

Vermont Clean Water Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday, December 2, 2020, 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Location: [Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Details and supporting materials available at: <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/cwi/board/meetings>.

Clean Water Board Members/Designees:

Susanne Young, Agency of Administration (AoA) Secretary and Clean Water Board Chair
Chris Cochran on behalf of Ted Brady, Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD)
Deputy Secretary
Bob Flint, public member
Joe Flynn, Agency of Transportation (VTrans) Secretary
James Giffin, public member
Julie Moore, Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) Secretary
Anson Tebbetts, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (AAFM) Secretary
Chad Tyler, public member
Public member (vacant)

1. Welcome

- a. The Chair, Secretary Susanne Young convened the meeting at 10:00 am and reviewed the agenda. No action taken.
- b. Secretary Young entertained a motion to approve prior meeting minutes from September 16, 2020. Motion to approve minutes passed.
- c. Secretary Young entertained a motion to approve prior meeting minutes from October 22, 2020 (public hearing). Motion to approve minutes passed.
- d. Secretary Young updated the Board that Chris Louras is no longer serving as a public member and the Administration is working to fill the vacant public member position.

2. Review draft SFY 2022 clean water budget

ANR Secretary Julie Moore reviewed the updated draft SFY 2022 clean water budget. No action taken.

3. Review summary of public comment on draft SFY 2022 clean water budget

Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Water Investment Division Director Neil Kamman reviewed the summary of public comment themes and responses for the updated draft SFY 2022 clean water budget. Mr. Kamman noted an error in the response to theme #5 part 2 that should be omitted from the materials: “Regarding partner support, in light of comments received, the proposed budget provides an additional \$50,000 to further support clean water partner work.” Discussion followed:

- a. Secretary Moore noted, in response to comments on limited natural resources restoration funds, the clean water budget only includes the Clean Water Fund and the Capital Bill and does not reflect the entirety of money going to clean water. Noted \$6 million in federal funds awarded from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to DEC through the Lake Champlain Basin Program in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020. A significant amount of these federal dollars goes to natural resources restoration, including at total \$4.3 million supporting

- Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department's wetland acquisition program from FFY 2018 through FFY 2020.
- b. Public Board member Jim Giffin asked if the Administration is supportive of Vermont Housing and Conservation Board's (VHCB) recommended reallocation of funds between its two line items. Secretary Moore indicated the Administration is supportive of the change.
 - c. Secretary Young asked if there were any other minor adjustments to the budget. DEC Clean Water Initiative Program (CWIP) Manager Emily Bird shared other minor adjustments made to the draft SFY 2022 budget since the September 2020 version:
 - i. ANR DEC Capital Bill line item "State Match to Clean Water State Revolving Fund Federal Grant" was adjusted to reflect the actual final amount needed, which freed up a very small amount of funds added to the AAFM line item "Water Quality Grants to Partners and Farmers."
 - ii. Moved \$50,000 from ANR Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (FPR) Clean Water Fund line item "Forestry Skidder Bridges and Water Quality Practices" to ANR FPR Clean Water Fund line item "Implement BMPs at State Forests and Recreational Access Points." The \$50,000 is intended to cover project identification and prioritization efforts under the State Forests and Recreational Access Points initiative.
 - d. Public Board member Bob Flint asked the meaning of the asterisk in the "Multi-Sector Innovation, Grant Administration and Partner Support*" line item. Mr. Kamman responded the asterisk references the footnote explaining the "Multi-Sector Innovation, Grant Administration and Partner Support" line item is included in ANR-DEC's appropriation. Mr. Flint noted importance of continued support for development of innovation/creative solutions, especially in the agricultural sector. Ms. Bird responded that a portion of the line item will be used to continue support and development of innovative approaches.
 - e. Public Board member Chad Tyler requested an update on the developed lands implementation program related to the three-acre stormwater general permit, and if this budget includes funds to support compliance. Mr. Kamman responded DEC is developing funding and financing programs to support three-acre stormwater general permit compliance and noted that COVID-19 pandemic affected the banking sector.
 - f. Secretary Moore reiterated that the "Lakes in Crisis Fund" line item represents funds dedicated to development of the Lake Carmi Crisis Response Plan. The line item represents a small portion of state and federal funds supporting implementation of the Lake Carmi Crisis Response Plan. A recommendation was made to clarify how this is presented in the budget and improve messaging. Ms. Bird noted that investments made in Lake Carmi watershed and the results of those investments are summarized in the *2019 Lake Carmi Clean Water Progress Report*, which was presented at public meetings and posted on the Restoring Lake Carmi webpage: <https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/restoring/carmi>. Board members recommended additional outreach and distribution of summary materials to the public.
 - g. Mr. Kamman noted that the more detailed breakdown of funding initiatives under the "Multi-Sector Innovation, Grant Administration and Partner Support" line item are provided in the DEC CWIP annual spending plan, typically available in late spring/early summer after the state budget passes. The SFY 2021 DEC CWIP spending plan is behind schedule, as the budget was just authorized this fall. Mr. Giffin recommended noting the clean water budget establishes broad budget categories that will then be administered by state agencies through competitive process.
 - h. Mr. Kamman noted that comment from stakeholder organizations pointed out the Clean Water Board's statutory responsibility to notify the Legislature where Clean Water Fund revenue are insufficient and to seek additional revenue streams.

4. Discuss possible changes to the draft SFY 2022 clean water budget

Secretary Young led discussion of possible changes to the draft SFY 2022 clean water budget. Discussion followed:

- a. Mr. Giffin recommended adding a URL to clean water project signs. Secretary Flynn noted the URL would need to be added to existing signs and recommended consideration of a QR code.
- b. Mr. Flint recommended branding Vermont's clean water efforts as a multi-agency coordinated effort.
- c. Mr. Tyler requested update on the potential removal of both Lake Champlain causeways. Mr. Kamman noted the Lake Champlain Basin Program and the DEC Lakes and Ponds Program have investigated and modeling does not suggest removal of the causeways will address the water quality challenges. Secretary Flynn added, with regards to the Missisquoi Bay causeway and bridge project, that it was determined by DEC and others the amount of causeway removed from old roadbed was only extent necessary to remove in terms of water quality. Funds remaining from the project are dedicated to improving water quality in the Missisquoi Bay watershed.
- d. Mr. Giffin requested an update on the Clean Water Fund Program Audit. Secretary Young shared the request for proposals (RFP) was released early 2020 and timing corresponded with the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. No responses were received. The statutory deadline was extended by two years. AoA intends to re-release the RFP very soon with responses due during the Legislative session. If there are no responses to the second RFP, AoA may approach the Legislature to better define the audit scope.
- e. Secretary Young asked if there were any changes to the bottom line in terms of total SFY 2022. Ms. Bird responded there were no changes at this time. The Emergency Board will meet in January and revenue forecast updates will be issued soon after. The Administration will continue to monitor revenue and notify the Board if adjustments are needed.

