

SENATE FILE NO. SF0070

Omnibus water bill-construction.

Sponsored by: Select Water Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to water development projects; authorizing
2 construction of designated water projects; describing
3 projects; specifying terms and conditions of funding for
4 projects; providing grants; providing loans; providing
5 appropriations; amending amounts and terms of
6 appropriations for specified prior projects; transferring
7 funds from water development account I to water development
8 account II; transferring a project; requiring a study;
9 requiring a report; and providing for an effective date.

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11 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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13 **Section 1.** W.S. 99-3-3101 through 99-3-3104 are
14 created to read:

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ARTICLE 31

1 2026 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

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3 **99-3-3101. Definitions.**

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5 The definitions in W.S. 99-3-101 apply to this article.

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7 **99-3-3102. General authorization.**

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9 The provisions of W.S. 99-3-102 apply to this article.

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11 **99-3-3103. Level III construction projects - new**
12 **development.**

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14 (a) Authorization is granted for the Level III new
15 development construction projects identified in this
16 section subject to the general conditions specified in W.S.
17 99-3-103, provided that W.S. 99-3-103(a)(iii) shall not
18 apply to the projects identified in this section unless
19 required by W.S. 41-2-121.

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21 (b) Project - Alpine Well #4 Transmission Pipeline
22 2026:

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1 (i) Project sponsor: Town of Alpine;

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3 (ii) Project purpose: Municipal water supply;

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10 (iv) Total project budget: Four hundred twenty
11 thousand dollars (\$420,000.00);

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13 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
14 grant to the sponsor from water development account I
15 through the commission for the design, permit procurement,
16 project land procurement, construction engineering and
17 construction of the project an amount not to exceed two
18 hundred ten thousand dollars (\$210,000.00) or fifty percent
19 (50%) of these actual development costs, whichever is less;

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21 (vi) Appropriations: There is appropriated from
22 water development account I to the commission two hundred
23 ten thousand dollars (\$210,000.00) or as much thereof as is

1 necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection.

2 Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall

3 revert to water development account I on July 1, 2031;

4

5 (vii) Special conditions: The sponsor is

6 responsible for acquiring fifty percent (50%) of the total

7 project budget from other sources.

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9 (c) Project - Cloud Seeding: Wind River and Sierra
10 Madre mountain ranges 2027 (ground-based):

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12 (i) Project sponsor: The state of Wyoming;

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14 (ii) Project purpose: To enhance the winter
15 snowpack in the Wind River and Sierra Madre mountain
16 ranges;

17

18 (iii) Project description: Conduct a
19 ground-based operational winter snowpack augmentation
20 program during the 2026-2027 season;

21

1 (iv) Total project budget: Eight hundred
2 ninety-one thousand four hundred twenty-nine dollars
3 (\$891,429.00);

4

5 (v) Special conditions: Prior to commencing
6 project operations, the Wyoming water development office
7 shall acquire funding commitments from other Colorado River
8 basin water users or other interested parties for a minimum
9 of one hundred percent (100%) of actual project operations
10 costs.

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12 (d) Project - Gillette Red Hills Tank 2026:

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14 (i) Project sponsor: City of Gillette;

15

16 (ii) Project purpose: Municipal water supply;

17

18 (iii) Project description: Construction
19 engineering and construction of a tank, structures and
20 appurtenances necessary to make the project function in the
21 manner intended;

22

1 (iv) Total project budget: Five million one
2 hundred nineteen thousand dollars (\$5,119,000.00);

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4 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
5 grant to the sponsor from water development account I
6 through the commission for the construction engineering and
7 construction of the project an amount not to exceed two
8 million five hundred fifty-nine thousand five hundred
9 dollars (\$2,559,500.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these
10 actual development costs, whichever is less;

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12 (vi) Appropriations: There is appropriated from
13 water development account I to the commission two million
14 five hundred fifty-nine thousand five hundred dollars
15 (\$2,559,500.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry
16 out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds
17 appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water
18 development account I on July 1, 2031;

19

20 (vii) Special conditions: The sponsor is
21 responsible for acquiring fifty percent (50%) of the total
22 project budget from other sources.

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1 (e) Project - LaGrange Well Connection 2026:

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3 (i) Project sponsor: Town of LaGrange;

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5 (ii) Project purpose: Municipal water supply;

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13 (iv) Total project budget: Seven hundred forty
14 thousand dollars (\$740,000.00);

15

16 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
17 grant to the sponsor from water development account I
18 through the commission for the design, permit procurement,
19 project land procurement, construction engineering and
20 construction of the project an amount not to exceed three
21 hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$370,000.00) or fifty
22 percent (50%) of these actual development costs, whichever
23 is less;

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2 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
3 water development account I to the commission three hundred
4 seventy thousand dollars (\$370,000.00) or as much thereof
5 as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this
6 subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this
7 subsection shall revert to water development account I on
8 July 1, 2031;

9

10 (vii) Special conditions: The sponsor is
11 responsible for acquiring fifty percent (50%) of the total
12 project budget from other sources.

