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Dear Adrienne Carr:

HF&H is pleased to submit this draft report to the North Coast County Water District. The report is organized beginning with determining how much projected revenue is needed from rates during the next three fiscal years, FY 2026-27 through 2028-29. The report describes the cost-of-service analysis that apportions the revenue requirement (expenses) between the residential and non-residential customers. The report concludes with a discussion of the rate design that is recommended for each class to ensure that customers are paying their proportionate shares.

The report reflects input from the Water Rates Advisory Committee, Board of Directors, and District staff in refining the budgeted expenses and rates. The resulting rate adjustments are recommended for several reasons. First, the previous cost-of-service study established rates from FY 2021-22 through the current year, FY 2025-26. Changes in consumption patterns during this period necessitate revisiting rates to ensure current rates are proportionate to the cost of service. Second, the cost of water that the District purchases from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) continues to rise. These projected cost increases are reflected in recommended rates. Third, the District has a capital improvement program to fund necessary upgrades, which include projects to address its primary water storage tanks and pipelines. These improvements are funded by the recommended rates.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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GLOSSARY

AWWA – American Water Works Association

BAWSCA – Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency

CIP – Capital Improvement Program

COS – Cost of service

FY – Fiscal year

GPD – Gallons per day

HCF One hundred cubic feet of water sold; 748 gallons; a cube of water 4.6 feet on edge, also referred to as one metered unit of water

M1 Manual – *Principles of Water Rates, Fees, and Charges*. American Water Works Association Manual M1. 2025

Non-Residential – Commercial, multi-family residential, irrigation, and municipal customer accounts served by North Coast County Water District. This customer class includes all customers that are not identified as either Recycled Water customers or Residential customers.

O&M – Operating and Maintenance of existing facilities

PAYGo - Refers to a method of paying for capital projects on a pay-as-you-go basis, rather than through long-term debt issuance.

Recycled Water – Customer class that receives recycled water from the District in place of potable water.

Residential – Single-family residential customer accounts served by North Coast County Water District.

Service charge - Refers to the District's fixed bi-monthly charge per account based on the size of the service or meter; the official title is "Supply and Distribution Charge." For ease of discussion, the terms "service charge" or "fixed charge" are used in this report.

SFPUC – San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

Volumetric charge - Refers to the District's charge per HCF/unit, which varies depending on the amount of water use during the billing period; the official title is "Water Usage Charge." For ease of discussion, the terms "volumetric Charge" or "volumetric rate" are used in this report.



Water Shortage Revenue Stabilization Factors - Factors that are applied to volume charge rates to stabilize revenue to meet the District's revenue requirements during periods of conservation when there are significant reductions in water usage, and hence in water revenues.

WSCP – Water Shortage Contingency Plan

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In preparing this study, we relied on information from the District, which we consider accurate and reliable. Our analysis is based on the best available information at the time of the study.

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This document represents our understanding of relevant laws, regulations, and court decisions but should not be relied upon as legal advice. Questions concerning the interpretation of legal authorities referenced in this document should be referred to a qualified attorney.



Executive Summary

The Executive Summary presents the findings and recommendations in this report. The report was reviewed with District staff.

STUDY OBJECTIVES

The District undertook this rate study to meet the following key objectives.

1. **Provide revenue sufficiency and financial stability** - Ensure revenues from future water rates continue covering costs without depleting reserves and maintaining necessary debt service coverage requirements. Revenue requirement projections (i.e., expenses) are increasing with expanded capital program expenses to upgrade aging infrastructure.
2. **Maintain adequate reserves to meet District policies** – Confirm future rates will continue to generate revenues that will keep the District’s reserve balance in line with its target threshold to have sufficient reserves on hand for operational cash flow, debt service payments, unplanned emergencies, retirement funding liability, and capital project funding.
3. **Rate payer equity** - Revisit allocation of the District’s costs to verify each customer class pays its proportionate share of expenses. Each customer within each customer class should also pay its proportionate share of expenses via volumetric and service capacity charges.

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The following findings and recommendations are made.

1. **Annual rate revenue increases.** Annual revenue increases of 7%, 6%, and 6% over the next three fiscal years, FY 2026-27 through FY 2028-29, are recommended so that the projected reserve fund balance stays above the minimum balance while addressing cost increases the District has absorbed since the previous cost-of-service study.
2. **Rate revenue realignment.** The revenue from volumetric and service charges was realigned based on the cost-of-service analysis. The realignment shifts certain costs that were previously allocated to the service charges to the volumetric charges. This shift improves the alignment of fixed costs with fixed charges (i.e., service charges) and of variable costs with variable charges (i.e., volumetric charges). As a result, volumetric rate revenues increase 18.4% and service charges revenues decrease 16.6%. These changes also reflect an overall revenue increase of 7%.
3. **Operating cost increases.** Operating and Maintenance (O&M) expenses comprise the largest category of expenses. Collectively this category of expenses is estimated to increase on average 3.1% annually from the current budget year, FY 2025-26, through FY 2028-29.

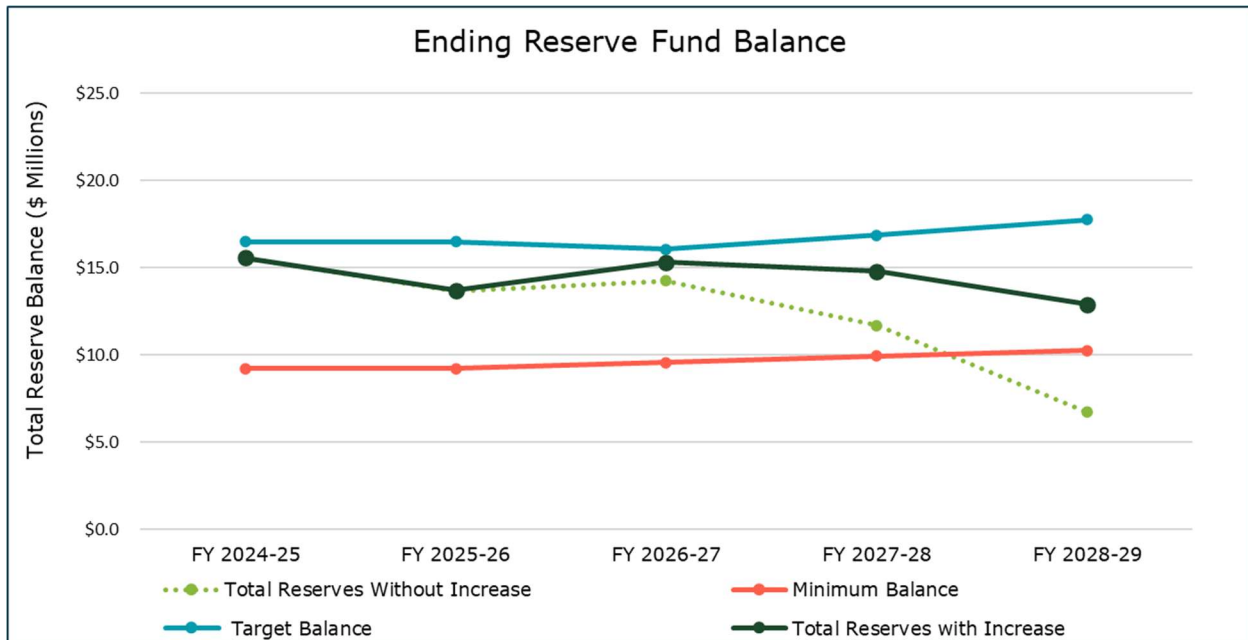


4. **Capital cost increases and future debt issuance.** The District’s three-year capital plan projections show \$7.4 million in escalated project costs. More than \$4.4 million of this total is attributed to tank recoating projects and pipeline replacement projects. All projects planned during this period are to be funded on a pay-as-you-go (PAYGo) basis from existing reserves and rate revenues. No new debt issuance is assumed.

5. **Cost of purchased water.** The District is entirely reliant on the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) for its potable water supply. The cost of water will increase from \$5.80 per Hundred Cubic Foot (HCF) in FY 2025-26 to \$6.23 per HCF in FY 2026-27, an increase of 7.4%. The SFPUC provided their most-recent projections, which show increases in the cost of water to \$6.91 per HCF by FY 2028-29. The wholesale rate is projected to increase 7.4% and 3.3% in FY 2027-28 and FY 2028-29, respectively.

6. **Reserve Fund Balance¹ (Figure 1-1).** With the recommended rate revenue increases, the District’s reserve fund balance (solid green line) is projected to exceed the minimum balance (red line), which is recommended to maintain a minimum working capital allowance for O&M expenses. However, the rate revenue increases are not sufficient to achieve the overall target balance (solid blue line), which covers both the operating and capital targets.

Figure 1-1. Year End Projected Reserve Fund Balances



¹ The fund balance includes reserves for operations, capital, debt, emergency, and retirement and does not capture the District’s restricted reserves that are not related to ratemaking. These include Compensated Absences, Retiree COLA Payment, and Storage and Transmission Fees.



7. **Debt coverage ratio.** With the recommended revenue increases, the District’s debt service coverage² is higher than the required 1.2 ratio in all years of the rate study. The following values summarize the projected debt coverage ratios after accounting for the recommended revenue increases:

FY 2026-27 – 1.76

FY 2027-28 – 1.86

FY 2028-29 – 2.10

8. **Revenue changes by customer class and by charge.** **Figure 1-2** compares the revenue from current rates in FY 2025-26 with the cost of service for FY 2026-27. This figure indicates how much revenue is needed from volumetric and service charges³ to generate the level of revenue needed in FY 2026-27. This figure also shows the comparison of volumetric rate revenue increases needed from the Residential⁴ class (19.1%) versus the Non-Residential⁵ class (17.0%). Service charge rates will decrease by 16.6%. The proposed rates, effective August 1, 2026, were derived to generate the necessary revenue and were structured based on the cost-of-service analysis. As a result, the portion of revenue generated by service charges is projected to decrease from 32.5% to 25.4%.

² Debt service coverage is the amount of rate revenue available to pay debt service after operating expenses have been paid. The minimum required revenue coverage is 1.2 times the amount of annual debt service after operating expenses have been paid from rate revenue.

³ As noted in the Glossary, the District’s volumetric and service charges are officially titled Water Usage and Supply and Distribution Charges, respectively. The shorter terms are used in this report for ease of discussion.

⁴ Throughout this report, the term, “Residential” will be used to refer to the single-family residential customer class.

⁵ The Non-Residential class includes commercial customers, multi-unit residences, irrigation customers, public customers, temporary meters, and recycled water customers, except when the recycled water customer class is identified separately. The cost-of-service analysis considered Non-Residential and Recycled Water customers as one customer class.



Figure 1-2. Current Rate Revenue Compared with the Cost-of-Service

Components of Rate Structure	Revenue at		Cost of Service		Difference	
	Current Rates (FY 2025-26)		FY 2026-27 Revenue		COS Minus Current	
Volumetric Rates						
Residential	\$6,629,946	44.8%	\$7,898,323	49.9%	\$1,268,377	19.1%
Non-Residential	\$3,343,266	22.6%	\$3,910,741	24.7%	\$567,475	17.0%
	\$9,973,212	67.5%	\$11,809,063	74.6%	\$1,835,851	18.4%
Service Charges						
Residential	\$4,249,807	28.7%	\$3,634,201	23.0%	(\$615,606)	-14.5%
Non-Residential	\$562,089	3.8%	\$376,801	2.4%	(\$185,288)	-33.0%
	\$4,811,896	32.5%	\$4,011,002	25.4%	(\$800,894)	-16.6%
Share of Revenue						
Residential	\$10,879,753	73.6%	\$11,532,524	72.9%	\$652,771	6.0%
Non-Residential	\$3,905,354	26.4%	\$4,287,541	27.1%	\$382,187	9.8%
Total Revenue	\$14,785,108	100.0%	\$15,820,065	100.0%	\$1,034,958	7.0%

Figure 1-2 compares the revenue collected from current rates by customer class with the revenue under the proposed rates for FY 2026-27. The cost-of-service analysis resulted in an increased share of revenues to be paid by Non-Residential customers, such that their share of revenues is projected to increase from 26.4% to 27.1%. In turn, the share of Residential revenues is projected to decrease slightly from 73.6% to 72.9% of the overall rate revenue. While revenues for each customer class are increasing to generate an overall 7.0% revenue increase for FY 2026-27, Non-Residential customers will see a larger rate increase than Residential customers as a result of the cost-of-service analysis.

- Service charge rate adjustments.** **Figure 1-3** shows the current and proposed service charges, which collectively decrease 16.6% effective August 1, 2026 to re-align with the cost-of-service, and then increase annually 6% and 6%.

Figure 1-3. Current and Cost-of-Service Based Bi-Monthly Service Charges

Meter Size	Current Charge per Service	Proposed Rates by Effective Date		
		8/1/2026	7/1/2027	7/1/2028
5/8"	\$60.18	\$51.98	\$55.10	\$58.41
3/4"	\$66.26	\$55.52	\$58.85	\$62.38
1"	\$84.39	\$62.62	\$66.38	\$70.36
1.5"	\$108.46	\$80.35	\$85.17	\$90.28
2"	\$175.18	\$101.62	\$107.72	\$114.18
3"	\$662.52	\$199.15	\$211.10	\$223.77
4"	\$843.45	\$310.85	\$329.50	\$349.27
6"	\$1,265.21	\$612.29	\$649.03	\$687.97
8"	\$1,747.17	\$1,037.84	\$1,100.11	\$1,166.12
10"	\$2,349.76	\$1,534.32	\$1,626.38	\$1,723.96
12"	\$2,952.35	\$1,924.41	\$2,039.87	\$2,162.26
Rate Increase %		<i>varies</i>	6%	6%



10. **Volumetric charge rate structure.** Figure 1-4 shows the current and cost-of-service volumetric rate structure. The Residential volumetric rates are tiered; the Non-Residential and Recycled Water rates are uniform charges. The size of the Residential tiers is generally based on residential billing data. The 5 HCF breakpoint for Tier 1 has been based on an allowance for very low water use. Recent water use data indicates that average winter water use is 8 HCF. It is recommended that the breakpoints for all tiers should be based on billing data rather than allowances. Because average winter water use (8 HCF) is so close to average annual water use (9 HCF, the basis for the existing Tier-2’s breakpoint) we recommend combining Tier-1 with Tier-2.

Rates for Non-Residential and Recycled Water customers are not tiered and increase to generate their shares of the revenue requirement.

Figure 1-4. Current and Cost-of-Service-Based Bi-Monthly Volumetric Rates

Customer Class	Current Tier Size	\$/HCF	Customer Class	Proposed Tier Size	Proposed Rates by Effective Date		
					8/1/2026	7/1/2027	7/1/2028
Residential			Residential				
Tier-1	0-5 hcf	\$7.28	Tier-1	0-9 hcf	\$10.15	\$10.76	\$11.41
Tier-2	6-9 hcf	\$10.77	Tier-2	10-12 hcf	\$11.65	\$12.35	\$13.09
Tier-3	10-13 hcf	\$14.44	Tier-3	Over 12 hcf	\$14.57	\$15.44	\$16.37
Tier-4	Over 13 hcf	\$17.67					
Non-Residential	All usage	\$10.06	Non-Residential	All usage	\$11.72	\$12.42	\$13.17
Recycled Water	All usage	\$9.05	Recycled Water	All usage	\$10.55	\$11.18	\$11.85
<i>Rate Increase %</i>					<i>varies</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>6%</i>

11. **Volumetric charge rates.** Figure 1-5 compares the breakpoints and rates for the current and cost-of-service-based tiers for Residential accounts. The percentage increases differ from tier to tier. The proposed Tier-1 rates combine the current Tier-1 and Tier-2 rates. The proposed structure is a three-tier structure.



Figure 1-5. Comparison of Current and Proposed Residential Rates by Tier

Bi-Monthly Demand HCF	Gal/Day	FY 2026-27		
		Current Rate	Proposed Rate	\$ Change
1	12	\$7.28	\$10.15	\$2.87
2	25	\$7.28	\$10.15	\$2.87
3	37	\$7.28	\$10.15	\$2.87
4	50	\$7.28	\$10.15	\$2.87
5	62	\$7.28	\$10.15	\$2.87
6	75	\$10.77	\$10.15	(\$0.62)
7	87	\$10.77	\$10.15	(\$0.62)
8	100	\$10.77	\$10.15	(\$0.62)
9	112	\$10.77	\$10.15	(\$0.62)
10	125	\$14.44	\$11.65	(\$2.79)
11	137	\$14.44	\$11.65	(\$2.79)
12	150	\$14.44	\$11.65	(\$2.79)
13	162	\$14.44	\$14.57	\$0.13
14	175	\$17.67	\$14.57	(\$3.10)

12. **Fire Protection Service charges.** The charges for all private fire protection service connections, which include all structures that have a fire service line, are increasing at the same percentages as the overall revenue increases proposed. **Figure 1-6** summarizes the current and proposed bi-monthly fire protection service charges.

Figure 1-6. Current and Proposed Bi-Monthly Fire Protection Service Charges

Fireline Size	Current Charge per Service	Proposed Rates by Effective Date		
		8/1/2026	7/1/2027	7/1/2028
2" or less	\$13.51	\$14.46	\$15.33	\$16.25
4"	\$42.23	\$45.19	\$47.90	\$50.77
6"	\$84.45	\$90.36	\$95.78	\$101.53
8"	\$168.89	\$180.71	\$191.55	\$203.04
<i>Rate Increase %</i>		7%	6%	6%

13. **Pass-through adjustments to volumetric rates.** The cost of SFPUC water is the single largest component of the District’s revenue requirements. Because the District has no control over the SFPUC’s wholesale water rate, this cost is simply passed through to the District’s customers. The SFPUC provides projections of its future wholesale water rates, which are built into the rate projections in this study:

July 2026 – \$6.23 per HCF

July 2027 – \$6.69 per HCF

July 2028 – \$6.91 per HCF



The SFPUC updates its projections each year as part of the rate-making process legally prescribed in the wholesale Water Supply Agreement⁶. California Government Code Section 53756 authorizes water suppliers to adjust their rates in response to changes in pass-through costs. We recommend that the District incorporate annual pass-through adjustments in its Residential and Non-Residential rates. Recycled water rates would change in relation to pass-through adjustments to Non-Residential rates to maintain a ratio of 90% of the Non-Residential rate.

14. **Implement Water Shortage Revenue Stabilization Factors.** Water Shortage Revenue Stabilization Factors are designed to offset the amount of revenue shortfall caused by conservation during specific Board-adopted, water shortage stages. The Board of Directors can choose to implement the Water Shortage Revenue Stabilization Factors, shown in **Figure 1-7**, during declared water shortage emergencies. The Water Shortage Revenue Stabilization Factors are designed to align with the District’s six water shortage levels in the District’s adopted Water Shortage Contingency Plan and are applied to the volumetric rates to ensure that there are sufficient revenues to fund the District’s obligations during shortages.

Figure 1-7. Water Shortage Revenue Stabilization Factors

	Stage 1 Up to 10% Reduction	Stage 2 Up to 20% Reduction	Stage 3 Up to 30% Reduction	Stage 4 Up to 40% Reduction	Stage 5 Up to 50% Reduction	Stage 6 Greater than 50% Reduction
Residential	1.032	1.065	1.123	1.198	1.300	1.410
Non-Residential	1.034	1.070	1.133	1.217	1.334	1.468

To be applied to the non-shortage rates effective at the time of shortage declaration

15. **Customer bill impacts.** With the proposed rates, all Residential customers with a 5/8-inch meter⁷ will pay less than the overall 7% revenue increase per bill for FY 2026-27. Residential customers that use two HCF (units) or less per billing cycle will see bill reductions because of the reduced service charge. Residential customers using 11 HCF or more will also see bill reductions because of lower volumetric rates. Nearly two-thirds of Residential customer bills do not exceed 9 HCF (Tier-1’s breakpoint proposed). At this level of use they will pay only 2.6% more than current rates despite the overall 7% revenue increase. **Figure 1-8** compares bills for Residential customers with a 5/8-inch meter.

⁶ Amended and Restated Water Supply Agreement between the City and County of San Francisco and Wholesale Customers dated January 2021

⁷ 90.4% of all customers have 5/8-inch services.



Figure 1-8. Current and Proposed Residential Bill Comparison

Bi-Monthly Demand		Residential Bi-Monthly Bills (5/8" Service)			
		Current	Proposed	\$	%
HCF	Gal/Day	Rates	FY 2026-27 (3-Tiers)	Difference	Difference
0	0	\$60.18	\$51.98	(\$8.20)	-13.6%
1	12	\$67.46	\$62.13	(\$5.33)	-7.9%
2	25	\$74.74	\$72.28	(\$2.46)	-3.3%
3	37	\$82.02	\$82.43	\$0.41	0.5%
4	50	\$89.30	\$92.58	\$3.28	3.7%
5	62	\$96.58	\$102.73	\$6.15	6.4%
6	75	\$107.35	\$112.88	\$5.53	5.2%
7	87	\$118.12	\$123.03	\$4.91	4.2%
8	100	\$128.89	\$133.18	\$4.29	3.3%
9	112	\$139.66	\$143.33	\$3.67	2.6%
10	125	\$154.10	\$154.98	\$0.88	0.6%
11	137	\$168.54	\$166.63	(\$1.91)	-1.1%
12	150	\$182.98	\$178.28	(\$4.70)	-2.6%
13	162	\$197.42	\$192.85	(\$4.57)	-2.3%
14	175	\$215.09	\$207.42	(\$7.67)	-3.6%
15	187	\$232.76	\$221.99	(\$10.77)	-4.6%
16	199	\$250.43	\$236.56	(\$13.87)	-5.5%
17	212	\$268.10	\$251.13	(\$16.97)	-6.3%
18	224	\$285.77	\$265.70	(\$20.07)	-7.0%
19	237	\$303.44	\$280.27	(\$23.17)	-7.6%
20	249	\$321.11	\$294.84	(\$26.27)	-8.2%
21	262	\$338.78	\$309.41	(\$29.37)	-8.7%
22	274	\$356.45	\$323.98	(\$32.47)	-9.1%
23	287	\$374.12	\$338.55	(\$35.57)	-9.5%
24	299	\$391.79	\$353.12	(\$38.67)	-9.9%
25	312	\$409.46	\$367.69	(\$41.77)	-10.2%
26	324	\$427.13	\$382.26	(\$44.87)	-10.5%
27	337	\$444.80	\$396.83	(\$47.97)	-10.8%
28	349	\$462.47	\$411.40	(\$51.07)	-11.0%
29	362	\$480.14	\$425.97	(\$54.17)	-11.3%
30	374	\$497.81	\$440.54	(\$57.27)	-11.5%

Bill impacts for Non-Residential customers vary. While all customers will see a reduction to their fixed service charge, the savings on the overall bill hinges upon usage. In general, customers with larger meters will save across a broader range of usage. For example, customers with a 3-inch water meter will see a reduction to their bill if using 279 HCF or less while customers with a 3/4-inch meter will only see a reduction when usage is 6 HCF or less.