5. Adoption of the SFY 2022 clean water budget for recommendation to Governor Scott

Secretary Young entertained a motion to approve the SFY 2022 clean water budget for recommendation to Governor Scott. Motion to approve the budget passed.

6. Receive update on Clean Water Service Provider rulemaking process

DEC Water Investment Division Director Neil Kamman provided an update the Clean Water Service Provider rulemaking process. The draft rule was submitted to the Interagency Committee on Administrative Rules. Public and stakeholder engagement is ongoing. The draft rule is available on the Clean Water Service Delivery Act webpage: <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/statuses-rules-policies/act-76>.

7. Receive update on Vermont Clean Water Initiative 2020 Performance Report

DEC Clean Water Initiative Program (CWIP) Manager Emily Bird provided an update on the *Vermont Clean Water Initiative 2020 Performance Report*. The report fulfills the statutory investment report requirement (part 1) and serves as a progress report to the EPA on implementation of the *Phosphorus Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Vermont Segments of Lake Champlain* (part 2). DEC CWIP coordinates the interagency data compilation and report writing and thanks all agency staff members that contributed.

8. Public comment

Secretary Young welcomed public comment. Public comment followed from Zack Porter of Conservation Law Foundation and Phil Huffman of The Nature Conservancy and Vermont Housing and Conservation Coalition. Both commenters reiterated written comments submitted during the public comment period, available in the meeting materials.

9. Other business, determine next steps, closing remarks

Secretary Young summarized next steps to present the SFY 2022 clean water budget to the Governor and noted some adjustments may be made by the Governor. The Clean Water Board will likely reconvene in February if there are significant changes to revenue projections that require revisiting the budgets.

10. Adjourn

Secretary Young entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn passed at 11:30 am.

Supporting Materials:

1. December 2, 2020 Clean Water Board Virtual Meeting Ground Rules
2. September 16, 2020 Draft Clean Water Board Meeting Minutes
3. October 22, 2020 Draft Clean Water Budget Public Hearing Minutes
4. Memorandum: SFY 2022 Clean Water Budget Public Comment Summary and Response
5. SFY 2022 Clean Water Budget Public Comment Compiled Results (Online Questionnaire Results and Letters/Emails Received)
6. Revised Draft SFY 2022 Clean Water Budget (December 2, 2020)

Vermont Clean Water Board Emergency Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Friday, January 22, 1:30–2:00 pm
Location: [Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Details and supporting materials available at: <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/cwi/board/meetings>.

Clean Water Board Members/Designees:

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Chris Cochran on behalf of Ted Brady, Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) Deputy Secretary
Alison Conant (absent)
Bob Flint, public member
Joe Flynn, Agency of Transportation (VTrans) Secretary
James Giffin, public member (absent)
Julie Moore, Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) Secretary
Anson Tebbetts, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (AAFM) Secretary
Chad Tyler, public member

1. Welcome

The Chair, Secretary Susanne Young convened the meeting at 1:30 pm and reviewed the agenda. No action taken.

2. Review revised revenue projections for SFY 2021 and 2022

ANR Director of Finance and Administration Emily Byrne reviewed the revised Clean Water Fund revenue projections. This revenue upgrade resulted in a significant increase in available revenue for SFY 2021 and 2022. Secretary Moore noted Board policy has typically been to budget surplus revenue in the current fiscal year as part of the next budget process, so the increased SFY 2021 would be utilized in developing the SFY 2023 budget. Secretary Tebbetts asked what is driving the revenue change. Ms. Byrne noted increase in purchase of Vermont property. No action required.

3. Review proposed revisions to SFY 2022 Clean Water Fund budget

ANR Secretary Julie Moore reviewed proposed revisions to the Clean Water Fund portion of the SFY 2022 clean water budget. In preparing the draft budget, priority was given to restoring line items that had been reduced below SFY 2021 funding levels. No action required.

4. Discussion of proposed revisions to SFY 2022 Clean Water Fund budget

Secretary Moore noted that Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB) receives funds from the Capital Bill and, therefore, the revised budget did not propose to change the VHCB allocation. No action required.

5. Adoption of revised SFY 2022 budget recommendation

Secretary Young entertained a motion to approve the revised SFY 2022 clean water budget for recommendation to Governor Scott. Motion was made by Secretary Flynn, seconded by Secretary Moore. Motion to approve the budget passed.

6. Adjourn

Secretary Young entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn passed at 1:47 pm.

Supporting Materials ([link](#)):

1. Clean Water Fund Revenue Projection
2. Draft Revised SFY 2022 Clean Water Budget

Vermont Clean Water Board Special Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:00-4:50 pm

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting agenda, materials, minutes, and recording are posted online at: <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/cwi/board/meetings>.

Clean Water Board Members/Designees:

Susanne Young, Agency of Administration (AoA) Secretary and Clean Water Board Chair
Tayt Brooks, Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) Deputy Secretary
Alison Conant, public member
Bob Flint, public member
Joe Flynn, Agency of Transportation (VTrans) Secretary
James Giffin, public member
Julie Moore, Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) Secretary
Anson Tebbetts, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (AAFM) Secretary
Chad Tyler, public member

1. Welcome

The Chair, Secretary Susanne Young convened the meeting at 4:00 pm and reviewed the agenda. No action taken.

2. Review [H. 439, An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government, as passed the House on March 26, 2021](#)

Topic: removal of the Meals & Rooms Tax (MRT) as a dedicated annual source of general fund revenue to the Clean Water Fund for FY22-FY26 and replace with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) federal funds.

ANR Secretary Julie Moore and Secretary Young reviewed the annotated excerpt of Appropriations Bill (H.439) and briefing document for the Clean Water Board (CWB) (Attachments 1 & 2).

3. Questions/Discussion/Possible Action

The question and discussion included:

- 1) a desire to learn the reasons for the House action and whether the Legislature had taken this approach elsewhere, which are questions that will be put to Joint Fiscal Office;
- 2) that the ARPA funds, that are limited in how they can be used, and the 6% MRT could co-exist; from the Administration's perspective;
- 3) that this is an amendment of Act 76 (2019) (i.e., the "Clean Water Service Delivery Act") that established MRT as a long term source of funding, and is contrary to the agreement reached with the Legislature in Act 64 (2015) (i.e., the "Vermont Clean Water Act") that required the establishment of a long term source of funding;
- 4) that a dedicated source of funding was required by the EPA and it is unclear how they will view the replacement with one-time federal funds;
- 5) that without Treasury guidance, it is difficult to ascertain what projects currently in the CWB budget would be eligible for ARPA funding, but the expectation is that the Treasury guidance will be more restrictive than the flexibility provided by state funds;
- 6) it is unclear how Fitch Ratings would view the substitution of MRT with one-time federal funds as it referenced the importance of dedicated funding to clean water for the State to meet its obligation to EPA;
- 7) that the loss of the state funds detracts from the source of funds used to match federal funds;
- 8) that it is unclear who would manage the projects funded with ARPA as it depends on how the appropriation of ARPA is structured, while the Governor's proposal to use ARPA for clean water allocates it to agencies and departments like other federal funds, and
- 9) whether the action will impact the audit obligation in statute still needs to be discussed.

