INFRASTRUCTURE



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The Infrastructure function of state government includes those agencies responsible for capital assets of the state, as well as its natural resources. This function includes the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Department of Wildlife, the Department of Transportation, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Colorado River Commission. In the 2011-13 biennium, General Fund appropriations for the Infrastructure function total \$45.5 million, which represents a decrease of 20.5 percent compared to amounts approved for the 2009-11 biennium.

COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION

The Colorado River Commission (CRC) is responsible for acquiring, managing, and protecting Nevada's water and hydropower resources from the Colorado River for the residents of Southern Nevada. The commission is governed by seven commissioners, four of whom, including the chairman, are appointed by the Governor, with the remaining three appointed by the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA). The CRC is supported by an administrative charge on the sale of electric power to its customers and a water administrative fee paid by the SNWA. Additional miscellaneous revenues are received through the sale of raw water to a number of small water users along the Colorado River and from interest income derived from the investment of funds by the state. The commission operates without federal funding or State General Fund support. The transfer of two water treatment plants owned by the CRC to the SNWA was approved by the 1995 Legislature. Legislation also directed the SNWA to provide payment to the CRC for all water-related expenses, and directed the CRC to focus its efforts on issues related to water acquisition, continued management of the hydro-power allocation, and resource management of the Colorado River.

The 2011 Legislature approved the Governor's recommendation to eliminate three vacant unclassified positions, resulting in a savings of \$288,145 in FY 2012 and \$292,663 in FY 2013, which reduces power and water administrative fees assessed to CRC customers. The eliminated positions are a Natural Resource Technician, a Senior Power Facilities Electrician and a Power Facilities Technician. The Legislature approved funding for the Colorado River Commission Fund totaling \$15.5 million for the 2011-13 biennium, compared to the \$19.4 million authorized for the 2009-11 biennium.

The Research and Development Fund is primarily utilized to administer a regional environmental project, the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program (LCRMSCP), to comply with the Endangered Species Act. The 50-year program, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Interior, the states of Arizona and California, as well as non-federal stakeholders and agencies along the Colorado River, is intended to address the needs of mammals, birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles, as well as invertebrates and plants in the river corridor. Funding for this budget is provided primarily through administrative charges in accordance with the multi-species funding contracts between the CRC and its water and power customers. The 2011 Legislature

concurred with the Governor's recommendation and approved funding of \$525,501 in FY 2012 and \$500,000 in FY 2013 for the CRC's contribution to support the LCRMSCP.

Budgets for the Commission's Power Delivery System and the Power Marketing Fund were approved by the Legislature, as recommended by the Governor. The Power Delivery System budget accounts for all of the costs associated with the CRC high-voltage power delivery system for the SNWA water delivery system. Senate Bill 211, as approved by the 2001 Legislature, authorizes the CRC to provide energy, transmission, and distribution services to the SNWA and its member agencies (collectively known as the S.B. 211 customers) for their water and wastewater operation power needs. Funding is provided through monthly billings to the SNWA. Total funding approved in the Power Delivery System account totals \$228.5 million for the 2011-13 biennium, compared to the 2009-11 actual expenditures totaling \$195.4 million.

The Power Marketing Fund budget accounts for all power-related activities except those dedicated to the SNWA system and S.B. 211 customers. The 2011 Legislature approved funding totaling \$52.4 million over the 2011-13 biennium, compared to actual expenditures totaling \$50.9 million for the 2009-11 biennium. Funding is provided through monthly billings to hydropower customers.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) is responsible for ensuring Nevada's natural resources are used, maintained, and preserved in a manner that will best serve the citizens of the state. The department includes the Divisions of Forestry, State Parks, Environmental Protection, State Lands, Conservation Districts and Water Resources. The department also includes the Nevada Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, the State Environmental Commission, and the Nevada Natural Heritage Program. For the 2011-13 biennium, total funding approved for the DCNR is \$219.5 million, which is 6.4 percent more than the amount approved for the 2009-11 biennium (\$206.3 million). The amount of total funding for the 2011-13 biennium includes the State Historic Preservation Office (\$2.5 million) and the Comstock Historic District (\$302,194), both transferred to the DCNR by the 2011 Legislature. The General Fund portion of the department's budget totals \$44.5 million over the 2011-13 biennium, which is 19.9 percent less than the amount (\$55.5 million) approved for the 2009-11 biennium.

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

The Director's Office of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) provides administrative, technical, budgetary and supervisory support to agencies within the department. The Director's Office is funded with General Fund appropriations, along with cost allocation revenues. The 2011 Legislature approved the Governor's recommendation to eliminate two vacant positions, an Administrative Assistant and the Department's Public Information Officer, providing General Fund savings of \$248,828 over the biennium. The Legislature also approved the Governor's

recommendation to transfer \$100,000 in each year of the biennium from the Division of Environmental Protection to the DCNR Director's Office to partially offset the General Fund costs associated with the salaries of the Director and Deputy Director. The Governor's recommendations to discontinue the Natural Resources Advisory Board and eliminate funding for the Director's Office membership in the Western States Water Council were also approved by the Legislature. The DCNR will continue to have membership in the Western States Water Council through the Division of Environmental Protection's membership.

DIVISION OF FORESTRY

The Division of Forestry is responsible for supervising, managing, and coordinating all forestry, watershed, and fire prevention and control work on state and privately-owned lands in Nevada. Additionally, the division provides assistance to county and local fire districts and adopts and enforces fire prevention regulations. Direct protection and management are provided to land and improvements within fire districts organized under Chapter 473 of *Nevada Revised Statutes*. The "473" districts cover nearly 6.5 million acres in 5 counties. Other division programs include cooperative forest management, rural fire protection, resource rehabilitation and control of insects and diseases in trees.