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14 (f) Project - Little Snake River Battle Lake
15 Modification and Forest Management Demonstration Project
16 2026:

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18 (i) Project sponsor: Little Snake River
19 Conservation District and Savery-Little Snake River Water
20 Conservancy District;

21

22 (ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;
23

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6 (iv) Total project budget: Two million one
7 hundred eighty-four thousand dollars (\$2,184,000.00);

8

9 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
10 grant to the sponsor from water development account I
11 through the commission for the design, land access, permit
12 procurement, construction engineering and construction of
13 the project an amount not to exceed one million ninety-two
14 thousand dollars (\$1,092,000.00) or fifty percent (50%) of
15 these actual development costs, whichever is less;

16

17 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
18 water development account I to the commission one million
19 ninety-two thousand dollars (\$1,092,000.00) or as much
20 thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this
21 subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this
22 subsection shall revert to water development account I on
23 July 1, 2031;

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2 (vii) Special conditions: The sponsor is
3 responsible for acquiring fifty percent (50%) of the total
4 project budget from other sources.

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6 (g) Project - Small Water Development Projects - New
7 Development 2026:

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9 (i) Project sponsor: Eligible public entities;

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11 (ii) Project purpose:

12 Multi-purpose - agriculture, recreation and environmental;

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21 (iv) Total project budget: Two million dollars
22 (\$2,000,000.00);

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11 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
12 water development account I to the commission one million
13 dollars (\$1,000,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary
14 to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended
15 funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to
16 water development account I on July 1, 2031;

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18 (vii) Definition: "Small water development
19 project" means a project where the maximum financial
20 contribution from the commission is thirty-five thousand
21 dollars (\$35,000.00) or less;

22

23 (viii) Special conditions:

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2 (A) The commission may grant a sponsor
3 fifty percent (50%) of the design, permit procurement,
4 project land procurement, construction engineering and
5 construction cost of a small water development project. No
6 grant shall be more than thirty-five thousand dollars
7 (\$35,000.00);

8

9 (B) The small water development project
10 sponsors shall substantiate the public benefit that will be
11 derived from proposed small water development projects;

12

13 (C) The commission may make monthly
14 progress payments of not more than fifty percent (50%) of
15 eligible monthly project expenses;

16

17 (D) An appropriate land management or
18 resource management entity shall certify that the proposed
19 small water development project will meet expectations and
20 that appropriate engineering standards, as approved by the
21 commission, will be adhered to;

22

1 (E) The establishment of criteria and
2 administrative procedures for the development of small
3 water development projects under this subsection and
4 decisions of the commission relating to the
5 recommendations, prioritization or disqualification of
6 small water development projects are specifically exempt
7 from the provisions of the Wyoming Administrative Procedure
8 Act including judicial review under W.S. 16-3-114 and
9 16-3-115;

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11 (F) W.S. 16-6-116 shall not apply to a
12 small water development project unless the project sponsor
13 determines the small water development project meets the
14 definition of a "public work" as defined in W.S.
15 16-6-101(a)(ix).

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17 99-3-3104. Level III construction projects -
18 rehabilitation.

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20 (a) Authorization is granted for the Level III
21 rehabilitation construction projects identified in this
22 section subject to the general conditions specified in W.S.
23 99-3-104, provided that W.S. 99-3-104(a)(iii) shall not

1 apply to the projects identified in this section unless
2 required by W.S. 41-2-121.

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4 (b) Project - Big Horn Canal ID Five Mile Pipeline
5 2026:

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7 (i) Project sponsor: Big Horn Canal Irrigation
8 District;

9

10 (ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

11

12 (iii) Project description: Design and
13 construction of a pipeline, wasteway, structures and
14 appurtenances necessary to make the project function in the
15 manner intended;

16

17 (iv) Total project budget: Four million five
18 hundred forty-four thousand six hundred dollars
19 (\$4,544,600.00);

20

21 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
22 grant to the sponsor from water development account II
23 through the commission for the design, permit procurement,

1 project land procurement, construction engineering and
2 construction of the project an amount not to exceed two
3 million two hundred seventy-two thousand three hundred
4 dollars (\$2,272,300.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these
5 actual development costs, whichever is less;

6

7 (vi) Project loan: The state of Wyoming shall
8 loan to the sponsor from water development account II
9 through the commission for the design, permit procurement,
10 project land procurement, construction engineering and
11 construction of the project an amount not to exceed two
12 million two hundred seventy-two thousand three hundred
13 dollars (\$2,272,300.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these
14 actual development costs, whichever is less, for a term of
15 twenty (20) years from the date the commission determines
16 that project benefits accrue to the sponsor, at an annual
17 interest rate of four percent (4%);

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19 (vii) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
20 water development account II to the commission four million
21 five hundred forty-four thousand six hundred dollars
22 (\$4,544,600.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry
23 out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds

1 appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water
2 development account II on July 1, 2031;

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4 (viii) Special conditions: The appropriation of
5 funds for this project is contingent upon the transfer of
6 funds to water development account II as described in
7 section 3 of this act or transfer from another funding
8 source.

