

# Wyoming Water Development Program

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# Water Development Program

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- Water Development Commission and Program
  - Who can receive funding from the WWDC
  - Infrastructure Needs in Wyoming
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# Water Development Program

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- ❑ The Water Development Commission and Program were established in 1979
  - ❑ The Program is funded by Mineral Severance Taxes.
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# Water Development Program

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- ❑ Established to foster, promote and encourage optimal development of the state's human, industrial, mineral, agricultural, water and recreational resources.
  - ❑ The program shall provide, through the commission policies for planning, selection, financing, construction, acquisition and operation of projects to conserve, store, distribute and use water.....
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## Water Development Office

--26 Employees

Director Serves at Pleasure of Governor  
Administration

Construction Division

Dam and Reservoir Division

Planning Division

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- Governor-Appointed Commission:
    - 10 members
      - 2 from each Water Division in WY
      - 1 At-Large
      - 1 Tribal Representative
    - Advisors from Univ. and SEO
  - Legislative Select Water Committee:
    - 6 Senators and 6 Representatives
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## Responsibilities

Water Project Development

- New Development

- Dam and Reservoir Projects

Water Project Rehabilitation

Water Planning

Managing State's Water Investments

Groundwater Exploration Grant Program

Small Water Projects Program

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- ❑ Watershed Studies
  - ❑ Water Master Plans for Municipalities and Irrigation Districts
  - ❑ Instream Flow Feasibility Studies
  - ❑ Water Related Research—University of Wyoming Office of Water Programs
  - ❑ Water Resources Data System at UW
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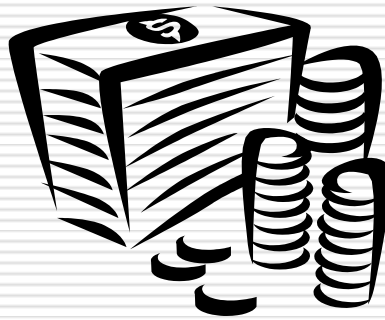
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- ❑ Account I, New Development
- ❑ Account II, Rehabilitation
- ❑ Account III, Dams & Reservoirs



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- From the Severance Tax Distribution Account
- |                      | 2013 available |
|----------------------|----------------|
| ■ Account I = 12.45% | \$46,672,300   |
| ■ Account II = 2.1%  | 9,719,240      |
| ■ Account III = 0.5% | 127,621,986    |
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- Funding and Management of Studies and Projects
    - Level I Reconnaissance Studies; Baseline Studies & Master Plans
    - Level II Feasibility Studies; Phase I, Phase II, & Phase III
    - Level III Final Design & Construction Projects
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## Funding for Projects

- Level I Studies – 100% State Grant

- Level II Studies – 100% State Grant

- Level III final design and construction – 67% Grant and 33% Loan

- Sponsors provide O & M

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- Project Approval & Funding
    - Applications to WDO
    - Approval by WWDC
    - Approval by Select Water Legislative Committee
    - Legislature omnibus water bill
    - Bill signed by Governor
    - Interviews in May
    - Contracts commence July 1
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Who can receive project funding?

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- Cities
  - Towns
  - Special Districts
  - Joint Powers Boards
  - Conservation Dist
  - The key to receiving funding is being a public entity
  - Interested groups can apply for Level I and Level II studies
  - Sponsors must be a public entity at Level III
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## River Basin Planning

Seven major basins

Groundwater studies

Updating on about a  
7 year rotation



<http://waterplan.state.wy.us/>

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For 2013, WWDC 3 accounts have sufficient funding for the applications received

For Drinking/Waste Water Infrastructure Needs—Estimated to be \$750 M

State Match for Drinking water SRF also funded by WWDC

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Thanks!



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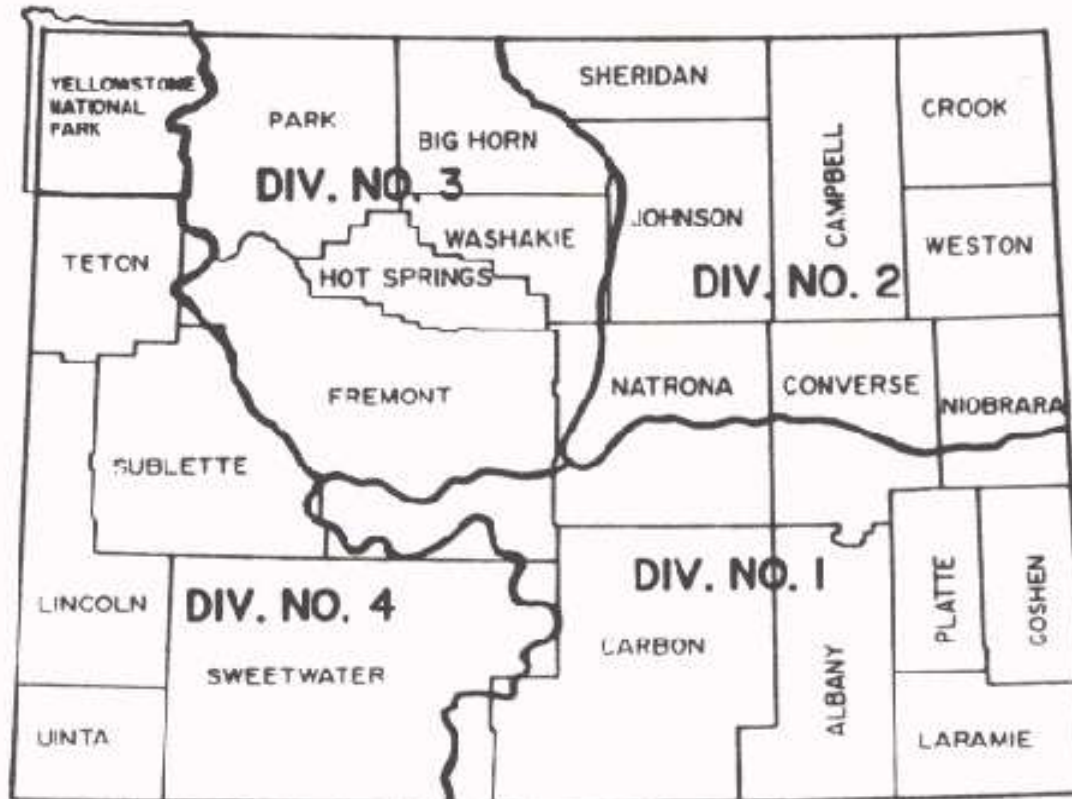
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# Water Divisions

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