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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

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; and providing for an
9 effective date.

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

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1 **Section 1.** W.S. 99-3-3101 through 99-3-3104 is
2 created to read:

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4 ARTICLE 31

5 2026 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

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7 99-3-3101. Definitions.

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

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11 99-3-3102. General authorization.

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

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15 99-3-3103. Level III construction projects - new
16 development.

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2 (b) Project - Alpine Well #4 Transmission Pipeline

3 2026:

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5 (i) Project sponsor: Town of Alpine;

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7 (ii) Project purpose: Municipal water supply;

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9 (iii) Project description: Design and
10 construction of water transmission pipeline, structures and
11 appurtenances necessary to make the project function in the
12 manner intended;

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

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17 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
18 grant to the sponsor from water development account I
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 two
22 hundred ten thousand dollars (\$210,000.00) or fifty percent
23 (50%) of these actual development costs, whichever is less;

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2 (vi) Appropriations: There is appropriated from
3 water development account I to the commission two hundred
4 ten thousand dollars (\$210,000.00) or as much thereof as is
5 necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection.

6 Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall
7 revert to water development account I on July 1, 2031;

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

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

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18 (ii) Project purpose: To enhance the winter
19 snowpack in the Wind River and Sierra Madre mountain
20 ranges;

21

1 (iii) Project description: Conduct a ground-
2 based operational winter snowpack augmentation program
3 during the 2026-2027 season;

4

5 (iv) Total project budget: Eight hundred ninety-
6 one thousand four hundred twenty-nine dollars
7 (\$891,429.00);

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

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18 (i) Project sponsor: City of Gillette;

19

20 (ii) Project purpose: Municipal water supply;

21

22 (iii) Project description: Construction
23 engineering and construction of a tank, structures and

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

3

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

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

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

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

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5 (e) Project - LaGrange Well Connection 2026:

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7 (i) Project sponsor: Town of LaGrange;

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9 (ii) Project purpose: Municipal water supply;

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

19

20 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
21 grant to the sponsor from water development account I
22 through the commission for the design, permit procurement,
23 project land procurement, construction engineering and

1 construction of the project an amount not to exceed three
2 hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$370,000.00) or fifty
3 percent (50%) of these actual development costs, whichever
4 is less;

5

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

13

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

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18 (f) Project - Little Snake River Battle Lake
19 Modification and Forest Management Demonstration Project
20 2026:

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5 (ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

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

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, land access, permit
18 procurement, construction engineering and construction of
19 the project an amount not to exceed one million ninety-two
20 thousand dollars (\$1,092,000.00) or fifty percent (50%) of
21 these actual development costs, whichever is less;

22

1 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
2 water development account I to the commission one million
3 ninety-two thousand dollars (\$1,092,000.00) or as much
4 thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this
5 subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this
6 subsection shall revert to water development account I on
7 July 1, 2031;

8

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

12

13 (g) Project - Small Water Development Projects - New
14 Development 2026:

15

16 (i) Project sponsor: Eligible public entities;

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21 (iii) Project description: Small dams,
22 windmills, springs, guzzlers and other water collection,
23 storage and drinking systems, pipelines, and similar small

1 projects, to impound, develop and convey water for
2 livestock, wildlife, irrigation, environmental and
3 recreational purposes;

4

5 (iv) Total project budget: Two million dollars
6 (\$2,000,000.00);

7

8 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
9 grant to sponsors of small water development projects from
10 water development account I through the commission for the
11 design, permit procurement, project land procurement,
12 construction engineering and construction of the project a
13 total amount not to exceed one million dollars
14 (\$1,000,000.00) or fifty percent (50%) of the actual
15 development costs of the small water development projects,
16 whichever is less;

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18 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
19 water development account I to the commission one million
20 dollars (\$1,000,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary
21 to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended
22 funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to
23 water development account I on July 1, 2031;

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

6

7 (viii) Special conditions:

