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SB16-200

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Sonnenberg
Rep. Vigil

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Bill Status: Signed into Law
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BILL TOPIC: CREATE DIRECTOR WATER PROJECT PERMIT COORDINATION

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Workload increase.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing workload increase.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill creates the position of Director of Water Project Permitting (permitting director) in the Governor's Office to coordinate the federal, state, and local government permitting of:

- raw water diversion, storage, or delivery projects, including associated hydroelectric facilities and both consumptive and nonconsumptive uses of water; and
- water projects that are either assessed a water quality certification fee or are eligible for financing from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) Construction Fund.

The permitting director is not precluded from holding other titles or performing other functions within the Governor's Office. The Governor's Office is required to implement the functions of the position within existing resources. By January 1, 2017, the Water Quality Control Division and the CWCB must establish one or more specific points of contact and lines of communication with the permitting director. The permitting director will provide an annual update on permitting activities to a joint hearing of the General Assembly's committees with jurisdiction over natural resources. The position is repealed September 1, 2019.

State Expenditures

This bill is expected to increase workload in the Governor's Office beginning in FY 2016-17. The Governor's Office will utilize an existing staff person as the permitting director so no new FTE are required. The workload increase can be accomplished within existing resources.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on June 8, 2016, and takes effect August 10, 2016, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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