- Comparison with neighboring agencies.** Figure 1-9 compares the District's current and proposed Residential volumetric rates to some of its neighboring water suppliers. The number of tiers and water use within each tier differs between



jurisdictions. **Figure 1-9** also compares the water bills paid by customers with a 5/8-inch water meter, or the smallest meter size available. Even with the proposed rates, the District’s Residential customers will pay among the lowest for low water use (5 HCF), average water use (9 HCF), and high water use (18 HCF) among customers in neighboring jurisdictions.

Figure 1-9. Residential Volumetric Rates Comparison

	NCCWD		Rates per Tier (\$/HCF)							
	Current	Proposed	Burlingame	Coastside	Hillsborough	Montara	San Bruno	Daly City	Millbrae	Westborough
Tier 1	\$7.28	\$10.15	\$9.79	\$13.30	\$7.59	\$10.29	\$10.79	\$7.99	\$15.42	\$11.69
Tier 2	\$10.77	\$11.65	\$10.98	\$19.76	\$9.91	\$13.58	\$12.80	\$10.58		
Tier 3	\$14.44	\$14.57	\$12.18	\$23.93	\$15.63	\$16.83	\$16.83	\$14.60		
Tier 4	\$17.67		\$13.38		\$20.96	\$22.59				
Tier 5			\$14.58							
Breakpoints (Bi-monthly HCF)										
BP #1	5	9	5	8	22	12	20	13	uniform	uniform
BP #2	9	12	11	16	44	26	40	26		
BP #3	13		21		78	54				
BP #4			32							
Effective Date	7/1/2025	8/1/2026	1/1/2019	1/19/2026	1/1/2026	6/12/2025	1/1/2026	7/1/2026	7/1/2026	7/1/2026
Sample Bi-Monthly Water Bill with the smallest available meter size and range of water usage										
5 HCF	\$96.58	\$102.73	\$132.98	\$149.36	\$205.58	\$122.77	\$114.85	\$103.60	\$145.80	\$135.27
9 HCF	\$139.66	\$143.33	\$176.49	\$209.02	\$235.94	\$163.93	\$158.01	\$135.56	\$207.48	\$182.03
18 HCF	\$285.77	\$265.70	\$284.07	\$395.20	\$304.25	\$276.28	\$255.12	\$220.42	\$346.26	\$287.24

IMPLEMENTATION

After increasing rates effective August 1, 2026, the District should monitor its rates before implementing subsequent rate increases. Several factors influence the accuracy of the projections. For example, the cost of SFPUC water is subject to annual adjustment by the SFPUC. In addition, customer demand is subject to water supply availability, which cannot be precisely projected.

Each year, the District should determine how much, if any, pass-through adjustment is required as soon as the SFPUC submits its updated wholesale rates, which is typically in April or May of each year. The wholesale rate used for the projections in this study should be compared with the updated rate and the difference either added to or subtracted from the District’s volumetric rates.



Section 1. Introduction

The District provides potable water and recycled water services to the City of Pacifica. Since 2001, HF&H Consultants, LLC has assisted the District with its water rates and capacity charges. Most recently in 2021, HF&H completed a five-year, cost-of-service study, recommending implementation of proposed rates each year. As a result of the previous study, rate adjustments in FY 2021-22 were revenue neutral and then were followed by four consecutive increases of 3% that were applied uniformly through FY 2025-26.

In 2025, the District requested HF&H to perform a new three-year, cost-of-service rate study to establish rates for a three-year period beginning with FY 2026-27. The purpose of this report is to document the analysis and summarize our assumptions, findings, and recommendations.

The report is organized to explain how the revenue requirements are determined over the next three years. As part of the documentation, this report includes a copy of the spreadsheet model that was used to derive rates.

STUDY PURPOSE

The purpose of this study is to conduct a cost-of-service analysis that will determine rates that proportionally recover the cost of providing the District's water service. Toward that end, the cost-of-service analysis determined how much revenue should be generated by each component of the rate structures so that rate payers within each customer class are charged for their proportionate shares of the cost of providing service. The cost-of-service analysis is tailored specifically to the District's customer classes and the rate structures.

STUDY PROCESS

The water rates in this study were developed using rate-making principles set forth by the American Water Works Association (AWWA) in *Principles of Water Rates, Fees and Charges* (M1 Manual)⁸. This Manual's cost-of-service principles endeavor to distribute costs to customer classes (also referred to as classes) and to individual customers in proportion to customers' impacts on the water system. Pursuant to the M1 Manual, rate studies generally contain three elements: (1) a revenue requirements analysis, which determines how much revenue is needed from rates to recover a utility's projected costs; (2) a cost-of-service analysis, which allocates the revenue requirements to the rate components and customer classes; and (3) a rate design analysis, which determines any modifications that are required to align the rate structure with the cost of service.

Revenue requirements were projected for a three-year planning period based on operations, maintenance, capital expenses, and contributions to reserves. The cost-of-service analysis allocates the projected expenses among the customer classes in proportion to their use of the systems. Rates are then designed so that rate payers are charged equitably. The impact on customers is then determined by comparing bills under the proposed rates with bills under the current rates.

⁸ *Principles of Water Rates, Fees, and Charges*. American Water Works Association Manual M1. 2025.



REPORT ORGANIZATION

This report describes the steps taken to analyze the District’s water rates. There are four sections following this Introduction section: Revenue Requirements, Cost-of-Service Analysis, Rate Design, and Customer Bill Impacts. A glossary of technical terms and acronyms is provided following the Table of Contents. An appendix contains a copy of portions of the rate model that are not included in the body of the report text as figures.



Section 2. Revenue Requirement Projections

The revenue requirement analysis began with the FY 2025-26 budgeted O&M and capital expenditures. Revenue requirements for each fiscal year were then projected over a three-year planning period, through FY 2028-29. Revenue increases needed to cover the projected revenue requirements were then determined through comparison with projected revenue from current rates. Annual surpluses and deficits were then applied to the reserve funds. Rates were then increased to cover expenses and maintain operating and capital reserves.

ASSUMPTIONS AND PROJECTIONS

The District’s FY 2025-26 budget informed the projections for FY 2026-27, which served as the basis of the revenue requirement. The operating and maintenance expenses were projected through FY 2028-29 using appropriate escalation factors. Capital expenses were projected based on the District’s current capital improvement program. Projects were segregated into categories depending on whether they are to be funded from cash on a pay-as-you-go basis or from bond proceeds. In addition to the District’s budgeted expenses, the revenue requirement includes transfers to the Operating and Capital Improvement Reserves.

The assumptions shown in **Figure 2-1** were used to project expenses through FY 2028-29.

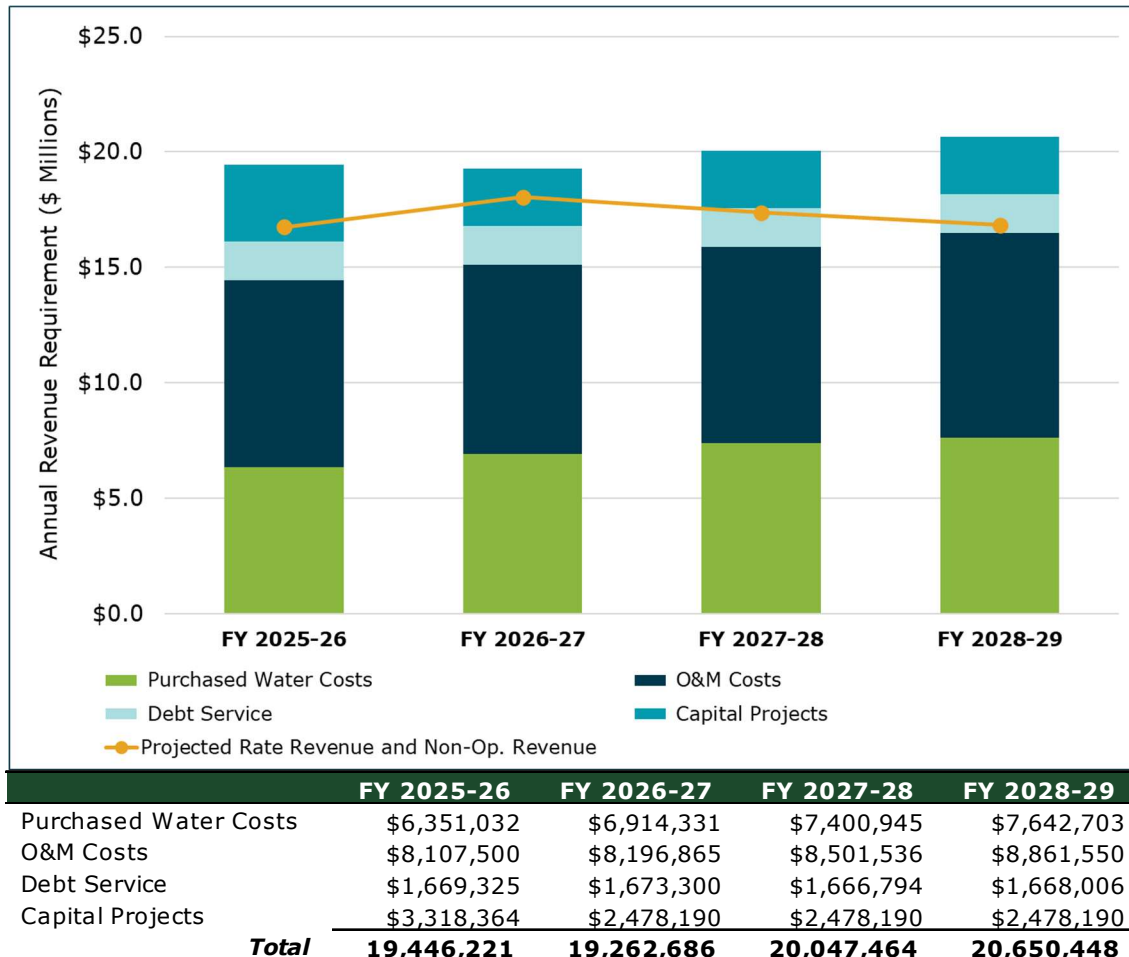
Figure 2-1. Modeling Assumptions

Assumptions	Budget	Projected		
	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29
General Inflation	Per Budget	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Utilities	Per Budget	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
Salary Increases	Per Budget	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Pension	Per Budget	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%
SFPUC Water Rate per HCF	\$5.80	\$6.23	\$6.69	\$6.91
	% Change	7.4%	7.4%	3.3%
SFPUC Purchases (HCF)	997,846	1,022,277	1,022,277	1,022,277
Assumed Losses	5.9%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%
Liability Insurance	Per Budget	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
Interest on Earnings	4.0%	3.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Non-rate Revenues	Per Budget	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
% Cutbacks due to Conservation	0.0%	0%	0%	0%
Growth in Accounts	0.0%	0.00%	0.24%	0.24%
Construction Cost Inflation	Per Budget	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%
Benefit Increases	Per Budget	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%
Change in Residential Consumption	0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Change in Non-Residential Consumption	0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Change in Irrigation Consumption	0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Change in Recycled Water Consumption	0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

The resulting total revenue requirement projections are shown in **Figure 2-2** as stacked bars. In addition, the revenue from current rates is shown as a solid orange line.



Figure 2-2. Revenue Requirement Projections



The expenditure categories are as follows:

SFPUC Water Purchases

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) provides nearly all of the District’s water at a cost set by the SFPUC. The cost of SFPUC water depends on (1) the SFPUC’s rates, which are set by the SFPUC and out of the District’s control, and (2) the amount of water purchased. The District’s customers are very efficient water users. Their per capita water use is among some of the lowest in the state.

Projections of future water purchase expenses relied on SFPUC rates and future demand. In March, SFPUC announced plans to increase the current wholesale water rate of \$5.80 per HCF to \$6.23 beginning FY 2026-27 to all Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) member agencies, including the District. Rates are projected to increase further to \$6.91 per HCF by FY 2028-29, an average annual increase of 5.5%. It is possible the wholesale water rate projections may be different than estimated values, but the model follows information provided by SFPUC.



Water purchase projections assume future demand will remain constant. Projections of demand in FY 2026-27 of 1,022,277 HCF in water sales reflect actual 2024-25 water purchase volumes. The District does not anticipate substantive growth in water sales or customer account growth during the study period. Hence, changes to demand projections are assumed to remain neutral.

O&M Expenses

Operations and Maintenance (O&M) expenses include labor, benefits, materials, utilities, and non-operating expenditures, such as BAWSCA dues, professional fees, and insurance. Various cost escalation assumptions were applied to the expenses within this category based on **Figure 2-1** including increases associated with utilities, salaries, pensions, liability insurance, benefit increases, and general inflation. Collectively for this sum of expenses, there is an estimated average annual increase of 3.1% from the current budget year, FY 2025-26, through FY 2028-29. This group of expenses is represented by the dark blue bar (O&M Costs) of the revenue requirement.

Capital Improvements

Beginning FY 2026-27, the District's three-year capital plan assumes \$7.4 million in project costs. More than \$4.4 million of this total is attributed to two projects: 1) Recoating projects for the Hickey, Tapis, and Vallemar tanks and 2) Annual pipeline replacement to address the District's risk-prioritized list of system pipelines. All projects are planned to be funded on a pay-as-you-go (PAYGo) basis. These PAYGo projects reflect the District's need to renew and replace its infrastructure to keep pace with depreciation. Without these expenditures, service levels will be affected, which could lead to service interruptions, water quality violations, and other unacceptable conditions. Present day construction cost estimates provided by the District have been escalated to capture assumed increases to construction labor and material supply costs. Over the three-year period of this study, the District anticipates spending approximately \$2.5 million annually for PAYGo capital projects. This figure is represented as the teal bar in the revenue requirement of **Figure 2-2**. Specific capital improvement projects planned during the upcoming three-year period are listed in **Figure 2-3**.



Figure 2-3. Capital Improvement Program Budget

Project Name	Estimated	Projected		
	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29
21" Transmission Main Pipeline Project	\$0	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$0
Emergency Pipeline Repairs	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Loop at Everglades Dr. Pipeline Replacement	\$714,364	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pressure Zone 1 Transmission Line Evaluation	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
Annual Pipeline CIP	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$1,000,000
Vehicle Replacement - Pickup Trucks	\$215,000	\$55,000	\$120,000	\$400,000
Automated Metering Infrastructure Upgrade	\$700,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water System Hydraulic Model Update & Integration with GIS	\$120,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Sheila Tank - Construction	\$955,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fassler Tank - Design / Construction	\$150,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$500,000
Christen Hill Tank Exterior Painting Project	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Park Pacifica Tank and Pump Station Upgrades	\$150,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
Tank Recoating (Hickey, Tapis, Vallemar)	\$0	\$150,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
Reservoir Site Paving Project (Annual)	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Reservoir Fence Maintenance (Annual)	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Annual Valve Exercise Program	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Annual Flushing & Dead-end Blow Off Project	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Easement Protection(Annual Program)	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Meter Replacement Program	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Fire Hydrant Replacement Project	\$50,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Pressure Regulator Station Upgrades	\$10,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Francisco Headquarters Upgrade	\$3,580,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Computer Upgrades/SCADA, Office	\$20,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$15,000
Recycled Water	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
San Pedro Creek Feasibility Study	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Equipment (Fog Collectors)	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Subtotal	\$6,898,364	\$1,014,000	\$2,429,000	\$3,454,000
Construction Cost Inflation	1.000	1.033	1.068	1.104
Escalated Capital Total	\$6,898,364	\$1,047,870	\$2,593,977	\$3,811,801
		<i>Three-Year Average Annual Capital Improvements</i>		
				\$2,484,549

Existing Debt Service

The District’s existing debt service includes approximately \$512,000 in annual payments for a 2012-issued bond. Payments extend through the three years of the study, ending in FY 2028-29. In addition, the District has 2021 Certificates of Participation that have an approximate annual payment of \$1,160,000 throughout the three-year study period.

Non-Operating Revenue

The District receives non-operating revenues for services performed that are not directly related to the cost of providing water services. These revenues consist of supplemental services, beneficial to the individual parcel requesting the service, such as a water connection or renewal of service. Revenues also consist of lease revenues from land leases for cell phone towers, county taxes and assessments received, and late charges.

It should be noted that the study includes water purchase assumptions for the three-year period. Water purchases are anticipated to be slightly lower for a portion of the study period, as the District will be obtaining water supply through its emergency intertie with a neighboring agency equal to a volume of water previously supplied to that agency to meet an emergency need. The District thus assumes that non-operating revenues will increase due to these water offset revenues. The offset reflects the cost savings the District will see from not having to purchase the reimbursed volume of water at current SFPUC rates as part of its annual supply. These water offset revenues are the reason non-operating revenues increase to more than



\$2.5 million in FY 2026-27 and FY 2027-28. These revenues are accounted for in the reserve fund graph later in this section and the calculation of rates in Section 3 of this report.

RESERVE FUNDS

Reserves are required to stabilize rates and to provide for contingencies. Reserves can be drawn on in years when the District experiences above average costs and augmented during years when costs are below average. The District's reserves are used for operating and capital purposes. Each of these purposes has its own requirements that lead to minimum and optimum target balance. Rates must be set so that the fund balance achieves the target balance.

Operating Reserve Component

The operating component of the reserves provides working capital for month-to-month O&M expenditures. With sufficient working capital, the District can operate without cash flow constraints. The District's approved reserve policy includes six months of operating expenses.

Emergency Reserve Component

The District's approved reserve policy includes three months of operating expenses as an emergency reserve target. This reserve provides liquidity to respond to unplanned or non-routine events that may disrupt the District's ability to deliver service.

Capital Improvement Reserve Component

The capital improvement component of the reserves provides working capital for the District's capital improvement program (CIP). The fund balance needs to be sufficient to at least pay contractors without delays caused by cash flow limitations. The fund balance can be larger so that the District can fund larger construction projects on a pay-as-you-go basis, thereby eliminating financing costs.

The District's approved policy includes a CIP reserve target calculated using the combined sum of the five-year average of previous annual capital improvement expenses and the projection of three months' worth of budgeted PAYGo projects.

Debt Reserve Component

The purpose of a debt reserve is to provide funding to avoid defaulting on the loan if the District fails to make a loan payment. The District has an approved policy of maintaining reserve funds totaling 1.2 times the annual debt service payment.

Retirement Fund Reserve Component

The District currently has a \$326,000 target balance for making annual payments to fund Other-Post Employment Benefits (OPEB), such as health care and dental care. The annual amount to be contributed is established by the Board based on the actual costs to fund these expenses on an annual PAYGo basis.



REVENUE INCREASES

Revenue increases were derived to cover the District’s costs and to fund its reserves. **Figure 2-4** summarizes the projected revenue from current rates, annual net revenue requirements, annual shortfalls, and the proposed revenue increases to address the annual shortfalls.

Figure 2-4. Rate Increase Calculations

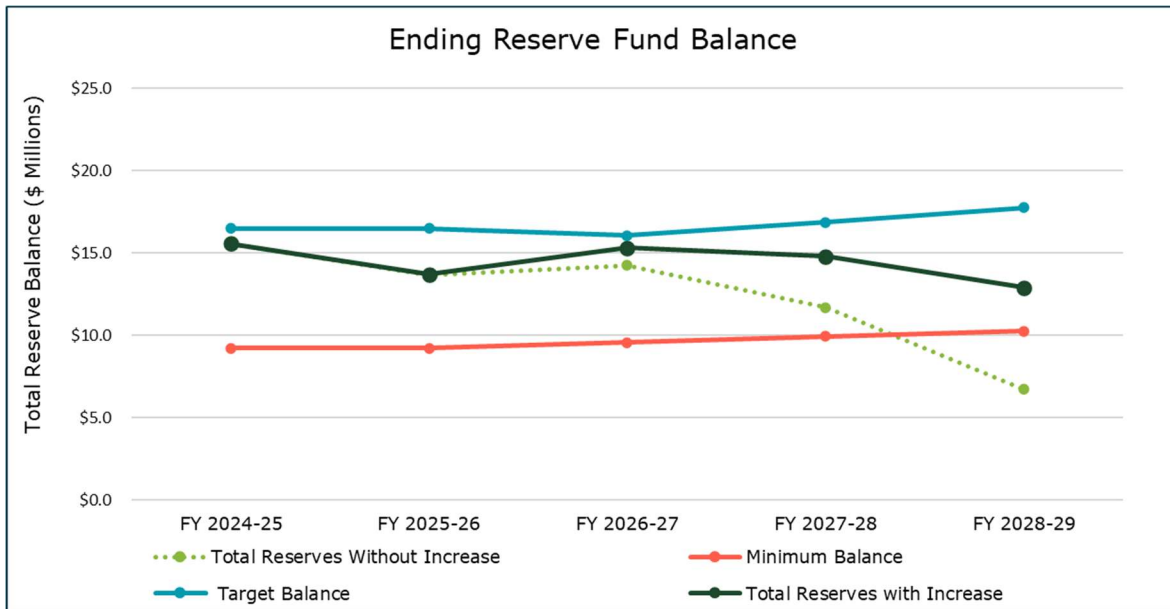
	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29
Revenue From Current Rates	\$14,785,108	\$14,785,108	\$14,796,267	\$14,807,427
Revenue Requirement	\$19,446,221	\$19,262,686	\$20,047,464	\$20,650,448
Less: Non-Operating Revenue	<u>(\$1,974,000)</u>	<u>(\$3,261,370)</u>	<u>(\$2,575,715)</u>	<u>(\$2,023,845)</u>
Net Revenue Requirement	\$17,472,221	\$16,001,316	\$17,471,750	\$18,626,603
Revenue Shortfall	<u>(\$2,687,113)</u>	<u>(\$1,216,208)</u>	<u>(\$2,675,483)</u>	<u>(\$3,819,177)</u>
Proposed Revenue Increase		7.0%	6.0%	6.0%

Rate increases accounted for rate revenue, growth, and future revenue requirements. The projected revenue from current rates (see first line of **Figure 2-4**) increases due to growth in Residential accounts identified in the population growth stated in the District’s 2025 Urban Water Management Plan. The revenue requirement (see also **Figure 2-2**) increases during the study period to fund capital improvements and the increased cost of purchased water. When the revenue from current rates is compared with the net revenue requirements (i.e., revenue requirement less non-operating revenue), there is a deficit variance that requires revenue increases.

