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AGENDA ITEM: 5a Financial Matters - Construction Fund and Severance Tax Perpetual Base Fund
Financial Projections and Cash Management Report

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

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

Finance Staff Statement

As of the date of this memo, sufficient cash is available to fund all loans and grants previously approved. Staff is recommending approval of loans in excess of cash currently available. However, when cash funds are needed for contracting with and/or disbursement to borrowers and grantees, CWCB will have adequate funds available. Staff will continue to monitor cash funds and update the Board as necessary.

Description

The Cash Management Report is used by the Finance Section staff to assure the Board that funds are available for the Water Project loans and grants recommended by staff. If the Report indicates that there are insufficient cash 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 staff 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. The Table below provides a snapshot of the projections and actual for the current fiscal year for revenue (excluding loan principal repayments).

Source	Beginning FY25/26 Projections (\$M)	Current Projections (\$M)	Actual To Date (\$M)
Interest Earnings	\$30.0	\$30.7	\$15.7
FML	\$13.0	\$10.2 *	\$4.5
Severance Tax	\$28.4	\$25.7 *	\$8.7
Total	\$71.4	\$66.6	\$28.9

* December 2025 Projection

