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# **Financial Resources**

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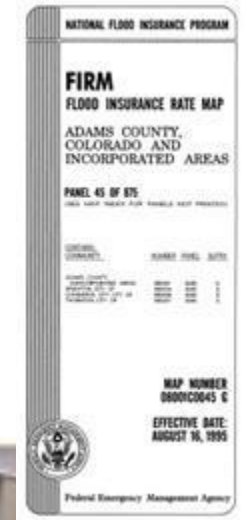
# WHAT WE DO



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## Operations / Programs:

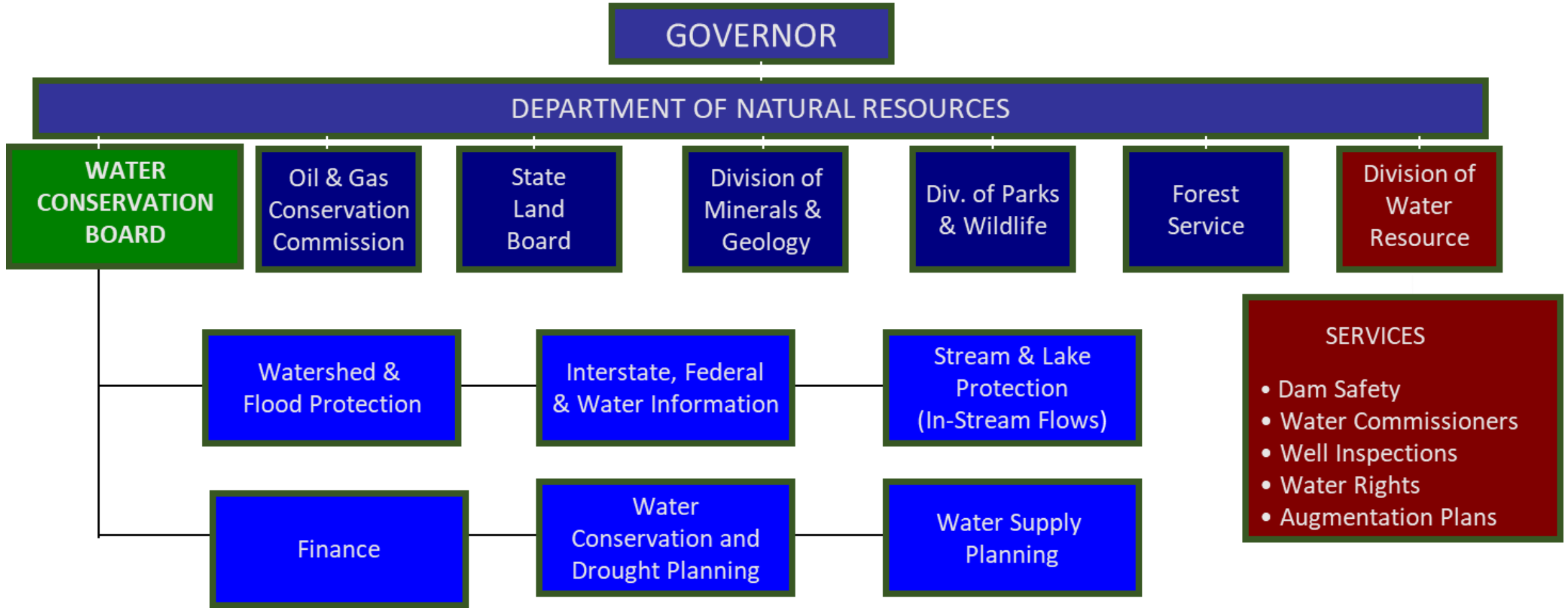
- Water Project Loan Program
- Water Conservation and Drought Planning
- Interstate Compact Protection
- Stream and Lake Protection
- Watershed & Flood Protection
- Decision Support Systems
- Water Supply Planning



# DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



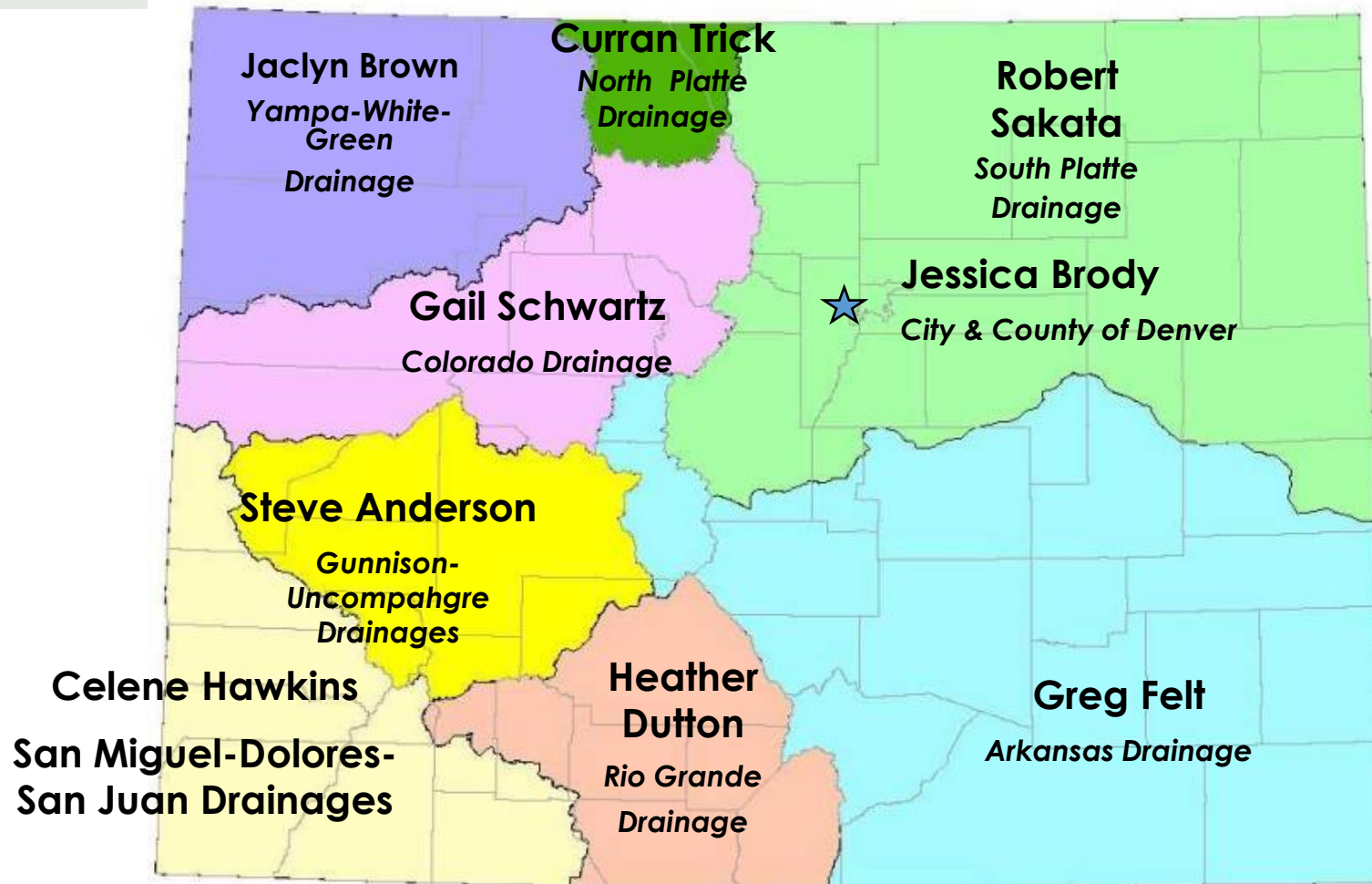
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# BOARD MEMBERS



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## Ex-Officio Members:

**Dan Gibbs**, DNR Director (*voting*) -- **Phil Weiser**, AG (*non-voting*) -- **Kevin Rein**, State Engineer (*non-voting*)

**Kate Greenberg**, DOA Director (*non-voting*) – **Dan Prenzlou**, CPW Director (*non-voting*) – **Becky Mitchell**, CWCB Director (*non-voting*)

# FUND OVERVIEW



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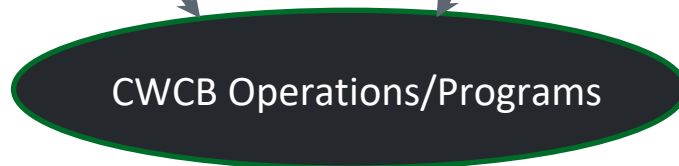
Federal Mineral Lease



Severance Tax



Sports Betting



CWCB is a cash funded agency that operates from revenue generated from its loan program



# LOAN PROGRAM



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Typically \$50M  
available from  
CWCB cash funds