4. Next steps. Secretaries Young and Moore will meet with the Joint Fiscal Office on April 20th and request time for a discussion with the Senate Appropriations Committee this week to review history of Clean Water Fund and risks to changing revenue sources.

5. Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

6. Adjourn

Secretary Young entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Secretary Flynn, seconded by Chad Tyler. Motion to adjourn passed at 4:35 pm.

Supporting Materials:

1. Appropriations Bill (H.439) Excerpt Annotated
2. Briefing Document for Clean Water Board and Referenced Attachments

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Vermont Clean Water Board Special Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday, June 30, 2021, 9:30-10:00 am

Virtual Option to Attend: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Physical Location to Attend In-Person: Agency of Natural Resources, One National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05602 in the Catamount Room (NL D215)

Meeting agenda, materials, minutes, and recording are posted online at: <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/cwi/board/meetings>.

Clean Water Board Members/Designees:

Susanne Young, Agency of Administration (AoA) Secretary and Clean Water Board Chair (Present)
Tayt Brooks, Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) Deputy Secretary (Present)
Alison Conant (Present)
Bob Flint, public member (Present)
Joe Flynn, Agency of Transportation (VTrans) Secretary (Present)
James Giffin, public member (Absent)
Julie Moore, Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) Secretary (Present)
Anson Tebbetts, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (AAFM) Secretary (Present)
Chad Tyler, public member (Present)

1. Welcome

Susanne Young, Secretary of Administration and Clean Water Board Chair

The Chair, AoA Secretary Susanne Young convened the meeting at 9:30 am and reviewed the agenda. No action taken.

2. Review Clean Water Fund operating statement (January 21, 2021)

Julie Moore, Secretary of Natural Resources

ANR Secretary Julie Moore reviewed the Clean Water Fund Operating Statement as of January 21, 2021 and highlighted that the Fund has \$1,442,457 in unallocated/unreserved dollars (Attachment 1). Based on preliminary discussions with the Tax Department, Secretary Moore indicated this number is likely closer to \$3,000,000 in unallocated/unreserved dollars for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 22.

Secretary Moore further explained these unallocated dollars typically get rolled into a future fiscal year budget (these would typically go to SFY23) but that the meeting today is for Clean Water Board approval to allocate a portion of those unallocated dollars to SFY22 to support agricultural best management practices.

3. Discussion of agricultural best management practices cost share demand

Anson Tebbetts, Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets

AAFM Secretary Tebbetts reviewed a memorandum (Attachment 2) and emphasized that the Agency's Best Management Practice (BMP) Program has received roughly \$2,000,000 more in requests than the Program can support. Secretary Tebbetts requested approval from the Clean Water Board to use the \$1,442,457 in unallocated/unreserved dollars from the Clean Water Fund in SFY22 to help these BMP projects move forward without delay.

Questions/Discussion on Proposal:

- Are the AAFM match commitments already allocated to projects up and running? Some are in the planning stages but this money would also help move forward new projects in the pipeline.
- Support expressed to AAFM for their hard work moving these projects along.
- Confirmation that if these funds were to be obligated under SFY22 then this would require a legislatively-approved budget adjustment.
- Public comment from Vermont Association of Conservation Districts Executive Director Jill Arace in strong support of this proposal. Director Arace explained there is strong coordination between U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, AAFM, and the Conservation Districts and that farmers typically look toward the BMP Program when they need money more urgently, so it fills an important gap.

4. Adopt recommendation to program FY21 Clean Water Fund unallocated/unreserved revenue in FY22 clean water budget

Full Board

- a. Approval of revised FY22 clean water budget recommendation
- b. Secretary Young entertained a motion to approve recommendation to add \$1.4 million in FY21 Clean Water Fund unallocated/unreserved revenue to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets' line item "Water Quality Grants to Partners and Farmers" in the FY22 clean water budget. Motion was made by Chad Tyler, seconded by ACCD Deputy Secretary Tayt Brooks. Motion to approve the budget change passed.

5. Public Comment

No further public comment offered.

6. Adjourn

10:00 am

Secretary Young entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by VTrans Secretary Flynn, seconded by Chad Tyler. Motion to adjourn passed at 9:51 am.

Supporting Materials:

1. Clean Water Fund operating statement (January 21, 2021)
2. Memorandum: Agricultural Water Quality BMP Financial Request
3. Draft Revised SFY 2022 Clean Water Budget



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Agency of Natural Resources

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MEMORANDUM

To: Vermont Clean Water Board

From: Julia S. Moore, P.E. Secretary, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources

Date: August 10, 2021

Re: FY22 Clean Water Board Funding Allocation

As part of the FY22 budget, the Legislature included "\$10,000,000 to DEC for allocation by the Clean Water Board as part of the budget process in FY 2022." The arrival of this funding falls outside of the Clean Water Board's traditional budget process, which culminates in the Board making recommendations to the Secretary of Administration in December of the prior calendar year. Given this timing, a special meeting of the Clean Water Board has been scheduled for this Thursday, August 12.

The following allocation of the ARPA funds is being recommended for Board consideration.

- \$3.5 million for water quality grants to farmers
 - This allocation will satisfy unmet demand in AAFM's Best Management Practices (BMP) Program and Capital Equipment Assistance Program (CEAP). Market volatility correlated with the COVID-19 pandemic is increasing project costs. These one-time funds will ensure AAFM is able to provide farmers with target cost share rates for as many shovel-ready projects as possible.

- \$3.5 million for stormwater project delivery, planning and implementation
 - This is a proposed "swap" of FY22 Clean Water Fund revenue with ARPA dollars, freeing-up Clean Water Fund revenue to expand support for natural resources restoration projects and municipal roads programs (more detail below).
 - The Governor's FY22 proposed ARPA budget included \$10 million for stormwater project delivery; this recommendation was fully funded by the Legislature. Should the Clean Water Board adopt



this recommendation, a total of \$13.5 million in ARPA funding will be available for stormwater work in FY22 and would match ANR's best estimate of likely demand for funding in FY22.

- \$3 million for municipal pollution control grants
 - This allocation will satisfy demand in the Municipal Pollution Control Grants program where recent bids on planned projects have exceeded engineer's estimate of probable cost. This allocation is essential in supporting the ability of these to proceed to construction on current timelines and providing municipalities with target cost share rates to the greatest extent feasible.
 - This funding will support work in the following publicly-owned treatment works: Addison, Burlington, Hardwick, Hinesburg, Ludlow, St. Johnsbury and Whitingham.

