Wastewater Rate Study Update Draft Results

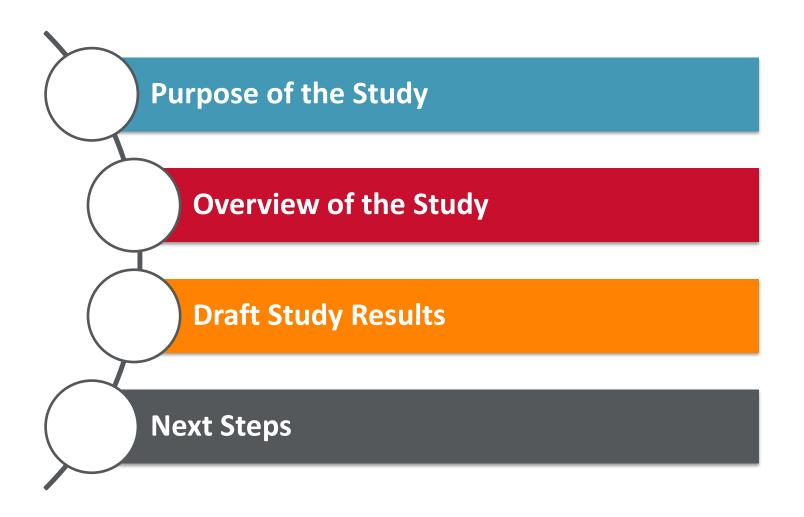
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Overview of the Presentation



Purpose of the Study

- Update the rate study completed in 2022 to develop a projection of rate impacts including Replenish Big Bear (RBB) costs for Board consideration
 - Only RBB preconstruction costs were included in prior rate study per Board direction
- Developed a projection of rates for the following:
 - 1. Update the BBARWA (no RBB) analysis to develop baseline rate projection
 - 2. Include RBB costs (debt and O&M)
 - 3. RBB costs less other agency contributions
- Review the projection of rates with the Board to gain feedback and establish the basis for the rate for the next five-year period
 - Recommending alternative 3, assuming no contributions at this time

Establishing Cost-Based Wastewater Rates

Revenue Requirement

Compares the revenue of the utility to the expenses to evaluate the level of overall rates

Cost of Service

Allocates and distributes the revenue requirement between the various customer classes of service



Rate Design

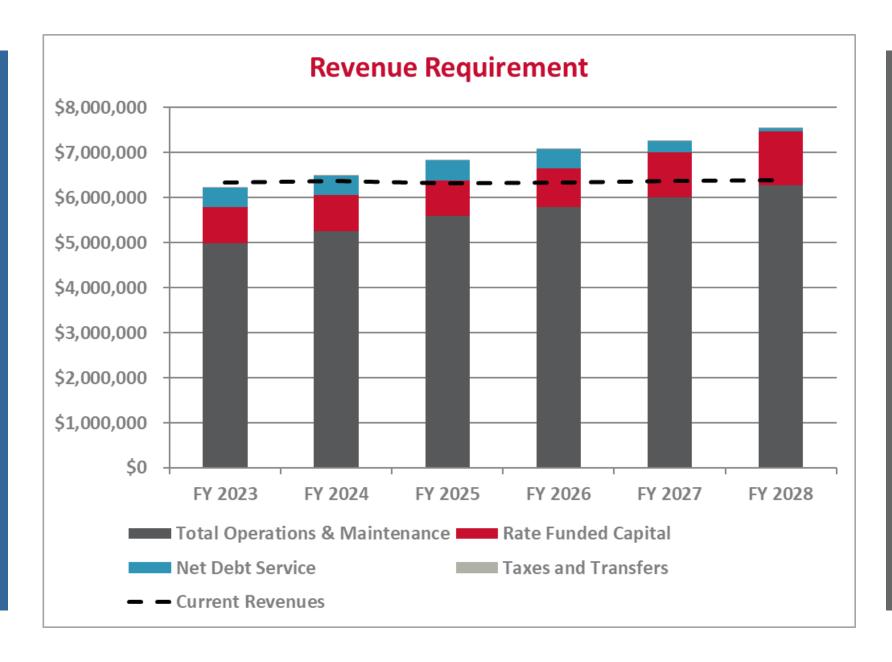
Design rates for each class of service to meet the revenue needs of the wastewater utility, along with any other rate design goals and objectives

