

# Perpetual Base Fund Transfer to the Water Supply Reserve Fund (WSRF)

AGENDA ITEM #20

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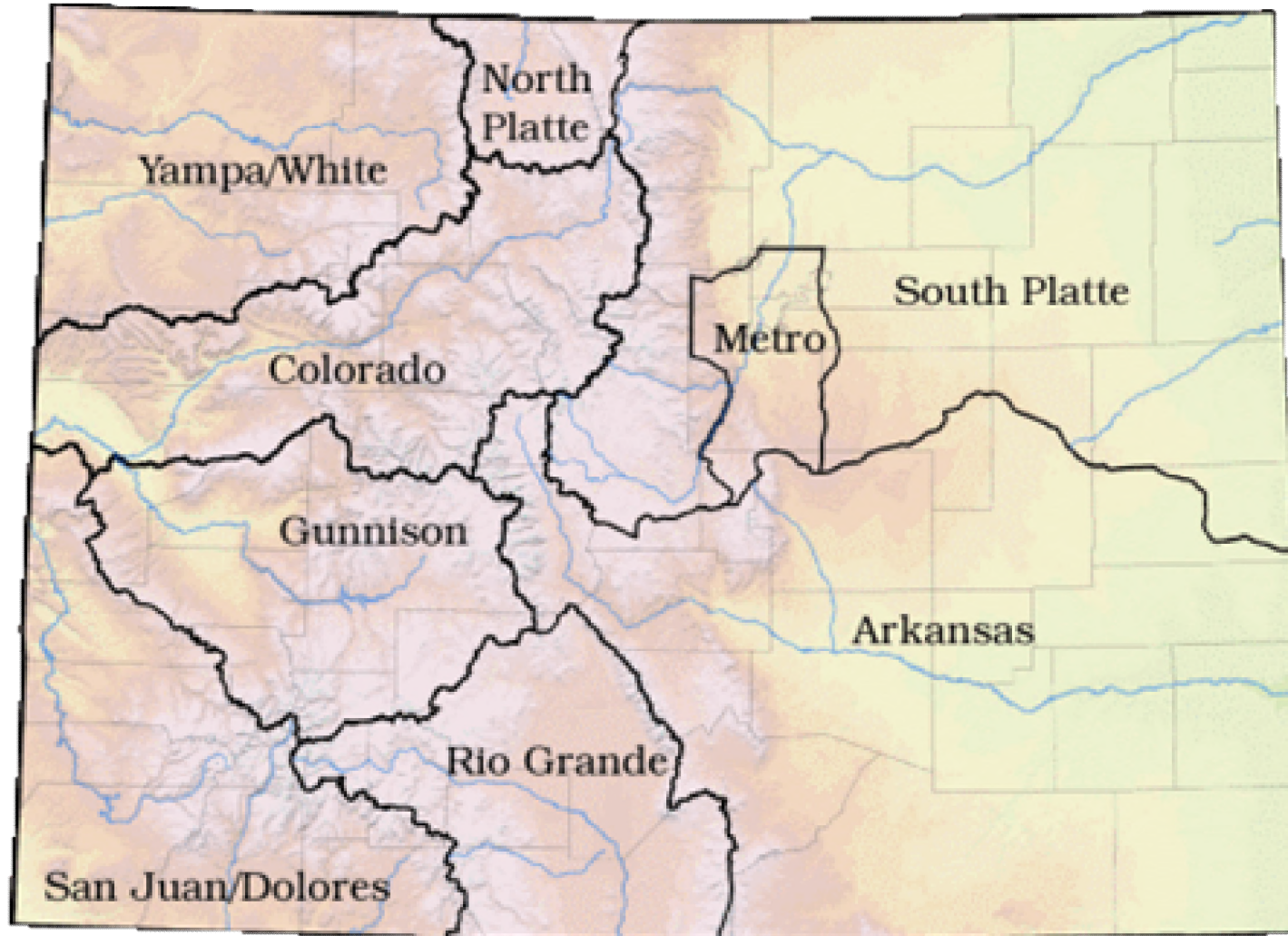
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# BASIN ROUNDTABLES



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# LEGISLATION OUTLINES WSRF FUNDING IN SB09-106

