



State Budget & Water Policy Update

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Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention &
Water Action Volunteers Symposium

Agenda

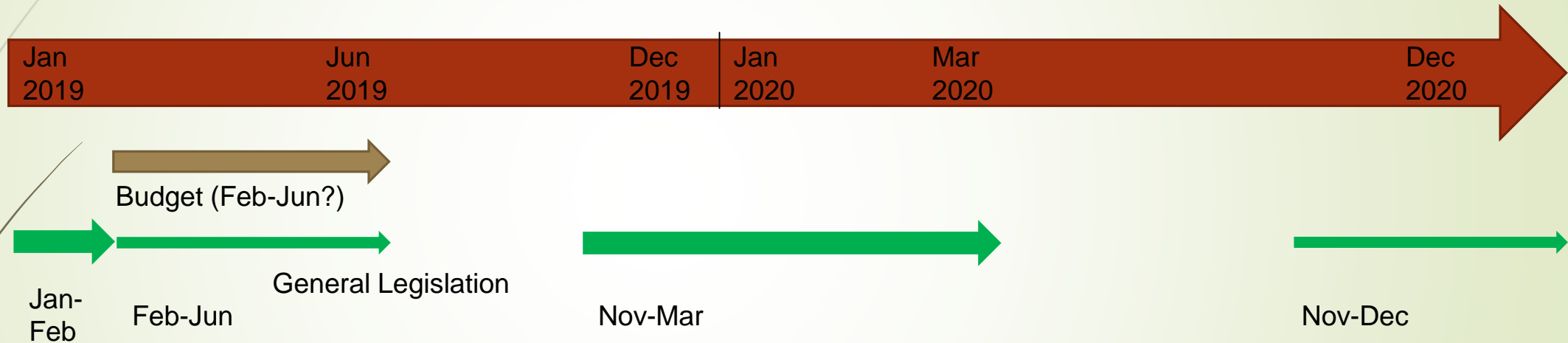
- Quick review of legislative & budget timeline
- What's up with the state budget?
- Current water-related legislation
- Putting Wisconsin Water First