For purposes of rate setting, the following combined reserve target balances were established. The red line labeled “Minimum Balance” represents the target balance for the operating reserve and debt reserve components of the reserves. The blue line labeled “Target Balance” is the sum of the minimum balance plus the capital reserve, emergency reserve, and retirement fund reserve components. **Figure 2-5** provides an overview of the District’s reserves in relation to the established Minimum Balance and Target Balance lines.



Figure 2-5. Projected Reserve Fund Balance at Year End



The dashed green line shows the behavior of the fund balance without the projected revenue increases. In this scenario the fund balance would drop from the estimated FY 2025-26 position of \$13.7 million to \$6.7 million by FY 2028-29. The solid green line showing the reserve balance with revenue increases is projected to increase initially in FY 2026-27 to \$15.3 million before using reserves to fund capital improvements such that the balance descends to \$12.9 million by FY 2028-29. Revenue increases projected in FY 2027-28 and FY 2028-29 are projected to maintain the fund balance so that the overall position ends at \$12.9 million by the end of the rate study period. The recommended revenue increases create a stable reserve fund balance trajectory so that the fund balance projection remains above the minimum balance for all three years.

Revenue increases are achieved by increasing rates. In years when rates are not being restructured to align with the cost of service, rates would be increased by the same percentage to generate the required revenue increase. For example, a 6.0% revenue increase in FY 2026-27 would be achieved with a 6.0% across-the-board increase in the current service charges and Residential and Non-Residential volumetric charges. In the current rate study, however, rates are being restructured to align with the cost of service in FY 2026-27. As a result, different percentage adjustments in the volume charges will occur. The derivation of these rate adjustments is explained in the next section of this report.



Section 3. Cost-of-Service Analysis

METHODOLOGY

A cost-of-service (COS) analysis determines the unit cost of the services provided to the District's water customers. Each customer class is charged the same unit cost for its share of the services that it requires. In this way, the total revenue requirement is apportioned between the fixed service charges and the volumetric charges; the volumetric charges are further allocated among the customer classes. This methodology is consistent with industry standards promulgated by the AWWA M1 Manual and referred to as the "base/extra capacity method." The AWWA M1 Manual was used for guidance only, as District specific customer data was used in determining the cost of service in this study.

The District provides demand services and customer services to water customers. Demand services include the costs related to meeting average and peak levels of demand. Customer services include the costs related to customer accounts and the capacity that customers require. The cost-of-service analysis performed in this study also follows the "base/extra capacity" method.

The analytical procedure contains the following steps:

1. **Cost classification** - Costs in the FY 2026-27 projected revenue requirement are classified into the service categories related to providing for customer demands and for customer service. The FY 2026-27 revenue requirement was developed from budgeted expenses for FY 2025-26 and cost increase assumptions.
2. **Cost allocation** - The classified costs are allocated to the functions associated with each service. For demand services, the functions are levels of service that comprise average day, maximum day, and maximum hour demands. For customer services, the functions are customer accounts and customer capacity.

The classifications of major costs are summarized as follows:

Demand services

- Average day – average daily demand utilizing base supply plus a small portion for peaking beyond winter water use levels.
- Maximum day – peaking on the maximum day: peak supply, transmission mains to distribution storage, booster pumps.
- Maximum hour – peak hour on the maximum day: a portion of distribution storage, distribution mains to customers, hydrants.

Customer services

- Accounts: meter reading, billing, accounting, and customer service.
- Capacity: a portion of distribution storage, distribution mains to customers, hydrants, conservation programs.



Composite services

Working with District staff, the individual line items in the revenue requirements were classified into either the demand or customer service categories. Certain costs, however, are not directly related to either demand or customer services. Such costs are considered to be composite in function and are allocated based on a composite of the direct allocations to the demand and customer service categories.

- Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Composite: project-specific allocations to demand and customer service categories for the capital projects identified in **Figure 2-3**.
- O&M & Capital Composite: Indirect allocations for costs that are not directly related to either the demand or customer service functions: administrative services, non-operating revenues, and reserves transfers.

CUSTOMER CLASSES

The cost-of-service analysis distributes the revenue requirements among customer classes in proportion to their service requirements. There is no industry standard that specifies which customer classes should be used. Utilities may exercise discretion in determining the appropriate customer classes provided the rates yield charges that are proportional to the cost of providing service for each category. As a result, the base/extra capacity method needs to be tailored to the customer classes.

The District currently has multiple customer classes: Residential, Non-Residential, and Recycled Water. These classes were last reviewed as part of the previous cost-of-service study in 2021. The segregation into separate customer classes stems from the pattern of usage by each class. For example, Residential (single family) use produces periods of peak demand during summer months, for which the system must be designed to address these customers' indoor and outdoor water needs. No revisions to the number of types of customer classes are recommended at this time.

ALLOCATION FACTORS

Within the demand service function, allocations are made to varying levels of service ranging from average day demand to the highest level of peak demand for outdoor water use and irrigation during the peak hour of the peak day. With these allocations, rates can be designed to proportionately charge customers based on their demands.

Figure 3-1 summarizes the flows by customer class based on the best available District-specific demand data across 2024 and 2025 for each of the service levels and the corresponding load factors. The majority of the District's services are related to meeting customer demands that can vary from low, average demands with very little seasonal fluctuation for irrigation or tourism to high, peak demands that can be two times the average demand.



Figure 3-1. Estimated Demands and Load Factors by Service Level

Flow (HCF/Day)	Average Day	Maximum Day	Maximum Hour
Residential	1,738	2,360	3,635
Non-Residential	914	1,342	2,067
Total	2,652	3,702	5,702
Load Factors			
Ratio of Flows to Average Day			
Residential	1.00	1.36	2.09
Non-Residential	1.00	1.53	2.36
Total	1.00	1.40	2.15

Rounding due to stored values may exist.

Service levels need to increase to accommodate increasing levels of peak demands, which include irrigation, tourism, and other seasonal water uses. Providing for higher service levels requires larger infrastructure. In a cost-of-service analysis, the cost of the infrastructure is allocated to the corresponding level of service. The allocation factors are shown in **Figure 3-2**.

The allocation factors are calculated using load factors from **Figure 3-1**. The load factors represent how much higher maximum day, and maximum hour flows are compared with the average flows. The load factors indicate how much additional capacity is required to supply higher levels of service. For example, the maximum day load factor for the system is 1.40. Of that total 1.40 load, 0.40 is related to the maximum day peak, which is 28.4% of the total maximum day load. For purposes of allocating costs associated with meeting maximum day demands, 28.4% is allocated to the maximum day service and 71.6% is allocated to the average day service.

Figure 3-2. Base/Extra Capacity Allocation Factors

Demand Service	Average Day	Maximum Day	Maximum Hour
Residential Load Factors	1.00	1.36	2.09
Average Day	100.0%		
Maximum Day	73.6%	26.4%	
Maximum Hour	38.6%	26.4%	35.1%
Non-Residential Load Factors	1.00	1.53	2.36
Average Day	100.0%		
Maximum Day	65.2%	34.8%	
Maximum Hour	30.1%	34.8%	35.1%
Total Load Factors	1.00	1.40	2.15
Average Day	100.0%		
Maximum Day	71.6%	28.4%	
Maximum Hour	36.6%	28.4%	35.1%

Note: factors shown are rounded, percentages reflect actual ratios of non-rounded figures.



Once the costs are organized by service function, it is possible to allocate them based on the allocation percentages that correspond to each service function. The allocation percentages are derived from the units of service associated with each service function.

All allocation factors employed in the cost-of-service allocation exercise are shown in **Figure 3-3**.

Figure 3-3. Cost-of-Service Allocation Factors

System-Wide Cost Allocation Factors	Demand Services			Customer Services		Total
	Average Day	Maximum Day	Maximum Hour	Customer Accounts	Customer Capacity	
Average Day	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Max Day	71.6%	28.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Max Hour	36.6%	28.4%	35.1%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Max Hour Only	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Services	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Capacity	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%
CIP Composite	27.2%	10.0%	12.6%	49.8%	0.4%	100.0%
O&M & Capital Composite	62.8%	5.7%	7.6%	20.1%	3.8%	100.0%

The cost-of-service analysis using the allocation factor identified for each revenue requirement line item is shown in **Figure 3-4**. In this figure the revenue requirement for FY 2026-27 is allocated to the three demand-related service categories (\$11,809,063) and the customer services category (\$4,011,002). The next step in the cost-of-service analysis is to allocate each of the demand-related expenses between the Residential and Non-Residential customer classes⁹. In doing this, the capital and O&M components are kept separate, which is needed for subsequent rate design.

Figure 3-3 summarizes the allocation factors for the demand and customer service costs. The allocation factors for costs classified as customer service are either 100% customer account or capacity allocations. In addition, **Figure 3-3** shows the composite allocations. The O&M and Capital composite allocations are based on subtotals of the O&M and Capital costs that were directly allocated to either the demand or customer service categories. The PAYGo composite is based on the subtotals of capital projects specifically funded through PAYGo.

The expenses that are allocated to Demand Service Levels are recovered from the District's volumetric charges. Certain portions of the costs are allocated to the customer service and customer capacity categories, which are recovered from the District's fixed service charges. **Figure 3-4** provides a detailed breakdown of the expenses and cost-of-service allocations. The allocations to individual classes are proportioned in **Figure 3-5** to the classes' flows in each category of service. For example, the Residential class is allocated 65.5% of the average day costs based on the fact that Residential flow is 1,738 HCF of the total 2,652 HCF average day flow.

⁹ The customer service and customer capacity expenses are recovered through the District's Service Charges, which are independent of customer classes.

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Figure 3-4. Cost-of-Service Allocations

Revenue Requirement Category	FY 2026-27 Projected Revenue Requirement	Allocation Factor	Demand Functions			Service Functions	
			Average Day	Maximum Day	Maximum Hour	Customer Accounts	Customer Capacity
O&M Expenses							
110 - Plant							
Salaries & Benefits	\$392,430	Average Day	\$392,430	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SFPUC Purchased Water							
Quantity Charge	\$6,368,785	Average Day	\$6,368,785	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Service Charge	\$47,895	Capacity	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$47,895
Utilities	\$367,500	Max Day	\$263,233	\$104,267	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies & Equipment	\$174,070	Max Day	\$124,683	\$49,387	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fees	\$139,050	Average Day	\$139,050	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
120 - Distribution							
Salaries & Benefits	\$1,895,715	Max Hour	\$881,728	\$349,256	\$664,731	\$0	\$0
Utilities	\$68,250	Max Hour	\$31,744	\$12,574	\$23,932	\$0	\$0
Supplies & Equipment	\$284,280	Max Hour	\$132,223	\$52,374	\$99,683	\$0	\$0
Recycle Water Ops.	\$8,240	Max Hour	\$3,833	\$1,518	\$2,889	\$0	\$0
Fees	\$61,800	Average Day	\$61,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$9,808,015		\$8,399,508	\$569,377	\$791,235	\$0	\$47,895
	100% Plant & Distribution Composite		8%	6%	8%	0%	0%
Capital Expenses							
BAWSCA Surcharge	\$497,651	Capacity	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$497,651
PAYGo Projects	\$2,478,190	CIP Composite	\$673,131	\$248,772	\$312,135	\$1,233,104	\$11,048
Existing Debt Service	\$1,673,300	Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,673,300	\$0
Subtotal - Capital Expenses	\$4,649,141		\$673,131	\$248,772	\$312,135	\$2,906,404	\$508,698
Subtotal - O&M and Capital	\$14,457,156		\$9,072,640	\$818,148	\$1,103,370	\$2,906,404	\$556,593
	100% O&M & Capital Composite		5.8%	5.7%	7.6%	20.1%	3.8%
130 - Admin							
Salaries & Benefits	\$3,117,520	O&M & Capital Composite	\$1,956,411	\$176,424	\$237,929	\$626,733	\$120,023
Utilities	\$20,600	O&M & Capital Composite	\$12,928	\$1,166	\$1,572	\$4,141	\$793
Supplies & Equipment	\$263,680	O&M & Capital Composite	\$165,473	\$14,922	\$20,124	\$53,009	\$10,152
Fees	\$206,000	O&M & Capital Composite	\$129,276	\$11,658	\$15,722	\$41,413	\$7,931
Rebate program	\$49,955	O&M & Capital Composite	\$31,349	\$2,827	\$3,813	\$10,043	\$1,923
General & Administrative	\$1,147,775	O&M & Capital Composite	\$720,290	\$64,954	\$87,598	\$230,744	\$44,189
	\$4,805,530		\$3,015,728	\$271,951	\$366,758	\$966,083	\$185,011
Subtotal - O&M and Capital	\$19,262,686		\$12,088,367	\$1,090,099	\$1,470,128	\$3,872,487	\$741,604
Non-Operating Revenue							
Fire Standby	(\$63,000)	Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$63,000)	\$0
Water Connections	(\$25,000)	Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$25,000)	\$0
Renewal of Service	(\$21,000)	Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$21,000)	\$0
Late Charges	(\$70,000)	O&M & Capital Composite	(\$43,929)	(\$3,961)	(\$5,342)	(\$14,072)	(\$2,695)
Miscellaneous Revenues	(\$75,000)	O&M & Capital Composite	(\$47,067)	(\$4,244)	(\$5,724)	(\$15,078)	(\$2,887)
Lease Revenues	(\$262,600)	O&M & Capital Composite	(\$164,796)	(\$14,861)	(\$20,042)	(\$52,792)	(\$10,110)
Taxes & Assessments	(\$1,398,850)	O&M & Capital Composite	(\$877,853)	(\$79,163)	(\$106,760)	(\$281,219)	(\$53,855)
Transmission & Storage	(\$75,000)	O&M & Capital Composite	(\$47,067)	(\$4,244)	(\$5,724)	(\$15,078)	(\$2,887)
Intertie Water Offset	(\$1,270,920)	Average Day	(\$1,270,920)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	(\$3,261,370)		(\$2,451,631)	(\$106,474)	(\$143,592)	(\$487,239)	(\$72,435)
Transfer to/(from) Reserves	(\$181,250)	O&M & Capital Composite	(\$113,744)	(\$10,257)	(\$13,833)	(\$36,438)	(\$6,978)
Total Revenue Requirement	\$15,820,065		\$9,522,992	\$973,368	\$1,312,703	\$3,348,811	\$662,191
<i>Total Revenue Requirement by Demand and Service Functions</i>					\$11,809,063		\$4,011,002
					Volumetric COS		Service COS
					74.6%		25.4%



Figure 3-5. Customer Class Cost-of-Service Allocations for Demand Service Levels

Volumetric Cost of Service	Average Day	Max Day	Max Hour	Total
Volumetric Revenue Requirement				
Operations & Maintenance	\$11,415,236	\$841,328	\$1,157,993	\$13,414,557
Capital Expenses (PayGo)	\$673,131	\$248,772	\$312,135	\$1,234,038
Non-Operating Revenue	(\$2,451,631)	(\$106,474)	(\$143,592)	(\$2,701,696)
Transfers to/(from) Reserves	(\$113,744)	(\$10,257)	(\$13,833)	(\$137,835)
Total Volume Charges	\$9,522,992	\$973,368	\$1,312,703	\$11,809,063
Units of Service - Daily Demand (hcf)				
Residential	1,738	2,360	3,635	
Commercial, Irrigation, Recycled Water	914	1,342	2,067	
	2,652	3,702	5,702	
Proportional Allocation Factors				
Residential	65.5%	63.7%	63.7%	
Non-Residential	34.5%	36.3%	36.3%	
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
Cost-of-Service Single Family				
Operations & Maintenance	\$7,724,153	\$536,337	\$738,207	\$8,998,697
Capital Expenses (PayGo)	\$455,476	\$158,589	\$198,982	\$813,048
Non-Operating Revenue	(\$1,661,685)	(\$67,876)	(\$91,538)	(\$1,821,099)
Transfers to/(from) Reserves	(\$76,965)	(\$6,539)	(\$8,818)	(\$92,323)
	\$6,440,979	\$620,511	\$836,833	\$7,898,323
Cost-of-Service Commercial, Irr, Rec. Water				
Operations & Maintenance	\$3,691,083	\$304,991	\$419,786	\$4,415,860
Capital Expenses (PayGo)	\$217,655	\$90,183	\$113,153	\$420,990
Non-Operating Revenue	(\$789,946)	(\$38,598)	(\$52,054)	(\$880,598)
Transfers to/(from) Reserves	(\$36,779)	(\$3,718)	(\$5,015)	(\$45,512)
	\$3,082,013	\$352,857	\$475,870	\$3,910,741
Revenue Requirement Allocations				
Residential	\$6,440,979	\$620,511	\$836,833	\$7,898,323
Non-Residential	\$3,082,013	\$352,857	\$475,870	\$3,910,741
	\$9,522,992	\$973,368	\$1,312,703	\$11,809,063

The Residential class is allocated \$7,898,323 of the total demand related expenses and the Non-Residential class (including Recycled Water) is allocated \$3,910,741. These customer class allocations and the expense attributable to customer accounts are compared with the estimated revenue from current rates in **Figure 3-6**.



Figure 3-6. Current Rate Revenue Compared with Cost-of-Service

Components of Rate Structure	Revenue at		Cost of Service		Difference	
	Current Rates (FY 2025-26)		FY 2026-27 Revenue		COS Minus Current	
Volumetric Rates						
Residential	\$6,629,946	44.8%	\$7,898,323	49.9%	\$1,268,377	19.1%
Non-Residential	\$3,343,266	22.6%	\$3,910,741	24.7%	\$567,475	17.0%
	\$9,973,212	67.5%	\$11,809,063	74.6%	\$1,835,851	18.4%
Service Charges						
Residential	\$4,249,807	28.7%	\$3,634,201	23.0%	(\$615,606)	-14.5%
Non-Residential	\$562,089	3.8%	\$376,801	2.4%	(\$185,288)	-33.0%
	\$4,811,896	32.5%	\$4,011,002	25.4%	(\$800,894)	-16.6%
Share of Revenue						
Residential	\$10,879,753	73.6%	\$11,532,524	72.9%	\$652,771	6.0%
Non-Residential	\$3,905,354	26.4%	\$4,287,541	27.1%	\$382,187	9.8%
Total Revenue	\$14,785,108	100.0%	\$15,820,065	100.0%	\$1,034,958	7.0%

The comparison of revenue from current rates with the revenue requirement indicates the following:

- Service charge rates should decrease 16.6% to align with cost-of-service.
- Total revenue generated by volumetric charges need to increase 19.1% for Residential customers and increase 17.0% for Non-Residential customers to align with the cost-of service.

Rates need to be designed to generate each class’s share of the revenue requirement related to volumetric charges. **Figure 3-6** indicates that with the cost-of-service analysis, and the overall revenue increase of 7.0%, Non-Residential customers will see a collective increase of 9.8% while Residential customers’ share will increase 6.0%.

The next section provides the recommended modifications to the service charges and volumetric charges needed to meet the cost of service.



Section 4. Rate Design

This section discusses the design of volumetric charges for Residential and Non-Residential customers and the fixed service charges, which are independent of customer class.

CURRENT RATES

The District's rate payers pay the sum of two charges for water service on a bi-monthly basis: a fixed service (meter) charge based on the size of the service connection plus a volumetric charge based on metered water use during the prior bi-monthly billing period. Current rates are summarized in **Figures 4-1 and 4-2**.

The service charges are the same regardless of customer class. In other words, the charge for a meter of a given size is the same for all meters of that size regardless of which class of customer is served.

Figure 4-1. Current Bi-Monthly Service Charges

Meter Size	Charge per Service
5/8"	\$60.18
3/4"	\$66.26
1"	\$84.39
1.5"	\$108.46
2"	\$175.18
3"	\$662.52
4"	\$843.45
6"	\$1,265.21
8"	\$1,747.17
10"	\$2,349.76
12"	\$2,952.35

The volumetric charges vary depending on the customer class. Residential customers pay tiered consumption charges also referred to as "increasing block rates." Residential customers pay rates for each range of consumption (tier or block); the rate in each tier increases as consumption increases. The total volumetric charge is the sum of the consumption in each tier multiplied by the respective rate in each tier. The current Residential increasing block rates comprise four tiers.



Figure 4-2. Current Bi-Monthly Volumetric Rates

Customer Class	Current Tier Size	\$/HCF
Residential		
Tier-1	0-5 hcf	\$7.28
Tier-2	6-9 hcf	\$10.77
Tier-3	10-13 hcf	\$14.44
Tier-4	Over 13 hcf	\$17.67
Non-Residential		\$10.06
Recycled Water		\$9.05

Non-Residential (including multi-family residential customers) customers’ volumetric rates are uniform and do not increase with increasing use the way they do for the Residential (single-family) customers. Recycled water volumetric rates are also uniform.

WATER USAGE CHARGES

The District has separate volumetric charge¹⁰ structures for Residential and Non-Residential customers. Residential volumetric charges are tiered, which is appropriate because of the variation in demands within a comparatively homogeneous class of customers. The tiered rate structure corresponds to levels of service that range from low, essential needs to high, discretionary needs. The rate for each tier is set to reflect the cost of providing for the amount of peaking that occurs in the District’s water system. Calculating the tiered rates for Residential customers needs to ensure that the rates reflect the cost of providing service across the range of tiers.

Non-Residential (i.e., Non-Residential) volumetric charges are uniform, which is appropriate because this class comprises Non-Residential and municipal uses that are very heterogeneous, but whose water uses – which vary considerably – are less discretionary compared to Residential water use. Calculating the uniform rate for Non-Residential customers is less complex than tiered rate calculations and is related to the calculation of Recycled Water rates, which are based on a set fraction of the Non-Residential rates.

Residential Volumetric Charges

The use of four tiers has been in place for the District’s Residential customers for several years. The number of tiers and the location of the breakpoints between tiers is determined by evaluation of the District’s historical and current water consumption and District-specific data, as discussed previously in Section 3. Each breakpoint was calculated utilizing the total residential daily demand consumption divided by the number of Residential accounts, 11,524, as shown in **Figure 4-3**.

¹⁰ The official title is “Water Usage Charge.” For ease of discussion, the terms “volumetric charge” or “volumetric rate” are used in this report.