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16 (B) The small water development project
17 sponsors shall substantiate the public benefit that will be
18 derived from proposed small water development projects;

19

20 (C) The commission may make monthly
21 progress payments of not more than fifty percent (50%) of
22 eligible monthly project expenses;

23

1 (D) An appropriate land management or
2 resource management entity shall certify that the proposed
3 small water development project will meet expectations and
4 that appropriate engineering standards, as approved by the
5 commission, will be adhered to;

6

7 (E) The establishment of criteria and
8 administrative procedures for the development of small
9 water development projects under this subsection and
10 decisions of the commission relating to the
11 recommendations, prioritization or disqualification of
12 small water development projects are specifically exempt
13 from the provisions of the Wyoming Administrative Procedure
14 Act including judicial review under W.S. 16-3-114 and 16-3-
15 115;

16

17 (F) W.S. 16-6-116 shall not apply to a
18 small water development project unless the project sponsor
19 determines the small water development project meets the
20 definition of a "public work" as defined in W.S. 16-6-
21 101(a)(ix).

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1 **99-3-3104. Level III construction projects -**

2 **rehabilitation.**

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4 (a) Authorization is granted for the Level III
5 rehabilitation construction projects identified in this
6 section subject to the general conditions specified in W.S.
7 99-3-104, provided that W.S. 99-3-104(a)(iii) shall not
8 apply to the projects identified in this section unless
9 required by W.S. 41-2-121.

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11 (b) Project - Big Horn Canal ID Five Mile Pipeline
12 2026:

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14 (i) Project sponsor: Big Horn Canal Irrigation
15 District;

16

17 (ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

18

19 (iii) Project description: Design and
20 construction of a pipeline, wasteway, structures and
21 appurtenances necessary to make the project function in the
22 manner intended;

23

1 (iv) Total project budget: Four million five
2 hundred forty-four thousand six hundred dollars
3 (\$4,544,600.00);

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 two
10 million two hundred seventy-two thousand three hundred
11 dollars (\$2,272,300.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these
12 actual 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 two
19 million two hundred seventy-two thousand three hundred
20 dollars (\$2,272,300.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these
21 actual development costs, whichever is less, for a term of
22 twenty (20) years from the date the commission determines

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

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4 (vii) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
5 water development account II to the commission four million
6 five hundred forty-four thousand six hundred dollars
7 (\$4,544,600.00) 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 (c) Project - Cody Canal ID Lead Diversion
19 Rehabilitation 2026:

20

21 (i) Project sponsor: Cody Canal Irrigation
22 District;

23

1 (ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

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11 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
12 grant to the sponsor from water development account II
13 through the commission for the design, permit procurement,
14 project land procurement, construction engineering and
15 construction of the project an amount not to exceed two
16 million two hundred twenty-one thousand dollars
17 (\$2,221,000.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual
18 development costs, whichever is less;

19

20 (vi) Project loan: The state of Wyoming shall
21 loan to the sponsor from water development account II
22 through the commission for the design, permit procurement,
23 project land procurement, construction engineering and

1 construction of the project an amount not to exceed two
2 million one hundred two thousand dollars (\$2,102,000.00) or
3 forty-seven and three-tenths percent (47.3%) of these
4 actual development costs, whichever is less, for a term of
5 forty (40) years from the date the commission determines
6 that project benefits accrue to the sponsor, at an annual
7 interest rate of four percent (4%);

8

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

16

17 (viii) Special conditions:

18

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

22

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

5

6 (d) Project - Cowley Transmission Pipeline
7 Replacement 2026:

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9 (i) Project sponsor: Town of Cowley;

10

11 (ii) Project purpose: Municipal and rural
12 domestic water supply;

13

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

18

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

21

22 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
23 grant to the sponsor from water development account II

1 through the commission for the design and pre-construction
2 of the project an amount not to exceed one hundred eighty-
3 two thousand dollars (\$182,000.00) or fifty percent (50%)
4 of these actual development costs, whichever is less;

