

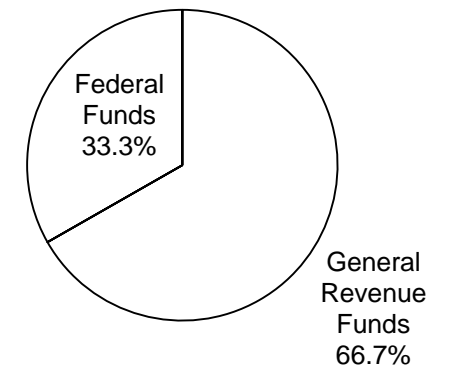
**Soil and Water Conservation Board
Summary of Recommendations - Senate**

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RECOMMENDED FUNDING
BY METHOD OF FINANCING

Method of Financing	2010-11 Appropriations	2010-11 Base	2012-13 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change
General Revenue Funds	\$45,086,670	\$42,832,336	\$24,085,693	(\$18,746,643)	(43.8%)
GR Dedicated Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
<i>Total GR-Related Funds</i>	<i>\$45,086,670</i>	<i>\$42,832,336</i>	<i>\$24,085,693</i>	<i>(\$18,746,643)</i>	<i>(43.8%)</i>
Federal Funds	\$12,119,500	\$12,744,500	\$12,000,000	(\$744,500)	(5.8%)
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
All Funds	\$57,206,170	\$55,576,836	\$36,085,693	(\$19,491,143)	(35.1%)



	FY 2011 Appropriations	FY 2011 Budgeted	FY 2013 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change
FTEs	73.5	73.5	70.1	(3.4)	(4.6%)

The bill pattern for this agency (2012-13 Recommended) represents an estimated 100% of the agency's estimated total available funds for the 2012-13 biennium.

