



# ACTION ITEMS ON “OFF-BUDGET” FUNDS

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
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ISSUE BRIEF

## **SUMMARY**

During the 2013 interim, the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst conducted an in-depth budget review. The 426-page report catalogues 457 state funds, operations, and tax incentives that are not currently included in the appropriations process. The in-depth review includes individual recommendations for each of these “off-budget” items. The table on page 2 summarizes action items related to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Subcommittee.

A copy of the full report can be found at: <http://le.utah.gov/interim/2013/pdf/00004070.pdf>.

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<b>Closing Funds</b>						
<b>Fund #</b>	<b>Fund/Account Recommended for Closure</b>	<b>Revenues FY 13/CY 12</b>	<b>Expenditures FY 13/CY 12</b>	<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>Sweep to General Fund</b>	<b>Finance Action</b>
2280	Natural Resources Reclamation Fund	\$1,000	\$0	\$150,100	\$150,100	Eliminate balance
1034	Agriculture Conservation Easement Account	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Requires statutory change to eliminate
1141	Recreational Trails & Streams Enhancement Protect Account	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Requires statutory change to eliminate
1143	Wetlands Protection Account	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Requires statutory change to eliminate
1144	Natural Resources Conservation Easement Account	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Requires statutory change to eliminate

<b>Proposed Statutory Changes</b>						
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2165	Salinity Offset Fund	\$154,000	\$9,100	\$522,900	D-2	Review annually and include in approp. act and change approval of projects to entire Board, UCA 4-2-8.5(3). Dept. of Ag was out of compliance on 10% max spending; proposed change 1) direct agency to repay the fund amount or 2) change UCA 4-2-8.5(4) to allow agency to spend an avg of 10%/yr over 5 yrs.
2290	Waste Tire Recycling Fund	\$2,937,100	\$2,214,100	\$1,649,500	C-13	Include in approp. act. Amend statute for a review within three mos. of tire removal or remove reporting requirements for LHDs.
5276	Water Resources Conservation and Development Pledged Loans	\$28,202,400	\$20,790,100	\$158,215,700	C-18	Amend statute to require the Board of Water Resources to review balance and activities on a regular basis.
5277	Water Resources 2010 Capitalization Revenue Bond	\$5,645,600	\$3,100,100	(\$5,395,500)	C-19	Amend statute to require the Board of Water Resources to review balance and activities on a regular basis.
5281	Water Resources Cities Pledged Loans	\$182,700	\$2,126,400	\$10,402,500	C-20	Amend statute to require the Board of Water Resources to review balance and activities on a regular basis.
5415	Water Resources Investigation Account	\$611,400	\$712,100	\$1,788,000	C-21	Amend statute to require periodic legislative review of account activity. Delete UCA 73-10-12, no longer relevant.
5416	Lake Powell Pipeline Project Operation & Maintenance Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	C-22	Amend statute to require periodic legislative review of account activity (when it has a balance).
8100	Water Rights - Well Driller Bond	\$0	\$0	\$0	C-35	Require an annual report on the activities of well drillers from the State Engineer report to NRAE approps. subcommittee (or a different legislative committee).

<b>Include in Appropriations Act</b>						
<b>Fund #</b>	<b>Fund Recommended to Include in Appropriations Act</b>	<b>Revenues FY 13/CY 12</b>	<b>Expenditures FY 13/CY 12</b>	<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>Report Page</b>	<b>Proposed Change</b>
2215	Utah Geological Survey Sample Library Fund	\$500	\$0	\$78,400	B-20	Include in approp. act
7320	Wildland Fire Suppression Fund	\$2,384,900	\$0	\$10,360,600	B-35	Include in approp. act