

# Agenda

- 1) Study Background
- 2) Proposed Rate Structure Adjustments & Impacts
- 3) Financial Plan
- 4) Proposed Rate Increases

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# Fullerton's water system is large and aging

- 15 reservoirs (67.5 million gallons)
- 10 active wells
- 14 pump stations
  - 4 primary pressure zones (12 sub-zones)
  - 6 active MWD connections
- 430\* miles of distribution pipes
- \* Over 50% of pipes older than 50 years old

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### 2018 Water Rate Study Background

Previous water rate study completed in 2013

#### **Drivers for current study:**

- ✓ Schedule: Last adopted rate schedule ended in 2018
- ✓ Legal: Recent court decisions have "raised the bar" for transparency and cost-of-service requirements for water rates (Prop 218).
- ✓ Revenue Short-Falls:
  - ✓ Recent drought
  - ✓ Relatively low fixed revenue
  - ✓ Static "pass-through" policy
- ✓ System Needs: Fullerton continues to experience above-average water pipe breaks.

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## 2018 Water Rate Study Approach

- Rate analysis developed by consultant in collaboration with City staff
- 2. Ad Hoc Committee and public engaged to review and revise recommendations
  - 8 workshops to shape capital investment approach and rate structure
  - Evening meeting to allow for more public input
  - Public invited to attend all Ad Hoc Committee meetings
- 3. Recommendations to City Council (second meeting tonight)

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### Water Rate Ad Hoc Committee

- The Rate Study Ad-Hoc Committee is made up of 6 at-large members from the Energy and Resource Management Committee (ERMC) and the Citizens Infrastructure Review Committee (CIRC).
- The Ad Hoc Committee was formed to actively participate in:
  - Reviewing and providing input to proposed water rate structure changes and rate increases.
  - Representing not only ratepayers but also owners of the water system.

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Water Rate Study
Rate Structure

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## **Customer Classes**

#### **Existing**

#### Classification

- Single Family Residential
- Multifamily Residential
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Fire Line\*
- Temporary Water\*
- Municipal
- Agricultural
- Residential/Agricultural
- Residential Landscape
- Single Family with Fire Sprinkler
- Multifamily with Manual Rubbish

#### **Proposed**

Classification	Acco	<u>unts</u>
<ul> <li>Single Family Residential</li> </ul>	26,392	85.0%
<ul> <li>Multifamily Residential</li> </ul>	1,913	6.2%
<ul> <li>Commercial</li> </ul>	1,974	6.4%
Industrial	115	0.4%
Agricultural	2	0.01%
Landscape	399	1.3%
Municipal	257	0.9%

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<sup>\*</sup> Excluded from Proposed list. Not part of typical customer and usage base.

### **Current Rates**

#### **Fixed Meter Charge:**

- Based on meter size
- 22.4% fixed revenue (relatively low)

Meter Size	Monthly Rate
5/8" & 3/4"	\$14.78
1"	\$17.74
1 1/2"	\$32.52
2"	\$45.82
3"	\$79.81
4"	\$113.81
6"	\$180.32
8"	\$302.99
10"	\$441.92
12"	(na)

\* Two month billing cycles; double the tier allocation per billing cycle

#### Water Usage Rates:

3 tiers for single family and multi-family

Current Tiered Rates Residential					
Tier	Rate (per TGAL)	Monthly Allocation* (Single Family)	Monthly Allocation* (Multi-Family) (per unit)		
1	\$3.213	7,500 gal.	4,000 gal.		
2	\$3.510	12,500 gal.	6,000 gal.		
3	\$3.799	(na)	(na)		

#### Uniform water usage rates for all other customers:

Commercial: \$3.075 / TGAL Industrial: \$3.130 / TGAL Municipal: \$2.440 / TGAL Agricultural: \$3.403 / TGAL Landscape: \$3.767 / TGAL

(TGAL = thousand gallons)

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### Proposed Rate Design Approach

#### 1) Implement Water Meter Equivalency Schedule

- More equitable
- Larger meters will be affected

# 2) Enhance connection between water rates and the cost to provide water service

- Tied directly to the cost of purchased and pumped water
- Results in increase in fixed revenue from 22.1% to 40.7%