In light of the availability of ARPA funds, the following reallocation of FY22 Clean Water Fund revenues is being recommended for Board consideration:

- Reallocating \$1.5 million of Clean Water Fund revenues from "stormwater project delivery, planning and implementation" to support natural resources restoration projects.
 - This reallocation will support unmet demand and acknowledges strong public support for investments in natural resources restoration. A portion of these one-time funds will increase support to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department in meeting demand for its Wetland Acquisition and Restoration Program, complementing federal Lake Champlain Basin Program funds. This initiative implements the highest-priority, shovel-ready wetland acquisition, restoration, and conservation projects to improve and protect water quality.
- Reallocating \$1.5 million of Clean Water Fund revenues from "stormwater project delivery, planning and implementation" to expand funding for the municipal mitigation assistance programs (Better Roads and Grant-in-Aid) administered by VTrans to improve stormwater management associated with municipal roads.
- Reallocating of \$500,000 of Clean Water Fund revenues from "stormwater project delivery, planning and implementation" to support the "Multi-Sector Innovation, Grant Administration and Partner Support" line-item.
 - This reallocation will expand support for organizational capacity building and aid in the transition to the new decentralized implementation model established under Act 76 (2019), ensuring a strong partnership network ready to deliver high quality and high priority clean water projects.



CLEAN WATER BOARD
Draft Clean Water Board State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022 Clean Water Budget Recommendation
August 12, 2021

No.	Sector	Agency	Activity	Clean Water Fund January 2021	Clean Water Fund Proposed Adjustments June-August 2021	Clean Water Fund Proposed August 2021	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Proposed August 2021	Capital Bill January 2021	Total SFY22 August 2021	Total SFY22 August 2021 Proposal Compared to January 2021 Budget
1	Agriculture	AAFM	Agronomy Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP)	235,000		235,000			235,000	-
2	Agriculture	AAFM	Water Quality Grants to Partners and Farmers*	3,563,891	1,442,457	5,006,348	3,500,000	3,436,109	11,942,457	4,942,457
3	Agriculture	AAFM	Operating	722,502		722,502			722,502	-
4	Agriculture	VHCB	Water Quality Farm Improvement and Retirement Projects					900,000	900,000	-
5	Nat'l Resources	VHCB	Land Conservation and Water Quality Projects					1,300,000	1,300,000	-
6	Innovation	ANR (DEC-CWIP)	Multi-Sector Innovation, Grant Administration and Partner Support	2,393,734	500,000	2,893,734			2,893,734	500,000
7	Nat'l Resources	ANR (DEC-CWIP)	Natural Resources Restoration*	3,234,503	1,500,000	4,734,503			4,734,503	1,500,000
8	Nat'l Resources	ANR (DEC-Lakes)	Lakes in Crisis Fund	50,000		50,000			50,000	-
9	Nat'l Resources	ANR (FPR)	Forestry Skidder Bridges and Water Quality Practices	50,000		50,000			50,000	-
10	Roads	ANR (FPR)	Implement BMPs at State Forests and Recreational Access Points	550,000		550,000		500,000	1,050,000	-
11	Roads	VTrans	Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid	3,130,830		3,130,830			3,130,830	-
12	Roads	VTrans	Municipal Better Roads (Category B)	846,170		846,170			846,170	-
13	Roads	VTrans	Municipal Mitigation Assistance Program		1,500,000	1,500,000			1,500,000	1,500,000
14	Stormwater	ANR (DEC-CWIP)	Stormwater Project Delivery, Planning and Implementation*	5,008,370	(3,500,000)	1,508,370	3,500,000		5,008,370	-
15	Stormwater	AoA	Stormwater Utility Payments (\$25K each)	125,000		125,000			125,000	-
16	Stormwater	ACCD	Better Connections (Stormwater Planning)	60,000		60,000			60,000	-
17	Stormwater	ACCD	Downtown Transportation Fund (Stormwater Project Development)	140,000		140,000			140,000	-
18	Wastewater	ANR (DEC-CWIP)	Wastewater Treatment Facility Operators Support	110,000		110,000			110,000	-
19	Wastewater	ANR (DEC-WID)	State Match to Clean Water State Revolving Fund Federal Grant					1,563,891	1,563,891	-
20	Wastewater	ANR (DEC-WID)	Municipal Pollution Control Grants*				3,000,000	3,300,000	6,300,000	3,000,000
21	Audit	AoA	Program Audit (10 V.S.A. § 1389b)	31,000		31,000			31,000	-
			Total Requested	20,251,000	1,442,457	21,693,457	10,000,000	11,000,000	42,693,457	11,442,457
			Anticipated Revenue	20,251,626	1,442,457	21,694,083				

* SFY22 clean water budget activities anticipated to be ARPA-eligible

Programmed unallocated/unreserved SFY21 Clean Water Fund revenue, approved by Clean Water Board June 30, 2021
Proposed adjustments associated with programming \$10 million of ARPA funds in SFY22 clean water budget, to be reviewed by Clean Water Board August 12, 2021

Draft Clean Water Board SFY22 Clean Water Budget Recommendation by Agency (August 2021)					
Agency	Clean Water Fund Proposed August 2021	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Proposed August 2021	Capital Bill January 2021	Total SFY22 August 2021	Total SFY22 August 2021 Proposal Compared to January 2021 Budget
AAFM	5,963,850	3,500,000	3,436,109	12,899,959	4,942,457
ACCD	200,000	-	-	200,000	-
ANR (DEC-CWIP)	9,246,607	3,500,000	-	12,746,607	2,000,000
ANR (DEC-Lakes)	50,000	-	-	50,000	-
ANR (DEC-WID)	-	3,000,000	4,863,891	7,863,891	3,000,000
ANR (FPR)	600,000	-	500,000	1,100,000	-
AoA	156,000	-	-	156,000	-
VHCB	-	-	2,200,000	2,200,000	-
VTrans	5,477,000	-	-	5,477,000	1,500,000
Total	21,693,457	10,000,000	11,000,000	42,693,457	11,442,457

Updated August 12, 2021

Clean Water Board
Draft State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022 Clean Water Budget – Line-Item Descriptions
Organized by Agency

Line-item descriptions are updated August 12, 2021 to reflect revised draft SFY 2022 clean water budget proposal, incorporating \$10 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

The revised draft SFY 2022 clean water budget proposal was designed to support the following goals.