Eligible water activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Competitive grants for environmental compliance and feasibility studies;
- Technical assistance regarding permitting, feasibility studies, and environmental compliance;
- Studies or analyses of structural, nonstructural, consumptive, and nonconsumptive water needs, projects, or activities;
- Structural and nonstructural water projects or activities

## Senate Bill 21-281 Severance Tax Trust Fund Allocation

- Authorized CWCB Board to transfer funding from the Perpetual Base Account to WSRF
- Earlier this year, the CWCB Board authorized \$3M transfer to WSRF
- At July Board meeting, \$17M transfer authorized to WSRF for a total of \$20M

# PROPOSED 2022 CHANGES WOULD

- Make use of “windfall” Severance Tax revenue for project needs we’ve heard from basins and Board
- Fill all the accounts up to \$1M
- Reestablish a statewide matching fund with \$11.6M aimed at:
  - Aging infrastructure - a consistent need cited by basins.
  - Drought resilience – an increased emphasis given current trends/conditions

# ADDED BASIN FUNDS TO CREATE \$1M BALANCES

<b>Basin</b>	<b>Stimulus Funds</b>	<b>Native Funds</b>	<b>Existing Balance</b>	<b>Added Infusion (to bring accounts up to \$1M)</b>
Arkansas	\$51,160	\$427,246	\$478,406	\$521,594
Colorado	\$165,200	\$290,866	\$456,066	\$543,934
Southwest	\$120,577	\$412,503	\$533,080	\$466,920
Gunnison	\$500	\$362,438	\$362,938	\$637,062
Metro	\$0	\$664,430	\$664,430	\$335,570
North Platte	\$0	\$365,450	\$365,450	\$634,550
Rio Grande	\$112,000	\$251,347	\$363,347	\$636,653
South Platte	\$0	\$480,615	\$480,615	\$519,385
Yampa/White/Green	\$2,250	\$693,490	\$695,740	\$304,260



**THE NEW \$17M INFUSION INTO WSRF,  
MAKES \$11.6M AVAILABLE FOR STATE MATCH.**

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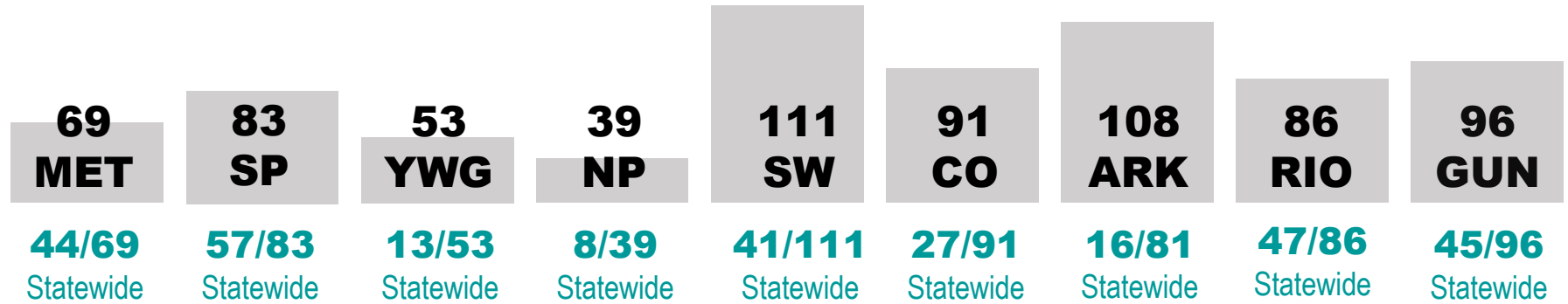
**HISTORICALLY WSRF STATWIDE MATCH GRANTED,  
~\$14M ON AGING INFRASTRUCTURE OVER 17 YEARS.**  
(ABOUT \$800K/YEAR = 14.5 years of funding at this rate)

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**TOTAL HISTORIC STATEWIDE REQUESTS GRANTED,  
~\$65M FOR ALL MATCHES OVER 17 YEARS.**  
(ABOUT \$3.8M/YEAR = 3 years of funding at this rate)