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10 (c) Project - Cody Canal ID Lead Diversion
11 Rehabilitation 2026:

12

13 (i) Project sponsor: Cody Canal Irrigation
14 District;

15

16 (ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

17

18 (iii) Project description: Design and
19 construction of a diversion structure and appurtenances
20 necessary to make the project function in the manner
21 intended;

22

1 (iv) Total project budget: Four million four
2 hundred forty-two thousand dollars (\$4,442,000.00);

3

4 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
5 grant to the sponsor from water development account II
6 through the commission for the design, permit procurement,
7 project land procurement, construction engineering and
8 construction of the project an amount not to exceed two
9 million two hundred twenty-one thousand dollars
10 (\$2,221,000.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual
11 development costs, whichever is less;

12

13 (vi) Project loan: The state of Wyoming shall
14 loan to the sponsor from water development account II
15 through the commission for the design, permit procurement,
16 project land procurement, construction engineering and
17 construction of the project an amount not to exceed two
18 million one hundred two thousand dollars (\$2,102,000.00) or
19 forty-seven and three-tenths percent (47.3%) of these
20 actual development costs, whichever is less, for a term of
21 forty (40) years from the date the commission determines
22 that project benefits accrue to the sponsor, at an annual
23 interest rate of four percent (4%);

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2 (vii) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
3 water development account II to the commission four million
4 three hundred twenty-three thousand dollars (\$4,323,000.00)
5 or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose
6 of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under
7 this subsection shall revert to water development account
8 II on July 1, 2031;

9

10 (viii) Special conditions:

11

12 (A) The sponsor is responsible for
13 acquiring two and seven-tenths percent (2.7%) of the total
14 project budget from other sources;

15

16 (B) The appropriation of funds for this
17 project is contingent upon the transfer of funds to water
18 development account II as described in section 3 of this
19 act or transfer from another funding source.

20

21 (d) Project - Cowley Transmission Pipeline
22 Replacement 2026:

23

1 (i) Project sponsor: Town of Cowley;

2

3 (ii) Project purpose: Municipal and rural
4 domestic water supply;

5

10

11 (iv) Total project budget: Three hundred
12 sixty-four thousand dollars (\$364,000.00);

13

14 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
15 grant to the sponsor from water development account II
16 through the commission for the design and pre-construction
17 of the project an amount not to exceed one hundred
18 eighty-two thousand dollars (\$182,000.00) or fifty percent
19 (50%) of these actual development costs, whichever is less;

20

21 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
22 water development account II to the commission one hundred
23 eighty-two thousand dollars (\$182,000.00) or as much

1 thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this
2 subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this
3 subsection shall revert to water development account II on
4 July 1, 2031;

5

6 (vii) Special conditions:

7

8 (A) The sponsor is responsible for
9 acquiring fifty percent (50%) of the total project budget
10 from other sources;

11

12 (B) The appropriation of funds for this
13 project is contingent upon the transfer of funds to water
14 development account II as described in section 3 of this
15 act or transfer from another funding source.

16

17 (e) Project - Deaver ID Rehabilitation Phase II 2026:

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19 (i) Project sponsor: Deaver Irrigation District;

20

21 (ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

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6 (iv) Total project budget: Two hundred seventeen
7 thousand five hundred five dollars (\$217,505.00);

8

9 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
10 grant to the sponsor from water development account II
11 through the commission for the purchase of project
12 materials as supported by vendor invoices and as approved
13 by the commission an amount not to exceed one hundred
14 thirty-five thousand three hundred twenty-five dollars
15 (\$135,325.00) or one hundred percent (100%) of the approved
16 materials costs, whichever is less;

17

18 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
19 water development account II to the commission one hundred
20 thirty-five thousand three hundred twenty-five dollars
21 (\$135,325.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry
22 out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds

1 appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water
2 development account II on July 1, 2031;

3

4 (vii) Special conditions:

5

6 (A) The sponsor is responsible for all
7 project costs with the exception of the purchase of project
8 materials as supported by vendor invoices and as approved
9 by the commission, up to the amount appropriated in this
10 subsection;

11

12 (B) The sponsor is responsible for
13 retaining professional engineering services to design the
14 project, compile materials and bidding documents and
15 monitor construction activities including the installation
16 of project components and the tracking of project
17 expenditures;

18

19 (C) The appropriation of funds for this
20 project is contingent upon the transfer of funds to water
21 development account II as described in section 3 of this
22 act or transfer from another funding source.

23

1 (f) Project - Elk Water Users ID Roan Wash Spill

2 Rehabilitation 2026:

3

4 (i) Project sponsor: Elk Water Users Irrigation
5 District and Lovell Irrigation District;

6

7 (ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

8

9 (iii) Project description: Design and
10 construction of a canal spill structure and appurtenances
11 necessary to make the project function in the manner
12 intended;

13

14 (iv) Total project budget: Six hundred forty-one
15 thousand dollars (\$641,000.00);

16

17 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
18 grant to the sponsor from water development account II
19 through the commission for the design, permit procurement,
20 project land procurement, construction engineering and
21 construction of the project an amount not to exceed three
22 hundred twenty thousand five hundred dollars (\$320,500.00)

1 or fifty percent (50%) of these actual development costs,
2 whichever is less;

3

4 (vi) Project loan: The state of Wyoming shall
5 loan to the sponsor from water development account II
6 through the commission for the design, permit procurement,
7 project land procurement, construction engineering and
8 construction of the project an amount not to exceed three
9 hundred twenty thousand five hundred dollars (\$320,500.00)
10 or fifty percent (50%) of these actual development costs,
11 whichever is less, for a term of thirty (30) years from the
12 date the commission determines that project benefits accrue
13 to the sponsor, at an annual interest rate of four percent
14 (4%);

15

16 (vii) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
17 water development account II to the commission six hundred
18 forty-one thousand dollars (\$641,000.00) or as much thereof
19 as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this
20 subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this
21 subsection shall revert to water development account II on
22 July 1, 2031.