The 2011 Legislature concurred with the Governor's recommendation for the state to withdraw from the Sierra Front Interagency Dispatch Center resulting in the elimination of 3 Fire Control Dispatch positions, and providing General Fund reductions of \$220,661 in FY 2012 and \$220,705 in FY 2013. The Legislature did not approve the Governor's original recommendation to terminate the Division of Forestry's agreements with Clark, Elko, and Eureka counties to provide all-risk emergency response services beginning in FY 2013, which would have eliminated 6 positions directly funded by the Forestry Division and 17 positions funded through Inter-Governmental Agreements. Instead, the Legislature approved the Governor's amended budget recommendation to maintain the agreements with the 3 counties through the end of FY 2015 and to receive additional transfers from the counties to fund the positions originally recommended for elimination throughout the 2011-13 biennium. This action results in General Fund reductions of \$367,775 in FY 2012 and \$377,586 in FY 2013.

The 2011 Legislature approved bills that provide one-time General Fund appropriations to the Division of Forestry. Assembly Bill 486 appropriates \$677,344 to fund the replacement of critical division equipment, including two wildfire engines, a tractor, and a mechanic truck with service body. Assembly Bill 495 appropriates \$162,267 to fund the transition of the state's VHF radio systems from wideband to narrowband in compliance with a Federal Communication Commission mandate.

FORESTRY HONOR CAMPS

The Forestry Honor Camp program consists of 9 conservation camps statewide. Each camp provides a workforce for local communities and other agencies. Inmates of the

Department of Corrections provide the labor for the project assignments, which include wildland fire suppression activities. There are approximately 79, 12-man inmate crews in the 9 camps supervised by the Nevada Division of Forestry. In addition to completing conservation projects and providing trained fire suppression forces, the program teaches inmates job skills and good work habits. The program is primarily funded by a General Fund appropriation; however, it also receives federal fire reimbursement funds and project reimbursements.

The 2011 Legislature did not approve the Governor's original recommendation to close the Wells Conservation Camp and eliminate seven positions. Instead, the Legislature approved the Governor's amended budget recommendation to keep the Wells Conservation Camp open and maintain the seven positions. This action restored General Funds of \$358,056 in FY 2012 and \$361,345 in FY 2013 to the Forestry Honor Camp program. The 2011 Legislature also approved the Governor's recommendation to eliminate three vacant Conservation Crew Supervisor positions due to the decline in inmate population eligible for conservation camp work, providing for General Fund reductions of \$139,514 in FY 2012 and \$142,491 in FY 2013.

The 2011 Legislature passed Assembly Bill 489, which eliminates remote area differential pay (\$7.50 per day for camp employees who work at the Jean or Three Lakes Valley Conservation Camp) for new hires beginning July 1, 2011, providing General Fund reductions of \$11,678 over the 2011-13 biennium. The Legislature also passed Assembly Bill 491, which provides a one-time appropriation of \$278,050 to fund repair and renovation work on 25 inmate crew carriers.

DIVISION OF STATE PARKS

The Division of State Parks plans, develops and maintains a system of 24 parks and recreational areas for the use and enjoyment of residents and visitors. The division also preserves areas of scenic, historic, and scientific significance in Nevada. The primary sources of funding for state parks are General Fund appropriations, visitor user fees and motor boat fuel taxes. For the 2011-13 biennium, the 2011 Legislature approved General Funds of \$6.4 million, which is a decrease of 39.5 percent when compared to the amount approved for the 2009-11 biennium of \$10.6 million.

The 2011 Legislature supported the Governor's recommendation to replace General Funds of \$594,300 over the 2011-13 biennium with other sources of revenue, including \$250,000 in each year from the federal Bureau of Reclamation to fund operating expenses at Lahontan and Rye Patch State Recreation Areas and \$47,150 in each year from the operation of concessions and vending machines at various state parks. To facilitate the operation of the concessions, the Legislature approved S. B. 442, which creates the Fund for State Park Interpretative and Educational Programs and Operation of Concessions and authorizes the Division of State Parks to establish concessions within the boundaries of any state park. The bill requires all revenue from the sale of concessions to be deposited in the fund, which can be used for interpretive or

educational programs, special park projects, or any other purpose authorized by the Legislature.

The 2011 Legislature approved the Governor's recommendation to terminate the state's lease agreement with Douglas County to operate the Dangberg Ranch State Historic Park and eliminate an associated Park Interpreter position, providing General Fund savings of \$175,546 over the biennium. The Legislature also supported the Governor's recommendation to eliminate four other positions, including one Maintenance Repair Specialist at Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, one Maintenance Repair Specialist at Big Bend State Recreation Area, one Administrative Assistant at Lahontan State Recreation Area, and one Professional Engineer at the Division Office in Carson City, resulting in General Fund reductions of \$355,247 over the 2011-13 biennium. Lastly, the Legislature approved a General Fund appropriation of \$93,220 in FY 2013, as recommended by the Governor, to purchase a replacement forklift and a new backhoe loader.

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

The Division of Water Resources conserves, protects, manages and enhances the water resources of Nevada through appropriation and reallocation of public waters. The division quantifies existing water rights, monitors water usage, distributes water in accordance with court decrees, reviews water availability for new development, reviews the construction and operation of dams, and licenses and regulates well drillers. The 2011 Legislature approved the Governor's recommendation to eliminate 5.0 positions, including two Staff Associate Engineers, two Engineering Technicians and one Administrative Assistant, and to eliminate state funding for one-half share of the cost for the Deputy State Engineer in Las Vegas. The Deputy State Engineer in Las Vegas will continue to exist, but it will be located in, and paid directly from, the Las Vegas Basin Water District budget account, which is an account not included in The Executive Budget. The General Fund reduction from the elimination of these 5.5 positions is \$675,538 over the 2011-13 biennium. The Legislature also approved the Governor's recommendation to transfer positions from the Division of Water Resources budget account to the Las Vegas Basin Water District budget account, providing a General Fund reduction of \$289,667 over the biennium. These three positions will continue to exist and function in their current capacity; however, they will become non-classified employees and will only work in the Las Vegas Basin Water District or any other water district as long as the other water district reimburses the Las Vegas Basin Water District for the associated costs. The Legislature also approved the Governor's recommendation to replace General Funds of \$214,516 in FY 2012 and \$218,976 in FY 2013 in the base budget, with transfers of federal Department of Energy grant funds from the Division of Environmental Protection.