5

6 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
7 water development account II to the commission one hundred
8 eighty-two thousand dollars (\$182,000.00) or as much
9 thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this
10 subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this
11 subsection shall revert to water development account II on
12 July 1, 2031;

13

14 (vii) Special conditions:

15

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

19

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

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

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4 (i) Project sponsor: Deaver Irrigation District;

5

6 (ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

7

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

12

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

15

16 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
17 grant to the sponsor from water development account II
18 through the commission for the purchase of project
19 materials as supported by vendor invoices and as approved
20 by the commission an amount not to exceed one hundred
21 thirty-five thousand three hundred twenty-five dollars
22 (\$135,325.00) or one hundred percent (100%) of the approved
23 materials costs, whichever is less;

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2 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
3 water development account II to the commission one hundred
4 thirty-five thousand three hundred twenty-five dollars
5 (\$135,325.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry
6 out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds
7 appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water
8 development account II on July 1, 2031;

9

10 (vi) Special conditions:

11

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

17

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

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

6

7 (f) Project - Elk Water Users ID Roan Wash Spill
8 Rehabilitation 2026:

9

10 (i) Project sponsor: Elk Water Users Irrigation
11 District and Lovell Irrigation District;

12

13 (ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

14

15 (iii) Project description: Design and
16 construction of a canal spill structure and appurtenances
17 necessary to make the project function in the manner
18 intended;

19

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

22

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, permit procurement,
4 project land procurement, construction engineering and
5 construction of the project an amount not to exceed three
6 hundred twenty thousand five hundred dollars (\$320,500.00)
7 or fifty percent (50%) of these actual development costs,
8 whichever is less;

10 (vi) Project loan: The state of Wyoming shall
11 loan 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 three
15 hundred twenty thousand five hundred dollars (\$320,500.00)
16 or fifty percent (50%) of these actual development costs,
17 whichever is less, for a term of thirty (30) years from the
18 date the commission determines that project benefits accrue
19 to the sponsor, at an annual interest rate of four percent
20 (4%);

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

1 forty-one thousand dollars (\$641,000.00) or as much thereof
2 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 (g) Project - Glenrock Transmission Pipeline 2026:

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9 (i) Project sponsor: Town of Glenrock;

10

11 (ii) Project purpose: Municipal water supply;

12

13 (iii) Project description: Design and pre-
14 construction of water transmission pipelines, structures
15 and appurtenances necessary to make the project function in
16 the manner intended;

17

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

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 and pre-construction

1 of the project an amount not to exceed four hundred sixty-
2 seven thousand dollars (\$467,000.00) or fifty percent (50%)
3 of these actual development costs, whichever is less;

4

5 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
6 water development account II to the commission four hundred
7 sixty-seven thousand dollars (\$467,000.00) or as much
8 thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this
9 subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this
10 subsection shall revert to water development account II on
11 July 1, 2031;

12

13 (vii) Special conditions:

14

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

18

19 (B) 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 (h) Project - GID 3.6 East Springer Pipeline Project

2 2026:

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4 (i) Project sponsor: Goshen Irrigation District;

5

6 (ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

7

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

12

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

15

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

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2 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
3 water development account II to the commission one hundred
4 six thousand one hundred dollars (\$106,100.00) or as much
5 thereof 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 II on
8 July 1, 2031;

9

10 (vi) Special conditions:

11

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

17

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

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

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7 (j) Project - GID 29.4 Pipeline Project Phase III
8 2026:

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10 (i) Project sponsor: Goshen Irrigation District;

11

12 (ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

13

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

18

19 (iv) Total project budget: Three hundred eighty-
20 four thousand eight hundred forty-five dollars
21 (\$384,845.00);

22

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 purchase of project
4 materials as supported by vendor invoices and as approved
5 by the commission an amount not to exceed one hundred
6 seventy-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$177,500.00)
7 or one hundred percent (100%) of the approved materials
8 costs, whichever is less;

