



## MEMORANDUM

July 7, 2025

**TO:** Board of Directors, Colorado Water Conservation Board, and Director Lauren Ris

**FROM:** Keith McLaughlin, Executive Director

**RE:** Colorado Water Resources & Power Development Authority (“Authority”) Director’s Report

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### **Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRF)**

Four DWRF loan applications were approved at the Authority’s June 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting:

- **Town of Hugo** in the amount of \$5.4 million (BIL & Base Loan and Principal Forgiveness) for distribution line replacement, meter upgrades, new storage tank, and well rehabilitation.
- **Mesa Water & Sanitation District** in the amount of \$1 million (BIL Loan and PF) for replacing and upsizing water distribution lines.
- **Town of Pritchett** in the amount of \$320,000 (BIL Loan and PF) for piping and associated appurtenances to facilitate water well blending to reduce radium levels.
- **Town of Swink** in the amount of \$337,000 (BIL Loan and PF) for upgrades to an elevated water storage tank.

From the inception of the BIL, the Authority has closed twenty-six (26) BIL DWRF loans for approximately \$219.61 million. The \$219.61 million total includes \$138.17 million of principal forgiveness.

We have received three DWRF loan applications for consideration at our August 2025 Board meeting for approximately \$20 million from the following communities:

- **Eureka Water Company** for \$1.14 million.
- **Baca Grande Water & Sanitation District** for \$750,000.
- **Colorado City Metro District** for \$18.14 million.

As of July 1st, and after accounting for the loan applications received for the Authority’s August Board meeting, the estimated remaining DWRF loan capacity for 2025 is as follows:

- DWRF base program: ~\$30 million
- DWRF BIL Supplemental: ~\$2.5 million
- DWRF BIL Lead: ~\$2.3 million
- DWRF BIL Emerging Contaminant: ~\$0

### **Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund (WPCRF)**

No WPCRF loan applications were approved at the Authority's June 6th Board meeting and no applications were received for the August 2025 board meeting.

We have executed seventeen (17) WPCRF BIL loans under the WPCRF BIL program for approximately \$32.50 million. The \$32.50 million total includes \$16.93 million in Principal Forgiveness.

As of July 1, 2025, and after accounting for the Authority's August Board meeting, the estimated remaining WPCRF loan capacity for 2025 is approximately \$59.4 million in the base program and \$10.3 million in the BIL Supplemental.

### **EPA Capitalization Grants**

Congress maintained level funding for the SRF's in FFY 2025 but continues to use EPA capitalization grants to pay for congressional earmarks. The 2022-2025 EPA capitalization grants (net of earmarks) represent a 56% cut from 2021 grants.

### **Legislative Matters**

The Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities continues to monitor federal legislation and earmarks. Authority staff continues to monitor both state and federal legislative activity related to water and wastewater infrastructure financing.

### **Other Matters**

The Authority continues to work closely with the CWCB and the SECWCD regarding funding for the Arkansas Valley Conduit. The Authority is close to finalizing an IGA that outlines the funding relationships between SECWCD, CWCB, the Authority and Otero County. Authority staff hope to have the IGA finalized and executed by all parties in the next couple of months.

### **Future 2025 Authority Board Meetings\***

August 20, 2025 – Steamboat Spring, CO (in conjunction with the CWC Summer convention)

October 3, 2025 – Berthoud, CO

December 5, 2025 – Denver, CO

\*All Authority Board meetings are provided in a hybrid in person and online format.