DIVISION OF STATE LANDS

The Division of State Lands acquires, holds, and disposes of land and interests in land, manages state land, and promotes the appropriate use and management of Nevada's

public lands. For the 2011-13 biennium, the 2011 Legislature approved the Governor's recommendation to reclassify an existing Management Analyst IV position to the position of Deputy Administrator. This recommendation was made because the current Management Analyst IV has been acting as Deputy Administrator, but is compensated at the same level as a position it supervises. However, in approving the Governor's recommendation to reclassify this position, the Legislature authorized the pay for the incumbent at a level equivalent to a five percent increase, rather than a 10 percent increase as recommended by the Governor. The Legislature also approved the Governor's recommendation to transfer an existing Land Agent II position from the Nevada Department of Wildlife to the Division of State Lands. This recommendation allows for the consolidation of all Land Agent positions under the Division of State Lands. The Legislature also approved the Governor's recommendation to transfer federal funds of \$105,965 in FY 2012 and \$108,619 in FY 2013 from the Division of Environmental Protection to the Division of State Lands to partially offset the General Fund cost of the Division's Land Use Planner position.

The division administers the Environmental Improvement Program (EIP), which was implemented in 1997 by the federal government and the states of Nevada and California to carry out projects to improve the environment in the Lake Tahoe Basin. The State of Nevada's initial apportioned share of the costs for carrying out the EIP was \$82 million. From the beginning of the EIP through FY 2008 the state has issued EIP bonds of the full \$82 million to meet its commitment. Through the passage of A.B. 18, the 2009 Legislature authorized the issuance of an additional \$100 million in general obligation bonds for the Lake Tahoe EIP, to be issued between July 1, 2009, and June 30, 2020, as the State of Nevada's apportioned share. The 2009 Legislature approved the initial issuance of not more than \$4.42 million of such bonds to provide money to carry out current environmental improvement projects included in the second phase of the EIP. The 2011 Legislature authorized the issuance up to \$12 million in general obligation bonds, dependent on the state's bonding capacity, for continued implementation of forest restoration projects; improvement of recreational facilities; protection of sensitive species; control of invasive species; and water quality, erosion control, and stream restoration projects.

DIVISION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

The Conservation Districts Program works with Nevada's 28 locally-elected conservation districts in a statewide conservation program. The mission of the program is to train and assist the districts, which work to conserve, improve and sustain the state's renewable natural resources by providing outreach and technical assistance to landowners in partnership with other local, state and federal agencies. The program also provides annual grants to each of the 28 eligible conservation districts, and provides support for the State Conservation Commission.

The Legislature did not approve the Governor's original recommendation to eliminate the Conservation Districts Program, including the program's 2.51 positions, as well as all operating costs and the annual grants paid to conservation districts. In conjunction

with the elimination of the program, the Governor recommended eliminating the State Conservation Commission, which relies on the program to provide staff services in carrying out its responsibilities. Further, the Legislature did not approve the Governor's amended recommendation to provide General Funds of \$28,000 in each year of the 2011-13 biennium for annual grants of \$1,000 to each of the 28 conservation districts. The Governor recommended these grants be distributed directly from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Director's Office to each conservation district, thereby eliminating the need for the Conservation Districts Program and the State Conservation Commission. Instead, the Legislature retained the Conservation Districts Program and the State Conservation Commission, but at a significantly reduced funding level. The Legislature approved funding that provides annual grants of \$2,500 for each conservation district (annual grants have historically been \$5,000, but were reduced to \$4,000 for FY 2010), 1.0 Management Analyst position, and funding for the Conservation Commission to meet a limited number of times. The Legislature's actions restored General Funds of \$145,131 in FY 2012 and \$145,970 in FY 2013.

NEVADA NATURAL HERITAGE

The Nevada Natural Heritage Program collects information on the occurrences, distribution, and population status of all sensitive species in Nevada. This information is maintained in a system of computerized databases, topographical maps, and manual files and is provided to state and federal agencies and the private sector. The agency is funded with General Fund appropriations, federal biodiversity funds, federal Land and Water Conservation Funds, fees for database information, and transfers from the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT).

The 2011 Legislature approved the Governor's recommendation to eliminate General Fund appropriations from the Nevada Natural Heritage Program for the 2011-13 biennium, resulting in a reduction of \$227,194 when compared to the amount approved for the 2009-11 biennium. To replace the elimination of General Funds, the Legislature approved the Governor's recommendation to increase transfers from NDOT by \$43,052 over the biennium, and accept a new federal grant from the Department of Energy in the amount of \$82,035 in FY 2012 and \$84,021 in FY 2013.

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) implements programs authorized and required by state and federal laws and enforces regulations adopted by the State Environmental Commission. The division is composed of an Administrative Services Office and nine bureaus: Air Quality Planning, Air Pollution Control, Mining Regulation and Reclamation, Water Pollution Control, Water Quality Planning, Corrective Actions, Federal Facilities, Safe Drinking Water, and Waste Management. The 2011 Legislature approved the Governor's recommendation to eliminate all General Fund appropriations to NDEP for the 2011-13 biennium, resulting in a reduction of \$729,899 when compared to the amount approved for the 2009-11 biennium.

