



# Water Supply Reserve Account

## Overview and Accomplishments July 2006 through September 2008

### Background

The 2006 legislature passed Senate Bill 06-179, which established the Water Supply Reserve Account (Account) to help citizens identify and meet their critical water supply and management needs. Monies from the Account may be used to:

- ✓ Identify human, environmental, or recreation water needs (also commonly referred to as "Needs Assessments")
- ✓ Evaluate available water supplies in the river basin
- ✓ Build projects or identify methods to meet the water supply needs of the river basin

The authorizing legislation provides funds for a broad range of eligible activities including: construction of infrastructure (storage, pipelines, river improvements, etc.), feasibility studies, studies of human and environmental needs, and technical assistance for permitting or environmental compliance.

### Overview

The Account is administered by the CWCB in collaboration with the IBCC and the 9 Basin Roundtables established under House Bill 05-1177. Requests for funding begin at the Basin Roundtables. If approved by the Roundtables, then the funding request is submitted to the CWCB. To date, all except one funding request has been for grants. However, a large number of project sponsors have provided matching funds.

Monies from the Account are distributed according to the Criteria and Guidelines, which were jointly developed by the CWCB and IBCC in collaboration with the Basin Roundtables. The Criteria and Guidelines are reviewed annually in October to determine if changes to the operation of the Account are needed.

### Program Highlights

- ◆ \$18.4 Million Granted for 85 Projects Across Colorado
- ◆ Projects Recommended by Local Basin water Roundtables on a Consensus Basis with Final Approval by the CWCB

## Accomplishments

Water Supply Reserve Account projects have been approved across the entire state.

Figure 1 shows the number of approved projects.

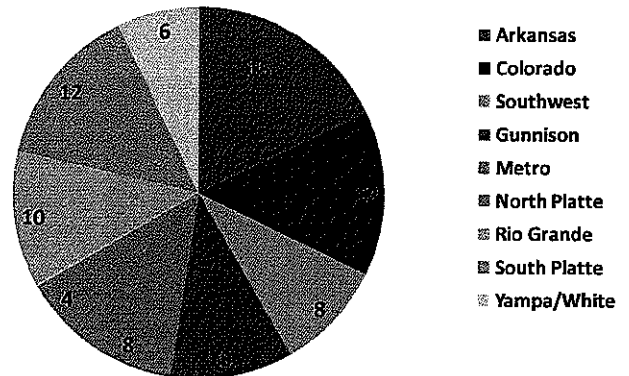


Figure 1. Number of Funding Requests Approved by Basin Roundtables

The distribution of funds based on total dollars is shown in Figure 2. The Arkansas Basin has received the largest amount of funds, followed by the Colorado Basin.

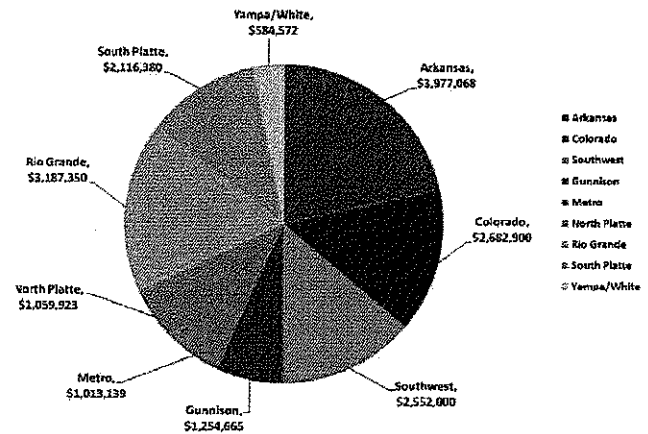


Figure 2. Funds Approved by Basin - August 2008

Projects funded from the Account have addressed both Consumptive and Nonconsumptive Needs (see Figure 3); 11 percent of the funds have addressed Nonconsumptive Needs, 47 percent are addressing

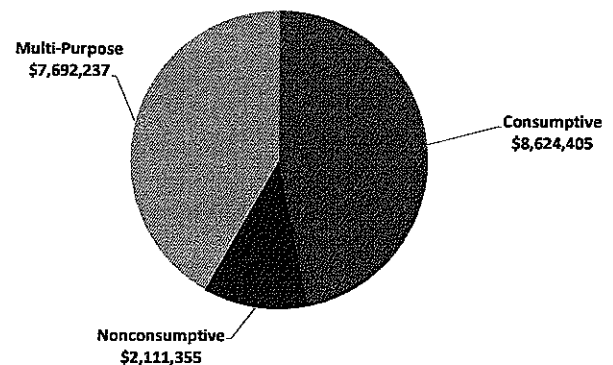


Figure 3. Projects Funded by Type (Total Requests = \$18,427,997)