9

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

17

18 (vii) Special conditions:

19

20 (A) The sponsor is responsible for all
21 project costs with the exception of the purchase of project
22 materials as supported by vendor invoices and as approved

1 by the commission, up to the amount appropriated in this
2 subsection;

3

4 (B) The sponsor is responsible for
5 retaining professional engineering services to design the
6 project, compile materials and bidding documents and
7 monitor construction activities including the installation
8 of project components and the tracking of project
9 expenditures;

10

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

15

16 (k) Project - Greybull Tank and Phase I Pipeline
17 2026:

18

19 (i) Project sponsor: Town of Greybull;

20

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

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

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 five hundred eighty-two thousand dollars
16 (\$1,582,000.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual
17 development costs, whichever is less;

18

19 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
20 water development account II to the commission one million
21 five hundred eighty-two thousand dollars (\$1,582,000.00) or
22 as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of
23 this 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
7 acquiring fifty percent (50%) of the total project budget
8 from other sources;

9

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

14

15 (m) Project - Greybull Valley ID Upper Sunshine
16 Outlet Works 2026:

17

18 (i) Project sponsor: Greybull Valley Irrigation
19 District;

20

21 (ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

22

5

6 (iv) Total project budget: Two million six
7 hundred twenty-three thousand two hundred dollars
8 (\$2,623,200.00);

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 three hundred eleven thousand six hundred dollars
16 (\$1,311,600.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual
17 development costs, whichever is less;

18

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

1 million three hundred eleven thousand six hundred dollars
2 (\$1,311,600.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual
3 development costs, whichever is less, for a term of forty
4 (40) 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 two million
10 six hundred twenty-three thousand two hundred dollars
11 (\$2,623,200.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry
12 out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds
13 appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water
14 development account II on July 1, 2031;

15

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

21

22 (n) Project - Newcastle Transmission Pipeline 2026:

23

1 (i) Project sponsor: City of Newcastle;

2

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

5

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

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, permit procurement,
17 project land procurement, construction engineering and
18 construction of the project an amount not to exceed one
19 million one hundred fifty-one thousand three hundred
20 dollars (\$1,151,300.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these
21 actual development costs, whichever is less;

22

1 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
2 water development account II to the commission one million
3 one hundred fifty-one thousand three hundred dollars
4 (\$1,151,300.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry
5 out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds
6 appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water
7 development account II on July 1, 2031;

8

9 (vii) Special conditions:

10

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

14

15 (B) No funds granted for this project under
16 paragraph (v) of this subsection shall be expended until
17 the commission determines that the sponsor has allowed
18 water sales outside city limits;

19

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

1

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

4

5 (i) Project sponsor: Owl Creek Irrigation
6 District;

7

8 (ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

9

10 (iii) Project description: Design and pre-
11 construction of pump station, diversion, structures and
12 appurtenances necessary to make the project function in the
13 manner intended;

14

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

17

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

1

2 (vi) Project loan: The state of Wyoming shall
3 loan to the sponsor from water development account II
4 through the commission for the design and pre-construction
5 of the project an amount not to exceed ninety-four thousand
6 dollars (\$94,000.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual
7 development costs, whichever is less, for a term of twenty
8 (20) years from the date the commission determines that
9 project benefits accrue to the sponsor, at an annual
10 interest rate of four percent (4%);

11

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

19

20 (p) Project - Powder River ID Fifteen Mile Siphon
21 2026:

22

3

4 (ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

5

10

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

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, permit procurement,
17 project land procurement, construction engineering and
18 construction of the project an amount not to exceed one
19 million one hundred fifteen thousand dollars
20 (\$1,115,000.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual
21 development costs, whichever is less;

22

1 (vi) Project loan: The state of Wyoming shall
2 loan to the sponsor from water development account II
3 through the commission for the design, permit procurement,
4 project land procurement, construction engineering and
5 construction of the project an amount not to exceed one
6 million one hundred fifteen thousand dollars
7 (\$1,115,000.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual
8 development costs, whichever is less, for a term of forty
9 (40) years from the date the commission determines that
10 project benefits accrue to the sponsor, at an annual
11 interest rate of four percent (4%);

12

13 (vii) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
14 water development account II to the commission two million
15 two hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$2,230,000.00) 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 II on
19 July 1, 2031.

