

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Budget



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and Transportation

Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor

Agency

Water Resources Board

Agency Mission

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

Agency Description

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 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 brings together key state agencies (Environmental Management, Health, Economic Development Corporation, and the Statewide Planning Program) with water suppliers and the public to coordinate the management of water resources across major interest and regulatory groups. The Board may additionally acquire sites, dams, water rights, rights of way, easements and other property for reservoirs, groundwater wells, well sites, pumping stations and filtration plants for the treatment and distribution of water as well as construction of water systems.

The ten member Board appoints a General Manager who carries out its policy and direction. Five members represent the public and are appointed by the Governor of which two are affiliated with public water supply systems; one appointed by the agriculture council; the four 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.

Statutory History

The Rhode Island Water Resources Board was established in 1967. Chapters 15, 15.2, 15.3, 15.7, and 15.8, of Title 46 and Chapter 20 of Title 37 of the Rhode Island General Laws authorize the organization and functions of the board.

The FY12 Appropriations Act transferred the functions and staff of the Water Resource Board to Statewide Planning within the Department of Administration.

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| | FY 2011 Audited | FY 2012 Audited | FY 2013 Enacted | FY 2013 Revised | FY 2014 Recommend |
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| Expenditures By Program | | | | | |
| State Water Resources Board | 1,335,871 | - | - | - | - |
| Total Expenditures | \$1,335,871 | - | - | - | - |
| Expenditures By Object | | | | | |
| Personnel | 1,102,029 | - | - | - | - |
| Operating Supplies and Expenses | 117,328 | - | - | - | - |
| Assistance and Grants | 89,630 | - | - | - | - |
| Subtotal: Operating Expenditures | 1,308,987 | - | - | - | - |
| Capital Purchases and Equipment | 26,884 | - | - | - | - |
| Total Expenditures | \$1,335,871 | - | - | - | - |
| Expenditures By Funds | | | | | |
| General Revenue | 1,123,928 | - | - | - | - |
| Operating Transfers from Other Funds | 211,943 | - | - | - | - |
| Total Expenditures | \$1,335,871 | - | - | - | - |
| FTE Authorization | 6.0 | | | | |
| Total | 6.0 | | | | |