

The Agency

State Water Resources Board

Agency Operations

The Rhode Island Water Resources Board is a water supply development and regulatory agency, which promotes the planning, development, and conservation of water supplies to ensure that sufficient water resources are available for present and future generations of Rhode Islanders. The board accomplishes this broad program responsibility through the 39 municipal water supply systems located around the State. The board oversees the planning, coordination, development and allocation of both surface and ground water supplies by the municipal systems to ensure the availability and quality of water. The board may additionally acquire sites, dams, water rights, rights of way, easements and other property for reservoirs, ground water wells, well sites, pumping stations and filtration plants for the treatment and distribution of water as well as construction of water systems.

The board is directed by a General Manager who is appointed by the board to carry out its policy and direction. The board is comprised of 13 members. Six members represent the public and are appointed by the Governor, of which two are affiliated with the public water supply systems; one with the agriculture council; one is a member from the House of Representatives who is appointed by the Speaker; one member is from the Senate who is appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate; the five remaining members are the Director of the Department of Environmental Management, the Director of the Economic Development Corporation, the Director of the Department of Health, the Director of the Department of Administration and the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Water Resources.

Agency Objectives

Promote the planning, development, allocation and conservation of the State's water resources.

Statutory History

The Rhode Island Water Resources Board was established in 1967. Chapter 15 of Title 46 of the Rhode Island General Laws authorizes the organization and functions of the board.

The Budget

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	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Revised	FY 2006 Recommended
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	797,477	766,481	924,695	967,431
Other State Operations	207,725	219,403	255,252	230,696
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	220,414	601,162	47,124	97,112
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$1,225,616	\$1,587,046	\$1,227,071	\$1,295,239
Capital Improvements	727,338	684,694	1,943,524	1,558,211
Capital Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$1,952,954	\$2,271,740	\$3,170,595	\$2,853,450
Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	1,037,286	910,475	1,227,071	1,295,239
Federal Grants	172,500	553,805	500,000	500,000
Restricted Receipts	596,555	605,915	939,134	338,899
Other Funds	146,613	201,545	504,390	719,312
Total Expenditures	\$1,952,954	\$2,271,740	\$3,170,595	\$2,853,450
FTE Authorization	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Agency Measures				
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	-	-	-	-
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	55.5%	55.5%	55.5%	55.5%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	-	-	-	-
Program Measures				
Number of Houses Remaining at the Big River Management Area	44	41	39	38
Emergency Water Connections Established per Year	4	4	4	4
Cummulative Percentage of Draft Water Studies Received	39.0%	55.0%	83.0%	89.0%