

12A.05 BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES.

Subdivision 1. **Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) conservation easements.** The board may use appropriations to acquire easements from landowners on marginal lands in the disaster area to protect soil and water quality and to support fish and wildlife habitat as provided in section 103F.515.

The board may use an appropriation, as provided in law, to implement the program.

Subd. 2. **Erosion, sediment, and water quality control cost-share program.** The board may use appropriations to install, repair, or rehabilitate erosion and sediment control projects in the disaster area to protect soil and water quality and to support fish and wildlife habitat.

The board may use an appropriation, as provided in law, to implement the program.

Subd. 3. **Waivers authorized.** (a) The board may waive the provisions of Minnesota Rules, chapter 8400, in the disaster area on land damaged by the disaster. The waiver applies to all existing and future contracts to address critical conservation problems resulting from the disaster that are funded in whole or in part with state money, to the extent that combined federal and state funding does not exceed 100 percent. All existing state cost-share grant agreements in the disaster area are extended, as provided in law.

(b) The payment maximums for improvements to the land under section 103F.515, subdivision 6, paragraph (a), clause (1), are waived for easements acquired in the disaster area on land damaged by the disaster.

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