23

1 (g) Project - Glenrock Transmission Pipeline 2026:

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3 (i) Project sponsor: Town of Glenrock;

4

5 (ii) Project purpose: Municipal water supply;

6

7 (iii) Project description: Design and
8 pre-construction of water transmission pipelines,
9 structures and appurtenances necessary to make the project
10 function in the manner intended;

11

12 (iv) Total project budget: Nine hundred
13 thirty-four thousand dollars (\$934,000.00);

14

15 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
16 grant to the sponsor from water development account II
17 through the commission for the design and pre-construction
18 of the project an amount not to exceed four hundred
19 sixty-seven thousand dollars (\$467,000.00) or fifty percent
20 (50%) of these actual development costs, whichever is less;

21

22 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
23 water development account II to the commission four hundred

1 sixty-seven thousand dollars (\$467,000.00) or as much
2 thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this
3 subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this
4 subsection shall revert to water development account II on
5 July 1, 2031;

6

7 (vii) Special conditions:

8

9 (A) The sponsor is responsible for
10 acquiring fifty percent (50%) of the total project budget
11 from other sources;

12

13 (B) The appropriation of funds for this
14 project is contingent upon the transfer of funds to water
15 development account II as described in section 3 of this
16 act or transfer from another funding source.

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18 (h) Project - GID 3.6 East Springer Pipeline Project
19 2026:

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21 (i) Project sponsor: Goshen Irrigation District;

22

23 (ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

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7 (iv) Total project budget: Two hundred twenty
8 thousand eight hundred eighty dollars (\$220,880.00);

9

10 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
11 grant to the sponsor from water development account II
12 through the commission for the purchase of project
13 materials as supported by vendor invoices and as approved
14 by the commission an amount not to exceed one hundred six
15 thousand one hundred dollars (\$106,100.00) or one hundred
16 percent (100%) of the approved materials costs, whichever
17 is less;

18

19 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
20 water development account II to the commission one hundred
21 six thousand one hundred dollars (\$106,100.00) or as much
22 thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this
23 subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this

1 subsection shall revert to water development account II on
2 July 1, 2031;

3

4 (vii) Special conditions:

5

6 (A) The sponsor is responsible for all
7 project costs with the exception of the purchase of project
8 materials as supported by vendor invoices and as approved
9 by the commission, up to the amount appropriated in this
10 subsection;

11

12 (B) The sponsor is responsible for
13 retaining professional engineering services to design the
14 project, compile materials and bidding documents and
15 monitor construction activities including the installation
16 of project components and the tracking of project
17 expenditures;

18

19 (C) The appropriation of funds for this
20 project is contingent upon the transfer of funds to water
21 development account II as described in section 3 of this
22 act or transfer from another funding source.

23

1 (j) Project - GID 29.4 Pipeline Project Phase III

2 2026:

3

4 (i) Project sponsor: Goshen Irrigation District;

5

6 (ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

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13 (iv) Total project budget: Three hundred
14 eighty-four thousand eight hundred forty-five dollars
15 (\$384,845.00);

16

17 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
18 grant to the sponsor from water development account II
19 through the commission for the purchase of project
20 materials as supported by vendor invoices and as approved
21 by the commission an amount not to exceed one hundred
22 seventy-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$177,500.00)

1 or one hundred percent (100%) of the approved materials
2 costs, whichever is less;

3

4 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
5 water development account II to the commission one hundred
6 seventy-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$177,500.00)
7 or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose
8 of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under
9 this subsection shall revert to water development account
10 II on July 1, 2031;

11

12 (vii) Special conditions:

13

14 (A) The sponsor is responsible for all
15 project costs with the exception of the purchase of project
16 materials as supported by vendor invoices and as approved
17 by the commission, up to the amount appropriated in this
18 subsection;

19

20 (B) The sponsor is responsible for
21 retaining professional engineering services to design the
22 project, compile materials and bidding documents and
23 monitor construction activities including the installation

1 of project components and the tracking of project
2 expenditures;

3

4 (C) The appropriation of funds for this
5 project is contingent upon the transfer of funds to water
6 development account II as described in section 3 of this
7 act or transfer from another funding source.