For the division's air programs and corrective action program, the 2011 Legislature approved the Governor's recommendation to provide transfers from the Air Quality Management account (\$243,859 over the 2011-13 biennium) and the Hazardous Waste Management account (\$268,801 over the biennium) to fund, respectively, a Deputy Attorney General position and a Senior Deputy Attorney General position in the Attorney General's Office. These positions will assist the division with its growing legal demands associated with new federal requirements for greenhouse gasses and ambient air quality standards. The Legislature also approved the Governor's recommendation in the base budget to accept a new \$10 million, 5-year grant from the federal Department of Energy for state environmental management activities at the Nevada National Security Site (formerly the Nevada Test Site) and surrounding locations. The grant will be administered in the NDEP Administration account with transfers to other NDEP bureaus, as well as other divisions within the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, where the grant-funded work will be supported.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) encourages the preservation, documentation, and use of cultural resources through state and federal programs. Programs include preservation of buildings and archeological sites, grant distribution and management, the national and state registers of historical places, and historical markers. The 2011 Legislature approved the Governor's recommendation to transfer the SHPO, which includes the Comstock Historic District, from the Department of Cultural Affairs to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). As part of the transfer, the SHPO in Carson City will relocate to the Bryan Building where the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is located.

TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) was jointly created by the states of Nevada and California and the United States Congress. The TRPA provides a leadership and advocacy role in the regional cooperative efforts to preserve, restore, and enhance Lake Tahoe's unique natural and human environments. Under the interstate compact, Nevada and California contribute funding to TRPA on an one-third/two-thirds split. The TRPA exercises environmental controls over water, land, air, wildlife, and development of the Lake Tahoe region.

The 2011 Legislature approved the Governor's recommendation to reduce General Fund appropriations by \$180,500 in each year of the 2011-13 biennium through: two position eliminations (a Planning Technician position and an Associate Environmental Specialist position); reductions in the agency's technology maintenance contracts; and the implementation of an internal policy that requires all TRPA employees to take six days of unpaid furlough leave each year. The Legislature also approved the Governor's recommendation to provide additional General Funds of \$110,000 in each year of the biennium for defensive litigation expenses related to the Regional Plan Update and an appeal of updated shorezone ordinances that were recently struck

down. In total, the 2011 Legislature approved General Fund appropriations for the TRPA of \$1.7 million over the 2011-13 biennium, which represents a 31.3 percent decrease from the \$2.5 million approved for the 2009-11 biennium.

The 2011 Legislature also approved the Governor's recommendation to continue increased transfers approved by the 2009 Legislature of \$256,640 in each year of the 2011-13 biennium from the DMV Pollution Control account to support the preservation and improvement of air quality in the Lake Tahoe region. This action brings the annual transfer from the DMV Pollution Control account to \$419,021. With the fund transfers approved by the Legislature, Nevada's apportioned share, relative to California's apportioned share, is 24 percent, which is 9.3 percent less than the full one-third share historically provided to the TRPA by Nevada. The Legislature approved S.B. 271, which provides for the withdrawal of the State of Nevada from the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact unless the TRPA adopts an updated Regional Plan and unless certain amendments to the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact are ratified by the State of California and the United States Congress before October 1, 2015.

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE

The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) is responsible for protecting, preserving, managing and restoring wildlife and its habitat for aesthetic, scientific, recreational and economic benefit to residents and visitors. In addition to the Director's Office, the department is composed of seven divisions: Operations, Conservation Education, Law Enforcement, Game Management, Fisheries Management, Diversity, and Habitat. Each division is responsible for program development and administration in the respective program areas statewide. The department is funded from federal grants, licenses and fees, General Fund appropriations, and gifts and donations.

Excluding interagency transfers, total funding approved for NDOW for the 2011-13 biennium is \$92.0 million, which is 3.2 percent less than the \$95.0 million that was approved for the 2009-11 biennium. The Legislature approved the Governor's recommended General Fund appropriation for the 2011-13 biennium totaling \$1.0 million, which is a 41.2 percent reduction from the \$1.7 million that was approved for the 2009-11 biennium.

The Legislature approved the Governor's recommendation for the 2011-13 biennium to establish six new operating budget accounts (Conservation Education, Law Enforcement, Game Management, Fisheries Management, Diversity and Habitat) and to continue two operating accounts approved in FY 2011 by the Interim Finance Committee. In addition, three budget accounts that historically recorded NDOW's financial transactions, including the Wildlife Administration, the Trout Stamp Program, and the Boating Program accounts, were eliminated. The Governor's recommendation addressed provisions of the 2009 Appropriations (Assembly Bill 562, Section 49) and Authorizations (Senate Bill 431, Section 23) Acts that directed NDOW to separate the revenues and expenditures of the Wildlife Administration account into multiple accounts in order to facilitate financial tracking, reporting, accountability, and planning for NDOW.

The Legislature also approved a biennial total of \$1.6 million in federal funds, license and fee revenue, and transfers from the Wildlife Fund account (formerly the Wildlife Obligated Reserve account) for new and replacement equipment for NDOW.

The 2011 Legislature approved Assembly Bill 167 that authorizes NDOW to establish an inspection program to search vessels operating on state waters for aquatic invasive species. The bill requires the Board or Wildlife Commissioners to establish an aquatic invasive species fee, and prohibits any person from operating a vessel on state waters without first paying the fee. In addition, the 2011 Legislature approved A. B. 525, which allows NDOW to establish the Wildlife Trust Fund for the purposes of receiving any gift, donation, bequest or devise from any private source for the fund. The money in the fund must be used for the specified purpose of the donor who donated the money.