# ALL WSRF PROJECTS BY BASIN 2007-2021

**719** Projects



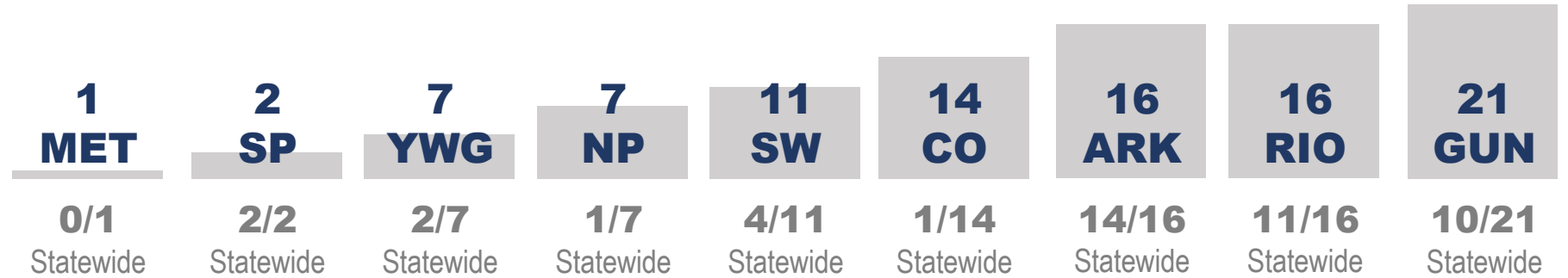
**\$** Average Cost



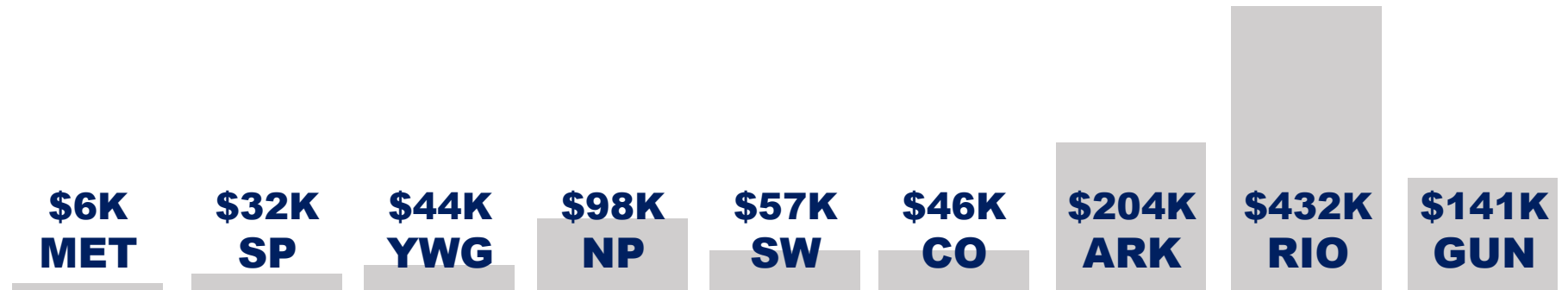


# ALL WSRF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS BY BASIN 2007-2021

**94** Projects



**\$** Average Cost



## NEXT STEPS

- Meet with the WSRF Subcommittee in August to consider revising Criteria and Guidelines
- Return to the CWCB Board for approval of Criteria and Guidelines in September
- Launch first grant round by the end of the year