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2012-2013 BIENNIUM

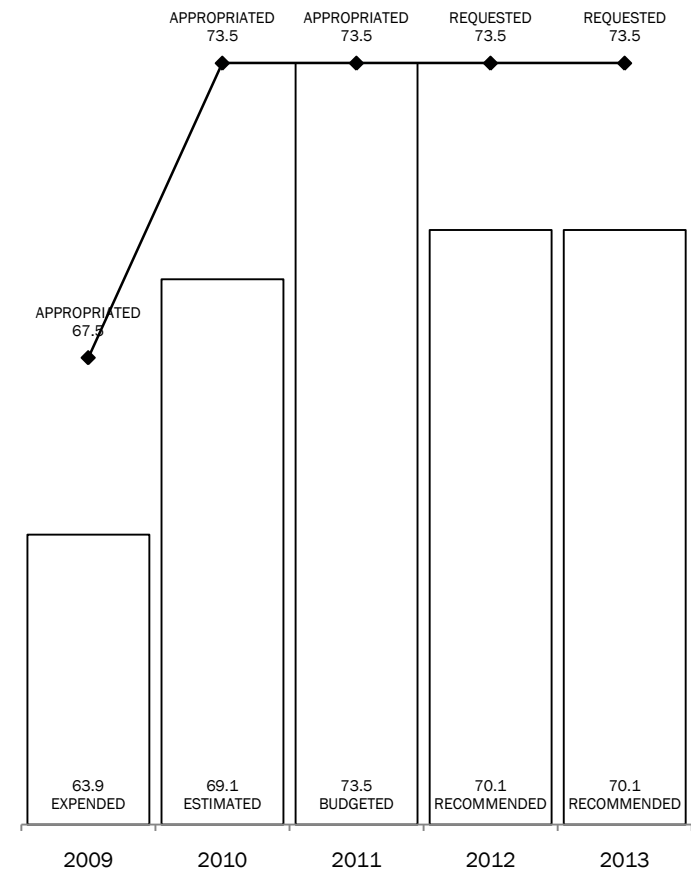
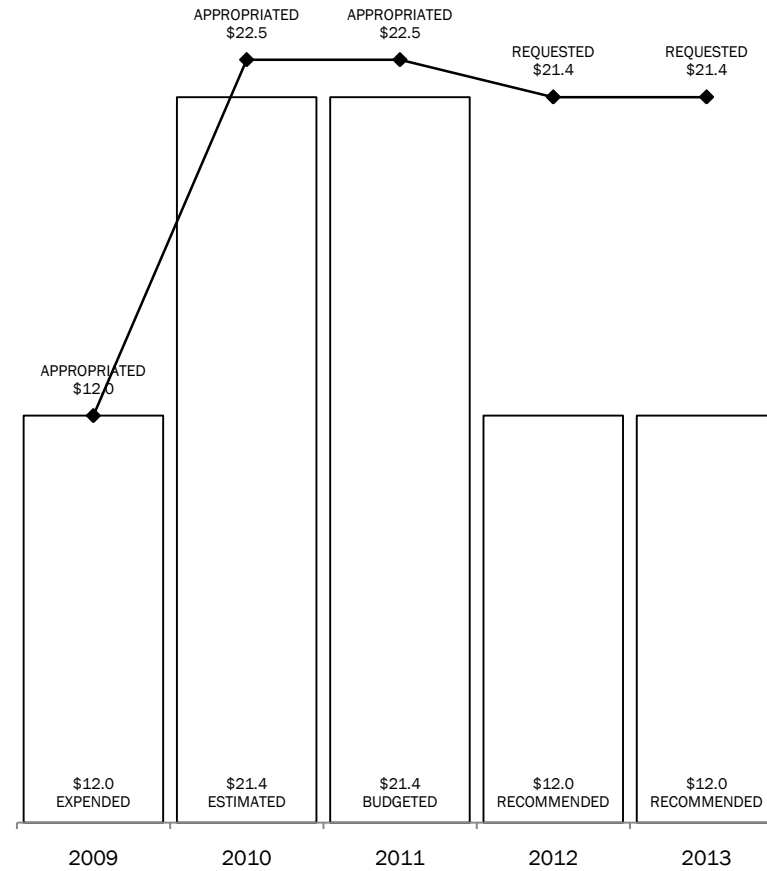
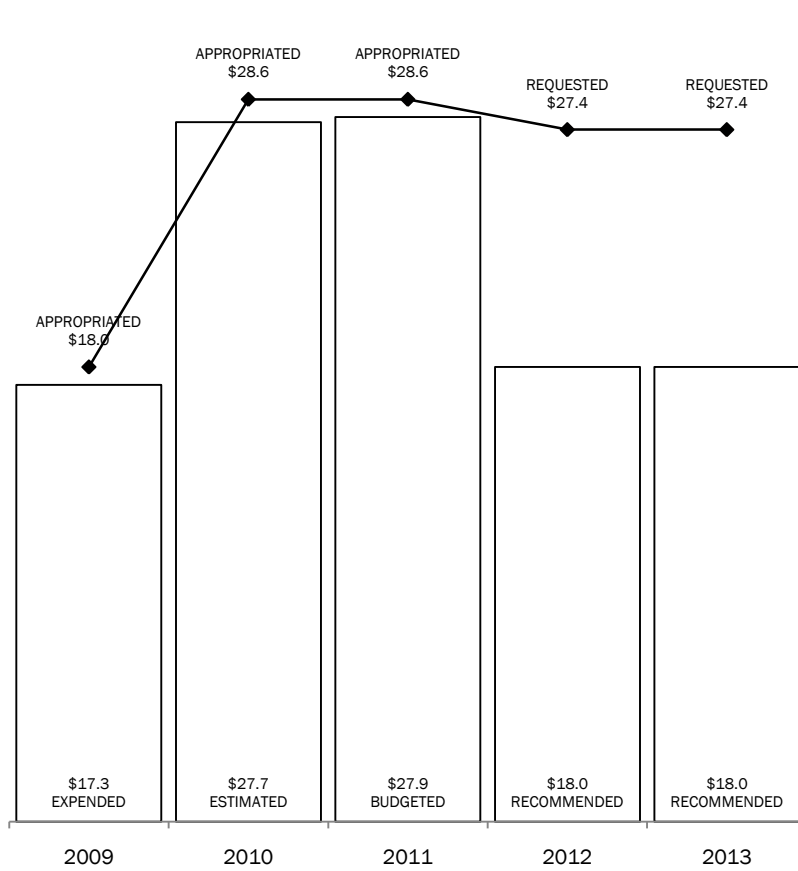
IN MILLIONS

