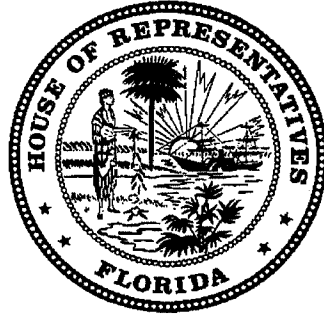




Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

Meeting Packet

**February 9, 2011
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Reed Hall**



AGENDA

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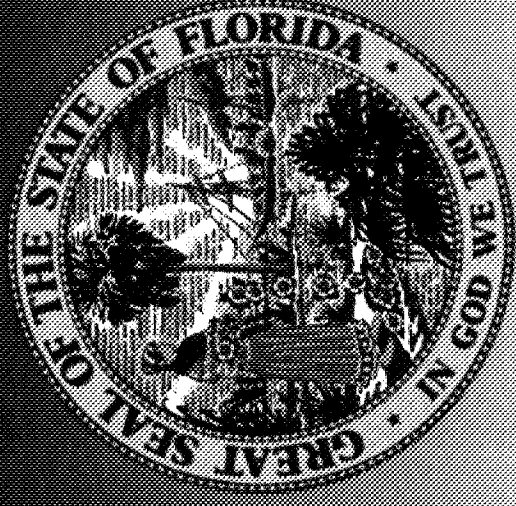
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Reed Hall

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
- II. Opening Remarks
- III. Presentation of the Governor's Recommended Budget for FY 2011-12
 - Andrew Grayson
Acting Policy Coordinator of the Environmental Policy Unit of the
Office of Policy & Budget
- IV. Closing Remarks/Adjournment

GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT

“Let’s Get to Work”



Policy and Budget Recommendations

Governor Rick Scott's Budget Recommendations for Environmental Policy

Fiscal Year 2011-12

Presented to the House Agriculture & Natural Resources
Appropriations Committee

February 9, 2011



Environmental Policy Unit Office of Policy and Budget

Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

Department of Environmental Protection

Department of Citrus

Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission



7 Steps. 700,000 Jobs. 7 Years. — Let's Get to Work.

Major Reforms At a Glance

Biennial Budget/Transparency/Accountability

- Long-term planning allows more time for in-depth program review and evaluation;
- Through the consolidated process of preparing a biennial budget, costs for the executive branch can be reduced;
- Encourage accountability through outcome measures rather than focus on budget controls;
- The budget structure is simplified and presented to the tax-payers in a common sense fashion.



Major Reforms At a Glance

Trust Fund Consolidation

- The Governor's Proposed Budget moves the general purpose revenue portion from 124 funds into the General Revenue Fund so that the pot of money available to fund the state's most critical needs is broader and that all expenditures are subject to the same accountability standards.
- This results in almost \$9 billion more revenue available for Florida's highest priorities.
- Funding required to be segregated due to constitutional issues, bond covenants, federal or other grant restrictions or money owed to non-state entities was not changed.
- Issues previously funded from money that was moved will now be funded from the General Revenue Fund at a level justified by the priority in state needs.

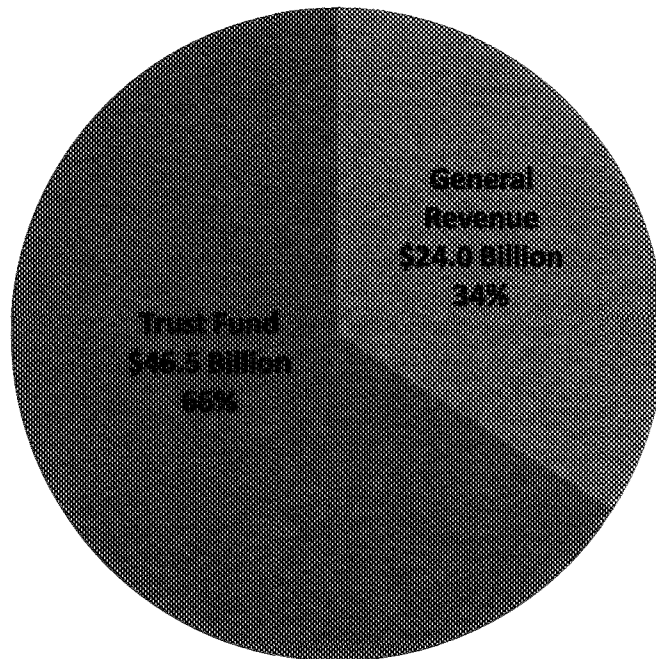


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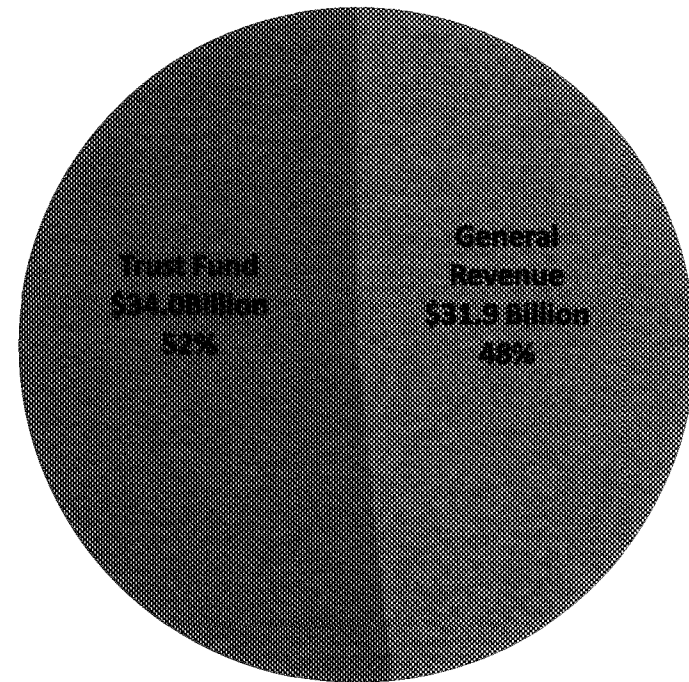
Trust Fund Consolidation

