

4. eliminate the need for paper files in water rights application processing and adjudications;
5. provide integration with graphical interface systems for research and documentation and to show hydrographic and topographic data;
6. improve workflow by allowing the staff to research files and make recommendations electronically for approval by supervisors;
7. provide an integrated and common database which conforms to statutes, rules and regulations, and policies and procedures within and between divisions;
8. provide automated reminders of required actions and formatted letters to clientele;
9. provide efficient tracking of water use that can be used to facilitate regional planning;
10. allow efficient tracking of permit compliance;
11. abstract water right files under controlled conditions; and
12. preserve paper documents through imaging and archiving.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Performance measures for abstracting and imaging WATERS are included in the proposed fiscal year 2002 budget.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$2,022.8 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2002 shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Currently, the imaging and abstracting to WATERS is being done through contract. SEO is evaluating whether to continue the effort through contract or with term employees.

RELATIONSHIP

HB 2 includes a special appropriation of \$1,000.0 for WATERS abstracting and imaging of existing files.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Please explain how WATERS is being used by the staff and the public?
2. How is the contractor meeting performance requirements in imaging and abstracting WATERS?
3. Is it realistic to expect WATERS abstracting and imaging to be completed in four years?

Senate Bill 509 -- Page 3

4. Has SEO established a priority as to what order the water basins will be entered into WATERS?
5. What will be the impact if this bill is not enacted?

GAC/lrs/njw