#### 3) Establish a \*dynamic\* Pass-Through policy:

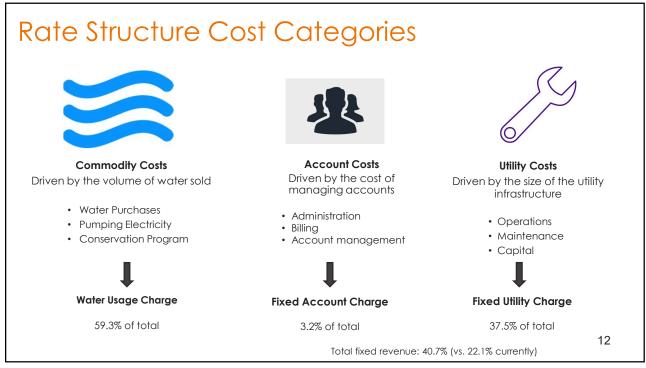
 Ensures that pass-through increases are directly proportionate to the increase in costs

### Establish Water Meter Equivalency Schedule

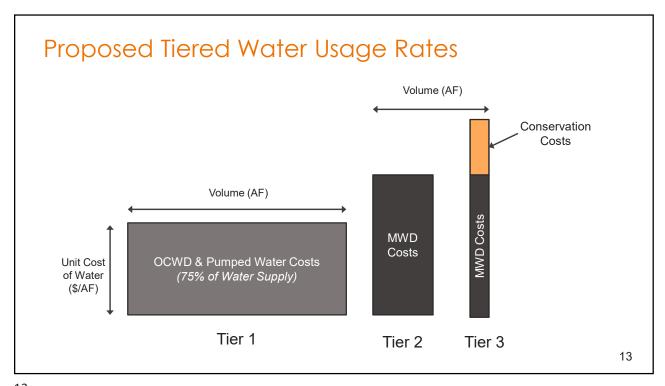
Meter Size	Existing Ratio	Proposed Equivalency Schedule <sup>(1)</sup>	Rated flow in gallons per minute
5/8" & 3/4" <sup>(2)</sup>	1.00	1.00	30
1"	1.20	1.67	50
1 1/2"	2.20	3.33	100
2"	3.10	5.33	160
3"	5.40	10.67	320
4"	7.70	16.67	500
6"	12.20	33.33	1,000
8"	20.50	53.33	1,600
10"	29.90	80.00	2,400
12"	47.60	112.50	3,375

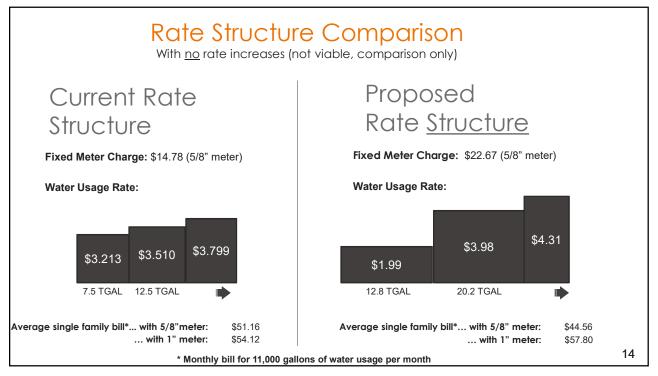
<sup>(1)</sup> Source: Table B-1, Appendix B, AWWA M1 Manual, 7th Ed.

