

**The Southwestern Water Conservation District**  
**The West Building, 841 E Second Avenue**  
**Durango, CO 81301**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
A Regular Board Meeting of the  
Southwestern Water Conservation District  
will be held via Zoom and in-person at  
841 E 2nd Avenue in Durango, Colorado

**Wednesday, April 12, 2023**  
**Finance Committee; 11:00 – Noon**  
**Board Meeting; 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM**  
and  
**Thursday, April 13, 2023**  
**8:30 a.m. – Noon**

[Click here to join Zoom](#)  
**Phone Number: (346) 248 7799**  
**Meeting ID: 835 9975 3537**  
**Password: 474186**

Posted and Noticed April 11, 2023

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**Tentative Agenda**

*Public may attend the meeting in person at SWCD's office (841 E 2nd Avenue in Durango, Colorado) or via Zoom using the connection information above. **If you plan to attend in person, please RSVP to [info@swwcd.org](mailto:info@swwcd.org) to ensure appropriate social distancing can be maintained in SWCD's conference room.***

*Please text 970-901-1388 if you have difficulty joining the Zoom meeting. Please raise your hand to be recognized by the chair. To raise your hand by phone, dial \*9. To raise your hand by computer, please use Alt+Y (Windows) or Option+Y (Mac). To mute and unmute by phone, dial \*6.*

*Except the time indicated for when the meeting is scheduled to begin, the times noted for each agenda item are estimates and subject to change. The Board may address and act on agenda items in any order to accommodate the needs of the Board and the audience. Agenda items can also be added during the meeting at the consensus of the Board.*

*Agenda items may be placed on the Consent Agenda when the recommended action is non-controversial. The Consent Agenda may be voted on without reading or discussing individual items. Any Board member may request clarification about items on the Consent Agenda. The Board may remove items from the Consent Agenda at their discretion for further discussion.*

**Wednesday, April 12, 2023**

**Finance Committee Meeting (11:00 AM)**

- 1.0 Call to Order – Roll Call, Verification of Quorum (11:00 AM)
- 2.0 Review and Approve Agenda (11:01 AM)
- 3.0 Recent New CD Investments (11:03 AM)
- 4.0 Introduction of New On-Line Banking Tool – Melisa Jackson-Palmer, Bank of Colorado (11:05 AM)
- 5.0 Committee Discussion (11:30 AM)
- 6.0 Adjournment (11:45 AM)

**Lunch**

**SWCD Regular Board Meeting**

- 1.0 Call to Order – Roll Call, Verification of Quorum (1:00 PM)
- 2.0 Review and Approve Agenda (1:01 PM)
- 3.0 Approve and/or Remove Consent Agenda Items (1:05 PM)
- 4.0 Consent Agenda (1:07 PM)
  - 4.1 Acceptance of Treasurer's Report (02/28/2023)
  - 4.2 Board Committee Assignments
- 5.0 Executive Session (1:10 PM)
  - 5.1 Colorado River Compact, Interstate and Intrastate negotiation matters, including re-negotiation of the interim guidelines - Steve & Beth
  - 5.2 Personnel Matters - Water Resource Specialist Position
- 6.0 Summary and Action Items from Executive Session (3:00 PM)
- 7.0 General Counsel Legal Report (3:05 PM)
  - 7.1 February & March Water Court Resume for Water Divisions 3, 4 and 7 – Beth & Steve
  - 7.2 FZA engagement letter and professional services agreement

**Break (3:10 PM)**

**Work Session on Water Conservation (3:30 PM)**

- Drought Resiliency Projects in Southwest Colorado – Greg Peterson, Colorado Ag Water Alliance
- Conserved Consumptive Use in the Upper Colorado River Basin – Aaron Derwingson, The Nature Conservancy

**8.0 – Recess until Thursday, April 13 @ 8:30 AM (5:00 PM)**

Three or more board members may participate in a group dinner @ 5:30 PM (location TBD).

## **Thursday, April 13, 2023**

- 1.0 Call to Order – Roll Call, Verification of Quorum (8:30 AM)**
- 2.0 Review and Approve Agenda (8:32 AM)**
- 3.0 Questions and Comments from Audience (8:35 AM)**
- 4.0 Guest Reports (08:40 AM)**
  - 4.1 Water Information Program Report – Elaine Chick (08:40 AM)
  - 4.2 Harris Water Engineering Report – Carrie Padgett (08:50 AM)
  - 4.3 WEco Water Leaders 2022 – Danielle Snyder (9:00 AM)
  - 4.4 Update from Center for Snow & Avalanche Studies – Jeff Derry (9:10 AM)
- 6.0 Director Updates and Issues for Discussion – (09:20 AM)**
  - 6.1 General Updates and Issues - Directors
  - 6.2 San Miguel County – Jenny Russell
  - 6.3 San Juan County – Charlie Smith
- 5.0 Staff Reports (10:00 AM)**
  - 5.1 Colorado River Basin Hydrologic Conditions - Steve
  - 5.2 2023 & 2024 CWCB Proposed Instream Flow Program Recommendations - Carrie
  - 5.3 Proposed SWCD's Strategic Plan and 2023 SWCD Action Plan – Steve & Mo
  - 5.4 2024 Grant Program – Draft Guidelines - Mo
  - 5.5 Proposed assignment of a portion of the previous year's fund balance - Mo
  - 5.6 IT Office Update - Mo
  - 5.7 SWCD Social Media Footprint - Mo
  - 5.8 General Manager Activities - Steve
- 6.0 Legislative Affairs (11:00 AM)**
  - 6.1 Federal Affairs Update – Christine Arbogast
  - 6.2 State Legislative Update & Positions on Bills – Garin Vorthmann
- 7.0 Partner Updates & Presentations (11:30 AM)**
  - 7.1 Adapting Colorado's Water Systems for a 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Economy and Water Supply - Eric Kuhn
- 8.0 Executive Session (as needed) (Noon)**
- 9.0 Upcoming Meetings**
  - May visit from State engineer Kevin Rein
  - Need for Board Call on Audit – Late June
  - July Board Meeting – other location?
  - Tour or workshop?
- 10.0 Adjournment (12:15 PM)**

# **Consent Agenda**



## THE SOUTHWESTERN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Developing and Conserving the Waters in the  
SAN JUAN AND DOLORES RIVERS AND THEIR TRIBUTARIES  
West Building – 841 East Second Avenue  
DURANGO, COLORADO 81301  
(970) 247-1302

### BOARD MEMORANDUM

**From:** Mo Rock, Programs Coordinator

**Subject:** Tresurures Report

**Date:** April 5, 2023

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Please find the following Budget Comparison and Balance Sheet for the period of January 1st, 2023 to February 28, 2023.

#### Notes on possible questions:

##### Budget Comparison

- Item 51597: Insurance - General Liability is over budget by \$22 for 2023. These funds include Property and Liability Taxes and Workers' Compensation - the budget was our 'best' guess for annual dues.

***\*Online or by request only:** I've also included the check detail, which catalogs every transaction. As this document was over 30 pages in a font that was readable, I chose to only include this in the online version of our packet. If you would like a printed version, please reach out and I would be happy to provide one.*

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Accrual Basis

**Southwestern Water Conservation District**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of February 28, 2023

	Feb 28, 23
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
1000 · SWCD Checking	
100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)	695,180.47
101 · First Southwest Bank	535,995.58
<b>Total 1000 · SWCD Checking</b>	1,231,176.05
1001 · SWCD Certificates of Deposit	
104 · LPL Financial, Peaks Investment	
114 · Beal Bank Aug 23 3%	245,000.00
115 · Sturgis Bank Feb 24 3.1%	245,000.00
116 · Ally Bank Feb 24 3.15%	245,000.00
117 · Sallie Mae July 24 3.25%	245,044.83
118 · Morgan Stanley Aug 24 3.3%	245,268.52
119 · Morgan Stanley Aug 24 3.35%	245,000.00
138 · Synchrony Bank July 25 3.4%	245,138.67
141 · Capital One Aug 25 3.45%	245,000.00
104 · LPL Financial, Peaks Investment - O...	480.14
<b>Total 104 · LPL Financial, Peaks Investment</b>	1,960,932.16
<b>Total 1001 · SWCD Certificates of Deposit</b>	1,960,932.16
1002 · Investments	
105 · COLOTRUST Plus (4.3% Daily)	1,018,944.35
<b>Total 1002 · Investments</b>	1,018,944.35
1004 · Water Info Program Checking	118,949.53
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	4,330,002.09
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
125 · Due From WIP	6.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	6.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	4,330,008.09
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
137 · Land - Red Mountain SNOTEL Site	62,000.00
140 · Equipment (Office Contents)	35,903.75
142 · Office Improvements	14,905.00
145 · Accumulated Depreciation	-37,133.10
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	75,675.65
<b>Other Assets</b>	

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134 · Property Tax Receivable	1,612,903.19
Total Other Assets	1,612,903.19
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>6,018,586.93</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
109 · SWCD Bank of Colorado Wolff	1,638.64
Total Credit Cards	1,638.64
Other Current Liabilities	
211 · Deferred Property Tax	1,612,903.19
215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	2,776.22
216 · State W/H Tax Payable	926.00
217 · State Unemployment Tax	-27.29
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,616,578.12
Total Current Liabilities	1,618,216.76
Long Term Liabilities	
222 · Accrued PTO to Date	7,185.08
Total Long Term Liabilities	7,185.08
Total Liabilities	1,625,401.84
Equity	
3010 · Restricted for Emergencies	
314 · Emergency - TABOR	56,980.00
Total 3010 · Restricted for Emergencies	56,980.00
3020 · Committed	
340 · Grants to be Paid	-197,986.00
Total 3020 · Committed	-197,986.00
3030 · Assigned	
350 · SWCD Water Defense	2,080,000.00
351 · SWCD Water Development	1,386,000.00
352 · Water Information Program	130,000.00
Total 3030 · Assigned	3,596,000.00
3040 · Unassigned	
300 · Unassigned	735,938.87

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**Balance Sheet**  
**As of February 28, 2023**

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	Feb 28, 23
Total 3040 · Unassigned	735,938.87
3050 · Net Position - Reconciliation	
330 · Investment in Fixed Assets	112,808.75
335 · Accumulated Depr-Contra eq.	-37,133.10
353 · Long-term Liabilities	-13,406.54
Total 3050 · Net Position - Reconciliation	62,269.11
320 · Retained Earnings	264,356.99
Net Income	-124,373.88
Total Equity	4,393,185.09
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<b>6,018,586.93</b>



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	<u>Num</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>
	Bill.com	01/01/2023	The West Building	January 2023
TOTAL				January 2023
	Bill.com	01/04/2023	Kogovsek & Associates, Inc.	1Q2023 Retainer
TOTAL				1Q2023 Retainer
	Bill.com	01/04/2023	Steve Wolff - V	SWCD sponsors partner dinner
TOTAL				SWCD sponsors partner dinner Cl
	Bill.com	01/04/2023	Steve Wolff - V	CRWUA/7-States Mtg Vegas Dec
TOTAL				CRWUA/7-States Mtg Vegas Dec
	Bill.com	01/04/2023	Steve Wolff - V	Mtg SLVWCD Pagosa 12/9/22
TOTAL				Mtg SLVWCD Pagosa 12/9/22
	Bill.com	01/04/2023	San Juan Water Commission	2023 SWCD Assessment
TOTAL				2023 SWCD Assessment

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	Bill.com	01/04/2023	Mancos Conservation District	2022 Water Quality/Water Conser
				2022 Water Quality/Water Conser
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	01/04/2023	Kenny Heldman	Bd Mtg 12/7/22
				Bd Mtg 12/7/22
				Bd Mtg 12/7/22
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	01/06/2023	Bill.com	December 2022
				December 2022
TOTAL				
	ACH	01/09/2023	Laura E Spann	12/26/22-01/08/23
				12/26/22-01/08/23
				12/26/22-01/08/23
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TOTAL				
	ACH	01/09/2023	Steven W Wolff	12/26/22-01/08/23

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TOTAL			
ACH	01/09/2023	Lincoln Financial Group	12/26/22-01/08/23
			12/26/22-01/08/23
			12/26/22-01/08/23
TOTAL			
Bill.com	01/09/2023	Elaine Chick Consulting	Dec 2022
			Dec 2022
TOTAL			
Bill.com	01/09/2023	Elaine Chick Consulting	Adobe 2022; Doodle Poll Annua
			Adobe 2022; WEco webinar Dec 2
			Doodle Poll Subscription 2023
TOTAL			

