



**TO:** Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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

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**AGENDA ITEM:** 6b. Financial Matters - Construction Fund and Severance Tax PBF  
Projections and Cash Management Reports

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**Introduction (This is for information only and no action is necessary)**

This agenda item provides updated financial information for the Board's use in evaluating the availability of funds from the Construction Fund and the Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund for non-reimbursable project investments, new loans and increases to existing loan authorizations. A Cash Management Report will be distributed at the Board meeting in order to provide the most current fund balance information available. The Report utilizes information prepared by Clifton Larson Allen, LLP, Severance Tax and Federal Mineral Lease projections prepared by the Legislative Council, interest earnings/repayment schedules prepared by CWCB staff.

**Finance Staff Statement**

Recent changes in the Severance Tax revenue projections and receipts have cause staff to reconsider many of the Boards previous approvals. As of the date of this memo, the Construction Fund and the Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund will require a transfer of \$30 million from the recently created Loan Guarantee Fund in order to have enough unrestricted cash available for many of the Board's previously approved activities including Water Plan Implementation funding. Additional information will be provided at the Board Meeting.

**Description**

The Cash Management Report is used by the Finance Section staff to assure the Board that cash funds are available for the Water Project Loans recommended by staff. If the Report indicates that there are insufficient funds available for all applications the Board will prioritize project funding based on Financial Policy #12.

The Projections used in this report are based on the best information available and past experience. They include: CWCB operating expenses, non-reimbursable project investments, estimates of new project loans and loan increases, Severance Tax revenue, Federal Mineral Lease revenue, repayment of existing loans and interest from the Treasury.

