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MEMORANDUM

To: Natural Resource Subcommittee
From: Susie Jordan, Legislative Fiscal Office; 503-986-1835
Date: March 20, 2013
Re: Senate Bill 5547, Department of Land Conservation and Development, March 25-28, 2013 in Hearing Room 170 at 1:00 PM.

The Water Resources Department administers laws governing surface and groundwater resources. The department processes transfers of water rights, permits, certificates, and water rights applications, administers hydroelectric relicensing, inspects construction and maintenance of wells and dams, provides technical information and analysis on surface water and groundwater availability, adjudicates pre-1909 and federal reserved water rights, and negotiates Native American reserved water rights.

WRD's budget is supported by General Fund, Lottery Funds, Other Funds, and Federal Funds. General Fund supports 52% of the agency's operating programs. Lottery Funds are used to pay debt service on Lottery revenue bonds. The other major source of revenue for the Department operating costs is Other Funds revenue from fees and charges for services, which is 41% of the revenue not including bond proceeds.

Emergency Board Actions: There were no significant emergency board actions during the interim for WRD.

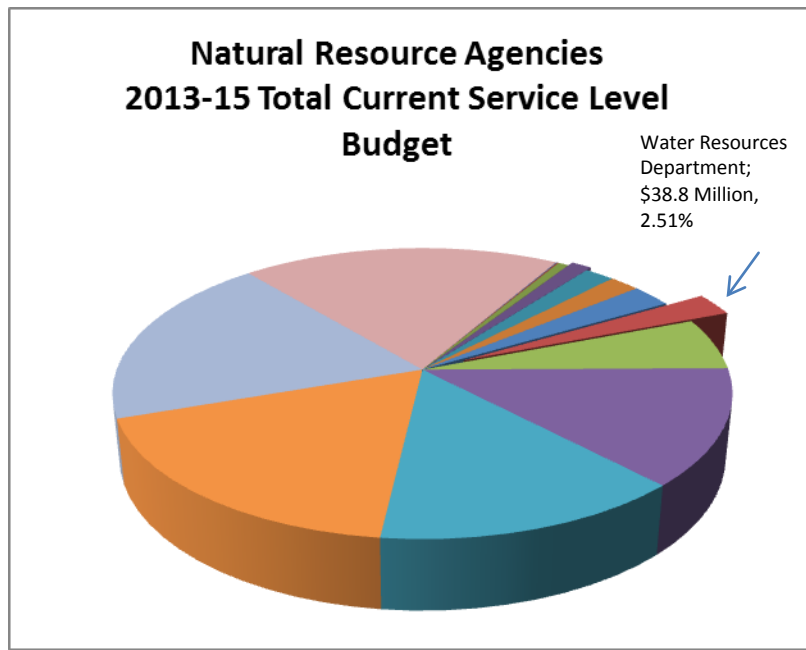
Budget Notes: There were no budget notes included in WRD's budget bill:
HB 5048, Chapter 627 Oregon Laws 2011

The last **audit** performed by the Secretary of State was in February 2005 and can be reviewed at the following web link: http://www.sos.state.or.us/audits/pages/state_audits/agency/water.html

LFO agency budget review (separate document under the OLIS supporting documents tab)

Included under the OLIS supporting documents tab you will also find the agency presentation and appendices, DAS presentation, and the 2013-15 Governor's Budget document.

WRD Relative Size compared to other Natural Resource Agencies:



Agency	CSL Total Budget	Percent of NR CSL	Agency	CSL Total Budget	Percent of CSL
Columbia River Gorge Commission	\$0.9	0.06%	Water Resources Department	\$38.8	2.51%
Land Use Board of Appeals	\$1.5	0.10%	Agriculture, Department of	\$88.8	5.76%
Geology & Mineral Industries, Dept. of	\$9.9	0.64%	Parks & Recreation Department	\$200.6	13.00%
Land Conservation & Development, Dept. of	\$19.5	1.26%	Energy, Department of	\$216.1	14.01%
Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board	\$28.1	1.82%	Fish & Wildlife, Department of	\$275.1	17.83%
Marine Board	\$28.7	1.86%	Forestry, Department of	\$296.8	19.24%
State Lands, Department of	\$38.6	2.50%	Environmental Quality, Department of	\$299.7	19.42%