

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 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, 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.

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 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	981,319	1,385,309	1,185,460	1,261,676	1,188,096
Operating Supplies and Expenses	194,909	164,807	144,598	152,143	134,345
Aid To Local Units Of Government	33,155	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	503,140	42,059	47,944	48,044	48,044
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$1,712,523	\$1,592,175	\$1,378,002	\$1,461,863	\$1,370,485
Capital Purchases and Equipment	80,460	43,491	100,000	119,635	110,000
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$1,792,983	\$1,635,666	\$1,478,002	\$1,581,498	\$1,480,485
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	1,648,213	1,226,089	1,378,002	1,352,046	1,370,485
Federal Funds	64,170	-	-	-	-
Restricted Receipts	-	327,378	-	109,817	-
Other Funds	80,600	82,199	100,000	119,635	110,000
Total Expenditures	\$1,792,983	\$1,635,666	\$1,478,002	\$1,581,498	\$1,480,485
FTE Authorization	9.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Agency Measures					
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	22.2%	22.2%	-	-	-
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	55.6%	55.6%	-	-	50.0%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	-	-	-	-	-
Program Measures					
Number of Houses Remaining at the Big River Management Area	35	35	33	33	31
Emergency Water Connections Established per Year	2	3	1	1	2
Cumulative Percentage of Draft Water Studies Received	86.4%	83.3%	91.6%	91.6%	91.6%