

increases which are a source from fire insurance premium tax and inspection fees of the agency. The only General Fund increases are for one additional deputy to be added at each of the next two years and for a position reclassification. We found that inspection services activity in the Fire Marshal Office has increased considerably in the areas under his jurisdiction and, in fact, many municipalities rely on this inspection service for the entire three-mile limit. The major Cash Fund increases are, of course, for overtime payments, training, equipment replacement, operations increase, and continuation of the Hazardous Materials Response Unit. Federal funds were increased in each year for equipment replacement in the Pipeline Safety Program. The Department of Water Resources is found on page 116, and the biennium recommendation provides for some of the following items in that area; additional travel related to the Deer Creek lawsuit. A Special Master will begin taking evidence in the Deer Creek case soon. Since the Special Master's Office is located in Los Angeles, the additional travel costs will involve department officials traveling to that city to submit evidence in the case. Also provided is \$25,000 for a conveyance water loss study which is used to finance a cooperative study with Wyoming and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to study conveyance water losses in the North Platte River system. Questions regarding actual water loss through evaporation as water in the North Platte River canal from upstream reservoirs in Wyoming traveling to downstream canal diversions in Nebraska, it is felt that a scientific study could help ease the potential for a controversy in the future. Also increased travel due to dam inspections which are being carried out based upon the risk factor of the dam. High-risk dams are inspected annually. Moderate-risk dams are inspected every three years, and low-risk dams are inspected every five years. A greater number of the moderate and low risk dams are coming up for inspection in the upcoming biennium. There is also provided increased funds to purchase automated stream gauging equipment. The automated data collection systems allow the agency to access information via telephone modem and eliminate the need for regular visits to the gauge houses to check those readings. This increase will allow for the purchase for 24 new data loggers. Agency 30 is the State Electrical Board found on page 71 of your blue book, and this is another cash-funded agency which derives its funds from occupational license fees and inspection fees. The committee recommendation includes an increase of the continuation cash fund budget with dollars to cover the operating increases, workers' comp assessments,