Figure 4-3. Residential Tier Breakpoint Calculation

	Base Day	Average Day	Maximum Day	Maximum Hour
Residential Daily Volume (HCF)	1,633	1,738	2,360	3,635
Bi-Monthly Volume (HCF)	97,980	104,268	141,616	218,088
Services	11,524	11,524	11,524	11,524
Flow per Service (HCF bi-monthly)	8.50	9.05	12.29	18.92

This calculated the Average Day Tier breakpoint of 9.05 HCF (1,738 HCF per day x 60 days ÷ 11,524 accounts) and the Maximum Day Tier breakpoint of 12.29 HCF (2,360 HCF per day x 60 days ÷ 11,524 accounts). Because the District bills customers based on whole number increments only, the Average Day Tier breakpoint was set to 9 HCF and the Maximum Day Tier breakpoint was rounded down to 12 HCF. All consumption above the 12 HCF is billed at the maximum hour tiered rate.

The current rates set the Tier-1 breakpoint at 5 HCF based on an allowance for very low water use (124 gallons per day). At the time that this allowance was set, the allocation of capital costs to this tier was reduced to reflect the fact that such low water use required much less capital to provide service. Since that time, however, rate-making standards have shifted. Instead of using discretion to set breakpoints, breakpoints should be based on District-specific customer demand data. Furthermore, instead of using discretion to adjust cost allocations, cost allocations based on cost-of-service analysis should be followed.

Using customer billing data indicates a Tier-1 breakpoint of 8.50 HCF (see **Figure 4-3**). The Tier-2 breakpoint is 9.05 HCF. Because both breakpoints round to 9 HCF, we recommend consolidating Tier-1 into Tier-2.

Analysis of customer billing data also indicates that the breakpoint for Tier-3 should be adjusted from 13 HCF to 12 HCF to reflect the fact that the District’s customers have continued to improve their water use efficiency, thereby reducing maximum day peaking.

After setting these breakpoints, volumetric rates were calculated as shown in **Figure 4-4**.



Figure 4-4. Proposed Residential Volumetric Rates – FY 2026-27

Residential Volumetric Rates	Average Day	Maximum Day	Maximum Hour
Demand Condition	Average Day	Max Day	Max Hour
Tier Structure			
Volume per Tier (hcf)	0-9 hcf	10 - 12 hcf	13+ hcf
hcf by Tier	218,579	129,035	286,685
Revenue Requirement by Tier	\$6,440,979	\$620,511	\$836,833
Total hcf by Tier	634,299	415,720	286,685
Cost-of-Service per Unit (hcf)	\$10.15	\$1.49	\$2.92
Tier 1 (0-9 hcf)	\$10.15	\$10.15	\$10.15
Tier 2 (10 - 12 hcf)		\$1.49	\$1.49
Tier 3 (13+ hcf)			\$2.92
Unit Cost per hcf (by Tier)	\$10.15	\$11.65	\$14.57

Figure 4-5 compares the breakpoints and rates for the current and cost-of-service-based tiers for Residential accounts. The percentage increases differ from tier to tier. The proposed rates combine the current Tier-1 and Tier-2 rates. In turn, the current Tier-3 becomes the proposed Tier-2 and the current Tier-4 becomes the proposed Tier-3.

Figure 4-5. Comparison of Current and Proposed Residential Rates by Tier

Bi-Monthly Demand HCF	Gal/Day	FY 2026-27		
		Current Rate	Proposed Rate	\$ Change
1	12	\$7.28	\$10.15	\$2.87
2	25	\$7.28	\$10.15	\$2.87
3	37	\$7.28	\$10.15	\$2.87
4	50	\$7.28	\$10.15	\$2.87
5	62	\$7.28	\$10.15	\$2.87
6	75	\$10.77	\$10.15	(\$0.62)
7	87	\$10.77	\$10.15	(\$0.62)
8	100	\$10.77	\$10.15	(\$0.62)
9	112	\$10.77	\$10.15	(\$0.62)
10	125	\$14.44	\$11.65	(\$2.79)
11	137	\$14.44	\$11.65	(\$2.79)
12	150	\$14.44	\$11.65	(\$2.79)
13	162	\$14.44	\$14.57	\$0.13
14	175	\$17.67	\$14.57	(\$3.10)

Figure 4-6 shows the three-year schedule of proposed volumetric rates.



Figure 4-6. Comparison of Current and COS-Based Residential Tiers

Customer Class	Current Tier Size	\$/HCF	Customer Class	Proposed Tier Size	Proposed Rates by Effective Date		
					8/1/2026	7/1/2027	7/1/2028
Residential			Residential				
Tier-1	0-5 hcf	\$7.28	Tier-1	0-9 hcf	\$10.15	\$10.76	\$11.41
Tier-2	6-9 hcf	\$10.77	Tier-2	10-12 hcf	\$11.65	\$12.35	\$13.09
Tier-3	10-13 hcf	\$14.44	Tier-3	Over 12 hcf	\$14.57	\$15.44	\$16.37
Tier-4	Over 13 hcf	\$17.67					
Non-Residential	All usage	\$10.06	Non-Residential	All usage	\$11.72	\$12.42	\$13.17
Recycled Water	All usage	\$9.05	Recycled Water	All usage	\$10.55	\$11.18	\$11.85
<i>Rate Increase %</i>					<i>varies</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>6%</i>

The variation in FY 2026-27 rate adjustments occurs as a result of re-aligning the rates with the newly calculated cost-of-service. After the rate adjustment effective August 1, 2026 to re-align the rates with the cost-of-service, the projected increases in subsequent years can be made across-the-board to reflect the cost-of-service during the entire three-year rate projection period.

The size of Tier-1 in the proposed rates will expand to include both the Tier-1 and Tier-2 volumes of the current structure. Tier 2 for the proposed tiers does not include as much water as the existing Tier 3 because of increased efficiency. For an average household, the size of the proposed Tier-1 will cover inside water use with a small allowance for discretionary outdoor water use.

Proposed Tiers 2 and 3 correspond to higher levels of service for irrigation and other seasonal water uses. Tier-2 demand corresponds to maximum day peaking, which occurs in the summer for irrigation. Tier-3 is the highest level of service for peak hour demands when the system is at its highest output. The proposed tiers are compressing from their existing sizes to reflect the effects of conservation. As less peaking demand is placed on the system, a greater portion of consumption is reported in the proposed Tier-1.

Non-Residential Volumetric Charges

The Non-Residential volumetric charge is a uniform rate. For FY 2026-27, the volumetric charge is derived by dividing the volumetric portion of the Non-Residential revenue requirement in **Figure 3-5** by the projected Non-Residential water use. The District also supplies recycled water for irrigation at a rate equal to 90% of the Non-Residential rate. The cost reduction is allocated to other Non-Residential water users who may be future users of recycled water. When this adjustment is made, the Non-Residential uniform volumetric charge is \$11.72 per HCF and the uniform Recycled Water volumetric charge is \$10.55 per HCF.

Pass-Through Adjustment

The cost of SFPUC water is the single largest component of the District’s revenue requirements. Because the District has no control over the SFPUC’s wholesale water rate, this cost is simply passed through to the District’s customers. The SFPUC provides projections of its future wholesale water rates, which are built into the rate projections in this study. The SFPUC updates its projections each year as part of the rate-making process prescribed in the wholesale Water Supply Agreement. California Government Code Section 53756 authorizes



water suppliers to adjust their rates in response to changes in pass-through costs. We recommend that the District incorporate annual pass-through adjustments in its volumetric rates.

Each year the District should determine how much, if any, pass-through adjustment is required as soon as the SFPUC submits its updated wholesale rates, which is typically in April or May each year. The wholesale rate used for the projections in this study should be compared with the updated rate and the difference either added or subtracted from the District's volumetric rates for Residential and Non-Residential customers. The wholesale rates per HCF used in this study¹¹ are as follows:

July 2026 – \$6.23 per HCF

July 2027 – \$6.69 per HCF

July 2028 – \$6.91 per HCF

For example, if the updated SFPUC rate for FY 2027-28 is \$6.84 instead of the projected \$6.69, the \$0.15 difference should be added to the volumetric rates charged to Residential and Non-Residential water customers. If the updated SFPUC rate is less than the foregoing rates, the difference should be subtracted from the District's volumetric rates. In other words, the adjustment should be made in either direction.

Recycled Water rates would change in relation to pass-through adjustments to Non-Residential rates to maintain a ratio of 90% of the Non-Residential volumetric rate charged per the existing agreement the District has with the City of Pacifica. In the example above, if the volumetric rates increased by \$0.15, Non-Residential water rates would increase from \$12.42 to \$12.57 per HCF in FY 2027-28. However, recycled water rates would increase by \$0.13, from \$11.18 to \$11.31, so that the new recycled rate would continue to be equal to 90% of the Non-Residential volumetric rate.

SERVICE CHARGES

Service charge rates are fixed rates that are billed each billing period to recover the cost of the service functions. The cost-of-service analysis determines how much of the revenue requirement is attributable to the customer service function. **Figure 3-6** indicated that the revenue from fixed charges would decrease 16.6% to \$4,011,002 to align with the cost of service. Costs attributable to customer services are allocated to customers in proportion to their number of meters. Costs attributable to customer capacity are allocated to customers in proportion to the capacity of their services. The sum of the customer service and capacity equals the fixed charge rate per connection.

Figure 4-7 lists the units of service corresponding to each of the cost components. The 12,435 services are used for apportioning the customer service cost components.

¹¹ Rate for FY 2026-2027 adopted by the SFPUC on April 28, 2026. Estimated rates for FY 2027-28 and FY 2028-2029 included in SFPUC presentation to BAWSCA members on February 19, 2026.



Figure 4-7. Service Charge Units of Service

Applicable Service Size	Services	Meter Ratings (gpm) ¹	Capacity Multiplier	EMUs
	a	b	c = b ÷ 20	d = a x c
5/8" Meters	11,242	20	1.00	11,242
3/4" Meters	320	30	1.50	480
1" Meters	682	50	2.50	1,705
1.5" Meters	75	100	5.00	375
2" Meters	88	160	8.00	704
3" Meters	17	435	21.75	370
4" Meters	6	750	37.50	225
6" Meters	4	1,600	80.00	320
8" Meters	1	2,800	140.00	140
10" Meters	0	4,200	210.00	0
12" Meters	0	5,300	265.00	0
Total	12,435		Total EMUs	15,561

¹Capacity multiplier assumes 5/8" meter = 1 EMU = 20 gallons per minute.

Capacity costs associated with the distribution system are apportioned among the connections in proportion to the capacity associated with each connection. In **Figure 4-7**, Connections are converted to Equivalent Meter Units (EMUs) to apportion the customer capacity cost component for potable and recycled water meters. An EMU represents the number of 5/8-inch meters to which a larger meter is equivalent. For example, a 1-inch meter provides 2.50 times as much capacity as a 5/8-inch meter. The capacity multipliers are based on the M1 Manual. There are 15,561 total EMUs. In effect, the 12,435 services of assorted sizes have the equivalent capacity as 15,561 5/8-inch meters.

Figure 4-8 derives the unit costs for the customer accounts and customer capacity cost components. Each service is allocated \$44.88 per bi-monthly period for the customer service and public fire protection cost components. This amount represents the costs the District incurs to maintain each service regardless of the capacity of the service (e.g., customer billing, administration overhead). Each potable or Recycled Water (i.e., non-fire protection) service is also allocated \$7.09 per month per EMU. This amount represents a portion of the cost of providing distribution system capacity for each account, and increases based on the capacity of the meter.

Figure 4-8. Service Charge Unit Costs

	Service Component	Capacity Component	Total
Total Expenses FY 2026-27	\$3,348,811	\$662,191	\$4,011,002
Units of Service	12,435	15,561	
	Services	EMUs	
Annual Unit Cost	\$269.31	\$42.56	
Bi-Monthly Unit Cost	\$44.88	\$7.09	
	per Service	per EMU	



Figure 4-9 combines the customer service and capacity components into a single service charge for each size service.

Figure 4-9. Proposed Bi-Monthly Service Charge Rates – FY 2026-27

Meter Size	Service Component	Capacity Component			COS Service Charges (\$/bill)
		\$/EMU	Capacity Multiplier	Capacity Total	
	a	b	c	d = b x c	e = a + d
5/8"	\$44.88	\$7.09	1.00	\$7.09	\$51.98
3/4"	\$44.88	\$7.09	1.50	\$10.64	\$55.52
1"	\$44.88	\$7.09	2.50	\$17.73	\$62.62
1.5"	\$44.88	\$7.09	5.00	\$35.46	\$80.35
2"	\$44.88	\$7.09	8.00	\$56.74	\$101.62
3"	\$44.88	\$7.09	21.75	\$154.26	\$199.15
4"	\$44.88	\$7.09	37.50	\$265.97	\$310.85
6"	\$44.88	\$7.09	80.00	\$567.40	\$612.29
8"	\$44.88	\$7.09	140.00	\$992.96	\$1,037.84
10"	\$44.88	\$7.09	210.00	\$1,489.43	\$1,534.32
12"	\$44.88	\$7.09	265.00	\$1,879.52	\$1,924.41

With the proposed rates, all meter sizes would see a decrease in FY 2026-27. **Figure 4-10** shows the proposed schedule of service charges.

Figure 4-10. Current and Proposed Bi-Monthly Service Charges

Meter Size	Current Charge per Service	Proposed Rates by Effective Date		
		8/1/2026	7/1/2027	7/1/2028
5/8"	\$60.18	\$51.98	\$55.10	\$58.41
3/4"	\$66.26	\$55.52	\$58.85	\$62.38
1"	\$84.39	\$62.62	\$66.38	\$70.36
1.5"	\$108.46	\$80.35	\$85.17	\$90.28
2"	\$175.18	\$101.62	\$107.72	\$114.18
3"	\$662.52	\$199.15	\$211.10	\$223.77
4"	\$843.45	\$310.85	\$329.50	\$349.27
6"	\$1,265.21	\$612.29	\$649.03	\$687.97
8"	\$1,747.17	\$1,037.84	\$1,100.11	\$1,166.12
10"	\$2,349.76	\$1,534.32	\$1,626.38	\$1,723.96
12"	\$2,952.35	\$1,924.41	\$2,039.87	\$2,162.26
Rate Increase %		<i>varies</i>	6%	6%

The bi-monthly service charge is payable whether or not any water is used during the billing period and irrespective of the amount of water, if any, used.

Portable Meters

The charges for portable water meters for construction and other temporary situations are the same as the service charges above in **Figure 4-10**.



Fire Protection Service Charges

The charges for all private fire protection service connections, which include all structures that have a fire service line, are increasing at the same percentages as the revenue increases shown in **Figure 2-4**. **Figure 4-11** summarizes the current and proposed bi-monthly fire protection service charges.

Figure 4-11. Current and Proposed Bi-Monthly Fire Protection Charges

Fireline Size	Current Charge per Service	Proposed Rates by Effective Date		
		8/1/2026	7/1/2027	7/1/2028
2" or less	\$13.51	\$14.46	\$15.33	\$16.25
4"	\$42.23	\$45.19	\$47.90	\$50.77
6"	\$84.45	\$90.36	\$95.78	\$101.53
8"	\$168.89	\$180.71	\$191.55	\$203.04
<i>Rate Increase %</i>		<i>7%</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>6%</i>

WATER SHORTAGE REVENUE STABILIZATION FACTORS

During prolonged shortages, customers are required to conserve or even ration their water use. These shortages can include locally declared water shortages caused by facility operations, State mandated reductions, or natural disasters including droughts. The magnitude of the water savings can significantly reduce water sales revenue from quantity charges.

During shortages, costs do not decrease in direct proportion to decreases in water use because typically a majority of costs are fixed regardless of how much water is supplied. In the District’s case, 53.7% of costs are fixed and the remaining 46.3% of costs vary in proportion to water use. Hence, a 15% reduction in water use by customers may only reduce costs about 6.9% (i.e., 15% of the 46.3% of costs that vary in proportion to water use). With the revised cost-of-service based rates, the District will receive 25.4% of its revenue from fixed charges and the remaining 74.6% of revenue will come from water use charges (volumetric rates). Therefore a 15% reduction in water sales results in a 11.1% reduction in revenue (i.e., 15% of 74.6% of the revenue from volumetric rates). This means that, in a year-long 15% shortage, 93.1% of the costs are incurred while only 88.9% of the revenue is received, which is a 4.2% revenue shortfall.

Reserves may be able to cover the revenue shortfall during brief rationing periods. For longer or more severe rationing periods, temporary volumetric rate increases are needed to offset this revenue shortfall in order to maintain service levels. On average, the temporary volumetric rate increases are designed to be revenue neutral. In other words, customers will pay increased volumetric rates, which when multiplied by their reduced demand, will generate only enough water use charge revenue to cover costs.

The District proposes to use Water Shortage Revenue Stabilization Factors to make the temporary volumetric rate adjustments that are needed during official water shortage emergencies declared by the Board of Directors to offset the revenue shortfalls caused by conservation. Although the Water Shortage Revenue Stabilization Factors are designed to be revenue neutral, they must be implemented in compliance with the public notification requirements of Proposition 218.



Water Shortage Contingency Plan Levels

The District’s draft Water Shortage Contingency Plan 2025 update (WSCP) was developed to serve as a flexible framework of planned response measures to mitigate future water supply shortages. During shortages, the District may require water conservation by all its customers towards meeting necessary water use reduction goals. The WSCP also directs the District to focus its water conservation efforts on reducing discretionary water uses, such as outdoor irrigation, while attempting to preserve uses that are essential to health and safety and minimize economic and other impacts to its customers.

Consistent with state requirements, the District’s WSCP is based on the six shortage levels shown in **Figure 4-12**. During a water shortage, the District will implement a range of actions to reduce water use and help ensure that demand for water does not exceed supply. Such actions may include public outreach campaigns, water efficiency customer assistance and rebate programs, operational changes, and prohibitions and restrictions on some uses. In the more severe stages of shortage, the District will also implement water rationing and require mandatory water reductions.

The District has planned demand reduction actions and other actions for each shortage level in the WSCP, and the District calculated corresponding reductions that could be achieved for each level. **Figure 4-12** lists the estimated percentage reductions that will be achieved when implementing the demand reduction actions and other actions specified in the WSCP for each shortage level. As can be seen in the figure, for a shortage level up to 10% (Stage 1), the District will require an 8% reduction in water use, and the actions for a shortage of up to 20% (Stage 2) will require a 15% reduction in water use.

Figure 4-12. Water Use Reductions Required for Each Stage of the District’s WSCP

	Stage 1 Up to 10% Reduction	Stage 2 Up to 20% Reduction	Stage 3 Up to 30% Reduction	Stage 4 Up to 40% Reduction	Stage 5 Up to 50% Reduction	Stage 6 Greater than 50% Reduction
WSCP- Estimated Water Use Reduction	8%	15%	25%	35%	45%	53%

As described further below, FY 2024-25 water consumption data was analyzed to determine the reduction requirement for both Residential and Non-Residential customer classes for each shortage level in the WSCP to meet the overall water savings assumed at that level.

Methodology

Since the passage of Proposition 218, recurrent water shortages have led an increasing number of water suppliers to adopt revenue stabilization adjustments that do not trigger the Proposition 218 protest process each time an adjustment is made. This is accomplished by including the Water Shortage Revenue Stabilization Factor Adjustment procedure in the Proposition 218 notice at the time rates are adopted in compliance with Proposition 218. The notice describes the process, which rate payers have the right to protest. Barring a majority protest, the adjustment process is adopted as part of the rate increase and can be implemented as needed during the term of the adopted rate increases.

The adjustment process includes factors by which quantity (volumetric) charge rates are adjusted in alignment with the reduction stages in the WSCP. The factors are only applied to the quantity (volumetric) charge rates and not to the service charge rates to capture a



customer’s changes in water demand. As part of the recommended revenue stabilization factors, it is proposed that the shortage reductions will vary by customer class. Each class’s reduction will be determined by reducing “outdoor” water use (seasonal water use) 2.0 times more than “indoor” (average winter water use) water use. It is assumed that seasonal “outdoor” water demand is primarily for irrigation, which is a lower beneficial use than non-seasonal “indoor” demand, which is primarily related to health and safety needs. In the District’s case, all water consumption by all other groups besides the single-family residential customers is counted as Non-Residential consumption in the figures that follow.

Analysis

Based on FY 2024-25 metered consumption data, the resulting reductions are summarized in **Figure 4-13**. The reductions shown represent the customer class reductions required to achieve the reduction associated with each shortage stage. The customer class reductions are greater or less than the overall average for each stage depending on how much of each class’s water demand is seasonal. The reductions for Non-Residential customers are slightly greater because this class has slightly more seasonal demand.

**Figure 4-13. Required Water Use Reductions
(by Class for Each Drought Stage as Described in the District’s WSCP)**

Class	Stage 1 Up to 10% Reduction	Stage 2 Up to 20% Reduction	Stage 3 Up to 30% Reduction	Stage 4 Up to 40% Reduction	Stage 5 Up to 50% Reduction	Stage 6 Greater than 50% Reduction
Residential	8%	15%	24%	34%	44%	52%
Non-Residential	8%	16%	26%	36%	47%	55%

Figure 4-14 shows the calculation of each customer class’s respective shortage reduction required during each shortage stage. The annual demand for each class is separated into indoor and outdoor water use where indoor water use is defined as the billing period from March through April multiplied times 6 to get the annualized indoor water use over 12 months. Subtracting indoor water use from the total annual water use determines the seasonal outdoor water use.

The percentage reductions for each customer class required to achieve the overall reduction for a particular stage are derived so that outdoor consumption is reduced 2.0 times indoor consumption. In a Stage 1 shortage, a 7.4% reduction in indoor water use and a 14.8% reduction in outdoor water use are required to achieve an overall 8% reduction. Applying the same reduction factors to each class results in different overall reductions for the class based on the relative proportions of their indoor and outdoor water use.

To achieve the 8% Stage 1 reduction, Residential, Non-Residential, and Recycled Water customers, are required to conserve 8%. However, in Stages 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, Non-Residential and Recycled Water customers are required to conserve a larger percentage than Residential customers. This is because Non-Residential and Recycled Water customers have higher seasonal use compared to Residential customers, as a result of lower Residential irrigation demand and seasonal Non-Residential demand driven by tourism. Note that the reduction required in Stage 6 is so great that all outdoor water use is eliminated. In the example shown in **Figure 4-14**, a 53% reduction is assumed, requiring indoor water use to be cut back 48.8%, which is a slightly greater relationship than the 2-to-1 relationship used for all other stages.