TOTAL= \$36.0 MILLION

ALL FUNDS

**GENERAL REVENUE AND
GENERAL REVENUE-DEDICATED FUNDS**

FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT POSITIONS



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Summary of Recommendations - Senate, By Method of Finance -- ALL FUNDS

Strategy/Goal	2010-11 Base	2012-13 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change	Comments (Optional)
PROGRAM MANAGEMENT & ASSISTANCE A.1.1	\$22,279,373	\$7,845,325	(\$14,434,048)	(64.8%)	The Introduced Bill includes decreases of \$14,130,917 in General Revenue Funds related primarily to funding for the Flood Control Dam Grant Program (see Summary of Recommendations for General Revenue Funds) and a \$303,131 decrease in Federal Funds related to the Environmental Quality Incentives Program.
Total, Goal A, SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION ASSIST.	\$22,279,373	\$7,845,325	(\$14,434,048)	(64.8%)	
STATEWIDE MANAGEMENT PLAN B.1.1	\$14,648,705	\$14,594,692	(\$54,013)	(0.4%)	The Introduced Bill includes a decrease of \$54,013 in Federal Funds related to the Nonpoint Source Implementation Grants.
POLLUTION ABATEMENT PLAN B.1.2	\$8,695,626	\$8,135,942	(\$559,684)	(6.4%)	The Introduced Bill includes a decrease of \$173,815 in General Revenue Funds (see Summary of Recommendations for General Revenue Funds).
Total, Goal B, NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION ABATEMENT	\$23,344,331	\$22,730,634	(\$613,697)	(2.6%)	
WATER CONSERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT C.1.1	\$8,541,650	\$4,270,826	(\$4,270,824)	(50.0%)	The Introduced Bill includes a decrease of \$4,270,824 in General Revenue Funds due to a 50 percent funding reduction of the Water Supply Enhancement Program.
Total, Goal C, WATER SUPPLY ENHANCEMENT	\$8,541,650	\$4,270,826	(\$4,270,824)	(50.0%)	
INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION D.1.1	\$1,411,482	\$1,238,908	(\$172,574)	(12.2%)	The Introduced Bill includes decreases of \$171,087 in General Revenue Funds (see Summary of Recommendations for General Revenue Funds), \$1,487 in Federal Funds related to the Nonpoint Source Implementation Grants, and a proportional reduction in the FTE cap of 0.9 FTEs.
Total, Goal D, INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$1,411,482	\$1,238,908	(\$172,574)	(12.2%)	
Grand Total, All Strategies	\$55,576,836	\$36,085,693	(\$19,491,143)	(35.1%)	

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Summary of Recommendations - Senate, By Method of Finance -- 1 - General Revenue Fund