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	Bill.com	01/09/2023	Russell Hinger	SWCD Personnel Cmt 11-17-22
				SWCD Personnel Cmt 11-17-22
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	01/09/2023	Gerald Koppenhafer	Bd Mtg 12/7/22, CRWUA 12/14-1
				Bd Mtg 12/7/22, CRWUA 12/14-16
				Bd Mtg 12/7/22, CRWUA 12/14-16
				Bd Mtg 12/7/22, CRWUA 12/14-16
TOTAL				
	ACH	01/09/2023	Charter Spectrum	Paid Jan 9 for December 2022
				Paid Jan 9 for December 2022
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	01/10/2023	Colorado Employer Benefit Trust	January 2023
				January 2023
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	01/11/2023	Club 20	2023 Membership
				2023 Membership
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	01/11/2023	Family Farm Alliance	2023 Membership
				2023 Membership

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	Bill.com	01/11/2023	Steve Wolff - V	Colorado River issues mtg in De Colorado River issues mtg in Den
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	01/11/2023	Robinson, Waters & O'Dorisio	December 2022 December 2022
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	01/11/2023	Robinson, Waters & O'Dorisio	November 2022 November 2022
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	01/11/2023	Wright Water Engineers	November 2022 Compact Model November 2022 Compact Modelin
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	01/11/2023	Wright Water Engineers	November 2022 Opposition November 2022 Opposition
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	01/11/2023	Colorado Water Congress	2023 Membership and Support 2023 Membership and Support
TOTAL				

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	Bill.com	01/11/2023	Colorado Legislative Strategies	January 2023
TOTAL				January 2023
	ACH	01/13/2023	United States Treasury	Dec 2022
				Dec 2022
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				Dec 2022
TOTAL				Dec 2022
	ASAP	01/13/2023	ASAP Accounting Payroll, INC.	Accounting Exploration January
TOTAL				Accounting Exploration January
	Bill.com	01/14/2023	Southwestern Water Conservati	WIP reimbursements July-Dec 2
TOTAL				WIP reimbursements July-Dec 20
	Bill.com	01/14/2023	Laura Spann-V	2022 Tax Forms
TOTAL				2022 Tax Forms
	Bill.com	01/15/2023	Jenny Russell	Mtgs 9/15-12/31/22

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TOTAL				
	Bill.com	01/19/2023	Wright Water Engineers	December 2022 Opposition
				December 2022 Opposition
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	01/19/2023	Wright Water Engineers	December 2022 Compact Model
				December 2022 Compact Modelin
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	01/20/2023	Special Districts Association	2023 Membership
				2023 Membership
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	01/20/2023	Van Vurst Law	December 2022
				December 2022
TOTAL				
	ACH	01/23/2023	Laura E Spann	1/9-22/23
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ACH	01/23/2023	Steven W Wolff	1/9-22/23
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TOTAL			
ACH	01/23/2023	Lincoln Financial Group	1/9-22/23
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TOTAL			



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	Bill.com	01/25/2023	Colorado River WCD	Lower Basin Tour Nov 2022
				Lower Basin Tour Nov 2022
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	01/25/2023	Steve Wolff - V	7 States Mtg Las Vegas 1/12-14/
				7 States Mtg Las Vegas 1/12-14/2
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	01/25/2023	Steve Wolff - V	SWBRT Cortez 1/19 and MVIC L
				SWBRT Cortez 1/19 and MVIC Le
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	01/25/2023	J R Ford	Bd Mtg 1/17-18/23
				Bd Mtg 1/17-18/23
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	01/25/2023	Charles Smith	Mtgs 11/8-12/18/22
				Mtgs 11/8-12/18/22
TOTAL				
		01/26/2023		CC Payment Dec 2022
				CC Payment Dec 2022
TOTAL				

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	Bill.com	01/27/2023	San Juan RC & D	2022 Grant Animas River SMP
				2022 Grant Animas River SMP
TOTAL				
	ACH	01/29/2023	Verizon	December 2022
				December 2022
TOTAL				
	ACH	01/30/2023	Colorado Department of Revenue	4Q22
				4Q22
TOTAL				
	ACH	01/30/2023	Colorado State Treasurer	4Q2022
				4Q2022
TOTAL				
	ACH	01/30/2023	Steven W Wolff	2022 Payout of 58 Excess PTO H
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TOTAL			
Pay.gov	01/31/2023	US Geological Survey	Final 2022 JFA Streamgaging In
			Final 2022 JFA Streamgaging Invc
TOTAL			
Bill.com	02/02/2023	Colorado Employer Benefit Trus	February 2023
			February 2023
TOTAL			
ACH	02/02/2023	Charter Spectrum	Jan 2023
			February 2023
TOTAL			
ACH	02/06/2023	Laura E Spann	1/23-2/5/23
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TOTAL				
	ACH	02/06/2023	Steven W Wolff	1/23-2/5/23
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TOTAL				
	ACH	02/06/2023	Lincoln Financial Group	1/23-2/5/23
				1/23-2/5/23
				1/23-2/5/23
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	02/07/2023	Peter Butler	July-December 2022 WQ Suppo
				July-December 2022 WQ Support
TOTAL				

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	Bill.com	02/07/2023	Aaron Clay	Teaching Fee/Exps: Water Law i
				Teaching Fee/Exps: Water Law in
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	02/07/2023	Bill.com	January 2022
				January 2022
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	02/10/2023	Blue Channel	WIP Website Hosting
				WIP Website Hosting
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	02/10/2023	Steve Wolff - V	Colorado Water Congress Winte
				Colorado Water Congress Winter Sponsored Dinner @ Water Congi
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	02/10/2023	David Guilliams	January 2023 Board Meeting
				Mtgs 1/20
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	02/10/2023	Water Education Colorado	2023 Annual Dues and Contribu
				2023 Annual Dues
TOTAL				

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	Bill.com	02/11/2023	Amy Huff	December 2022 Board Meeting
				CWC Summer Conference
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	02/11/2023	Elaine Chick Consulting	WIP - Monthly Contract Paymen
				WIP - Monthly Contract Payment -
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	02/13/2023	Hydros Consulting	December 2022
				January 2023
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	02/13/2023	CO Dept of Public Health & Env	Water Quality Mercury Fish Ana
				Water Quality Mercury Fish Analy
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	02/13/2023	Elaine Chick Consulting	Travel Expenses - Colorado Wat
				Travel Expenses - Colorado Wate
TOTAL				
	ACH	02/14/2023	United States Treasury	Jan 2023
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				Jan 2023
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	02/14/2023	Center for Snow & Avalanche S	2023 CSAS Support
				2023 CSAS Support
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	02/15/2023	Hydros Consulting	January 2023 SWCD only
				January 2023 SWCD only
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	02/16/2023	Robinson, Waters & O'Dorisio	January 2023
				Jan 2023
				Jan 2023
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	02/17/2023	Harris Water Engineering, Inc	Harris Engineering Services - D
				Dec 22 - Jan 23
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	02/20/2023	The West Building	February 2023
				February 2023
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	02/20/2023	Kogovsek & Associates, Inc.	January 2023

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			January 2023
TOTAL			
ACH	02/21/2023	Laura E Spann	02/06/23 - 02/19/2023
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			02/06/23 - 02/19/2023
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TOTAL			
ACH	02/21/2023	Steven W Wolff	02/06/2023- 02/19/2023
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TOTAL				
	ACH	02/21/2023	Lincoln Financial Group	02/06-02/19/23
				02/06-02/19/23
				02/06-02/19/23
TOTAL				
	ACH	02/21/2023	Monika R Rock	2/6-19/23
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				2/6-19/23
TOTAL				
	Bill.com	02/22/2023	Colorado Employer Benefit Trust	Staff Health Insurance - March
				Staff Health Insurance - March
TOTAL				
	ACH	02/28/2023	Verizon	January 2022

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				January 2022
TOTAL				
	<b>Bill.com</b>	<b>02/28/2023</b>	<b>Colorado Legislative Strategies</b>	<b>February 2023 Vorthmann</b>
				January 2023 Vothmann
TOTAL				
	<b>Bill.com</b>	<b>02/28/2023</b>	<b>Van Vurst Law</b>	<b>Legal Services January 2023</b>
				Legal Services January 2023
				Legal Services January 2023
				Legal Services January 2023
TOTAL				
		<b>02/28/2023</b>		<b>CC Payment - February 2023</b>
				CC Payment - February 2023
TOTAL				
		<b>02/28/2023</b>		<b>CD Closeout</b>
				CD Closeout
TOTAL				
		<b>02/28/2023</b>		<b>CD Closeout</b>
				CD Closeout
TOTAL				

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	<u>Account</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-2,767.63</b>
	51515 · Rent	2,767.63
TOTAL		<u>2,767.63</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-12,500.00</b>
	53101 · Federal Lobbying Fees	12,500.00
TOTAL		<u>12,500.00</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-1,569.53</b>
	200 · Accounts Payable	1,569.53
TOTAL		<u>1,569.53</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-1,804.42</b>
	200 · Accounts Payable	1,804.42
TOTAL		<u>1,804.42</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-70.20</b>
	200 · Accounts Payable	70.20
TOTAL		<u>70.20</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-55,260.00</b>
	52103 · SJRBRIP Water User Cor	55,260.00
TOTAL		<u>55,260.00</u>

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	Account	Original Amount
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-2,430.32</b>
	200 · Accounts Payable	2,430.32
TOTAL		<u>2,430.32</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-415.46</b>
	200 · Accounts Payable	100.00
	200 · Accounts Payable	315.46
TOTAL		<u>415.46</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-146.49</b>
	200 · Accounts Payable	146.49
TOTAL		<u>146.49</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-92.35</b>
	51110 · Recruitment	100.00
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	6.20
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-6.20
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-6.20
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	1.45
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-1.45
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-1.45
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	0.20
	217 · State Unemployment Tax	-0.20
TOTAL		<u>92.35</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-2,931.57</b>

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	Account	Original Amount
	51102 · Wages - General Manage	5,000.00
	51107 · Wages - Health & Life Ins	-263.08
	221 · 457 Withholding	-903.85
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-347.00
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	310.00
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-310.00
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-310.00
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	72.50
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-72.50
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-72.50
	216 · State W/H Tax Payable	-172.00
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	8.19
	217 · State Unemployment Tax	-8.19
TOTAL		<u>2,931.57</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-1,153.85</b>
	221 · 457 Withholding	903.85
	51106 · Wages - Retirement Bene	250.00
TOTAL		<u>1,153.85</u>
	<b>1004 · Water Info Program Chec</b>	<b>-4,537.12</b>
	202 · Accounts Payable/WIP	4,537.12
TOTAL		<u>4,537.12</u>
	<b>1004 · Water Info Program Chec</b>	<b>-322.32</b>
	202 · Accounts Payable/WIP	238.92
	54129 · WIP Meeting Expenses	83.40
TOTAL		<u>322.32</u>

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	<u>Account</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-100.00</b>
	200 · Accounts Payable	100.00
TOTAL		<u>100.00</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-514.52</b>
	200 · Accounts Payable	400.00
	200 · Accounts Payable	114.57
	49900 · Uncategorized Income	-0.05
TOTAL		<u>514.52</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-69.99</b>
	200 · Accounts Payable	69.99
TOTAL		<u>69.99</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-1,788.38</b>
	51107 · Wages - Health & Life Ins	1,788.38
TOTAL		<u>1,788.38</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-300.00</b>
	5.3.3 · Dues & Memberships	300.00
TOTAL		<u>300.00</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-9,300.00</b>
	5.3.3 · Dues & Memberships	9,300.00

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	Account	Original Amount
TOTAL		9,300.00
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-749.29</b>
	200 · Accounts Payable	749.29
TOTAL		749.29
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-3,648.00</b>
	200 · Accounts Payable	3,648.00
TOTAL		3,648.00
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-5,592.00</b>
	200 · Accounts Payable	5,592.00
TOTAL		5,592.00
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-2,768.50</b>
	200 · Accounts Payable	2,768.50
TOTAL		2,768.50
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-6,218.00</b>
	200 · Accounts Payable	6,218.00
TOTAL		6,218.00
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-7,645.00</b>
	5.3.3 · Dues & Memberships	7,645.00
TOTAL		7,645.00

