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TO: Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

FROM: Kirk Russell, P.E., Finance Section Chief

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AGENDA ITEM: 9a. CWCB's 2016 Projects Bill - Statutory Changes
Funding for Treated Water Projects

Introduction

The CWCB funds water projects that are authorized by C.R.S. 37-60-119. Staff received a favorable opinion from the Finance committee to propose a statutory change in order to allow CWCB more flexibility when providing borrowers funding for projects that include the conveyance of treated water.

The statute with the proposed modifications reads as follows:

37-60-119. Construction of water and power facilities - contracts with and charges against users.

(1) (a) In order to promote the general welfare and safety of the citizens of this state and to protect the allocation of interstate waters to the state, the board may, subject to section 37-60-120, construct, rehabilitate, enlarge, or improve, or loan moneys to enable the construction, rehabilitation, enlargement, or improvement of, such flood control, water supply, and hydroelectric energy facilities, excluding water treatment ~~FACILITIES and distribution systems~~, together with related recreational facilities, in whole or in part, as will, in the opinion of the board, abate floods or conserve, effect more efficient use of, develop, or protect the water and hydroelectric energy resources and supplies of the state of Colorado.

Staff feels the minor modifications shown will provide enough flexibility to effective financial support for regional water systems that may include a minor component of treated water.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board approve the language change as provided for inclusion in the 2016 CWCB's Project Bill.