20

21 (q) Project - Riverton West Main Street Transmission
22 Pipeline 2026:

23

1 (i) Project sponsor: City of Riverton;

2

3 (ii) Project purpose: Municipal water supply;

4

9

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

12

13 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
14 grant 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 eight hundred forty-seven thousand five hundred
19 dollars (\$2,847,500.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these
20 actual development costs, whichever is less;

21

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

1 eight hundred forty-seven thousand five hundred dollars
2 (\$2,847,500.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry
3 out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds
4 appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water
5 development account II on 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.

17

18 (r) Project - Shoshoni Well #6 and Transmission
19 Pipeline 2026:

20

21 (i) Project sponsor: Town of Shoshoni;

22

23 (ii) Project purpose: Municipal water supply;

1

6

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

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 six
15 hundred seventy-nine thousand dollars (\$679,000.00) or
16 fifty percent (50%) of these actual development costs,
17 whichever is less;

18

19 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
20 water development account II to the commission six hundred
21 seventy-nine thousand dollars (\$679,000.00) 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
7 acquiring fifty percent (50%) of the total project budget
8 from other sources;

9

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

14

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

16

17 (i) Project sponsor: Sidon Irrigation District;

18

19 (ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

20

21 (iii) Project description: Design and pre-
22 construction of pipelines, structures and appurtenances

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

3

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

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 and pre-construction
10 of the project an amount not to exceed two hundred nine
11 thousand dollars (\$209,000.00) or fifty percent (50%) of
12 these actual development costs, whichever is less;

13

14 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
15 water development account II to the commission two hundred
16 nine thousand dollars (\$209,000.00) or as much thereof as
17 is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection.
18 Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall
19 revert to water development account II on 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 (t) Project - Small Water Development Projects -
11 Rehabilitation 2026:

12

13 (i) Project sponsor: Eligible public entities;

14

15 (ii) Project purpose: Multi-purpose -
16 agriculture, recreation and environmental;

17

1

2 (iv) Total project budget: One million dollars
3 (\$1,000,000.00);

4

5 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
6 grant to sponsors of small water development projects from
7 water development account II through the commission for the
8 design, permit procurement, project land procurement,
9 construction engineering and construction of small water
10 development projects a total amount not to exceed five
11 hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) or fifty percent
12 (50%) of the actual development costs of the small water
13 development projects, whichever is less;

14

15 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
16 water development account II to the commission five hundred
17 thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) or as much thereof as is
18 necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection.

19 Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall
20 revert to water development account II on July 1, 2031;

21

22 (vii) Definition: "Small water development
23 project" means a project where the maximum financial

1 contribution from the commission is thirty-five thousand
2 dollars (\$35,000.00) or less;

3

4 (viii) Special conditions:

5

6 (A) The commission may grant a sponsor
7 fifty percent (50%) of the design, permit procurement,
8 project land procurement, construction engineering and
9 construction cost of a small water development project. No
10 grant shall be more than thirty-five thousand dollars
11 (\$35,000.00);

12

13 (B) The small water development project
14 sponsors shall substantiate the public benefit that will be
15 derived from proposed small water development projects;

16

17 (C) The commission may make monthly
18 progress payments of not more than fifty percent (50%) of
19 eligible monthly project expenses;

20

21 (D) An appropriate land management or
22 resource management entity shall certify that the proposed
23 small water development project will meet expectations and