Two types of legislation

- Budget bill
- Everything else

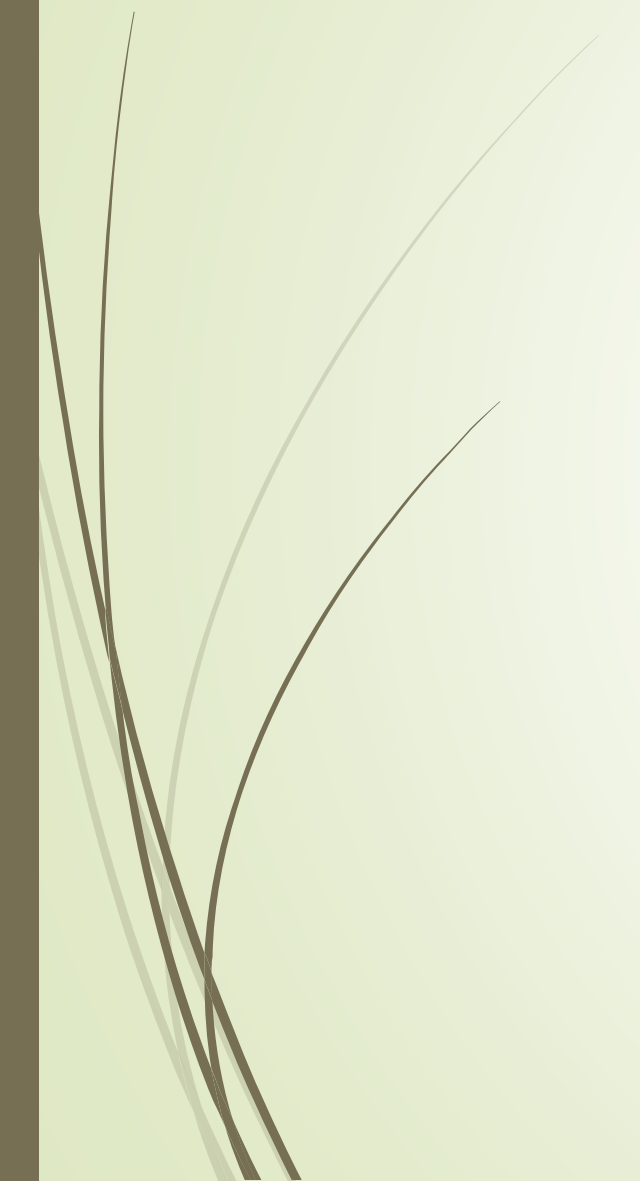


Legislative timeline



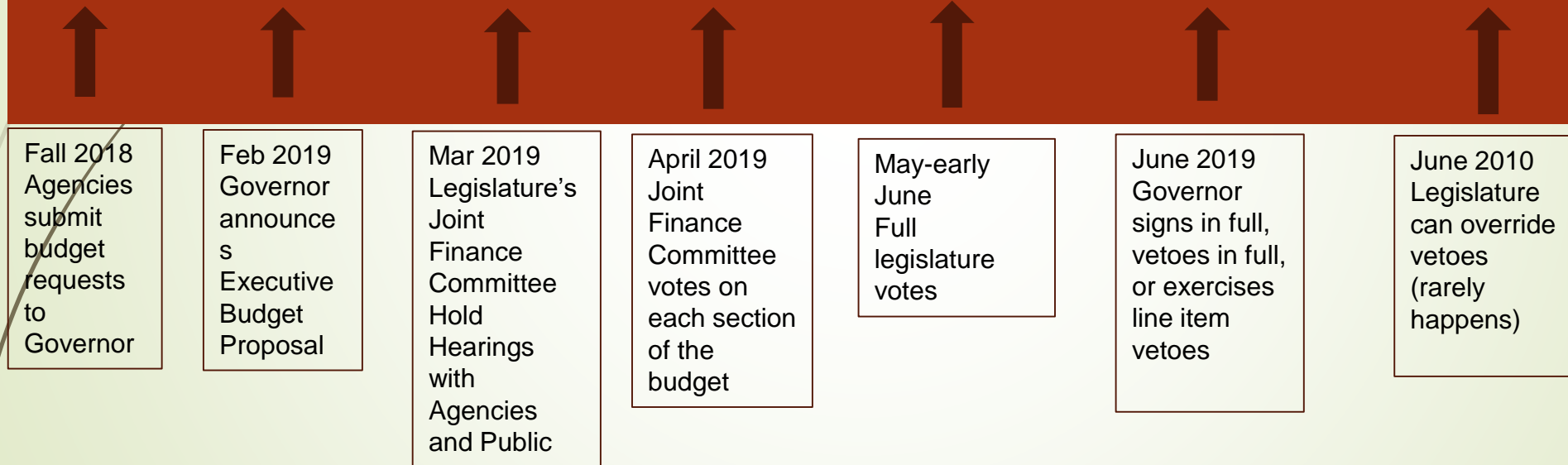


State Budget

- Two budgets?
 - The Governor vs The Legislature
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Legislative Timeline

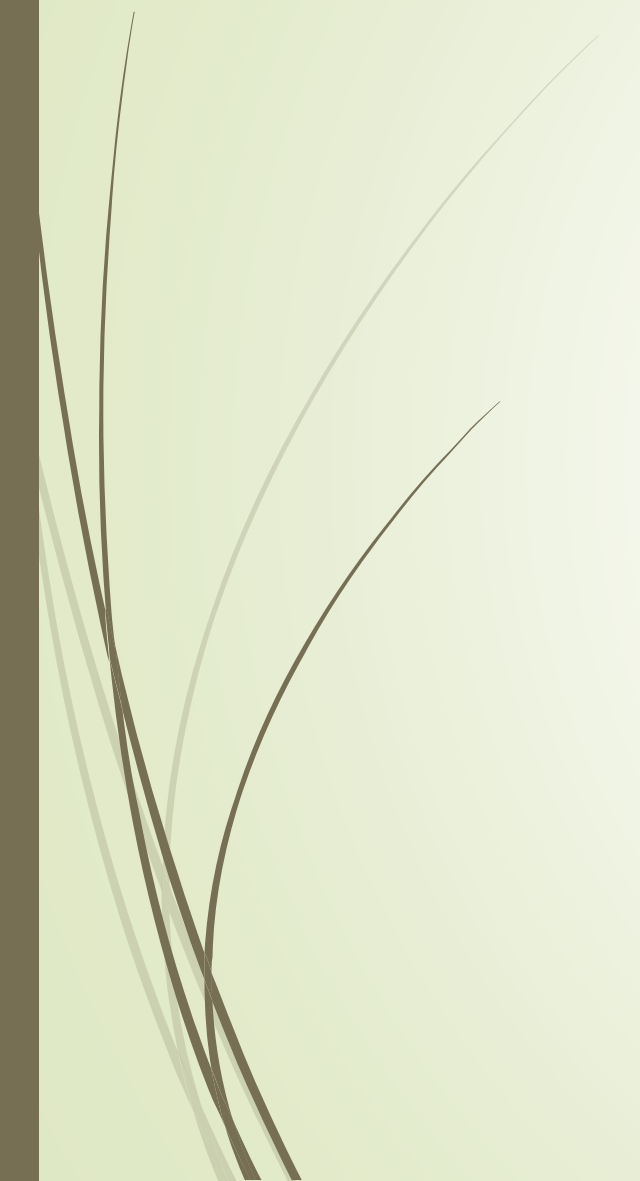
Timeline for state budget development



- State budget is biennial – 2 years (July 2019-June 2021)



