

Arizona Geological Survey

	FY 2015 ACTUAL	FY 2016 ESTIMATE	FY 2017 APPROVED
OPERATING BUDGET			
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>	10.3	10.3	0.0
Personal Services	483,000	507,300	0
Employee Related Expenditures	195,500	190,900	0
Professional and Outside Services	6,400	0	0
Other Operating Expenditures	219,900	212,800	0
Equipment	36,900	30,000	0
AGENCY TOTAL	941,700	941,000	0
FUND SOURCES			
General Fund	941,700	941,000	0
SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds	941,700	941,000	0
Other Non-Appropriated Funds	1,284,600	1,380,600	0
Federal Funds	3,276,000	2,781,500	0
TOTAL - ALL SOURCES	5,502,300	5,103,100	0

AGENCY DESCRIPTION — The Geological Survey investigates Arizona’s geology and provides technical advice and assistance to state and local government agencies, industry and other members of the public concerning the geologic environment and the development and use of mineral resources in Arizona. The Survey also provides staffing to the Arizona Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, which regulates the drilling and production of oil, gas and other energy resources. Beginning in FY 2017, the Arizona Geological Survey is transferred to the University of Arizona and the staffing for the Arizona Oil and Gas Conservation Commission is transferred to the Department of Environmental Quality.

Operating Budget

The budget includes no funding from the General Fund in FY 2017 for the operating budget. These amounts fund the following adjustments:

Transfer to the University of Arizona

The budget includes a decrease of \$(941,000) and (10.3) FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2017 for the Geological Survey operating budget. The FY 2017 Agency Consolidation Budget Reconciliation Bill (BRB) (Laws 2016, Chapter 128) transfers the Geological Survey to the University of Arizona. *(Please see Other Issues section for additional information on the University of Arizona agency transfer.)*

Other Issues

Additional Legislation

University of Arizona Transfer

The FY 2017 Agency Consolidation BRB transfers the statutory responsibilities of the Arizona Geological Survey to the University of Arizona effective July 1, 2016. The

Agency Consolidation BRB also transfers the administrative and staff support for the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, which was previously supplied by the Geological Survey, to the Department of Environmental Quality instead of the University of Arizona. *(Please see the University of Arizona – Main Campus Other Issues section for additional information.)*

The FY 2017 Agency Consolidation BRB also transfers the authority over the State Geologist and the Geological Survey from the Governor to the Arizona Board of Regents and states that it is the intent of the Legislature that the Geological Survey maintains the current level of service and approximately 15 full-time employees.

Mining, Mineral and Natural Resources Education Museum

The FY 2017 Agency Consolidation BRB renames the Arizona Experience Museum the Mining, Mineral and Natural Resources Educational Museum and transfers the authority to operate and maintain the museum from the Arizona Historical Society to the Geological Survey. If sufficient monies are not raised by July 1, 2018 to sufficiently refurbish and open the museum, then the museum will revert back to the Arizona Historical Society

in FY 2019. *(Please see the University of Arizona - Main Campus Other Issues section for additional information.)*

The FY 2017 Agency Consolidation BRB also requires the Arizona Historical Society to fulfill all existing museum obligations and provide the Geological Survey with a list of inventory and assist in the transfer of the inventory. The BRB also requires the State Geologist to submit a report of museum operations, General Fund needs, benefits of expanded building use, and excess inventory recommendations to the Governor, Secretary of State, President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives before 2019.

The FY 2017 Agency Consolidation BRB also transfers to the Geological Survey all unspent and unencumbered funds received by the Arizona Historical Society for museum operations and establishes the Mining, Mineral and Natural Resources Educational Museum Account within the Geological Survey Fund to be used exclusively for the maintenance operations of the museum. The BRB also transfers all unencumbered balances and future revenues of the Centennial Special Plate Fund from the Arizona Historical Society to the Geological Survey retroactive to May 1, 2016.