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<sup>(2)</sup> Combined per the City's historical practice and common industry practice





### Proposed Rate Structure (no rate increases)

#### Fixed Meter Charge:

	Current	Restructured
Meter	Monthly	Monthly
Size	Rate	Rate
5/8" & 3/4"	\$14.78	\$22.67
1"	\$17.74	\$35.91
1 1/2"	\$32.52	\$69.03
2"	\$45.82	\$108.76
3"	\$79.81	\$214.72
4"	\$113.81	\$333.93
6"	\$180.32	\$665.06
8"	\$302.99	\$1,062.41
10"	\$441.92	\$1,592.22
12"	(na)	\$2,237.92

Current Tiered Rates Residential					
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Restructured Tiered Rates Residential					
Tier	Rate (per TGAL)	Monthly Allocation* (Single Family)	Monthly Allocation* (Multi-Family) (per unit)		
1	\$1.99	12,800 gal.	5,100 gal.		
2	\$3.98	20,200 gal.	6,700 gal.		
3	\$4.31	(na)	(na)		

Uniform Water Usage Rates for all other customers:

Restructured: \$2.50 / TGAL

Current: \$3.075 / TGAL

Industrial: \$3.130 / TGAL Municipal: \$2.440 / TGAL Agricultural: \$3.403 / TGAL Landscape: \$3.767 / TGAL

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### Pass-Through Formula

#### **Recommendations:**

- Adopt a pass-through policy that dynamically responds to \*actual\* changes in water supply costs
- Increase transparency in the pass-through process

Uniform Rate Adjustment  $\left(\frac{\$}{\text{TGAL}}\right)$  = Tier 1 Rate Adjustment  $\left(\frac{\$}{\text{TGAL}}\right)$  x 75% + Tier 2 Rate Adjustment  $\left(\frac{\$}{\text{TGAL}}\right)$  x 25%

(i.e. the weighted average of the adjustments to the tiered rates)

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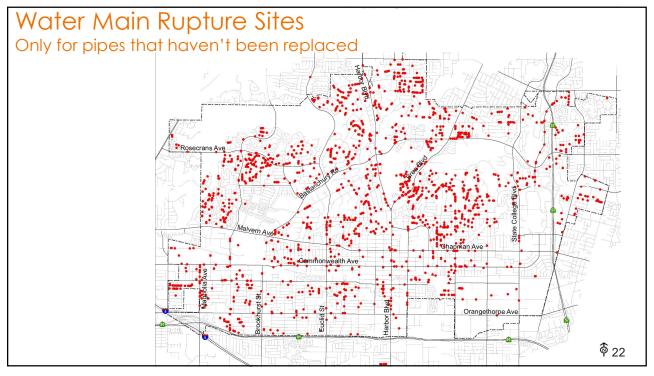


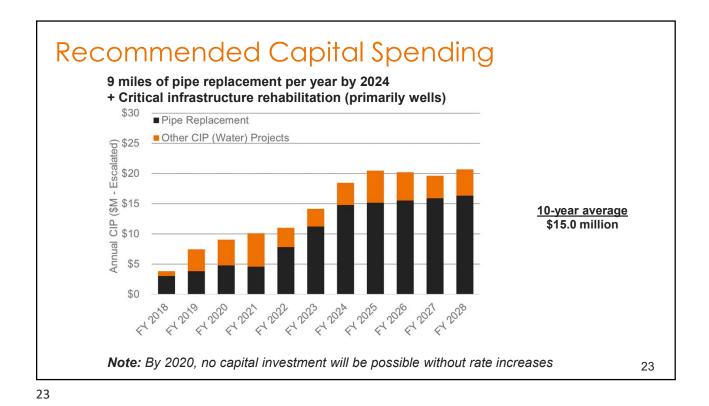
Water Main Break History Main Breaks per Year Over 50% of pipelines are older than 50 years old (past the expected useful life) 140 120 · Highest rate of water main breaks in Orange County 100 · Water main breaks disrupt service to all customers Repair shutdowns can affect over 1,000 customers for 5 - 8 hours Unsettling to residential customers Economic impact on businesses " 20" 200 200 20" 20" Repair of failed pipes is significantly more expensive than "proactive" repair of aging pipes Water main break costs range from \$5,000 to \$20,000 (or more) per event. 18



