

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE



**FY 2018-2019
Biennial Budget**

**Governor Recommends
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NDOW

MISSION STATEMENT

To protect, preserve, manage and restore wildlife and its habitat for its aesthetic, scientific, educational, recreational, and economic benefit to citizens of Nevada and the United States, and to promote the safety of persons using vessels on the waters of this state.

NRS: 501-506 (wildlife), 488 (boating)

Nevada's Wildlife Resources



- 893 different species regularly occurring in Nevada
 - 456 species of birds
 - 173 species of fish
 - 161 species of mammals
 - 79 species of reptiles
 - 24 amphibian species



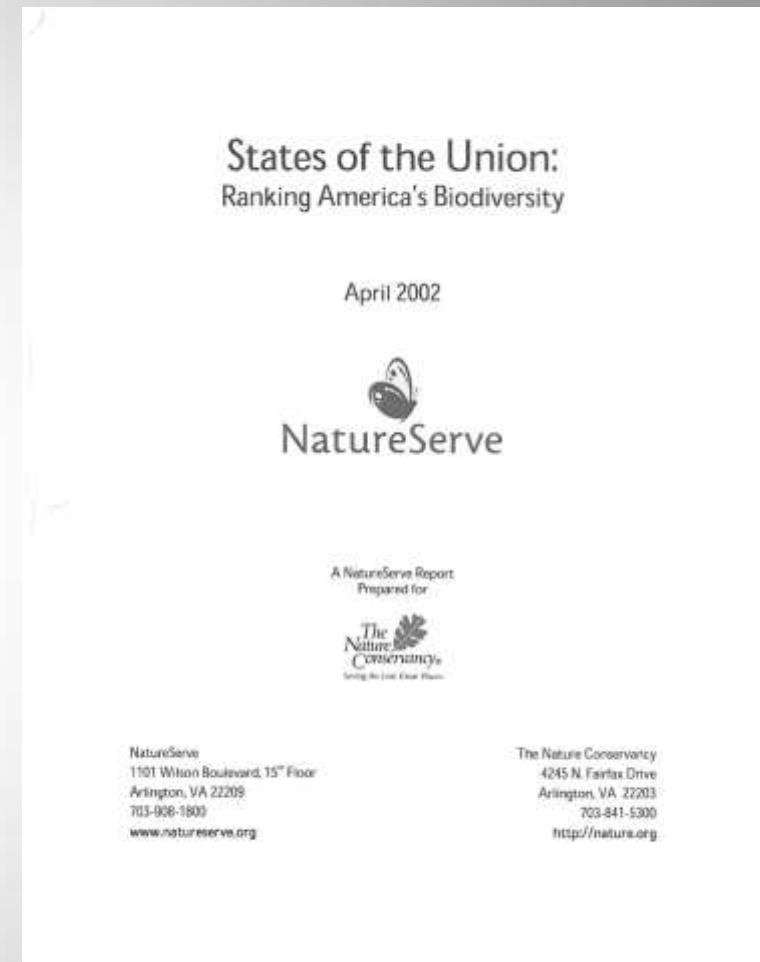
ESA – Listing Activities

- Candidates(0) Threatened(8) Endangered(20)



Nevada Rankings

- 11th among all states in total species diversity
3,872 total species of plants, vertebrates,
and selected invertebrates
- 6th among all states in number of unique species
173 endemic species
- 10th among all states in vascular plant diversity
2,875 species of plants
- 9th among all states in mammal diversity
123 species of mammals





Nevada Rankings

- 3rd among all states in having the highest percentage of species at risk

Hawaii has 62.7% of all species at risk

California has 28.5% of all species at risk

Nevada has 15.8% of all species at risk



Collaborative Conservation Successes

➤ Greater Sage-grouse conservation

- FWS decision in September 2015 that ESA listing not warranted for Greater Sage-grouse
- “Significantly reduced threats” due to collaborative conservation efforts
- Continued coordination with local, state, and federal partners
- Leadership in habitat improvement and protection
- Providing the best science for informed decisions
- Sage-grouse lek attendance increased 19% from the previous year. Statewide population estimate between 60,000-80,000 birds.