- i. Increase funds to meet unmet program demand, especially in areas where market volatility correlated with the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting programs' ability to meet target cost share rates.*
- ii. Allocate ARPA funds to ARPA-eligible activities, based on Agency of Administration and Guide House risk assessment review.*
- iii. Consolidate ARPA administration into the fewest number of programs possible, factoring program demand and capacity.*
- iv. Adjust Clean Water Fund allocations to align all available funding with Clean Water Fund priorities.*
- v. Maintain state Clean Water Fund revenue where needed to meet match requirements of federal funding.*

Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (AAFM)

Line 1: Agronomy Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP)

Support for the ACAP contract to continue delivering agronomic (field-based) technical support to farmers statewide, in coordination with federal and state agencies.

Line 2: Water Quality Grants to Partners and Farmers

- a. Capital Funds: AAFM provides grants and contracts for capital expenditures that include the installation of best management practices (BMPs) on farms in Vermont. BMPs are site-specific on-farm conservation practices implemented to address the potential for agricultural pollutants to enter the waters of the state. Below is a summary of the programs connected with the Capital Funds for this line-item. *The August 12, 2021 revised draft SFY 2022 clean water budget proposes allocating an additional \$3.5 million in ARPA to meet unmet demand in AAFM's Best Management Practices (BMP) Program and Capital Equipment Assistance Program (CEAP). These two programs are described below. Market volatility correlated with the COVID-19 pandemic is increasing project costs. These one-time funds will support the program's ability to provide farmers with target cost share rates to the greatest extent feasible.*
 - i. Best Management Practices (BMP) Program, 6 V.S.A. §§ 4820 – 4826. Eligible practices may include manure and agricultural waste storage facilities, composting stack pads, silage leachate collection, laneway development & stream crossings, and clean water diversions.

- ii. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), 6 V.S.A. § 4829. The program funds 15 to 30-year term water quality agreements to install vegetation within buffers. The scope of this program is unchanged since it was launched more than 15 years ago.
 - iii. Grassed Waterway and Filter Strip (GWFS) Program, which replaced the Vermont Agricultural Buffer Program, 6 V.S.A. § 4900. The GWFS Program can provide technical and financial assistance to Vermont farmers for in-field agronomic best practices to address critical source areas, erosion, and surface runoff. Eligible practices include establishment of grassed waterways, filter strips, and critical source field area seedings that will remain established for 10 years.
 - iv. Capital Equipment Assistance Program, 6 V.S.A. § 4828. Financial assistance is available for new or innovative equipment that will aid in the reduction of surface runoff of agricultural wastes to state waters, improve water quality of state waters, reduce odors from manure application, separate phosphorus from manure, decrease greenhouse gas emissions, and reduce costs to farmers when they apply manure.
 - v. Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) Program, 6 V.S.A. 4830. The AEM Program is established to provide farms of Vermont with state financial assistance to alternatively manage their farmstead, cropland, and pasture in a manner that will address identified water quality concerns that, traditionally, would have been wholly or partially addressed through federal, state, and landowner investments in BMP infrastructure, in agronomic practices, or both.
- b. Clean Water Funds: AAFM administered grants and contracts that are non-capital funds are used to support:
- i. Farm Agronomic Practices (FAP) Program, 6 V.S.A. § 4951. The FAP Program utilizes state funding to help Vermont farms implement soil-based agronomic practices that improve soil quality, soil health, increase crop production, and reduce erosion and agricultural waste discharges. The FAP Program also provides education and instructional activity grants to support outreach regarding the impacts of agricultural practices on water quality and current state agricultural water quality regulations. Eligible practices include cover cropping, conservation crop rotation, conservation crop rotation with nurse crop, conservation tillage, no till pasture and hayland renovation, rotational grazing, manure injection, aeration, educational or instructional activities.
 - ii. The Agricultural Clean Water Initiative Program (Ag-CWIP) is AAFM's grant funding program made possible by the Clean Water Fund, created by Act 64 of 2015 (i.e., the Vermont Clean Water Act). Funding is awarded to a wide variety of partner organizations through various grant opportunities such as Education and Outreach, Organizational Development, Farm Conservation Practice Surveys, Innovative Nutrient Reduction activities and more. This funding develops and supports the continual improvement of

water quality across the state of Vermont by supporting organizations to provide farmers with education and outreach, technical assistance, identifying and implementing BMPs, planning, and more.

- iii. Innovative water quality improvement methods for manure management, phosphorus reduction and new techniques that directly assist partners and farmers in water quality implementation activities.

Line 3: Operating

The AAFM supports a portion of the staff and operating costs from the Clean Water Fund. The necessary increase in staffing was created as part of the Vermont Clean Water Act development process and allowed the AAFM to meet the [*Phosphorus Total Maximum Daily Loads for Vermont Segments of Lake Champlain*](#) (i.e., Lake Champlain TMDLs) and statewide on farm inspection and technical assistance goals for achieving water quality improvements. The current staff and operating costs of the existing positions in this budget amount to \$722,502 from the Clean Water Fund.

Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB)

Line 4: Water Quality Farm Improvement and Retirement Projects

- a. VHCB uses this funding to award grants to farmers for water quality-related capital improvements. Eligible projects include production area improvements, manure management projects, farm equipment, and pasture management. Grants typically help farmers pay for project components that state and federal grant programs cannot cover. In cases of significant hardship, the grants may assist farmers who are otherwise unable to fully meet the cost share requirements for priority AAFM BMP or U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service projects.
- b. Farmland Retirement: VHCB works closely with other partners – particularly AAFM and ANR – to identify agricultural land that is difficult to farm without adversely impacting water quality. These funds would allow VHCB to help fund the purchase and/or conservation of such properties with a goal of taking them all or mostly out of production. All grants will require perpetual conservation restrictions.

Line 5: Land Conservation and Water Quality Projects

Part of VHCB's core funding, this allocation is used for grants to eligible applicants (land trusts and other conservation non-profits, towns, certain state agencies) for conservation and water-quality related investments in fee lands and conservation easements. All grants will require perpetual conservation restrictions. Those with surface waters will include specific water quality-related easement provisions such as riparian buffers and wetland protection zones.

