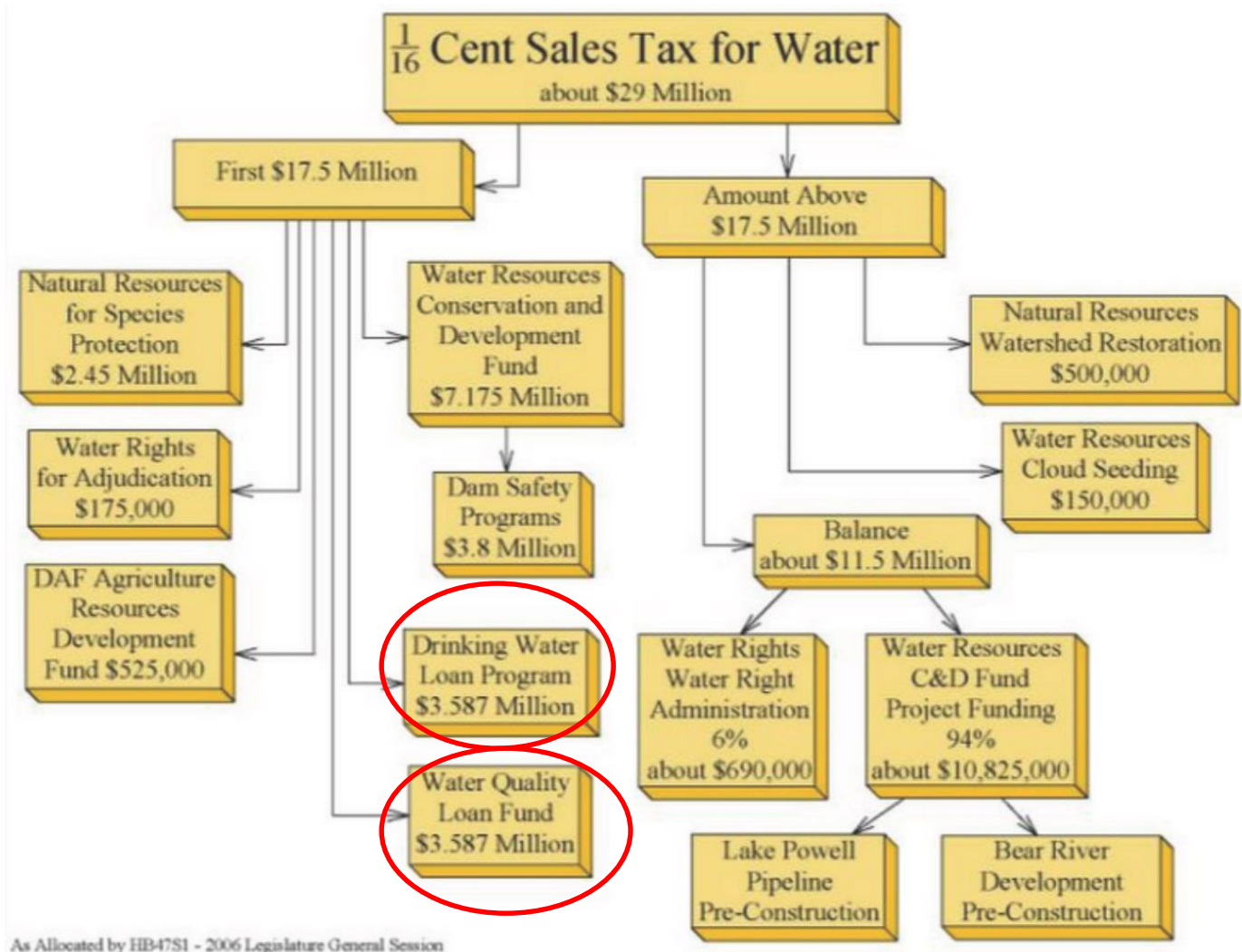


# Drinking Water and Wastewater Loan Programs

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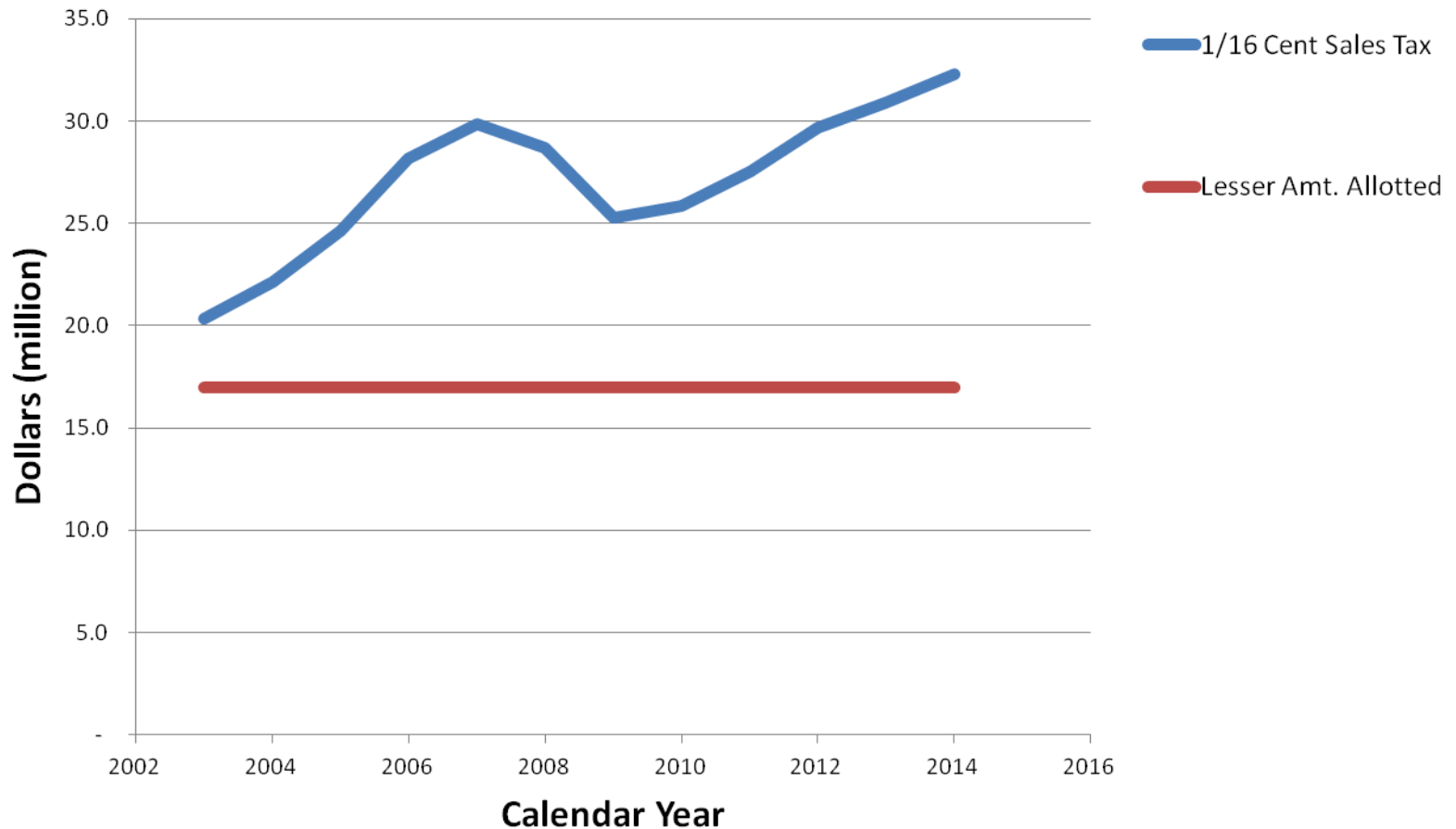
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# Loan Funds Purpose

## Division of Drinking Water

- Public Water
  - Source Development
  - Treatment
  - Storage
  - Distribution



## Division of Water Quality

- Wastewater Projects
  - Sewers
  - Treatment Plants
  - Storm Water
- Non-Point Source Projects
  - Onsite Wastewater Disposal
  - Erosion Control
  - Nutrient Pollution Control



# Why are these Loan Programs Important?

- Funding flexibility is critical:
  - Supports projects not eligible for federal funds
  - Allows the divisions to expedite critical and emergency projects
  - Simplifies projects for small communities by cutting the federal red tape



# Why are these Loan Programs Important?

- Provide infrastructure funding for needed water and wastewater projects -- especially to small communities
- Provide critical matching funds for federal grants
