

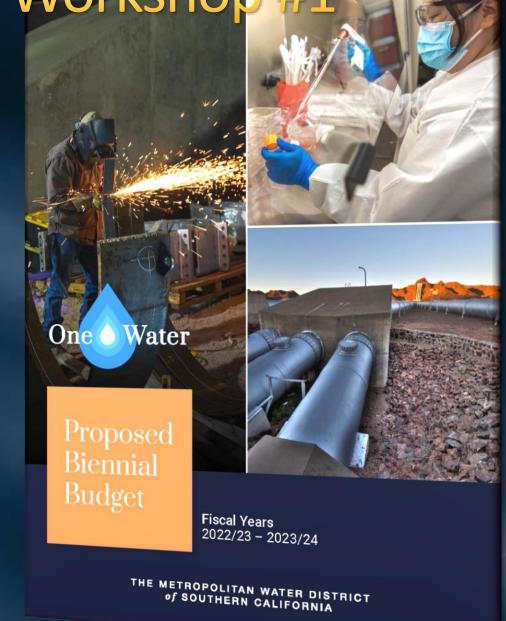
Proposed Biennial Budget for FYs 2022/23 and 2023/24; Proposed Water Rates and Charges for Calendar years 2023 and 2024; Overview of Rates and Charges; Ten-Year Forecast

Workshop #1

Finance & Insurance Committee Item 9-2 February 7, 2022

Proposed Biennial Budget - Workshop

- Overview
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- Budget Development
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- Proposed Biennial Budget
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GM's Proposed Strategic Priorities

- Empower the workforce and promote diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Sustain Metropolitan's mission with strengthened business model
- Adapt to changing climate and water resources
- Protect public health, regional economy, and Metropolitan's assets
- Partner with stakeholders and the communities we serve

Transitionary Biennial Budget

- Within the next year Metropolitan is engaging in the following:
 - 2020 Integrated Resources Plan
 - Rate Refinement process
 - Develop a long-term financial plan
 - Implement key strategic priorities-determine MWD Business Plan for the next 25 years
 - Complete an Organizational Structure Study
- The proposed budget strikes a balance between funding Metropolitan's current strategic priorities, addressing drought conditions, maintaining financial robustness, and moderating rate impacts.

Biennial Budget Highlights

- 5% catch-up for the loss of WSR revenue
- Lower water transactions
 - 1.59 MAF FY 2022/23
 - 1.54 MAF FY 2023/24
 - Downward trending to 1.51 MAF by FY 2025/26
- To mitigate the rate impacts, the proposed budget includes actions to reduce the projected cost increases to 3% per year (well below the rate of inflation) while still adding 20 FTE positions to perform necessary work.
 - Workshop #2 review unfunded priorities
- In total, the proposed annual overall rate increase for 8% for CY 2023 and 2024
- The ten-year forecast projects overall rate increases of 5% annually

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Biennial Budget Highlights (continued)

- O&M expenditures
 - \$20M Regional Recycled Water Program planning costs over biennium
 - Departmental labor budgets reflect proposed negotiated labor increases and allowable merit adjustments as well as increased benefit costs such as pension and medical.
 - Key non-labor increases enhanced security, land management and maintenance efforts, and inflationary pressure on fuels and materials
- State Water Project Allocation
 - 25% for CY 2022, 40% for CY 2023, 50% for CY 2024 and beyond
- Colorado River Aqueduct Diversions
 - 1.01 MAF for FY 2022/23, 0.92 MAF for FY 2023/24

Biennial Budget Highlights (continued)

- Delta Conveyance Project
 - Metropolitan's planned contribution for planning costs of \$99M over the biennium partially funded by California WaterFix refund
- Bond financing for AVEK High Desert Program
 - To reduce the short-term rate impacts
- Continued support for demand management programs
 - Annual Conservation Program funding increasing \$18M to \$43M
 - To limit rate impacts, the additional \$18M per year is proposed to be bond funded.
 - FY 2022/23 DM is funded in part from the remaining Water Stewardship Fund balance

Biennial Budget Highlights (continued)

- Capital Investment Plan
 - \$600M over biennium
 - Budget assumes 100% of planned CIP to be spent (previously 80%)
 - The CIP reflects the focus on addressing aging infrastructure, drought response, and compliance with regulatory requirements.
 - The capital expenditures for the full RRWP are not included in the biennium but are included in the projections starting in FY 2024/25 as part of the Ten-Year Financial Forecast.

Financial Policies & Goals

Coverage ratios

	Target	Projected FY 2021/22	Proposed FY 2022/23	Proposed FY 2023/24		
Revenue Bond*	2.0	1.6	1.4	1.5		
Fixed Charge	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.4		
*Projected maximum coverage of 1.9x in FY 2029/30						

- Revenue bond coverage below the 2.0x target during biennium and ten-year forecast period
- Maintain high credit ratings
 - S&P AAA, Fitch AA+, Moody's Aa1
- High ratings reduce debt service costs
 - Decreased by \$19 M from FY 2021/22 budget to FY 2022/23 budget due to favorable refundings and lower rates.

