



SF0084

Voluntary water conservation program.

Sponsored By: Select Water Committee

AN ACT relating to water within Wyoming's portion of the Colorado River basin; establishing a voluntary water conservation program; providing an application and approval process for the program; providing an appeal process; authorizing the storage and release of water conserved under the program; establishing a sunset date; providing legislative findings; requiring a report; requiring rulemaking; authorizing positions; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

2/6/2026 Bill Number Assigned
2/9/2026 S Received for Introduction
2/10/2026 S Introduced and Referred to S05 - Agriculture 28-2-1-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Barlow, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Case, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, French, Gierau, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Landen, Laursen, Love, Mckeown, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Pearson, Rothfuss, Salazar, Schuler, Scott, Steinmetz

Nays: Senator(s) Hicks, Kolb

Excused: Senator Anderson

Ayes 28 Nays 2 Excused 1 Absent 0 Conflicts 0

2/17/2026 S05 - Agriculture:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 5-0-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Crago, Ide, Love, Mckeown, Pearson

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflicts 0

2/17/2026 :Rerefer to S02 - Appropriations

2/19/2026 Recalled from Committee Pursuant to Senate Rule 5-5: 29-2-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Anderson, Barlow, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, Gierau, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Kolb, Landen, Laursen, Love, Mckeown, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Pearson, Rothfuss, Salazar, Schuler, Scott, Steinmetz

Nays: Senator(s) Case, French

Ayes 29 Nays 2 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflicts 0

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Page 3-after line 13 Insert and renumber as necessary:

"(vi) "Curtailment" means the curtailment of water use under the terms of the Upper Colorado River Basin Compact;

(vii) "Involuntary water use regulation" means the regulation of water rights by a Wyoming hydrographer or water commissioner as authorized by law and in accordance with established priorities or as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction;"

Page 3-line 15 Delete "(vi)" and insert "(viii)".

Page 3-line 18 Delete "(vii)" and insert "(ix)".

Page 4-line 1 Delete "(viii)" and insert "(x)".

Page 4-line 5 Delete "(ix)" and insert "(xi)".

Page 5-after line 3 Insert and renumber as necessary:

"(b) For the purpose of providing notice of the program and of conservation project applications to water right owners and other interested persons, the state engineer shall provide the opportunity for water right owners and other interested persons to request notice of conservation project applications by regular mail or by electronic means. Any person requesting notice of conservation project applications under this subsection shall identify the water district or districts for which their request applies and shall provide a valid mailing or email address."

Page 5-line 5 Delete "(b)" and insert "(c)".

Page 5-line 8 After "provide the" insert "regular mail or".

Page 5-line 11 Delete "electronic".

Page 5-line 13 Delete "electronic"; after "notice" insert "of applications within that water district"; after "valid" insert "mailing or".

Page 6-line 9 Delete "(c)" and insert "(d)".

Page 6-line 22 Delete "(d)" and insert "(e)".

Page 7-line 16 Delete "(e)" and insert "(f)".

Page 8-line 4 Delete "(f)" and insert "(g)".

Page 9-line 1 Delete "(g)" and insert "(h)".

Page 9-line 7 Delete "(h)" and insert "(j)".

Page 10-line 1 Delete "(j)" and insert "(k)".

Page 10-line 9 Delete "(k)" and insert "(m)".

Page 11-line 2 Delete "(c)" and insert "(d)".

Page 11-line 21 Delete "(c)" and insert "(d)".

Page 12-line 1 Delete "(m)" and insert "(n)".

Page 12-line 8 Delete "(n)" and insert "(o)".

Page 12-after line 13 Insert:

"(p) Information provided by an applicant or included as part of a conservation project under this act shall not be subject to W.S. 16-4-203(d) (xiv)".

Page 12-line 15 Delete "(o)" and insert "(q)".

Page 16-after line 11 Insert and renumber as necessary:

"Section 4.