**Figure 4-14. Calculation of Shortage Reductions
(by Stage and Customer Class)**

8% Stage 1 Reduction (up to 10% reduction)									
Baseline Annual Demand (HCF)				Reductions					
Class	Total	Indoor	Outdoor	Indoor	Outdoor	Indoor	Outdoor	Total	Total
Residential	634,299	596,046	38,253	7.4%	14.8%	44,059	5,655	49,715	8%
Non-Residential	321,100	280,764	40,336	7.4%	14.8%	20,754	5,963	26,717	8%
Total	955,399	876,810	78,589	7.4%	14.8%	64,813	11,619	76,432	8.0%
15% Stage 2 Reduction (up to 20% reduction)									
Baseline Annual Demand (HCF)				Reductions					
Class	Total	Indoor	Outdoor	Indoor	Outdoor	Indoor	Outdoor	Total	Total
Residential	634,299	596,046	38,253	13.9%	27.7%	82,611	10,604	93,215	15%
Non-Residential	321,100	280,764	40,336	13.9%	27.7%	38,914	11,181	50,095	16%
Total	955,399	876,810	78,589	13.9%	27.7%	121,525	21,785	143,310	15.0%
25% Stage 3 Reduction (up to 30% reduction)									
Baseline Annual Demand (HCF)				Reductions					
Class	Total	Indoor	Outdoor	Indoor	Outdoor	Indoor	Outdoor	Total	Total
Residential	634,299	596,046	38,253	23.1%	46.2%	137,686	17,673	155,359	24%
Non-Residential	321,100	280,764	40,336	23.1%	46.2%	64,856	18,635	83,491	26%
Total	955,399	876,810	78,589	23.1%	46.2%	202,542	36,308	238,850	25.0%
35% Stage 4 Reduction (up to 40% reduction)									
Baseline Annual Demand (HCF)				Reductions					
Class	Total	Indoor	Outdoor	Indoor	Outdoor	Indoor	Outdoor	Total	Total
Residential	634,299	596,046	38,253	32.3%	64.7%	192,760	24,742	217,502	34%
Non-Residential	321,100	280,764	40,336	32.3%	64.7%	90,799	26,089	116,888	36%
Total	955,399	876,810	78,589	32.3%	64.7%	283,559	50,831	334,390	35.0%
45% Stage 5 Reduction (up to 50% reduction)									
Baseline Annual Demand (HCF)				Reductions					
Class	Total	Indoor	Outdoor	Indoor	Outdoor	Indoor	Outdoor	Total	Total
Residential	634,299	596,046	38,253	41.6%	83.2%	247,834	31,811	279,645	44%
Non-Residential	321,100	280,764	40,336	41.6%	83.2%	116,741	33,543	150,284	47%
Total	955,399	876,810	78,589	41.6%	83.2%	364,575	65,354	429,930	45.0%
53% Stage 6 Reduction (greater than 50% reduction)									
Baseline Annual Demand (HCF)				Reductions					
Class	Total	Indoor	Outdoor	Indoor	Outdoor	Indoor	Outdoor	Total	Total
Residential	634,299	596,046	38,253	48.8%	100.0%	290,795	38,253	329,048	52%
Non-Residential	321,100	280,764	40,336	48.8%	100.0%	136,977	40,336	177,313	55%
Total	955,399	876,810	78,589	48.8%	100.0%	427,772	78,589	506,361	53.0%

The service charges are fixed and generate 25.4% of the total rate revenue regardless of shortages. The remaining 74.6% of revenue is generated by the volumetric rates. In deriving the Water Shortage Revenue Stabilization Factors, the factors will only apply to the volumetric rates because fluctuations in water use correlate with fluctuations in variable costs. Each customer class has its own set of Water Shortage Revenue Stabilization Factors corresponding to its reduction in each stage of shortage.

The formula for the Water Shortage Revenue Stabilization Factors comprises conservation and variable cost components. The conservation component adjusts to account for the required reduction in water demand. The variable cost component adjusts to account for the portion of variable costs that is covered by the quantity charges. The Water Shortage Revenue Stabilization Factors are the product of the conservation component multiplied by the variable cost component. Each component is defined as follows:

Water Shortage Revenue Stabilization Factor = Conservation Component multiplied times Variable Cost Component, where

Conservation Component = $1/(1 - a)$, where



a = required percentage reduction, which varies by customer class.

Variable Cost Component = $(b - (c * a))/b$, where

a = required percentage reduction, which varies by customer class;

b = percentage of revenue from total service charges and volumetric rates for all customer classes that is attributable to volumetric rates, an amount that is 74.6% based on the cost-of-service analysis; and

c = percentage of total revenue requirement covered by service charges and volumetric rates that varies based on fluctuations in demand, an amount that is currently 46.3%.¹²

The following example illustrates how the formula determined the 1.032 Water Shortage Revenue Stabilization Factor in **Figure 4-15** for the Residential customer class in a Stage 1 shortage in which an overall conservation goal of 8% is required.

Conservation Component: $1/(1 - a) = 1/(1 - 0.0784) = 1.0850$, where

a = required percentage reduction is 7.84% for the residential customer class (see **Figure 4-13**, where a rounded 8% is shown).

Variable Cost Component: $(b - (c * a))/b = (0.746 - (0.463 * 0.0784))/0.746 = 0.9514$, where

a = 7.84% reduction for residential customers in a Stage 1 shortage.

b = 74.6% of total rate revenue is generated by quantity charges; and

c = 46.3% of revenue requirement is related to variable costs

Water Shortage Revenue Stabilization Factor: $1.0850 * 0.9514 = 1.0323$ (or 1.032 rounded, as shown in **Figure 4-15**).

The residential quantity charge rates in effect under non-shortage conditions would be multiplied by 1.032 to derive the quantity charge rates to be in effect during a Stage 1 water shortage. **Figure 4-15** shows the Water Shortage Revenue Stabilization Factors that would be applied to the rates that would normally be in effect absent declared shortages.

¹² The cost of SFPUC water is the largest example of a variable cost, which varies with water demand.



**Figure 4-15 Water Shortage Revenue Stabilization Factors by WSCP
(Defined Water Shortage Stage and Customer Class)**

Class	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6
	Up to 10% Reduction	Up to 20% Reduction	Up to 30% Reduction	Up to 40% Reduction	Up to 50% Reduction	Greater than 50% Reduction
Residential	1.032	1.065	1.123	1.198	1.300	1.410
Non-Residential	1.034	1.070	1.133	1.217	1.334	1.468

To be applied to the non-shortage rates in effect at the time of the shortage declaration.

Implementation

The recommended Water Shortage Revenue Stabilization Factors in **Figure 4-15** are implemented only during periods of declared water shortage emergencies. Once a mandatory shortage is declared, the Board of Directors has discretion to enact Water Shortage Revenue Stabilization Adjustments corresponding to the level of shortage reduction implemented using the factors provided in **Figure 4-15**. The adjustments can go in either direction from stage to stage depending on whether the level of reduction is increasing or decreasing during the shortage. At least 30 days prior to making the adjustment, notice must be provided to rate payers, which can be included in the customer’s bills. No protest process is required. These adjustments would be temporary, and rates would return to the regular schedule at the conclusion of the water shortage emergency.

These stabilization adjustments act similarly to the pass-through adjustments for the cost of SFPUC purchased water, which were incorporated into the Proposition 218 notice in the last rate increase. The pass-through adjustment allows the District to adjust volumetric rates to track any difference between the SFPUC rates that were included in the model and the actual rates adopted each year by SFPUC. The pass-through adjustment can also be made by providing 30-day notice in the customer bills without triggering the need for a Proposition 218 protest process.



Section 5. Customer Bill Impacts

RESIDENTIAL BILLS

Figure 5-1 tabulates the current and proposed bills for Residential customers with a 5/8" service. The bills are calculated from 0 to 30 HCF. At 0 HCF, only the service charge is shown. From 1 HCF and higher the bi-monthly demand is shown in both HCF and gallons per day (GPD). The color changes highlight the consolidation from four to three tiers. The dollar difference compares the proposed bills with the current bills.

Figure 5-1. Current and Proposed Residential Bill Comparison

Bi-Monthly Demand		Residential Bi-Monthly Bills (5/8" Service)			
		Current	Proposed	\$	%
HCF	Gal/Day	Rates	FY 2026-27 (3-Tiers)	Difference	Difference
0	0	\$60.18	\$51.98	(\$8.20)	-13.6%
1	12	\$67.46	\$62.13	(\$5.33)	-7.9%
2	25	\$74.74	\$72.28	(\$2.46)	-3.3%
3	37	\$82.02	\$82.43	\$0.41	0.5%
4	50	\$89.30	\$92.58	\$3.28	3.7%
5	62	\$96.58	\$102.73	\$6.15	6.4%
6	75	\$107.35	\$112.88	\$5.53	5.2%
7	87	\$118.12	\$123.03	\$4.91	4.2%
8	100	\$128.89	\$133.18	\$4.29	3.3%
9	112	\$139.66	\$143.33	\$3.67	2.6%
10	125	\$154.10	\$154.98	\$0.88	0.6%
11	137	\$168.54	\$166.63	(\$1.91)	-1.1%
12	150	\$182.98	\$178.28	(\$4.70)	-2.6%
13	162	\$197.42	\$192.85	(\$4.57)	-2.3%
14	175	\$215.09	\$207.42	(\$7.67)	-3.6%
15	187	\$232.76	\$221.99	(\$10.77)	-4.6%
16	199	\$250.43	\$236.56	(\$13.87)	-5.5%
17	212	\$268.10	\$251.13	(\$16.97)	-6.3%
18	224	\$285.77	\$265.70	(\$20.07)	-7.0%
19	237	\$303.44	\$280.27	(\$23.17)	-7.6%
20	249	\$321.11	\$294.84	(\$26.27)	-8.2%
21	262	\$338.78	\$309.41	(\$29.37)	-8.7%
22	274	\$356.45	\$323.98	(\$32.47)	-9.1%
23	287	\$374.12	\$338.55	(\$35.57)	-9.5%
24	299	\$391.79	\$353.12	(\$38.67)	-9.9%
25	312	\$409.46	\$367.69	(\$41.77)	-10.2%
26	324	\$427.13	\$382.26	(\$44.87)	-10.5%
27	337	\$444.80	\$396.83	(\$47.97)	-10.8%
28	349	\$462.47	\$411.40	(\$51.07)	-11.0%
29	362	\$480.14	\$425.97	(\$54.17)	-11.3%
30	374	\$497.81	\$440.54	(\$57.27)	-11.5%



With the proposed rates, all customers with a 5/8-inch meter¹³ will pay no more than the overall 7% revenue increase for FY 2026-27. Very low use customers will see bill reductions because of the reduced service charge. Customers using 11 HCF or more will also see bill reductions because of lower volumetric rates. Two-thirds of customer bills do not exceed 9 HCF (Tier-1’s breakpoint) and those using 9 HCF will pay only 2.6% more than current rates despite the overall 7% revenue increase.

NON-RESIDENTIAL BILLS

Figure 5-2 tabulates the current and proposed bills for Non-Residential customers receiving potable water with a 5/8-inch service. This size of service is common for this customer class. The average Non-Residential bill is 58 HCF. Thus, customers with average water use, served by a 5/8-inch meter would see an increase to their bill of \$88.08. This increase is the result of (1) the need for an overall 7% increase in revenue, (2) the updated cost-of-service allocations, and (3) the realignment of the service and volume charges.

Figure 5-2. Current and Proposed Non-Residential Bill Comparison

Bi-Monthly Demand		Commercial Bi-Monthly Bills (5/8" Service)			
HCF	Gal/Day	Current	Proposed FY 2026-27	\$ Difference	% Difference
0	0	\$60.18	\$51.98	(\$8.20)	-13.6%
10	125	\$160.78	\$169.18	\$8.40	5.2%
20	249	\$261.38	\$286.38	\$25.00	9.6%
30	374	\$361.98	\$403.58	\$41.60	11.5%
40	499	\$462.58	\$520.78	\$58.20	12.6%
50	623	\$563.18	\$637.98	\$74.80	13.3%
60	748	\$663.78	\$755.18	\$91.40	13.8%
70	873	\$764.38	\$872.38	\$108.00	14.1%
80	997	\$864.98	\$989.58	\$124.60	14.4%
90	1,122	\$965.58	\$1,106.78	\$141.20	14.6%
100	1,247	\$1,066.18	\$1,223.98	\$157.80	14.8%
110	1,371	\$1,166.78	\$1,341.18	\$174.40	14.9%
120	1,496	\$1,267.38	\$1,458.38	\$191.00	15.1%

Figure 5-2 demonstrates that increases to Non-Residential customer bills are attributable to volumetric charge increases as the percentage increase per bill rises relative to water use recorded. volumetric charges are increasing as a result of the cost-of-service analysis, which indicated that Non-Residential customers share of demand-related expenses has increased relative to Residential customers. However, it is worth noting that both Non-Residential demand and Residential demand have decreased since the previous cost-of-service study. Because Residential use has declined further, Non-Residential customers have been allocated a larger share than in the past. Consequently, the proposed uniform rate is increasing 16.5% from the current rate. Thus, when usage occurs, under the proposed rates Non-Residential customers will pay more for service.

¹³ 90.4% of customers have 5/8-inch services.



Figure 5-3 tabulates the current and proposed bills for Recycled Water customers with a 4-inch service.

Figure 5-3. Current and Proposed Recycled Water Bill Comparison

Bi-Monthly Demand		Recycled Water Bi-Monthly Bills (4" Service)			
HCF	Gal/Day	Current	Proposed FY 2026-27	\$ Difference	% Difference
0	0	\$843.45	\$310.85	(\$532.60)	-63.1%
100	1,247	\$1,748.45	\$1,365.85	(\$382.60)	-21.9%
200	2,493	\$2,653.45	\$2,420.85	(\$232.60)	-8.8%
300	3,740	\$3,558.45	\$3,475.85	(\$82.60)	-2.3%
400	4,987	\$4,463.45	\$4,530.85	\$67.40	1.5%
500	6,233	\$5,368.45	\$5,585.85	\$217.40	4.0%
600	7,480	\$6,273.45	\$6,640.85	\$367.40	5.9%
700	8,727	\$7,178.45	\$7,695.85	\$517.40	7.2%
800	9,973	\$8,083.45	\$8,750.85	\$667.40	8.3%
900	11,220	\$8,988.45	\$9,805.85	\$817.40	9.1%
1,000	12,467	\$9,893.45	\$10,860.85	\$967.40	9.8%
1,100	13,713	\$10,798.45	\$11,915.85	\$1,117.40	10.3%
1,200	14,960	\$11,703.45	\$12,970.85	\$1,267.40	10.8%

AGENCY BILL COMPARISON

Figure 5-4 compares the District’s current and proposed Residential volumetric rates to some of its neighboring water suppliers based on available rate information for 2026. The number of tiers and water use within each tier differs between jurisdictions. **Figure 5-4** also compares the water bills paid by customers with a 5/8-inch water meter, or the smallest meter size available. Even with the proposed rates, the District’s customers will pay among the lowest for low water use (5 HCF), average water use (9 HCF), and high water use (18 HCF) among customers in neighboring jurisdictions.

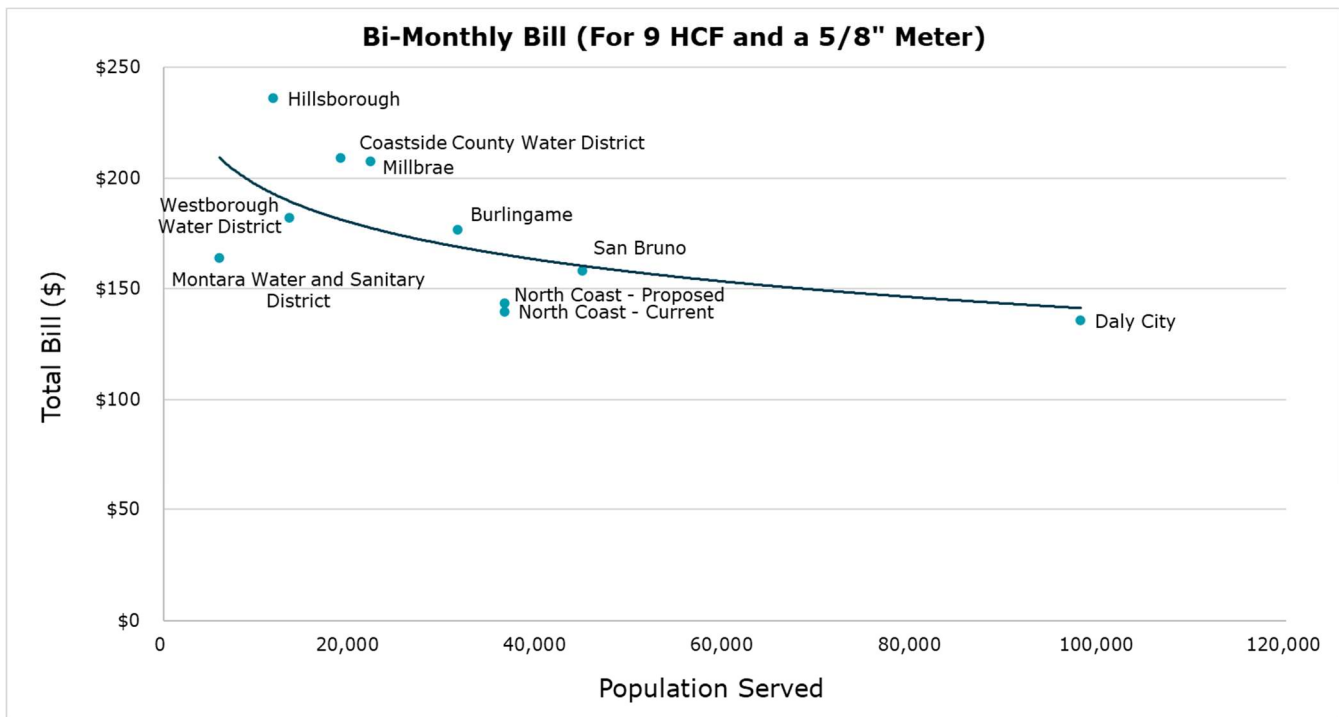
Figure 5-4. Comparison to Other Local Residential Volumetric Rates

	Rates per Tier (\$/HCF)									
	NCCWD		Burlingame	Coastside	Hillsborough	Montara	San Bruno	Daly City	Millbrae	Westborough
Current	Proposed									
Tier 1	\$7.28	\$10.15	\$9.79	\$13.30	\$7.59	\$10.29	\$10.79	\$7.99	\$15.42	\$11.69
Tier 2	\$10.77	\$11.65	\$10.98	\$19.76	\$9.91	\$13.58	\$12.80	\$10.58		
Tier 3	\$14.44	\$14.57	\$12.18	\$23.93	\$15.63	\$16.83	\$16.83	\$14.60		
Tier 4	\$17.67		\$13.38		\$20.96	\$22.59				
Tier 5			\$14.58							
	Breakpoints (Bi-monthly HCF)									
BP #1	5	9	5	8	22	12	20	13	uniform	uniform
BP #2	9	12	11	16	44	26	40	26		
BP #3	13		21		78	54				
BP #4			32							
Effective Date	7/1/2025	8/1/2026	1/1/2019	1/19/2026	1/1/2026	6/12/2025	1/1/2026	7/1/2026	7/1/2026	7/1/2026
Sample Bi-Monthly Water Bill with the smallest available meter size and range of water usage										
5 HCF	\$96.58	\$102.73	\$132.98	\$149.36	\$205.58	\$122.77	\$114.85	\$103.60	\$145.80	\$135.27
9 HCF	\$139.66	\$143.33	\$176.49	\$209.02	\$235.94	\$163.93	\$158.01	\$135.56	\$207.48	\$182.03
18 HCF	\$285.77	\$265.70	\$284.07	\$395.20	\$304.25	\$276.28	\$255.12	\$220.42	\$346.26	\$287.24



Figure 5-5 compares average Residential bills (service charge and volumetric charge) for the District with some of its neighboring water suppliers based on the average customer water use of 9 HCF during a bi-monthly billing period. The bi-monthly bills are plotted against the population served. In this way, economies of scale can be accounted for because larger agencies often have lower costs per customer. The curved, dark line is a trend line. The trend line drops from left to right indicating the effect of economies of scale. The District's current and proposed bills fall below the trend line.