Basis for the cost of service and rate design is the study completed in 2022

BBARWA Revenue Requirement Key Assumptions

- Revenues based on current adopted rate (FY 2023)
 - Less RBB rate component
- Assumed minimal customer growth
 - ~45 EDUs per year
- O&M based on the FY 2023 budget
- Annual O&M increase based on assumed escalation factors
 - Averages approximately 4.7% annually through FY 2028
- BBARWA capital improvements based on current capital plan
 - Rate funding and available reserves fund capital needs
 - No additional long-term debt

Summary of the BBARWA Revenue Requirement Analysis



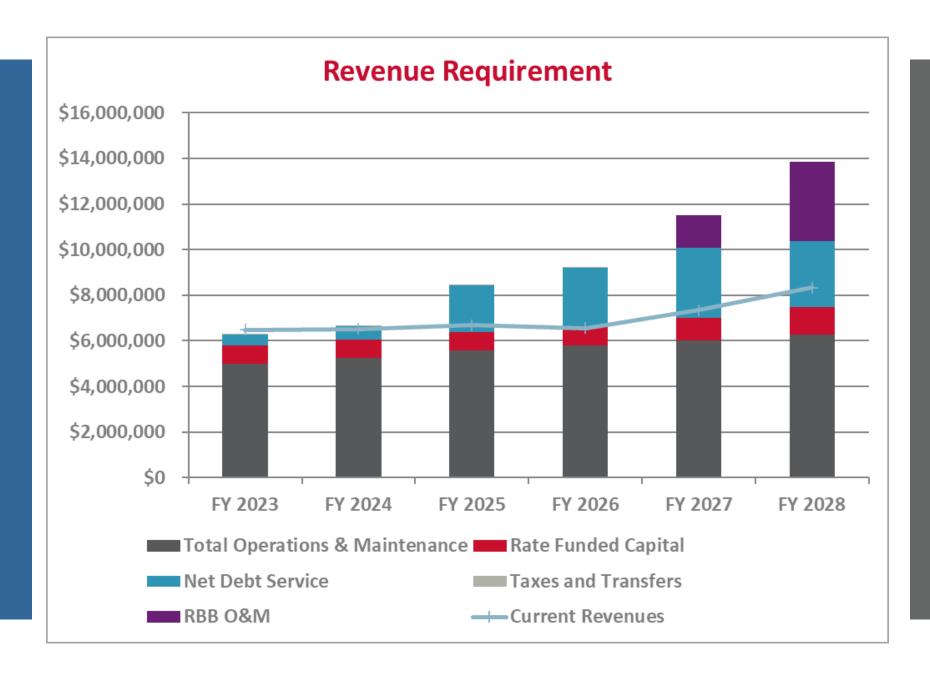
	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028			
Debt Service Coverage (DSC) Ratio [all debt – w/o connection fees]									
Before Rate Adjustment	3.02	2.57	1.81	1.43	1.67	2.06			
After Proposed Rate Adj.	3.02	3.05	2.79	2.94	4.83	10.70			
Target Reserve Levels (\$000s)									
Operations Fund – Liquidity	\$2,525	\$2,658	\$2,827	\$2,933	\$3,038	\$3,172			
Operations Fund - Contingency	\$832	\$875	\$931	\$966	\$1,001	\$1,045			
Capital and Replacement Fund	\$644	\$1,395	\$304	\$263	\$1,239	\$1,543			
Emergency Reserves	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$\$500	\$500	\$500			
Debt Service Fund	\$509	\$509	\$509	\$509	\$330	\$150			
Total Target Minimum	\$5,011	\$5,938	\$5,071	\$5,171	\$6,106	\$6,410			
Total Ending Reserve Funds	\$6,757	\$7,109	\$6,578	\$7,213	\$8,165	\$8,302			
1 EDU*	\$241.04	\$250.68	\$260.71	\$271.14	\$281.98	\$291.85			
Annual \$ Change		\$9.64	\$10.03	\$10.43	\$10.85	\$9.87			
Annual % Change		4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	3.5%			