Agency of Natural Resources (ANR)

Line 6: Multi-Sector Innovation, Grant Administration and Partner Support

- a. Innovation: Supports development and use of technologies, practices, or policies that facilitate, optimize, or accelerate cost-effective nutrient pollution removal strategies, such as the [Vermont Phosphorus Innovation Challenge](#). This is a cross-agency effort, and grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Funds may be used to support other innovative phosphorus reduction-based projects.
- b. Clean Water Service Delivery Act (Act 76 of 2019): Supports development of nutrient pollutant reduction target setting and project tracking and accounting, as well as other requirements associated with developing and implementing programs in Act 76 of 2019.
- c. Program and Partner Support:
 - i. Supports partner capacity and development related to tactical basin planning, project identification and development, technical support, and Clean Water Service Provider start-up activities. Includes funding to partners for basin planning, basin water quality council participation, education, and outreach pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 1253(d)(3). *The August 12, 2021 revised draft SFY 2022 clean water budget proposes reallocating \$0.5 million in Clean Water Fund revenue from the "Stormwater Project Delivery, Planning, and Implementation" line-item (proposed to be replaced with ARPA dollars) to "Multi-Sector Innovation, Grant Administration and Partner Support" line-item. This allocation of one-time funds, as a component of the "Multi-Sector Innovation, Grant Administration and Partner Support" line-item, will support unmet organizational capacity needs to ensure a strong partnership network to deliver high quality and high priority clean water projects. Organizational capacity funds will expand support to partners to aid in the transition from current funding initiatives, ending in SFY 2022, to funding initiatives under Act 76 of 2019, in effect SFY 2023.*
 - ii. Supports laboratory analytical/testing costs for targeted water-quality monitoring efforts.
 - iii. Supports ANR's program capacity to administer grants and contracts and enhance clean water project service delivery, compliance assistance, and inspections.

Line 7: Natural Resources Restoration

DEC provides grants and contracts to municipalities, watershed organizations, lake associations, conservation districts, regional planning commissions, and other eligible entities for natural resources restoration, including restoration of river channels, floodplains, lakeshores, and wetlands. DEC Tactical Basin Plans identify priority natural resources restoration projects. *The*

August 12, 2021 revised draft SFY 2022 clean water budget proposes reallocating \$1.5 million in Clean Water Fund revenue from the "Stormwater Project Delivery, Planning, and Implementation" line-item (proposed to be replaced with ARPA dollars) to "Natural Resources Restoration" line-item, described above. This allocation of one-time funds to the "Natural Resources Restoration" line-item will support unmet demand and acknowledge strong public support for investments in this sector. A component of the "Natural Resources Restoration" line-item increase will support Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department in meeting demand for its Wetland Acquisition and Restoration Program, complementing federal Lake Champlain Basin Program funds. This initiative implements the highest-priority, shovel-ready wetland acquisition, restoration, and conservation projects to improve and protect water quality. A minimum of 40 percent of the lands acquired are restorable to wetlands.

Line 8: Lakes in Crisis Fund

Supports initial response upon designation of a Lake in Crisis pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 1314. Annually, the Agency of Natural Resources is required to recommend a budget for the fund. Currently only one lake, Lake Carmi, is designated as a Lake in Crisis. In addition to the Lakes in Crisis Fund, ANR and AAFM use other grant programs to support phosphorus mitigation in the Lake Carmi watershed. The *Lake Carmi Crisis Response Plan*, the *2019 Lake Carmi Clean Water Progress Report*, and other resources are available at the [Restoring Lake Carmi webpage](#).

Line 9: Forestry Skidder Bridges and Water Quality Practices

The Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (FPR) provides direct grants to loggers to reimburse a portion of the cost of skidder bridges (per 2017 Act 75, 10 V.S.A. § 2622a). Portable skidder bridges prevent erosion and runoff at stream crossings on logging jobs. This also supports FPR's capacity to enhance implementation of Acceptable Management Practices (AMPs) for Maintaining Water Quality on Logging Jobs.

Line 10: Implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) at State Forests and Recreational Access Points

DEC's Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP) program is a streamlined process for inventorying roads and prioritizing and constructing projects to improve water quality. This relatively simple framework is being adopted to incentivize non-regulatory road best management practices (BMPs). This project involves using a modified MRGP inventory methodology for road and trail networks on ANR land, including State Forests, Wildlife Management Areas, State Parks, and recreational access points, developing a field application and companion database to gather and store data, and constructing projects based on the prioritized list of road and trail BMPs to reduce nutrient and sediment pollution.

Lines 14: Stormwater Project Delivery, Planning, and Implementation

Provides financial assistance to municipalities and other eligible entities to implement stormwater pollution abatement and control projects. Stormwater projects capture and treat

polluted stormwater runoff (i.e., rain runoff and snowmelt) from developed areas, including roads rooftops, and parking lots. Funds may support compliance with stormwater regulations, including the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit and the General Permit 3-9050 (i.e., “Three-Acre General Permit”), required by clean water restoration plans known as total maximum daily loads (TMDLs). Funds will support project identification, delivery, planning, design, and construction. *The August 12, 2021 revised draft SFY 2022 clean water budget proposes reallocating \$3.5 million of the “Stormwater Project Delivery, Planning, and Implementation” line-item from Clean Water Fund revenue to ARPA dollars, freeing-up Clean Water Fund revenue to expand support for other Clean Water Fund priorities in SFY 2022. The \$3.5 million in ARPA dollars for “Stormwater Project Delivery, Planning, and Implementation” will support Three-Acre General Permit projects.*

Line 18: Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Operators Support

Continued WWTF operator support for optimization and high-strength source management in place of near-term capital investments to implement major nutrient TMDLs (e.g., Lake Champlain TMDLs). Programming covers technical, analytical, and asset management. Federal funds may become available but are limited in scope and location.

Line 19: State Match to Clean Water State Revolving Fund Federal Grant

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) provides low-interest loans for municipal and private entity stormwater, wastewater, and natural resources projects. Vermont provides a 20% match to draw down federal funds. The 20% match of \$1,563,891 in FY 2022 will draw down \$7,819,455 in federal funds. All the 20% state match funds, federal funds, and repayment funds, minus administrative expenses are used to provide loans for a wide range of water-quality projects that includes combined sewer overflow abatement (CSO), plant refurbishment, plant upgrades, sludge and septage improvements, sewer line replacement and extension, pump station upgrades, plant enlargements, stormwater improvements, and municipally sponsored private wastewater disposal systems.

The interest rate/administrative fee on loans to private entities will be slightly higher than rates to municipalities, and these revenues will be used to offset reduced rates on loans to municipalities that promote natural resources projects. By statute, municipal projects always have priority over loans to private entities.

Line 20: Municipal Pollution Control Grants

In addition to low-interest loans through the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Funds, some municipal clean water projects are eligible for Municipal Pollution Control Grants in SFY 2022 up to 35% of the project cost. The source of funding for municipal pollution control grants is the Capital Bill. These grants are for municipalities only. The Legislature has adopted a priority system for Municipal Pollution Control Grants, found in 10 V.S.A. § 1626b(c) and § 1628, and the Department of Environmental Conservation Chapter 2 – Municipal Pollution Control Priority

System Rule, adopted December 2017. *The August 12, 2021 revised draft SFY 2022 clean water budget proposes allocating \$3 million of ARPA dollars to meet demand in the Municipal Pollution Control Grants program. Market volatility correlated with the COVID-19 pandemic is increasing project costs. These one-time funds will support the program's ability to provide municipalities with target cost share rates to the greatest extent feasible.*

Agency of Transportation (VTrans)

Line 11: Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid

Provides financial assistance to municipalities to bring hydrologically connected municipal road sections into full compliance with the Municipal Roads General Permit. Funds are dispersed by formula to all participating municipalities based on hydrologically connected road miles. In FY 2018-2021, municipalities enroll through regional planning commissions and complete construction and regional planning commissions provide project verification and reporting. Practices eligible for funding under this project include drainage ditch installation and upgrades, turnouts, removal of high road shoulders, and stabilization of drainage culverts and catch basin outlets, and on Class 4 roads, stabilization of gully erosion.

