

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 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Enacted	FY 2010 Revised	FY 2011 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	1,385,309	916,743	1,138,096	879,247	1,055,593
Operating Supplies and Expenses	164,807	114,374	144,445	132,445	137,013
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	42,059	102,212	88,244	88,244	125,544
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$1,592,175	\$1,133,329	\$1,370,785	\$1,099,936	\$1,318,150
Capital Purchases and Equipment	43,491	-	103,000	553,978	120,000
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$1,635,666	\$1,133,329	\$1,473,785	\$1,653,914	\$1,438,150
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	1,226,089	999,005	1,370,785	1,099,936	1,318,150
Federal Funds	-	(1,034)	-	-	-
Restricted Receipts	327,378	109,816	-	-	-
Other Funds	82,199	25,542	103,000	553,978	120,000
Total Expenditures	\$1,635,666	\$1,133,329	\$1,473,785	\$1,653,914	\$1,438,150
FTE Authorization	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Agency Measures					
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	11.0%	-	-	-	-
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	55.6%	44.0%	33.0%	33.0%	33.0%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	-	-	-	-	-
Program Measures					
Number of Houses Remaining at the Big River Management Area	32	30	29	29	29
Emergency Water Connections Established per Year	4	2	1	1	1