

**SB 21-189
Colorado Water Conservation Board Construction Fund Project.**

By Senator Donovan and Representative Arndt

Dear Members of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Michael Valdez and I am the Director of Policy for the Special District Association of Colorado.

On behalf of the Special District Association, we support SB 21-189 - Colorado Water Conservation Board Construction Fund Project and we are asking you to vote yes on this legislation.

This is vital legislation to provide essential funding for numerous water projects throughout Colorado.

- The bill appropriates funds from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) Construction Fund in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to the CWCB and the Division of Water Resources for specified water-related projects.
- For the '21-'22 Fiscal Year, the bill transfers up to \$2.0 million from the CWCB Construction Fund to the Litigation Fund.
- The bill reinstates annual transfers of up to \$550,000 from the Severance Tax Operational Fund to the Water Efficiency Grant Program Cash Fund.
- In addition, the bill authorizes the CWCB to loan \$3.0 million from the CWCB Construction Fund to the Rio Grande Restoration Foundation to purchase a farm and water rights.

To support vital funding for water projects across Colorado, please vote yes on SB 21-189.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

Michael Valdez