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Representative Holvey,

This email is a follow up to a question that you asked during the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources meeting on the Water Resources Department's funding structure and prior proposals to establish a Water Rights Management Fee. For ease of reference and to aid in our response to your inquiry, here is the [OLIS link](#) to the Department's PowerPoint that was presented to the committee.

During the discussion on slides 6-7, you inquired if there was granularity in identifying which of the services categorized are funded by general fund, other funds, or a combination thereof. You expressed desire to understand, for example, how much general fund supports well construction enforcement and dam safety.

Big Picture: Division Operating Budget

Slide 6 of the [PowerPoint](#) highlights the Divisions and responsibilities within the Department. Slide 7 outlines the 17-19 LAB Division Operating Budget broken down into the percentages each Division receives funding from general fund, other fund, or federal fund sources. The percentages and funding amounts are identified below for each of the Divisions:

	Administrative Services		Water Rights Services		Field Services		Technical Services		Director's Office	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
General Fund	4,558,305	78%	3,647,773	46%	11,210,511	80%	8,239,439	57%	3,827,781	100%
Federal Funds	0	0%	0	0%	616,140	4%	1,263,394	9%	0	0%
Other Funds	1,319,920	22%	4,201,608	54%	2,180,344	16%	4,926,180	34%	5,781	0%
Total	5,878,225	100%	7,849,381	100%	14,006,995	100%	14,429,013	100%	3,833,562	100%
FTE	12.75		37.42		60.42		46.00		11.00	

Granular Detail:

The Department appreciates the programming examples you raised in your question. During the presentation, we highlighted that each Division supports each other and the mission and goals of the Agency. As such, there are two divisions that provide dam safety and well construction services. The Field Services Division performs inspections of wells around the state to make sure they are properly constructed. The Field Services Division also assists the Dam Safety Program, housed in our Technical Services Division, with inspecting dams across the state. As shown in the table above, field staff are primarily funded by the general fund. The other fund sources include well Start Card fees (for well inspectors), a small amount of Water Right fees, and contract dollars.

The Technical Services Division includes several sections as shown below, including the Well Construction and Enforcement Section and the Dam Safety Section. The table includes a breakdown of general fund, federal fund, and other fund sources (e.g. existing fees) by section within the Technical Services Division. Other funds, which includes the (one-time and on-going) fees and projected revenues previously-reported in slides 8 and 9, make up a significant portion of funding for the Well Construction/Enforcement and Dam Safety sections.

	Information Services		Groundwater		Surface Water		Well Construction/Enf		Dam Safety		Administration	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
General Fund	2,425,271	82%	2,505,323	55%	2,468,054	74%	396,330	32%	163,169	31%	468,059	80%
Federal Funds	0	0	894,459	19%	162,005	5%	0	0	131,930	25%	0	0
Other Funds	523,532	18%	1,192,374	26%	700,371	21%	827,479	68%	238,040	45%	114,596	20%
Total	2,948,803	100%	4,592,156	100%	3,330,430	100%	1,223,809	100%	533,139	100%	582,655	100%

The Well Construction/Enforcement Section accepts, reviews, and maintains well construction logs and start cards, approves special standards, and administers the well constructor licensing program, among other activities. The section also conducts enforcement actions for the Department. Other fund revenues include the Start Card fee, Exempt Use fee, Well Constructor Licensing fee, the Landowner Well Permit fee.

The Dam Safety section houses two engineers, which are lead on ensuring dams under the Department's jurisdiction are constructed properly and maintained, and manages all aspects of programming relating to dams that could cause loss of life/property in the case of failure. The section reviews and approves dam construction plans, as well as conducts and oversees inspections of existing dams. Other fund support for the Dam Safety section includes the annual Dam Safety fee revenue.

Thank you again for opportunity to provide more detailed insight into how the budget supports water resource management and service delivery. We hope the information deconstructing funds, divisions, and programming is helpful to you. Should you have additional questions or require more information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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