Line 12: Municipal Better Roads Program

Construction projects funded by grants to municipalities in the Better Roads Program are meant to be quick, low-cost projects that are easy to advance without all the requirements of federal funding. Example construction projects include ditching, check dams, gravel wetlands, slope stabilization, and structure/culvert upgrades. All Clean Water Funds awarded through the Better Roads Program will be used to bring hydrologically connected municipal road segments into full Municipal Roads General Permit compliance. Other funding sources may be used to support other types of construction projects through the Better Roads Program. In addition to the construction projects, which are funded in part by the Clean Water Fund and in part with funds appropriated through the Transportation Bill, VTrans also funds road erosion inventories through the Better Roads Program, as required by the Municipal Roads General Permit. Municipalities have 12 months, or one state fiscal year, to complete the construction projects. Grant award lists going back to FY 2014 can be found [here](#).

Line 13: Municipal Mitigation Assistance Program

The August 12, 2021 revised draft SFY 2022 clean water budget proposes reallocating \$1.5 million in Clean Water Fund revenue from the "Stormwater Project Delivery, Planning, and Implementation" line-item (proposed to be replaced with ARPA dollars) to the new "Municipal Mitigation Assistance Program" line-item. These one-time funds will support demand across the Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid, Better Roads, and the Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation programs. Demand is projected to be higher than amounts budgeted. This new flexible line-item provides VTrans with the ability to allocate funds across multiple programs to meet

municipal demand. Funds will support Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP) and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) requirements.

Agency of Administration (AoA)

Line 15: Stormwater Utility Payments

The Legislature has encouraged the Clean Water Board to award monies to support the establishment and maintenance of stormwater utilities. The Clean Water Board continues to recommend an annual appropriation of \$25,000 to municipal stormwater utilities. There are currently five municipalities that have established stormwater utilities: Williston, Colchester, South Burlington, St. Albans City, and Burlington. These funds are appropriated through the Agency of Administration. VTrans publishes an [annual report about municipal stormwater utilities related to VTrans expenditures](#).

Line 21: Program Audit

10 V.S.A. § 1389b requires that on or before January 15, 2023¹ the Secretary of Administration shall submit a program audit of the Clean Water Fund to the General Assembly. The audit must be conducted by a qualified, independent environmental consultant or organization and include:

- i. A summary of the expenditures from the Clean Water Fund, including the water quality projects and programs that received funding;
- ii. An analysis and summary of the efficacy of the water quality projects and programs funded from the Clean Water Fund or implemented by the State;
- iii. An evaluation of whether water quality projects and programs funded or implemented by the State are achieving the intended water quality benefits;
- iv. An assessment of the capacity of the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to effectively administer and enforce agricultural water quality requirements on farms in the State; and
- v. An assessment of the capacity of the Department of Environmental Conservation to effectively administer and enforce agricultural water quality requirements on farms in the State; and
- vi. A recommendation of whether the General Assembly should authorize the continuation of the Clean Water Fund and, if so, at what funding level.

Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD)

Line 16: Better Connections (Stormwater Planning)

Better Connections is an award-winning interagency grant program (VTrans, ACCD, ANR, Vermont Department of Health) that supports the implementation of local projects to increase

¹ Date change from January 15, 2021 to January 15, 2023 proposed in H.969 "An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government" passed by both House and Senate as of September 30, 2020.

local transportation options, build resilience, and revitalize communities. Funding will help municipalities incorporate stormwater management strategies into downtown and village center transportation and community revitalization plans.

Line 17: Downtown Transportation Fund (Stormwater Best Management Practices)

In partnership with VTrans, the Downtown Transportation Fund will help municipalities incorporate stormwater BMPs into infrastructure improvement projects that make Vermont's downtown areas more pedestrian, bike, and transit friendly.

July 15, 2021

Secretary Julie Moore
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Dear Secretary Moore and Members of the Clean Water Board,

As the Clean Water Board considers allocation of additional funds for the FY22 Clean Water Budget, the undersigned organizations write to urge you to consider substituting the more flexible state revenue currently budgeted for three-acre stormwater, gray infrastructure, and roads programs with the funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocated by the State Legislature. This would allow for an increase in the funding for natural resources, green infrastructure, and agricultural projects. As the goal of the Clean Water Fund (CWF) is to reduce nutrient pollution in Vermont waters, it is prudent to spend these flexible state dollars where it will provide the most water quality benefit.

As you are aware, in Sec.G.700(a)(5) of the Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations Act the State Legislature provided \$10 million in federal funds from ARPA to the CWF “for allocation by the Clean Water Board ... as part of their budget process in fiscal year 2022.” This is a substantial boost for the CWF, which is projected to be about \$20 million in the state revenue from the Meals & Rooms tax, the escheats from unreturned bottles and cans, and from the Property Transfer Tax Clean Water Surcharge. However, as you also know, the ARPA funding is restricted in use with a primary focus on sewer and water infrastructure, so it likely can only be applied to certain programs in the CWF, while some natural resources’ programs may be ineligible.

To remedy a possible restriction and provide more funding for these green natural resource programs, we urge the Board to swap the current state funding being used for three-acre stormwater, gray infrastructure, and road rehabilitation programs with the ARPA funds and shift the more flexible state funds to natural resources and agriculture programs. By our estimate, there is approximately \$8 to \$9 million in the FY22 CWF budgeted for these types of stormwater and roads programs, including: the Municipal Roads Grants in Aid program; the Municipal Better Roads program; the Stormwater Project Delivery, Planning and Implementation program; the Stormwater Utility Payments; and, the Better Connections program. Many of these types of programs also received ARPA funding directly from the FY22 State Budget, while green natural resources programs did not.

A shift of state revenue to natural resources programs will provide a boost for much-needed and cost-effective nature-based projects to reduce nutrient pollution to Vermont lakes and rivers, offering a rare opportunity to make a large impact on pollution reduction.

Thank you in advance for the consideration.