^{*}For comparison purposes only, base rate excludes \$5.79 for RBB included in adopted rate*

RBB Revenue Requirement -Key Assumptions

- RBB construction starts in FY 2024 and completed in FY 2027
 - Updated project estimate of \$71 M
- RBB funded through long-term debt (primarily low interest loans) and grants
 - Annual debt service assumes interest only through construction
 - Principal and interest at completion of construction (FY 2027)
 - Grants assume current awarded, no additional
- Additional annual O&M expense starting in FY 2027
 - FY 2027 is a partial year (~\$1.5 M)
 - FY 2028 is escalated and starts at ~\$3.5 M
- Annual debt service of ~\$2.8 M in FY 2027
 - Reflects total annual RBB debt service
- Future Capex included in FY 2028 (~\$350K)
- Other Agency contributions included in FY 2027
 - Partial year in FY 2027 (\$785K)
 - Full year starting in FY 2028 (\$1.7 Mil) increasing annually by 2.5%

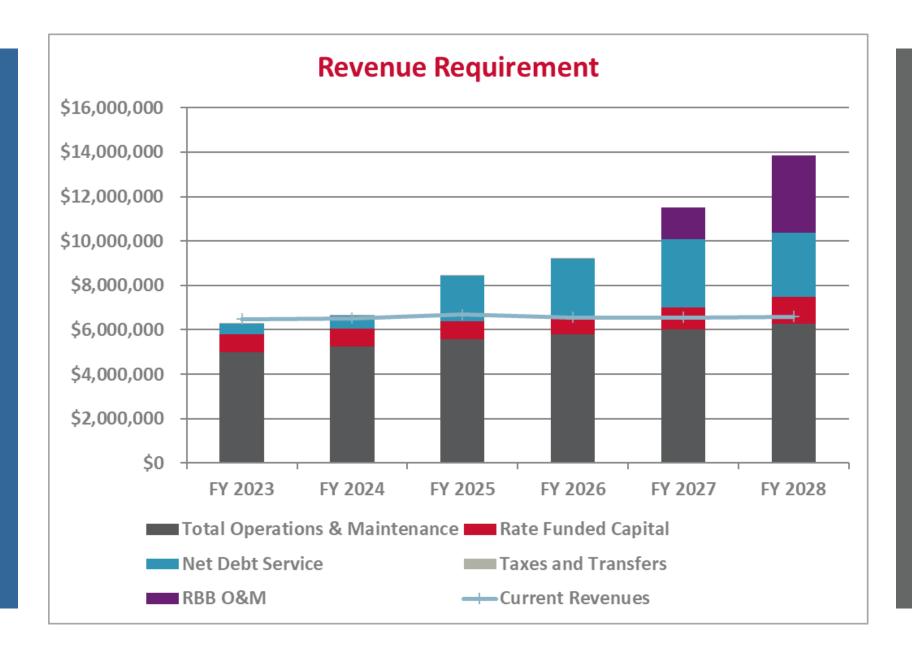
Summary of the RBB Revenue Requirement Analysis