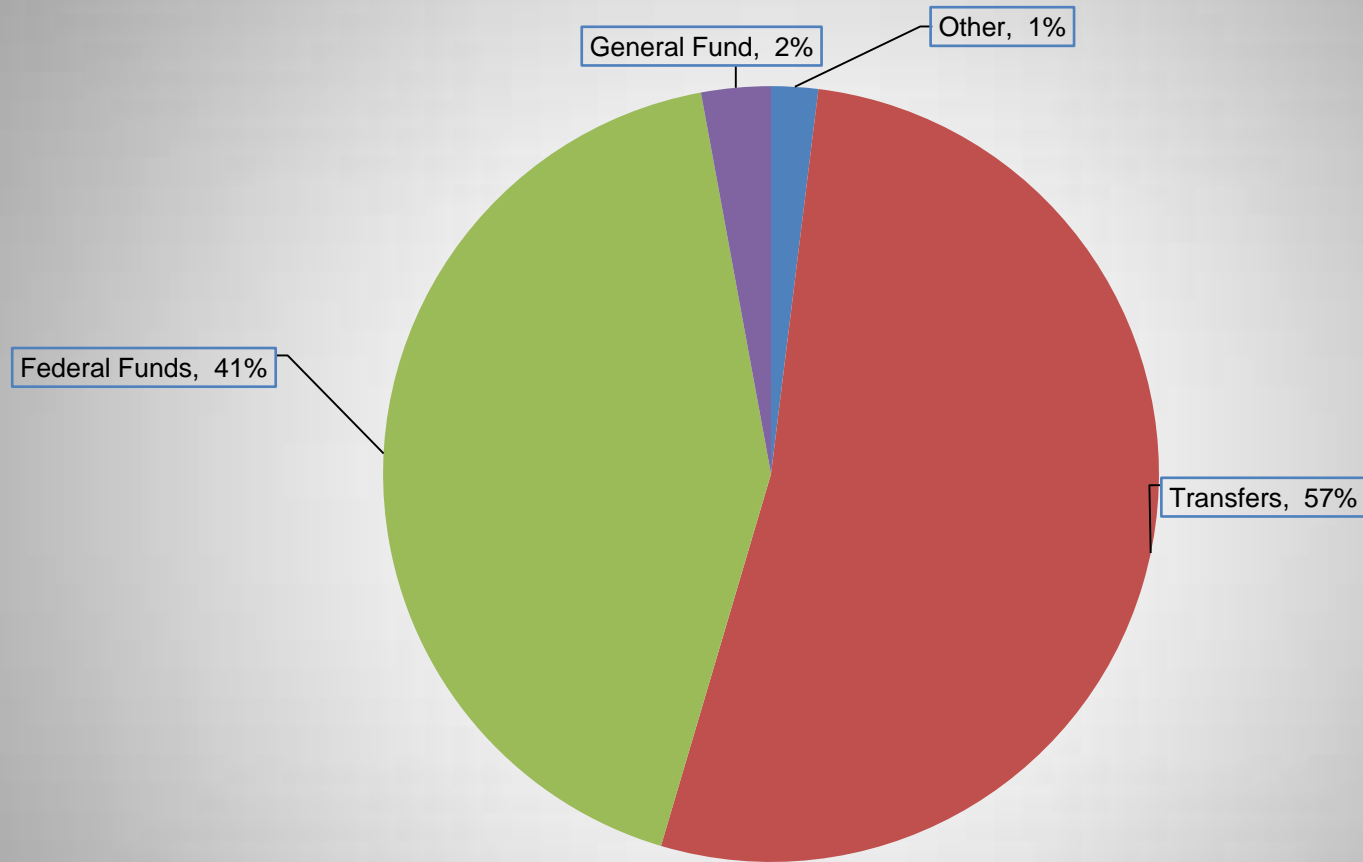


➤ Native amphibian species conservation

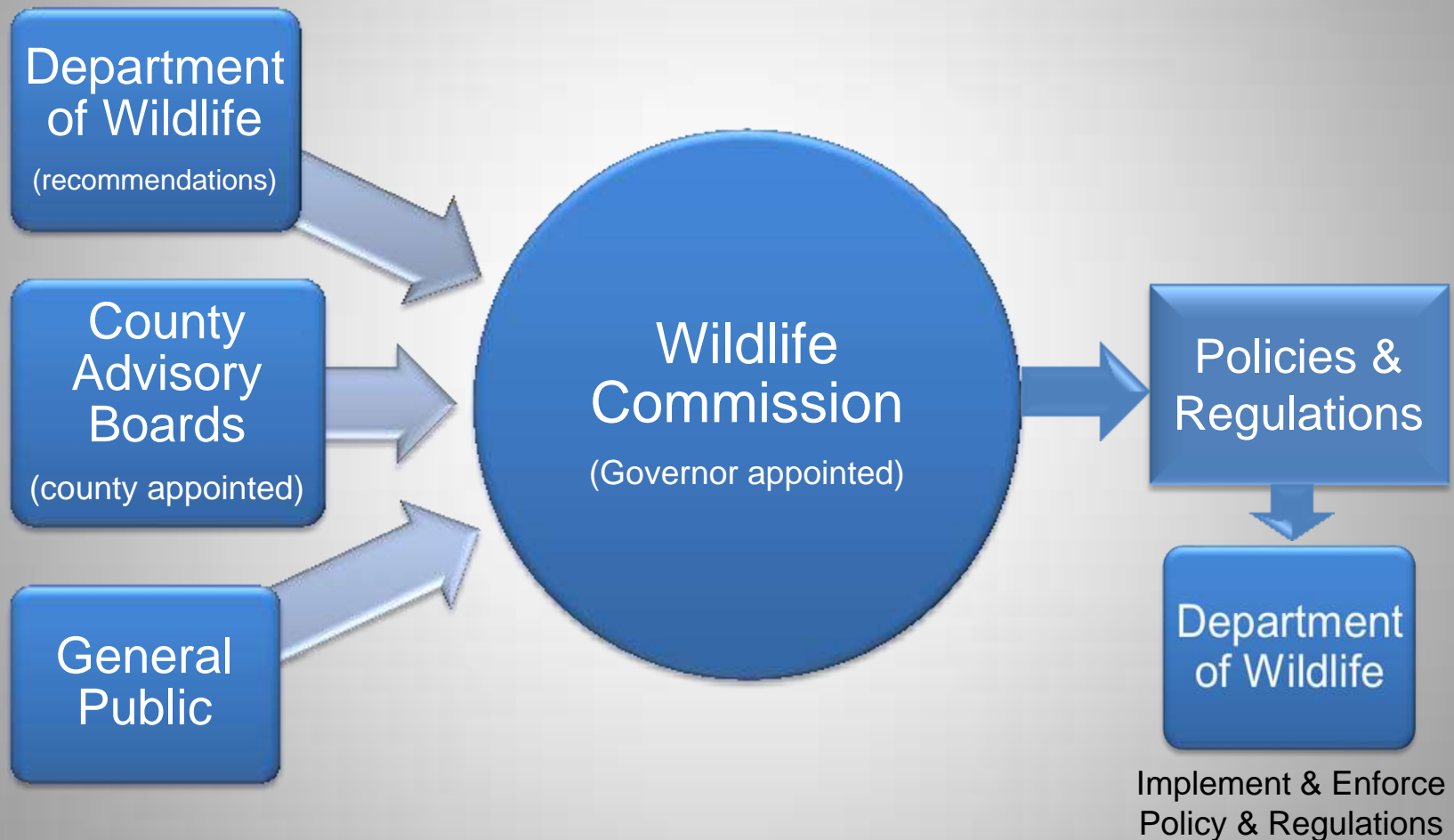
- Two candidate amphibians determined “not warranted” for ESA listing due to collaborative conservation
- Columbia Spotted Frog in central and northern NV
- Relict Leopard Frog in southern NV
 - 12+ years of effort with conservation partners
 - State, federal, local government and private landowners