(a) For the purpose of providing notice of the program created in section 1 of this act and of conservation project applications to water right owners and other interested persons, the state engineer shall:

(i) Not later than ninety (90) days after the effective date of this act, cause to be published in at least three (3) newspapers published within Wyoming's portion of the Colorado river basin one (1) time each week for three (3) consecutive weeks a notice of the Voluntary Water Conservation Program Act and how water right owners and other interested persons may obtain program information;

(ii) Not later than ninety (90) days after the effective date of this act, cause to be published in at least two (2) Wyoming trade publications related to the irrigated agriculture water use sector a notice of the Voluntary Water Conservation Program Act and how water right owners and other interested persons may obtain program information;

(iii) Not later than one hundred twenty (120) days after the effective date of this act, hold at least three (3) public meetings at different locations within Wyoming's portion of the Colorado river basin that provide notice of the Voluntary Water Conservation Program Act and how water right owners and other interested persons may obtain program information."

Page 16-line 13 Delete "**Section 4.**" and insert "**Section 5.**".

Page 16-line 16 Delete "**Section 5.**" and insert "**Section 6.**".

Page 17-line 1 Delete "**Section 6.**" and insert "**Section 7.**".

Page 17-line 2 After "committee" insert "and the joint agriculture, state and public lands and water resources interim committee".

Page 17-line 6 Delete "the" and insert "each".

Page 17-line 10 Delete "**Section 7.**" and insert "**Section 8.**". IDE, CHAIRMAN

2/19/2026 S COW:Passed

2/20/2026 S 2nd Reading:Passed

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Page 2-line 20 Delete "or helps" and insert "may help".

Page 2-line 21 Delete "or otherwise".

Page 3-line 4 After "Basin Compact." insert "'Consumptive use" shall be measured through methods described in the Colorado River Compact or by other methodologies approved by the Upper Colorado River Commission. "Consumptive use" shall include losses incurred at the system level and not just the actual crop water consumption."

Page 3-line 12 After "including" delete ", for example,".

Page 5-line 17 After "irrigation" insert "or for any other valid water use".

Page 7-line 1 After "will" insert ": (i)".

Page 7-line 2 Delete "or if the proposed".

Page 7-line 3 Delete "conservation project will" and insert "; (ii)".

Page 7-line 4 Delete "or" and insert "; (iii)".

Page 7-line 6 Delete "or otherwise".

Page 7-line 17 Delete "involuntary".

Page 7-line 18 After "right" insert "by the state of Wyoming".

Page 8-line 15 After "Commission" insert "or by methods outlined in the Colorado River Compact".

Page 9-line 2 After "application" insert ", without the written consent of the district,".

Page 9-line 3 After "within" insert ": (i)".

Page 9-line 4 Delete "or" and insert "; (ii) a"; after "district" insert "; or (iii) a watershed improvement district."; delete "without the written consent of the district".

Page 12-line 18 Delete "; **Fontenelle**" and insert ".".

Page 12-line 19 Delete "**Reservoir.**".

Page 13-line 1 Delete "Fontenelle Reservoir" and insert "any reservoir in the Colorado River Basin located within Wyoming".

Page 13-line 5 Delete "Fontenelle Reservoir" and insert "any bureau of reclamation reservoir".

Page 13-line 7 Delete "Fontenelle Reservoir" and insert "any reservoir".

Page 15-line 12 After "appropriation" insert "not". HICKS

2/23/2026 S 3rd Reading:Passed 31-0-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Anderson, Barlow, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Case, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, French, Gierau, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Kolb, Landen, Laursen, Love, Mckeown, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Pearson, Rothfuss, Salazar, Schuler, Scott, Steinmetz

Ayes 31 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/24/2026 H Received for Introduction

2/24/2026 H Introduced and Referred to H05 - Agriculture
2/26/2026 H05 - Agriculture:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 9-0-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Banks, Davis, Fornstrom, Johnson, Ottman, Provenza,
Schmid, Strock, Winter

Ayes 9 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/26/2026 H Placed on General File
2/27/2026 H COW:Rerefer to H02 - Appropriations