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	<u>Account</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-1,716.67</b>
	53201 · State Lobbying Fees	1,716.67
TOTAL		<u>1,716.67</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-3,525.20</b>
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	1,313.00
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	896.45
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	896.45
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	209.65
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	209.65
TOTAL		<u>3,525.20</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-550.00</b>
	51501 · Accounting	550.00
TOTAL		<u>550.00</u>
	<b>1004 · Water Info Program Chec</b>	<b>-230.55</b>
	202 · Accounts Payable/WIP	230.55
TOTAL		<u>230.55</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-57.45</b>
	51501 · Accounting	57.45
TOTAL		<u>57.45</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-1,467.34</b>



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	Account	Original Amount
	200 · Accounts Payable	1,000.00
	200 · Accounts Payable	467.34
TOTAL		1,467.34
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-3,547.00</b>
	200 · Accounts Payable	3,547.00
TOTAL		3,547.00
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-3,970.00</b>
	200 · Accounts Payable	3,970.00
TOTAL		3,970.00
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-1,237.50</b>
	51505 · SDA Membership	1,237.50
TOTAL		1,237.50
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-22,414.13</b>
	200 · Accounts Payable	22,414.13
TOTAL		22,414.13
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-746.68</b>
	51110 · Recruitment	880.00
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-35.00
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	54.56
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-54.56

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	Account	Original Amount
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-54.56
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	12.76
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-12.76
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-12.76
	216 · State W/H Tax Payable	-31.00
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	1.76
	217 · State Unemployment Tax	-1.76
TOTAL		746.68
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-2,938.57</b>
	51102 · Wages - General Manage	5,000.00
	51107 · Wages - Health & Life Ins	-263.08
	221 · 457 Withholding	-903.85
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-347.00
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	310.00
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-310.00
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-310.00
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	72.50
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-72.50
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-72.50
	216 · State W/H Tax Payable	-165.00
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	8.19
	217 · State Unemployment Tax	-8.19
TOTAL		2,938.57
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-1,153.85</b>
	221 · 457 Withholding	903.85
	51106 · Wages - Retirement Bene	250.00
TOTAL		1,153.85

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	<u>Account</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-6,704.00</b>
	200 · Accounts Payable	6,704.00
TOTAL		<u>6,704.00</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-1,349.24</b>
	51517 · Staff Travel	1,349.24
TOTAL		<u>1,349.24</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-121.88</b>
	51517 · Staff Travel	121.88
TOTAL		<u>121.88</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-200.00</b>
	51401 · Director Fees	200.00
TOTAL		<u>200.00</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-670.00</b>
	200 · Accounts Payable	400.00
	200 · Accounts Payable	270.00
TOTAL		<u>670.00</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-2,359.18</b>
	109 · SWCD Bank of Colorado Wc	2,359.18
TOTAL		<u>2,359.18</u>

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	<u>Account</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-16,000.00</b>
	200 · Accounts Payable	16,000.00
TOTAL		<u>16,000.00</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-139.23</b>
	200 · Accounts Payable	139.23
TOTAL		<u>139.23</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-1,848.00</b>
	216 · State W/H Tax Payable	1,848.00
TOTAL		<u>1,848.00</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-87.85</b>
	217 · State Unemployment Tax	87.85
TOTAL		<u>87.85</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-2,913.69</b>
	51102 · Wages - General Manage	3,625.00
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-290.00
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	224.75
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-224.75
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-224.75
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	52.56
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-52.56
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-52.56

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	<u>Account</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>
	216 · State W/H Tax Payable	-144.00
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	7.25
	217 · State Unemployment Tax	-7.25
TOTAL		<u>2,913.69</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-32,385.00</b>
	200 · Accounts Payable	32,385.00
TOTAL		<u>32,385.00</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-1,788.38</b>
	51107 · Wages - Health & Life Ins	1,788.38
TOTAL		<u>1,788.38</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-69.99</b>
	51518 · Telecommunication	69.99
TOTAL		<u>69.99</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-227.87</b>
	51110 · Recruitment	250.00
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	15.50
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-15.50
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-15.50
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	3.63
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-3.63
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-3.63
	216 · State W/H Tax Payable	-3.00
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	0.50

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	Account	Original Amount
	217 · State Unemployment Tax	-0.50
TOTAL		227.87
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-2,938.57</b>
	51102 · Wages - General Manage	5,000.00
	51107 · Wages - Health & Life Ins	-263.08
	221 · 457 Withholding	-903.85
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-347.00
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	310.00
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-310.00
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-310.00
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	72.50
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-72.50
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-72.50
	216 · State W/H Tax Payable	-165.00
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	8.20
	217 · State Unemployment Tax	-8.20
TOTAL		2,938.57
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-1,153.85</b>
	221 · 457 Withholding	903.85
	51106 · Wages - Retirement Bene	250.00
TOTAL		1,153.85
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-400.00</b>
	200 · Accounts Payable	400.00
TOTAL		400.00

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	Account	Original Amount
	<b>1004 · Water Info Program Chec</b>	<b>-900.00</b>
	54113 · WIP Workshops	900.00
TOTAL		900.00
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-154.23</b>
	51501 · Accounting	154.23
TOTAL		154.23
	<b>1004 · Water Info Program Chec</b>	<b>-180.00</b>
	54112 · WIP Website/Tech Suppo	180.00
TOTAL		180.00
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-1,641.66</b>
	51517 · Staff Travel	1,168.54
	5.4.7 · Event Sponsorships	473.12
TOTAL		1,641.66
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-100.00</b>
	51401 · Director Fees	100.00
TOTAL		100.00
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-10,000.00</b>
	5.4.5 · Water Education Colorado	10,000.00
TOTAL		10,000.00

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	Account	Original Amount
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-100.00</b>
	51401 · Director Fees	100.00
TOTAL		100.00
	<b>1004 · Water Info Program Chec</b>	<b>-7,100.00</b>
	54111 · WIP Contract Coordinatio	7,100.00
TOTAL		7,100.00
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-240.00</b>
	200 · Accounts Payable	240.00
TOTAL		240.00
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-1,067.00</b>
	52305 · Water Quality Studies	1,067.00
TOTAL		1,067.00
	<b>1004 · Water Info Program Chec</b>	<b>-1,240.09</b>
	5.4.1 · Water Info Program	1,240.09
TOTAL		1,240.09
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-3,253.56</b>
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	1,019.00
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	905.51
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	905.51
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	211.77



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	Account	Original Amount
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	211.77
TOTAL		3,253.56
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-7,000.00</b>
	52302 · Center for Snow & Avalan	7,000.00
TOTAL		7,000.00
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-5,088.00</b>
	51303 · Engineering - Modeling	5,088.00
TOTAL		5,088.00
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-3,095.50</b>
	51205 · Attorney Fees - Special C	3,087.50
	51206 · Attorney Exps - Special C	8.00
TOTAL		3,095.50
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-3,712.50</b>
	51301 · Engineering - General	3,712.50
TOTAL		3,712.50
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-2,607.97</b>
	51515 · Rent	2,607.97
TOTAL		2,607.97
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-231.85</b>

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	Account	Original Amount
	53102 · Federal Lobbying Expenses	231.85
TOTAL		231.85
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-129.29</b>
	51110 · Recruitment	140.00
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	8.68
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-8.68
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-8.68
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	2.03
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-2.03
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-2.03
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	0.28
	217 · State Unemployment Tax	-0.28
TOTAL		129.29
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-2,938.57</b>
	51102 · Wages - General Manage	5,000.00
	51107 · Wages - Health & Life Ins	-263.08
	221 · 457 Withholding	-903.85
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-347.00
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	310.00
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-310.00
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-310.00
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	72.50
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-72.50
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-72.50
	216 · State W/H Tax Payable	-165.00
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	8.19
	217 · State Unemployment Tax	-8.19

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January through February 2023

	<u>Account</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>
TOTAL		2,938.57
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-1,365.37</b>
	221 · 457 Withholding	1,009.61
	51106 · Wages - Retirement Bene	355.76
TOTAL		1,365.37
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-1,597.63</b>
	51103 · Wages - Programs Coord	2,115.20
	221 · 457 Withholding	-105.76
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-169.00
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	131.14
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-131.14
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-131.14
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	30.67
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-30.67
	215 · FICA/Medicare/Fed W/H	-30.67
	216 · State W/H Tax Payable	-81.00
	51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	4.02
	217 · State Unemployment Tax	-4.02
TOTAL		1,597.63
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-2,604.16</b>
	51107 · Wages - Health & Life Ins	2,604.16
TOTAL		2,604.16
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-139.23</b>

Southwestern Water Conservation District  
Check Detail

January through February 2023

	<u>Account</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>
	51512 · Office Exps	139.23
TOTAL		<u>139.23</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-1,716.67</b>
	53201 · State Lobbying Fees	1,716.67
TOTAL		<u>1,716.67</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-25,075.60</b>
	51201 · Attorney Fees - General C	22,900.00
	51202 · Travel Exps - General Co	375.60
	51203 · Litigation - General Couns	1,800.00
TOTAL		<u>25,075.60</u>
	<b>100 · Bank of Colorado (0.38%)</b>	<b>-3,285.84</b>
	109 · SWCD Bank of Colorado Wc	3,285.84
TOTAL		<u>3,285.84</u>
	<b>102 · First SW Bank Jan 23 0.6%</b>	<b>-422,367.19</b>
	101 · First Southwest Bank	422,367.19
TOTAL		<u>422,367.19</u>
	<b>103 · First SW Bank Jan 23 0.6%</b>	<b>-103,648.39</b>
	101 · First Southwest Bank	103,648.39
TOTAL		<u>103,648.39</u>

**Southwestern Water Conservation District**  
**Budget Comparison Summary**  
**January through February 2023**

	Jan - Feb 23	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>				
<b>4 · SWCD REVENUE</b>				
4.1 · Property Tax	47,365	1,646,892	(1,599,527)	3%
4.2 · Tax Increment Financing Area	0	1,104	(1,104)	0%
4.3 · Specific Ownership Tax	4,954	120,000	(115,046)	4%
4.4 · Interest, PILT & Other Taxes	160	35,500	(35,340)	0%
<b>4.5 · Other Revenue</b>				
4.5.1 · Interest Earned	4,664	27,500	(22,836)	17%
4.5.3 · Miscellaneous Income	0	0	0	0%
4.5.4 · SWCD Event Registration	0	10,000	(10,000)	0%
4.5.8 · Water Info Program	1,032	37,550	(36,518)	3%
<b>Total 4.5 · Other Revenue</b>	<b>35,111</b>	<b>75,050</b>	<b>(39,939)</b>	<b>47%</b>
<b>4.6 · County Treasurer Fees</b>	<b>(1,094)</b>	<b>(54,105)</b>	<b>53,011</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Total 4 · SWCD REVENUE</b>	<b>86,497</b>	<b>1,824,441</b>	<b>(1,737,944)</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>86,497</b>	<b>1,824,441</b>	<b>(1,737,944)</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>86,497</b>	<b>1,824,441</b>	<b>(1,737,944)</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>6 · SWCD EXPENDITURES</b>				
<b>5.3 · WATER POLICY &amp; LEGISLATION</b>				
5.3.1 · Federal Policy/Legislation				
53101 · Federal Lobbying Fees	12,500	50,000	(37,500)	25%
53102 · Federal Lobbying Expenses	232	5,500	(5,268)	4%
<b>Total 5.3.1 · Federal Policy/Legislation</b>	<b>12,732</b>	<b>55,500</b>	<b>(42,768)</b>	<b>23%</b>
5.3.2 · State Policy/Legislation				
53201 · State Lobbying Fees	3,433	20,600	(17,167)	17%
53202 · State Lobbying Expenses	0	3,000	(3,000)	0%
<b>Total 5.3.2 · State Policy/Legislation</b>	<b>3,433</b>	<b>23,600</b>	<b>(20,167)</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>5.3.3 · Dues &amp; Memberships</b>	<b>17,245</b>	<b>22,500</b>	<b>(5,255)</b>	<b>77%</b>
<b>Total 5.3 · WATER POLICY &amp; LEGISLATION</b>	<b>33,410</b>	<b>101,600</b>	<b>(68,190)</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>5.4 · WATER EDUCATION &amp; OUTREACH</b>				
5.4.2 · SWCD Children's Water Festival	135	10,500	(10,365)	1%
5.4.3 · Water Leaders Pgm Scholarship	0	4,500	(4,500)	0%
5.4.4 · Watershed Education Program	0	6,000	(6,000)	0%
5.4.5 · Water Education Colorado	10,000	10,000	0	100%
5.4.6 · SWCD Educational Events	0	30,000	(30,000)	0%

