

Water Rights Fees Stakeholder Meeting

Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Webcast and Zoom Meeting Only



NO PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION

Live Webcast [Here](#)

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AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. FY 2022-23 Water Rights Fund (WRF) Review
 - a. Expenditures and Revenue (Attachment 1)
 - b. Program Position Data (Attachment 2)
3. WRF Budget Cost Drivers (Attachment 3)
4. WRF Fund Condition (Attachment 4)
5. WRF Budget Change Proposals:
 - a. [Establishment and Implementation of Instream Flow Objectives in the Scott and Shasta River Watersheds](#)
 - b. [New Groundwater Recharge Permitting Staff](#)
6. Potential Fee Changes
7. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)
8. Open Discussion
9. Next Steps
 - a. June 13 Stakeholder Meeting

**Water Rights Fund
Expenditures and Revenue by Program and Fiscal Year
FY 2022-23
(\$000)**

Program	Expenditures		
	State Operations ¹	Pro Rata	Total ¹
Applications	\$6,158		\$6,158
Cannabis Cultivation Regulation	\$93		\$93
Delta Watermaster	\$686		\$686
FERC 401 Certification Program	\$2,996		\$2,996
Bay-Delta	\$2,017		\$2,017
Lower Klamath Project Water Quality Certification	\$428		\$428
WRF Admin & MISC.	\$15,263	\$1,813	\$17,076
TOTAL	\$27,641	\$1,813	\$29,454

	Expenditures	Revenue
Total	\$29,454	\$30,605

¹ Other State Operations expenditures for CDTFA and Cal EPA are not included.

**Water Rights Fund
Total Positions by Program and Classification
FY 2022-23**

Applications	
Classification	# of PYs
Associate Governmental Program Analyst	2.0
Engineering Geologist	1.0
Environmental Program Manager I (Sup)	1.0
Environmental Scientist	8.4
Senior Engineer	1.0
Senior Environmental Scientist (Spec)	2.0
Senior Environmental Scientist (Sup)	2.8
Senior Water Resources Control Engineer	1.0
Supervising Water Resources Control Engineer	0.9
Water Resources Control Engineer	11.1
Total PYs	31.2

Cannabis Cultivation	
Classification	# of PYs
Office Technician (Typist)	1.0
Total PYs	1.0

Bay-Delta	
Classification	# of PYs
Environmental Scientist	4.0
Senior Environmental Scientist (Spec)	1.0
Senior Environmental Scientist (Sup)	1.0
Senior Water Resources Control Engineer	2.0
Water Resources Control Engineer	4.0
Total PYs	12.0

Lower Klamath Project Water Quality Cert	
Classification	# of PYs
Attorney IV	0.3
Senior Environmental Scientist (Spec)	1.0
Senior Water Resources Control Engineer	1.0
Total PYs	2.3

**Water Rights Fund
Total Positions by Program and Classification
FY 2022-23**

WRF Admin & Misc.	
Classification	# of PYs
Assistant Chief Counsel	0.5
Associate Governmental Program Analyst	3.2
Attorney	1.2
Attorney III	0.4
Attorney IV	2.9
Attorney V	0.6
C.E.A.	0.1
Engineering Geologist	3.0
Environmental Scientist	5.0
Legal Secretary	0.8
Office Technician (General)	1.0
Office Technician (Typist)	2.0
Research Data Specialist	1.0
Sanitary Engineering Associate	1.0
Senior Environmental Scientist (Sup)	2.2
Senior Water Resources Control Engineer	4.0
Staff Services Analyst	3.0
Staff Services Manager I	1.6
Supervising Water Resources Control Engineer	2.0
Water Resources Control Engineer	13.0
Total PYs	48.5

**Water Rights Fund
Budget Cost Drivers
FY 2024-25
(\$000)**

Water Rights Fund (3058)	FY 2023-24 Fee-Setting Budget	FY 2024-25 Governor's January Proposed Fee-Setting Budget	Net Difference	Percent Change
Budget Allocation	\$34,905	\$37,703	\$2,798	8.0%

FY 2024-25 Budget Cost Drivers	Increase Amount	Percent Change
State Operations 1	\$836	2.4%
Pro Rata	(\$2)	0.0%
CDTFA	\$7	0.0%
24-25 Establishment and Implementation of Instream Flow Objectives in the Scott River and Shasta River Watersheds BCP	\$711	2.0%
24-25 Information Security and Privacy Office Staffing BCP	\$39	0.1%
24-25 New Groundwater Recharge Permitting Unit BCP	\$1,207	3.5%
Totals	\$2,798	8.0%

¹ Control Section Item 9800 Employee Compensation, 3.60 Retirement, Healthcare Cost, and Cannabis Continuation BCP.

**Water Rights Fund
Fund Condition (\$000)**

	Prior Year FY 22-23	Current Year Projected FY 23-24	BY No Fee Increase FY 24-25	BY Fee Increase FY 24-25
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$5,040	\$5,888	\$3,147	\$3,147
Prior year adjustments	\$360	\$0	\$0	\$0
Adjusted Beginning Balance	\$5,400	\$5,888	\$3,147	\$3,147
Revenue				
Regulatory Fees ¹	\$30,307	\$30,813	\$32,850	\$35,478
Cannabis Cultivation Regulation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cost Recovery ²	\$29	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
SGMA Fees	\$0	\$750	\$750	\$750
Other Revenue ³	\$368	\$441	\$203	\$203
Adjustments:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$30,704	\$33,004	\$34,803	\$37,431
Expenditures				
Water Board State Operations	\$27,206	\$30,717	\$32,767	\$32,767
Cost Recovery Expenditures ²	\$29	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
SGMA Fees	\$0	\$750	\$750	\$750
Other State Operations ⁴	\$2,981	\$3,278	\$3,186	\$3,186
Total Expenditures	\$30,216	\$35,745	\$37,703	\$37,703
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$488	(\$2,741)	(\$2,900)	(\$272)
ENDING BALANCE	\$5,888	\$3,147	\$247	\$2,875
Fund Reserve	19.5%	9.1%	0.7%	7.8%

¹ Forecasted revenue is based on estimated billing amounts for applications, annual fees for license/permit/pending plus applications and estimated revenue from petitions and one-time applications.

² Ongoing cost recovery for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Consultation.

³ Includes miscellaneous services to the public, Surplus Money Investment Fund (SMIF) & Enforcement, and F&P revenue.

⁴ Includes expenditures for CDTFA, CalEPA, Supplemental Pension and Pro Rata.