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	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028		
Debt Service Coverage (DSC) Ratio [all debt – w/o connection fees]								
Before Rate Adjustment	2.72	1.94	0.51	0.29	0.00	0.00		
After Proposed Rate Adj.	2.72	4.09	1.81	1.85	1.71	1.88		
Target Reserve Levels (\$000s)								
Operations Fund – Liquidity	\$2,525	\$2,658	\$2,827	\$2,933	\$3,771	\$4,945		
Operations Fund - Contingency	\$832	\$875	\$931	\$966	\$1,242	\$1,629		
Capital and Replacement Fund	\$644	\$1,395	\$304	\$263	\$1,239	\$1,543		
Emergency Reserves	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,000		
Debt Service Fund	<u>\$550</u>	<u>\$654</u>	\$2,126	\$2,636	\$3,144	<u>\$2,964</u>		
Total Target Minimum	\$5,051	\$6,082	\$6,688	\$7,298	\$9,895	\$11,581		
Total Ending Reserve Funds	\$7,614	\$45,943	\$27,711	\$13,071	\$13,018	\$14,204		
1 EDU	\$246.83	\$302.37	\$355.28	\$408.57	\$461.69	\$521.71		
Annual \$ Change		\$55.54	\$52.91	\$53.29	\$53.11	\$60.02		
Annual % Change		22.5%	17.5%	15.0%	13.0%	13.0%		

Summary of the RBB No Contributions Revenue Requirement Analysis



Draft RBB No
Contributions
Other Rev
Summary

	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028			
Debt Service Coverage (DSC) Ratio [all debt – w/o connection fees]									
Before Rate Adjustment	2.72	1.94	0.51	0.29	0.00	0.00			
After Proposed Rate Adj.	2.72	4.09	1.83	1.97	1.74	1.85			
Target Reserve Levels (\$000s)									
Operations Fund – Liquidity	\$2,525	\$2,658	\$2,827	\$2,933	\$3,771	\$4,945			
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Capital and Replacement Fund	\$644	\$1,395	\$304	\$263	\$1,239	\$1,543			
Emergency Reserves	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,000			
Debt Service Fund	\$550	\$654	\$2,126	\$2,636	\$3,144	\$2,964			
Total Target Minimum	\$5,051	\$6,082	\$6,688	\$7,298	\$9,895	\$11,581			
Total Ending Reserve Funds	\$7,614	\$45,943	\$27,749	\$13,427	\$13,487	\$14,581			
1 EDU	\$246.83	\$302.37	\$356.79	\$421.02	\$496.80	\$586.22			
Annual \$ Change		\$55.54	\$54.43	\$64.22	\$75.78	\$89.42			
Annual % Change		22.5%	18.0%	18.0%	18.0%	18.0%			

Rate Impact Comparison

	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Base Rate*	\$241.04	\$250.68	\$260.71	\$271.14	\$281.98	\$291.85
Annual \$ Change		\$9.64	\$10.03	\$10.43	\$10.85	\$9.87
Annual % Change		4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	3.5%
RBB Rate	\$5.79	\$51.69	\$94.57	\$137.44	\$179.70	\$229.85
Annual \$ Change		\$45.90	\$42.89	\$42.86	\$42.27	\$50.15
Base Rate plus RBB	\$246.84	\$302.37	\$355.28	\$408.57	\$461.69	\$521.71
Total Annual \$ Change		\$55.54	\$52.91	\$53.29	\$53.11	\$60.02
Total Annual % Change		22.5%	17.5%	15.0%	13.0%	13.0%
RBB Rate No Contributions	\$246.84	\$302.37	\$356.79	\$421.02	\$496.80	\$586.22
Annual \$ Change > RBB		\$0.00	\$1.51	\$12.44	\$35.11	\$64.51
Total Annual % Change		22.5%	18.0%	18.0%	18.0%	18.0%

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Summary

- Analysis provides the basis for necessary revenue adjustments to meet RBB funding needs
- Recommend alternative without other agency contributions
- Proposed rates reflect the cost of service analysis completed in 2022

Next Steps

- Gain feedback and input from the Board
- Finalize rate setting approach for RBB
- Present final study recommendations and proposed rates

Thank You and Discussion



