

# Overview of OEHHA's Report of Long-Term Baseline Funding Requirements *(Revised)*

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## OEHHA: Funding Requirements Versus 2005-06 Budget

*(Dollars in Thousands)*

Activities	To Meet Mandates <sup>a</sup>		2005-06 Budget <sup>b</sup>	
	Funding	Positions	Funding	Positions
Toxic Air Contaminants	\$2,059	11.0	\$1,797	9.0
Fuel Component Evaluation	2,248	16.0	1,820	9.0
Criteria Air Pollutants	1,446	7.5	762	3.5
Air Toxics Hot Spots	1,046	7.0	839	5.0
Indoor Air	390	3.5	340	2.5
Pesticide Use & Safety	1,982	14.5	1,497	6.5
Site Assessment	424	2.0	386	2.0
Border	137	1.0	154	1.0
Children's Health (Cancer Guidelines)	1,077	5.0	197	1.0
Fish	1,426	8.1	1,149	6.1
Drinking Water	1,782	12.0	1,748	11.0
SB 32 (Land Restoration & Reuse)	215	2.0	0	0.0
Haz. ID/Technical Support/Proposition 65	3,437	24.0	2,743	16.5
Science Advisory Board	22	0.0	22	0.0
Proposition 65 Implementation	245	2.0	269	2.0
School Sites	988	3.8	469	2.8
School Art Products	378	3.0	0	0.0
Environmental Protection Indicators	1,023	3.0	0	0.0
Program Support	0	6.0	0	6.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,325</b>	<b>131.4</b>	<b>\$14,192</b>	<b>83.9</b>

<sup>a</sup> Does not include a full complement of Distributed Administration or Program Administration.  
<sup>b</sup> Does not include nonmandated activities and unallocated General Fund reduction.

- As shown above, OEHHA estimates an ongoing funding requirement of \$20.3 million to meet its statutory mandates. This is an increase in 43 percent from the expenditures proposed in the 2005-06 budget.
- As shown above, OEHHA estimates 131.4 positions are needed to meet its statutory mandates. This is an increase in 57 percent from the number of positions proposed in the 2005-06 budget.
- About \$2.6 million of the identified shortfall in meeting funding requirements is for new and restored contracts.



## OEHHA's Mandates

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- ☑ **Criteria Air Pollutants**—The OEHHA makes health-based recommendations to the Air Resources Board for Ambient Air Quality Standards (for pollutants such as ozone and particulate matter).
  - **Current Output**—Develops one health recommendation report every 2-3 years for an Ambient Air Quality Standard that is protective of infants and children. This is being conducted without the input of a physician.
  - **Mandate**—Develop recommendation for at least one criteria air pollutant per year that is protective of infants and children. Requires four additional positions and \$250,000/year in contracts for studies, etc.
- ☑ **Pesticide Use and Safety**—The OEHHA is involved in three areas regarding pesticide use and safety (1) human illness investigation, (2) toxicology and risk assessment, and (3) evaluation of pesticide worker safety.

### Pesticide-Related Community Health Investigations:

- **Current Output**—Provides telephone consultations to three local health officers and county agricultural commissioners per year.
- **Mandate**—Provide telephone consultations to local health officers and county agricultural commissioners about the most serious outbreaks of pesticide poisonings and respond to requested assistance (estimate ten consultations). Conduct one epidemiology study per year to assist the local health officers. Requires almost two additional positions and \$150,000/year in contracts for studies, etc.



## OEHHA Funding Alternatives

(In Thousands)

Fund	Proposed by OEHHA to Meet Mandates	Proposed in 2005-06 Budget	Fee Increase Required? <sup>a</sup>	Fund Balance Available for 2005-06 <sup>b</sup>
General Fund	\$7,575	\$7,852		
<i>Air<sup>c</sup></i>	3,485			
• Air Pollution Control Fund			✓	\$800
• Air Toxic Inventory and Assessment Account			✓	
• Motor Vehicle Account		2,234		2,650
Department of Pesticide Regulation	1,982	870	✓	1,370
Environmental License Plate Fund	317	805	✓	805
Fish and Game Preservation Fund	999		✓	
Integrated Waste Management Account	390	340	✓	400
Reimbursements	1,470	1,642		
<i>Water<sup>c</sup></i>	1,164			
Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act Fund	324	382	✓	382
Safe Drinking Water Account	1,782		✓	
Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund	110	124		800
Used Oil Recycling Fund	522	553	✓	553
<i>Other<sup>c</sup></i>	205			
• Toxic Substances Control Account			✓	500
• Hazardous Waste Control Account				100
• Waste Discharge Permit Fund			✓	624
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$20,325</b>	<b>\$14,802</b>		

<sup>a</sup> Fund balance cannot support increased appropriation to fund at level proposed in OEHHA's report without a fee increase.  
<sup>b</sup> The respective fund balance can support an appropriation (for 2005-06) up to the amount specified.  
<sup>c</sup> The OEHHA report did not identify a specific funding source for these broad categories.