

**State Water Commission
Budget 770
House Bill Nos. 1020, 1305; Senate Bill No. 2305**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2009-11 legislative appropriation	86.00	\$14,123,899	\$312,085,809	\$326,209,708
2007-09 legislative appropriation	<u>84.00</u>	<u>13,970,649</u>	<u>162,129,918</u>	<u>176,100,567</u>
2009-11 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2007-09 appropriation	2.00	\$153,250	\$149,955,891	\$150,109,141

NOTE: The 2009-11 legislative appropriation amounts include \$330,000, of which \$300,000 is from the general fund, for the agency's share of the \$16 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for special market equity adjustments for executive branch employees.

Item Description

Salaries and wages - The State Water Commission received an allocation of \$330,000, of which \$300,000 was from the general fund for the agency's share of the \$16 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for special market equity adjustments for executive branch employees.

Southwest Pipeline Project - The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$12 million federal fiscal stimulus funds made available to the state under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for the Southwest Pipeline Project.

Game and Fish Department law enforcement grant - The Legislative Assembly identified \$200,000 from the general fund for a grant to the Game and Fish Department for law enforcement activities on sovereign lands of the state.

Fargo flood control - The Legislative Assembly provided a section of legislative intent that a total of \$75 million be committed by the state to match a grant of federal funds for Fargo flood control, of which \$45 million was appropriated for the 2009-11 biennium.

Status/Result

The State Water Commission provided salary equity adjustments to 83 staff positions. The salary equity adjustments ranged from \$10 to \$306 per employee per month.

The State Water Commission anticipates receiving \$11.9 million of federal fiscal stimulus funds made available to the state under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 through the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District. The funding has been allocated to a Southwest Pipeline water treatment plant which is currently under design. The commission anticipates the plant will be bid in July 2010 and will cost between \$15 million and \$16 million. The additional funding necessary to complete the plant will be provided from State Water Commission project funding.

In April 2010 the State Water Commission reimbursed the Game and Fish Department \$19,995 for law enforcement activities on sovereign lands of the state for the period July 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009. The commission will continue to reimburse the department for law enforcement activities on sovereign lands for the remainder of the 2009-11 biennium.

The State Water Commission has allocated \$45 million to the project, but has not yet spent any of the project funding.

State Water Commission projects - Section 9 of House Bill No. 1020 provides legislative intent for the State Water Commission to provide funding for the following projects:

- Digital elevation mapping project - \$300,000.
- Enhancement of the local share of funding for the Renwick Dam in Pembina County - \$100,000.
- Evaluate, in conjunction with state, local, and federal officials and entities, long-term flood control solutions in the Red River Valley - \$500,000.
- Michigan spillway in Nelson County - \$500,000.

Nelson County Water Resource District - Section 10 of House Bill No. 1020 provides legislative intent that the State Water Commission assist the Nelson County Water Resource District by providing engineering and permitting services.

One-time funding - In House Bill No. 1305, the Legislative Assembly provided \$2,792,000 from the permanent oil tax trust fund for the following water project grants:

- \$864,000 to assist in the local cost-share of the Ray and Tioga Water Supply Project;
- \$985,000 to assist in the local cost-share of the Burke, Divide, and Williams Water District Water Supply Project;
- \$593,000 to assist in the local cost-share of the Wildrose Water Supply Project; and
- \$350,000 to assist in the repayment of outstanding bonds associated with the Stanley water pipeline construction project.

Beaver Bay embankment feasibility study - In Senate Bill No. 2305, the Legislative Assembly provided \$342,000 from the resources trust fund to conduct a Beaver Bay embankment feasibility study.

To date, the State Water Commission has spent \$200,000 on the digital elevation mapping project and \$69,112 on the evaluation of long-term flood control solutions in the Red River Valley. In addition, funding has been added to the following projects:

- \$100,000 to the Renwick Dam project in Pembina County to provide a total of \$1,478,190; and
- \$500,000 to the Michigan spillway project in Nelson County to provide a total of \$932,407.

The State Water Commission continues to assist the Nelson County Water Resource District by providing engineering and permitting services.

The State Water Commission has allocated the total funding for the projects. Expenditures through March 2010 are as follows:

- \$98,552 to assist in the local cost-share of the Ray and Tioga Water Supply Project;
- \$62,887 to assist in the local cost-share of the Burke, Divide, and Williams Water District Water Supply Project; and
- \$33,838 to assist in the local cost-share of the Wildrose Water Supply Project.

The outstanding bonds associated with the Stanley water pipeline construction project have been repaid at a total cost of \$265,555.

The State Water Commission has allocated the funding and contracted the first phase of the project for \$100,000. The second phase of the project will depend on the findings of the first phase.