**Southwestern Water Conservation District**  
**Budget Comparison Summary**  
**January through February 2023**

	Jan - Feb 23	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
5.4.7 · Event Sponsorships	473	6,000	(5,527)	8%
<b>Total 5.4 · WATER EDUCATION &amp; OUTREACH</b>	<b>18,834</b>	<b>67,000</b>	<b>(48,166)</b>	<b>28%</b>
<b>6.1 · WATER SUPPLY - QUANTITY QUALITY</b>				
5.2.3 · Public Forums, Data Collection				
52301 · Bonita Peak CAG	0	5,000	(5,000)	0%
52302 · Center for Snow & Avalanche	7,000	7,000	0	100%
52303 · Stream Gaging - Federal	0	53,081	(53,081)	0%
52304 · Stream Gaging - Colorado	0	2,640	(2,640)	0%
52305 · Water Quality Studies	1,067	13,000	(11,933)	8%
<b>Total 5.2.3 · Public Forums, Data Collection</b>	<b>8,067</b>	<b>80,721</b>	<b>(72,654)</b>	<b>10%</b>
5.2.4 · Local Financial Support	0	250,000	(250,000)	0%
5.2.5 · Previously Committed Support	0	30,000	(30,000)	0%
<b>Total 6.1 · WATER SUPPLY - QUANTITY QUALI...</b>	<b>63,327</b>	<b>360,721</b>	<b>(297,394)</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>6.6 · DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION</b>				
5.1.1 · Management				
51102 · Wages - General Manager	23,625	130,000	(106,375)	18%
51103 · Wages - Programs Coordinator	2,115	60,000	(57,885)	4%
51105 · Wages - Payroll Taxes	2,121	17,100	(14,979)	12%
51106 · Wages - Retirement Benefit	1,106	9,500	(8,394)	12%
51107 · Wages - Health & Life Insurance	5,129	29,350	(24,221)	17%
<b>Total 5.1.1 · Management</b>	<b>35,465</b>	<b>245,950</b>	<b>(210,485)</b>	<b>14%</b>
5.1.2 · Legal				
51201 · Attorney Fees - General Counsel	22,900	300,000	(277,100)	8%
51202 · Travel Exps - General Counsel	376	20,000	(19,624)	2%
51203 · Litigation - General Counsel	1,800	50,000	(48,200)	4%
51205 · Attorney Fees - Special Counsel	3,088	25,000	(21,913)	12%
51206 · Attorney Exps - Special Counsel	8	5,000	(4,992)	0%
<b>Total 5.1.2 · Legal</b>	<b>28,171</b>	<b>400,000</b>	<b>(371,829)</b>	<b>7%</b>
5.1.3 · Engineering-Technical Services				
51301 · Engineering - General	3,713	150,000	(146,288)	2%
51303 · Engineering - Modeling	5,088	75,000	(69,912)	7%
53104 · Other Technical Services	0	75,000	(75,000)	0%
<b>Total 5.1.3 · Engineering-Technical Services</b>	<b>8,801</b>	<b>300,000</b>	<b>(291,200)</b>	<b>3%</b>
5.1.4 · Board of Directors				
51401 · Director Fees	400	20,000	(19,600)	2%

**Southwestern Water Conservation District**  
**Budget Comparison Summary**  
**January through February 2023**

	Jan - Feb 23	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
51402 · Director Travel	684	15,000	(14,316)	5%
<b>Total 5.1.4 · Board of Directors</b>	<b>1,084</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>(33,916)</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>5.1.5 · Office Expenses</b>				
51501 · Accounting	762	5,000	(4,238)	15%
51502 · Audit	0	10,000	(10,000)	0%
51503 · Capital Outlay	0	5,000	(5,000)	0%
51504 · Casual Labor	0	200	(200)	0%
51505 · SDA Membership	1,238	1,500	(263)	83%
51507 · Insurance - General Liability	8,522	8,500	22	100%
51508 · Legal Notices	0	200	(200)	0%
51510 · Meeting Expenses	0	7,500	(7,500)	0%
51511 · Miscellaneous	0	500	(500)	0%
51512 · Office Exps	1,221	7,000	(5,779)	17%
51513 · Postage	123	2,500	(2,377)	5%
51514 · Registration Fees	3,574	8,000	(4,426)	45%
51515 · Rent	5,376	32,680	(27,304)	16%
51516 · Staff Training/Development	0	2,500	(2,500)	0%
51517 · Staff Travel	2,650	20,000	(17,350)	13%
51518 · Telecommunication	373	7,500	(7,127)	5%
<b>Total 5.1.5 · Office Expenses</b>	<b>23,838</b>	<b>118,580</b>	<b>(94,742)</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Total 6.6 · DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>97,359</b>	<b>1,099,530</b>	<b>(1,002,171)</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Total 6 · SWCD EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>212,930</b>	<b>1,628,851</b>	<b>(1,415,921)</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>212,930</b>	<b>1,628,851</b>	<b>(1,415,921)</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(126,433)</b>	<b>195,590</b>	<b>(322,023)</b>	<b>(65)%</b>



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### BOARD MEMORANDUM

**From:** Steve Wolff & Mo Rock

**Subject:** Proposed Board Committee Structure & Membership

**Date:** April 5, 2023

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SWCD's board committees will be structured to have three board members per committee. The board president will chair all committees except Finance, which is chaired by the Secretary-Treasurer. However, all Board members are welcome to attend any and all committee meetings. Please see below the proposed 2023 board committee structure and membership.

#### *2023 Board Committees*

Executive	Finance	Personnel	Legal	Outreach
Russell, President	Smith, Secretary-Treasurer	Russell, President	Russell, President	Russell, President
Ford, Vice President	Ford	Guilliams	Huff	Hinger
Smith, Secretary-Treasurer	Chadd	Heldman	Koppenhafer	Heldman

#### **Committee descriptions:**

The following are general descriptions of the scope of each board committee. These committees may propose policies or positions for board consideration and approval.

Finance: This committee will consider finance-related topics, including long- and short-term District financial goals, investment priorities, vehicles, audit, budget, and others. In addition, this committee will consider and direct District investment actions.

Personnel: This committee will consider items related to District personnel policies and issues.

Litigation & Legal: This committee will consider items related to the District's litigation priorities, including authorizing the filing of statements of opposition. In addition, this committee will handle routine legal matters, such as the review and approval of contract amendments and renewals.



Outreach: This committee will consider items related to the District's strategies and tools for public education and engagement.

**Staff, consultant, and counsel support:**

The General Manager provides staff support for all committees, including management and policy recommendations. The Programs Coordinator provides staff support for committees, including meeting notices, recordings, and notes. The board's consultants will participate upon request of the committee chair or members.

# **Guest Reports**



## Elaine Chick – Water Information Program Update – April 13, 2023

- **WIP Partner Contributions** - I have been following up with the WIP partners who have not submitted their contributions as of yet. As I mentioned in my last report in January, we asked a majority of WIP partners if they would consider increasing their contribution between 10% – 15%. So far, we have eight partners who have increased their contribution this year (one doubled it). I am still waiting for nine partner entities to send in their contributions.

### SWCD

- **SWCD Annual Water Seminar** – I am happy to say that the SWCD Water Seminar was a success. We had 211 paid attendees, 14 - Ft. Lewis students that we provided complementary tickets to, 22 presenters, 3 media, and 16 board members and guests, for a total of 266 people in attendance.

We had great feed back from the audience evaluation forms. Of the 77 survey respondents, 100% found the 2023 Annual Water Seminar useful or very useful. Someone wrote "It was great to see the diversity of panel topics and the high caliber of people who presented." We also received good feedback on other questions that were asked on the evaluations to take into consideration for the next seminar. We had positive feedback from the presenters as well.

We did get some negative feedback from the audience regarding Lauren Boebert speaking at the seminar.

The Sky Ute Casino Event Center staff were great to work with. The venue had much better technical equipment to work with and the size of the venue will allow SWCD to continue to grow the audience with lots of space. There are a couple of tweaks that I will implement into the next seminar regarding technical equipment.

- **Children's Water Festival 2023** – The Children's Water Festival is taking place May 10<sup>th</sup> at Ft. Lewis College. I have had a great response from schools and class registration. We have 18 schools, 36 classes and 700 students registered for the 2023 festival. As we have not presented the Water Festival in three years, I am happy with the response. There is definitely a reduction in teachers and student attendance at many schools in various districts. I am still needing a few more presenters and volunteers. I will be working on scheduling all of the classes and presenters and creating a custom itinerary for each class. The challenge in scheduling is, every school arrives at a different time and departs at different times. The water festival will be my focus over the next month and a half.

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Memorandum  
April 5, 2023

To: SWCD Board of Directors  
From: Carrie Padgett  
Subject: Engineering Report for the April 12 and 13, 2023 Board Meeting

The following is a summary of the topics Carrie Padgett worked on for SWCD since the last Board meeting, during the months of February and March in 2023. For more background and detail please contact me.

#### **San Juan and Upper Basin Endangered Fish Recovery Programs**

I participated in multiple committee meetings in committee meetings in February and March, including an in-person series of Biology Committee meetings the week of February 20. The winter meetings focus on 2022 project reports and discussion of future projects. The 2022 project reports continue to show a positive trend in capture rates for Colorado pikeminnow and razorback suckers. In exciting news, age-0 Colorado pikeminnow were captured. Since the committee stopped stocking age-0 fish, these captures indicate wild recruitment and spawning. When discussing fish recruitment bottlenecks (i.e., fish maturing to adulthood and spawning), the need for more habitat dominated the discussion. The committee brainstormed increasing habitat through wetlands, off-channel ponds, or by other efforts (i.e., manmade structures in the river).

At the meeting and in subsequent weeks following the meeting, the committee has discussed the potential for a spring peak release. While the flow recommendations decision tree does not prescribe a release based on the current forecast and available water supply, the committee believes a shorter duration spring peak release could help facilitate movement of sediment downstream while capitalizing on the relatively high predicted runoff for the Animas River. The Animas River provides a significant contribution to the San Juan River, enabling it to meet many of the flow targets that would not otherwise be met by releases from Navajo Reservoir. The decision to make this release will be made by April 11.

The next Biology Committee and Coordination Committee meetings will be held on May and 10. The annual meeting of the Program will be the morning of May 10 at the Public Library in Durango.

In years past, the Programs' participants would be conducting their annual congressional briefings this month with representatives and staff from the four states. These briefings are critical in maintaining congressional support for the programs and fostering working relationships with representatives and staff. This year's briefings have been postponed until after authorizing

legislation for post 2023 programs is introduced. This process will be carried out by Colorado Department of Natural Resources and Senator Hickenlooper's office.

To help support this process, Tom Pitts has asked Programs' participants to provide letters of support for appropriations to the Bureau of Reclamation for the two programs. I have attached two draft letters, one to the House Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee and one to the Senate Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee. These letters were drafted to comply with witness testimony format requirements for the subcommittees. The deadlines for submittal of the letters are April 17 and April 21.

### **Navajo Reservoir**

The next Navajo Reservoir Operations meeting will be held on April 18. The Biology Committee is currently voting on if there will be a spring peak release due to the above average snow back in the Animas River basin. This meeting will also provide water users the forecasted inflow into Navajo and proposed reservoir operations for the remainder of the water year.

### **Animas Watershed Partnership (AWP)**

On March 28 I attended an Animas River stream management planning meeting. The group of stakeholders discussed the draft goals and outcomes for scoping a stream management plan. The first half of the discussion centered around intended outcomes of the process, such as technical assessments, project priorities, public outreach plan, and a committee structure needed to implement projects. The second half of the discussion overarching goal categories for the plan. These categories include recreation, ecology, regulatory, infrastructure, agriculture (and other water uses), and education. The next meeting will be in late April with a focus on building the scope of work for the planning process and future grant applications.

### **06CW127 Case**

I continue to provide technical support for this conditional water right. In recent months, I've reviewed proposed Notice of Intent forms and provide comments to Steve and the applicant.

### **Instream Flow Assistance**

For this Board meeting, I reviewed the proposed instream flow appropriations for 2023 and 2024. The March 10, 2023 public notice from CWCB identifies streams and lakes that may be considered for appropriations in 2024. Goat Creek, in Division 4, was listed in the recommendations table. No other reaches were recommended within SWCD's boundaries.

Goat Creek was first recommended in 2021. As you may recall, BLM proposed protections from the headwaters of Goat Creek to the confluence with Beaver Creek. The Gurley Ditch intercepts the creek about 3.5 miles downstream from the headwaters. Steve and I met with Rob Viehl to raise our concerns about the proposed reach along Goat Creek and how this could impact existing water users. Since our meeting with CWCB, the proposed reach length has been updated and will now begin below the Gurley Ditch to the confluence with Beaver Creek. While the reach length has been updated on CWCB's website (see map viewer), the recommendation letter from BLM has not been updated.