1 that appropriate engineering standards, as approved by the
2 commission, will be adhered to;

3

4 (E) The establishment of criteria and
5 administrative procedures for the development of small
6 water development projects under this subsection and
7 decisions of the commission relating to the
8 recommendations, prioritization or disqualification of
9 small water development projects are specifically exempt
10 from the provisions of the Wyoming Administrative Procedure
11 Act including judicial review under W.S. 16-3-114 and 16-3-
12 115;

13

14 (F) W.S. 16-6-116 shall not apply to a
15 small water development project unless the project sponsor
16 determines the small water development project meets the
17 definition of a "public work" as defined in W.S. 16-6-
18 101(a)(ix).

19

20 (u) Project - Tillard Canal Rehabilitation and Pump
21 Station 2026:

22

3

4 (iii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

5

10

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

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 fifty-four thousand
18 eight hundred twenty-five dollars (\$54,825.00) or seventy-
19 five percent (75%) of these actual development costs,
20 whichever is less;

21

22 (vi) Project loan: The state of Wyoming shall
23 loan to the sponsor from water development account II

1 through the commission for the design and pre-construction
2 of the project an amount not to exceed eighteen thousand
3 two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$18,275.00) or twenty-
4 five percent (25%) of these actual development costs,
5 whichever is less, for a term of ten (10) years from the
6 date the commission determines that project benefits accrue
7 to the sponsor, at an annual interest rate of four percent
8 (4%);

9

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

17

18 **Section 2.** W.S. 99-3-1503(g)(vi), 99-3-2003(b)(vi),
19 99-3-2103(b)(vi), 99-3-2203(b)(vi), 99-3-2205(d)(vii),
20 99-3-2303(e)(vi), 99-3-2406(b)(vii) and (j)(vii),
21 99-3-2604(b)(vi) and 99-3-3003(d)(iii) through (vi) are
22 amended to read:

23

1 **99-3-1503. Level III construction projects - new**
2 **development.**

3

4 (g) Project - Ethete Water Supply:

5

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

12

13 **99-3-2003. Level III construction projects - new**
14 **development.**

15

16 (b) Project - Arapahoe Pipeline and Tank:

17

18 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
19 water development account I to the commission two million
20 four hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$2,420,000.00) or as
21 much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of
22 this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this

1 subsection shall revert to water development account I on
2 July 1, 2026-2027;

3

4 **99-3-2103. Level III construction projects - new**
5 **development.**

6

7 (b) Project - Arapahoe Water Supply 2016:

8

9 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
10 water development account I to the commission two million
11 two hundred forty-seven thousand eight hundred fifty
12 dollars (\$2,247,850.00) or as much thereof as is necessary
13 to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended
14 funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to
15 water development account I on July 1, 2026-2028.

16

17 **99-3-2203. Level III construction projects - new**
18 **development.**

19

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

21

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

1 thirteen thousand fifty dollars (\$913,050.00) 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 I on
5 July 1, ~~2026~~2027;

6

7 **99-3-2205. Level III construction projects - dams and**
8 **reservoirs.**

9

10 (d) Project - Alkali Creek Reservoir:

11

12 (vii) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
13 water development account III to the commission fifty-nine
14 million dollars (\$59,000,000.00) or as much thereof as is
15 necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection.
16 Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall
17 revert to water development account III on July 1, ~~2026~~
18 2027.