FY 2016 NDOW Operations Funding By Source



The Public Process

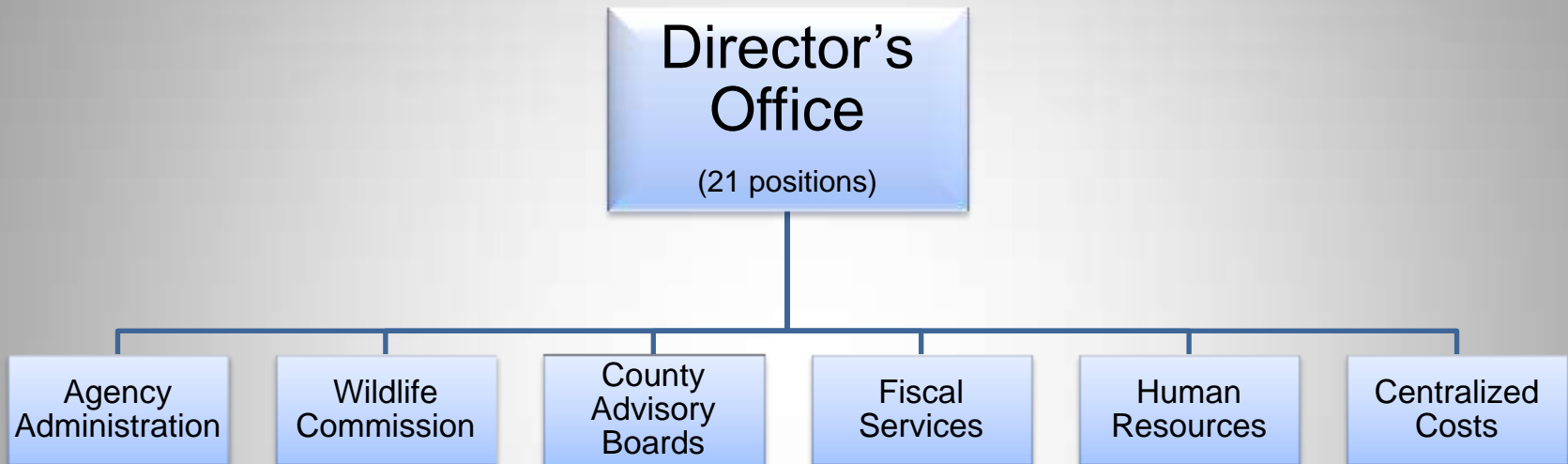


Department Structure



- 256.63 Full-time Employees (approx. 50 seasonals, 30 contractors)
- 120 Buildings
- 32 Radio Towers
- 11 Wildlife Management Areas (120,000 ac.)
- 8 Major Facilities
- 7 Unique Divisions
- 4 Fish Hatcheries
- 3 Regions

Director's Office (Administration)