- Loans for water supply projects such as:
  - Reservoir rehabilitation or new construction, ditches & canals, pipelines, river diversion structures, water rights purchases, and hydropower projects
- Applications are accepted year-round\*

# WATER PROJECT LENDING



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## Agricultural Borrowers

- 50% of Market Interest Rate
- Mutual Ditch Companies or Private
- Revenue: Assessments
- Collateral Decisions
- Average Operating Cost \$10-\$20/AF

## Municipal Borrowers

- Median Income Sets Interest Rate
- Labor Controls
- Enterprises
- Loan Security
- Pledge Tax or Rates, No Tap Fees
- Avg Water Bill \$30-\$60/month
- Avg Debt \$2.5K-\$5K/tap





# WATERSHED RESTORATION



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Typically \$2M to  
\$5M available  
annually

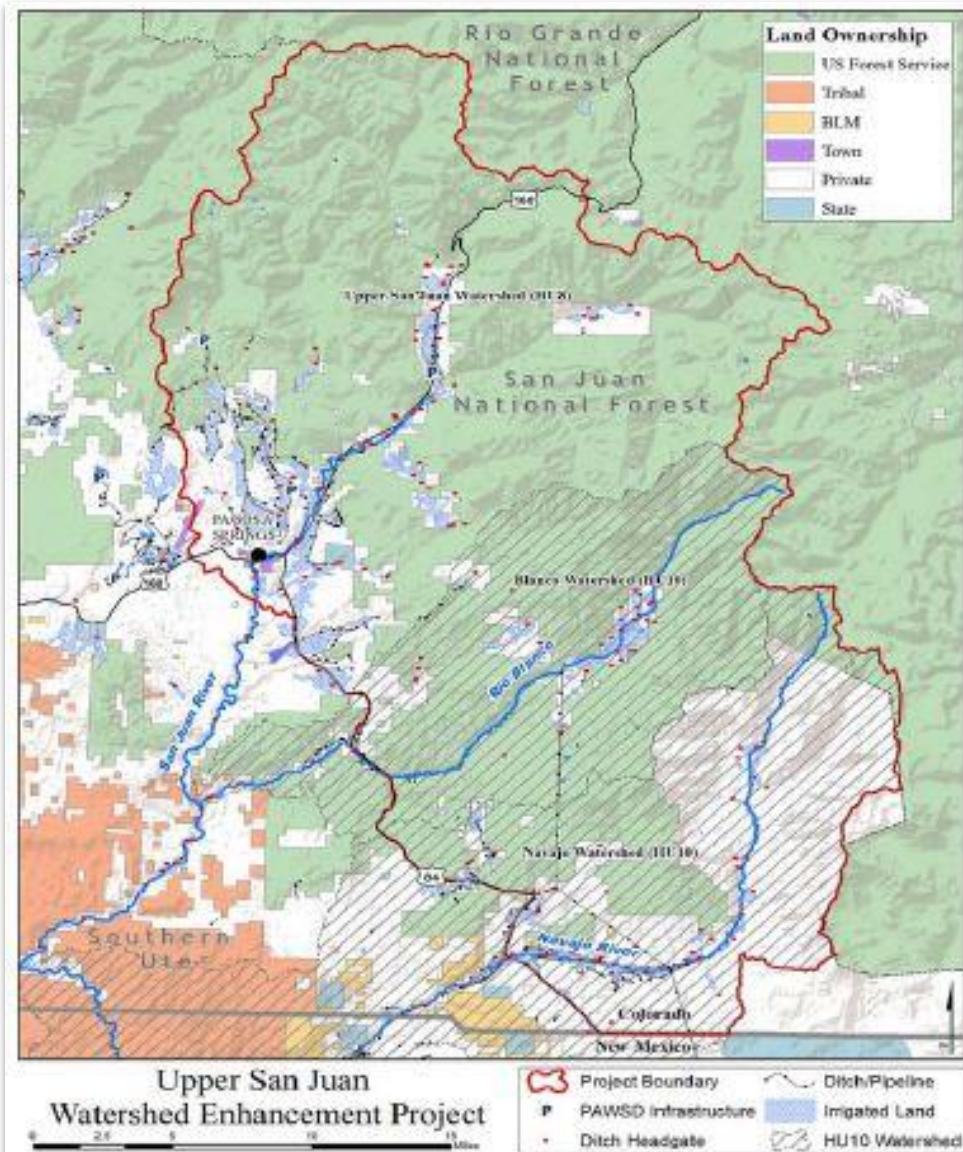
- *Grants for watershed/stream restoration and flood mitigation projects*
- *May be used for planning and engineering studies*
- *Special consideration for projects that integrate multiple objectives in restoration and flood mitigation*
- *Special funding for post-wildfire mitigation*
- *Will become part of the Water Plan Grant Program on July 1, 2022*



