12A.05 BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES.

Subdivision 1. **Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) conservation easements.** The Board of Water and Soil Resources (board) may use appropriations to acquire easements from landowners on marginal or damaged lands in the disaster area to provide flood attenuation, to restore and protect soil and water resources, and to support related fish and wildlife habitat as provided in section 103F.515.

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

Subd. 2. **Erosion and sediment control, water quality and watershed protection projects.** The board may establish a disaster recovery program and use appropriations to install, repair, or rehabilitate erosion and sediment control and water quality and watershed protection projects in the disaster area.

The board may use appropriations, as provided in law, to implement the disaster recovery program and to address critical conservation problems resulting from the disaster that are funded in whole or in part with state sources, to the extent that combined federal and state funding does not exceed 100 percent.

Subd. 3. **Waivers and extensions authorized.** The board may waive the provisions of Minnesota Rules, chapter 8400, in the disaster area on land damaged by the disaster. All existing grant agreements in the disaster area may be extended for up to two years.

History: *2008 c 247 s 5; 2010 c 382 s 2; 2011 c 67 s 1; 2012 c 187 art 1 s 3*