DIVERSITY DIVISION

The Diversity Division is responsible for management and conservation of raptors, shorebirds, water birds, songbirds, non-game mammals and reptiles, and the management of the Landowner Incentive Program and NDOW's portion of the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program. In addition, the division also administers NDOW's Biodiversity/Geographic Information System that supports the agency's resource mapping needs.

As recommended by the Governor, \$309,267 in General Funds was approved to be replaced by habitat conservation fees (NRS 502.242) collected by the agency for the 2011-13 biennium. The General Fund reduction will require NDOW to redirect certain work efforts from nongame to game animal species and to reduce the time spent on implementing conservation actions and assessing the population status of species of concern identified in the state's Wildlife Action Plan (WAP). The WAP was developed to satisfy requirements for the continuation of federal wildlife grant funding, and serves as the state's action plan for wildlife conservation activities by identifying the species of greatest conservation need and the key habitats on which they depend.

HABITAT DIVISION

The Habitat Division is responsible for reviewing, assessing and providing comments on all proposed land and water uses, and providing fish and wildlife data to all entities (private developers, and local, state, and federal governments) for planning and decision-making purposes. The division is also responsible for planning, operating, and maintaining approximately 117,000 acres of state-owned or leased lands in 11 Wildlife Management Areas. In addition, the division administers the water development (guzzler) program, rangeland and wildlife habitat restoration, and rehabilitation efforts, as well as industrial pond permitting operations for NDOW.

The Legislature approved approximately \$1.6 million in federal funds and fee revenues as recommended by the Governor over the 2011-13 biennium to continue a sagebrush coordinator position that was established by Senate Bill 146 (2009 Session). The

coordinator position, which was approved for the Habitat Division, ensures local, state, and federal entities are working together to protect and restore sagebrush habitats. The Legislature approved dividing the funding for revegetation projects in the state between the Habitat and Diversity Divisions.

NEVADA **D**EPARTMENT OF **T**RANSPORTATION

The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) is funded through a combination of federal funds, dedicated state highway user revenues and bond issues. For the 2011-13 biennium, funding approved for the NDOT totals \$1.139 billion, which is 12.4 percent less than the amount approved for the 2009-11 biennium (\$1.300 billion). This decrease is primarily attributable to federal funds received under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). ARRA provided Nevada with \$201.4 million in federal funding to address highway construction and maintenance projects throughout the state, with \$191.4 million approved for the 2009-11 biennium. Ongoing federal funding for the 2011-13 biennium does not include any additional ARRA proceeds. The Highway Fund portion of NDOT funding totals \$658.6 million, which represents an 8.5 percent increase over the amount approved for the 2009-11 biennium (\$607.2 million). The NDOT budget does not include the issuance of new bonds (pledged for repayment with gasoline tax proceeds) to finance construction needs in the 2011-13 biennium.

The Legislature approved the Governor's recommendation to add \$3.6 million in Highway Funds over the biennium for a new building to accommodate staff that will be displaced from the Landmark Building prior to Phase III of the Carson City bypass.

The Legislature concurred with the Governor's recommendation to transfer the Department of Public Safety's Bicycle Safety Program to the NDOT and combine it with the NDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program. The merger included a transfer of one position and related program funding.

The Legislature approved the Governor's recommendations to add \$2.0 million in Highway Funds over the biennium to implement an Electronic Documentation System to administer and document construction contracts, and replace the existing manual paper-based system, and \$602,997 in federal funds over the 2011-13 biennium to replace the NDOT Over-Dimensional Vehicle Permitting System.

	2010-2011 Work Program	2011-2012 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS	2011-2012 LEGISLATIVELY APPROVED	2012-2013 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS	2012-2013 LEGISLATIVELY APPROVED
NFRASTRUCTURE	-				
COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION					
CRC - COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION	9,199,648	8,121,870	8,121,870	7,393,056	7,419,384
BALANCE FORWARD	2,445,645	2,403,804	2,403,804	1,682,566	1,708,894
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER	2,588,673	2,618,080	2,618,080	2,618,080	2,618,080
OTHER FUND	4,165,330	3,099,986	3,099,986	3,092,410	3,092,410
CRC - RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT	2,631,544	3,291,772	3,291,772	4,224,630	4,224,630
BALANCE FORWARD	884,874	1,817,126	1,817,126	2,766,271	2,766,271
OTHER FUND	1,746,670	1,474,646	1,474,646	1,458,359	1,458,359
CRC - POWER DELIVERY SYSTEM	150,826,982	114,187,278	114,187,278	114,284,584	114,284,584
BALANCE FORWARD	106,280	7,459,385	7,459,385	7,341,266	7,341,266
OTHER FUND	150,720,702	106,727,893	106,727,893	106,943,318	106,943,318
CRC - POWER MARKETING FUND	84,651,386	26,100,005	26,100,005	26,338,154	26,338,154
BALANCE FORWARD	901,148	419,819	419,819	596,843	596,843
OTHER FUND	83,750,238	25,680,186	25,680,186	25,741,311	25,741,311
TOTAL COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION	247,309,560	151,700,925	151,700,925	152,240,424	152,266,752
BALANCE FORWARD	4,337,947	12,100,134	12,100,134	12,386,946	12,413,274
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER	2,588,673	2,618,080	2,618,080	2,618,080	2,618,080
OTHER FUND	240,382,940	136,982,711	136,982,711	137,235,398	137,235,398
CONSERVATION & NATURAL RESOURCES					
DCNR - ADMINISTRATION	933,459	709,190	709,055	709,285	709,256
GENERAL FUND	679,858	400,913	400,915	400,074	400,075
BALANCE FORWARD					
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER	135,602	199,597	199,597	198,681	198,681
OTHER FUND	117,999	108,680	108,543	110,530	110,500
REVERSIONS					
DCNR - HEIL WILD HORSE BEQUEST					
BALANCE FORWARD					
OTHER FUND					
DCNR - STATE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION	50,598	31,800	31,800	31,800	31,800
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER	22,150	15,330	15,330	15,330	15,330
OTHER FUND	28,448	16,470	16,470	16,470	16,470
DCNR - FORESTRY	22,120,620	6,236,116	6,623,283	6,185,670	6,583,907
GENERAL FUND	4,276,937	3,739,637	3,749,108	3,729,636	3,670,116
BALANCE FORWARD	362,925				
FEDERAL FUND	17,052,073	1,757,469	1,757,424	1,778,142	1,778,111
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER	288,267	288,065	665,819	220,583	678,368
OTHER FUND	140,418	450,945	450,932	457,309	457,312
REVERSIONS					