Figure 5-5. Comparison to Other Local Residential Bi-Monthly Bills



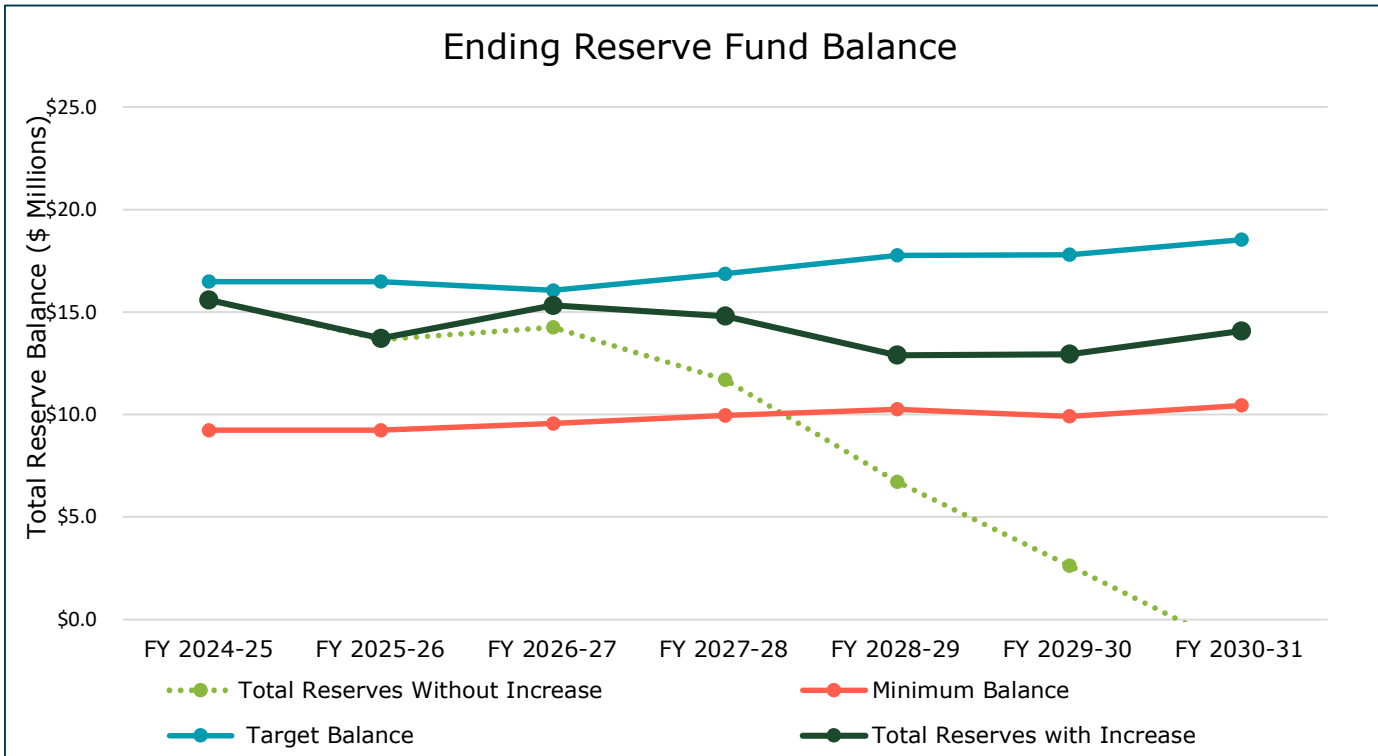


Appendix A

WATER RATE STUDY MODEL

North Coast County Water District
Water Rate Study
1A. Summary

<i>Fiscal Year:</i>	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	FY 2029-30	FY 2030-31	Notes
	<i>eff. date</i>	8/1/2026	7/1/2027	7/1/2028	7/1/2029	7/1/2030	
Revenue Increases	Adopted (3%)	7.0%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	
PAYGO-Funded Capital	\$3,318,364	\$1,047,870	\$2,593,977	\$3,811,801	\$2,952,631	\$1,984,671	\$2,478,190 Average Annual PAYGo
Bond-Funded Capital	\$3,580,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0 Total New Debt-funded Capital
Cummulative		7.0%	13.4%	20.2%	27.4%	35.1%	
Debt Coverage Ratio	1.61	1.76	1.86	2.10	3.51	3.60	



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1B. General**




Assumptions	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	FY 2029-30	FY 2030-31	Notes
a General Inflation	Per Budget	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	To Table 2
b Utilities	Per Budget	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	To Table 2
c Salary Increases	Per Budget	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	To Table 2
d Pension	Per Budget	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	To Table 2
e SFPUC Water Rate per HCF	\$5.80	\$6.23	\$6.69	\$6.91	\$7.06	\$7.38	To Table 2
	% Change	7.4%	7.4%	3.3%	2.2%	4.5%	
SFPUC Purchases (HCF)	997,846	1,022,277	1,022,277	1,022,277	1,022,277	1,022,277	To Table 2, 6a
Assumed Losses	5.9%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	To Table 2
f Liability Insurance	Per Budget	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	To Table 2
g Interest on Earnings	4.0%	3.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	To Table 4
h Non-rate Revenues	Per Budget	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	To Table 2
i % Cutbacks due to Conservation	0.0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	To Tables 2,3
j Growth in Accounts	0.0%	0.00%	0.24%	0.24%	0.24%	0.24%	To Table 3A
k Construction Cost Inflation	Per Budget	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	To Table 5
l Benefit Increases	Per Budget	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	To Table 2
m Change in Residential Consumption		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	To Table 6a
n Change in Non-Residential Consumption		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	To Table 6a
o Change in Irrigation Consumption		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
p Change in Recycled Water Consumption		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	To Table 6a

Target Fund Balances

Operating Fund

Purpose	For O&M cash flow during the year
Funding priority	Highest.
Minimum balance	Cannot go negative
Target balance	Three months of operating expenses
District Policy	Six months of operating expenses (minus one time expenditures)

Legend

	Input
	Value informed by District budget input (Table 2)
	Formula-based output

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1B. General

Capital Improvement Fund

Purpose	To be used for replacement of Equipment/ Facilities
Funding priority	Low
Minimum balance	Cannot go negative
Target balance	Average annual expenditure increased by Assumption (12) above
District Policy	Combined sum of the 5-year average of previous CIP + 3 mo's budgeted CIP PAYGo

Debt Reserve Fund

Purpose	For acquisition and construction of facilities and infrastructure for new customers.
Funding priority	As needed
Minimum balance	Cannot go negative
Target balance	100% of all deposited funds
District Policy	FY gross revenues 1.2 x the FY aggregate debt service

Retirement Fund

Purpose	Fund retiree benefits
Funding priority	When possible
Minimum balance	Cannot go negative
Target balance	The amount budgeted annually for retiree health care expenses

Emergency Reserve

Purpose	For emergent, unplanned projects brought on by natural disasters or failure of critical system elements
Funding priority	When possible
Minimum balance	Cannot go negative
Target balance	Three months operating expenses

Drought Contingency Fund

Purpose	For additional cash flow when drought creates reduction of revenue
Funding priority	Low
Minimum balance	Cannot go negative
Target balance	\$500,000

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2. Rev Req

Account #	Esc. Factors		Budgeted	Projected					Notes
	Tbl 1B	Tbl 1B	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	FY 2029-30	FY 2030-31	
SFPUC Water Purchases									
Quantity Charge	e		\$5,800,000	\$6,368,785	\$6,839,033	\$7,063,934	\$7,217,275	\$7,544,404	FY 25-26 per District budget
Service Charge	a		\$46,500	\$47,895	\$49,332	\$50,812	\$52,336	\$53,906	Per District budget
BAWSCA Surcharge	a		\$483,156	\$497,651	\$512,580	\$527,958	\$543,796	\$560,110	Per 2026-27 per SFPUC Rate Notice Letter
Water Management Charge (through 2/2026)			\$21,376	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Per 2026-27 per SFPUC Rate Notice Letter
Subtotal, SFPUC Water Purchases			\$6,351,032	\$6,914,331	\$7,400,945	\$7,642,703	\$7,813,408	\$8,158,420	
				8.9%	7.0%	3.3%	2.2%	4.4%	
Salaries & Benefits									
5111 Regular Salary	c		\$2,805,000	\$2,889,150	\$2,975,825	\$3,065,099	\$3,157,052	\$3,251,764	
5112 Overtime	c		\$52,000	\$53,560	\$55,167	\$56,822	\$58,526	\$60,282	
5113 Duty	c	d	\$100,000	\$110,210	\$121,462	\$133,864	\$147,531	\$162,594	
5114 Temporary Employment	c		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
5640 Payroll Taxes	c		\$193,500	\$199,305	\$205,284	\$211,443	\$217,786	\$224,320	
5641 Workers Compensation	l		\$45,000	\$48,150	\$51,521	\$55,127	\$58,986	\$63,115	
5642 Health Insurance	c		\$624,000	\$642,720	\$662,002	\$681,862	\$702,317	\$723,387	
5642A Retiree Health Insurance	d		\$315,000	\$337,050	\$360,644	\$385,889	\$412,901	\$441,804	
5643 Employee Retirement	d		\$815,000	\$872,050	\$933,094	\$998,410	\$1,068,299	\$1,143,080	
5644 Retiree COLA Benefit	d		\$94,000	\$100,580	\$107,621	\$115,154	\$123,215	\$131,840	
5645 Director's Health Insurance	l		\$92,000	\$98,440	\$105,331	\$112,704	\$120,593	\$129,035	
5646 Life Insurance	l		\$30,000	\$32,100	\$34,347	\$36,751	\$39,324	\$42,077	
5647 Employee Welfare	l		\$5,000	\$5,350	\$5,725	\$6,125	\$6,554	\$7,013	
5940 Directors Fees			\$17,000	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$17,000	
Subtotal, Salaries & Benefits			\$5,187,500	\$5,405,665	\$5,635,020	\$5,876,249	\$6,130,085	\$6,397,309	
				4.2%	4.2%	4.3%	4.3%	4.4%	
O & M									
5230 Utilities	i	b	\$415,000	\$435,750	\$457,538	\$480,414	\$504,435	\$529,657	
5312 Lab	a		\$45,000	\$46,350	\$47,741	\$49,173	\$50,648	\$52,167	
5314 Regulatory Fees/Other Services - Misc.	a		\$185,000	\$190,550	\$196,267	\$202,154	\$208,219	\$214,466	
5315 Contract Services	a		\$10,000	\$10,300	\$10,609	\$10,927	\$11,255	\$11,593	
5350 Tools & Equipment	a		\$21,000	\$21,630	\$22,279	\$22,947	\$23,636	\$24,345	
5410 Meters	a		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
5411 Asphaltic Materials	a		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
5412 Operating Supplies	a		\$6,000	\$6,180	\$6,365	\$6,556	\$6,753	\$6,956	
5420 Inventory	a		\$135,000	\$139,050	\$143,222	\$147,518	\$151,944	\$156,502	
5513 Payment Center Fees	i	a	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
5514 On-line Payment Fees	a		\$200,000	\$206,000	\$212,180	\$218,545	\$225,102	\$231,855	
5621 Printing & Office Supplies	a		\$15,000	\$15,450	\$15,914	\$16,391	\$16,883	\$17,389	
5623 Telephone	a		\$32,500	\$33,475	\$34,479	\$35,514	\$36,579	\$37,676	
5624 Janitor & Gardener	a		\$35,000	\$36,050	\$37,132	\$38,245	\$39,393	\$40,575	
5627 Postage	a		\$48,000	\$49,440	\$50,923	\$52,451	\$54,024	\$55,645	
5628 General Manager's Expenses	a		\$5,000	\$5,150	\$5,305	\$5,464	\$5,628	\$5,796	
5629 Vehicle Maintenance	a		\$30,000	\$30,900	\$31,827	\$32,782	\$33,765	\$34,778	
5631 Office Building Maintenance	a		\$60,000	\$61,800	\$63,654	\$65,564	\$67,531	\$69,556	
5632 Fuel	a		\$55,000	\$56,650	\$58,350	\$60,100	\$61,903	\$63,760	

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Account #	Esc. Factors Tbl 1B Tbl 1B	Budgeted		Projected				Notes
		FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	FY 2029-30	FY 2030-31	
5635 Staff Training	a	\$30,000	\$30,900	\$31,827	\$32,782	\$33,765	\$34,778	
5650 Office Equipment	a	\$30,000	\$30,900	\$31,827	\$32,782	\$33,765	\$34,778	
5655 Office Equipment Lease	a	\$15,000	\$15,450	\$15,914	\$16,391	\$16,883	\$17,389	
5661 Uniforms & Safety Equip.	a	\$18,500	\$19,055	\$19,627	\$20,215	\$20,822	\$21,447	
5670 Repairs & Maintenance	a	\$100,000	\$103,000	\$106,090	\$109,273	\$112,551	\$115,927	
5675 Flushing	a	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
5725 Rebate Programs	a	\$48,500	\$49,955	\$51,454	\$52,997	\$54,587	\$56,225	
5730 Misc. Supplies	a	\$20,000	\$20,600	\$21,218	\$21,855	\$22,510	\$23,185	
Recycle Water Operations	a	\$8,000	\$8,240	\$8,487	\$8,742	\$9,004	\$9,274	
5735 Emergency Repairs	a	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Subtotal, O & M		\$1,567,500	\$1,622,825	\$1,680,225	\$1,739,782	\$1,801,584	\$1,865,720	
<i>Annual Change</i>			3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.6%	3.6%	
Non-Operating Expenditures								
5620 Advertising	a	\$8,500	\$8,755	\$9,018	\$9,288	\$9,567	\$9,854	
5522 Bad Debt Write-Off	a	\$20,000	\$20,600	\$21,218	\$21,855	\$22,510	\$23,185	
5523 Bad Debt Recovery	a	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
5622 Utilities	a	\$20,000	\$20,600	\$21,218	\$21,855	\$22,510	\$23,185	
5625 Meetings & Conferences	a	\$2,500	\$2,575	\$2,652	\$2,732	\$2,814	\$2,898	
5626 Dues & Membership	a	\$60,000	\$61,800	\$63,654	\$65,564	\$67,531	\$69,556	
5626A BAWSCA Dues	a	\$106,500	\$109,695	\$112,986	\$116,375	\$119,867	\$123,463	
5630 Insurance	f	\$165,000	\$173,250	\$181,913	\$191,008	\$200,559	\$210,586	
5637 Billing	a	\$140,000	\$144,200	\$148,526	\$152,982	\$157,571	\$162,298	
5680 Engineering Fees	a	\$175,000	\$125,000	\$128,750	\$132,613	\$136,591	\$196,963	
5681 Legal Fees	a	\$120,000	\$123,600	\$127,308	\$131,127	\$135,061	\$139,113	
5682 Auditing & Accounting Fees	a	\$30,000	\$30,900	\$31,827	\$32,782	\$33,765	\$34,778	
5683 Misc. Professional Fees	a	\$425,000	\$245,000	\$252,350	\$259,921	\$267,718	\$557,087	
5685 Water Education	a	\$15,000	\$15,450	\$15,914	\$16,391	\$16,883	\$17,389	
5687 Water Conservation	a	\$35,000	\$36,050	\$37,132	\$38,245	\$39,393	\$40,575	
5720 Taxes & Assessments	a	\$3,000	\$3,090	\$3,183	\$3,278	\$3,377	\$3,478	
5730 Miscellaneous Expense	a	\$6,000	\$6,180	\$6,365	\$6,556	\$6,753	\$6,956	
5731 Books & Publications	a	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
5732 License & Certifications	a	\$2,000	\$2,060	\$2,122	\$2,185	\$2,251	\$2,319	
5733 Meals	a	\$3,500	\$3,605	\$3,713	\$3,825	\$3,939	\$4,057	
5734 Travel & Lodging	a	\$5,000	\$5,150	\$5,305	\$5,464	\$5,628	\$5,796	
5735 Employee Rec Dinner & Awards	a	\$2,500	\$2,575	\$2,652	\$2,732	\$2,814	\$2,898	
5941 Director's Election	a	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	
5942 Director's Conv. & Travel	a	\$8,000	\$8,240	\$8,487	\$8,742	\$9,004	\$9,274	
Subtotal, Non-Operating Expenditures		\$1,352,500	\$1,168,375	\$1,186,291	\$1,245,518	\$1,266,104	\$1,665,710	
<i>Annual Change</i>			-13.6%	1.5%	5.0%	1.7%	31.6%	
Total Expenses		\$14,458,532	\$15,111,196	\$15,902,481	\$16,504,253	\$17,011,180	\$18,087,160	
<i>Annual Change</i>			4.5%	5.2%	3.8%	3.1%	6.3%	

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Account #	Esc. Factors		Budgeted	Projected				Notes	
	Tbl 1B	Tbl 1B	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	FY 2029-30		FY 2030-31
Debt Service									
5800	CSCDA RBP 2012 C		\$513,325	\$514,300	\$509,294	\$513,206	\$0	\$0	From Table 7
	2021 Certificates of Participation		\$1,156,000	\$1,159,000	\$1,157,500	\$1,154,800	\$1,165,800	\$1,167,000	From Table 7
	Future Debt - FY 2030-31 Debt Issuance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	From Table 7
	Future Debt - FY 2030-31 Debt Issuance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	From Table 7
Subtotal, Debt Service			\$1,669,325	\$1,673,300	\$1,666,794	\$1,668,006	\$1,165,800	\$1,167,000	
<i>Annual Change</i>				0.2%	-0.4%	0.1%	-30.1%	0.1%	
Non-Rate Revenues									
4210	Fire Standby	h	(\$63,000)	(\$63,000)	(\$63,000)	(\$63,000)	(\$63,000)	(\$63,000)	
4230	Water Connections		(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	
4240	Renewal of Service		(\$21,000)	(\$21,000)	(\$21,000)	(\$21,000)	(\$21,000)	(\$21,000)	
4260	Late Charges		(\$70,000)	(\$70,000)	(\$70,000)	(\$70,000)	(\$70,000)	(\$70,000)	
4870	Miscellaneous Revenues		(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)	
4910	Lease Revenues	h	(\$260,000)	(\$262,600)	(\$265,226)	(\$267,878)	(\$270,557)	(\$273,263)	
4930	Taxes & Assessments	h	(\$1,385,000)	(\$1,398,850)	(\$1,412,839)	(\$1,426,967)	(\$1,441,237)	(\$1,455,649)	
4980	Transmission & Storage		(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)	
	Intertie Water Offset		\$0	(\$1,270,920)	(\$568,650)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Subtotal, Revenue			(\$1,974,000)	(\$3,261,370)	(\$2,575,715)	(\$2,023,845)	(\$2,040,794)	(\$2,057,912)	
Other Transfers to/(from)									
	Transfer to/(from) Capital Improvement Fund		\$3,318,364	\$2,478,190	\$2,478,190	\$2,478,190	\$2,478,190	\$2,478,190	From Table 4
	Transfer to/(from) Operating Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	From Table 4
	Transfer to/(from) Retirement Fund (GASB 45)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	From Table 4
	Transfer to/(from) Emergency Reserve		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	From Table 4
Total Transfers			\$3,318,364	\$2,478,190	\$2,478,190	\$2,478,190	\$2,478,190	\$2,478,190	
<i>Annual Change</i>					0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Net Revenue Requirement			\$17,472,221	\$16,001,316	\$17,471,750	\$18,626,603	\$18,614,376	\$19,674,438	To Table 3
<i>Annual Change</i>				-8.4%	9.2%	6.6%	-0.1%	5.7%	
<i>Cumulative Change</i>				-8.4%	0.0%	6.6%	6.5%	12.6%	

**North Coast County Water District
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3A. Rev Increase**

		FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	FY 2029-30	FY 2030-31	Notes
Rate Revenue @ Current Rates								
Revenue from Current Rates		\$14,785,108	\$14,785,108	\$14,796,267	\$14,807,427	\$14,818,586	\$14,829,745	
Revenue Requirement		\$17,472,221	\$16,001,316	\$17,471,750	\$18,626,603	\$18,614,376	\$19,674,438	
Surplus/(Deficit)		(\$2,687,113)	(\$1,216,208)	(\$2,675,483)	(\$3,819,177)	(\$3,795,790)	(\$4,844,693)	
Increase in Revenue from Rates								
		0.0%	7.0%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	from Table 1A
Revenue from Current Rates		\$14,785,108	\$14,785,108	\$14,796,267	\$14,807,427	\$14,818,586	\$14,829,745	
Revenue from Rate Increases								
FY 2026-27 (eff. August 1, 2026)	11		\$948,711	\$1,035,739	\$1,036,520	\$1,037,301	\$1,038,082	
FY 2027-28 (eff. July 1, 2027)	12			\$949,920	\$950,637	\$951,353	\$952,070	
FY 2028-29 (eff. July 1, 2028)	12				\$1,007,675	\$1,008,434	\$1,009,194	
FY 2029-30 (eff. July 1, 2029)	12					\$1,068,940	\$1,069,745	
FY 2030-31 (eff. July 1, 2030)	12						\$1,133,930	
Subtotal - Revenue from Rate Increases		\$0	\$948,711	\$1,985,659	\$2,994,832	\$4,066,029	\$5,203,021	
Total Rate Revenue		\$14,785,108	\$15,733,819	\$16,781,926	\$17,802,258	\$18,884,615	\$20,032,767	
Net Revenue Requirements		(\$17,472,221)	(\$16,001,316)	(\$17,471,750)	(\$18,626,603)	(\$18,614,376)	(\$19,674,438)	
Surplus/(Deficit) after Rate Increase		(\$2,687,113)	(\$267,497)	(\$689,824)	(\$824,345)	\$270,239	\$358,329	
FY 2026-27 Revenue at 12 months of COS rates								
Revenue Requirement			\$15,820,065					
Difference due to delayed increase			<u>(\$16,001,316)</u>					
				(\$181,250)	<i>to Table 8</i>			

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 3B. Current Rev

		Growth							
		Tbl 1B	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	FY 2029-30	FY 2030-31	Notes
Supply and Distribution Revenues									
Meter Accounts									
5/8"	j		11,242	11,242	11,269	11,296	11,323	11,350	
3/4"	j		320	320	321	322	323	324	
1"	j		682	682	684	686	688	690	
1.5"	j		75	75	75	75	75	75	
2"	j		88	88	88	88	88	88	
3"	j		17	17	17	17	17	17	
4"	j		6	6	6	6	6	6	
6"	j		4	4	4	4	4	4	
8"	j		1	1	1	1	1	1	
Bi-Monthly Supply and Distribution Charges									
5/8"			\$60.18	\$60.18	\$60.18	\$60.18	\$60.18	\$60.18	From Table 1A
3/4"			\$66.26	\$66.26	\$66.26	\$66.26	\$66.26	\$66.26	
1"			\$84.39	\$84.39	\$84.39	\$84.39	\$84.39	\$84.39	
1.5"			\$108.46	\$108.46	\$108.46	\$108.46	\$108.46	\$108.46	
2"			\$175.18	\$175.18	\$175.18	\$175.18	\$175.18	\$175.18	
3"			\$662.52	\$662.52	\$662.52	\$662.52	\$662.52	\$662.52	
4"			\$843.45	\$843.45	\$843.45	\$843.45	\$843.45	\$843.45	
6"			\$1,265.21	\$1,265.21	\$1,265.21	\$1,265.21	\$1,265.21	\$1,265.21	
8"			\$1,747.17	\$1,747.17	\$1,747.17	\$1,747.17	\$1,747.17	\$1,747.17	
Annual Supply and Distribution Charge Revenue									
5/8"			\$4,059,261	\$4,059,261	\$4,069,011	\$4,078,760	\$4,088,509	\$4,098,258	
3/4"			\$127,219	\$127,219	\$127,617	\$128,014	\$128,412	\$128,809	
1"			\$345,324	\$345,324	\$346,337	\$347,349	\$348,362	\$349,375	
1.5"			\$48,807	\$48,807	\$48,807	\$48,807	\$48,807	\$48,807	
2"			\$92,495	\$92,495	\$92,495	\$92,495	\$92,495	\$92,495	
3"			\$67,577	\$67,577	\$67,577	\$67,577	\$67,577	\$67,577	
4"			\$30,364	\$30,364	\$30,364	\$30,364	\$30,364	\$30,364	
6"			\$30,365	\$30,365	\$30,365	\$30,365	\$30,365	\$30,365	
8"			\$10,483	\$10,483	\$10,483	\$10,483	\$10,483	\$10,483	
Total Annual Supply and Distribution Charge Revenue			\$4,811,896	\$4,811,896	\$4,823,055	\$4,834,215	\$4,845,374	\$4,856,533	
Water Usage Revenues			FY 2024-25						
Single Family Residential Water Use									
0-5 hcf	m		305,357	305,357	305,357	305,357	305,357	305,357	
6-9 hcf	m		163,323	163,323	163,323	163,323	163,323	163,323	
10-13 hcf	m		86,232	86,232	86,232	86,232	86,232	86,232	
Over 13 hcf	m		79,387	79,387	79,387	79,387	79,387	79,387	

