

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE FUNDING OF COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD PROJECTS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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**Appropriation Items of Note**

**Appropriation Already Added to Bill, Amendment in Packet**

**Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date**

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 03/10/23.

	<b>No Change:</b> Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
	<b>Update:</b> Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
<b>XXX</b>	<b>Update:</b> Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	<b>Non-Concurrence:</b> JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

The Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee Report (03/23/23) changes the source of a \$2.0 million appropriation for water plan grants from the Colorado Water Conservation Board Construction Fund to the Water Plan Implementation Cash Fund. JBC and LCS staff agree on the fiscal impact of this change.

**Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee**

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill includes appropriation clauses that appropriate a total of \$94.43 million cash funds from multiple cash funds to the Department of Natural Resources. Of this amount, \$84.43 million is appropriated for FY 2023-24 and \$10.0 million is appropriated for FY 2020-21.

**Description of Amendments in This Packet**

**J.001** Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to amend subsection (1)(a) of Section 17 of

## SB23-177

## JBC Staff Analysis

the bill to increase the appropriation for water plan grants from \$10.6 million to \$23.2 million. This appropriation is from the Water Plan Implementation Cash Fund to the Department of Natural Resources for FY 2023-24.

When combined with an additional \$2.0 million found in subsection (2)(a) of Section 17 of the bill, the total appropriation for water plan grants comes to \$25.2 million if Amendment **J.001** is adopted.

### **Points to Consider**

#### *Technical Issues*

Amendment **J.001** assumes the passage of Senate Bill 23-237, which transfers \$12.6 million from the Severance Tax Operational Fund to the Water Plan Implementation Cash Fund at the end of FY 2022-23. That transfer increases the amount of money in the Water Plan Implementation Cash Fund that is available for appropriation.