	2010-2011 Work Program	2011-2012 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS	2011-2012 LEGISLATIVELY APPROVED	2012-2013 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS	2012-2013 LEGISLATIVELY APPROVED
DCNR - FOREST FIRE SUPPRESSION	8,260,029	5,662,179	5,662,179	5,662,179	5,662,179
GENERAL FUND	3,397,196	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
BALANCE FORWARD	1,850,145	600,337	600,337	600,337	600,337
FEDERAL FUND	1,115,142	826,480	826,480	826,480	826,480
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER					
OTHER FUND	1,897,546	1,735,362	1,735,362	1,735,362	1,735,362
REVERSIONS					
DCNR - FORESTRY CONSERVATION CAMPS	8,885,768	7,674,283	8,326,728	7,704,405	8,356,277
GENERAL FUND	5,526,340	4,624,754	5,004,755	4,654,686	5,034,114
OTHER FUND	3,359,428	3,049,529	3,321,973	3,049,719	3,322,163
REVERSIONS	, ,	, ,	, ,	, ,	
DCNR - FORESTRY INTER- GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS	3,688,211	3,172,739	3,764,867	2,314,589	4,197,457
BALANCE FORWARD	545,039	94,179	94,179	94,179	94,179
OTHER FUND	3,143,172	3,078,560	3,670,688	2,220,410	4,103,278
DCNR - FORESTRY NURSERIES	1,957,860	655,918	655,909	587,925	587,914
BALANCE FORWARD	108,825	136,180	136,180	78,595	78,595
FEDERAL FUND	75,000		,	.,	-,
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER		90,627	90,627	45,449	45,449
OTHER FUND	1,774,035	429,111	429,102	463,881	463,870
DCNR - STATE PARKS	11,347,203	10,999,829	11,180,699	11,166,834	11,352,331
GENERAL FUND	3,758,853	3,113,911	3,123,142	3,288,706	3,297,937
BALANCE FORWARD	1,398,221				
FEDERAL FUND	203,892	338,176	338,176	337,734	337,734
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER	545,224	547,816	547,816	547,816	547,816
OTHER FUND	5,441,013	6,999,926	7,171,565	6,992,578	7,168,844
REVERSIONS					
DCNR - WATER RESOURCES	6,703,087	5,449,456	5,448,956	5,359,112	5,362,488
GENERAL FUND	5,775,241	4,893,692	4,893,192	4,877,726	4,881,032
BALANCE FORWARD	144,043	169,481	169,481	87,400	87,400
FEDERAL FUND	382,205	131,696	131,696	134,939	135,009
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER	17,621	214,516	214,516	218,976	218,976
OTHER FUND	383,977	40,071	40,071	40,071	40,071
REVERSIONS					
DCNR - STATE LANDS	1,988,738	1,838,829	1,834,391	1,849,526	1,845,191
GENERAL FUND	1,082,538	1,038,433	1,034,000	1,062,846	1,058,516
BALANCE FORWARD	48,989	48,301	48,301	48,301	48,301
FEDERAL FUND	107,952	10,418	10,418	418	418
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER		164,767	164,762	170,394	170,389
OTHER FUND	749,259	576,910	576,910	567,567	567,567
REVERSIONS					
DCNR - NEVADA TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY	1,490	1,371	1,371	1,371	1,371
GENERAL FUND	1,490	1,371	1,371	1,371	1,371
REVERSIONS					

