

NATURAL RESOURCES

As currently structured, the Natural Resources Agency consists of 27 departments, boards, commissions, and conservancies responsible for administering programs to conserve, protect, restore, and enhance the natural, historical, and cultural resources of California.

The Budget includes total funding of \$8.4 billion (\$1.9 billion General Fund and \$6.5 billion other funds) for all programs included in the Agency.

ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission) is responsible for ensuring a reliable supply of energy to meet state needs while protecting public health, safety, and the environment.

OTHER CHANGE:

- *Electricity Program Investment Charge Program*—The Budget includes an increase of \$1.1 million in 2012-13 for the Energy Commission to begin the administration and development of the Electricity Program Investment Charge program that was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission. The Electricity Program Investment Charge is intended to support cost-effective energy efficiency and conservation

activities, renewable energy resources, and public interest research and development within the operating area of the investor-owned utilities.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

The Department of Water Resources protects, conserves, and manages California’s water. The Department evaluates existing water resources, forecasts water needs, and explores potential solutions to meet growing needs. The Department also works to prevent and minimize flood damage, ensure the safety of dams, and educate the public about the importance of water and its efficient use.

OTHER CHANGES:

- *Davis-Dolwig Resolution*—The Budget includes a \$10 million continuous appropriation from the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund to fund the state’s obligations under the Davis-Dolwig Act. The Davis-Dolwig Act, passed by the voters in 1961, describes how recreation, fish, and wildlife enhancements are funded in association with the California State Water Project. This proposal will resolve a long-standing problem and provide a reliable source of funding for the Department and state water contractors as they continue to manage and improve the state’s water delivery system.
- *Delta Habitat and Conveyance*—The Budget includes 75 new positions to perform preliminary engineering and design work for the Delta Habitat Conservation and Conveyance Program.