State Budget – Highlights of Gov's Proposal

- Increase County Conservationist funding by \$1.4M
 - 5 positions overseeing CAFOs
 - New bureau with 5 scientists. Clean water research
 - \$4M for nonpoint cost share
 - \$1.5M more towards lake and river protection
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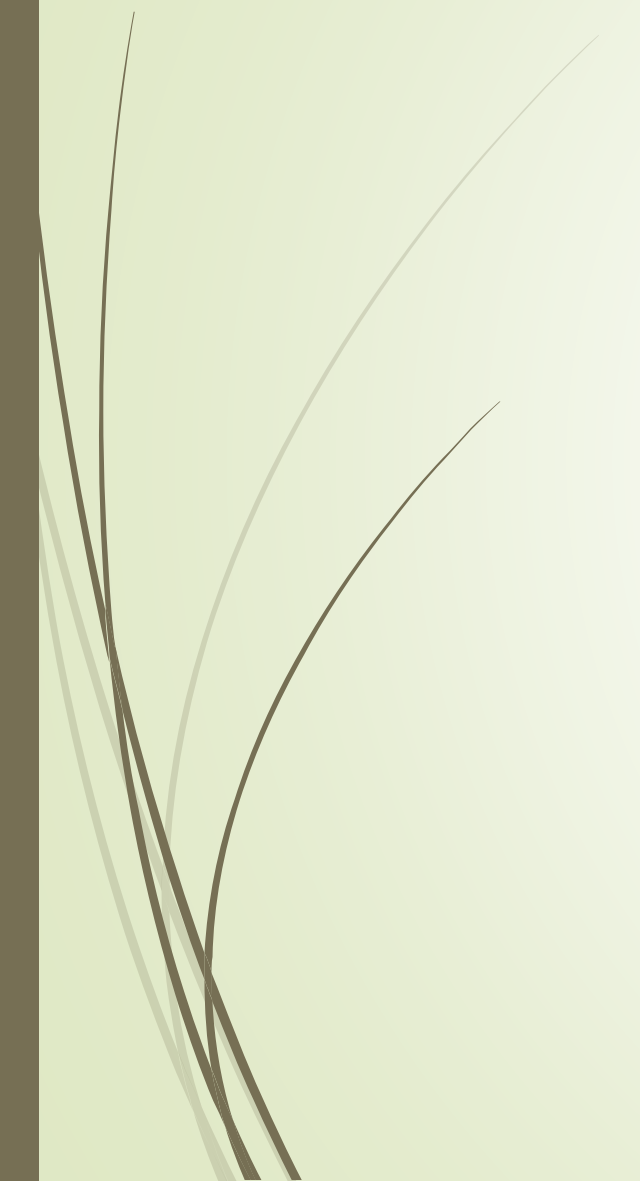
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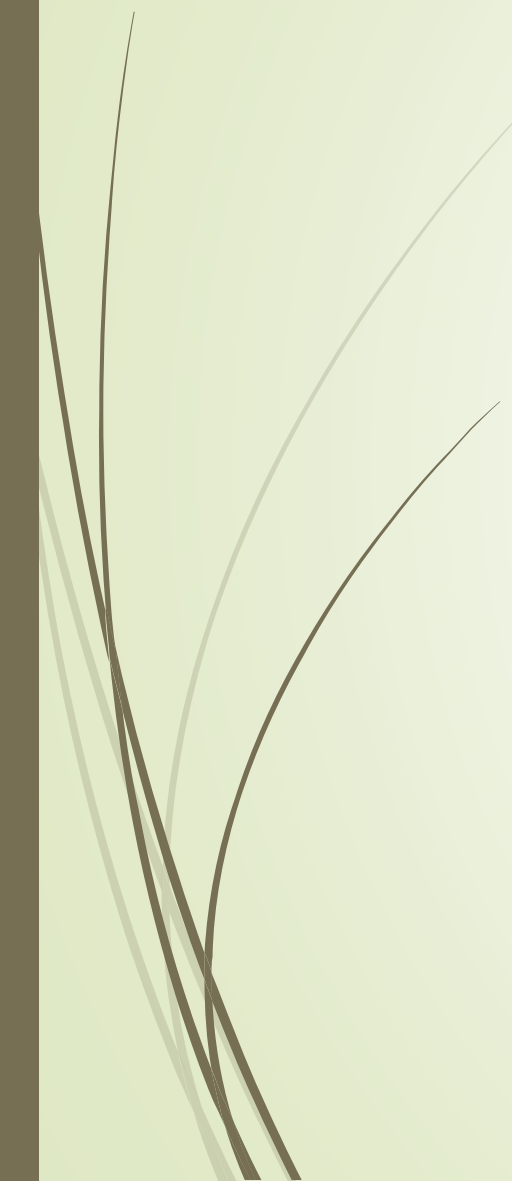


