

Geology & Mineral Industries, Dept of

	2011-13 Actuals	2013-15 Leg. Approved	2015-17 CSL LFO	2015-17 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	2,464,702	2,582,015	2,814,992	2,860,141
Other Funds	9,009,907	7,955,725	4,945,009	4,400,088
Federal Funds	3,894,652	4,429,263	2,354,365	1,429,502
Total Funds	15,369,261	14,967,003	10,114,366	8,689,731
Positions	53	50	39	45
FTE	48.59	49.20	38.16	22.08

*Includes Emergency Board and administrative actions through December 2014

Program Description

The Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) is the state's primary source of geoscientific information. DOGAMI has two program areas The Geologic Survey and Services Program and the Mineral Land Regulation and Reclamation Program.

The Geologic Survey and Services Program gathers geoscientific data and maps mineral resources and hazards. Geographic areas needing tsunami hazard mapping, landslide hazard studies, flooding hazard studies, and earthquake risk mapping have been prioritized by the agency. The information is shared with state and local policy-makers for land use planning, facility siting, building code and zoning changes, and emergency planning. The Geologic Survey program also provides publication, outreach, and library functions and the agency's administrative functions such as budgeting, accounting, and human resource services.

The Mineral Land Regulation and Reclamation Program is responsible for regulating the exploration, extraction, production, and reclamation of mineral and energy resources for the purposes of conservation and second beneficial uses of mined lands. The Mineral Land Regulation and Reclamation Program regulates oil, natural gas, geothermal exploration and extraction, and receives no General Fund or Lottery Funds support.

CSL Summary and Issues

The 2015-17 Current Service Level (CSL) is a 9.0% General Fund increase, but a 32.4% total funds reduction from the 2013-15 legislatively approved spending level at December 2014. This overall reduction to Other Funds and Federal Funds is caused by the removal of one-time funding approved for the Department's hazards assessment programs and map collection using LIDAR,

including the limited duration positions associated with those programs. Additional adjustments to the CSL include personal service costs, inflation, rate increases for the Attorney General and state government service charges which largely make up the General Fund increase.

Policy Issues

The Geologic Survey and Services Program is funded by General, Other, and Federal Funds. Federal and Other Funds are largely from cooperative agreements and for services on reimbursable projects. Historically 10-15% of the Department's Federal Fund monies are for grants that require matching General Fund dollars. The Department has experienced an increase in Federal and Other Funds revenue due to partners in the LIDAR consortium paying for collection of map data using LIDAR services contracted by the Department. Most of the revenue is passed through to the contractor for the data collection.

The Mineral Land Regulation and Reclamation Program is financed primarily from Other Funds derived from aggregate mine, oil and gas, and geothermal permit and production fees.

Other Significant Issues and Background

The level of General Fund resources available to the agency has diminished over time, limiting the Department's ability to provide state support match for other revenue sources, such as federal grants. The agency has been able to utilize Other Fund and Federal Fund revenues to accomplish much of its work to-date; however the source of the funding often determines what projects are done, rather than pursuing projects of the highest priority to the state.

Co-Chairs' Budget Framework Discussion

The Co-Chair working budget did not provide specific detail on the agency budget; however the Co-Chairs did express their intent to provide the agency with a standard two-year budget and to provide additional General Fund support to backfill revenue shortfalls. The Co-Chairs also noted that continued funding of LIDAR mapping projects is an additional issue to be addressed.