# CWRP PROJECT EXAMPLE



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## San Juan Basin Integrated Water Management Plan

- *Currently in Phase III, which will focus on prioritizing projects*
- *Phase I focused on creating a stakeholder group and reviewing data*
- *Phase II focused on assessing consumptive and non-consumptive water needs*

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Prairie Stream  
Restoration in the  
Lower Arkansas  
River Basin

- *Watershed restoration in two Colorado prairie reserves*
- *Aims to restore erosion-driven damage to water resources and increase riparian habitat function*



# WATER SUPPLY RESERVE FUND



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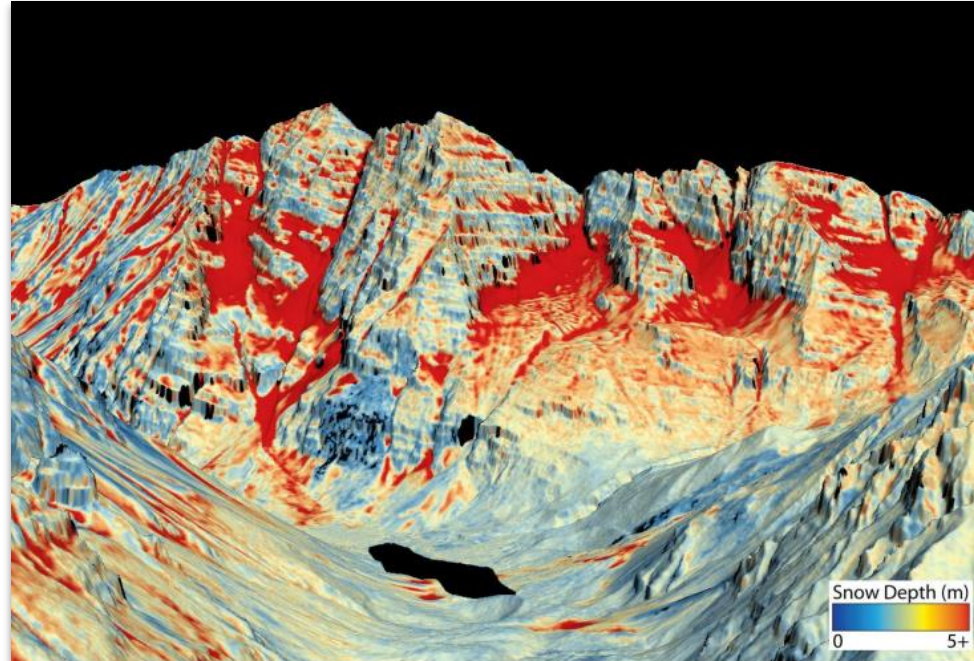
Funding levels  
vary annually

- *Funded from Severance Tax*
- *Provides grants to address water supply issues (both planning and construction)*
- *Funding must first be approved by local roundtable*
- *Contact local basin for application deadlines*

# WSRF PROJECT EXAMPLE



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Colorado  
Airborne Snow  
Observatory  
Expansion Plan

