



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OVERVIEW

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Agency Responsibilities

The Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) mission is controlling pollution, protecting and restoring natural resources, providing resourced-based recreation, and acquiring, managing, and divesting state-owned lands. The department also manages, pursuant to formal agreements with the federal government, federal laws such as the Clean Air, Clean Water, Coastal Zone Management and Resource Conservation and Recovery Acts. The federal government would implement these laws in Florida if the department did not.

Agency Organization

The department is organized by program under three deputy secretaries who report to the Secretary. In addition, there are six regulatory district offices located throughout the state that administer programs at the local level.

The department's activities are organized among the Office of the Secretary and three programs.

- **Office of the Secretary** includes the Secretary, the chief of staff, deputy chief of staff and the three deputy secretaries. It also includes the Offices of Communications, Ecosystems Projects, Legislative and Government Affairs, Inspector General, General Counsel, and the Division of Law Enforcement.
- **Regulatory Programs and Energy** is responsible for regulating air and water resources as well as waste management. The program includes the Divisions of Air Resource Management, Waste Management, Water Resource Management, the Florida Energy Office, and six regulatory district offices.
- **Land and Recreation** is responsible for acquiring land for preservation and recreation. The

program includes the Offices of Cabinet Affairs, Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas, and Greenways and Trails, and the divisions of Recreation and Parks, and State Lands.

- **Planning and Management** is responsible for agency planning and management. The program includes the Divisions of Administrative Services and Resource Assessment and Management, and the Office of Strategic Projects and Planning.

For a chart of the department's organizational structure, see Exhibit 1 on page 2.

Agency Resources

The Legislature appropriated \$3,491,409,875 and 3,612 positions to the department for Fiscal Year 2006-07 (see Exhibit 2). This represents a 50.4% increase in funding and a 1.5% increase in positions compared to the previous fiscal year. The increase in funding was the result of appropriations for acquisition of Babcock Ranch and Everglades restoration.

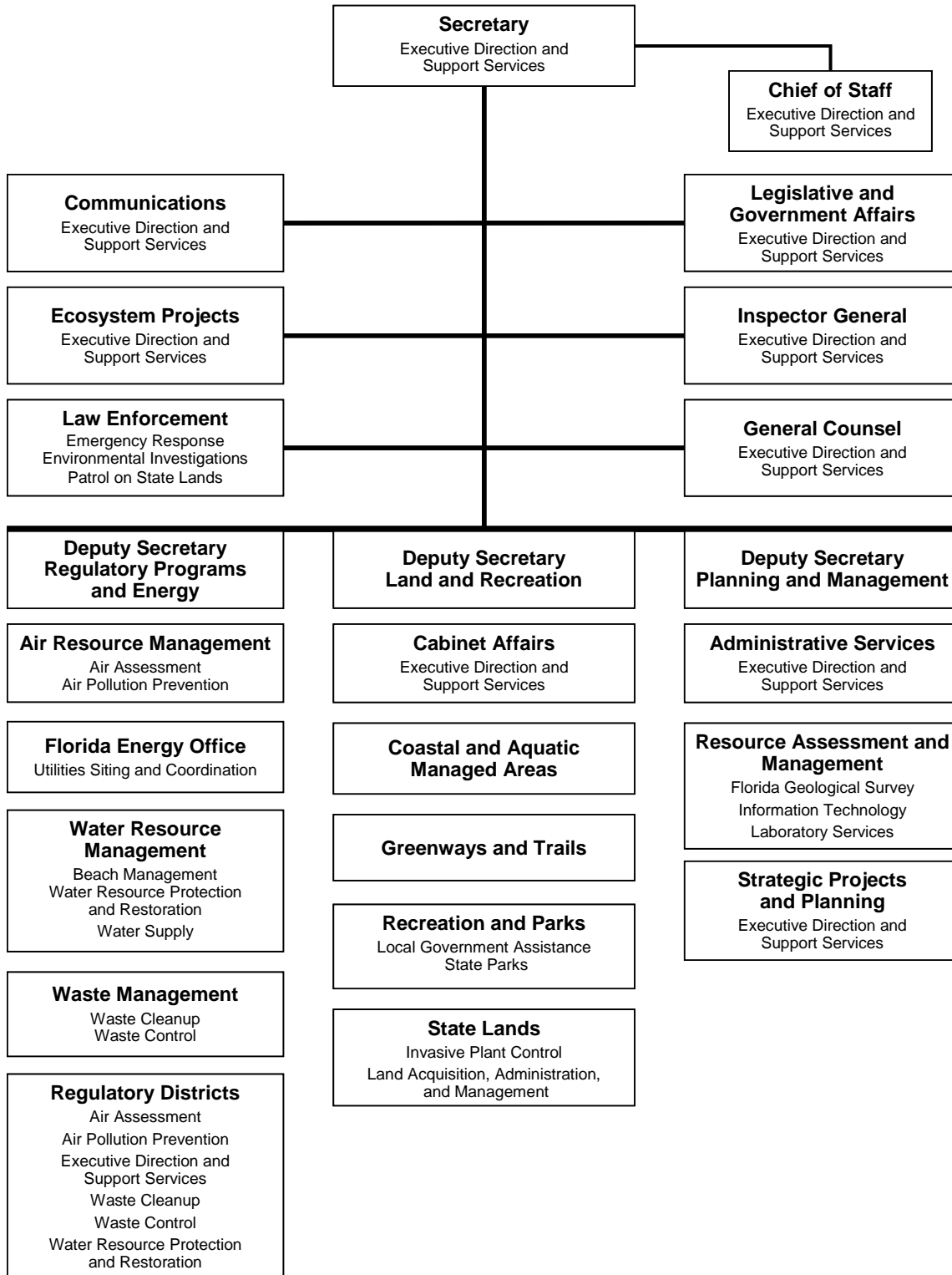
Exhibit 2 Legislative Appropriations and Staffing for the Department of Environmental Protection