- Budget Account 4460
 - FY18: \$3,802,784 FY19: \$3,865,634

Transfer In Administrative Assistant

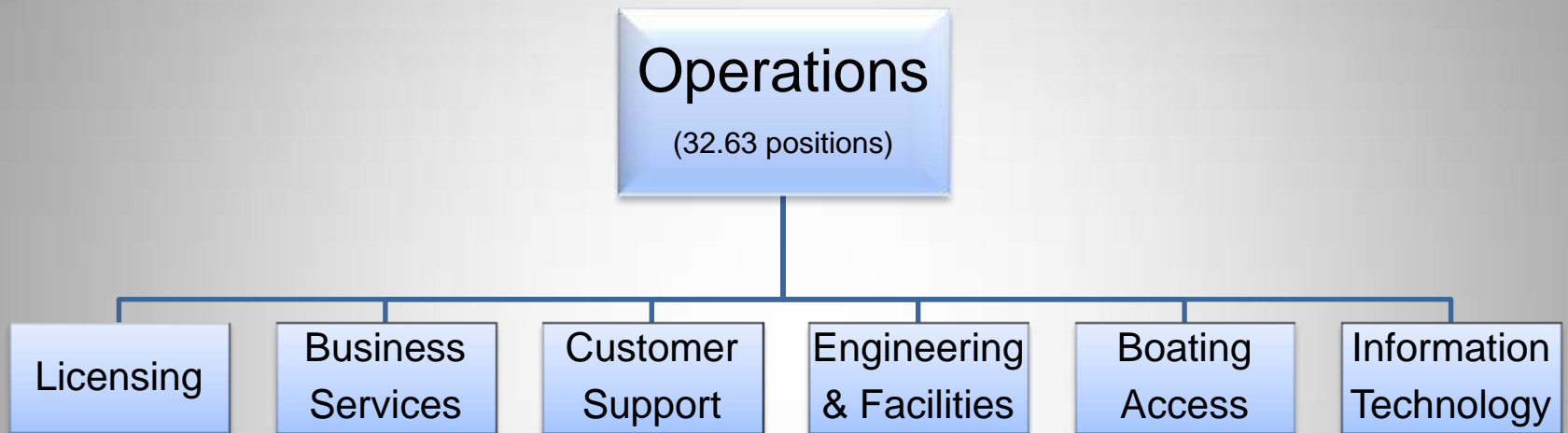
4460 – E901

Objective: Efficient and Responsive State Government

Funding: Sportsmen Revenue FY18: \$55,845 FY19: \$57,633

- This position works in the Director's Office as Wildlife Commission support, regulation processing and clerical support to the two deputy directors.
- Transfer includes in-state travel costs for the position to attend the Commission meetings.

Operations Division



➤ Budget Account 4461

- FY18: \$8,607,635 FY19: \$8,194,242

Policy and Procedure Management

4461 – E225

Objective: Efficient and Responsive State Government

Funding: Sportsmen Revenue FY18: \$13,089 FY19: \$7,089

- Software for Department-wide policies and procedures development, distribution and compliance.
- Software for Department-wide equipment management.
- Tracking of Certificates of Understandings of staff for updates made to current policies and procedures.
- Tracking of mandatory staff training, equipment use reports and credential management requirements.

Policy and Procedure Management

4461 – E227

Objective: Efficient and Responsive State Government

Funding: Sportsmen Revenue FY18: \$51,740 FY19: \$37,440

- Microsoft Office 365 transition and on-going costs.
- While replacement software is typically a normal part of budget request, this request will be Department-wide.
- Maintains Department compliance with statewide security systems.

Administrative Assistant

4461 – E231

Objective: Efficient and Responsive State Government

Funding: Sportsmen Revenue FY18: \$23,897 FY19: \$24,495

- Funds a change to an Administrative Assistant from a part-time position (.625 FTE) to a full-time position at the Winnemucca office.
- Winnemucca office is moving from a small office building to a larger one and the full-time staff is necessary to assist with the front desk.

License Simplification-Major Budget Initiative:

4461 – E550, BDR Number 17A7021147

Objective: Resource Management and State Support Services

Funding: Sportsmen Revenue FY18: \$72,450 FY19: \$0

- The Department embarked on a comprehensive process over the past one and a half years to develop a simplified license structure that provides the customer with less confusion, greater simplicity, and ease of compliance.
- Objectives of this effort:
 - Reduce the number of licenses and stamp requirements (from 28 to 7).
 - Provide a license that includes all relevant stamps and privileges, limit the types of special licenses and combine licenses with similar privileges.
 - Increase simplicity (such as, hunters and angler will no longer need to determine if they need specific state stamps for trout angling or upland game hunting).
 - Reduce inadvertent errors resulting in citations (such as, not holding the appropriate stamp).
 - Remain revenue neutral. The costs above are programming costs to implement the changes.
 - Greater value to the customer as licenses will be valid 365 days from date of purchase.
 - Ability to increase share of federal grants by increasing license certifications.

Video Conferencing Equipment

4461 – E720

Objective: State Support Services

Funding: Sportsmen Revenue FY18: \$80,888 FY19: \$3,192

- Internal Department communications linking Reno Headquarters, Las Vegas and Elko Offices.
- Provides commission support and allows constituency to attend most meetings without the need for travel.
- Needed for Wildlife Commission meeting communications.
- The Department continues to explore venues that can support the video conferencing of the meetings of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission.

Technology Expansion

4461 – E722

Objective: Efficient and Responsive State Government

Funding: Sportsmen Revenue FY18: \$40,355 FY19: \$33,771

- Protection against intrusions such as viruses and malware.
- Increased infrastructure and connectivity for the Department.