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 3B. Current Rev

	Growth						Notes	
		Tbl 1B	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29		FY 2029-30
Single Family Residential Water Usage Charges								
0-5 hcf		\$7.28	\$7.28	\$7.28	\$7.28	\$7.28	\$7.28	From Table 1A
6-9 hcf		\$10.77	\$10.77	\$10.77	\$10.77	\$10.77	\$10.77	
10-13 hcf		\$14.44	\$14.44	\$14.44	\$14.44	\$14.44	\$14.44	
Over 13 hcf		\$17.67	\$17.67	\$17.67	\$17.67	\$17.67	\$17.67	
Annual Single Family Residential Water Usage Charges Revenue								
0-5 hcf		\$2,222,999	\$2,222,999	\$2,222,999	\$2,222,999	\$2,222,999	\$2,222,999	
6-9 hcf		\$1,758,989	\$1,758,989	\$1,758,989	\$1,758,989	\$1,758,989	\$1,758,989	
10-13 hcf		\$1,245,190	\$1,245,190	\$1,245,190	\$1,245,190	\$1,245,190	\$1,245,190	
Over 13 hcf		\$1,402,768	\$1,402,768	\$1,402,768	\$1,402,768	\$1,402,768	\$1,402,768	
Commercial/MU/Other Water Use	n	295,144	295,144	295,144	295,144	295,144	295,144	
Commercial/MU/Other Water Usage Charges								
Uniform Rate		\$10.06	\$10.06	\$10.06	\$10.06	\$10.06	\$10.06	
Annual Commercial/MU/Other Water Usage Charges Revenue								
		\$2,969,149	\$2,969,149	\$2,969,149	\$2,969,149	\$2,969,149	\$2,969,149	
Irrigation Water Use	p	25,877	25,877	25,877	25,877	25,877	25,877	
Commercial/MU/Other Water Usage Charges								
Uniform Rate		\$10.06	\$10.06	\$10.06	\$10.06	\$10.06	\$10.06	
Annual Irrigation Water Usage Charges Revenue								
		\$260,323	\$260,323	\$260,323	\$260,323	\$260,323	\$260,323	
Recycled Water Use	o	12,574	12,574	12,574	12,574	12,574	12,574	
Recycled Water Usage Charges								
Uniform Rate		\$9.05	\$9.05	\$9.05	\$9.05	\$9.05	\$9.05	
Annual Recycled Water Usage Charges Revenue								
		\$113,795	\$113,795	\$113,795	\$113,795	\$113,795	\$113,795	
Total Annual Usage Charges Revenue		\$9,973,212	\$9,973,212	\$9,973,212	\$9,973,212	\$9,973,212	\$9,973,212	
Total Annual Rate Revenue at Current Rates		\$14,785,108	\$14,785,108	\$14,796,267	\$14,807,427	\$14,818,586	\$14,829,745	

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 4. Reserves

Tbl 1B	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	FY 2029-30	FY 2030-31	Notes
Reserve Funds With Rate Increases								
Operating Reserve								
Beginning Balance		\$7,481,298	\$4,985,952	\$4,860,009	\$4,253,589	\$3,497,829	\$3,843,429	
Surplus/(Deficit)		(\$2,687,113)	(\$267,497)	(\$689,824)	(\$824,345)	\$270,239	\$358,329	From Table 3
Transfers (To)/From								
Revenue Requirements								To Table 2
Capital Improvement Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	From Below
Bond Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	From Below
Retirement Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	From Below
Emergency Reserve		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	From Below
Subtotal		\$4,794,185	\$4,718,455	\$4,170,185	\$3,429,244	\$3,768,067	\$4,201,757	
Estimated Interest Earnings	g	\$191,767	\$141,554	\$83,404	\$68,585	\$75,361	\$84,035	
Ending Balance		\$7,481,298	\$4,985,952	\$4,860,009	\$4,253,589	\$3,497,829	\$4,285,792	
<i>Minimum Balance (6 mo. operations)</i>		\$7,229,266	\$7,555,598	\$7,951,240	\$8,252,126	\$8,505,590	\$9,043,580	6 months of operating expenses
Capital Improvement Fund								
Beginning Balance		\$2,541,698	\$2,643,366	\$4,195,897	\$4,161,712	\$2,884,663	\$2,458,426	
Expenses								
PAYGo-Funded Projects		(\$3,318,364)	(\$1,047,870)	(\$2,593,977)	(\$3,811,801)	(\$2,952,631)	(\$1,984,671)	From Table 5
Transfers (To)/From								
Revenue Requirements		\$3,318,364	\$2,478,190	\$2,478,190	\$2,478,190	\$2,478,190	\$2,478,190	To Table 2
Operating Reserve		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	To Above
Subtotal		\$2,541,698	\$4,073,686	\$4,080,110	\$2,828,101	\$2,410,222	\$2,951,945	
Estimated Interest Earnings	g	\$101,668	\$122,211	\$81,602	\$56,562	\$48,204	\$59,039	
Ending Balance		\$2,541,698	\$2,643,366	\$4,195,897	\$4,161,712	\$2,884,663	\$3,010,984	
<i>Target Balance</i>	k	\$3,327,248	\$2,397,527	\$2,620,581	\$3,059,566	\$3,319,050	\$3,241,096	Combined sum of the 5-year average of previous CIP + 3 mo's budgeted
Debt Reserve Fund								
Beginning Balance		\$2,002,320	\$2,082,413	\$2,144,885	\$2,187,783	\$2,231,539	\$2,276,169	
Expenses								
Bond Funded Projects		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	From Table 5
Transfer (To)/From Operating Reserve								
Subtotal		\$2,002,320	\$2,082,413	\$2,144,885	\$2,187,783	\$2,231,539	\$2,276,169	To Above
Estimated Interest Earnings	g	\$80,093	\$62,472	\$42,898	\$43,756	\$44,631	\$45,523	
Ending Balance		\$2,002,320	\$2,082,413	\$2,144,885	\$2,187,783	\$2,231,539	\$2,321,693	
<i>Target Balance (1.2 x 1 yr debt service pymt)</i>		\$524,575	\$2,003,190	\$2,007,960	\$2,000,153	\$2,001,607	\$1,398,960	\$1,400,400
Emergency Fund								
Beginning Balance		\$3,556,075	\$3,698,318	\$3,809,268	\$3,885,453	\$3,963,162	\$4,042,425	
Transfers (To)/From								
Revenue Requirements		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	To Ta
g Reserve		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	To Above
Subtotal		\$3,556,075	\$3,698,318	\$3,809,268	\$3,885,453	\$3,963,162	\$4,042,425	
Estimated Interest Earnings	g	\$142,243	\$110,950	\$76,185	\$77,709	\$79,263	\$80,849	
Ending Balance		\$3,556,075	\$3,698,318	\$3,809,268	\$3,885,453	\$3,963,162	\$4,123,274	
<i>Target Balance (3 mo. operations)</i>		\$3,614,633	\$3,777,799	\$3,975,620	\$4,126,063	\$4,252,795	\$4,521,790	
Retirement Fund (OPEB)								
Beginning Balance		\$285,000	\$296,400	\$305,292	\$311,398	\$317,626	\$323,978	
Transfers (To)/From								
Revenue Requirements		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	To Table 2
Operating Reserve		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	To Above
Subtotal		\$285,000	\$296,400	\$305,292	\$311,398	\$317,626	\$323,978	
Estimated Interest Earnings	g	\$11,400	\$8,892	\$6,106	\$6,228	\$6,353	\$6,480	
Ending Balance		\$285,000	\$296,400	\$305,292	\$311,398	\$317,626	\$330,458	
<i>Target Balance</i>		\$315,000	\$315,000	\$315,000	\$315,000	\$315,000	\$315,000	Per Board policy of annual amount approved.
Estimated Interest Revenue		\$384,928	\$335,129	\$214,009	\$175,131	\$174,549	\$195,077	To Table 6
Total Reserves Without Increase								
		\$15,581,391	\$13,658,507	\$14,251,580	\$11,689,516	\$6,720,983	\$2,629,203	(\$1,530,081)
Total Reserves with Increase								
		\$15,581,391	\$13,706,449	\$15,315,350	\$14,799,935	\$12,894,818	\$12,944,428	\$14,072,201
Minimum Balance								
		\$9,232,456	\$9,232,456	\$9,563,558	\$9,951,393	\$10,253,734	\$9,904,550	\$10,443,980
Target Balance								
		\$16,489,337	\$16,489,337	\$16,053,884	\$16,862,594	\$17,754,362	\$17,791,395	\$18,521,866

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 5. CIP

Project Name	Account No.	Project Type	Budgeted		Projected			Allocation Factor	Funding Source	
			FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	FY 2029-30			FY 2030-31
21" Transmission Main Pipeline Project	1117-130	Potable Piping Improvements		\$50,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	Max Hour	PAYGo
Emergency Pipeline Repairs	1117-145	Potable Piping Improvements	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	Services	PAYGo
Loop at Everglades Dr. Pipeline Replacement	1117-149	Potable Piping Improvements	\$714,364						Max Hour	PAYGo
Pressure Zone 1 Transmission Line Evaluation	1117-149	Potable Piping Improvements	\$0		\$100,000				Max Hour	PAYGo
Annual Pipeline CIP				\$300,000	\$300,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	Max Hour	PAYGo
Vehicle Replacement - Pickup Trucks	1118-122B	Miscellaneous Projects	\$215,000	\$55,000	\$120,000	\$400,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	Services	PAYGo
Automated Metering Infrastructure Upgrade	1118-135	Miscellaneous Projects	\$700,000						Capacity	PAYGo
Water System Hydraulic Model Update & Integration with GIS	1118-160	Miscellaneous Projects	\$120,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$50,000	\$20,000	Services	PAYGo
Sheila Tank - Construction	1117-135	Potable Storage Tank/Reservoir Projects	\$955,000						Max Day	PAYGo
Fassler Tank - Design / Construction	1117-137	Reservoir Construction Projects	\$150,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$500,000	\$0		Max Day	PAYGo
Christen Hill Tank Exterior Painting Project	1117-134	Potable Storage Tank/Reservoir Projects	\$0	\$0				\$0	Max Day	PAYGo
Park Pacifica Tank and Pump Station Upgrades	1117-118A	Potable Storage Tank/Reservoir Projects	\$150,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0			Max Day	PAYGo
Second Royce Tank Design and Construction		Potable Storage Tank/Reservoir Projects				\$0	\$0	\$340,000	Max Day	PAYGo
Tank Recoating (Hickey, Tapis, Vallemar)		Potable Storage Tank/Reservoir Projects		\$150,000	\$1,200,000	\$0	\$0		Services	PAYGo
Tank Recoating (Hickey, Tapis, Vallemar)		Potable Storage Tank/Reservoir Projects			\$0	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$0	Services	PAYGo
Reservoir Site Paving Project (Annual)	1117-112	Annual Projects	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	Max Hour	PAYGo
Reservoir Fence Maintenance (Annual)	1117-113	Annual Projects	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	Max Hour	PAYGo
Annual Valve Exercise Program	1117-145	Annual Projects	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Services	PAYGo
Annual Flushing & Dead-end Blow Off Project	1117-145	Annual Projects	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	Services	PAYGo
Easement Protection(Annual Program)	1117-165	Annual Projects	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	Services	PAYGo
Meter Replacement Program	1117-169	Annual Projects	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	Capacity	PAYGo
Fire Hydrant Replacement Project	1117-170	Annual Projects	\$50,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	Services	PAYGo
Pressure Regulator Station Upgrades	1117-183B	Annual Projects	\$10,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	Max Day	PAYGo
Francisco Headquarters Upgrade	1118-112B	Building Project	\$3,580,000						Services	Existing Bond
Computer Upgrades/SCADA, Office	1118-172B	Building Project	\$20,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	Services	PAYGo
Recycled Water	1116-201B	Recycled Water Project	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	Max Day	PAYGo
San Pedro Creek Feasibility Study	1116-610A	Water Availability Study	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000			Average Day	PAYGo
Equipment (Fog Collectors)	1118-130	Water Availability Study	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000		Average Day	PAYGo
Placeholder				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		PAYGo
Total			\$6,898,364	\$1,014,000	\$2,429,000	\$3,454,000	\$2,589,000	\$1,684,000		
Construction Cost Inflation			1.00	1.03	1.07	1.10	1.14	1.18		
Escalated Capital Total			\$6,898,364	\$1,047,870	\$2,593,977	\$3,811,801	\$2,952,631	\$1,984,671		
Escalated Project Totals										
PAYGo			\$3,318,364	\$1,047,870	\$2,593,977	\$3,811,801	\$2,952,631	\$1,984,671	\$15,709,313	
Existing Bond			\$3,580,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,580,000	
Grand Total			\$6,898,364	\$1,047,870	\$2,593,977	\$3,811,801	\$2,952,631	\$1,984,671	\$19,289,313	
check			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Escalated values shown										
Total by Allocation category			FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	FY 2029-30	FY 2030-31	5-Year Total	
Base Day				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Average Day				\$67,171	\$69,415	\$71,733	\$17,107	\$0	\$225,426	
Max Day				\$103,340	\$266,980	\$606,975	\$57,023	\$459,633	\$1,493,950	
Max Hour				\$386,492	\$559,590	\$1,130,076	\$1,167,823	\$1,206,831	\$4,450,813	
Max Hour Only				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Services				\$480,532	\$1,687,313	\$1,991,980	\$1,699,274	\$306,422	\$6,165,521	
Capacity				\$10,334	\$10,679	\$11,036	\$11,405	\$11,785	\$55,239	
			\$1,047,870	\$2,593,977	\$3,811,801	\$2,952,631	\$1,984,671	\$1,984,671	\$12,390,949	

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6. Debt Service**

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	FY 2029-30	FY 2030-31	Notes
CSCDA Pooled Revenue and Bond Program Series 2012C (matures 10/2028)							
Principal	\$460,000	\$475,000	\$485,000	\$505,000	\$0	\$0	
Interest	\$53,325	\$39,300	\$24,294	\$8,206	\$0	\$0	
	\$513,325	\$514,300	\$509,294	\$513,206	\$0	\$0	To Table 2
2021 Certificates of Participation							
Principal	\$400,000	\$420,000	\$435,000	\$450,000	\$470,000	\$490,000	
Interest	\$756,000	\$739,000	\$722,500	\$704,800	\$695,800	\$677,000	
	\$1,156,000	\$1,159,000	\$1,157,500	\$1,154,800	\$1,165,800	\$1,167,000	To Table 2
Total Debt Service	\$1,669,325	\$1,673,300	\$1,666,794	\$1,668,006	\$1,165,800	\$1,167,000	To below
Debt Coverage							
Revenue							
Water Service & Volumetric Charges	\$14,785,108	\$15,733,819	\$16,781,926	\$17,802,258	\$18,884,615	\$20,032,767	From Table 3
Fire Standby	\$63,000	\$63,000	\$63,000	\$63,000	\$63,000	\$63,000	From Table 3
Water Connections	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	From Table 3
Renewal of Service	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$21,000	From Table 3
Late Charges	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	From Table 3
Lease Revenues	\$260,000	\$262,600	\$265,226	\$267,878	\$270,557	\$273,263	From Table 3
Taxes & Assessments	\$1,385,000	\$1,398,850	\$1,412,839	\$1,426,967	\$1,441,237	\$1,455,649	From Table 3
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	From Table 3
Storage & Transmission	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	From Table 4
Estimated Interest Earnings	\$384,928	\$335,129	\$214,009	\$175,131	\$174,549	\$195,077	From Table 4
Total Revenue	\$17,144,036	\$18,059,397	\$19,003,000	\$20,001,234	\$21,099,958	\$22,285,755	
Expenses							
SFPUC Water Purchases	\$6,351,032	\$6,914,331	\$7,400,945	\$7,642,703	\$7,813,408	\$8,158,420	From Table 2
Salaries & Benefits	\$3,963,500	\$4,095,985	\$4,233,662	\$4,376,797	\$4,525,670	\$4,680,586	From Table 2
O & M	\$1,567,500	\$1,622,825	\$1,680,225	\$1,739,782	\$1,801,584	\$1,865,720	From Table 2
Pension /Health/GASB 45 Benefits	\$1,224,000	\$1,309,680	\$1,401,358	\$1,499,453	\$1,604,414	\$1,716,723	From Table 2
Non-Operating Expenditures	\$1,352,500	\$1,168,375	\$1,186,291	\$1,245,518	\$1,266,104	\$1,665,710	From Table 2
Total Expenses	\$14,458,532	\$15,111,196	\$15,902,481	\$16,504,253	\$17,011,180	\$18,087,160	
Net Operating Cash Flow	\$2,685,504	\$2,948,202	\$3,100,520	\$3,496,981	\$4,088,778	\$4,198,595	
Debt Service	\$1,669,325	\$1,673,300	\$1,666,794	\$1,668,006	\$1,165,800	\$1,167,000	From Above
Coverage Ratio	1.61	1.76	1.86	2.10	3.51	3.60	Minimum 1.20x

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7. Load Factors**

FACTORS

	Base Non-Seasonal Day	Average Day	Maximum Day	Maximum Hour
Flow (HCF/Day)				
Residential	1,633	1,738	2,360	3,635
Non-Residential	756	809	1,097	1,689
Irrigation	13	71	153	236
Recycled Water	3	34	92	142
Total	2,406	2,652	3,702	5,702

FY 2024-25 water use

	Total	Non-Seasonal	Seasonal	Max. Bill Period	Max Summer Bill
Total Water	967,973	878,034	89,939	179,095	2,936
Residential	634,299	596,046	38,253	114,171	1,872
Commercial	295,223	275,880	19,343	53,060	870
Irrigation	25,877	4,884	20,993	7,399	121
Recycled Water	12,574	1,224	11,350	4,465	73

Load Factors

	Ratio of Flows to Average Day	Ratio of Flows to Base Non-Seasonal Day	Maximum Day	Maximum Hour
Ratio of Flows to Average Day				
Residential	0.94	1.00	1.36	2.09
Non-Residential	0.93	1.00	1.36	2.09
Irrigation	0.19	1.00	2.16	3.32
Recycled Water	0.10	1.00	2.68	4.13
Total	0.91	1.00	1.40	2.15
Ratio of Flows to Base Non-Seasonal Day				
Residential	1.00	1.06	1.45	2.23
Commercial ¹	1.00	1.07	1.45	2.23
Irrigation	1.00	5.30	11.43	17.60
Recycled Water	1.00	10.27	27.53	42.39
Total	1.00	1.10	1.54	2.37

Peak Day vs. Avg. Day

Residential	1.08
Non-Resi	1.08
Irrigation	1.71
Rec. Water	2.12
Total	1.11

Note

Maximum Day: Avg Day ratio calculated using District SCADA data - average of CY 2024, 2025

Max Hour: Max Day ratio calculated District SCADA data - average of CY 2024 and 2025 data

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7. Load Factors**

	Base Day	Avg. Day	Max. Day	Max. Hour	
Residential Load Factors	1.00	1.06	1.45	2.23	
Base (Non-seasonal Avg)	100.0%				100.0%
Avg Day	94.0%	6.0%			100.0%
Max Day	69.2%	4.4%	26.4%		100.0%
Max Hour	44.9%	2.9%	17.1%	35.1%	100.0%
Commercial Load Factors	1.00	1.07	1.45	2.23	
Base (Non-seasonal Avg)	100.0%				100.0%
Avg Day	93.4%	6.6%			100.0%
Max Day	68.9%	4.8%	26.3%		100.0%
Max Hour	44.7%	3.1%	17.1%	35.1%	100.0%
Irrigation Load Factors	1.00	5.30	11.43	17.60	
Base (Non-seasonal Avg)	100.0%				100.0%
Avg Day	18.9%	81.1%			100.0%
Max Day	8.7%	37.6%	53.7%		100.0%
Max Hour	5.7%	24.4%	34.8%	35.1%	100.0%
Recycled Water Load Factors	1.00	10.27	27.53	42.39	
Base (Non-seasonal Avg)	100.0%				100.0%
Avg Day	9.7%	90.3%			100.0%
Max Day	3.6%	33.7%	62.7%		100.0%
Max Hour	2.4%	21.9%	40.7%	35.1%	100.0%
Total Load Factors	1.00	1.10	1.54	2.37	
Base (Non-seasonal Avg)	100.0%				100.0%
Avg Day	90.7%	9.3%			100.0%
Max Day	65.0%	6.7%	28.4%		100.0%
Max Hour	42.2%	4.3%	18.4%	35.1%	100.0%
Flow Per Account (HCF bimonthly)					<u>Accounts</u>
	Base Day	Avg. Day	Max. Day	Max. Hour	
Residential	9	9	12	13+	11,524
Commercial	56	60	82	83+	807
Irrigation	8	43	94	95+	98
Recycled Water	34	344	923	924+	6

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8. Allocations

System-Wide Cost Allocation Factors	Demand Services				Customer Services		Total	Notes
	Base	Average Day	Maximum Day	Maximum Hour	Customer Accounts	Customer Capacity		
Volumetric Allocations								
Base Day	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	
Average Day	90.7%	9.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	
Max Day	65.0%	6.7%	28.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	
Max Hour	42.2%	4.3%	18.4%	35.1%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	
Max Hour Only	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	
Services	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	
Capacity	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
Plant & Distribution Composite	77.7%	8.0%	5.8%	8.1%	0.0%	0.5%	100.0%	
CIP Composite	24.6%	2.5%	10.0%	12.6%	49.8%	0.4%	100.0%	From Table 5
O&M & Capital Composite	56.9%	5.8%	5.7%	7.6%	20.1%	3.8%	100.0%	