8

9 (k) Project - Greybull Tank and Phase I Pipeline
10 2026:

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12 (i) Project sponsor: Town of Greybull;

13

14 (ii) Project purpose: Municipal and rural
15 domestic water supply;

16

17 (iii) Project description: Design and
18 pre-construction of water transmission pipelines,
19 structures and appurtenances and design and construction of
20 tank, structures and appurtenances necessary to make the
21 project function in the manner intended;

22

1 (iv) Total project budget: Three million one
2 hundred sixty-four thousand dollars (\$3,164,000.00);

3

4 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
5 grant to the sponsor from water development account II
6 through the commission for the design, permit procurement,
7 project land procurement, construction engineering and
8 construction of the project an amount not to exceed one
9 million five hundred eighty-two thousand dollars
10 (\$1,582,000.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual
11 development costs, whichever is less;

12

13 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
14 water development account II to the commission one million
15 five hundred eighty-two thousand dollars (\$1,582,000.00) or
16 as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of
17 this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this
18 subsection shall revert to water development account II on
19 July 1, 2031;

20

21 (vii) Special conditions:

22

1 (A) The sponsor is responsible for
2 acquiring fifty percent (50%) of the total project budget
3 from other sources;

4

5 (B) The appropriation of funds for this
6 project is contingent upon the transfer of funds to water
7 development account II as described in section 3 of this
8 act or transfer from another funding source.

9

10 (m) Project - Greybull Valley ID Upper Sunshine
11 Outlet Works 2026:

12

13 (i) Project sponsor: Greybull Valley Irrigation
14 District;

15

16 (ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

17

22

1 (iv) Total project budget: Two million six
2 hundred twenty-three thousand two hundred dollars
3 (\$2,623,200.00);

4

5 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
6 grant to the sponsor from water development account II
7 through the commission for the design, permit procurement,
8 project land procurement, construction engineering and
9 construction of the project an amount not to exceed one
10 million three hundred eleven thousand six hundred dollars
11 (\$1,311,600.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual
12 development costs, whichever is less;

13

14 (vi) Project loan: The state of Wyoming shall
15 loan to the sponsor from water development account II
16 through the commission for the design, permit procurement,
17 project land procurement, construction engineering and
18 construction of the project an amount not to exceed one
19 million three hundred eleven thousand six hundred dollars
20 (\$1,311,600.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual
21 development costs, whichever is less, for a term of forty
22 (40) years from the date the commission determines that

1 project benefits accrue to the sponsor, at an annual
2 interest rate of four percent (4%);

3

4 (vii) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
5 water development account II to the commission two million
6 six hundred twenty-three thousand two hundred dollars
7 (\$2,623,200.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry
8 out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds
9 appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water
10 development account II on July 1, 2031;

11

12 (viii) Special conditions: The appropriation of
13 funds for this project is contingent upon the transfer of
14 funds to water development account II as described in
15 section 3 of this act or transfer from another funding
16 source.

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18 (n) Project - Newcastle Transmission Pipeline 2026:

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20 (i) Project sponsor: City of Newcastle;

21

22 (ii) Project purpose: Municipal and rural
23 domestic water supply;

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7 (iv) Total project budget: Two million three
8 hundred two thousand six hundred dollars (\$2,302,600.00);

9

10 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
11 grant to the sponsor from water development account II
12 through the commission for the design, permit procurement,
13 project land procurement, construction engineering and
14 construction of the project an amount not to exceed one
15 million one hundred fifty-one thousand three hundred
16 dollars (\$1,151,300.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these
17 actual development costs, whichever is less;

18

19 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
20 water development account II to the commission one million
21 one hundred fifty-one thousand three hundred dollars
22 (\$1,151,300.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry
23 out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds

1 appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water
2 development account II on July 1, 2031;

3

4 (vii) Special conditions:

5

6 (A) The sponsor is responsible for
7 acquiring fifty percent (50%) of the total project budget
8 from other sources;

9

10 (B) No funds granted for this project under
11 paragraph (v) of this subsection shall be expended until
12 the commission determines that the sponsor has allowed
13 water sales outside city limits;

14

15 (C) The appropriation of funds for this
16 project is contingent upon the transfer of funds to water
17 development account II as described in section 3 of this
18 act or transfer from another funding source.

19

20 (o) Project - Owl Creek Re-Lift Pump Station and
21 Dempsey Diversion 2026:

22

3

4 (ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

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10

11 (iv) Total project budget: One hundred
12 eighty-eight thousand dollars (\$188,000.00);

13

14 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
15 grant to the sponsor from water development account II
16 through the commission for the design and pre-construction
17 of the project an amount not to exceed ninety-four thousand
18 dollars (\$94,000.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual
19 development costs, whichever is less;

20

21 (vi) Project loan: The state of Wyoming shall
22 loan to the sponsor from water development account II
23 through the commission for the design and pre-construction

1 of the project an amount not to exceed ninety-four thousand
2 dollars (\$94,000.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual
3 development costs, whichever is less, for a term of twenty
4 (20) years from the date the commission determines that
5 project benefits accrue to the sponsor, at an annual
6 interest rate of four percent (4%);

7

8 (vii) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
9 water development account II to the commission one hundred
10 eighty-eight thousand dollars (\$188,000.00) or as much
11 thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this
12 subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this
13 subsection shall revert to water development account II on
14 July 1, 2031.