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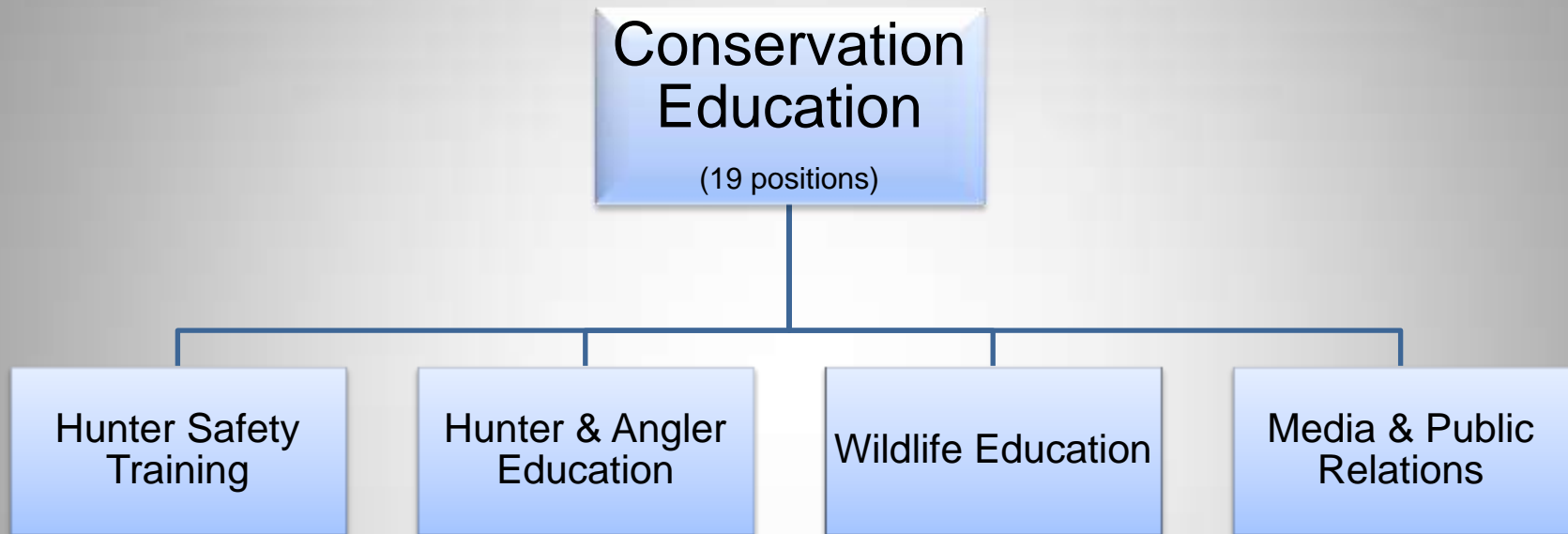
4461 – E902

Objective: Efficient and Responsive State Government

Funding: Sportsmen Revenue FY18: (\$50,153) FY19: (\$51,831)

- This position works in the Conservation Education front office as headquarter office support to walk-in customers and main-line phone calls.

Conservation Education Division



➤ Budget Account 4462

- FY18: \$2,477,385 FY19: \$2,522,255

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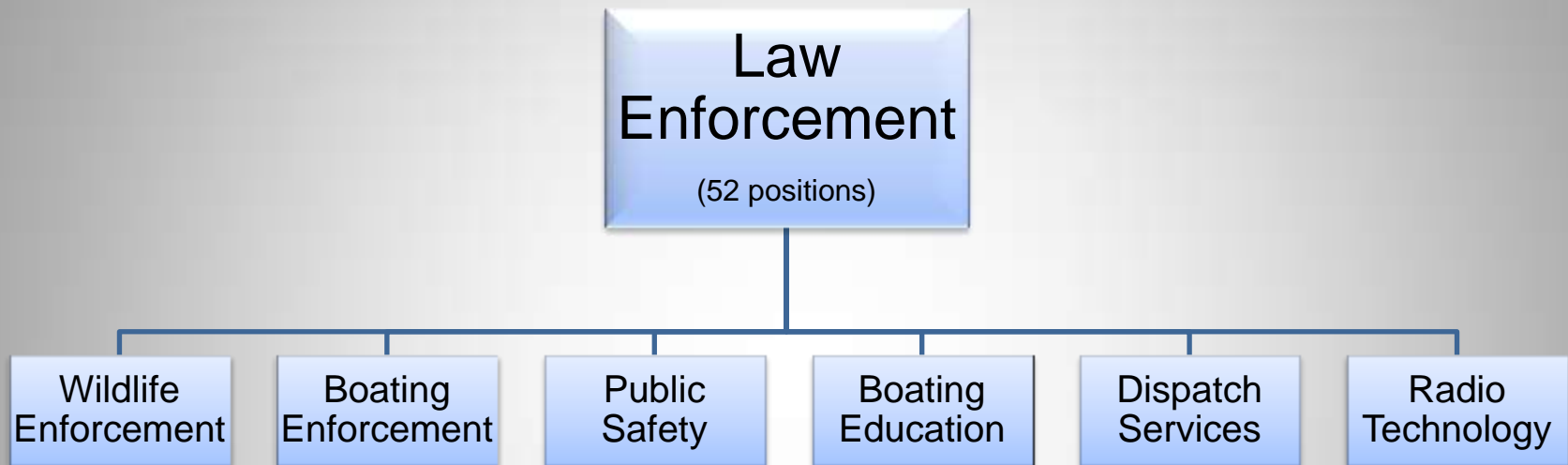
4462 – E902

