

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

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

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**Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 4/12/12 Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note Was Prepared**

None.

**JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note**

**Concurs**                       **Does Not Concur**                       **Updated Analysis**

**Appropriation Status**

The bill includes appropriation clauses that provide \$28,650,857 to the Department of Natural Resources in FY 2012-13 from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) Construction Fund for specific water-related projects. The bill also transfers a total of \$43.0 million from the Perpetual Base Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund to the CWCB Construction Fund over three fiscal years (FY 2012-13, FY 2013-14, and FY 2014-15).

**Bill Sponsor Amendments**

Sponsor amendment **L.005** (attached) replaces the word "contributions" with "grants and distributions" in specifying the authority of the State Engineer to receive and expend moneys, property and equipment from the CWCB. Sponsor amendment **L.005** does not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

**Points to Consider**

1. The bill appropriates \$75,857 from the CWCB Construction Fund to the Water Resources Division to fund one position, a Physical Scientist Researcher III (see the Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Energy Committee Report, page 1, lines 2 through 16). The General Fund appropriation that previously supported this position was transferred to the Governor's Office as part of the Office of Information Technology (OIT) consolidation process. The Department states that a true-up of IT-related FTE between OIT and state agencies failed to correct this situation.

2. The bill authorizes the Water Resources Division (State Engineer) to receive and expend money, property, and equipment provided by the CWCB for certain purposes (see printed bill, page 11, lines 1 through 13). Is it necessary to continuously appropriate moneys from the CWCB to the Water Resources Division?