- Support program operations
- Allow agencies to maintain primacy

# Return on Investment

- Loan funds revolve and are reinvested in Utah communities
  - \$683.2 million of federal \$ have capitalized and revolved in DDW's and DWQ's loan programs since 1988.



- Investments in water and wastewater infrastructure are critical to the public health and economy of Utah

# Growing Needs

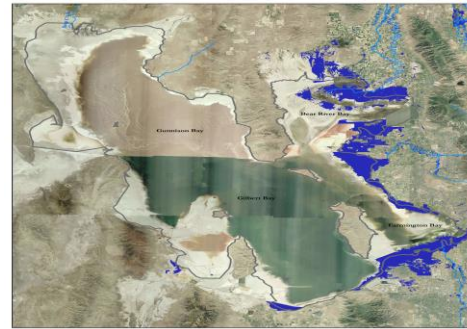
- Many Utah water and wastewater systems are 50 to 100 years old
- Our state's population will double in in the next 30 – 40 years
  - 20-year wastewater infrastructure need: **\$3.42 B**
  - 20-year drinking water infrastructure need: **\$3.73 B**
- Affordable infrastructure
- Widening gap between stream flows and pollutant loadings



# Recommendations

- Maintain a sustainable funding source
- Consider funding re-allocation for protection of unique resources and furthering innovative technology:

- Great Salt Lake
- Water reuse



- Recognition that investment in water and wastewater treatment is an investment in Utah's quality of life

