Soil and Water Conservation Board Summary of Recommendations - Senate

Page VI-59 Rex Isom, Executive Director

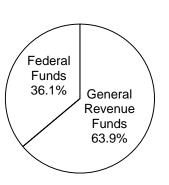
Michael Wales, LBB Analyst

| | 2014-15 | 2016-17 | Biennial | % |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|----------|
| Method of Financing | Base | Recommended | Change | Change |
| General Revenue Funds | \$40,674,894 | \$40,739,614 | \$64,720 | 0.2% |
| GR Dedicated Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.0% |
| Total GR-Related Funds | \$40,674,894 | \$40,739,614 | \$64,720 | 0.2% |
| Federal Funds | \$14,701,853 | \$23,023,725 | \$8,321,872 | 56.6% |
| Other | \$15,365 | \$0 | (\$15,365) | (100.0%) |
| All Funds | \$55,392,112 | \$63,763,339 | \$8,371,227 | 15.1% |

| | FY 2015 | FY 2017 | Biennial | % |
|------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| | Budgeted | Recommended | Change | Change |
| FTEs | 72.1 | 72.1 | | 0.0 0.0% |

The bill pattern for this agency (2016-17 Recommended) represents an estimated 100% of the agency's estimated total available funds for the 2016-17 biennium.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING BY METHOD OF FINANCING



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2016-2017 BIENNIUM

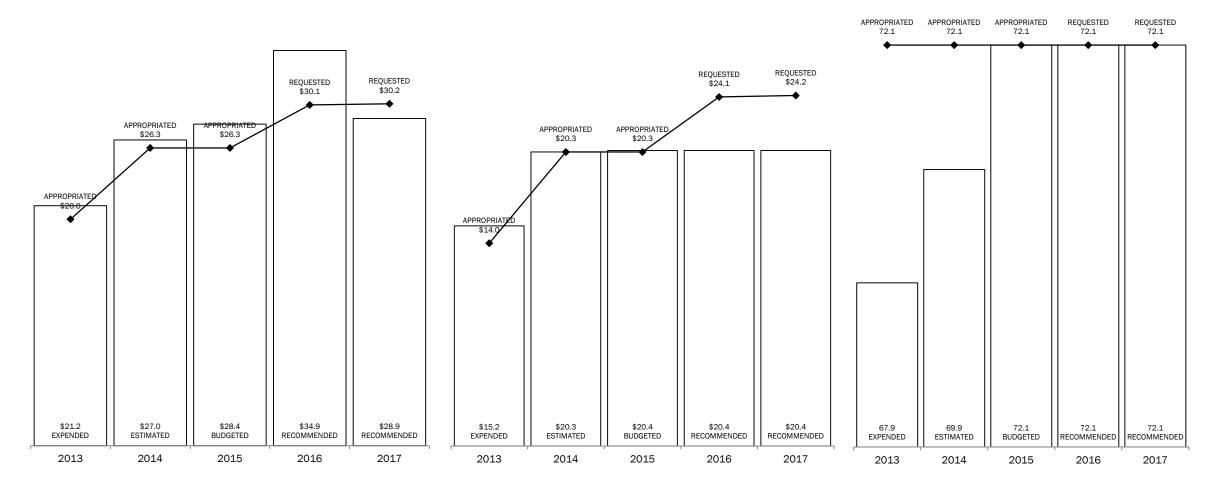
TOTAL=

\$63.8 MILLION

IN MILLIONS

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 | 2014-15 Base | 2016-17 Recommended | Biennial Change | % Change | Comments (Optional) |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---|
| On diogy/ Cour | Busc | Recommended | Onlange | Onlange | Comments (Optional) |
| PROGRAM MANAGEMENT & ASSISTANCE A.1.1 | \$10,223,642 | \$9,745,524 | (\$478,118) | , , | The decrease is predominately due to a federal grant in FY 2014 associated with nonpoint source pollution abatement not available in 2016-17, partially offset by the annualization of salary increases. |
| FLOOD CONTROL DAMS A.2.1 | \$16,806,230 | \$25,832,585 | \$9,026,355 | : | An additional \$13.0 million in federal funding was made available in September of 2014. The agency reports \$2.0 million will be spent in FY 2015 and the remaining \$11.0 million will be available in 2016-17, accounting for the increase of \$9.0 million. |
| Total, Goal A, SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION ASSIST. | \$27,029,872 | \$35,578,109 | \$8,548,237 | 31.6% | |
| STATEWIDE MANAGEMENT PLAN B.1.1 | \$14,594,692 | \$14,594,692 | \$0 | 0.0% | |
| POLLUTION ABATEMENT PLAN B.1.2 | \$8,201,252 | \$8,014,242 | (\$187,010) | . , | The decrease is predominately due to a federal grant in FY 2014 associated with nonpoint source pollution abatement not available in 2016-17, partially offset by the annualization of salary increases. |
| Total, Goal B, NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION ABATEMENT | \$22,795,944 | \$22,608,934 | (\$187,010) | (0.8%) | |
| WATER CONSERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT C.1.1 Total, Goal C, WATER SUPPLY ENHANCEMENT | \$4,276,826 \$4,276,826 | \$4,276,826 \$4,276,826 | \$0 \$0 | 0.0% 0.0% | |
| INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION D.1.1 Total, Goal D, INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION | \$1,289,470 \$1,289,470 | \$1,299,470 \$1,299,470 | \$10,000 \$10,000 | 0.8% 0.8% | |
| Grand Total, All Strategies | \$55,392,112 | \$63,763,339 | \$8,371,227 | 15.1% | |

