

Division of Water Rights Data Management Improvements

Edit Request

Requester Information

Legislator: Snider, Casey

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Section 1: Request Details

Description:

The Office of the Legislative Auditor General identified water use data management as the most critical issue facing the state in its recent Risk Assessment Report. This request for appropriation will enable the Division of Water Rights (DWRi) to address the issues identified in the audit report. Funding is requested for additional permanent and time-limited employees and hardware and software needs. The pass-thru funding identified below is intended to go to Utah State University to assist the Division of Water Rights in these efforts. DWRi anticipates a three-year build period followed by a two-year implementation and maintenance pilot period. After these five years, the one-time funding would lapse and DWRi would continue to maintain enhanced operations using permanent funding sources.

Legislative designee contact information:

- Name: Teresa Wilhelmsen
- Organization: Division of Water Rights
- Position: State Engineer and Water Rights Director

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

	One-time	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$3,500,000.00	\$400,000.00
In-State Travel	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Out-of-state Travel	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies and Equipment	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Technology Purchases	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$100,000.00	\$0.00
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$2,500,000.00	\$0.00
Expenditure Total		
One-time 2024	One-time 2025	Ongoing 2025
\$0.00	\$6,100,000.00	\$400,000.00

Funding Sources:

General Fund

- Amount Requested 2024 (One-time) \$0.00

- Amount Requested 2025 (One-time) \$6,100,000.00
- Amount Requested 2025 (Ongoing) \$400,000.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2024
\$0.00

One-time 2025
\$6,100,000.00

Ongoing 2025
\$400,000.00

Should unused funding be returned to the state at the end of the fiscal year?

No

Is this project scalable if the Legislature does not fund the full requested amount?

No

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Land and Environment

Agency:

560 / Natural Resources

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding

- State Government
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Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

Who would benefit from this request (who is the target audience)?

The Division of Water Rights in its role of general administrative supervision of the waters of the state, other state agencies, local government, legislature, policy makers, researchers, academia, and the public at large who have an interest in water data in the state.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

Establish a program within the Division of Water Rights to enhance water use data management, transparency, and QA/QC.

How will the Legislature know whether the project or program achieved its intended purpose?

The new program will be established within the Division of Water Rights. The issues and shortcomings identified in recent audits will be addressed. Water use data will be transparent and easily accessible.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language

Previous State Funding