Sincerely,

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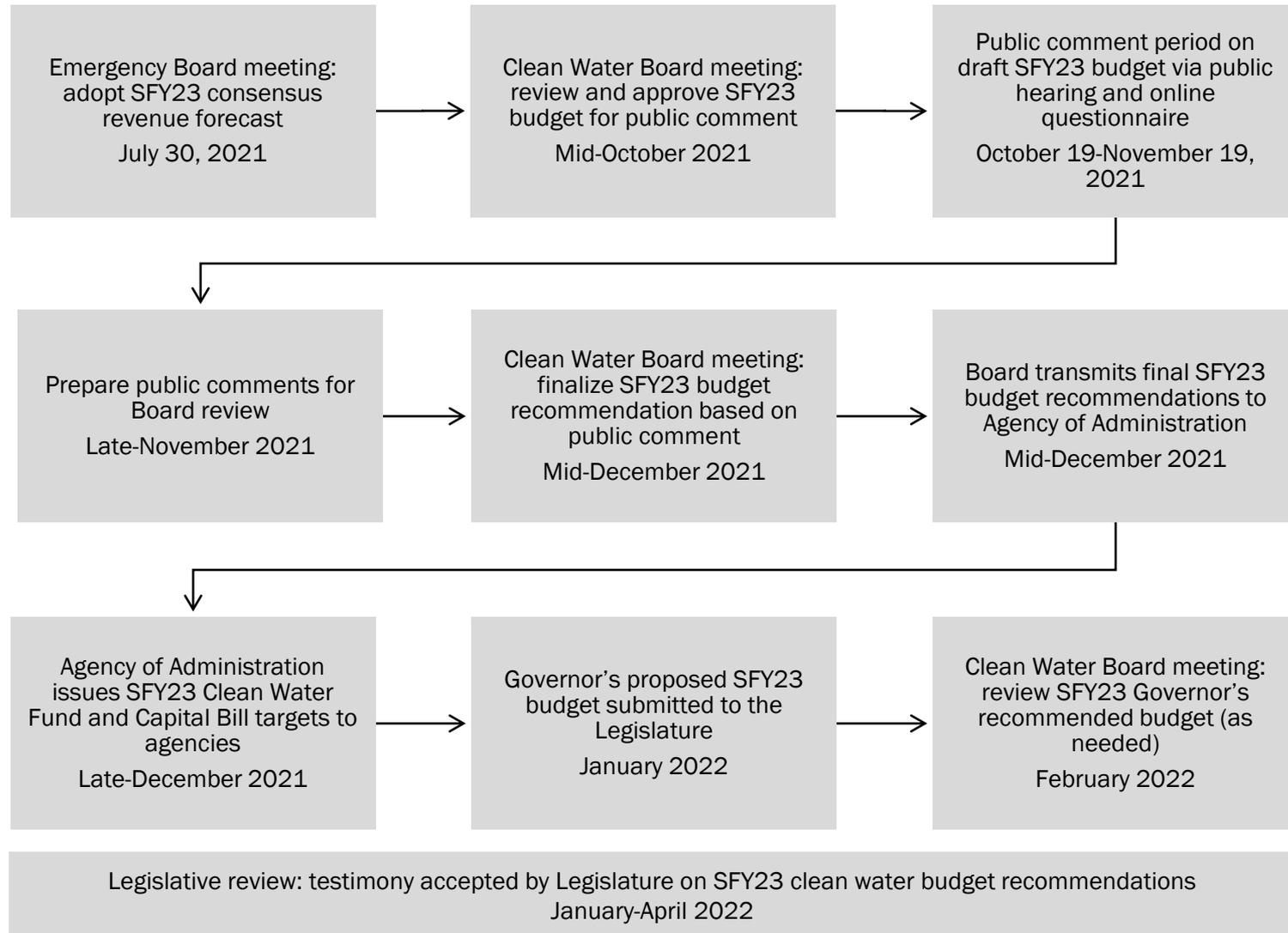
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	Actual	Actual	January 2021 Rev. Update	Actual	January 2021 Rev. update	July 2021 Rev. update	July 2021 Rev. update	July 2021 Rev. update
	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Revenue								
(a) Clean Water Surcharge (PTT)	4,996,998	4,973,378	7,180,000	8,327,370	7,580,000	8,880,000	7,320,000	6,110,000
(b) Interest Income	121,810	90,087	-	41,320	-	-	-	-
(c) Reversions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(e) Escheats	-	1,293,747	3,040,000	3,159,383	2,687,626	2,562,292	2,562,292	2,562,292
(f) Meals and Rooms Tax	-	6,620,286	7,584,000	8,629,034	9,984,000	10,794,000	11,616,000	12,282,000
(g) Subtotal Sources	5,118,808	12,977,498	17,804,000	20,157,108	20,251,626	22,236,292	21,498,292	20,954,292
Appropriations								
(h) DEC	1,630,000	10,375,000	9,581,000	9,581,000	10,746,607	10,746,607		
(i) DEC Adjustments	140,000	(626,201)	-	(650,715)	-	-		
(j) ACCD	100,000	200,000	169,000	169,000	200,000	200,000		
(k) ACCD Adjustments	-	(100,000)	-	-	-	-		
(l) VCGI	-	-	-	-	-	-		
(m) VTRANS	-	770,000	3,977,000	3,977,000	3,977,000	3,977,000		
(n) VTRANS Adjustments	-	(117,485)	-	650,715	-	-		
(o) FPR	-	-	50,000	50,000	600,000	600,000		
(p) AOA	100,000	150,000	169,000	169,000	156,000	156,000		
(q) Subtotal Uses	1,970,000	10,651,314	13,946,000	13,946,000	15,679,607	15,679,607	-	-
(r) Revenue Surplus/Deficit	3,148,808	2,326,184	3,858,000	6,211,108	4,572,019	6,556,685	21,498,292	20,954,292
Transfers (To)/From								
(s) Transfer (to) Agriculture CWF	(1,670,000)	(3,255,000)	(3,408,000)	(3,408,000)	(4,521,393)	(4,521,393)		
(u) AAFM Adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	(1,400,000)		
(v) Transfer (to) Lakes in Crisis Fund	-	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)		
(w) Transfer (to)/From Contingency Reserve	(450,000)	450,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
(x) Subtotal Transfers	(2,120,000)	(2,855,000)	(3,458,000)	(3,458,000)	(4,571,393)	(5,971,393)	-	-
(y) Current Year Unallocated/Unreserved	1,028,808	(528,816)	400,000	2,753,108	626	585,292	21,498,292	20,954,292
Reserve								
(z) Contingency Reserve	950,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Available Funds								
(aa) Prior Year Balance Unreserved/Unallocated	542,465	1,571,273	1,042,457	1,042,457	1,442,457	3,795,565	4,380,857	-
(bb) Current Year Unallocated/Unreserved	1,028,808	(528,816)	400,000	2,753,108	626	585,292	21,498,292	20,954,292
(cc) Summary of Unallocated/Unreserved	1,571,273	1,042,457	1,442,457	3,795,565	1,443,083	4,380,857	25,879,149	20,954,292