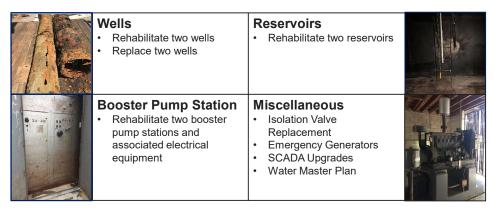






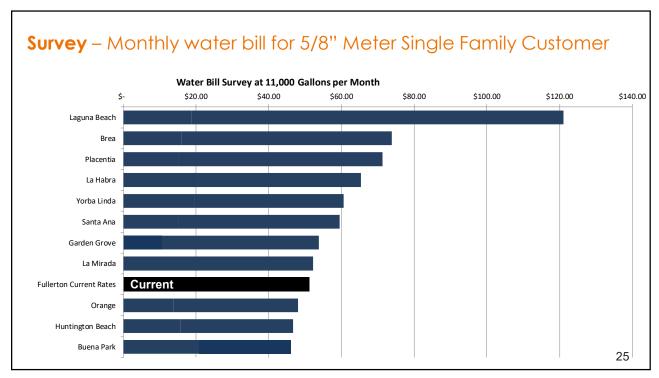


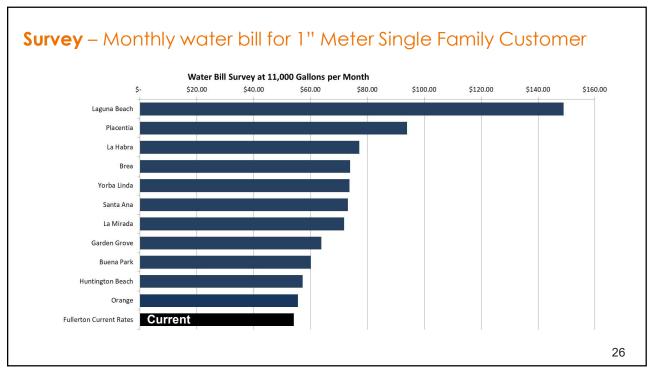
Non-Pipeline Projects (FY 2019-2024)



12 critical projects identified by staff

Note: Projects subject to change based on Water Master Plan findings





## Proposed rate revenue increases

9 miles of pipe replacement per year by 2024

+ Critical infrastructure rehabilitation (primarily wells)

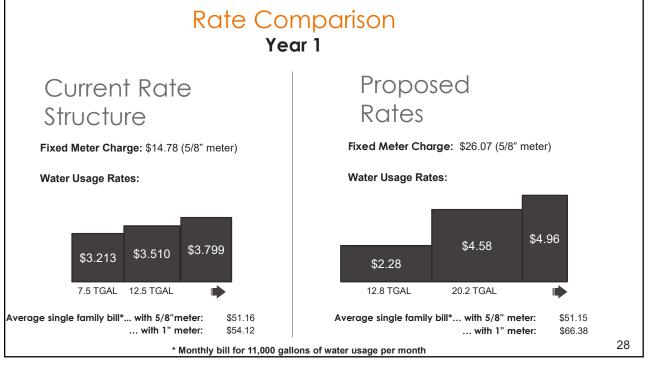
	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Rate Revenue:	\$37.9 M	\$41.2 M	\$45.7 M	\$48 M	\$49.9 M
Increase (%)**	15.0%	14.0%	11.0%	5.0%	4.0%

And inflationary increases forecasted thereafter...

Typical Residential Monthly Water Bill*					
Based on proposed rates: **	\$51.15	\$58.31	\$64.73	\$67.96	\$70.68
Based on current rate structure:	\$58.84				

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<sup>\*</sup> Monthly water bill for single family home with 5/8" meter and 11,000 gallons of water usage

<sup>\*\*</sup> Percent increases and bill projections do not include any applicable pass-through increases