At the January 2023 CWCB board meeting they declared their intent to appropriate instream flow water rights on twelve streams. Within SWCD's boundaries, ISFs on Kelly Creek and Red Canyon Creek are proposed. Below is a summary of the water rights. These two reaches were first recommended in 2022, along with one other reach in the same watershed. Big A Creek reach is no longer listed as an active candidate on their website. When these two reaches were first proposed, we reviewed them and found no concerns.

**Table 1. 2023 ISF Appropriations**

<b>Div</b>	<b>Stream</b>	<b>Watershed</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Length (miles)</b>	<b>Upper Terminus</b>	<b>Lower Terminus</b>	<b>Flow Rate (cfs)</b>
<b>4</b>	Kelly Creek	San Miguel	Montrose	1.59	Headwaters	Confluence with Red Canyon Creek	1.2 (04/01 - 04/30) 2.6 (05/01 - 05/31) 2.7 (06/01 - 06/30) 1.2 (07/01 - 07/31) 0.45 (08/01 - 10/31) 0.2 (11/01 - 03/31)
<b>4</b>	Red Canyon Creek	San Miguel	Montrose	3.20	Headwaters	Confluence with Big A Creek	5 (04/01 - 04/30) 6.2 (05/01 - 07/31) 3 (08/01 - 09/30) 2.3 (10/01 - 10/31) 1 (11/01 - 03/31)



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Subject: FY 24 Appropriations to Bureau of Reclamation

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April 15, 2023

The Honorable Diane Feinstein, Chair  
The Honorable John Kennedy, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Subject: FY 24 Appropriations to Bureau of Reclamation

Dear Chairman Feinstein and Senator Kennedy:

I am requesting your support for appropriations to the Bureau of Reclamation for FY2024, consistent with the President's recommended budget, 1) of \$23,620,000 to the Bureau of Reclamation within the budget line item entitled "Colorado River Compliance Activities" which includes \$10,000,000 for the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program and the San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program, and 2) \$5,005,000 to the Bureau of Reclamation within the budget line item entitled Endangered Species Recovery Implementation Program (Upper Colorado & San Juan River Basins).

Substantial non-federal cost-sharing funding is occurring pursuant to Public Law 106-392, as amended. The appropriations will provide continued funding for the recovery programs authorized by P.L. 106-392, as amended. These two successful ongoing cooperative partnership programs involve the States of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming, Navajo Nation, Jicarilla Apache Nation, Southern Ute Tribe, Ute Mountain

Ute Tribe, federal agencies and water, power and environmental interests. The programs provide compliance with the Endangered Species Act for approximately 2,500 federal, state, local and tribal water projects, including every Reclamation project upstream of Lake Powell.

I thank you for the Subcommittee's past support and request the Subcommittee's assistance for fiscal year 2024 funding to ensure the Bureau of Reclamation's continuing financial participation in these vitally important programs.

Sincerely,

Jenny Russell, President  
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Subject: FY 24 Appropriations to Bureau of Reclamation

April 15, 2023

The Honorable Chuck Fleischmann, Chairman  
The Honorable Marcy Kaptur, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
2362-B Rayburn House Office Building  
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# **Staff Reports**



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### **BOARD MEMORANDUM**

**From:** SWCD Staff

**Subject:** Draft Action Plan for 2023

**Date:** April 5, 2023

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After reviewing the 2022 Action Plan the SWCD Staff have identified new action items that we can take to work towards our Strategic Plan. We've also kept goals that are ongoing and continue to align with our values and mission.

We welcome feedback from the board and are excited to continue to work toward our Strategic Plan.

# Southwestern Water Conservation District

## 2023 Draft Action Plan

*Proposed to the SWCD Board on April 13th, 2023*

**SP #1:** In coordination with the appropriate partners, ensure SWCD remains engaged in obtaining, updating, and analyzing water supply, demand, and quality data necessary to address the water management challenges facing southwest Colorado.

1. Continue work with Wright Water Engineers in the verification of Hydros Risk Study to assess current water supply and demand conditions at a subbasin scale within the San Juan and Dolores River Basins, and assess future scenarios.
2. Continue to evaluate the SWCD stream-gaging funding program, including identifying additional local, state, and federal partners to support current efforts.
3. Support the Colorado Airborne Snow Measure (CASM) working group by helping to apply for and administer grant opportunities.

**SP #2:** Lead advocacy for southwest Colorado in Colorado River, interstate, and trans mountain issues.

1. SWCD staff will stay engaged in Colorado River interstate discussions. This includes within Colorado (Colorado Water Conservation Board and Colorado River District), Upper Division States (via Upper Colorado River Commission), and the seven basin states as appropriate. *(Ongoing)*
2. Monthly review of water court resumes (Divisions 3, 4 & 7) to identify water applications that need further evaluation and possible action by SWCD. *(Ongoing)*
3. Support efforts to reauthorize the Upper Colorado River and San Juan River Endangered Species Recovery Implementation Programs (RIPs).

**SP #3:** Balance meeting multiple water needs amongst a diverse set of priorities, especially when there is potential for conflict or mutual benefit.

1. Continue to monitor water planning issues within San Miguel and Montrose Counties.
2. Seek discussions and joint meetings between the SWCD Board and representatives of the Southern Ute tribe.
3. Seek discussions and joint meetings between the SWCD Board and representatives of the Ute Mountain Ute tribe.
4. SWCD Staff to continue to participate in Animas River Working Group.
5. Work with other Southwest entities to identify existing infrastructure that needs improvements to run more efficiently.

**SP #4:** Support investment in improvements to existing and development of new infrastructure for multiple uses in southwest Colorado.

1. Continue to support efforts by Redmesa Ditch & Reservoir Co. to rehabilitate Redmesa Dam.
2. Stay involved in forest health discussions by supporting the authorization of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (commonly known as the Farm Bill).

**SP #5:** Strengthen the continued professional and efficient operation of SWCD while building a culture of mutual trust and respect.

1. For the 2024 budget, SWCD will continue to work to align the priorities identified in the strategic plan and the allocation of funds in its budget.
2. SWCD staff in conjunction with General Counsel will work to ensure we have proper contracts in place for all consultants and related work efforts. *(Ongoing)*
3. Prepare a draft job description for one additional SWCD staff for Board review. Seek to hire by mid-2023.
4. The SWCD board will consider the adoption of an SWCD Director Responsibilities and Board Code of Conduct.
5. SWCD staff will review all district policies and determine what needs to be updated.

**SP #6:** Cultivate SWCD credibility with decision-makers and the public through targeted outreach efforts.

1. With support and coordination from the Board, SWCD staff shall continually seek opportunities to interact with and maintain good working relationships with elected officials at the local, state, and federal levels as well as with District water users and constituent groups, including water conservancy districts, the Southwest Basin Roundtable, and county commissioners. *(Ongoing)*
2. SWCD Board and staff will develop an “elevator speech” and tagline that adequately summarizes SWCD’s work.
3. SWCD staff and consultants will host the 39th annual Southwest Water Seminar and partner on the 4<sup>th</sup> annual “Water Connections” educational event with Four Corners Water Center at Fort Lewis College and SGM Consulting. *(Seminar held on March 31st; Water Connections date tbd)*
4. SWCD staff, with board direction, will begin disseminating a regular e-newsletter to increase SWCD visibility. *(Monthly newsletter is ongoing; continue to look for ways to improve)*
5. Develop multi-year strategy for compiling SWCD history to present to the Board in late 2022.
6. SWCD Staff to attend at least two annual water days hosted throughout the basin, rotating counties when possible - either setting up informational table, or speaking for the event.
7. SWCD staff to evaluate social media gaps and areas where SWCD could improve on engaging new audiences, sharing events, and creating a more comprehensive online presence.



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### **BOARD MEMORANDUM**

**From:** SWCD Staff

**Subject:** Updates to Grant Guidelines

**Date:** April 5, 2023

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After reviewing the 2022 Grant Program Guidelines, there are a few edits that SWCD Staff would like to make to the Grant Program guidelines. We do not need to approve these now, rather we wanted to provide them to you for your feedback, and then we can request approval at our July board meeting.

Currently, we do not require insurance, whereas other grant programs in our area do. We are looking further into this but wanted to gather your thoughts and see if this is a direction the SWCD Board is interested in pursuing.

**Please refer to the following attached Redlined Grant Program Guidelines to see all of our edits.**



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### 2024~~3~~ GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

#### A. BACKGROUND

The Southwestern Water Conservation District (“SWCD”) is a political subdivision of the State that was established by the Colorado General Assembly in 1941 to protect, conserve, use and develop the water resources of the San Juan and Dolores River Basins as well as to safeguard all waters to which the state of Colorado is equitably entitled.<sup>1</sup> SWCD periodically offers financial assistance in the form of grants to “qualified entities,” as that term is defined below in Section C.1, that are carrying out projects consistent with SWCD’s statutory purposes. Funding for this program is subject to SWCD’s discretion as well as its annual budget and appropriation process. The Board retains the right, in its sole discretion, to approve, reduce, or deny any grant request.

Prior to applying, please ensure you as the Applicant can answer “yes” to each of the following questions:

- ☒ Are you a qualified entity (see page 3)?
- ☒ Are you located within the District boundaries (see page 3)?
- ☒ Is the project anticipated to start and finish in 2023 (see page 3)?
- ☒ Are you providing cash or in-kind match of at least 25% of the total project cost (page 4)?
- ☒ Is the SWCD grant request for less than 50% of the total project cost (page 4)?
- ☒ Have you spoken with SWCD staff (Mo Rock Laura Spann, 970-247-1302) about the project and grant application prior to submission?

#### B. GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

For the 2024~~3~~ grant program, applications may be submitted from October 1st through November 3rd, 2024~~November 1st through December 9th of 2022~~. Applicants are encouraged to submit their application as early as possible within the given time frame so that there is adequate time to work with SWCD staff to ensure that the application meets all requirements in advance of the November 3rd~~December 9th~~ deadline. Funding for emergency situations may be considered by the board as they occur. Applications received after November 3rd 2023~~December~~

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<sup>1</sup> See C.R.S. § 37-47-101 through -151.



~~9, 2022~~ will not be considered. Final decisions will be made by the board no later than **January 31st 2024. NEW DATE March 1, 2023.**

The deadlines provided above apply to routine grant requests and may be modified to address emergency situations. SWCD understands that emergency situations may arise from catastrophic or unforeseen events, such as flooding, at other times of the year. The Board endeavors to annually allocate a portion of the grant program funds for emergency requests. Examples of emergency situations include but are not limited to: flood event causing damage to diversion or measurement structures, catastrophic canal or pipeline failure that prevents the delivery of water, spillway or dam failure, regulatory restrictions, wildfire impacts including post-fire runoff and other impacts, and toxic spills. Please contact SWCD staff directly if this occurs to discuss the possibility of submitting an emergency grant application.

SWCD annually anticipates receiving grant requests well in excess of the available funds. The maximum amount of money potentially available from SWCD in the 2024~~3~~ calendar year for all grant recipients **is listed in the table below.** ~~is shown in the table below.~~

<b>Grant Funding Category</b>	<b>Proposed <del>2024</del>2023- Funds Available (Total Grant Program \$250,000)</b>	<b>Annual Maximum Grant Request per Applicant per Category</b>	<b>Five-Year Maximum for Grant Funds Received per Applicant per Category</b>
Development or improvement of water supply and watershed restoration or enhancement projects, including related design, engineering and construction	\$125,000	\$60,000	\$120,000
Studies and facilitating stakeholder involvement on water-related matters, including water quality	\$50,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
Educational purposes, including teaching seminars, workshops and related programs	<del>\$25</del> 10,000	<del>\$10</del> 5,000	<del>\$2</del> 10,000
Emergency requests	<del>\$50</del> 65,000	N/A	N/A

If, as part of budget development for the upcoming fiscal year, the board adjusts the total grant program funding available, funding allocations by category will be adjusted proportionally **or based on Board recommendations.** Prior to submitting an application, please [visit SWCD's website](#) to read the latest proposed ~~2024-2023~~ grant funding available.

Any member of SWCD's Board of Directors or Staff with a financial or property interest in a grant request will disclose any such interest or other conflict of interest and recuse themselves from participating in any recommendation, vote, or decision-making process related to that grant request.

