

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) administers the state's environmental protection programs, which focus on restoring, preserving, and enhancing California's environmental quality and protecting public health.

The proposed budget was constructed first by computing the workload budget funding level. From the workload budget, adjustments are made to reflect specific policy adjustments and reductions, including budget-balancing reductions. With these adjustments, the Governor's Budget includes \$1.8 billion (\$85.3 million General Fund and \$1.7 billion other funds) and 4,963.7 positions for Cal/EPA (shown in Change Table ENV-01). More notable funding changes are described below.

PROPOSED WORKLOAD BUDGET

The major workload adjustments for 2008-09 include the following:

AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Ongoing Implementation of the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32) – The Governor's Budget includes

Change Table ENV-01

Environmental Protection Agency — Changes by Broad Categories

	2007-08			2008-09		
	General Fund	Other Funds	Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Positions
2007 Budget Act	\$90,449	\$1,990,142	4,812.0	\$86,486	\$1,989,142	4,812.0
Workload Adjustments						
Employee Compensation/Retirement	3,084	26,241	—	3,258	28,841	—
Expiring Programs or Positions	—	—	—	—	-5,000	—
One-Time Cost Reductions	—	—	—	—	-206,673	—
Full-Year Cost of New Programs	—	—	—	—	1,268	17.2
Other Workload Adjustments	-958	213,297	4.6	655	-90,626	37.9
Infrastructure Adjustment	-376	—	—	3,235	—	—
Totals, Workload Adjustments	\$1,750	\$239,538	4.6	\$7,148	-\$272,190	55.1
Policy Adjustments						
California Education and the Environment Initiative	—	—	—	—	1,167	0.9
Green Chemistry and Pollution Prevention	—	—	—	—	772	5.7
Ongoing Implementation of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006	—	—	—	—	5,579	25.8
Regulatory Implementation and Enforcement	—	—	10.5	—	8,522	44.1
Water Quality and Water Rights Investigations and Enforcement	—	—	—	—	1,314	8.5
Zero-Emission Vehicle and Infrastructure Implementation Support	—	—	—	—	6,000	—
Other Policy Adjustments	—	—	—	3	6,090	28.1
Totals, Policy Adjustments	\$0	\$0	10.5	\$3	\$29,444	113.1
Total Adjustments	\$1,750	\$239,538	15.1	\$7,151	-\$242,746	168.2
Budget Prior to Reductions	\$92,199	\$2,229,680	4,827.1	\$93,637	\$1,746,396	4,980.2
Budget-Balancing Reductions^{1/}	-\$1,600	\$0	—	-\$8,338	\$0	-16.5
Governor's Budget	\$90,599	\$2,229,680	4,827.1	\$85,299	\$1,746,396	4,963.7

^{1/} These dollars and PYs are included in the General Government agency; therefore, not included in each agency's totals in the applicable Summary Schedules.

* Dollars in Thousands

\$5.6 million Air Pollution Control Fund and 25.8 positions for additional staff and resources to continue implementation of programs and strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other factors contributing to global warming.

Regulatory Implementation and Enforcement

– The Governor’s Budget includes \$8.5 million Motor Vehicle Account and 44.1 positions to focus on the Air Resources Board’s implementation and enforcement efforts related to controlling toxic diesel particulates from on- and off-road mobile sources. These include regulations affecting in-use

off-road diesel vehicles, composite wood formaldehyde emissions, and diesel auxiliary engines for port and ocean-going vessels.

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

Proposition 84—The Governor’s Budget proposes \$100.5 million local assistance funding to continue the Clean Beaches Grant Program, the Urban Stormwater Grant Program and the Agricultural Water Quality Grant Program. The Clean Beaches Grant Program includes a funding set-aside for the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission.

PROPOSED BUDGET-BALANCING REDUCTIONS

Total budget-balancing reductions for the Environmental Protection Agency amount to \$1.6 million in 2007-08 and \$8.3 million and 16.5 personnel years in 2008-09.

The major reductions are described below:

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

- \$4.3 million and 12.0 personnel years will be reduced effective 2008-09. These reductions will result in delays in the issuance of permits under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System that regulates the discharge of wastewater to surface waters in the state, and a decrease in contract funding for Total Maximum Daily Load action plans.

DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

- \$2.4 million will be reduced effective 2008-09 from the Site Mitigation and Brownfields Reuse Program.

This reduction will decrease the annual number of drug lab cleanups performed by the state.

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT

- \$1 million and 4.5 personnel years will be reduced effective 2008-09. This reduction will decrease the annual number of scientific evaluations of the effects of fuels on human health and the state's environment, and will reduce the number of air toxic contaminant evaluations that OEHHA can perform each year.

PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS AND OTHER BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Despite the need for significant General Fund reductions to ensure a balanced budget, the Governor's Budget includes these program enhancements to restore, preserve, and enhance California's environmental quality and protect public health.

INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

California Education and the Environment Initiative

—The Governor's Budget includes \$1.2 million and 0.9 positions one-time for 2008-09 from the California Beverage Container Recycling Fund to implement the California Education and the Environment Initiative. The Board will assist in the development of the K-12 classroom curriculum for core subjects incorporating environmental principles and concepts, and will educate students in how their personal consumption and recycling choices affect the environment.

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

Water Quality and Water Rights Investigation and Enforcement—The Governor’s Budget includes \$790,000 Waste Discharge Permit Fund, \$524,000 Water Rights Fund, and 8.5 positions to fund investigators and enforcement personnel. The program enhancements will improve the Water Board’s ability to enforce state laws.

DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

Green Chemistry and Pollution Prevention—The Governor’s Budget includes \$772,000 and 5.7 positions to expand the existing Pollution Prevention program in the area of green chemistry. Green chemistry consists of a set of coordinated strategies intended to identify more effective approaches for dealing with the hazardous effects of many industrial chemicals. These resources will focus on product design and industrial innovation that reduces the use of harmful chemicals in products and generates fewer emissions and less waste, thereby moving California towards safe and sustainable industrial chemistry.

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