Strategy/Goal	2010-11 Base	2012-13 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change	Comments (Optional)
PROGRAM MANAGEMENT & ASSISTANCE A.1.1	\$21,976,242	\$7,845,325	(\$14,130,917)	(64.3%)	The Introduced Bill includes decreases of \$677,200 in the Conservation Implementation Assistance Grant Program \$16,003 in the Soil and Water Conservation Public Education and Information Program; \$13,414,960 for the discontinuation of the Flood Control Dam Grant Program; and a reallocation of \$22,754 in funds between strategies in alignment with the agency's request.
Total, Goal A, SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION ASSIST.	\$21,976,242	\$7,845,325	(\$14,130,917)	(64.3%)	
STATEWIDE MANAGEMENT PLAN B.1.1	\$2,594,692	\$2,594,692	\$0	0.0%	The Introduced Bill includes 5 percent reduction and equal agency baseline funding request.
POLLUTION ABATEMENT PLAN B.1.2	\$8,309,757	\$8,135,942	(\$173,815)	(2.1%)	The Introduced Bill includes an increase of \$56,185 for a reallocation among strategies in alignment with the agency's request, and a decrease of \$230,000 related to the recommended elimination of grants in the Poultry Water Quality Management Plan Program.
Total, Goal B, NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION ABATEMENT	\$10,904,449	\$10,730,634	(\$173,815)	(1.6%)	
WATER CONSERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT C.1.1	\$8,541,650	\$4,270,826	(\$4,270,824)	(50.0%)	The Introduced Bill includes a decrease of \$4,270,824 for a 50 percent reduction of the Water Supply Enhancement Program.
Total, Goal C, WATER SUPPLY ENHANCEMENT	\$8,541,650	\$4,270,826	(\$4,270,824)	(50.0%)	
INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION D.1.1	\$1,409,995	\$1,238,908	(\$171,087)	(12.1%)	The Introduced Bill includes decreases of \$33,431 for a reallocation among the strategies in alignment with the agencies request, and \$137,656 for a 10 percent reduction in agency administrative costs.
Total, Goal D, INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$1,409,995	\$1,238,908	(\$171,087)	(12.1%)	
Grand Total, All Strategies	\$42,832,336	\$24,085,693	(\$18,746,643)	(43.8%)	

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Soil and Water Conservation Board Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues

Funding levels in the Introduced Bill begin with the agency's 2010-11 estimated and budgeted amounts and incorporate the following adjustments:

1. Decrease General Revenue by \$18,746,643, which includes:
 - a. A decrease of \$693,203 related to reducing the funding to 2008-09 levels in the Conservation Implementation Assistance Grant Program (\$677,200) and the Soil and Water Conservation Public Education and Information Program (\$16,003);
 - b. Zero-funding grants for the Poultry Water Quality Management Plan Program (\$230,000) for the 2012-13 biennium;
 - c. Zero-funding the Flood Control Dam Grant Program (\$13,414,960) for the 2012-13 biennium;
 - d. A 50 percent reduction in funding for the Water Supply Enhancement Program, also known as the Texas Brush Control Program (\$4,270,824) for the 2012-13 biennium; and
 - e. A 10 percent reduction in agency administrative costs (\$137,656).
2. Decrease Federal Funds by \$744,500 in alignment with the agency's estimate, which includes a decrease of \$689,000 in the USDA Environmental Quality Incentives Program and \$55,500 in EPA Nonpoint Source Implementation Grants.
3. Decrease the agency's Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) cap by 3.4, including 2.5 FTEs due to the reduction of funding for the Water Supply Enhancement Program and 0.9 FTEs due to the proportional reduction for Indirect Administration.

Additional comments / rationale

The Introduced Bill zero-funds the Flood Control Dam Grant Program for the 2012-13 biennium, delaying program funding until a future biennium. This program was first funded in the 2010-11 biennium to address repair and operation and maintenance costs for more than 2,000 flood control dams throughout the state. The agency has been able to address approximately 14 percent of the most critical need repairs and approximately 42 percent of the operations and maintenance costs. The rationale for delaying the funding for this program is that the most critical dams are to be repaired in the 2010-11 biennium.