15

16 (p) Project - Powder River ID Fifteen Mile Siphon
17 2026:

18

19 (i) Project sponsor: Powder River Irrigation
20 District;

21

22 (ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;
23

5

6 (iv) Total project budget: Two million two
7 hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$2,230,000.00);

8

9 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
10 grant to the sponsor from water development account II
11 through the commission for the design, permit procurement,
12 project land procurement, construction engineering and
13 construction of the project an amount not to exceed one
14 million one hundred fifteen thousand dollars
15 (\$1,115,000.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual
16 development costs, whichever is less;

17

18 (vi) Project loan: The state of Wyoming shall
19 loan to the sponsor from water development account II
20 through the commission for the design, permit procurement,
21 project land procurement, construction engineering and
22 construction of the project an amount not to exceed one
23 million one hundred fifteen thousand dollars

1 (\$1,115,000.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual
2 development costs, whichever is less, for a term of forty
3 (40) years from the date the commission determines that
4 project benefits accrue to the sponsor, at an annual
5 interest rate of four percent (4%);

6

14

15 (q) Project - Riverton West Main Street Transmission
16 Pipeline 2026:

17

18 (i) Project sponsor: City of Riverton;

19

20 (ii) Project purpose: Municipal water supply;

21

22 (iii) Project description: Design and
23 construction of transmission pipelines, structures and

1 appurtenances necessary to make the project function in the
2 manner intended;

3

4 (iv) Total project budget: Five million six
5 hundred ninety-five thousand dollars (\$5,695,000.00);

6

7 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
8 grant to the sponsor from water development account II
9 through the commission for the design, permit procurement,
10 project land procurement, construction engineering and
11 construction of the project an amount not to exceed two
12 million eight hundred forty-seven thousand five hundred
13 dollars (\$2,847,500.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these
14 actual development costs, whichever is less;

15

16 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
17 water development account II to the commission two million
18 eight hundred forty-seven thousand five hundred dollars
19 (\$2,847,500.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry
20 out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds
21 appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water
22 development account II on July 1, 2031;

23

1 (vii) Special conditions:

2

3 (A) The sponsor is responsible for
4 acquiring fifty percent (50%) of the total project budget
5 from other sources;

6

7 (B) The appropriation of funds for this
8 project is contingent upon the transfer of funds to water
9 development account II as described in section 3 of this
10 act or transfer from another funding source.

11

12 (r) Project - Shoshoni Well #6 and Transmission
13 Pipeline 2026:

14

15 (i) Project sponsor: Town of Shoshoni;

16

17 (ii) Project purpose: Municipal water supply;

18

19 (iii) Project description: Design and
20 construction of well upgrades, transmission pipelines,
21 structures and appurtenances necessary to make the project
22 function in the manner intended;

23

1 (iv) Total project budget: One million three
2 hundred fifty-eight thousand dollars (\$1,358,000.00);

3

4 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
5 grant to the sponsor from water development account II
6 through the commission for the design, permit procurement,
7 project land procurement, construction engineering and
8 construction of the project an amount not to exceed six
9 hundred seventy-nine thousand dollars (\$679,000.00) or
10 fifty percent (50%) of these actual development costs,
11 whichever is less;

12

13 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
14 water development account II to the commission six hundred
15 seventy-nine thousand dollars (\$679,000.00) or as much
16 thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this
17 subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this
18 subsection shall revert to water development account II on
19 July 1, 2031;

20

21 (vii) Special conditions:

22

1 (A) The sponsor is responsible for
2 acquiring fifty percent (50%) of the total project budget
3 from other sources;

4

5 (B) The appropriation of funds for this
6 project is contingent upon the transfer of funds to water
7 development account II as described in section 3 of this
8 act or transfer from another funding source.

9

10 (s) Project - Sidon ID Byron Lateral 2026:

11

12 (i) Project sponsor: Sidon Irrigation District;

13

14 (ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

15

16 (iii) Project description: Design and
17 pre-construction of pipelines, structures and appurtenances
18 necessary to make the project function in the manner
19 intended;

20

21 (iv) Total project budget: Four hundred eighteen
22 thousand dollars (\$418,000.00);

23

1 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
2 grant to the sponsor from water development account II
3 through the commission for the design and pre-construction
4 of the project an amount not to exceed two hundred nine
5 thousand dollars (\$209,000.00) or fifty percent (50%) of
6 these actual development costs, whichever is less;

7

14

15 (vii) Special conditions:

16

17 (A) The sponsor is responsible for
18 acquiring fifty percent (50%) of the total project budget
19 from other sources;

20

21 (B) The appropriation of funds for this
22 project is contingent upon the transfer of funds to water

1 development account II as described in section 3 of this
2 act or transfer from another funding source.

