

Arizona State Parks Board

	FY 2015 ACTUAL	FY 2016 ESTIMATE	FY 2017 APPROVED
OPERATING BUDGET			
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>	163.0	163.0	163.0 ^{1/}
Personal Services	4,257,200	4,928,400	4,928,400
Employee Related Expenditures	1,972,400	2,355,300	2,333,300
Professional and Outside Services	272,500	0	0
Travel - In State	0	7,000	7,000
Other Operating Expenditures	3,404,000	3,332,100	3,341,900
Equipment	324,300	0	0
OPERATING SUBTOTAL	10,230,400	10,622,800	10,610,600 ^{2/}
SPECIAL LINE ITEMS			
Arizona Trail Fund	0	0	150,000
Federal Contingency Funding	0	0	1,500,000 ^{3/}
Kartchner Caverns State Park	2,248,700	2,232,000	2,226,300
Yarnell Hill Memorial	346,900	0	0
AGENCY TOTAL	12,826,000	12,854,800	14,486,900 ^{4/}
FUND SOURCES			
General Fund	346,900	0	0
<u>Other Appropriated Funds</u>			
State Parks Revenue Fund	12,479,100	12,854,800	14,486,900
SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds	12,479,100	12,854,800	14,486,900
SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds	12,826,000	12,854,800	14,486,900
Other Non-Appropriated Funds	9,033,000	16,427,300	12,854,600
Federal Funds	1,906,500	6,209,400	3,911,800
TOTAL - ALL SOURCES	23,765,500	35,491,500	31,253,300

AGENCY DESCRIPTION — The Arizona State Parks Board is responsible for managing the state parks system, which includes recreational parks, historical parks, and natural areas. The Parks Board consists of 7 members appointed by the Governor. Major functions of the Parks Board, through its staff, include the maintenance and development of existing parks, new parks acquisitions, statewide recreational planning, historic preservation, the administration of the Arizona State Parks Board Heritage Fund grant programs, and the administration of Growing Smarter Grants.

Operating Budget

The budget includes \$10,610,600 and 127.2 FTE Positions from the State Parks Revenue Fund in FY 2017 for the operating budget. These amounts fund the following adjustments:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes a decrease of \$(12,200) from the State Parks Revenue Fund in FY 2017 for statewide adjustments. *(Please see the Agency Detail and Allocations section.)*

^{1/} Includes 35.8 OF FTE Positions funded from Special Line Items in FY 2017.

^{2/} All Other Operating Expenditures include \$26,000 from the State Parks Revenue Fund for Fool Hollow State Park revenue sharing. If receipts to Fool Hollow exceed \$260,000 in FY 2017, an additional 10% of this increase of Fool Hollow receipts is appropriated from the State Parks Revenue Fund established by A.R.S. § 41-511.21 to meet the revenue sharing agreement with the City of Show Low and the United States Forest Service. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

^{3/} In addition to any other appropriations made in FY 2017, the sum of \$1,500,000 is appropriated from the State Parks Revenue Fund established by A.R.S. § 41-511.21 in FY 2017 to the Arizona State Parks Board for operating costs. This amount may be spent only after the board submits a FY 2017 agency expenditure plan for review by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. The plan must demonstrate that the actual amount of federal monies the board will receive during FY 2017 is less than the actual amount of federal monies the board received in FY 2016. The amount spent by the board during FY 2017 may not exceed the estimated decrease in federal monies between FY 2016 and FY 2017. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

^{4/} General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.

Arizona Trail Fund

The budget includes a one-time increase of \$150,000 from the State Parks Revenue Fund in FY 2017 for a transfer to the Arizona Trail Fund.

The Arizona Trail Fund is used to maintain and preserve the Arizona Trail. The Arizona Trail is an 819-mile nonmotorized trail that crosses Arizona from the southern border to the northern border.

Federal Contingency Funding

The budget includes an increase of \$1,500,000 from the State Parks Revenue Fund in FY 2017 for contingency funding in case of a significant decrease in federal funding for the fiscal year. This appropriation may only be spent after the board submits an agency expenditure plan for review by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee that demonstrates that the actual amount of federal funding the board will receive in FY 2017 is less than the actual amount of federal monies received by the board in FY 2016. The amount spent by the board may not exceed the estimated decrease in federal monies between FY 2016 and FY 2017.

Kartchner Caverns State Park

The budget includes \$2,226,300 and 35.8 FTE Positions from the State Parks Revenue Fund in FY 2017 for Kartchner Caverns State Park. These amounts fund the following adjustments:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes a decrease of \$(5,700) from the State Parks Revenue Fund in FY 2017 for statewide adjustments.

Kartchner Caverns is located in Benson, Arizona and was discovered in 1974. The State Parks Board acquired the property in 1988 and opened the caverns to the public in 1999.

Yarnell Hill Memorial

The budget includes no funding from the General Fund in FY 2017 for the new Yarnell Hill Memorial State Park. This amount is unchanged from FY 2016.

The FY 2015 Environment Budget Reconciliation Bill (BRB) (Laws 2014, Chapter 13) established Yarnell Hill Memorial State Park and appropriated \$500,000 to establish it. The Environment BRB created the Yarnell Hill Memorial Site Board, which will determine whether to establish the new

park, in addition to allowing the board to designate a site for the park. The \$500,000 General Fund appropriation has been used in part for land acquisition.

Furthermore, the Environment BRB established the Yarnell Hill Memorial Fund, which consists of legislative appropriations and donations for the purposes of land acquisition, site maintenance and board member travel expenses. The Yarnell Hill Memorial Site Board will administer the fund until December 31, 2016, when the board's authority lapses. At that time, the State Parks Board will administer the fund.

Laws 2014, Chapter 273 contained the same language for Yarnell Memorial State Park as the FY 2015 Environment BRB, except for the \$500,000 General Fund appropriation. However, this separate legislation contains an emergency clause.

The FY 2016 Environment BRB (Laws 2015, Chapter 13) clarifies that the Yarnell Hill Memorial Site Board Fund can be used to purchase, design and construct the Yarnell Hill Memorial.

The Parks Board purchased land for the Yarnell Hill Memorial at a State Land Department auction on June 30, 2015.

Other Issues

Additional Legislation

Operating Funding

As session law, the FY 2017 Environment BRB (Laws 2016, Chapter 120) continues to allow the use of \$692,100 from the Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund for agency operating costs in FY 2017.

Status of Parks

As of June 2016, all 27 state parks are open to the public:

- Eighteen open parks plan to use only existing state fund sources (Alamo Lake, Buckskin Mountain, Catalina, Cattail Cove, Dead Horse Ranch, Fool Hollow, Fort Verde, Jerome, Kartchner Caverns, Lake Havasu, Lost Dutchman, Lyman Lake, Oracle, Patagonia Lake, Picacho Peak, Roper Lake, Slide Rock, and Tonto Natural Bridge).
- Seven open parks will be funded and operated through agreements between the State Parks Board and local governments (Riordan Mansion, Boyce Thompson Arboretum, McFarland, Tombstone

Courthouse, Tubac Presidio, Yuma Territorial Prison, and Yuma Quartermaster Depot).

- Two open parks receive minimal funding through agreements to fund part-time staff (Homolovi Ruins and Red Rock).