## C. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

### 1. ELIGIBILITY

SWCD will only consider financial assistance requests from “qualified entities” for: (1) development or improvement of water supply and watershed restoration or enhancement projects, including related design, engineering, and construction, (2) studies and facilitating stakeholder involvement ~~in~~ water-related matters, including water quality, (3) educational purposes, including teaching seminars, workshop, and related programs, and (4) emergency situations.

“Qualified entities” are defined by statute to include any public entity, non-profit corporation, not-for-profit corporation, carrier ditch company, mutual ditch or reservoir company, unincorporated ditch or reservoir company, or cooperative association within the boundaries of the District.<sup>2</sup> All projects, studies, and program grants will be limited to “raw” or untreated water supplies, except as provided below. Only projects or portions of projects located within the District's boundaries are eligible for grant funding.

SWCD will not consider grant requests or funding for:

- a. Projects that have already been completed; however, the board may make an exception for projects completed within the past six months arising from the emergency situations described on page two of these guidelines;
- b. Municipal or domestic drinking water projects that do not qualify as a “public water system,” which is defined for the purposes of these guidelines to mean any system that does not have a public water system ID number with the state of Colorado;
- c. Any part of a municipal or domestic “public water system” which is unrelated to raw water storage or delivery. Applications for eligible portions of ~~the~~ public water system should include the state ID number for the system;
- d. Wastewater treatment projects;
- e. Legal fees or payroll costs. ~~SWCD will not pay an employee's salary or hourly wages but may consider paying for crew or seasonal work as it pertains to the specific project described in the grant proposal.~~ If your project includes salary or hourly wages for employees, ~~these costs~~, please identify them as a separate line item ~~line item~~ in the proposed budget and explain how you will pay for those costs without using SWCD grant funds. ~~If you're wanting to apply funding to crew or~~

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<sup>2</sup> C.R.S. § 37-47-107(1)(j.5).

seasonal project work please identify this in your application, extra documentation may be required by the Board to approve such requests. ~~Paying for an employee's time will be at the discretion of the board SWCD; we will not pay an employee's salary or hourly wages but may consider paying for crew or seasonal work as it pertains to the project, extra documentation may be required (see Annual Reporting Requirement).~~

- f. Grant administration costs; or
- g. Weed management projects, although consideration will be given to programs that specifically remove phreatophytes if the Applicant demonstrates it has a plan, including funding, for appropriate revegetation and ongoing maintenance.

## 2. MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS

SWCD will not award a grant for more than 50% of the total project costs,<sup>3</sup> and Applicants must demonstrate that they are actively contributing to the project for which they are requesting a grant. Any grant approval ~~and releasing of funds~~ will be contingent on the recipient demonstrating ~~that they have prior to disbursement of the grant that the Applicant has~~ secured funding for the remaining total project costs.

In addition, Applicants or beneficiaries of the proposed project must also demonstrate that they will provide, through a cash contribution and/or in-kind goods or services, at least 25% of the total project costs (in other words, half of the matching funds). Applications proposing use of in-kind goods and services as all or a portion of the required matching contribution must provide detailed information identifying time and valuation (at an hourly or total project rate) of in-kind contributions. The Board may, ~~at their discretion option,~~ consider previous expenditures directly related to the proposed project as matching contributions if those expenditures occurred within six months of the grant application deadline.

The Applicant's 25% match cannot be met through a loan from SWCD.

Non-profit, or non-governmental organizations, serving on behalf of a broad group of local constituents that do not receive tax revenues and do not have opportunities for ~~third-party~~~~third-party~~ contributions for the project, may request a reduction of the match requirement to 10% of the total project cost (subject to approval by the Board) by garnering and documenting strong community or watershed support for the project.

## 3. LIMITS ON GRANT FUNDING

The amount of funding each "qualified entity" may receive from SWCD is further limited to the following:

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<sup>33</sup> For multi-phase projects, "total project costs" shall mean all costs related to the particular phase of the project for which the Applicant is requesting funding.

- a. Recipients of grants for development or improvement of water-related projects may not receive more than \$60,000 in a single year or a total of \$120,000 in any given five (5) year period.
- b. Recipients of grants for participation in public forums and the performance of studies may not receive, more than \$20,000 in any single year or a total of \$40,000 in any given five (5) year period.
- c. Recipients of grants for educational purposes may not receive more than \$~~15~~,000 in a single year or a total of \$~~21~~0,000 in any given five (5) year period.

Additional funds, outside of SWCD's grant program, may be available through SWCD's loan program. Please review Section I below or contact SWCD staff to find out more about SWCD's loan program.

#### **4. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCESS**

Completion of SWCD's application form is required for SWCD to consider requests for financial assistance. The Board will not consider applications that do not meet the minimum requirements. To ensure consideration for funding by SWCD, please apply for a grant before the water project, study or educational program has been initiated. Please use the following application:

##### **General Application for Financial Assistance 2024~~3~~**

Each application should be typed or printed legibly and include, at a minimum, the following:

- a. Documentation confirming the Applicant is a qualified entity per the definition on page 2 of these guidelines. Examples of proper documentation include (but are not limited to) articles of incorporation, corporate bylaws, or a Certificate of Good Standing from the Colorado Secretary of State;
- b. Project type, description, and location, including the county or counties within which the grant funds will be applied;
- c. Total grant amount requested;
- d. Total project cost<sup>44</sup>;
- e. Anticipated timeline for the project, study or educational request;
- f. Matching contributions provided by or requested from other funding partners, including the anticipated decision date for those funding requests if not already approved;

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<sup>44</sup> If the requested grant will be used to fund part of a multi-phase project, please provide a summary, including a total project cost estimate and anticipated timeline, for completion of the overall project.

- g. Detailed project expense budget, including as a percentage of the total ~~and~~ any costs of administering the grant;
- h. Applicant's matching contributions, including a detailed description of in-kind materials and services, if any, ~~to be provided by the Applicant should be included~~ with ~~the~~ basis for in-kind valuations;
- i. Applicant's current financial statements, including a summary of reserves and assessments that demonstrate adequate financial resources for ongoing operation, maintenance, and repair;
- j. Identification of whether, and if so how, the requested grant will aid in the development, use, or protection of pre-compact water rights, along with a "Water Rights Tabulation" report from the Colorado Division of Water Resources;
- k. Identification of project partners and beneficiaries; and
- l. Summary of Applicant's previous funding requests and grant awards from SWCD.

**All applications and supporting documentation must be submitted in a single .pdf file. Applications submitted in multiple files will not be considered.**

Please attach additional sheets as necessary to fully answer any question to assure that all information that might be helpful in evaluating your application is considered. Please return the **signed copy** of the application to Southwestern Water Conservation District and retain a copy for your records. Please submit to the following address or email: Southwestern Water Conservation District, 841 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Durango, CO 81301 or [morock@swgcd.org](mailto:morock@swgcd.org) [lauras@swgcd.org](mailto:lauras@swgcd.org). Once your grant application is received, it will be reviewed by SWCD staff to ensure that it meets the minimum requirements before consideration by the Board. Staff will endeavor to share its funding recommendation with the Applicant prior to the meeting.

The Board will ~~hold a meeting in NEW DATE February 2023 to~~ review and consider **grant applications at the first Regular Board meeting in 2024.** ~~the applications.~~ Applicants are encouraged to attend the meeting at which the funding requests will be considered, either in person or **virtually by phone**, so that they can provide a brief summary of their grant request and answer questions that may arise. The Board requests a thorough, completed application form be submitted in lieu of a formal presentation.

For questions about the application or board meeting, please contact SWCD staff by phone (970-247-1302) or e-mail ([morock@swgcd.org](mailto:morock@swgcd.org) [lauras@swgcd.org](mailto:lauras@swgcd.org)). For your reference, agendas are generally posted to the [swgcd.org](http://swgcd.org) website one week prior to regular board meetings.

#### **D. EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Grant proposals will be evaluated based ~~on~~<sup>upon</sup> how well the proposed project, study, or educational request carries out the purposes of the SWCD. The Board will give special consideration to grant proposals that further the use or protection of pre-compact water rights and the development of Colorado River Compact entitlements as well as educational-related requests that complement or otherwise further SWCD's existing programs.

Furthermore, Applicants must demonstrate adequate shareholder assessments and reserves for ongoing operation, maintenance, and repair of their infrastructure. The Board will give favorable consideration to grant proposals from Applicants that are proactively and financially planning for their own future needs.

#### **E. FUNDS DISBURSEMENT**

Once a grant application has been reviewed and approved by the Board, a request for the release of grant funds may be made during 2023. If the Applicant will not be able to use the funds in that year, please contact the SWCD office as soon as possible.

For grant funds to be released, the Applicant must:

1. Sign the "Document of Understanding" that accompanies the grant approval letter;
2. Complete a "Request for Release of Funds" form found on the [website](#);
3. Provide written documentation that all committed matching funds have been secured; and
4. Provide written documentation that confirms the Applicant continues to be a qualified entity (see examples of appropriate documentation on page 5).

The signature of the Applicant's authorized representative on the "Request for Release of Funds" form indicates that the funds are needed at that time and that the Applicant ensures and verifies that the funds are only being used for the specific purpose(s) described in the application and amount(s) indicated in SWCD's grant approval letter. The Applicant agrees to allow SWCD to display a public notice identifying the project or activity as being partially funded by the SWCD. Additional documentation may be requested at SWCD's discretion prior to ~~the~~ release of funds.

In the event the project, study, or program for which the grant was awarded ultimately comes in under budget, the grant recipient must return a pro-rata portion of the remaining funds to SWCD within 45 days of completion. For example, if the completed project, study, or program is \$20,000 under budget and SWCD contributed 20% of the total anticipated project costs, then the grant recipient must return \$4,000 (20% of \$20,000) to SWCD.

#### **F. CHANGING THE USE OF FUNDS**



If the Board approves funding for the application, and at a future date the intended use of funds changes, please notify staff as soon as possible. Board review and approval of the change is necessary. Otherwise, SWCD requires reimbursement of funds.

#### G. GRANT EXTENSION REQUESTS

If the Board approves funding for the application, and completion of the project, study, program or other grant-funded task has not occurred in 2023, the Applicant must submit a written grant extension request to SWCD Staff describing the progress to date and the projected timeline for completion. At that time, Staff may elect to approve a one-year extension.

Grant extensions are usually limited to one year. However, at its option, the Board may approve grant extensions of more than one year, the Applicant may be required to submit a new application, or if funds have already been disbursed, the Board may request that the funds be returned.

#### H. ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT

If the Board approves funding for the application, the Applicant must provide a written report and/or supporting documentation of the work accomplished no later than December 31, 2024~~NEW DATE~~~~December 31, 2023~~. This written report will include a detailed accounting of the use of funds including supporting documentation for any expenses incurred, ~~as well as a detailed outline of total project budget spent~~~~costs~~. Additional documentation may be requested at the discretion of SWCD. See sample final reports at [wwwcd.org](http://wwwcd.org). If the Applicant cannot submit the final report by the deadline, they must submit a written request for an extension of time to SWCD staff prior to December 31, 2024~~3~~ that explains the reporting delay and a proposed final submittal date. The Board will not consider future grant requests from Applicants that do not comply with this provision ~~and~~ submit an unacceptable final report.

#### I. LOANS

Loans and/or loan-grant packages may be approved for water-related projects or construction, studies, educational programs, and sponsorships. The terms and security for payment will be determined at the time the loan is approved. All documents required by SWCD for the loan shall be executed before SWCD will release the approved loan amount. Documents that SWCD, at its sole discretion, may require include, but may not be limited to, a loan agreement, promissory note, deed of trust for real property, and/or a uniform commercial code financing statement for personal property.

