

**MINUTES OF THE  
NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
JANUARY 31, 2003  
ROOM 305, STATE CAPITOL**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. David Ure, Co-Chair  
Sen. Parley Hellewell  
Rep. Craig W. Buttars  
Rep. Carl W. Duckworth  
Rep. Ben C. Ferry  
Rep. James R. Gowans  
Rep. Michael Noel  
Rep. Brent D. Parker  
Rep. Darin G. Peterson  
Rep. Michael R. Styler

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Sen. Thomas Hatch, Co-Chair  
Sen. Ron Allen

STAFF PRESENT:

Steven Allred, Fiscal Analyst  
Sharron Corelli, Committee Secretary

VISITORS:

Attached to and made a part of these minutes

Rep. David Ure called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m..

MOTION      Rep. Styler moved to add intent language to the Division of Water Rights:

*It is the intent of the Legislature that the state engineer, in publishing public notices of water application, include the water right number, the name of the applicant(s), and general description of the location, source of supply, quantity of water, uses, and period of use.*

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Duckworth absent for the vote.

Kevin Carter, Director, School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, introduced some of his staff and presented a brief overview of the progress, plans, and needs of the agency.

Steven Allred, Fiscal Analyst, presented the budget for the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration.

Mr. Allred recommended a total budget for SITLA of \$10,247,400  
The proposed distribution is as follows:

<b>Programs</b>	Board	204,000
	Director	757,000
	Public Relations	191,100
	Administration	702,000
	Accounting	265,800
	Royalty	178,000
	Minerals	1,111,900
	Surface	1,221,100
	Development -	1,118,700
	Operating	
	Legal Contracts	401,100
	Data Processing	694,100
	Forestry and Grazing	402,600
	Development-	
	Capital	<u>3,000,000</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,247,400</b>

**Fire Suppression Issue:** The Governor has recommended that SITLA pay \$6,070,000 out of the Land Grant Management fund, to cover fire suppression costs incurred on trust lands during the 2002 fire season.

MOTION: Rep. Parker moved to oppose the Governor's recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Rep. Ferry moved the following substitute motion:

To remand the informal opinion issued from the Attorney General's office, subject "Assessment of State Fire Suppression Costs Against School Trust Lands Proceeds back to the Attorney General's office for a letter of concurrence by the Attorney General. The substitute motion passed with Rep. Styler absent for the vote.

To request that the Trust Lands Board of Trustees develop a policy, to include suggested changes to statute if necessary, for dealing with future wildland fires on trust lands. The substitute motion passed with Rep. Styler absent for the vote.

To request a detailed billing of fire suppression costs during the 2002 fire season for review by the committee. The substitute motion passed with Rep. Styler absent for the vote.

To include Rep. Parker's motion to oppose the Governor's recommendation. The substitute motion passed with Rep. Styler absent for the vote.

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MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The voting was unanimous with Rep. Styler absent for the vote.

Co-Chair Ure adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

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Rep. David Ure, Co-Chairman

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Sen. Thomas Hatch, Co-Chairman