	2010-2011 Work Program	2011-2012 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS	2011-2012 LEGISLATIVELY APPROVED	2012-2013 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS	2012-2013 LEGISLATIVELY APPROVED
DCNR - CONSERVATION DISTRICTS PROGRAM	417,947		145,131		145,970
GENERAL FUND	342,995		145,131		145,970
BALANCE FORWARD	1,195				
FEDERAL FUND	40,000				
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER					
INTERIM FINANCE					
OTHER FUND	33,757				
REVERSIONS					
DCNR - NEVADA NATURAL HERITAGE	1,008,806	731,066	730,964	742,970	742,960
GENERAL FUND	104,730				
BALANCE FORWARD	26,667				
FEDERAL FUND	137,415	71,472	71,472	77,649	77,649
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER	612,090	584,965	584,863	589,714	589,704
OTHER FUND	127,904	74,629	74,629	75,607	75,607
REVERSIONS					
DCNR - DEP ADMINISTRATION	4,059,690	6,178,779	6,178,779	6,217,123	6,219,547
BALANCE FORWARD	459,858	378,729	378,729	377,069	379,493
FEDERAL FUND		2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER	3,599,832	3,800,050	3,800,050	3,840,054	3,840,054
DCNR - DEP AIR QUALITY	10,058,843	7,934,477	7,796,645	7,999,337	7,761,712
BALANCE FORWARD	753,780	1,098,952	1,098,952	1,425,680	1,166,406
FEDERAL FUND	1,763,153	1,372,913	1,372,913	1,159,082	1,159,082
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER	2,786,454	2,526,814	2,526,814	2,526,814	2,526,814
OTHER FUND	4,755,456	2,935,798	2,797,966	2,887,761	2,909,410
DCNR - DEP WATER POLLUTION CONTROL	5,584,650	5,306,516	5,306,516	5,442,709	5,442,765
BALANCE FORWARD	1,508,253	1,247,799	1,247,799	1,372,265	1,372,321
FEDERAL FUND	453,341	363,403	363,403	363,403	363,403
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER	604,451	887,860	887,860	899,587	899,587
OTHER FUND	3,018,605	2,807,454	2,807,454	2,807,454	2,807,454
DCNR - DEP WASTE MGMT AND FEDERAL FACILITIES	17,036,017	15,269,391	15,403,198	15,575,666	15,710,307
BALANCE FORWARD	190,738	912,833	912,833	1,189,288	1,189,288
FEDERAL FUND	6,607,045	4,388,196	4,388,196	4,389,282	4,389,282
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER	1,000				
OTHER FUND	10,237,234	9,968,362	10,102,169	9,997,096	10,131,737
DCNR - DEP MINING REGULATION/RECLAMATION	5,231,205	5,015,829	5,015,829	5,027,754	5,027,804
BALANCE FORWARD	2,661,487	2,686,149	2,686,149	2,648,570	2,648,620
OTHER FUND	2,569,718	2,329,680	2,329,680	2,379,184	2,379,184
REVERSIONS					
DCNR - DEP STATE REVOLVING FUND - ADMIN	3,615,424	3,476,615	3,476,615	3,578,311	3,578,322
BALANCE FORWARD	635,295	984,433	984,433	1,118,213	1,118,224
FEDERAL FUND	2,277,598	2,354,268	2,354,268	2,322,184	2,322,184
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER	195,700				

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DCNR - DEP WATER QUALITY PLANNING	6,621,294	4,394,244	4,395,297	4,483,824	4,438,109
GENERAL FUND	194,815				
BALANCE FORWARD	492,103	595,138	595,138	671,906	673,004
FEDERAL FUND	5,431,272	2,548,683	2,549,736	2,551,326	2,504,513
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER		719,715	719,715	729,884	729,884
OTHER FUND	503,104	530,708	530,708	530,708	530,708
DCNR - DEP SAFE DRINKING WATER REGULATORY PROGRAM	3,420,954	3,049,164	3,049,107	3,172,217	3,172,209
GENERAL FUND	98,503				
BALANCE FORWARD	407,482	557,717	557,717	758,455	758,455
FEDERAL FUND	951,600	834,000	834,000	834,000	834,000
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER	1,439,365	1,214,308	1,214,308	1,137,947	1,137,947
OTHER FUND	524,004	443,139	443,082	441,815	441,807
DCNR - DEP WATER PLANNING CAP IMPROVEMENT	355,124	351,128	351,128	349,414	349,417
BALANCE FORWARD	97,466	138,066	138,066	136,352	136,355
OTHER FUND	257,658	213,062	213,062	213,062	213,062
DCNR - STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE	1,574,253	1,110,699	1,260,669	1,066,784	1,244,522
GENERAL FUND	125,571	312,900	312,057	296,731	297,193
FEDERAL FUND	1,153,006	703,066	853,879	675,561	852,837
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER	213,024	67,233	67,233	66,992	66,992
INTERIM FINANCE	66,146				
OTHER FUND	16,506	27,500	27,500	27,500	27,500
REVERSIONS					
DCNR - HISTORIC PRES - COMSTOCK HISTORIC DISTRICT	144,218	150,169	150,107	148,651	152,087
GENERAL FUND	144,218	150,169	150,107	148,651	152,087
REVERSIONS					
TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY	10,220,576	11,987,030	11,856,951	11,634,159	11,514,586
GENERAL FUND	1,138,577	868,978	868,978	863,859	868,978
FEDERAL FUND	2,870,398	3,981,266	3,981,266	3,185,748	3,191,135
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER	428,125	419,021	419,021	419,021	419,021
INTERIM FINANCE					
OTHER FUND REVERSIONS	5,783,476	6,717,765	6,587,686	7,165,531	7,035,452
TOTAL CONSERVATION & NATURAL RESOURCES	135,286,064	107,386,817	109,356,174	107,011,615	110,190,488
GENERAL FUND	26,647,862	21,644,758	22,182,756	21,824,286	22,307,389
BALANCE FORWARD	11,692,511	9,648,294	9,648,294	10,606,610	10,350,978
FEDERAL FUND	40,621,092	21,681,506	21,833,327	20,635,948	20,771,837
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER	10,888,905	11,740,684	12,118,331	11,627,242	12,085,012
INTERIM FINANCE	66,146	, -,	, -,	,- ,	,,
OTHER FUND	45,369,548	42,671,575	43,573,466	42,317,529	44,675,272
REVERSIONS	,,-	, ,	, -,	, ,===	, -, -