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Law Enforcement Division



➤ Budget Account 4463

- FY18: \$7,593,979 FY19: \$7,381,736

Wildlife Human Attack Response Team

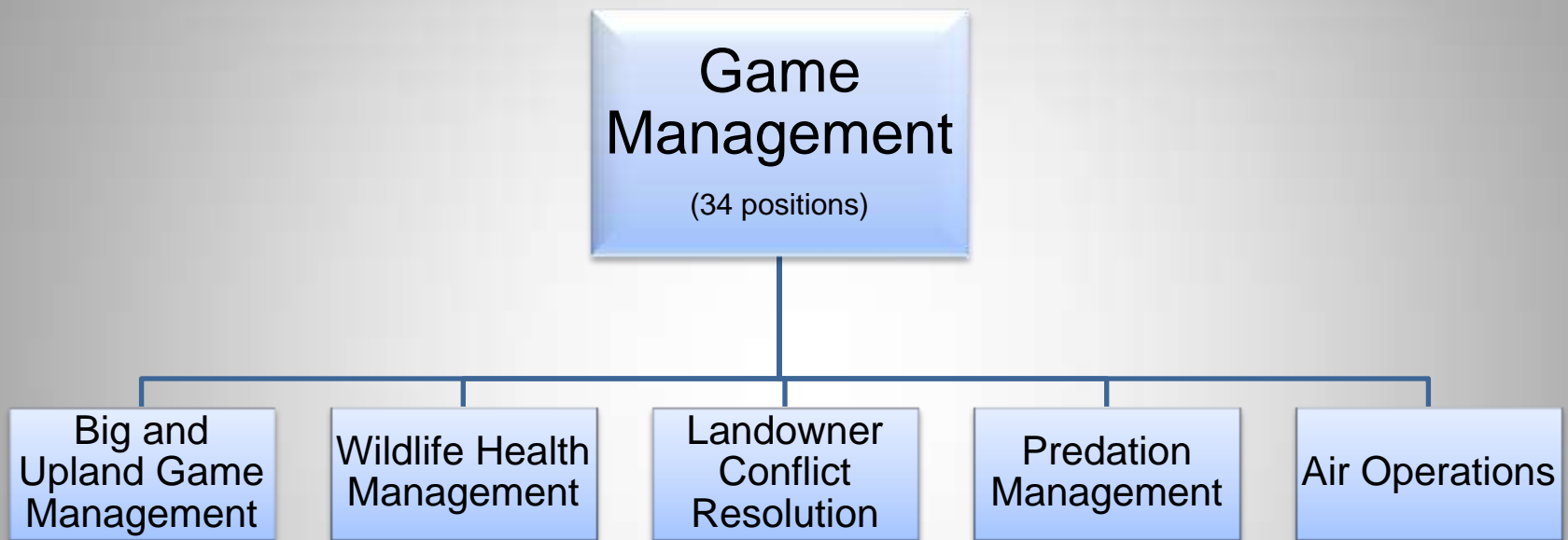
4463 – E350

Objective: Safe and Livable Communities

Funding: Sportsmen Revenue FY18: \$6,000 FY19: \$6,000

- Prepare wildlife personnel in the event of a wildlife attack on a human.
- Equipment, supplies, travel and training.
- Facilitates standardized response and coordination.

Game Management Division



➤ Budget Account 4464

- FY18: \$7,446,541 FY19: \$7,446,009

Wildlife Human Attack Response Team

4464 – E350

Objective: Safe and Livable Communities

Funding: Sportsmen Revenue FY18: \$30,972 FY19: \$3,000

- Prepare wildlife personnel in the event of a wildlife attack on a human.
- Equipment, supplies, travel and training.
- Facilitates standardized response and coordination.

Urban Wildlife Management

4464 – E351

Objective: Safe and Livable Communities

Funding: Sportsmen Revenue FY18: \$68,668 FY19: \$68,740

- Urban Bear program conversion of the seasonal position to full-time.
- Urban wildlife conflicts have been increasing, and this position is intended to augment existing personnel to improve public safety.
- Of the 2,493 calls received in FY 2016, 597 (24%) addressed bears.
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Urban Wildlife Management, continued

- Emphasis on urban bear and urban coyote issues
- Federal U.S. Fish and Wildlife grants do not permit funding urban wildlife or human-wildlife conflict activities
 - Urban development issue, not a hunting or wildlife management issue
 - Current activity is limited to response to public safety threats
- Education and outreach
 - Information campaigns & seasonal positions
- Equipment and supplies
 - Tools for wardens and biologists
- Fund staff time spent on urban wildlife
 - 1,353 staff hours in FY 2016
 - 14,181 miles travelled in response
 - 2,493 calls



Scientific Database

4464 – E551

Objective: Efficient and Responsive State Government

Funding: Federal Funds FY18: \$37,500 FY19: \$37,500

Sportsmen Revenue FY18: \$12,500 FY19: \$12,500

- A unified scientific database to allow better access to science based data stored in a variety of forms.
- Better and easier access to data for loading into the unified system.
- The current lack of centralized data and a lack of a data input and output standard makes it impossible to adapt to new and emerging technologies and to efficiently manage data resources.

Western Region Necropsy Lab

4464 – E720

Objective: Efficient and Responsive State Government

Funding: Federal Funds FY18: \$22,987 FY19: \$0

Sportsmen Revenue FY18: \$7,663 FY19: \$0

- On-site equipment needed to allow staff to obtain biological samples from deceased or hunter-harvested wildlife species.
- On-site equipment needed to allow staff to perform physical inspections on animals when circumstances require additional analysis.
- Increases ability for agency to test and detect financially important wildlife diseases like respiratory disease in bighorn sheep or chronic wasting disease in elk or deer.