OPTIONAL ADDITION: Item E(2) Insurance Requirements (and elsewhere requirements are listed)

Colorado River Districts: Community Partnership funding's Insurance Requirements for reference:

Commercial General Liability:

a. Bodily Injury and Property Damage:

(1) \$1,000,000 each occurrence

(2) \$1,000,000 aggregate

b. Personal Injury

(1) \$1,000,000 each occurrence

(2) \$1,000,000 aggregate

c. Commercial Automobile Liability

(1) \$1,000,000

d. Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability

(1) Workers' Compensation: Statutory

(2) Employer's Liability:

(a) \$100,000 each accident

(b) \$100,000 disease – each employee

(c) \$500,000 disease – policy limit





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### BOARD MEMORANDUM

**Date:** April 02, 2023

**From:** SWCD Staff

**Subject:** Recommendation regarding the assignment of a portion of the 2022 year-end fund balance to SWCD Water Defense and SWCD Water Development

Below is our recommendation regarding the assignment of a portion of the projected 2022 year-end fund balance to SWCD Water Defense and SWCD Water Development as follows:

Projected Fund Balance on 12-31-22 (After Adoption of Recommendation)		
<b>Restricted</b>		
	3% TABOR Reserve	\$56,148
<b>Committed</b>		
	Undisbursed Grants*	\$30,000
<b>Assigned</b>		
	SWCD Water Defense** <i>\$2,080,000 in 2021, proposed increase of \$227,000 60% of remaining \$3,845,000</i>	\$2,307,000
	SWCD Water Development*** <i>\$1,386,000 in 2021, proposed increase of \$152,000 40% of remaining \$3,845,000</i>	\$1,538,000
	Water Information Program****	\$130,000
<b>Unassigned*****</b>		\$500,654
	<b>Total Projected Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$4,561,802</b>
<b>Notes:</b> *A projection generated from “Previously Committed Local Financial Support” budget line **Created to defend the water resources of the District ***Created to develop and maintain the water resources of the District ****These assignments reflect prior contribution from external parties for these purposes as well as the District’s matching contributions *****Amount is a projection, audited unassigned fund balance at year-end may vary.		

At the February meeting, staff will be recommending that the Board confirm its intent to assign those portions of the general fund balance to SWCD Water Defense, SWCD Water Development, and Water Information Program as set forth on the Projected Fund Balance table above.

For reference, below is the City of Loveland's helpful graphic explanation of the five classifications of fund balance:

GASB 54 defines five classifications of fund balance, which are summarized in the table below:

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54 Fund Balance Classifications			
	Classification	Definition	Degree of Spendability
Restricted Fund Balance	Nonspendable	Resources that are not in a spendable form (inventories, prepaid items, or items required to be maintained intact).	Nonspendable
	Restricted	Resources constrained to specific purposes by external providers (creditors, grantors, contributors, and other levels of government) through laws and regulations.	
Unrestricted Fund Balance	Committed	Resources constrained by limitations the City imposes upon itself at its highest level of decision-making authority (City Council); limitations remain binding unless removed in the same manner.	
	Assigned	Resources a government intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates authority.	
	Unassigned	Resources available for any purpose; these resources are reported only in the General Fund.	Spendable



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### BOARD MEMORANDUM

**Date:** April 02, 2023

**From:** SWCD Staff

**Subject:** IT Update

Currently, SWCD utilizes Microsoft Suite, Google Workspace, Zoom, and other applications that could be consolidated. Microsoft Suite has the capabilities of all of these applications and we already pay for these features. SWCD Staff is currently gathering more information on what a transition would look like, to be sure that this is the most cost-effective and efficient method moving forward. The current breakdown can be seen below.

Current Software	Cost	Storage	Other
Microsoft Suite <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- All 365 applications</li><li>- Teams</li><li>- Sharepoint</li><li>- one drive</li><li>- Outlook</li></ul>	Current: 12.50/month/user - desktop Microsoft, all productivity apps, email, outlook manager  <b>(\$300 Annually)</b>  *lots of options with additional security and features - need talk with a representative to see the best option for our needs (\$8-35/user/month)	50 GB (mail), plus 1 TB on OneDrive (5 TB for enterprise package)  Current meeting capabilities: 300 participants	300 participants w/regular plans for teams meetings (up to 20,000 w/enterprise package)
Google Workspace <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Google workspace</li><li>- docs/sheets/slides</li><li>- gmail</li></ul>	Current: Business Standard - \$12/month/user - 2TB storage (plus \$8/user/month WIP)  <b>(\$216 Annually)</b>  Options both to increase storage and security ranging up to \$25/user/month	30GB/user email and cloud (up to 2TB w/business standard package or unlimited for Enterprise plans)	slightly better email security, easier to share to external partners w/permissions

Zoom	Current: Webinar Annual Subscription <b>\$388.26</b>	100 video panelists, 500 guests (veiw only)	
iDrive	Annual Fee <b>\$79.50</b>	5,000GB	
	Current Annual Spending: <b>\$983.76</b>		

\*We are also looking into getting Local Government Discounts through SDA or DOLA

Once we finalize this exploratory phase, we plan on moving forward with consolidation. Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns, or comments regarding these changes.

Additionally, we have been experiencing an increased amount of technical issues in the office, including; dropped zoom calls, crackling phone calls, and slow programs - most if not all of these issues can be attributed to internet issues. We are looking into resolving these issues, which may require a professional to come look at our internet setup.



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### **BOARD MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** April 02, 2023

**From:** Mo Rock, Programs Coordinator

**Subject:** Updating and Creating a stronger social media presence

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As stated in SWCD's Strategic Plan, it is important that SWCD continues to grow its base. One way this can be achieved is with a better social media presence. Social media can be used as a tool to increase SWCD's credibility and deliver urgent information to key leaders and constituents. Additionally, having a strong social media presence can help justify to taxpayers SWCD's value and need. Updates to our social media, including the website, will help diversify our audiences and create a more welcoming space for the general public.

#### **Update:**

- Facebook
- Twitter

#### **Create:**

- LinkedIn
- Instagram

#### **Other:**

- Add social media profiles to the website
- Identify a signature font pairing and color palate
- Look into updating/adding to SWCD's Logo Options - for example - Colorado River District
- Continue to improve the Nine Basin Bulletin by; reaching new audiences, and providing information that is missing from other local/regional newsletters

\*Social media will be used for sharing events, stories, grant information, and other water information - it will not be used in a way that implies or conveys how the board may move on an action item.

# **Legislative Affairs**

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## Southwestern Water Conservation District

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### **[HB23-1281](#)**

### **Advance The Use Of Clean Hydrogen**

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**Comment:**

**Position:**

**Calendar**

NOT ON CALENDAR

**Notification:**

**Short Title:**

Advance The Use Of Clean Hydrogen

**Sponsors:**

B. Titone (D) | S. Vigil (D)

**Summary:**

**Section 2** of the bill defines clean hydrogen (clean hydrogen) as hydrogen that is:

- Derived from a clean energy resource that uses water as the source of hydrogen; or
- Produced through a process that results in lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions rates that are less than 1.5 kilograms of carbon dioxide equivalent per kilogram of hydrogen, as set forth in applicable federal law.

**Section 2** also directs the public utilities commission (commission) to establish a stand-alone application, review, and approval process for investor-owned utility projects that result in the production of clean hydrogen (clean hydrogen project). For a clean hydrogen project to be approved by the commission, an investor-owned utility must submit an application to the commission demonstrating that the clean hydrogen project involves collaboration between the investor-owned utility and a state or federal agency. Any application for a clean hydrogen project must include:

- Best practices utilized by the investor-owned utility to reduce air emissions and environmental impacts, conduct leak detection monitoring, and increase public safety;
- If the investor-owned utility's clean hydrogen production facilities are located in a disproportionately impacted community, a cumulative impact analysis that evaluates past, present, and future impacts; and
- An assessment of the annual volume of water used in electrolysis of water to produce clean hydrogen for the clean hydrogen project.

**Section 2** also requires the commission to allow an investor-owned utility to sell clean hydrogen to third parties under a clean hydrogen tariff.

For income tax years commencing on or after January 1, 2024, but before January 1, 2033, **section 3** creates a state income tax credit in specified amounts per kilogram of clean hydrogen used for industrial operations, for operating a heavy-duty vehicle, or for aviation (tax credit). Any taxpayer seeking to claim the tax credit must first apply for and receive a tax credit certificate from the Colorado energy office.  
(*Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced.*)

**Status:** 4/3/2023 Introduced In House - Assigned to Energy & Environment

**Fiscal Notes:**

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<b><u><a href="#">SB23-237</a></u></b>	<b>Transfer To Water Plan Implementation Cash Fund</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	
<b>Position:</b>	
<b>Calendar</b>	Wednesday, April 5 2023
<b>Notification:</b>	THIRD READING OF BILLS - FINAL PASSAGE (17) in house calendar.
<b>Short Title:</b>	Transfer To Water Plan Implementation Cash Fund
<b>Sponsors:</b>	B. Kirkmeyer (R)   J. Bridges (D) / R. Bockenfeld (R)   S. Bird (D)
<b>Summary:</b>	<b>Joint Budget Committee.</b> The bill requires the state treasurer, on June 30, 2023, to transfer \$12.6 million from the severance tax operational fund to the water plan implementation cash fund. ( <i>Note: This summary applies to the reengrossed version of this bill as introduced in the second house.</i> )
<b>Status:</b>	4/4/2023 House Third Reading Laid Over Daily - No Amendments
<b>Fiscal Notes:</b>	<a href="#">Fiscal Note</a>

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<b><u><a href="#">SB23-262</a></u></b>	<b>Water Desalination Study And Report</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	
<b>Position:</b>	
<b>Calendar</b>	Wednesday, April 12 2023
<b>Notification:</b>	SENATE AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE Upon Adjournment SCR 352 (2) in senate calendar.
<b>Short Title:</b>	Water Desalination Study And Report
<b>Sponsors:</b>	K. Priola (D) / N. Ricks (D)   M. Soper (R)



**Summary:**

The bill requires the Colorado water conservation board (CWCB) to perform a comprehensive literature review of existing research on the challenges and opportunities of desalination facilities in California or Mexico. The literature review must include a summary of the current status of research on desalination, including quantification of certain costs of and benefits that could be realized from the construction and perpetual operation of one or more water desalination facilities in California or Mexico, or both.

On or before July 1, 2025, the CWCB must complete the study and submit a report of the CWCB's findings and recommendations to:

- The Colorado legislative committees of reference that consider water matters;
- The governor; and
- The bureau of reclamation in the federal department of the interior.

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced.)*

**Status:** 4/3/2023 Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Agriculture & Natural Resources

**Fiscal Notes:****SB23-270****Projects To Restore Natural Stream Systems****Comment:****Position:****Calendar****Notification:**

Thursday, April 13 2023  
 SENATE AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES  
 COMMITTEE  
 1:30 PM SCR 352  
 (5) in senate calendar.

**Short Title:**

Projects To Restore Natural Stream Systems

**Sponsors:**

D. Roberts (D) | C. Simpson (R) / K. McCormick (D)

**Summary:**

The bill creates a rebuttable presumption that a project that is designed and constructed within a natural stream system for certain restoration purposes (stream restoration project) does not cause material injury to vested water rights (rebuttable presumption). A holder of a vested water right may challenge the rebuttable presumption by sufficiently demonstrating in a court of competent jurisdiction that the Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law. operation of the stream restoration project has caused material injury to a vested water right. The bill also requires that, at least 63 calendar days before the commencement of a stream restoration project, the owner or proponent of the stream restoration project register the

project with the state engineer and provide notice to the substitute water supply plan notification list (registration and notice requirement). Upon the completion of a stream restoration project, the owner or proponent of the stream restoration project shall file a completion report with the state engineer. If a stream restoration project is limited to certain minor restoration activities:

- \* The stream restoration project does not cause material injury to any vested water right;

- \* The stream restoration project is not an unnecessary dam or other obstruction; and

- \* The owner or proponent of the stream restoration project is not required to comply with the registration and notice requirement. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:1

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly<sup>2</sup> finds that:<sup>3</sup> (a) Functioning natural streams are beneficial to all Coloradans<sup>4</sup> because they provide clean water for farms and cities as well as<sup>5</sup> broad-based public safety and ecological services, including:<sup>6</sup> (I) Forest and watershed health;<sup>7</sup> (II) Wildfire mitigation and recovery;<sup>8</sup> (III) Flood safety;<sup>9</sup> (IV) Water quality;<sup>10</sup> (V) Recreation; and<sup>11</sup> (VI) Riparian and aquatic habitats;<sup>12</sup> (b) Functioning natural streams that are connected to floodplains<sup>13</sup> balance the patterns of sediment erosion and deposition, which protects<sup>14</sup> water infrastructure, including diversion structures, ditches, pumps, pipes,<sup>1</sup> and reservoirs, that are susceptible to damage and adverse impacts from<sup>2</sup> sedimentation, especially sedimentation resulting from fires and floods;<sup>3</sup> (c) Stream restoration projects are an essential tool for water<sup>4</sup> project developers and wastewater and stormwater dischargers to meet<sup>5</sup> regulatory obligations;<sup>6</sup> (d) Stream restoration projects address the legacy of water quality<sup>7</sup> and habitat impacts from abandoned mines or catastrophic mine spills that<sup>8</sup> have deprived entire communities of safe drinking water; and<sup>9</sup> (e) The Colorado water plan sets a vision for thriving watersheds<sup>10</sup> and calls for multi-benefit projects that restore stream health to enhance<sup>11</sup> water supply security for agriculture, communities, tourism, and<sup>12</sup> ecosystem function.<sup>13</sup> (2) The general assembly therefore declares that, because of the<sup>14</sup> vast amount of benefits that natural streams provide the state's<sup>15</sup> communities and environment, the state should facilitate and encourage<sup>16</sup> the commencement of projects that restore the environmental health of<sup>17</sup> natural stream systems.<sup>18</sup>