Legislative Budget

- Public Hearings
 - Last week in Janesville
 - Today in Oak Creek
 - Mon, Apr 15 at UW-River Falls
 - Wed, Apr 24 at UW-Green Bay
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Other Legislation

- SB91 – Pollutant trading clearinghouse
 - AB85 – PFAS groundwater standards
 - CAFO fee increase
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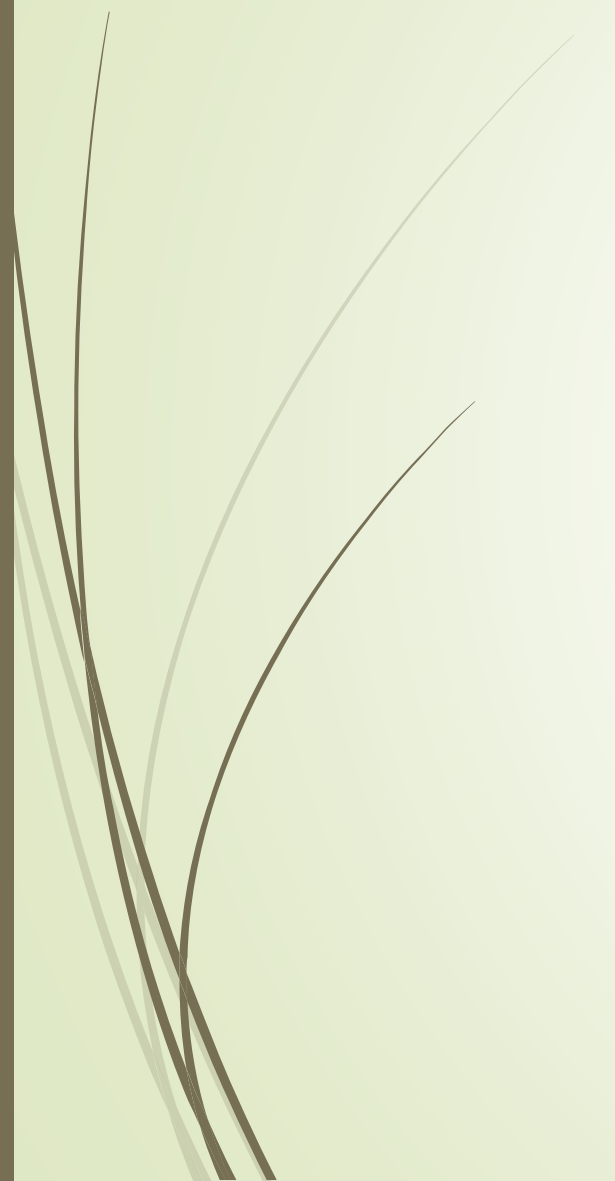


What We Haven't Seen

- Mining
 - Wetlands
 - Navigability
 - Groundwater
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Wisconsin Water First

- Governor's Year of Clean Drinking Water
 - Speakers Task Force on Water Quality
 - What do the people want?
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WQTF Hearings

<https://legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/committees/assembly/STF-WQ/>

- ▶ No dates set, but expected to run through the summer
- ▶ Possible locations
 - ▶ Green Bay
 - ▶ Janesville
 - ▶ Lancaster (May 8?)
 - ▶ LaCrosse
 - ▶ Madison
 - ▶ Marinette
 - ▶ Mauston
 - ▶ Menomonie
 - ▶ Stevens Point
 - ▶ Superior
 - ▶ Tomahawk



How to keep informed and act

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- Follow wisconsinlakes.org or sign up for our Lake Policy report
 - Participate in WI Lakes' "Lakes In Action" program
 - Research bills, find your legislator and more on the WI Legislature's website: <http://legis.wisconsin.gov/>
 - Read newspaper articles, press releases, more at thewheelerreport.com
 - Watch it all happen on Wisconsin Eye (wiseye.org)
 - Talk to your legislators!



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