

X. Environmental Spending Comparisons

*“a comparison of the amounts
spent by the state for
environment and natural
resources activities through the
most recent fiscal year; and”*

A

Fiscal Review

of the

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ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

Changes enacted by the 2006 Legislature increased appropriations in the Environment and Agriculture budget area by \$21.9 million for the 2006-2007 biennium. Of that amount, \$17.0 million was appropriated from the General Fund, including \$14.9 million for the Clean Water Legacy Act, and \$4.1 million was appropriated from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Forecast changes accounted for an additional \$46.8 million in increased statutory appropriations and carry-forwards across all funds, most of which reflects increases for the Pollution Control Agency from the Remediation Fund. After accounting for forecast changes and 2006 appropriations, total spending for the Environment and Agriculture budget area increased by about 5.9 percent for the 2006-2007 biennium, from \$1.148 billion to \$1.216 billion.

Table 1		
Environment and Agriculture Changes--All Funds		
2006 Legislative Session		
(dollars in thousands)		
	FY 2006-2007	FY 2008-2009
General Fund		
<u>Department of Agriculture</u>		
Clean Water Legacy	2,400	
Invasive Species Staffing	248	260
Second Harvest Milk program grants	200	400
Containment Facilities Operations	190	380
Livestock/Crop Compensation	93	106
Marketing Renewable/Bio-Energy	75	150
Aviary Oversight Reduction	(42)	(42)
<u>Board of Animal Health</u>		
Bovine Tuberculosis Prevention	685	
<u>Board of Water & Soil Resources</u>		
Clean Water Legacy	5,840	
<u>Department of Natural Resources</u>		
Clean Water Legacy	1,630	
Bovine Tuberculosis Prevention	274	
Invasive Species Prevention	550	1,100
MN Shooting Sports Education Center	100	200
Tower Soudan Mine Grant Cancellation	(250)	
<u>Pollution Control Agency</u>		
Clean Water Legacy	5,030	
Total General Fund Changes	17,023	2,554
Environment & Natural Resources Trust Fund		
<u>Legislative-Citizen Commission on MN Resources</u>		
Strategic Plan Development	300	
Clean Water Legacy - Riparian Land Acquisition	640	
Forest Legacy	500	

Table 1 continued	FY 2006-2007	FY 2008-2009
Reinstatement of Vetoed Projects	2,107	
LCCMR Administration	550	
Total Environ. & Nat. Resources Trust Fund Changes	4,097	
Natural Resources Fund		
<u>Department of Natural Resources</u>		
Horse Trails Maintenance/Pass*	200	628
Corp of Engineers/Other Campground Ops.	400	
Canoe Routes Signage	130	
Land Appraisal Reimbursement*		90
Total Natural Resources Fund Changes	730	718
Special Revenue Fund		
<u>Department of Natural Resources</u>		
Forest Management Services	35	70
Total Special Revenue Fund Changes	35	70
Agricultural Fund		
<u>Department of Agriculture</u>		
Aviary Oversight Reduction	8	16
Total Agricultural Fund Changes	8	16
TOTAL CHANGES – ALL FUNDS	21,893	3,358

* Statutory appropriation, spending amounts equal to amounts collected from fees.

Clean Water Legacy Act

In Chapter 251, the Legislature enacted the “Clean Water Legacy Act” to provide for the protection, restoration, and preservation of the quality of Minnesota’s surface waters. The act establishes procedures and programs for the identification and cleanup of impaired waters in the state. The act uses the framework of the federal Clean Water Act for identifying impaired waters and developing total maximum daily load (TMDL) plans for the impaired waters. The act also establishes a 23-member Clean Water Council to work with the Pollution Control Agency and other entities in administering the act.

The 2006 Legislature appropriated just under \$25 million for Clean Water Legacy purposes. Of this amount, \$15 million is from the General Fund (including \$100,000 to the Public

Facilities Authority) in Chapter 282, article 10; \$9.31 million is appropriated to the Public Facilities Authority from bond proceeds in Chapter 258; and \$640,000 is from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund in Chapter 243.

Department of Agriculture

In Chapter 282, article 9, the Legislature appropriated \$806,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture for invasive species staffing (\$248,000); livestock and crop compensation (\$93,000); containment facility operations (\$190,000); Second Harvest milk grant (\$200,000); and renewable energy information (\$75,000). In Chapter 282, article 10, the Legislature appropriated \$2.4 million from the General Fund to the department for the Clean Water Legacy Act.

Board of Animal Health

In Chapter 282, article 9, the Legislature appropriated \$685,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Animal Health for bovine tuberculosis prevention.

Department of Natural Resources

In Chapter 282, article 9, the Legislature appropriated \$1.5 million to the Department of Natural Resources. Of this amount, \$924,000 was from the General Fund for bovine tuberculosis prevention (\$220,000); invasive species control (\$550,000); the Minnesota Shooting Sports Education Center (\$100,000); and emergency deterrent materials assistance (\$54,000). The remaining \$530,000 was from the Natural Resources Fund for canoe route development (\$130,000) and federal recreation area operation (\$400,000). In Chapter 282, article 10, the Legislature appropriated just over \$1.6 million from the General Fund to the Department for the Clean Water Legacy Act.

Pollution Control Agency

In Chapter 282, article 10, the Legislature appropriated just over \$5 million from the General Fund to the Pollution Control Agency for the Clean Water Legacy Act.

Board of Water and Soil Resources

In Chapter 282, article 10, the Legislature appropriated just over \$5.8 million from the General Fund to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for the Clean Water Legacy Act.

Minnesota Resources

In Chapter 243, the Legislature enacted the recommendations from a legislatively mandated advisory task force that met during the 2005-2006 interim to recommend changes in the structure and organization of the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCMR). The law creates the new Legislative-Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) to replace the LCMR. The principal changes include the addition of nonlegislative citizens to the commission and clarifying the use and importance of the strategic plan in making recommendations for appropriations from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. The new commission will sunset on June 30, 2016. In Chapter 243, the Legislature also appropriated just over \$4.1 million from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. This is the amount that was vetoed by the Governor in 2005.

Agency/Fund	FY 2006-07 Enacted 2005 Session	Forecast Change	FY 2006-07 Feb-06 Forecast	2006 Session Legislative Change	FY 2006-07 Enacted 2006 Session
Department of Agriculture					
General Fund	76,732	2	76,734	3,164	79,898
Agricultural Fund	40,264	(522)	39,742	8	39,750
Federal Fund	11,940	322	12,262		12,262