Transfer Out Ecosystem Program Specialist

4464 – E903

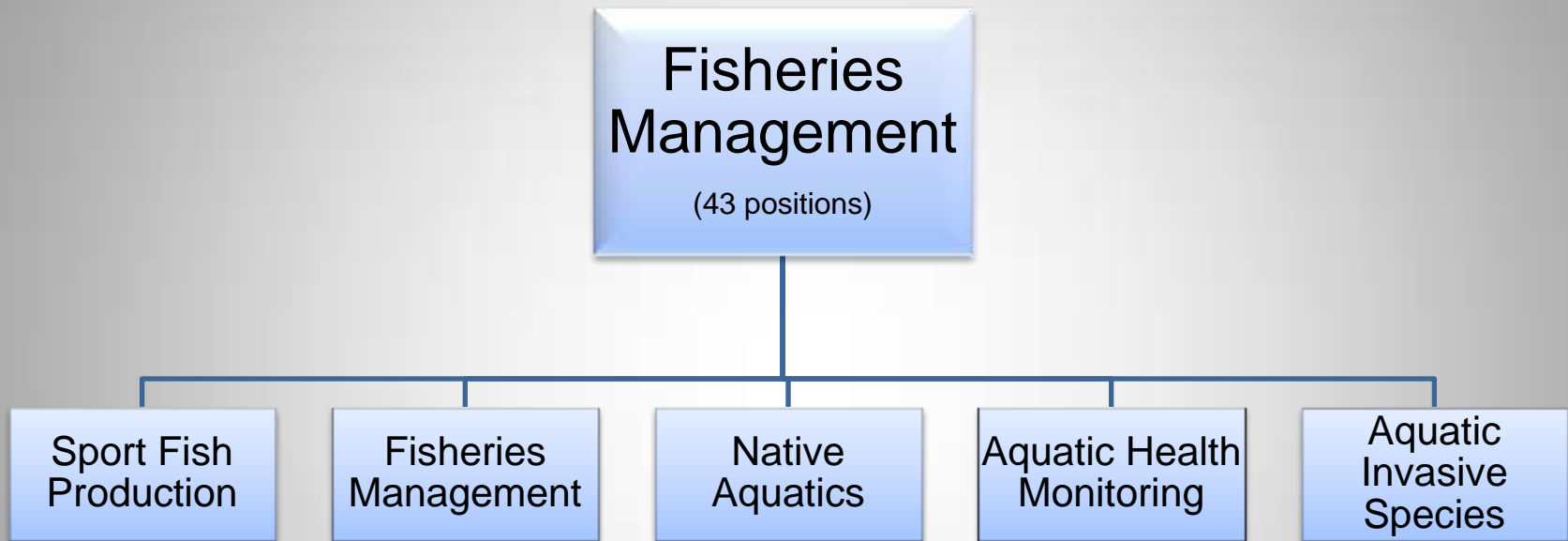
Objective: Efficient and Responsive State Government

Funding: Federal Funds FY18: (\$66,050) FY19: (\$68,793)

Sportsmen Revenue FY18: (\$3,475) FY19: (\$3,620)

- This Wildlife Staff Specialist works on the Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team (SETT) program which is funded in the Habitat Division.
- This position supports mitigation of public land projects and considers ramifications to the sagebrush ecosystem beyond a single species.

Fisheries Management Division



➤ Budget Account 4465

- FY18: \$7,928,856 FY19: \$8,149,528

Hatchery & Aquatic Invasive Species Equipment

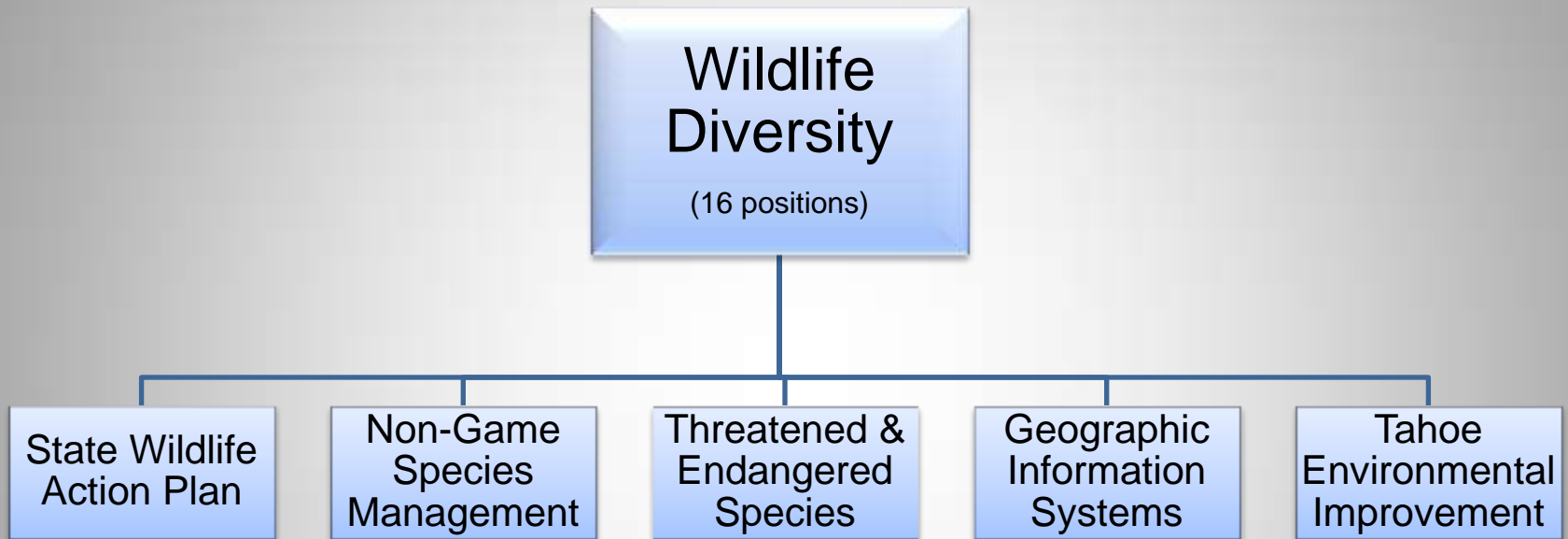
4465 – E720

Objective: Efficient and Responsive State Government

Funding:	Federal Funds	FY18: \$41,151	FY19: \$23,761
	AIS Fees	FY18: \$0	FY19: \$5,362
	Sportsmen Revenue	FY18: \$13,717	FY19: \$2,558