3

4 (t) Project - Small Water Development Projects -
5 Rehabilitation 2026:

6

7 (i) Project sponsor: Eligible public entities;

8

9 (ii) Project purpose:
10 Multi-purpose - agriculture, recreation and environmental;

11

12 (iii) Project description: Rehabilitation and
13 replacement of small dams, windmills, springs, guzzlers and
14 other water collection, storage and drinking systems,
15 pipelines, and similar small projects, to impound, develop
16 and convey water for livestock, wildlife, irrigation,
17 environmental and recreational purposes;

18

19 (iv) Total project budget: One million dollars
20 (\$1,000,000.00);

21

22 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
23 grant to sponsors of small water development projects from

1 water development account II through the commission for the
2 design, permit procurement, project land procurement,
3 construction engineering and construction of small water
4 development projects a total amount not to exceed five
5 hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) or fifty percent
6 (50%) of the actual development costs of the small water
7 development projects, whichever is less;

8

9 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
10 water development account II to the commission five hundred
11 thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) or as much thereof as is
12 necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection.
13 Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall
14 revert to water development account II on July 1, 2031;

15

16 (vii) Definition: "Small water development
17 project" means a project where the maximum financial
18 contribution from the commission is thirty-five thousand
19 dollars (\$35,000.00) or less;

20

21 (viii) Special conditions:

22

1 (A) The commission may grant a sponsor
2 fifty percent (50%) of the design, permit procurement,
3 project land procurement, construction engineering and
4 construction cost of a small water development project. No
5 grant shall be more than thirty-five thousand dollars
6 (\$35,000.00);

7

8 (B) The small water development project
9 sponsors shall substantiate the public benefit that will be
10 derived from proposed small water development projects;

11

12 (C) The commission may make monthly
13 progress payments of not more than fifty percent (50%) of
14 eligible monthly project expenses;

15

16 (D) An appropriate land management or
17 resource management entity shall certify that the proposed
18 small water development project will meet expectations and
19 that appropriate engineering standards, as approved by the
20 commission, will be adhered to;

21

22 (E) The establishment of criteria and
23 administrative procedures for the development of small

1 water development projects under this subsection and
2 decisions of the commission relating to the
3 recommendations, prioritization or disqualification of
4 small water development projects are specifically exempt
5 from the provisions of the Wyoming Administrative Procedure
6 Act including judicial review under W.S. 16-3-114 and
7 16-3-115;

8

9 (F) W.S. 16-6-116 shall not apply to a
10 small water development project unless the project sponsor
11 determines the small water development project meets the
12 definition of a "public work" as defined in W.S.
13 16-6-101(a)(ix).

14

15 (u) Project - Tillard Canal Rehabilitation and Pump
16 Station 2026:

17

18 (i) Project sponsor: Tillard Canal Irrigation
19 District;

20

21 (ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

22

5

6 (iv) Total project budget: Seventy-three
7 thousand one hundred dollars (\$73,100.00);

8

16

17 (vi) Project loan: The state of Wyoming shall
18 loan to the sponsor from water development account II
19 through the commission for the design and pre-construction
20 of the project an amount not to exceed eighteen thousand
21 two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$18,275.00) or
22 twenty-five percent (25%) of these actual development
23 costs, whichever is less, for a term of ten (10) years from

1 the date the commission determines that project benefits
2 accrue to the sponsor, at an annual interest rate of four
3 percent (4%);

4

5 (vii) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
6 water development account II to the commission
7 seventy-three thousand one hundred dollars (\$73,100.00) or
8 as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of
9 this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this
10 subsection shall revert to water development account II on
11 July 1, 2031.

12

13 **Section 2.** W.S. 99-3-1503(g)(vi), 99-3-2003(b)(vi),
14 99-3-2103(b)(vi), 99-3-2203(b)(vi), 99-3-2205(d)(vii),
15 99-3-2303(e)(vi), 99-3-2406(b)(vii) and (j)(vii),
16 99-3-2604(b)(vi) and 99-3-3003(d)(iii) through (vi) are
17 amended to read:

18

19 **99-3-1503. Level III construction projects - new**
20 **development.**

21

22 (g) Project - Ethete Water Supply:

23

1 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
2 water development account I to the commission two million
3 dollars (\$2,000,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary
4 to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended
5 funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to
6 water development account I on July 1, ~~2026~~2028;

7

8 99-3-2003. Level III construction projects - new
9 development.

10

11 (b) Project - Arapahoe Pipeline and Tank:

12

13 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
14 water development account I to the commission two million
15 four hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$2,420,000.00) or as
16 much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of
17 this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this
18 subsection shall revert to water development account I on
19 July 1, 2026-2027;

20

21 99-3-2103. Level III construction projects - new
22 development.

23

1 (b) Project - Arapahoe Water Supply 2016:

2

3 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
4 water development account I to the commission two million
5 two hundred forty-seven thousand eight hundred fifty
6 dollars (\$2,247,850.00) or as much thereof as is necessary
7 to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended
8 funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to
9 water development account I on July 1, ~~2026~~2028;

10

11 99-3-2203. Level III construction projects - new
12 development.

13

14 (b) Project - Broken Wheel Ranch Water Supply 2017:

15

16 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
17 water development account I to the commission nine hundred
18 thirteen thousand fifty dollars (\$913,050.00) or as much
19 thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this
20 subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this
21 subsection shall revert to water development account I on
22 July 1, 2026-2027;

23

1 **99-3-2205. Level III construction projects - dams and**
2 **reservoirs.**

3

4 (d) Project - Alkali Creek Reservoir:

5

6 (vii) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
7 water development account III to the commission fifty-nine
8 million dollars (\$59,000,000.00) or as much thereof as is
9 necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection.
10 Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall
11 revert to water development account III on July 1, **2026**
12 **2027**.

