

**STATE and LOCAL
REVISED FISCAL IMPACT**

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SHORT TITLE: ELECT PUEBLO CONSERVANCY DIST BD FLOOD MITIGATION

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload reduction. See State Expenditures section.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

Summary of Legislation

Under the first part of this bill, a vacancy is created on a water conservancy district board of directors when a director no longer lives in or no longer owns property in the district.

The remainder of the bill applies only to the board of directors of the Pueblo Conservancy District (district). The bill increases the number of district board members from three to nine, with the current three members serving as holdover directors representing the City of Pueblo. The City of Pueblo will appoint new directors when the holdover directors' terms expire as well as one additional director to serve an initial term of three years. All directors appointed by the City of Pueblo must be city residents.

Four new directors will be appointed to represent areas within the district by the Board of Pueblo County Commissioners as follows:

- three directors who reside in Pueblo County outside the City of Pueblo or the Pueblo West Metropolitan District to serve initial terms of four years; and
- one director who resides in the Pueblo West metropolitan district to serve an initial term of four years.

The City of Pueblo and the Board of Pueblo County Commissioners will jointly appoint an at-large director to serve an initial term of five years.

Background

The Water Conservancy Act provides a mechanism for local communities to form, through local elections, water conservancy districts to reduce flood risk, and finance dams, tunnels, and other water projects that provide water for irrigation, mining, domestic, recreation, and other beneficial uses. Colorado currently has 52 water conservancy districts. District director vacancies are filled by state district court appointment for five-year terms.

State Expenditures

Moving the responsibility from the state district court to the city and county governments of Pueblo, will result in a reduction in workload for the court. Under current law, the court only appoints three members to five-year terms, so the reduction in workload is minimal.

Local Government Impact

The bill increases the workload of the City of Pueblo and the Board of Pueblo County Commissioners by requiring them to appoint a total of nine directors to the district on an annual basis once the terms of directors begin to expire. The fiscal note assumes that the city and county governments will be able to make the appointments within their existing resources.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 6, 2014, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 7, 2014, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

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