Funding the Three Rivers Network

The USGS Cooperative Water Program

The U.S. Geological Survey collaborative streamgaging program in the Truckee, Carson and Walker River Basins

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USGS Cooperative Water Program (CWP)

- **Program Mission -**

  The Mission of the USGS Cooperative Water Program is to provide reliable, impartial, and timely information needed to understand the Nation's water resources through a program of shared efforts and funding with State, Tribal, and local partners to enable decision makers to wisely manage the Nation's water resources.

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USGS Cooperative Water Program (CWP)

- CWP is a budgetary line-item in President's USGS budget submission to Congress.
- Since 2000, flat to slightly increasing but below inflation.
  - FT 2008 - $ 62,848 (thousands)
  - FY 2009 - 64,078
  - FY 2010 - 65,516
- Distributed to Regions and Centers based upon fixed percentage of total (minor hold-back at HQ).
- Centers required to have Regional approval to commit CWP Federal Matching Funds, at up to 50%-50%, but Centers have wide latitude in committing funds.

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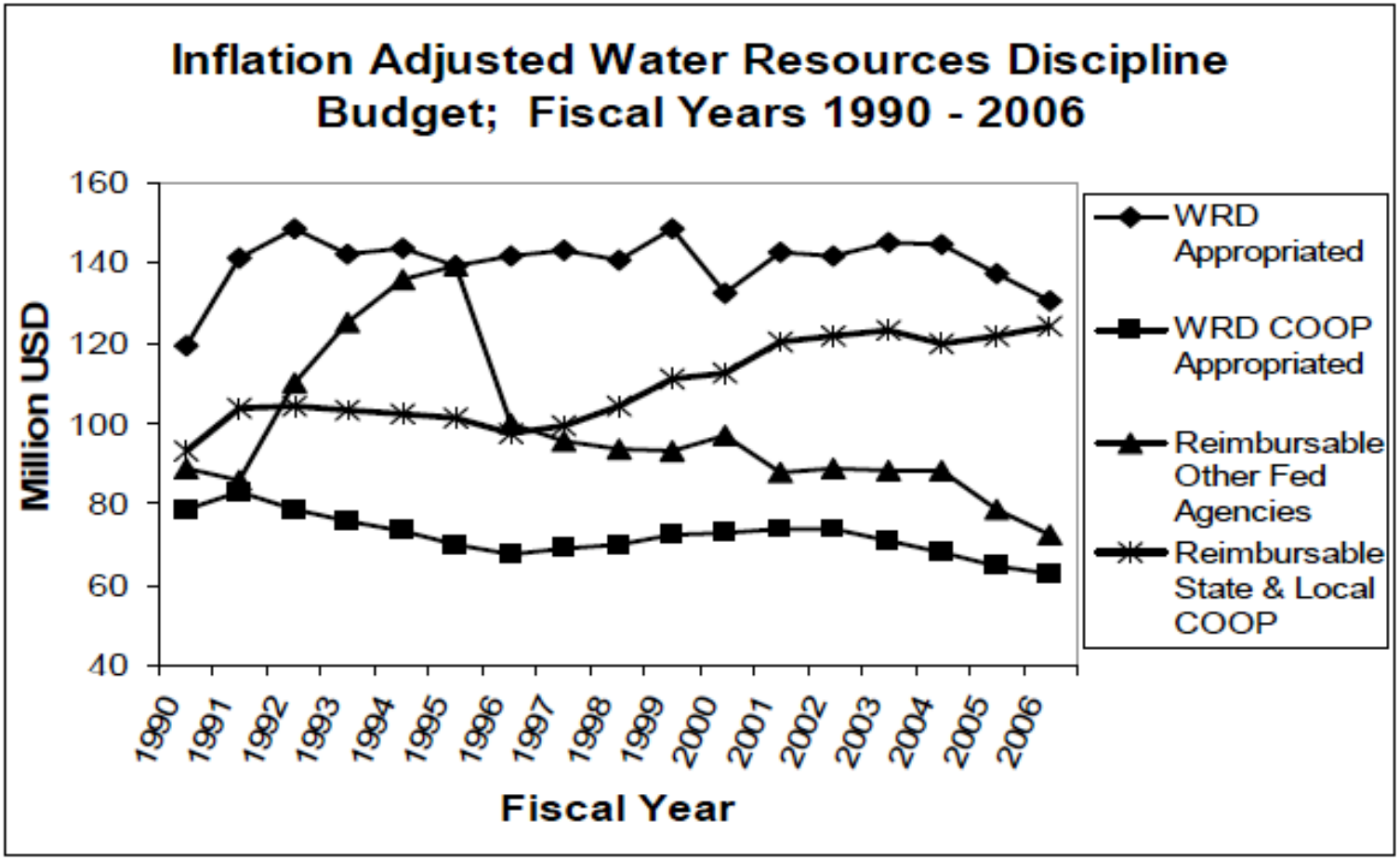
USGS Federal Matching Funds Down in real (2000) dollars



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Nevada Federal Matching Funds

- Nevada allocation - $ 2,537,575 (in FY10) or 3.87% of total.
- More than a million above “mean” allocation to the 46 water science centers.
- Recent changes in the allocation laws to USGS allow us to carry over funds between FYs, so carried $164,642 from 2009.
- About 55% of FMF used to support data program. First priority for long-term gages.

