



STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Memorandum

DATE March 17, 2026

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Representative Martha Lawley, Chairman
Senator Brian Boner, Vice Chairman

SUBJECT 2026 Interim Topics Proposed for the Select Water Committee

The Select Water Committee (Select Committee) met on March 3, 2026, to discuss proposed interim study topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Committee for the 2026 interim. If approved, the Committee intends to study these topics over four meetings, prior to the 2027 General Session.

2026 INTERIM TOPICS

Priority #1 – Stormwater Infrastructure (4 hours)

The Select Committee will study stormwater infrastructure around the state. This would include discussion on stormwater drainage, fees to implement stormwater infrastructure, stormwater management, and urban flood control.

Priority #2 – Cost and Administration Improvements for Water Projects (3 hours)

The Select Committee will study options to improve and streamline water projects administered by the Wyoming Water Development Office. This would include discussion on costs associated with water projects, administrative changes, and possible statutory or rule changes.

Priority #3 – Colorado River Impacts on the State of Wyoming (3 hours)

The Select Committee will study the impacts of the expiration of the Colorado River Compact, with discussion to include possible effects on agriculture and water needs in the State of Wyoming.

Priority #4 – Consumptive Use of Water (2 hours)

The Select Committee will study consumptive use of water. This would include discussion on consumptive use of water, destruction of water, and how consumptive use of water affects water supply in the State of Wyoming.

Priority #5 – Transfer of Lands to the State of Wyoming (2 hours)

The Select Committee will study ways to transfer lands around reservoirs to the State of Wyoming, with discussion on the process of how to transfer lands with the Bureau of Reclamation.

Priority #6 – Statutory Responsibilities and Agency Concerns (2 hours)

The Select Committee is required by statute to monitor the water development program, review project contracts, prepare annual legislation and review water related statutory revisions. The Select Committee is also required by statute to review and make recommendations regarding the project funding list under the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Fund program. The Select Committee will consider any water related concerns brought forward by state agencies within the scope of the committee's statutory duties.”

Meeting Schedule and Budget

The Select Committee requests the standard budget to accomplish this work and hold the following meetings:

Meeting 1: May 6-7 (Cheyenne)

Meeting 2: August 4-6 (TBD)

Meeting 3: November 4-6 (Casper)

Meeting 4: December 17 (Cheyenne)

Thank you for your consideration of these important issues. We look forward to discussing these proposed topics with the members of Management Council.

Signature



Representative Martha Lawley, Chairman

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Senator Brian Boner, Vice Chairman