STATE OF CALIFORNIA MANUAL OF STATE FUNDS

Legal Title	
Forest Resources Improvement Fund	
Legal Citation/Authority	
Chapter 77, Statutes of 2006	
Public Resources Code section 4799.13	
Fund Classification	Fund Classification
GAAP Basis	Legal Basis
Governmental/Special Revenue Funds	Nongovernmental/Trust and Agency Funds
	Non-Federal

Purpose

Created for the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to finance the operation of the Demonstration State Forests. Funding is provided by revenues created on the Demonstration State Forests, primarily through the sale of timber. All moneys received for forest products or waste products such as biomass fuels are to be deposited in this fund.

The money in the Forest Resources Improvement Fund may only be expended, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the cost of operations associated with management of lands held in trust by the state and operated as demonstration state forests by the department, including restoration activities.

The Forest Resources Improvement Fund is the depository for all revenue derived from the repayment of loans made or interest received, and the receipts from the sale of forest products, from the Demonstration State Forests to support their operations. Money in the fund in excess of the amount needed to support those operations shall be deposited in the General Fund.

The director may accept grants and donations of equipment, seedlings, labor, materials, or funds from any source for the purpose of supporting or facilitating activities undertaken pursuant to this part. Any funds received shall be deposited by the director in the Forest Resources Improvement Fund.

Each proposed expenditure by the department of money from the Forest Resources Improvement Fund shall be included as a separate item and scheduled individually in the Budget Bill for each fiscal year for consideration by the Legislature. These appropriations shall be subject to all of the limitations contained in the Budget Bill and to all other fiscal procedures prescribed by law with respect to the expenditure of state funds.

Administering Agency/Organization Code

Department of Forestry/Org 3540

Major Revenue Source

Revenues from the sale of timber and minor forest products on the Demponstration State Forests.

Recreation user fees and grants.

Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)

Pursuant to Government Code 16346, in the absence of language that identifies a successor fund, any balance remaining in this fund upon abolishment, shall be transferred to the General Fund.

Appropriation Authority

Upon appropriation by the Legislature.

State Appropriations Limit

Always Excluded – Revenues in this fund are not proceeds of taxes and even after transfer, will never become proceeds of taxes because the major revenue source is derived from a Trust and Agency Fund (Non-Federal).

Comments/Historical Information

There was another section of this number, similar to the present section, which was added by Chapter 1181, Statutes of 1978, amended by Chapter 812, Statutes of 1979, Chapter 413, Statutes of 1986, and repealed effective July 1, 1987 by its own terms.

Chapter 413, Statutes of 1986 recreated this fund

Chapter 77, Statutes of 2006 modified the allowable uses of the funds.