255,712 | 255,712 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CWCB Projects Bill | <u>17,477,427</u> | <u>10,454,399</u> | <u>16,450,000</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 17,477,427 | 10,454,399 | 16,450,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SB22-028 Groundwater compact compliance | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>120,000,000</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 0 | 0 | 60,000,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 60,000,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| HB22-1151 Turf replacement | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>1,988,600 0.8</u> | <u>0 0.0</u> | <u>0 0.0</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 0 | 0 | 1,988,600 | 0 | 0 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| HB22-1379 Wildfire Prevention and Watershed | | | | | |
| Restoration | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>15,000,000</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 0 | 0 | 15,000,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Indirect Cost Assessment | <u>760,526</u> | <u>650,416</u> | <u>615,439</u> | <u>668,530</u> | <u>668,530</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 589,722 | 546,680 | 471,891 | 531,260 | 531,260 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 170,804 | 103,736 | 143,548 | 137,270 | 137,270 |
| Weather Modification | <u>0</u> | <u>6,800</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 0 | 6,800 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Colorado Watershed Protection Fund | <u>63,250</u> | <u>127,802</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 63,250 | 127,802 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Finance grant making | <u>0</u> | <u>6,536,821</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 6,536,821 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Watershed Restoration Stimulus | <u>0</u> | <u>10,119,319</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 0 | 10,119,319 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| H.B. 21-1260 General Fund State Water Plan | <u>0</u> | <u>654,985</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 0 | 654,985 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Demand Management | <u>540,236</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| General Fund | 540,236 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Finance Grant Making | <u>522,103</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| General Fund | 522,103 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| HB 21-1260 General Fund Transfer to Implement Water Plan | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Cash Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| SUBTOTAL - (B) Special Purpose | 25,152,767 | 36,106,594 | 158,597,527 | 5,363,423 | 5,363,423 |
| <i>FTE</i> | <u>11.9</u> | <u>12.5</u> | <u>14.5</u> | <u>14.7</u> | <u>14.7</u> |
| General Fund | 1,062,339 | 6,536,821 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 19,682,339 | 24,567,804 | 98,135,775 | 4,794,467 | 4,794,467 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 60,000,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 4,408,089 | 5,001,969 | 461,752 | 568,956 | 568,956 |
| TOTAL - (6) Colorado Water Conservation Board | 29,614,308 | 40,572,943 | 163,812,373 | 11,260,412 | 11,204,943 |
| <i>FTE</i> | <u>46.6</u> | <u>46.4</u> | <u>55.5</u> | <u>60.7</u> | <u>60.7</u> |
| General Fund | 1,062,339 | 6,536,821 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 24,143,880 | 29,034,153 | 103,350,621 | 10,691,456 | 10,635,987 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 60,000,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 4,408,089 | 5,001,969 | 461,752 | 568,956 | 568,956 |

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(7) DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

(A) Division Operations

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Water Administration | <u>21,848,343</u> | <u>21,355,303</u> | <u>24,449,357</u> | <u>25,724,654</u> | <u>25,625,860</u> * |
| FTE | 228.0 | 225.6 | 249.8 | 257.9 | 257.9 |
| General Fund | 22,011,822 | 21,417,260 | 23,686,722 | 24,946,431 | 24,847,637 |
| Cash Funds | (83,378) | (61,957) | 762,635 | 778,223 | 778,223 |
| Reappropriated Funds | (80,101) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Well Inspection | <u>297,720</u> | <u>337,820</u> | <u>379,038</u> | <u>379,038</u> | <u>379,038</u> |
| FTE | 3.0 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 297,720 | 337,820 | 379,038 | 379,038 | 379,038 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Satellite Monitoring System | <u>424,893</u> | <u>503,488</u> | <u>575,204</u> | <u>575,204</u> | <u>575,204</u> |
| FTE | 1.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| General Fund | 132,527 | 164,802 | 194,968 | 194,968 | 194,968 |
| Cash Funds | 292,366 | 338,686 | 380,236 | 380,236 | 380,236 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

*Line item includes a decision item.

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| Federal Grants | <u>297,485</u> | <u>147,081</u> | <u>230,000</u> | <u>230,000</u> | <u>230,000</u> |
| FTE | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 297,485 | 147,081 | 230,000 | 230,000 | 230,000 |
| River Decision Support Systems | <u>212,467</u> | <u>212,409</u> | <u>212,467</u> | <u>212,467</u> | <u>212,467</u> |
| FTE | 2.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 212,467 | 212,409 | 212,467 | 212,467 | 212,467 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUBTOTAL - (A) Division Operations | 23,080,908 | 22,556,101 | 25,846,066 | 27,121,363 | 27,022,569 |
| FTE | <u>234.0</u> | <u>226.6</u> | <u>256.8</u> | <u>264.9</u> | <u>264.9</u> |
| General Fund | 22,144,349 | 21,582,062 | 23,881,690 | 25,141,399 | 25,042,605 |
| Cash Funds | 719,175 | 826,958 | 1,734,376 | 1,749,964 | 1,749,964 |
| Reappropriated Funds | (80,101) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 297,485 | 147,081 | 230,000 | 230,000 | 230,000 |

(B) Special Purpose

| | | | | | |
|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Dam Emergency Repair | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>50,000</u> | <u>50,000</u> | <u>50,000</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 0 | 0 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Indirect Cost Assessment | <u>48,845</u> | <u>27,871</u> | <u>32,291</u> | <u>33,885</u> | <u>33,885</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 42,074 | 26,059 | 26,329 | 32,452 | 32,452 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 6,771 | 1,812 | 5,962 | 1,433 | 1,433 |
| CWCB Projects Bill | <u>59,125</u> | <u>545,559</u> | <u>630,000</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 59,125 | 545,559 | 630,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUBTOTAL - (B) Special Purpose | 107,970 | 573,430 | 712,291 | 83,885 | 83,885 |
| <i>FTE</i> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> |
| General Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds | 101,199 | 571,618 | 706,329 | 82,452 | 82,452 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 6,771 | 1,812 | 5,962 | 1,433 | 1,433 |
| TOTAL - (7) Division of Water Resources | 23,188,878 | 23,129,531 | 26,558,357 | 27,205,248 | 27,106,454 |
| <i>FTE</i> | <u>234.0</u> | <u>226.6</u> | <u>256.8</u> | <u>264.9</u> | <u>264.9</u> |
| General Fund | 22,144,349 | 21,582,062 | 23,881,690 | 25,141,399 | 25,042,605 |
| Cash Funds | 820,374 | 1,398,576 | 2,440,705 | 1,832,416 | 1,832,416 |
| Reappropriated Funds | (80,101) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Funds | 304,256 | 148,893 | 235,962 | 231,433 | 231,433 |

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| TOTAL - Department of Natural Resources | 282,759,122 | 321,892,608 | 472,928,086 | 364,209,464 | 362,598,840 |
| <i>FTE</i> | <u>1,235.9</u> | <u>1,232.6</u> | <u>1,302.4</u> | <u>1,364.6</u> | <u>1,362.6</u> |
| General Fund | 33,235,731 | 41,225,189 | 39,072,874 | 42,766,110 | 42,502,552 |
| Cash Funds | 207,799,160 | 234,543,011 | 343,763,440 | 290,521,923 | 289,481,878 |
| Reappropriated Funds | 6,675,982 | 7,035,522 | 67,703,561 | 8,212,840 | 7,945,992 |
| Federal Funds | 35,048,249 | 39,088,886 | 22,388,211 | 22,708,591 | 22,668,418 |