FY 2026-27 Estimated Budget	Allocation Factor	Demand Functions				Service Functions		
		Base Day	Average Day	Maximum Day	Maximum Hour	Customer Accounts	Customer Capacity	
O&M Expenses								
<u>110- Plant</u>								
Salaries & Benefits	\$392,430	Average Day	\$355,967	\$36,463	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SFPUC Purchased Water								
Quantity Charge	\$6,368,785	Average Day	\$5,777,031	\$591,754	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Service Charge	\$47,895	Capacity	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$47,895
Utilities	\$367,500	Max Day	\$238,774	\$24,458	\$104,267	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies & Equipment	\$174,070	Max Day	\$113,098	\$11,585	\$49,387	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fees	\$139,050	Average Day	\$126,130	\$12,920	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>120 - Distribution</u>								
Salaries & Benefits	\$1,895,715	Max Hour	\$799,802	\$81,926	\$349,256	\$664,731	\$0	\$0
Utilities	\$68,250	Max Hour	\$28,795	\$2,950	\$12,574	\$23,932	\$0	\$0
Supplies & Equipment	\$284,280	Max Hour	\$119,938	\$12,285	\$52,374	\$99,683	\$0	\$0
Recycle Water Ops.	\$8,240	Max Hour	\$3,476	\$356	\$1,518	\$2,889	\$0	\$0
Fees	\$61,800	Average Day	\$56,058	\$5,742	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$9,808,015		\$7,619,070	\$780,438	\$569,377	\$791,235	\$0	\$47,895
	100% Plant & Distribution Composite		78%	8%	6%	8%	0%	0%
Capital Expenses								
BAWSCA Surcharge	\$497,651	Capacity	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$497,651
PAYGo Projects	\$2,478,190	CIP Composite	\$610,587	\$62,544	\$248,772	\$312,135	\$1,233,104	\$11,048
Existing Debt Service	\$1,673,300	Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,673,300	\$0
Subtotal - Capital Expenses	\$4,649,141		\$610,587	\$62,544	\$248,772	\$312,135	\$2,906,404	\$508,698
Subtotal - O&M and Capital	\$14,457,156		\$8,229,657	\$842,982	\$818,148	\$1,103,370	\$2,906,404	\$556,593
	100% O&M & Capital Composite		56.9%	5.8%	5.7%	7.6%	20.1%	3.8%
<u>130 - Admin</u>								
Salaries & Benefits	\$3,117,520	O&M & Capital Composite	\$1,774,631	\$181,779	\$176,424	\$237,929	\$626,733	\$120,023
Utilities	\$20,600	O&M & Capital Composite	\$11,726	\$1,201	\$1,166	\$1,572	\$4,141	\$793
Supplies & Equipment	\$263,680	O&M & Capital Composite	\$150,098	\$15,375	\$14,922	\$20,124	\$53,009	\$10,152
Fees	\$206,000	O&M & Capital Composite	\$117,264	\$12,012	\$11,658	\$15,722	\$41,413	\$7,931
Rebate program	\$49,955	O&M & Capital Composite	\$28,437	\$2,913	\$2,827	\$3,813	\$10,043	\$1,923
General & Administrative	\$1,147,775	O&M & Capital Composite	\$653,365	\$66,926	\$64,954	\$87,598	\$230,744	\$44,189
	\$4,805,530		\$2,735,522	\$280,206	\$271,951	\$366,758	\$966,083	\$185,011
Subtotal - O&M and Capital	\$19,262,686		\$10,965,179	\$1,123,188	\$1,090,099	\$1,470,128	\$3,872,487	\$741,604
Non-Operating Revenue								
Fire Standby	(\$63,000)	Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$63,000)	\$0
Water Connections	(\$25,000)	Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$25,000)	\$0
Renewal of Service	(\$21,000)	Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$21,000)	\$0
Late Charges	(\$70,000)	O&M & Capital Composite	(\$39,847)	(\$4,082)	(\$3,961)	(\$5,342)	(\$14,072)	(\$2,695)
Miscellaneous Revenues	(\$75,000)	O&M & Capital Composite	(\$42,693)	(\$4,373)	(\$4,244)	(\$5,724)	(\$15,078)	(\$2,887)
Lease Revenues	(\$262,600)	O&M & Capital Composite	(\$149,484)	(\$15,312)	(\$14,861)	(\$20,042)	(\$52,792)	(\$10,110)
Taxes & Assessments	(\$1,398,850)	O&M & Capital Composite	(\$796,288)	(\$81,566)	(\$79,163)	(\$106,760)	(\$281,219)	(\$53,855)
Transmission & Storage	(\$75,000)	O&M & Capital Composite	(\$42,693)	(\$4,373)	(\$4,244)	(\$5,724)	(\$15,078)	(\$2,887)
Intertie Water Offset	(\$1,270,920)	Base Day	(\$1,270,920)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	(\$3,261,370)		(\$2,341,925)	(\$109,705)	(\$106,474)	(\$143,592)	(\$487,239)	(\$72,435)
Transfer to/(from) Reserves	(\$181,250)	O&M & Capital Composite	(\$103,176)	(\$10,569)	(\$10,257)	(\$13,833)	(\$36,438)	(\$6,978)
Total Revenue Requirement	\$15,820,065		\$8,520,078	\$1,002,914	\$973,368	\$1,312,703	\$3,348,811	\$662,191
						\$11,809,063 75%		\$4,011,002 25%

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9a. Service Charges

Services and EMU Summary

Applicable Service Size	Commercial	Residential	Irrigation	Public	Multi Unit	Portable Meter	Recycled Water	Services	Meter Ratings (gpm)	Capacity Multiplier	EMUs
								a	b	c = b ÷ 20	d = a x c
5/8" Meters	266	10,736	50	31	151	8	0	11,242	20	1.00	11,242
3/4" Meters	13	248	4	2	53	0	0	320	30	1.50	480
1" Meters	54	537	15	18	57	0	1	682	50	2.50	1,705
1.5" Meters	24	1	11	8	31	0	0	75	100	5.00	375
2" Meters	22	2	17	22	23	0	2	88	160	8.00	704
3" Meters	1	0	0	0	6	10	0	17	435	21.75	370
4" Meters	0	0	1	1	1	0	3	6	750	37.50	225
6" Meters	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	1,600	80.00	320
8" Meters	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2,800	140.00	140
10" Meters	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,200	210.00	0
12" Meters	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,300	265.00	0
Total Accounts/DUs	380	11,524	98	87	322	18	6	12,435		Total EMUs	15,561

Customer + Public Fire Protection Units Costs **\$3,348,811**
 Total Services 12,435
 per Service/DU **\$269.31**
 Bi-monthly **\$44.88**

Units Costs **\$662,191**
 EMUs 15,561
 per EMU **\$42.56**
 Bi-monthly **\$7.09**

Service Charge Component Calculation

Applicable Service Size	% of Meters	Service Component (\$/bill)	Capacity Component			COS		Total		% Difference
			\$/EMU	Capacity Multiplier	Capacity Total	Service Charges (\$/bill)	Current Charge	\$ Difference		
		a	b	c	d = b x c	e = a + d	g	h = e - f		
5/8" Meters	90.4%	\$44.88	\$7.09	1.00	\$7.09	\$51.98	\$60.18	(\$8.20)	-13.6%	
3/4" Meters	2.6%	\$44.88	\$7.09	1.50	\$10.64	\$55.52	\$66.26	(\$10.74)	-16.2%	
1" Meters	5.5%	\$44.88	\$7.09	2.50	\$17.73	\$62.62	\$84.39	(\$21.77)	-25.8%	
1.5" Meters	0.6%	\$44.88	\$7.09	5.00	\$35.46	\$80.35	\$108.46	(\$28.11)	-25.9%	
2" Meters	0.7%	\$44.88	\$7.09	8.00	\$56.74	\$101.62	\$175.18	(\$73.56)	-42.0%	
3" Meters	0.1%	\$44.88	\$7.09	21.75	\$154.26	\$199.15	\$662.52	(\$463.37)	-69.9%	
4" Meters	0.0%	\$44.88	\$7.09	37.50	\$265.97	\$310.85	\$843.45	(\$532.60)	-63.1%	
6" Meters	0.0%	\$44.88	\$7.09	80.00	\$567.40	\$612.29	\$1,265.21	(\$652.92)	-51.6%	
8" Meters	0.0%	\$44.88	\$7.09	140.00	\$992.96	\$1,037.84	\$1,747.17	(\$709.33)	-40.6%	
10" Meters	0.0%	\$44.88	\$7.09	210.00	\$1,489.43	\$1,534.32	\$2,349.76	(\$815.44)	-34.7%	
12" Meters	0.0%	\$44.88	\$7.09	265.00	\$1,879.52	\$1,924.41	\$2,952.35	(\$1,027.94)	-34.8%	
				Total EMUs						

Bi-Monthly Supply and Distribution Charges

5/8"	\$60.18
3/4"	\$66.26
1"	\$84.39
1.5"	\$108.46
2"	\$175.18
3"	\$662.52
4"	\$843.45
6"	\$1,265.21
8"	\$1,747.17

COS Revenue

Applicable Service Size	Commercial Services	Annual Revenue	Residential Services	Annual Revenue	Irrigation Accounts	Annual Revenue	Public Services	Annual Revenue	Multi Unit Services	Annual Revenue	Portable Services	Annual Revenue	Rec. Wat Services	Annual Revenue
5/8" Meters	266	\$82,955	10,736	\$3,348,134	50	\$15,593	31	\$9,668	151	\$47,091	8	\$2,495	0	\$0
3/4" Meters	13	\$4,331	248	\$82,618	4	\$1,333	2	\$666	53	\$17,656	0	\$0	0	\$0
1" Meters	54	\$20,287	537	\$201,747	15	\$5,635	18	\$6,762	57	\$21,415	0	\$0	1	\$376
1.5" Meters	24	\$11,570	1	\$482	11	\$5,303	8	\$3,857	31	\$14,945	0	\$0	0	\$0
2" Meters	22	\$13,414	2	\$1,219	17	\$10,366	22	\$13,414	23	\$14,024	0	\$0	2	\$1,219
3" Meters	1	\$1,195	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	6	\$7,169	10	\$11,949	0	\$0
4" Meters	0	\$0	0	\$0	1	\$1,865	1	\$1,865	1	\$1,865	0	\$0	3	\$5,595
6" Meters	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	4	\$14,695	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
8" Meters	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	1	\$6,227	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
10" Meters	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
12" Meters	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
		\$133,752		\$3,634,201		\$40,095		\$57,155		\$124,165		\$14,444		\$7,191

Current Revenue

FY 25-26 Current Revenue

Applicable Service Size	Commercial Services	Annual Revenue	Residential Services	Annual Revenue	Irrigation Accounts	Annual Revenue	Public Services	Annual Revenue	Multi Unit Services	Annual Revenue	Portable Services	Annual Revenue	Rec. Wat Services	Annual Revenue	
5/8" Meters	266	\$96,047	10,736	\$3,876,555	50	\$18,054	31	\$11,193	151	\$54,523	8	\$2,889	0	\$0	
3/4" Meters	13	\$5,168	248	\$98,595	4	\$1,590	2	\$795	53	\$21,071	0	\$0	0	\$0	
1" Meters	54	\$27,342	537	\$271,905	15	\$7,595	18	\$9,114	57	\$28,861	0	\$0	1	\$506	
1.5" Meters	24	\$15,618	1	\$651	11	\$7,158	8	\$5,206	31	\$20,174	0	\$0	0	\$0	
2" Meters	22	\$23,124	2	\$2,102	17	\$17,868	22	\$23,124	23	\$24,175	0	\$0	2	\$2,102	
3" Meters	1	\$3,975	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	6	\$23,851	10	\$39,751	0	\$0	
4" Meters	0	\$0	0	\$0	1	\$5,061	1	\$5,061	1	\$5,061	0	\$0	3	\$15,182	
8" Meters	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	1	\$10,483	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	
		380	171,275	11,524	4,249,807	98	57,327	87	95,341	322	177,715	18	42,640	6	17,791

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 9b. Volume Charges

Consumption Charge Cost of Service	Base Day	Average Day	Max Day	Max Hour	Total
Operations & Maintenance	\$10,354,592	\$1,060,644	\$841,328	\$1,157,993	\$13,414,557
Capital Expenses (PayGo)	\$610,587	\$62,544	\$248,772	\$312,135	\$1,234,038
Non-Operating Revenue	(\$2,341,925)	(\$109,705)	(\$106,474)	(\$143,592)	(\$2,701,696)
Transfers to/(from) Reserves	(\$103,176)	(\$10,569)	(\$10,257)	(\$13,833)	(\$137,835)
Total Volume Charges	\$8,520,078	\$1,002,914	\$973,368	\$1,312,703	\$11,809,063

Units of Service - Daily Demand (hcf)

Residential	1,633	1,738	2,360	3,635
Commercial, Irrigation, Recycled Water	773	914	1,342	2,067
	2,406	2,652	3,702	5,702

Proportional Allocation Factors

Residential	67.9%	65.5%	63.7%	63.7%
Commercial	32.1%	34.5%	36.3%	36.3%
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Cost-of-Service Single Family

Operations & Maintenance	\$7,029,128	\$695,025	\$536,337	\$738,207	\$8,998,697
Capital Expenses (PayGo)	\$414,492	\$40,984	\$158,589	\$198,982	\$813,048
Non-Operating Revenue	(\$1,589,796)	(\$71,888)	(\$67,876)	(\$91,538)	(\$1,821,099)
Transfers to/(from) Reserves	(\$70,040)	(\$6,925)	(\$6,539)	(\$8,818)	(\$92,323)
	\$5,783,783	\$657,195	\$620,511	\$836,833	\$7,898,323
				Annual water Use	634,299
				Average \$ per hcf	\$12.45

Cost-of-Service Commercial, Irr, Rec. Water

Operations & Maintenance	\$3,325,464	\$365,619	\$304,991	\$419,786	\$4,415,860
Capital Expenses (PayGo)	\$196,095	\$21,560	\$90,183	\$113,153	\$420,990
Non-Operating Revenue	(\$752,129)	(\$37,817)	(\$38,598)	(\$52,054)	(\$880,598)
Transfers to/(from) Reserves	(\$33,136)	(\$3,643)	(\$3,718)	(\$5,015)	(\$45,512)
	\$2,736,295	\$345,719	\$352,857	\$475,870	\$3,910,741
				Annual water Use	333,674
				Average \$ per hcf	\$11.72

Volumetric Cost of Service	Base	Average Day	Maximum Day	Maximum Hour	Total	Annual HCF	Avg. Cost Per HCF
Residential	\$5,783,783	\$657,195	\$620,511	\$836,833	\$7,898,323		
Commercial	\$2,736,295	\$345,719	\$352,857	\$475,870	\$3,910,741		
	\$8,520,078	\$1,002,914	\$973,368	\$1,312,703	\$11,809,063	967,973	\$12.20

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 9b. Volume Charges

Components of Rate Structure	Revenue at Current Rates (FY 2025-26)		Cost of Service FY 2026-27		Difference COS Minus Current	
Volumetric Rates						
Residential	\$6,629,946	44.8%	\$7,898,323	49.9%	\$1,268,377	19.1%
Non-Residential	\$3,343,266	22.6%	\$3,910,741	24.7%	\$567,475	17.0%
	\$9,973,212	67.5%	\$11,809,063	74.6%	\$1,835,851	18.4%
Service Charges	\$4,811,896	32.5%	\$4,011,002	25.4%	(\$800,894)	-16.6%
Total	\$14,785,108	100.0%	\$15,820,065	100.0%	\$1,034,958	7.0%

Revenue	FY 2025-26 Revenue				FY 2026-27 Revenue				Difference	
	Service Charges	Volume Charges	Total	% of Total	Service Charges	Volume Charges	Total	% of Total	COS Minus Current	
Residential	\$4,249,807	\$6,629,946	\$10,879,753	73.6%	\$3,634,201	\$7,898,323	\$11,532,524	72.9%	\$652,771	6.0%
Non-Residential	\$562,089	\$3,343,266	\$3,905,354	26.4%	\$376,801	\$3,910,741	\$4,287,541	27.1%	\$382,187	9.8%
	\$4,811,896	\$9,973,212	\$14,785,108		\$4,011,002	\$11,809,063	\$15,820,065		\$1,034,958	
Total Revenue	\$4,811,896	\$9,973,212	\$14,785,108	100.0%	\$4,011,002	\$11,809,063	\$15,820,065	100.0%	\$1,034,958	7.0%

Residential ONLY			
Tiered Consumption Rates	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Demand Condition	Average Day	Max Day	Max Hour
Tier Structure			
Volume per tier (hcf)	0-9 hcf	10 - 12 hcf	13+ hcf
hcf by Tier	218,579	129,035	286,685
Cost of Service by Tier	\$6,440,979	\$620,511	\$836,833
Demand Per Tier	Average Day	Maximum Day	Maximum Hour
Tier 1 (0-9 hcf)	218,579		
Tier 2 (10 - 12 hcf)	129,035	129,035	
Tier 3 (13+ hcf)	286,685	286,685	286,685
Total hcf per Tier	634,299	415,720	286,685
Cost-of-Service per Unit (hcf)	\$10.15	\$1.49	\$2.92
Tier 1 (0-9 hcf)	\$10.15	\$10.15	\$10.15
Tier 2 (10 - 12 hcf)		\$1.49	\$1.49
Tier 3 (13+ hcf)			\$2.92
Unit Cost per hcf (by Tier)	\$10.15	\$11.65	\$14.57

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North Coast County Water District
 Water Rate Study
 10. Rev Stabilization Factors

Class	Water Usage Fiscal Year 2024-25													Total
	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June		
Residential	55,197	50,391	62,752	51,419	61,244	50,833	58,020	47,253	51,898	47,443	50,971	46,878	634,299	
Non-Residential	13,989	37,958	17,458	43,001	18,064	41,995	15,274	36,965	12,044	34,750	11,434	38,168	321,100	
Subtotal	69,186	88,349	80,210	94,420	79,308	92,828	73,294	84,218	63,942	82,193	62,405	85,046	955,399	

Non-Seasonal Average			
	March	April	Average
Residential	51,898	47,443	49,671
Non-Residential	12,044	34,750	23,397
Subtotal	63,942	82,193	73,068

FY 2024-25 Water Use Data

Ratio of outdoor reduction to indoor reduction = 2.00 to 1.00

8% Stage 1 Reduction (up to 10% reduction) Baseline Annual Demand (HCF)									
Class	Total	Indoor	Outdoor	Reductions					
				Indoor	Outdoor	Indoor	Outdoor	Total	Total
Residential	634,299	596,046	38,253	7.4%	14.8%	44,059	5,655	49,715	8%
Non-Residential	321,100	280,764	40,336	7.4%	14.8%	20,754	5,963	26,717	8%
Total	955,399	876,810	78,589	7.4%	14.8%	64,813	11,619	76,432	8.0%

15% Stage 2 Reduction (up to 20% reduction) Baseline Annual Demand (HCF)									
Class	Total	Indoor	Outdoor	Reductions					
				Indoor	Outdoor	Indoor	Outdoor	Total	Total
Residential	634,299	596,046	38,253	13.9%	27.7%	82,611	10,604	93,215	15%
Non-Residential	321,100	280,764	40,336	13.9%	27.7%	38,914	11,181	50,095	16%
Total	955,399	876,810	78,589	13.9%	27.7%	121,525	21,785	143,310	15.0%

25% Stage 3 Reduction (up to 30% reduction) Baseline Annual Demand (HCF)									
Class	Total	Indoor	Outdoor	Reductions					
				Indoor	Outdoor	Indoor	Outdoor	Total	Total
Residential	634,299	596,046	38,253	23.1%	46.2%	137,686	17,673	155,359	24%
Non-Residential	321,100	280,764	40,336	23.1%	46.2%	64,856	18,635	83,491	26%
Total	955,399	876,810	78,589	23.1%	46.2%	202,542	36,308	238,850	25.0%

35% Stage 4 Reduction (up to 40% reduction) Baseline Annual Demand (HCF)									
Class	Total	Indoor	Outdoor	Reductions					
				Indoor	Outdoor	Indoor	Outdoor	Total	Total
Residential	634,299	596,046	38,253	32.3%	64.7%	192,760	24,742	217,502	34%
Non-Residential	321,100	280,764	40,336	32.3%	64.7%	90,799	26,089	116,888	36%
Total	955,399	876,810	78,589	32.3%	64.7%	283,559	50,831	334,390	35.0%

45% Stage 5 Reduction (up to 50% reduction) Baseline Annual Demand (HCF)									
Class	Total	Indoor	Outdoor	Reductions					
				Indoor	Outdoor	Indoor	Outdoor	Total	Total
Residential	634,299	596,046	38,253	41.6%	83.2%	247,834	31,811	279,645	44%
Non-Residential	321,100	280,764	40,336	41.6%	83.2%	116,741	33,543	150,284	47%
Total	955,399	876,810	78,589	41.6%	83.2%	364,575	65,354	429,930	45.0%

53% Stage 6 Reduction (greater than 50% reduction) Baseline Annual Demand (HCF)									
Class	Total	Indoor	Outdoor	Reductions					
				Indoor	Outdoor	Indoor	Outdoor	Total	Total
Residential	634,299	596,046	38,253	48.8%	100.0%	290,795	38,253	329,048	52%
Non-Residential	321,100	280,764	40,336	48.8%	100.0%	136,977	40,336	177,313	55%
Total	955,399	876,810	78,589	48.8%	100.0%	427,772	78,589	506,361	53.0%

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 10. Rev Stabilization Factors

Class	Stage 1 Up to 10% Reduction	Stage 2 Up to 20% Reduction	Stage 3 Up to 30% Reduction	Stage 4 Up to 40% Reduction	Stage 5 Up to 50% Reduction	Stage 6 Greater than 50% Reduction
Residential	7.84%	14.70%	24.49%	34.29%	44.09%	51.88%
Non-Residential	8.32%	15.60%	26.00%	36.40%	46.80%	55.22%

Ratio of outdoor reduction to indoor reduction = 2.00 to 1.00

Rev. Stabilization Factors = $1/(1-a) * (b-(c*a))/b$
 varies a = assumed percentage of reduction in water usage
 74.6% b = proportion of revenue from volumetric rates, from model
 46.3% c = proportion of water utility expenses that are variable
 (see calculation to the right)

Water Expenses	
Water Purchases	\$6,368,785
BAWSCA Surcharge	\$497,651
Utilities	<u>\$456,350</u>
FY 2026-27 Reve Req.	\$7,322,786
	\$15,820,065
	46%

Class	Stage 1 Up to 10% Reduction	Stage 2 Up to 20% Reduction	Stage 3 Up to 30% Reduction	Stage 4 Up to 40% Reduction	Stage 5 Up to 50% Reduction	Stage 6 Greater than 50% Reduction
Residential	8%	15%	24%	34%	44%	52%
Non-Residential	8%	16%	26%	36%	47%	55%

Class	Stage 1 Up to 10% Reduction	Stage 2 Up to 20% Reduction	Stage 3 Up to 30% Reduction	Stage 4 Up to 40% Reduction	Stage 5 Up to 50% Reduction	Stage 6 Greater than 50% Reduction
Residential	1.032	1.065	1.123	1.198	1.300	1.410
Non-Residential	1.034	1.070	1.133	1.217	1.334	1.468

To be applied to the non-shortage rates in effect at the time of the shortage declaration

Class	Stage 1 Up to 10% Reduction	Stage 2 Up to 20% Reduction	Stage 3 Up to 30% Reduction	Stage 4 Up to 40% Reduction	Stage 5 Up to 50% Reduction	Stage 6 Greater than 50% Reduction
WSCP- Estimated Water Use Reduction	8%	15%	25%	35%	45%	53%