Developing Water Supply through the Columbia River Basin Water Management Account

*Draft Funding Process -- First Cycle*

- Conservation and infrastructure (pumps & pipes)
- Small storage* construction
- Aquifer storage & recovery construction
- Acquisition
- Modifications to existing storage
- Storage modification feasibility studies
- New large storage
- Storage feasibility studies

Ecology Pre-Screen / Watershed Coordination/TAG Scoring

Delivers permanent water to the Columbia / Lower Snake River Mainstems

- Amount and percentage of matching funds or in-kind match provided by non-state funding sources
- Cost per acre foot of water delivered
- Total amount of water delivered
- Community support / local watershed plan coordination
- Extent of fish and wildlife risks/benefits (including reach benefits in tributaries)
- Water quality benefits or liabilities
- Resources (Ecology and project proponents) committed to ensure long-term performance of project
- Readiness to proceed

Ecology (with stakeholder input)

Delivers temporary or permanent water to the Columbia / Lower Snake River Mainstems

- Cost per acre foot of water acquired (secondary reach/consumptive use water)
- Value of primary reach fisheries risks/benefits
- Value of secondary reach fisheries risks/benefits
- Ability to meet permanent demands
- Ability to meet interruptible water user demands

Ecology (with stakeholder input)

Delivers temporary or permanent water to the Columbia / Lower Snake River Mainstems

- Storage volume
- Total cost
- Cost per acre foot of water acquired stored
- Availability of stored water (every yr, 9 out of 10 yrs, etc.)
- Storage Location
- Value of fish and wildlife risks/benefits
- Value of water quality risks/benefits
- Public interest issues
- Federal, tribal, state and local regulatory constraints
- Ability to meet permanent or temporary water demands (instream and out-of-stream)

Ecology Budgeting Process

Governor’s Budgeting Process

Legislative Funding and Approval Process

Final Approved Project List for Funding by Ecology

* “Small storage” will be determined annually by Ecology depending on factors like the size of project and the lead for the feasibility project (e.g. local vs. federal).