### Proposed Rates in Year 1

#### Fixed Meter Charge:

	Current	Proposed
Meter	Monthly	Monthly
Size	Rate	Rate
5/8"	\$14.78	\$26.07
1"	\$17.74	\$41.30
1 1/2"	\$32.52	\$79.39
2"	\$45.82	\$125.08
3"	\$79.81	\$246.95
4"	\$113.81	\$384.04
6"	\$180.32	\$764.86
8"	\$302.99	\$1,221.84
10"	\$441.92	\$1,831.15
12"	(na)	\$2,573.75
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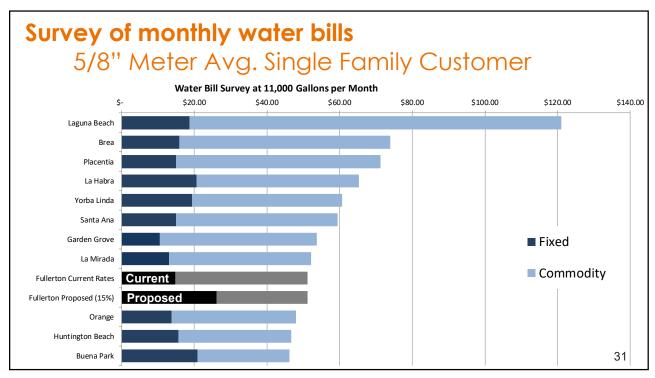
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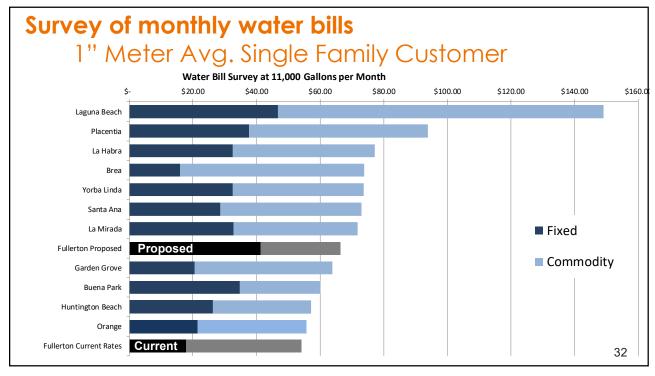
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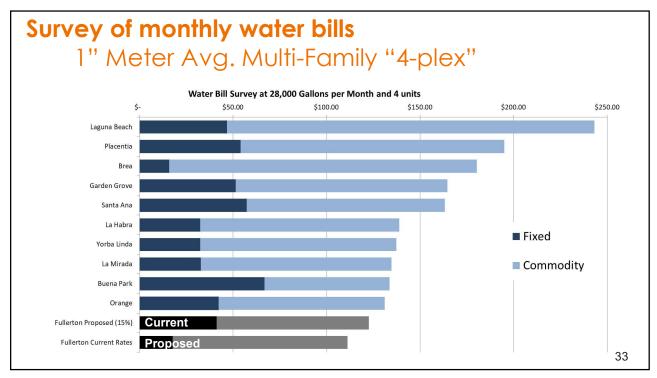
- 1) Confirmation and finalization of financial assumptions
- 2) Recommendation for annual Water Enterprise Capital Report
  - Summarizes the progress of the capital program;
  - Discusses receipt and opportunities for alternative source of funding; and
  - Assesses the Water Funds' cash reserves to determine whether there exist opportunities to delay or avoid previously-approved rate increases.

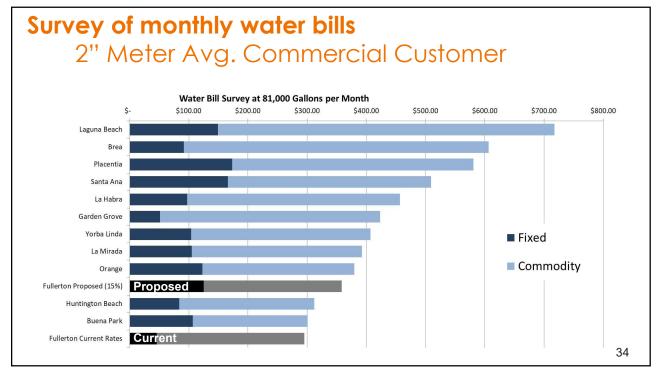
To be presented to the Infrastructure and Natural Resources Advisory Committee (INRAC).

