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~~(f)-(1) Any and all purchase, sale, or transfer of land pursuant to this subtitle shall be by action of the Board. All funds received by the State from the sale of land shall be credited to the Federal State Reclamation Fund.~~

~~(2) THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION.~~

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(a) There is a "Shore Erosion Control Construction Loan Fund." The Department shall administer the Fund solely to provide interest-free loans to persons, municipalities, or counties for construction of shore erosion structures. The Fund shall be maintained by:

(1) Repayments of principal on loans made from the Fund, with the repayments made through a special real estate tax the State levies on privately owned property benefited by shore erosion control projects. The tax shall compensate the State for net project construction cost. The tax shall be levied at a uniform rate over a period not exceeding 25 years; and

(2) Annual appropriation of general funds to restore the Fund to a level sufficient to carry out an effective shore erosion control construction loan program during the succeeding year.

A property owner whose project is approved is eligible to receive an interest-free loan covering 100 percent of the first \$50,000 of project construction cost, 50 percent of the next \$20,000 of project construction cost, 25 percent of the next \$20,000 of project construction cost, and 10 percent of the part of construction cost exceeding \$90,000. However, where two or more property owners are included within a shore erosion control project, and project construction costs exceed \$100,000, the land of each property owner is considered a separate shore erosion project for the purpose of computing net project construction cost under this formula.

(b) During the first month of each fiscal year, the Department shall submit to the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning an estimate of the amount of revenues the Fund expects to receive from repayment of outstanding loans, and the amount of general funds required to reestablish an adequate balance in the fund to make loans during the next fiscal year.

(c) If it appears reasonably likely that funds will be available for an approved shore erosion control project, the Department shall develop complete plans, specifications, and all