



House Bill 2803

Dam Safety and Water Right Transaction Fees

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HB 2803 and -1 Amendments

Introduced:

- Increases Dam Safety fees 56%
- Increases Water Right Transaction fees 135%

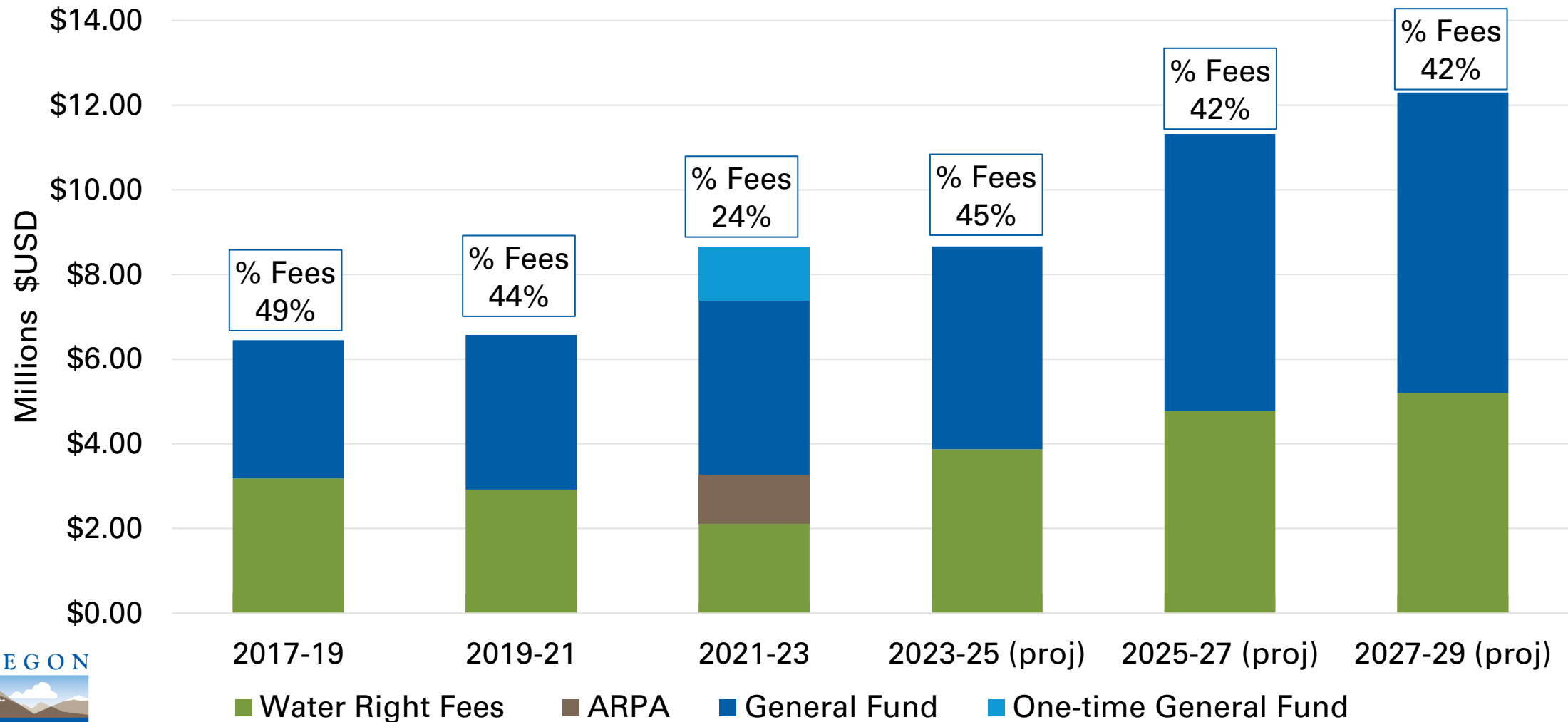
-1 Amendment:

- Fixes rounding errors
- Technical correction to claims of beneficial use fee
- Reduced fee tier for secondary storage applications

Cost and Fee Drivers

- Inadequate past increases and temporary funding
- Rebuilding ending fund balances
- Increased labor costs
- Reduction in number of transactions; complexity of applications increasing
- One time funding

Water Right Transaction Staff Related Spending- with fee increase



Water right expenses and revenues – No fee increase = 7.0 FTE reduction

| Biennium | 19-21 | 21-23 | 23-25 | 25-27 | 27-29 |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|---------|
| Available Revenue | \$3.3M | \$3.5M | \$4.0M | \$2.6M | \$2.26M |
| Fees and interest | \$2.53M | \$3.1M | \$2.59M | \$2.42M | \$2.26M |
| Beg. Fund Balance | \$771k | \$388k | \$1.41M | \$185k | \$0 |
| Total expenses | \$2.9M | \$2.1M | \$3.8M | \$4.78M | \$5.2M |
| Ending Fund Balance | \$388k | \$1.41M | \$185k | -\$2.15M | -\$2.9M |

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