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Funding the “Three Rivers” Network 18 Partner Agencies

- California Department of Water Resources
- Carson Truckee Water Conservancy District
- Carson Water Subconservancy District
- City of Carson City
- Federal Water Master
- Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
- Nevada Department of Environmental Protection
- Nevada Division of Water Resources
- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
- Truckee Meadows Water Authority
- Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility
- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- U.S. Bureau of Water Commissioners
- U.S. Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Geological Survey
- U.S. Forest Service
- Walker River Irrigation District
- Walker River Paiute Tribe

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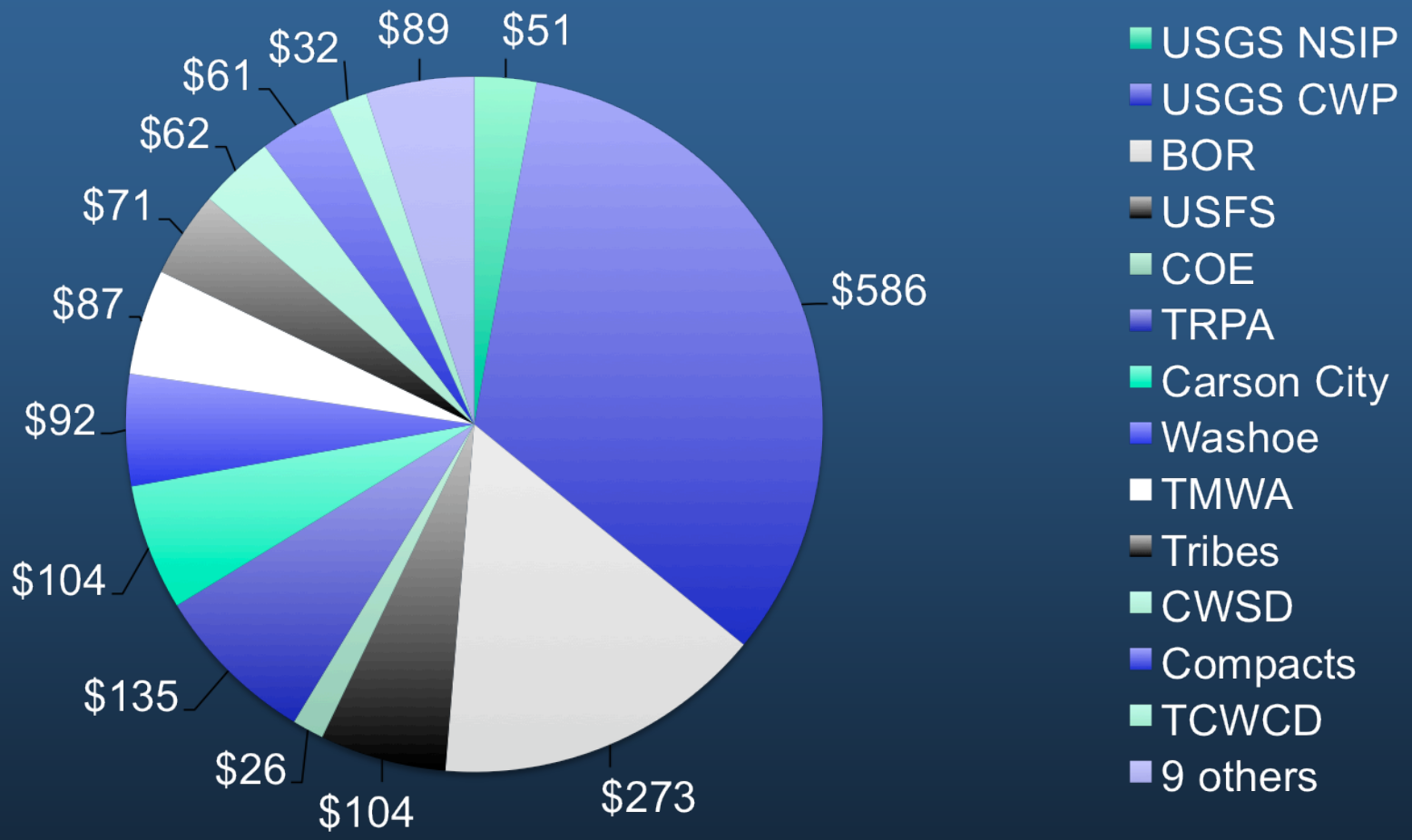
FY 2010 “Three Rivers” Funding

Dollars in Thousands



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