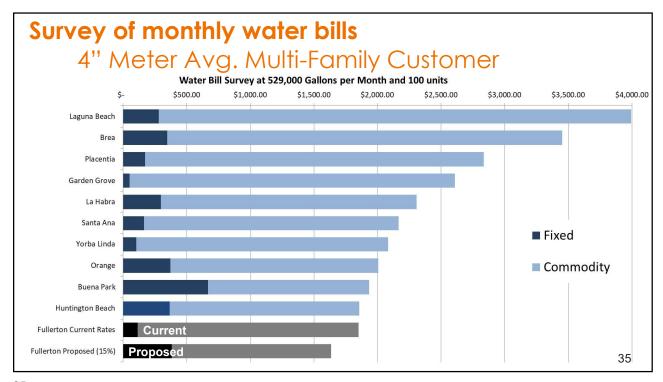
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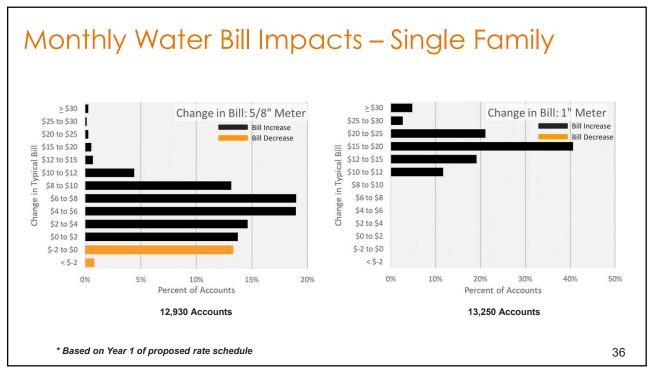