13

14 **99-3-2303. Level III construction projects - new**
15 **development.**

16

17 (e) Project - Melody Ranch Water System Improvements
18 2018:

19

20 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
21 water development account I to the commission nine hundred
22 forty-four thousand seven hundred dollars (\$944,700.00) or
23 as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of

1 this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this
2 subsection shall revert to water development account I on
3 July 1, 2026-2028;

4

5 **99-3-2406. Level III construction projects -**
6 **rehabilitation.**

7

8 (b) Project - Austin-Wall Reservoir Rehabilitation
9 2019:

10

11 (vii) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
12 water development account II to the commission three
13 hundred seventy-four thousand dollars (\$374,000.00) or as
14 much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of
15 this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this
16 subsection shall revert to water development account II on
17 July 1, 2026-2028;

18

19 (j) Project - Interstate Diversion Structure
20 Rehabilitation 2019:

21

22 (vii) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
23 water development account II to the commission four hundred

1 twenty thousand dollars (\$420,000.00) or as much thereof as
2 is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection.
3 Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall
4 revert to water development account II on July 1, **2026**
5 2028.

6

7 **99-3-2604. Level III construction projects -**
8 **rehabilitation.**

9

10 (b) Project - Interstate Irrigation and Reservoir
11 Irrigation District Improvements 2021:

12

13 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
14 water development account II to the commission two million
15 eight hundred twenty-seven thousand four hundred dollars
16 (\$2,827,400.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry
17 out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds
18 appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water
19 development account II on July 1, **2026-2028**;

20

21 **99-3-3003. Level III construction projects - new**
22 **development.**

23

1 (d) Project - Hoback Junction Public Water System

2 2025:

3

4 (iii) Project description: Design, ~~and~~
5 pre-construction and construction of a diversion structure,
6 pumping facilities, water transmission pipelines, tank,
7 structures and appurtenances necessary to make the project
8 function in the manner intended;

9

10 (iv) Total project budget: ~~Five hundred~~
11 ~~forty-eight thousand nine hundred dollars (\$548,900.00)~~ Two
12 million four hundred ninety-seven thousand dollars
13 (\$2,497,000.00);

14

15 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
16 grant to the sponsor from water development account I
17 through the commission for the design, permit procurement,
18 project land procurement, ~~and~~ pre-construction,
19 construction engineering and construction of the project an
20 amount not to exceed ~~two hundred seventy-four thousand four~~
21 ~~hundred fifty dollars (\$274,450.00)~~ one million two hundred
22 forty-eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,248,500.00)

1 or fifty percent (50%) of these actual development costs,
2 whichever is less;

3

4 (vi) Appropriations: There is appropriated from
5 water development account I to the commission ~~two hundred~~
6 ~~seventy-four thousand four hundred fifty dollars~~
7 ~~(\$274,450.00)~~ one million two hundred forty-eight thousand
8 five hundred dollars (\$1,248,500.00) or as much thereof as
9 is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection.

10 Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall
11 revert to water development account I on July 1, 2030;

12

13 **Section 3.**

14

15 (a) The Wyoming water development commission is
16 hereby authorized to transfer sixteen million dollars
17 (\$16,000,000.00) from water development account I created
18 by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(i) to water development account II
19 created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(ii).

20

21 (b) In accordance with W.S. 41-2-115(c), upon a
22 finding that the transfer of the test well, Sheep Mountain
23 No. 2, developed as part of the level II feasibility study

1 authorized under 2017 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 65,
2 Section 2 as amended by 2023 Wyoming Session Laws Chapter
3 186, Section 6, to the city of Douglas is desirable and in
4 the public interest and that the city is capable of
5 constructing, operating and maintaining the project and
6 accomplishing the public interest, the water development
7 commission shall transfer to the city of Douglas the test
8 well, Sheep Mountain No. 2, developed as part of a level II
9 feasibility study for further development by the city,
10 provided the city of Douglas agrees to terms outlined by
11 the commission for reimbursement of the expense of
12 predevelopment costs, an amount which shall be not less
13 than six hundred ten thousand eight hundred thirty-eight
14 dollars (\$610,838.00), payment for property and assurances
15 of construction, operation and maintenance of the test
16 well, Sheep Mountain No. 2, in compliance with all
17 applicable state and federal laws.

18

19 **Section 4.** There is appropriated one hundred
20 fifty-five thousand dollars (\$155,000.00) from the general
21 fund to the University of Wyoming water research program to
22 conduct a study to quantify how forest management
23 treatments under the Little Snake River Battle Lake

1 Modification and Forest Management Demonstration Project
2 2026 authorized under section 1 of this act affect
3 evapotranspiration and potential water yield. Of the
4 appropriation under this section, not more than thirty-five
5 thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) may be used by the University
6 of Wyoming water research program to contract with an
7 online platform for mapping evapotranspiration at the scale
8 necessary to conduct the study under this section. The
9 results of the study under this section shall be reported
10 to the select water committee not later than November 1,
11 2030. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning
12 with the effective date of this act and ending June 30,
13 2030. This appropriation shall not be transferred or
14 expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,
15 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall
16 revert as provided by law on June 30, 2030.

17
18 **Section 5.** This act is effective immediately upon
19 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
20 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
21 Constitution.

22

23

(END)