Soil and Water Conservation Board Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues – Senate

1. **Federal Funds.** Recommendations include an additional \$13,023,725 in federal funds in fiscal years 2015 (\$2,000,000), 2016 (\$8,500,000), and 2017 (\$2,523,725) from the US Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for flood control dams. This funding was not included in the agency's request because it became available after the agency submitted its LAR. The agency will enter into contracts with local Soil and Water Conservation Districts and then request and draw down the federal funds as needed for the agreements. NRCS made these funds available around September 1, 2014 as it closed out the federal fiscal year, and Texas could receive more funds before the end of September. The funds were part of \$250,000,000 in the 2014 Farm Bill, and NRCS chose to accelerate the distribution of funds to states with agencies dedicated to soil and water conservation as the end of the federal fiscal year approached. There is no expectation that funding will be available from this source in the future.

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| | Savings/ | Gain/ | Fund | Included | |
|---------------------------|----------|--------|------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Reports & Recommendations | (Cost) | (Loss) | Туре | in Introduced Bill | Action Required During Session |

NO RELATED RECOMMENDATIONS

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Soil and Water Conservation Board Rider Highlights – Senate

- 2. Capital Budget. Recommendations add capital budget rider to itemize desktop and laptop computer replacement.
- 10. **Sunset Contingency.** Recommendations add a contingency rider. The agency is under limited scope review to follow up on full Sunset review conducted in 2011.

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

| | | 2016-17 Bienniai Totai | | |
|--|-----------|------------------------|----|-----------|
| | | GR & GR- | | _ |
| | Dedicated | | | All Funds |
| Agency Exceptional Items | | | | |
| Statewide Soil and Water Conservation Implementation: Request for General Revenue to fully fund operational expenses for local Soil and Water Conservation Districts across the state. | \$ | 7,579,997 | \$ | 7,579,997 |
| Total, Items Not Included in the Recommendations | \$ | 7,579,997 | \$ | 7,579,997 |

Soil and Water Conservation Board Summary of 10 Percent Biennial Base Reduction Options - Senate

Biennial Reduction Amounts

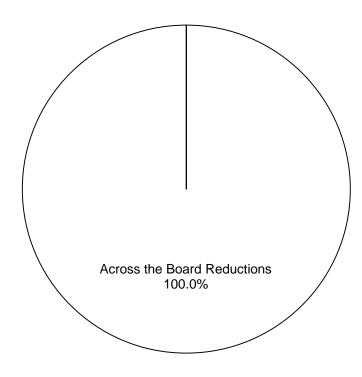
| Priority | Item | Description/Impact | GR and GR- | All Funds | FTEs | Potential | Reduction as | Included in |
|----------|--|--|-------------|-------------|------|-----------|---------------|-------------|
| | | | Dedicated | | | Revenue | % of Program | Intro Bill? |
| | | | | | | Loss | GR/GR-D Total | |
| 1 | Across the board reduction to Programs | The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board is a small state agency with | \$4,054,545 | \$4,054,545 | | \$0 | 10% | No |
| | | approximately 3 percent of the annual operating budget expended for Indirect | | | | | | |
| | | Administration. Over 80 percent of the annual operating budget is expended on | | | | | | |
| | | agency program grants and grants to soil and water conservation districts. | | | | | | |
| | | Reductions include an approximate 16 percent across the board reduction to | | | | | | |
| | | program grants and associated travel related costs. | | | | | | |

TOTAL, 10% Reduction Options \$4,054,545 \$4,054,545 \$0

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Agency 10% Reduction Options by Category of Reduction



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