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TO: Colorado Water Conservation Board
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ITEM: 26. Severance Tax Operational Fund - Grant Funding

Recommendation

Staff recommends Board approve the list of Programs/Projects listed in Table 1 to be funded with FY21/22 Severance Tax Operational (STOps) Funds.

Introduction

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the revenues were restricted and no application date was set for the FY21/22 funding cycle due to low revenue forecasts.

In August 2021, CWCB staff was notified of the potential of funds available during the last half of FY21/22. Staff worked on a list of priority projects to fund that meet the criteria which includes, 1) CWCB priority projects, 2) can be contracted and funds spent during the current fiscal year (by June 30, 2022).

Table 1.

	Programs/Project Title *	Amount
1	Flood Mitigation and Project Compliance	\$200,000
2	2018 Wildfire Season - Watershed Mitigation & Recovery	\$100,000
3	Reservoir Enlargement Investigation -DWR	\$100,000
4	Climate Change in Colorado Report Update	\$45,000
5	Water Plan Implementation Efforts	\$50,000
6	Cloud seeding equipment purchase	\$80,000

* Additional information was provided in the Finance Committee Mtg Digital Packet