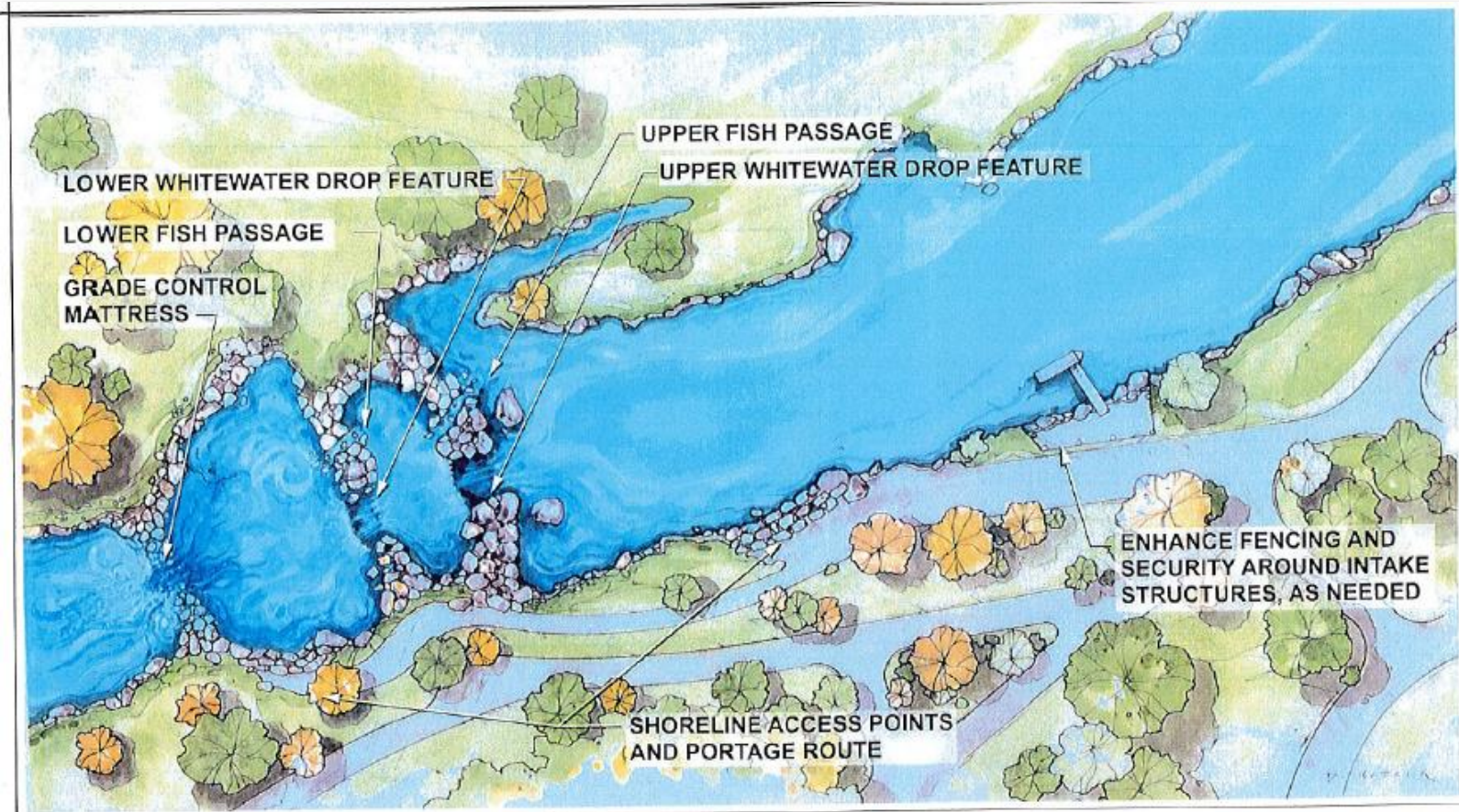
- *Multi-Basin Support*
- *Expanded ASO in Colorado can provide valuable data for multiple stakeholders*



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## Yampa River Diversion Park

- *Multi-Benefit Project*
- *Project can increase economic growth*

# WATER PLAN GRANTS



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Typically \$7 to \$9 M  
available annually

- *Storage and supply/demand gap (New storage)*
- *Conservation, land use, & drought planning*
- *Engagement and Innovation*
- *Agricultural projects*
- *Environmental & Recreation projects*
- *Preference given to projects w/ multiple benefits/purposes*
- *Applications due **July 1** & **December 1***



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## **Engagement & Innovation Grant**

*Sandhill Crane Water  
Education and  
Engagement Project*

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## Environment & Recreation

### *Shady Island River Park Project*



# APPROVING FUNDING



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## Application / Review

- Applications due to the CWCB
- Engineering Feasibility Study (loans & storage & supply Water Plan Grants)
- Financial Review (loans)
- Staff, Committee, & Leadership Review
- Board Recommendation
- Board or CWCB Director approval

## Post Funding Approval

- Contracting (prior to work starting)
- Disbursements made on invoiced work
- Project close out with final report or deliverable





## Funding

The Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) offers numerous loans and grants to water providers and other entities statewide for a variety of water-related projects, studies, planning documents, awareness campaigns and other activities.

For a complete overview, see the [Loan & Grant Programs fact sheet](#).

### Water Project Loan Program

Provides low-interest loans for agricultural, municipal and hydro projects in Colorado.

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### Loan Payment Portal

You can now make loan payments online.

[Visit the Payment Portal](#)

### Grants

The CWCB provides grants for a variety of water related projects.

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### Special Programs

The CWCB has funding opportunities for special water related programs.

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# THANK YOU

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