	2010-2011 Work Program	2011-2012 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS	2011-2012 LEGISLATIVELY APPROVED	2012-2013 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS	2012-2013 LEGISLATIVELY APPROVED
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE					
WILDLIFE - ADMINISTRATION	32,604,318				
GENERAL FUND	721,553				
BALANCE FORWARD	4,903,709				
FEDERAL FUND	13,940,997				
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER	12,598,074				
OTHER FUND	439,985				
WILDLIFE - BOATING PROGRAM	6,116,888				
BALANCE FORWARD	920,978				
FEDERAL FUND	1,623,499				
OTHER FUND	3,572,411				
WILDLIFE - TROUT STAMP PROGRAM	5,059,886				
BALANCE FORWARD	3,419,680				
FEDERAL FUND	887,500				
OTHER FUND	752,706				
WILDLIFE - WILDLIFE FUND	16,144,553	29,083,393	29,774,064	27,071,121	28,569,548
BALANCE FORWARD	3,425,803	14,595,998	14,595,998	12,582,548	13,273,219
FEDERAL FUND	238,716				
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER		115,428	115,428	115,428	115,428
OTHER FUND	12,480,034	14,371,967	15,062,638	14,373,145	15,180,90
WILDLIFE - DIRECTOR'S OFFICE	2,646,912	3,165,443	3,165,443	3,206,466	3,206,466
FEDERAL FUND	423,141	47,255	47,255	49,007	49,00
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER	2,223,771	3,118,188	3,118,188	3,157,459	3,157,459
WILDLIFE - OPERATIONS	5,803,844	5,140,652	5,132,382	5,177,686	5,178,71
FEDERAL FUND	769,617	718,831	712,754	708,395	704,928
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER	5,034,227	4,394,321	4,392,128	4,441,791	4,446,287
OTHER FUND		27,500	27,500	27,500	27,500
WILDLIFE - CONSERVATION EDUCATION		2,145,121	2,145,121	2,243,941	2,243,94
FEDERAL FUND		1,060,716	1,060,716	1,059,646	1,059,64
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER		1,084,405	1,084,405	1,184,295	1,184,29
WILDLIFE - LAW ENFORCEMENT		7,657,577	7,667,751	7,467,372	7,477,86
FEDERAL FUND		1,377,128	1,377,128	1,375,344	1,375,34
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER		4,700,360	4,699,708	4,510,797	4,510,396
OTHER FUND		1,580,089	1,590,915	1,581,231	1,592,127
WILDLIFE - GAME MANAGEMENT		4,197,227	4,197,227	4,241,006	4,241,006
FEDERAL FUND		2,467,093		2,467,682	
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER		1,730,134		1,773,324	
WILDLIFE - FISHERIES MANAGEMENT		6,715,638	6,765,638	6,832,252	6,832,252
GENERAL FUND		149,892		149,892	
FEDERAL FUND		4,534,690		4,670,913	
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER		2,031,056		2,011,447	

	2010-2011 Work Program	2011-2012 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS	2011-2012 LEGISLATIVELY APPROVED	2012-2013 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS	2012-2013 LEGISLATIVELY APPROVED
WILDLIFE - DIVERSITY		2,121,435	2,252,211	1,990,263	1,990,268
GENERAL FUND	-	344,872	344,873	344,873	344,878
FEDERAL FUND		1,199,361	1,199,361	1,209,509	1,209,509
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER		577,202	707,977	435,881	435,881
WILDLIFE - HABITAT		5,079,764	5,079,764	4,703,871	4,703,871
FEDERAL FUND		3,519,018	3,519,018	3,198,514	3,198,514
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER		1,560,746	1,560,746	1,505,357	1,505,357
TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE	68,376,401	65,306,250	66,179,601	62,933,978	64,443,934
GENERAL FUND	721,553	494,764	494,765	494,765	494,770
BALANCE FORWARD	12,670,170	14,595,998	14,595,998	12,582,548	13,273,219
FEDERAL FUND	17,883,470	14,924,092	14,968,015	14,739,010	14,735,543
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER	19,856,072	19,311,840	19,439,770	19,135,779	19,139,874
OTHER FUND	17,245,136	15,979,556	16,681,053	15,981,876	16,800,528
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NDOT - TRANSPORTATION	604,591,954	573,866,185	573,645,984	565,376,101	565,179,074
ADMINISTRATION	400.400	111.010		100.050	100.050
BALANCE FORWARD	139,122	141,319	141,319	199,250	199,250
FEDERAL FUND	308,881,103	235,000,000	235,000,000	235,000,000	235,000,000
HIGHWAY FUND	288,881,754	333,814,063	333,593,862	325,225,742	325,028,715
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER OTHER FUND	6,170,420 519,555	4,148,384 762,419	4,148,384 762,419	4,188,045 763,064	4,188,045 763,064
NDOT - BOND CONSTRUCTION					
BALANCE FORWARD TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	604,591,954	573,866,185	573,645,984	565,376,101	565,179,074
BALANCE FORWARD	139,122	141,319	141,319	199,250	199,250
FEDERAL FUND	308,881,103	235,000,000	235,000,000	235,000,000	235,000,000
HIGHWAY FUND	288,881,754	333,814,063	333,593,862	325,225,742	325,028,715
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER	6,170,420	4,148,384	4,148,384	4,188,045	4,188,045
OTHER FUND	519,555	762,419	762,419	763,064	763,064
INFRASTRUCTURE					
GENERAL FUND	27,369,415	22,139,522	22,677,521	22,319,051	22,802,159
BALANCE FORWARD	28,839,750	36,485,745	36,485,745	35,775,354	36,236,721
FEDERAL FUND	367,385,665	271,605,598	271,801,342	270,374,958	270,507,380
HIGHWAY FUND	288,881,754	333,814,063	333,593,862	325,225,742	325,028,715
INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER	39,504,070	37,818,988	38,324,565	37,569,146	38,031,011
INTERIM FINANCE	66,146	, , ,	, , ,		• •
OTHER FUND	303,517,179	196,396,261	197,999,649	196,297,867	199,474,262
REVERSIONS	,,	,,	2.,200,010	22,-21,001	22,,232
TOTAL FOR INFRASTRUCTURE	1,055,563,979	898,260,177	900,882,684	887,562,118	892,080,248
Less: INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER	39,504,070	37,818,988	38,324,565	37,569,146	38,031,011
NET INFRASTRUCTURE	1,016,059,909	860,441,189	862,558,119	849,992,972	854,049,237