19

20 **99-3-2303. Level III construction projects - new**
21 **development.**

22

1 (e) Project - Melody Ranch Water System Improvements

2 2018:

3

4 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
5 water development account I to the commission nine hundred
6 forty-four thousand seven hundred dollars (\$944,700.00) or
7 as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of
8 this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this
9 subsection shall revert to water development account I on
10 July 1, 2026-2028;

11

12 **99-3-2406. Level III construction projects -**
13 **rehabilitation.**

14

15 (b) Project - Austin-Wall Reservoir Rehabilitation
16 2019:

17

18 (vii) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
19 water development account II to the commission three
20 hundred seventy-four thousand dollars (\$374,000.00) or as
21 much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of
22 this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this

1 subsection shall revert to water development account II on
2 July 1, ~~2026~~2028;

3

4 (j) Project - Interstate Diversion Structure
5 Rehabilitation 2019:

6

7 (vii) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
8 water development account II to the commission four hundred
9 twenty thousand dollars (\$420,000.00) or as much thereof as
10 is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection.
11 Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall
12 revert to water development account II on July 1, ~~2026~~
13 2028.

14

15 **99-3-2604. Level III construction projects -**
16 **rehabilitation.**

17

18 (b) Project - Interstate Irrigation and Reservoir
19 Irrigation District Improvements 2021:

20

21 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
22 water development account II to the commission two million
23 eight hundred twenty-seven thousand four hundred dollars

1 (\$2,827,400.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry
2 out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds
3 appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water
4 development account II on July 1, ~~2026~~2028;

5

6 **99-3-3003. Level III construction projects - new**
7 **development.**

8

9 (d) Project - Hoback Junction Public Water System
10 2025:

11

12 (iii) Project description: Design~~l~~ andpre-
13 construction and construction of a diversion structure,
14 pumping facilities, water transmission pipelines, tank,
15 structures and appurtenances necessary to make the project
16 function in the manner intended;

17

18 (iv) Total project budget: ~~Five hundred forty-~~
19 ~~eight thousand nine hundred dollars (\$548,900.00) Two~~
20 million four hundred ninety-seven thousand dollars
21 (\$2,497,000.00);

22

1 (v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall
2 grant to the sponsor from water development account I
3 through the commission for the design, permit procurement,
4 project land procurement, ~~and~~ pre-construction,
5 ~~construction~~ engineering ~~and~~ construction of the project an
6 amount not to exceed ~~two hundred seventy-four thousand four~~
7 ~~hundred fifty dollars (\$274,450.00)~~ ~~one million two hundred~~
8 ~~forty-eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,248,500.00)~~
9 or fifty percent (50%) of these actual development costs,
10 whichever is less;

11
12 (vi) Appropriations: There is appropriated from
13 water development account I to the commission ~~two hundred~~
14 ~~seventy-four thousand four hundred fifty dollars~~
15 ~~(\$274,450.00)~~ one million two hundred forty-eight thousand
16 five hundred dollars (\$1,248,500.00) or as much thereof as
17 is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection.
18 Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall
19 revert to water development account I on July 1, 2030;

21 Section 3.

1 (a) The Wyoming water development commission is
2 hereby authorized to transfer sixteen million dollars
3 (\$16,000,000.00) from water development account I created
4 by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(i) to water development account II
5 created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(ii).

6

7 (b) In accordance with W.S. 41-2-115(c), upon a
8 finding that the transfer of the test well, Sheep Mountain
9 No. 2, developed as part of the level II feasibility study
10 authorized under 2017 Wyoming Session Laws Chapter 65,
11 Section 2 as amended by 2023 Wyoming Session Laws Chapter
12 186, Section 6, to the city of Douglas is desirable and in
13 the public interest and that the city is capable of
14 constructing, operating and maintaining the project and
15 accomplishing the public interest, the water development
16 commission shall transfer to the city of Douglas the test
17 well, Sheep Mountain No. 2, developed as part of a level II
18 feasibility study for further development by the city,
19 provided the city of Douglas agrees to terms outlined by
20 the commission for reimbursement of the expense of
21 predevelopment costs, an amount which shall be not less
22 than six hundred ten thousand eight hundred thirty-eight
23 dollars (\$610,838.00), payment for property and assurances

1 of construction, operation and maintenance of the test
2 well, Sheep Mountain No. 2, in compliance with all
3 applicable state and federal laws.

4

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

9

10 (END)