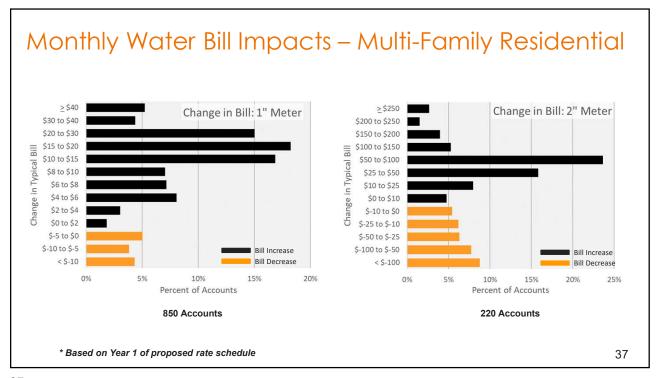


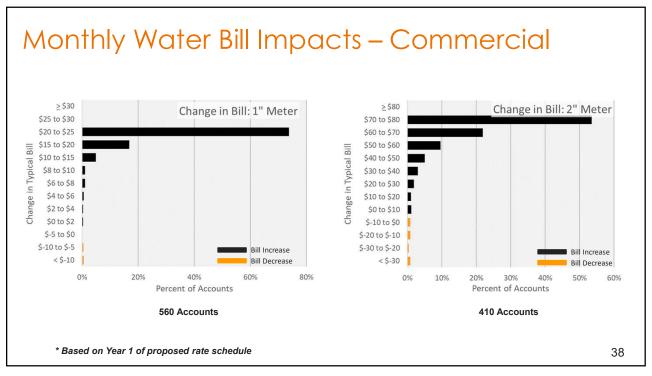












# Monthly Water Bill Projections – Single Family

		FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Proposed general increase:		15%	14%	11%	5%	4%
Single Family Residential 5/8"	Current	Proposed				
Low Volume 5 TGAL/mo	\$30.85	\$37.47	\$42.72	\$47.41	\$49.79	\$51.78
(with Pass-Through Example)		\$37.47	\$43.22	\$48.41	\$51.29	\$53.78
Increase over current rates:		\$6.63	\$12.37	\$17.57	\$20.44	\$22.93
Average Volume 11 TGAL/mo	\$51.16	\$51.15	\$58.31	\$64.73	\$67.96	\$70.68
(with Pass-Through Example)		\$51.15	\$59.41	\$66.93	\$71.26	\$75.08
Increase over current rates:		(\$0.01)	\$8.25	\$15.76	\$20.10	\$23.92
High Volume 80 TGAL/mo	\$310.69	\$380.89	\$434.21	\$481.98	\$506.08	\$526.32
(with Pass-Through Example)		\$380.89	\$445.57	\$504.70	\$540.16	\$571.76
Increase over current rates:		\$70.20	\$134.88	\$194.01	\$229.46	\$261.07
Single Family Residential 1"	Current	Proposed				
Low Volume 5 TGAL/mo	\$33.81	\$52.70	\$60.08	\$66.69	\$70.02	\$72.82
(with Pass-Through Example)		\$52.70	\$60.58	\$67.69	\$71.52	\$74.82
Increase over current rates:		\$18.90	\$26.77	\$33.88	\$37.72	\$41.02
Average Volume 11 TGAL/mo	\$54.12	\$66.38	\$75.67	\$84.00	\$88.20	\$91.72
(with Pass-Through Example)		\$66.38	\$76.77	\$86.20	\$91.50	\$96.12
Increase over current rates:		\$12.26	\$22.65	\$32.07	\$37.37	\$42.00
High Volume 80 TGAL/mo	\$313.65	\$396.12	\$451.58	\$501.25	\$526.31	\$547.37
(with Pass-Through Example)		\$396.12	\$462.94	\$523.97	\$560.39	\$592.81
Increase over current rates:		\$82.47	\$149.28	\$210.32	\$246.74	\$279.15

Pass-Through Cost Assumptions (for example only):

- Annual OCWD Increase = \$0.10 / TGAL increase per year
- Annual MWD Increase = \$0.15/ TGAL increase per year

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# Monthly Water Bill Projections – Multi-Family

		FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Proposed gene	ral increase:	15%	14%	11%	5%	4%
Multifamily Residential	Current	Proposed				
Average Vol 31.8 TGAL/mo w. 1" meter & 5 Units	\$123.42	\$128.29	\$146.26	\$162.34	\$170.46	\$177.28
Bill per Housing Unit	\$24.68	\$25.66	\$29.25	\$32.47	\$34.09	\$35.46
(with Pass-Through Example)		\$128.29	\$149.75	\$169.33	\$180.95	\$191.26
Increase over current rates:		\$4.88	\$26.33	\$45.92	\$57.53	\$67.84
Average Vol 148.5 TGAL/mo w. 2" meter & 30 Units	\$531.42	\$463.66	\$528.57	\$586.72	\$616.05	\$640.69
Bill per Housing Unit	\$17.71	\$15.46	\$17.62	\$19.56	\$20.54	\$21.36
(with Pass-Through Example)		\$463.66	\$543.42	\$616.42	\$660.60	\$700.09
Increase over current rates:		(\$67.76)	\$12.01	\$85.00	\$129.19	\$168.68
Average Vol 529.1 TGAL/mo w. 4" meter & 100 Units	\$1,852.15	\$1,634.32	\$1,863.12	\$2,068.07	\$2,171.47	\$2,258.33
Bill per Housing Unit	\$18.52	\$16.34	\$18.63	\$20.68	\$21.71	\$22.58
(with Pass-Through Example)		\$1,634.32	\$1,916.99	\$2,175.80	\$2,333.06	\$2,473.79
Increase over current rates:		(\$217.83)	\$64.84	\$323.64	\$480.91	\$621.64
Average Vol 414 TGAL/mo w. 6" meter & 115 Units	\$1,510.50	\$1,708.78	\$1,948.01	\$2,162.29	\$2,270.40	\$2,361.22
Bill per Housing Unit	\$13.13	\$14.86	\$16.94	\$18.80	\$19.74	\$20.53
(with Pass-Through Example)		\$1,708.78	\$1,989.41	\$2,245.09	\$2,394.60	\$2,526.82
Increase over current rates:	l i	\$198.28	\$478.91	\$734.59	\$884.10	\$1,016.32

Pass-Through Cost Assumptions (for example only):

- Annual OCWD Increase = \$0.10 / TGAL increase per year
- Annual MWD Increase = \$0.15/ TGAL increase per year

