

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Environmental Protection Agency works to restore, protect and enhance environmental quality. The agency coordinates state environmental regulatory programs and ensures fair and consistent enforcement of environmental law.

The May Revision includes total funding of \$1.7 billion (\$60 million General Fund and \$1.6 billion other funds) for all programs included in this Agency.

RECENTLY ADOPTED SOLUTIONS

The Legislature approved the following major solution in March which is in pending legislation.

- Fund Shift to Support Water Quality and Water Rights Programs—A General Fund decrease to the State Water Resources Control Board in 2011-12 of \$12.8 million and increases in fees for Water Quality Programs (\$10 million Waste Discharge Permit Fund) and Water Rights Programs (\$3.5 million Water Rights Fund) as well as increasing reimbursements by \$746,000.

SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS REMAINING SHORTFALL

Previously proposed or newly proposed solutions are needed to address the remaining budget shortfall. The newly proposed solution includes:

- Department of Toxic Substances Control Clandestine Lab Cleanup Funding Reduction—A General Fund decrease of \$802,000 for the Clandestine Drug Lab (CDL) Cleanup Program, one-time, in 2011-12. The Department has sufficient Illegal Drug Lab Cleanup Account expenditure authority in the pending budget bill to cover these costs. This funding will provide the programs one year of funding while the department develops a proposal for a stable, long-term funding such as cost recovery or support from the State Asset Forfeiture funds.

OTHER POLICY PROPOSALS AND MAJOR WORKLOAD ADJUSTMENTS

The May Revision includes the following significant policy proposal:

- Expedited Remedial Action Program-Payment for Orphan Share—\$731,000 Expedited Site Remediation Trust Fund (ESRTF) for the Department of Toxic Substances Control to reimburse Santa Cruz Metro for the orphan share associated with remediation activities at the Greyhound Site in the City of Santa Cruz. This includes budget bill language to increase ESRTF expenditure authority for remediation of the Golden State Technology Site in Santa Rosa under specified conditions.