Wyoming Water Development Program - History

- Program created in 1975
- Water Development Commission created in 1979
- WDA I – New Development - Created in 1989
- WDA II – Rehabilitation Created in 1989
- WDA III – Dams and Reservoirs Created in 2005
- Philosophy – To utilize a portion of revenue derived from non-renewable resources and invest this revenue in renewable water development projects that will serve Wyoming citizens into the future
PROGRAM FUNDING

WYOMING STATUTES PROVIDE A SEVERANCE TAX DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT OF $155M PER YEAR.

WATER DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT NO. I (WDA-I)

• FUNDS AGENCY BUDGET, NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, PLANNING EFFORTS, GWEP, SWPP, OTHER (NON-PROJECT)
• RECEIVES 12.45% OF SEVERANCE TAX DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT ($19,297,500)

WATER DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT NO. II (WDA-II)

• FUNDS REHABILITATION PROJECTS, SWPP
• RECEIVES 2.1% OF SEVERANCE TAX DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT ($3,255,000)

WATER DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT NO. III (WDA-III)

• FUNDS DAM AND RESERVOIR PROJECTS
• INITIAL INFUSION OF FUNDS IN 2005
• RECEIVES 0.5 % OF SEVERANCE TAX DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT ($775,000)
WATER ACCOUNT III
PROGRAM CRITERIA

• NEW STORAGE $\geq$ 2,000 AF CAPACITY

• EXISTING STORAGE $\geq$ 1,000 AF ENLARGEMENT

• PROJECT SPONSOR/PUBLIC ENTITY
  • MUNICIPALITIES
  • IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
  • WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS
  • WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICTS
  • OTHER APPROVED ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS
  • STATED OWNED PROJECTS

• SPECIAL FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS
  • MAY FUND UP TO 100% NOT TO EXCEED THE PUBLIC BENEFIT
*Entity Formation required to begin Level II, Phase III.