- Water flow and temperature alarm system for the Gallagher Hatchery.
- Portable decontamination unit
- A hot water blower to allow for vessel cleaning.
- Submersible antenna for studies of Trout in creeks around Nevada.

Wildlife Diversity Division



➤ Budget Account 4466

- FY18: \$2,074,185 FY19: \$2,096,796

Transfer Out Private Land Program

4466 – E904

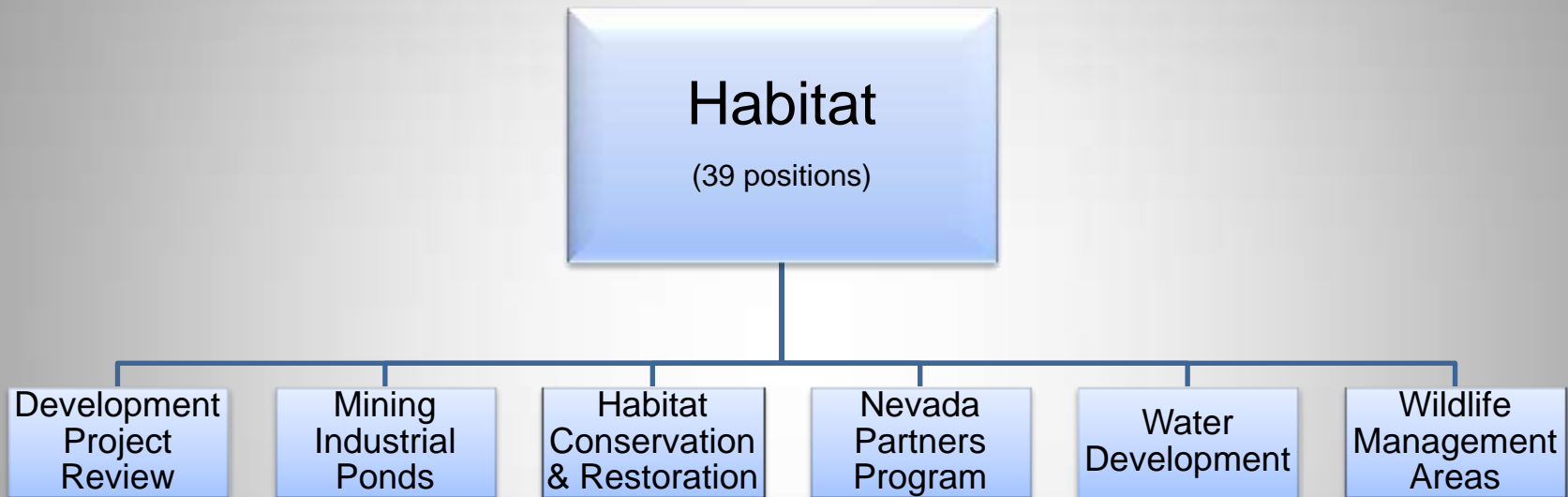
Objective: Efficient and Responsive State Government

Funding: Federal Funds FY18: (\$69,162)FY19: (\$69,162)

Sportsmen Revenue FY18: (\$37,795)FY19: (\$37,766)

- This Wildlife Staff Specialist works in the restoration/rehabilitation grant funded in the Habitat Division.
- This position supports conservation actions on private lands to benefit Nevada's wildlife species.

Habitat Division



➤ Budget Account 4467

- FY18: \$6,838,073 FY19: \$6,949,848

Restoration Projects Support Staff

4467 – E233

Objective: Efficient and Responsive State Government

Funding: Federal Revenue	FY18: \$48,365	FY19: \$63,628
Sportsmen Revenue	FY18: \$16,686	FY19: \$21,814

- Ely seed warehouse daily operations.
- Participation in the Nevada Partners for Conservation and Development (NPCD) program.
- Warehouse focuses on native species and those species likely to succeed in restoration projects.

Transfer In Ecosystem Program Specialist

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Other Budget Initiatives

- Question 1 Bond Sales through Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- Digital Storage Expansion (NRS 239.001 Records Retention)
- Web Tools (prevent outages and failures)
- Marketing (Govdelivery.com)
- Vehicles & Equipment (replacement scheduled)

BDRs

1. License Simplification BDR (Budget)

BDR 17A7021147-**Wildlife, Department of**-Revises Title 45 Wildlife, NRS 501-Administration and Enforcement, NRS 502-Licenses, Tags and Permits, Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 502-Wildlife: Licenses, Tags and Permits, and some in NRS 488-Boating.

CIPs

1. Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area Headquarters-Water System Improvements.
 - ❑ New properly designed domestic well and pump house
 - ❑ New domestic water treatment
 - ❑ New water distribution system
 - ❑ New fire suppression facilities

Questions? Thank you for your time!

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