**Summary of Reductions in GR:
Recommended Program Reductions for 2012-13 Biennium**

Programs	Strategy	2010-11 Base	2012-13 Recommended Funding	Difference	Rationale
Conservation Implementation Assistance Grant Program	A.1.1	\$ 3,556,308	\$ 2,879,108	\$ (677,200)	Reduce to 2008-09 levels.
Conservation Assistance (Matching Funds) Grant Program	A.1.1	\$ 1,832,728	\$ 1,832,728	\$ -	Fund at 2010-11 levels.
Field Representative Function	A.1.1	\$ 2,108,026	\$ 2,085,272	\$ (22,754)	Reduce funding by amounts identified in agency baseline request.
Soil and Water Conservation District Mileage and Per Diem Reimbursement Program	A.1.1	\$ 869,020	\$ 869,020	\$ -	Fund at 2010-11 levels.
Soil and Water Conservation Public Education and Information Program	A.1.1	\$ 78,000	\$ 61,997	\$ (16,003)	Reduce to 2008-09 levels.
Soil and Water Conservation District Legal Fees and Liability Insurance	A.1.1	\$ 117,200	\$ 117,200	\$ -	Fund at 2010-11 levels.
Flood Control Dam Grant Program	A.1.1	\$ 13,414,960	\$ -	\$ (13,414,960)	Delay program funding until future biennia.
Nonpoint Source Grant Program	B.1.1	\$ 2,594,692	\$ 2,594,692	\$ -	Fund at 2010-11 levels.
Poultry Water Quality Management Plan Program	B.1.2	\$ 1,121,936	\$ 813,636	\$ (308,300)	Zero fund grants for the Poultry Water Quality Management Plan Program (\$230,000) and reduce funding by \$78,300.
Water Quality Management Plan Program	B.1.2	\$ 7,187,821	\$ 7,322,306	\$ 134,485	Reallocate funding among strategies per agency's baseline request.
Water Supply Enhancement Program	C.1.1	\$ 8,541,650	\$ 4,270,826	\$ (4,270,824)	Reduced funding by 50 percent for the Water Supply Enhancement Program (includes reduction of 2.5 FTEs).
Indirect Administration	D.1.1	\$ 1,409,995	\$ 1,238,908	\$ (171,087)	Reduce Indirect Administration by 10 percent (\$137,656) (includes reduction of 0.9 FTEs) and by amounts identified in agency's baseline request (\$33,431).
Total Reductions to GR		\$ 42,832,336	\$ 24,085,693	\$ (18,746,643)	

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**Soil and Water Conservation Board
FTE Highlights**

Full-Time-Equivalent Positions	Expended 2009	Actual 2010	Budgeted 2011	Recommended 2012	Recommended 2013
Cap	67.5	73.5	73.5	70.1	70.1
Actual/Budgeted	63.5	69.1	73.5	NA	NA
<p>Recommendations include a decrease in the agency's Full-Time-Equivalent cap of 2.5 FTEs related to reduced funding for the Water Supply Enhancement Program and 0.9 FTEs for a proportional reduction for Indirect Administration.</p>					
Schedule of Exempt Positions (Cap)					
Executive Director, Group 3	\$90,000	\$92,600	\$92,600	\$92,600	\$92,600

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**Soil and Water Conservation Board
Performance Measure Highlights**

	Expended 2009	Actual 2010	Budgeted 2011	Recommended 2012	Recommended 2013
• <i>Number of Acres of Brush Treated</i>	30,995	21,347	46,276	23,138	23,138
<i>Measure Explanation: The baseline bill includes a 50 percent reduction in funding for the Water Supply Enhancement Program for the 2012-13 biennium.</i>					

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Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSWCB)
Performance Review and Policy Report Highlights

Reports & Recommendations	GEER Report Page	Savings/ (Cost)	Gain/ (Loss)	Fund Type	Is included in the Introduced Bill	Action Required During Session
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NO RELATED RECOMMENDATIONS

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Soil and Water Conservation Board Rider Highlights

2. **Capital Budget.** The introduced bill deletes this rider in alignment with recommendation to provide no new capital budget authority.
7. new **Sunset Contingency.** The agency underwent sunset review during the 2010-11 Biennium and is scheduled to expire unless legislation continuing the agency is adopted by the 82nd Legislature.
8. **Appropriation: Flood Control Dam Operation, Maintenance, and Structural Repair.** This rider is deleted in alignment with the recommendation to not fund this program.
9. **Contingency for House Bill 865.** This rider is deleted because it is no longer relevant – the legislation was enacted by the Eighty-first Legislature.

Soil and Water Conservation Board
Items not Included in the Recommendations - Senate

1. Restore funding reductions related to the Flood Control Operation, Maintenance, and Structural Repair Program. Include a rider providing unexpended balance authority within the biennium for the Flood Control Operation, Maintenance, and Structural Repair Program.

2012-13 Biennial Total			
GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds		
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Total, Items not Included in Recommendations