Competing for General Revenue

Current
Total \$70.5 Billion



Proposed for 2011-12
Total \$65.9 Billion



Governor Scott's Solution

1. Accountability Budgeting

2. Reduce Government Spending

3. Regulatory Reform

4. Focus on Job Growth and Retention

5. World Class Education

6. Reduce Property Taxes

7. Eliminate Florida's Corporate Income Tax

1. Accountability Budgeting

Governor Scott's budget recommendations for environmental programs include:

- A streamlined transparent budget aimed at performance and effectiveness.
- A focus on “services” each with accountable and measureable performance “outcomes.”
- Greater flexibility for agency leadership to apply appropriated funding to meet these performance measures.
- A realignment of budget authority tied to anticipated revenues, resulting in a budget authority reduction of \$11.4 million.
- Increased Governor oversight of water management districts budgets.



2. Reduce Government Spending

Paving the Way to a Smaller, More Efficient Government

Department Agriculture & Consumer Services

- \$8.5 million by eliminating 168.5 vacant positions and 23 filled positions
- \$956,600 by reducing the Mosquito Control Program
- \$285,028 by reducing the Office of Water Policy
- \$200,000 by eliminating State Forest Receipts to Fiscally Constrained Counties
- \$70,000 by reducing the Off Highway Vehicle Program

Department of Environmental Protection

- \$6.3 million by eliminating 120 vacant positions.
- \$4 million and 48 positions as a result of transferring the Community Planning Program from the Department of Community Affairs
- \$2.3 million and 22 positions by reducing and merging the Office of Greenways and Trails, the Recreational Assistance to Local Governments service, and the Florida Communities Trust with State Park Operations.
- \$2 million by shifting the expenditures for operations associated with the Federal Clean Water Revolving Loan Program to pay those costs from service fees already collected as authorized under federal law instead of state General Revenue.



2. Reduce Government Spending

Paving the Way to a Smaller, More Efficient Government

Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

- \$4.5 million by eliminating 85 vacant (61 law enforcement) positions
- \$2.7 million by reducing Invasive Plant Management
- \$1.3 million by eliminating the Office of Recreation Services and 12 positions
- \$.6 million by reducing Red Tide Research and Monitoring
- \$.5 million by reducing Lake and Habitat Restoration

Department of Citrus

- \$4 million by realigning budget authority with available revenues
- \$978,837 by eliminating 15 vacant positions



2. Reduce Government Spending

Paving the Way to a Smaller, More Efficient Government

Water Management Districts

- \$178 million Ad Valorem Tax Reduction for Fiscal Year 2011-12 and 2012-13

Department of Environmental Protection

- \$46.8 million and 23 positions for the Energy Office from the Florida Energy and Climate Commission; and for the Public Service and Energy Initiatives from the Department of Community Affairs (DCA).
- \$5.3 million and 58 positions for Community Planning from DCA



3. Regulatory Reform

Governor Scott's budget recommendations anticipate streamlining and expediting the review of local comprehensive plans.

- Eliminates state oversight of local comprehensive planning by expanding existing Alternative State Review Process Program to ALL local governments.
- Repeals the administrative rule (ch. 9J-5, F.A.C.) pertaining to state review of local comprehensive plans; and incorporates revised state minimum standards into the statutes.
- Local governments will solicit comments from limited state agencies regarding only issues of regional or statewide importance (comments provided within 30 days).
- State and 3rd parties will continue to have rights to appeal local action (state's challenge is limited to those issues of regional or statewide importance as raised by commenting agencies).



6. Reduce Property Taxes

Water Management Districts

- Governor Scott's budget recommendation reduces taxes by \$178 million dollars for each of the next two years
- Provides a 25 percent reduction in ad valorem taxation by water management districts
- Reduces property taxes levied by water management districts by an average of about 0.15 mills



Agency Budgets at a Glance



Agriculture & Consumer Services

\$300 Million

- \$12.4 million – Federal Grants
 - \$75,000 Replacement Equipment for Agricultural Environmental Services
 - \$875,000 Increased Funding for Emergency Food Distribution
 - \$1.2 million for Oyster Reseeding and Rehabilitation
 - \$3.2 million for Wildfire Prevention
 - \$7.1 million for Citrus Health Response Plan
- \$651,000 – Agricultural Best Management Practices
- \$400,000 – Water Conservation Program - Mobile Irrigation Labs
- \$ 85,000 – State Farmer's Markets – Statewide Repairs



Environmental Protection

\$1.3 Billion

- **\$151.6 million** for Water Resource and Restoration Programs
 - \$110.3 million for Clean Water State Revolving Fund
 - \$34.9 million for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
 - \$6.4 million for Total Maximum Daily Loads
- **\$130 million** – Petroleum Tank Cleanup Projects
- **\$17 million** – Everglades Restoration
- **\$6 million** – State Park Repairs and Enhancements



Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

\$274.5 million

- \$7.7 million – Federal Grants
 - \$3.9 million Law Enforcement Contracts and Grants
 - \$3.2 million Boating Improvement Grants
 - \$666,667 – Artificial Reef Construction

Department of Citrus

\$61.9 million



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