# WATER PLAN GRANT CATEGORIES



CONSERVATION  
& LAND USE



WATER STORAGE  
& SUPPLY



ENGAGEMENT  
& INNOVATION



AGRICULTURE



WATERSHED HEALTH  
& RECREATION



# COLORADO WATER PLAN

## FOCUS AREAS



**VIBRANT** COMMUNITIES  
municipalities, utilities, industry, cities, towns, and  
small urban and rural communities



**THRIVING** WATERSHEDS  
environment and recreation, river health,  
watershed health, forest health, aquatic species



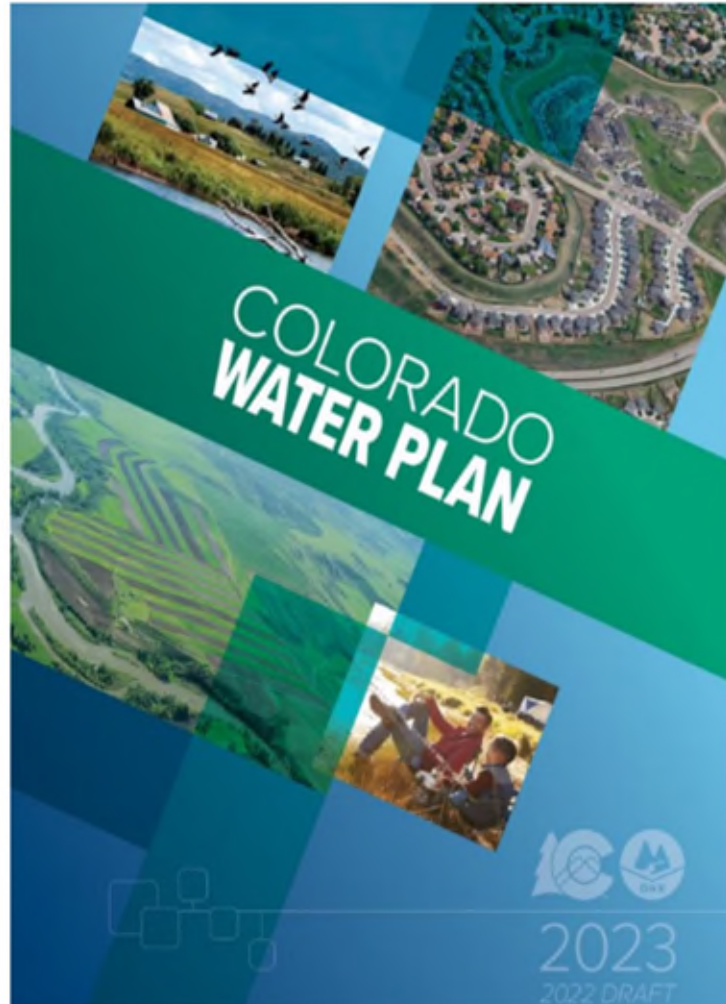
**ROBUST** AGRICULTURE  
established cash crop farms, local food, orchards,  
ranching, Acequias, ditch companies



**RESILIENT** PLANNING  
climate adaptation, climate extremes, equity,  
inclusivity, supportive government, education

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## Comment on the Plan from June 30th - September 30th, 2022



The [draft 2023 Colorado Water Plan](#) is available for public review from June 30, 2022 - September 30, 2022. It is available online and printed copies will be in a library in the county seat of each county across Colorado. Please review the Colorado Water plan (links on right sidebar) and share your feedback by clicking the link below.

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QUESTIONS?



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# BREAKDOWN OF COSTS BY BASIN

## ALL PROJECTS (Basin vs. Statewide)

	Basin Average Project Cost	Statewide Average Project Cost
Arkansas	\$35,000	\$141,000
Colorado	\$41,000	\$235,000
Southwest	\$33,000	\$218,000
Gunnison	\$37,000	\$147,000
Metro	\$53,000	\$167,000
North Platte	\$96,000	\$143,000
Rio Grande	\$49,000	\$299,000
South Platte	\$43,000	\$142,000
Yampa/White/Green	\$63,000	\$81,000

## AGING INFRASTRUCUTRE (Basin vs. Statewide)

	Basin Average	Statewide Average
Arkansas	\$27,000	\$153,000
Colorado	\$34,000	\$11,000
Southwest	\$36,000	\$37,000
Gunnison	\$43,000	\$51,000
Metro	\$85,000	N/A
North Platte	\$181,000	\$14,000
Rio Grande	\$57,000	\$320,000
South Platte	\$32,000	\$190,000
Yampa/White/Green	\$51,000	\$37,000

# IMMEDIATE BASIN SUPPORT THREE YEAR EVALUATION PERIOD GOAL FOR LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY

- Over the last 14 years, basin accounts have received **\$36M** from 2007-2021.
- If this plan can be sustained, it would bring **\$38M** to basins over the next 14 years.
- Additionally it provides more than **\$3M** to PEPO over the next 14 years.