Appropriation	FY 2004-05	FY 2005-06	FY 2006-07
General			
Revenue	\$ 460,421,137	\$ 288,749,501	\$ 287,782,996
Trust Funds	1,737,063,998	2,033,745,757	3,203,626,879
Total Funds	\$2,197,484,835	\$2,322,495,258	\$3,491,409,875
FTE	3,587	3,599	3,612
OPS	967	1,223	1,222

Source: Legislative Appropriations System/Planning and Budgeting Subsystem (LAS/PBS), August 2006, and Department of Environmental Protection, *Florida Government Accountability Agency Report*, December 2006.

For more details on the department's resources for Fiscal Year 2006-07, see Exhibit 3 on page 3.

Exhibit 1
The Department of Environmental Protection's Organizational Structure



Source: Department of Environmental Protection.

Exhibit 3

Department of Environmental Protection Resources by Program for Fiscal Year 2006-07

Office of the Secretary		Federal Funds	State Trust Funds	General Revenue	Total	FTE Positions	OPS Positions
Administration¹	Executive Direction/ Support Services	\$ 3,629,469	\$ 27,374,476	\$ 8,763,052	\$ 39,766,997	411.5	77
Division of Law Enforcement	Environmental Investigations	2,502,213	3,195,044	3,194,881	8,892,138	65.5	11
	Patrol on State Lands	578,812	7,302,972	0	7,881,784	94	43
	Emergency Response	643,638	7,861,208	0	8,504,846	28	7
Regulatory Programs and Energy							
Air Resources Management	Air Assessment	\$ 1,629,061	\$ 8,630,483	\$0	\$ 10,259,544	51	4
	Air Pollution Prevention	301,086	16,141,426	0	16,442,512	131	10
Waste Management	Waste Cleanup	1,600,048	231,320,208	0	232,920,256	98	35
	Waste Control	7,028,155	40,881,066	0	47,909,221	317	21
Water Resource Management	Beach Management	0	35,136,628	20,564,044	55,700,672	79	10
	Water Resource Protection and Restoration	177,932,186	380,227,628	240,427,376	798,587,190	742	200
	Water Supply	74,875	1,591,926	3,746,643	5,413,444	14	0
Florida Energy Office	Utilities Siting and Coordination	8,902,669	424,003	11,087,000	20,413,672	13	2
Land and Recreation							
Recreation and Parks	State Parks Operations	\$ 3,701,077	\$ 153,396,251	\$0	\$ 157,097,328	1,052.5	543
	Recreation Assistance/ Local Government	5,000,000	31,923,887	0	36,923,887	6	2
	Greenways and Trails	16,423,070	17,996,289	0	34,419,359	48	53
	Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas	8,750,677	12,550,767	0	21,301,444	95	75
State Lands	Land Administration	34,958	1,856,899,761	0	1,856,934,719	45	12
	Land Management	1,457,481	59,933,666	0	61,391,147	103	53
	Invasive Plant Control	800,000	43,761,602	0	44,561,602	29.5	10
Planning and Management							
Resource Assessment and Management	Florida Geological Survey	\$ 715,311	\$ 3,661,265	\$0	\$ 4,376,576	39	18
	Information Technology	0	11,822,473	0	11,822,473	68	2
	Laboratory Services	133,041	9,756,023	0	9,889,064	82	34
TOTAL		\$241,837,827	\$2,961,789,052	\$287,782,996	\$3,491,409,875	3,612	1,222

¹ Includes the secretary, chief of staff, three deputy secretaries, and the Offices of Communications, Ecosystems Projects, Legislative and Government Affairs, Inspector General, and General Counsel.

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The Florida Legislature

Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability



The Florida Government Accountability Act Sunset Reviews

The 2006 Legislature passed the Florida Government Accountability Act (Ch. 2006-146, *Laws of Florida*) to create a Sunset review process. The act

- establishes the process, criteria, and schedule for the Legislature to assess whether state agencies and advisory committees need to continue to exist;
- provides for the creation of a Legislative Sunset Advisory Committee and describes the membership and organization of the committee and committee duties;
- requires reports and assistance from state agencies and the Legislature's Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA).

Using these reports and other information, the Sunset Advisory Committee is to produce a report that includes recommendations to abolish, continue, or reorganize an agency or advisory committee under review.

First Year Schedule for Agency Reviews

Agencies to be reviewed by July 1, 2008:

- (a) Statutorily created responsibilities of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- (b) Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- (c) Department of Citrus, including the Citrus Commission.
- (d) Department of Environmental Protection.
- (e) Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.
- (f) Water management districts.

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