# Monthly Water Bill Projections – Commercial

		FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Proposed gene	ral increase:	15%	14%	11%	5%	4%
Commercial 2"	Current	Proposed				
Low Volume 20 TGAL/mo & 2" Meter	\$107.32	\$182.68	\$208.26	\$231.16	\$242.72	\$252.43
(with Pass-Through Example)		\$182.68	\$210.51	\$235.66	\$249.47	\$261.43
Increase over current rates:		\$75.36	\$103.19	\$128.34	\$142.15	\$154.11
Average Volume 81 TGAL/mo & 2" Meter	\$294.90	\$358.36	\$408.53	\$453.47	\$476.14	\$495.19
(with Pass-Through Example)		\$358.36	\$417.64	\$471.69	\$503.48	\$531.64
Increase over current rates:		\$63.47	\$122.75	\$176.80	\$208.58	\$236.74
High Volume 300 TGAL/mo & 2" Meter	\$968.32	\$989.08	\$1,127.55	\$1,251.58	\$1,314.16	\$1,366.73
(with Pass-Through Example)		\$989.08	\$1,161.30	\$1,319.08	\$1,415.41	\$1,501.73
Increase over current rates:		\$20.76	\$192.98	\$350.76	\$447.09	\$533.41
Commercial 4"	Current	Proposed				
Low Volume 100 TGAL/mo & 4" Meter	\$421.31	\$672.04	\$766.13	\$850.40	\$892.92	\$928.64
(with Pass-Through Example)		\$672.04	\$777.38	\$872.90	\$926.67	\$973.64
Increase over current rates:		\$250.73	\$356.07	\$451.59	\$505.36	\$552.33
Average Volume 396.9 TGAL/mo & 4" Meter	\$1,334.28	\$1,527.11	\$1,740.91	\$1,932.41	\$2,029.03	\$2,110.19
(with Pass-Through Example)		\$1,527.11	\$1,785.56	\$2,021.71	\$2,162.98	\$2,288.79
Increase over current rates:		\$192.83	\$451.28	\$687.43	\$828.70	\$954.52
High Volume 1500 TGAL/mo & 4" Meter	\$4,726.31	\$4,704.04	\$5,362.61	\$5,952.49	\$6,250.12	\$6,500.12
(with Pass-Through Example)		\$4,704.04	\$5,531.36	\$6,289.99	\$6,756.37	\$7,175.12
Increase over current rates:		(\$22.27)	\$805.05	\$1,563.68	\$2,030.06	\$2,448.81

Pass-Through Cost Assumptions (for example only):

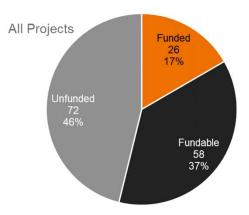
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# Drinking Water SRF Details



16%-17% funded in year of application, 50%-65% funded or fundable Difficult to build this level of "certainty" into 5-year financial plan

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# SRF Funding Scenarios

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Cumulative
No Debt: Proposed Cash Funded Scenario	15.0%	14.0%	11.0%	5.0%	4.0%	2.5%	2.5%	67%
SRF Loan (\$M)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Low Debt: SRF Funding 2021 Well	15.0%	14.0%	9.0%	6.0%	4.0%	4.0%	3.0%	69%
SRF Loan (\$M)	-	\$2.17	-	-	-	-	-	\$2.17
High Debt: SRF Funding 2021-22 Pipe Repl.	15.0%	9.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	5.0%	73%
SRF Loan (\$M)	-	\$4.57	\$7.80	-	-	-	-	\$12.37

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### Rate Study Achievements

- ✓ Established standard meter equivalency schedule to be more equitable
- ✓ Enhanced connection between water rates and the cost to provide water service
- ✓ Increased revenue stability through higher fixed rates
- ✓ Proposed rate increases to meet the needs of system deficiencies
- ✓ Established a \*dynamic\* policy to "pass-through" increases in
  wholesale water costs

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## **Next Steps**

- Request that City Council direct City staff to mail Prop. 218
   Notification
- 45-day waiting period
- Public Hearing
- Rates implemented on July 1, 2019