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-92-602, add (9)<sup>19</sup> as follows:<sup>20</sup> 37-92-602. Exemptions - presumptions - stream restoration<sup>21</sup> projects - report - legislative declaration - definitions. (9) (a) THE<sup>22</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY DECLARES THAT STREAM RESTORATION<sup>23</sup> PROJECTS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC SAFETY,<sup>24</sup> WELFARE, PROPERTY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT.<sup>25</sup> (b) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (9), UNLESS THE CONTEXT<sup>26</sup> OTHERWISE REQUIRES:<sup>27</sup> (I)

"MINOR STREAM RESTORATION ACTIVITY" MEANS ANY OR ALL1 OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:2 (A) STABILIZING THE BANKS OR SUBSTRATE OF A NATURAL3 STREAM SYSTEM WITH DEFORMABLE AND POROUS HARD OR4 BIOENGINEERED STRUCTURES COMPOSED OF WOOD, ROCK, OR NATURAL5 MATERIALS THAT RESULT IN ONLY AN INCIDENTAL INCREASE IN SURFACE6 AREA, NOT TO EXCEED THE ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK OF THE7 NATURAL STREAM;8 (B) MECHANICAL GRADING OF THE GROUND SURFACE ALONG A9 NATURAL STREAM SYSTEM IN A MANNER THAT DOES NOT RESULT IN10 GROUNDWATER EXPOSURE, DIVERSIONS OF SURFACE WATER, OR THE11 COLLECTION OF STORM WATER;12 (C) STABILIZING AN EPHEMERAL OR INTERMITTENT NATURAL13 STREAM BY INSTALLING DEFORMABLE AND POROUS STRUCTURES INTO THE14 BANKS AND SUBSTRATE, WHICH MAY INCIDENTALLY AND TEMPORARILY15 INCREASE SURFACE AREA OR INFILTRATION;16 (D) DAYLIGHTING A NATURAL STREAM THAT HAS BEEN PIPED OR17 BURIED;18 (E) REDUCING THE SURFACE AREA OF A NATURAL STREAM TO19 ADDRESS REDUCTIONS IN HISTORICAL FLOW AMOUNTS; AND20 (F) INSTALLING STRUCTURES OR RECONSTRUCTING A CHANNEL IN21 A NATURAL STREAM SYSTEM FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF RECOVERY FROM22 THE IMPACTS OF A WILDLAND FIRE OR FLOOD EMERGENCY.23 (II) "NATURAL STREAM" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION24 37-87-102 (1)(b).25 (III) "NATURAL STREAM SYSTEM" MEANS THE EXTENT OF A26 NATURAL STREAM IN THE STATE AND THE GEOMORPHIC FLOODPLAIN AND27 ASSOCIATED RIPARIAN AREA.1 (IV) "STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT" MEANS A PROJECT THAT IS2 DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED:3 (A) WITHIN A NATURAL STREAM SYSTEM;4 (B) FOR THE PURPOSES OF WILDLAND FIRE MITIGATION; FLOOD5 MITIGATION; BANK STABILIZATION; WATER QUALITY PROTECTION OR6 RESTORATION; HABITAT, SPECIES, OR ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION; DROUGHT7 RESILIENCE; SOURCE WATER PROTECTION; INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION;8 OR SEDIMENT AND EROSION MANAGEMENT; AND9 (C) IN A MANNER THAT DOES NOT INCREASE THE WATER SURFACE10 AREA OF THE NATURAL STREAM BY MORE THAN ONE-QUARTER ACRE PER11 STRUCTURE OR TREATMENT AND THAT DOES NOT EXCEED A TOTAL12 INCREASE OF EIGHT SURFACE ACRES FOR A SERIES OF STRUCTURES WITHIN13 ONE STREAM MILE.14 (c) (I) EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (9)(f)(I) OF THIS15 SECTION:16 (A) THERE IS A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION THAT A

STREAM17 RESTORATION PROJECT DOES NOT CAUSE MATERIAL INJURY TO VESTED18 WATER RIGHTS; AND19 (B) THE HOLDER OF A VESTED WATER RIGHT MAY CHALLENGE THE20 REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION BY BRINGING AN ACTION IN THE WATER COURT21 FOR THE DIVISION IN WHICH THE STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT IS22 CONDUCTED NO LATER THAN TWO YEARS AFTER THE FILING OF THE23 COMPLETION REPORT REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (9)(e) OF THIS24 SECTION.25 (II) THE HOLDER OF A VESTED WATER RIGHT MAY REBUT THE26 REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (9)(c)(I)(B) OF27 THIS SECTION BY PRESENTING EVIDENCE SUFFICIENT TO SHOW THAT THE1 OPERATION OF A STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT HAS CAUSED MATERIAL2 INJURY TO THE VESTED WATER RIGHT.3 (d) EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (9)(f)(III) OF THIS4 SECTION, AT LEAST SIXTY-THREE CALENDAR DAYS BEFORE THE5 COMMENCEMENT OF A STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT, THE OWNER OR6 PROPONENT OF THE STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT SHALL:7 (I) REGISTER THE STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT WITH THE STATE8 ENGINEER ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE ENGINEER; AND9 (II) PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE SUBSTITUTE WATER SUPPLY PLAN10 NOTIFICATION LIST MAINTAINED BY THE STATE ENGINEER PURSUANT TO11 SECTION 37-92-308 (6) FOR THE WATER DIVISION IN WHICH THE STREAM12 RESTORATION PROJECT IS PROPOSED. THE NOTICE MUST INCLUDE:13 (A) THE LOCATION OF THE STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT,14 INCLUDING THE NAME OF THE STREAM, THE COUNTY WHERE THE STREAM15 RESTORATION PROJECT IS PROPOSED, AND THE APPROXIMATE ELEVATION16 OF THE STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT;17 (B) CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE OWNER OR PROPONENT OF18 THE STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT;19 (C) A DESCRIPTION OF ANY PURPOSES OF THE STREAM20 RESTORATION PROJECT, AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (9)(b)(IV)(B) OF21 THIS SECTION;22 (D) A PROJECT MAP, DESIGN, AND DESCRIPTION DEMONSTRATING23 THAT THE STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT IS DESIGNED IN ACCORDANCE24 WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (9)(b)(IV) OF THIS SECTION;25 AND26 (E) A SUMMARY OF ANY OUTREACH REGARDING THE STREAM27 RESTORATION PROJECT, INCLUDING NOTIFICATION OF THE STREAM1 RESTORATION PROJECT TO ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS, LOCAL FLOOD2 CONTROL DISTRICTS, THE BASIN ROUNDTABLE CREATED IN SECTION3 37-75-104 (1)(a) OF THE WATER BASIN WHERE THE STREAM RESTORATION4 PROJECT

IS PROPOSED, OR ANY OTHER POTENTIALLY INTERESTED PERSONS<sup>5</sup> WITH INTERESTS IN THE VICINITY OF THE STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT.<sup>6</sup> (e) UPON THE COMPLETION OF A STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT,<sup>7</sup> THE OWNER OR PROPONENT OF THE STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT SHALL<sup>8</sup> FILE A COMPLETION REPORT WITH THE STATE ENGINEER IN A FORM<sup>9</sup> PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE ENGINEER.<sup>10</sup> (f) IF A STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT IS LIMITED TO ONE OR<sup>11</sup> MORE MINOR STREAM RESTORATION ACTIVITIES:<sup>12</sup> (I) THE STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT DOES NOT CAUSE<sup>13</sup> MATERIAL INJURY TO ANY VESTED WATER RIGHT;<sup>14</sup> (II) THE STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT IS NOT AN UNNECESSARY<sup>15</sup> DAM OR OTHER OBSTRUCTION; AND<sup>16</sup> (III) THE OWNER OR PROPONENT OF THE STREAM RESTORATION<sup>17</sup> PROJECT IS NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION AND NOTICE<sup>18</sup> REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (9)(d) OF THIS SECTION.<sup>19</sup> (g) THE OWNER OR PROPONENT OF A STREAM RESTORATION<sup>20</sup> PROJECT SHALL NOT INSTALL THE STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT IN A<sup>21</sup> MANNER THAT ADVERSELY AFFECTS THE FUNCTION OF STRUCTURES USED<sup>22</sup> TO DIVERT WATER OR MEASURE WATER FLOW BY HOLDERS OF VESTED<sup>23</sup> WATER RIGHTS WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE OWNERS OF THE<sup>24</sup> STRUCTURES.<sup>25</sup> (h) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2026, THE STATE ENGINEER SHALL<sup>26</sup> REPORT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE AGRICULTURE AND<sup>27</sup> NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE AGRICULTURE,<sup>1</sup> WATER, AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF<sup>2</sup> REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES:<sup>3</sup> (I) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STREAM RESTORATION PROJECTS THAT<sup>4</sup> HAVE BEEN REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (9)(d)(I) OF THIS<sup>5</sup> SECTION;<sup>6</sup> (II) ANY COMPLAINT OF MATERIAL INJURY TO A VESTED WATER<sup>7</sup> RIGHT MADE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (9)(c)(I)(B) OF THIS SECTION; AND<sup>8</sup> (III) THE RESULTS OF ANY STUDIES THAT THE STATE ENGINEER IS<sup>9</sup> AWARE OF THAT EVALUATE CHANGES TO HYDROLOGY OR WATER<sup>10</sup> AVAILABLE TO VESTED WATER RIGHTS HOLDERS DUE TO STREAM<sup>11</sup> RESTORATION PROJECTS IN THE STATE.<sup>12</sup> (i) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION IN THIS SUBSECTION (9) TO<sup>13</sup> THE CONTRARY, NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION (9):<sup>14</sup> (I) CREATES A BASIS FOR A WATER RIGHT, CREDIT, OR OTHER<sup>15</sup> RIGHT FOR THE USE OF WATER;<sup>16</sup> (II) CREATES PRECEDENT FOR THE LITIGATION OF, CREATES A<sup>17</sup> LEGISLATIVE DETERMINATION OF, ALTERS, OR AFFECTS ANY REAL<sup>18</sup> PROPERTY INTERESTS, INCLUDING EXPRESS OR

PRESCRIPTIVE FLOWAGE<sup>19</sup> EASEMENTS AFFECTING LAND ALONG A PUBLIC STREAM HELD BY ANY<sup>20</sup> POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR PERSON;<sup>21</sup> (III) PROHIBITS THE STATE ENGINEER FROM TAKING ANY ACTION<sup>22</sup> NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH AN INTERSTATE COMPACT, INTERSTATE<sup>23</sup> APPORTIONMENT DECREE, OR INTERSTATE AGREEMENT;<sup>24</sup> (IV) ALTERS, AMENDS, OR AFFECTS ANY FEDERAL, STATE, OR<sup>25</sup> LOCAL LAW OR REQUIREMENT THAT OTHERWISE APPLIES TO A STREAM<sup>26</sup> RESTORATION PROJECT; OR<sup>27</sup> (V) IMPAIRS OR IN ANY WAY AFFECTS THE ABILITY OF ANY PERSON<sup>1</sup> TO APPROPRIATE WATER FOR PURPOSES RELATED TO A STREAM<sup>2</sup> RESTORATION PROJECT.<sup>3</sup> (j) A STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT THAT HAS OBTAINED ANY<sup>4</sup> APPLICABLE PERMITS, IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR COMPLETED BY<sup>5</sup> AUGUST 1, 2023, AND MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION<sup>6</sup> (9)(b)(IV) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT CAUSE MATERIAL INJURY TO ANY<sup>7</sup> VESTED WATER RIGHT AND IS NOT AN UNNECESSARY DAM OR OTHER<sup>8</sup> OBSTRUCTION.<sup>9</sup> SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,<sup>10</sup> determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate<sup>11</sup> preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.<sup>12</sup>

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**Fiscal Notes:**