Recommended Financial Reporting Change

- The Proposed Biennial Budget has been prepared on a cash basis instead of a modified-accrual basis. This change has no effect on the proposed rate increases.
- Financial reports will continue to be prepared on a full-accrual basis of accounting in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.
- The staff has reviewed the impacts of budgeting and reporting on a modified-accrual basis over the last nine years and has determined that the benefits expected to be achieved did not manifest as thought. Rather than saving a significant amount of staff time, the modified accrual basis of accounting increased the amount of staff time.
- Reporting against the cash-based budget provides the most accurate representation of available unrestricted reserves cash position.
 - The modified-accrual based unrestricted reserves balance on June 30, 2021 = \$590 M
 - The actual unrestricted reserves cash balance on June 30, 2021 = \$463 M (\$127M less)
- The minimum and target reserve levels are based on cash and securities on hand per admin code section 5202. As such, reporting cash-based reserves provides the most relevant metric for evaluating fiscal compliance.

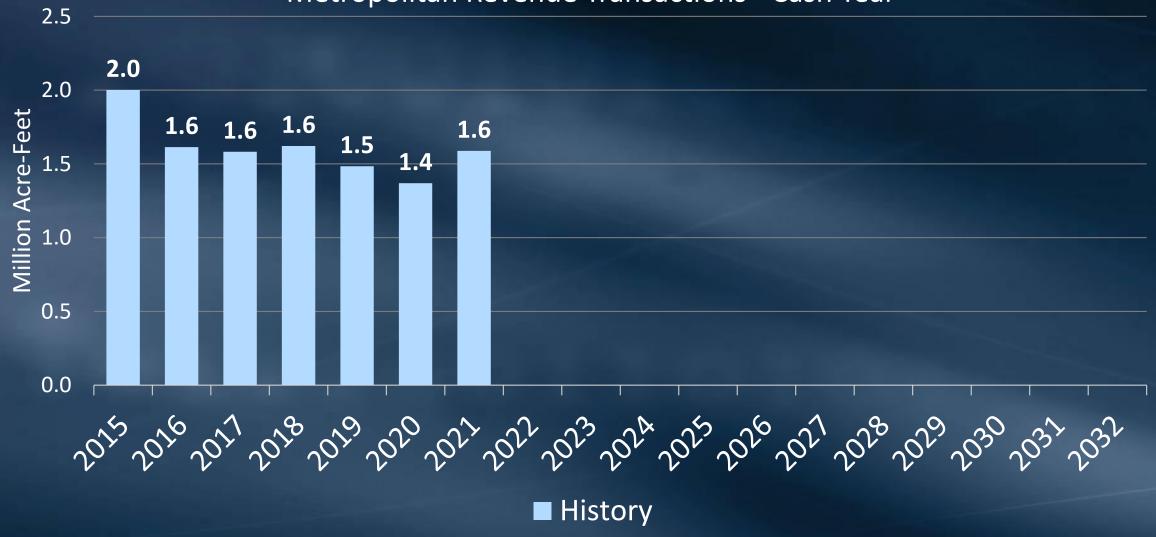
Projected Water Transactions

Key assumptions for 10-year projection

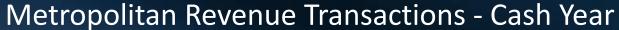
- Reflects permanent water use efficiencies gained since the last drought
- Demographic growth consistent with the IRP demand expert feedback
- Accounts for new local supplies being brought on by member agencies in the next ten years
- Early years of projection are consistent with recent range in demands

Recent deliveries range from 1.4 - 1.6 MAF per year

Metropolitan Revenue Transactions - Cash Year



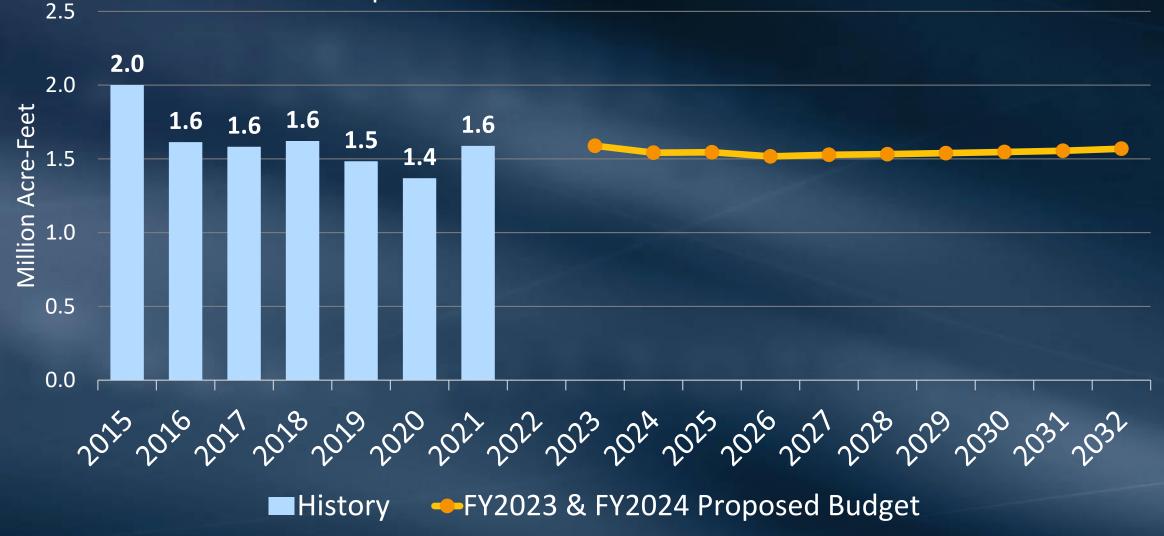
Forecast Reflects Recent Gains in Water Use Efficiencies





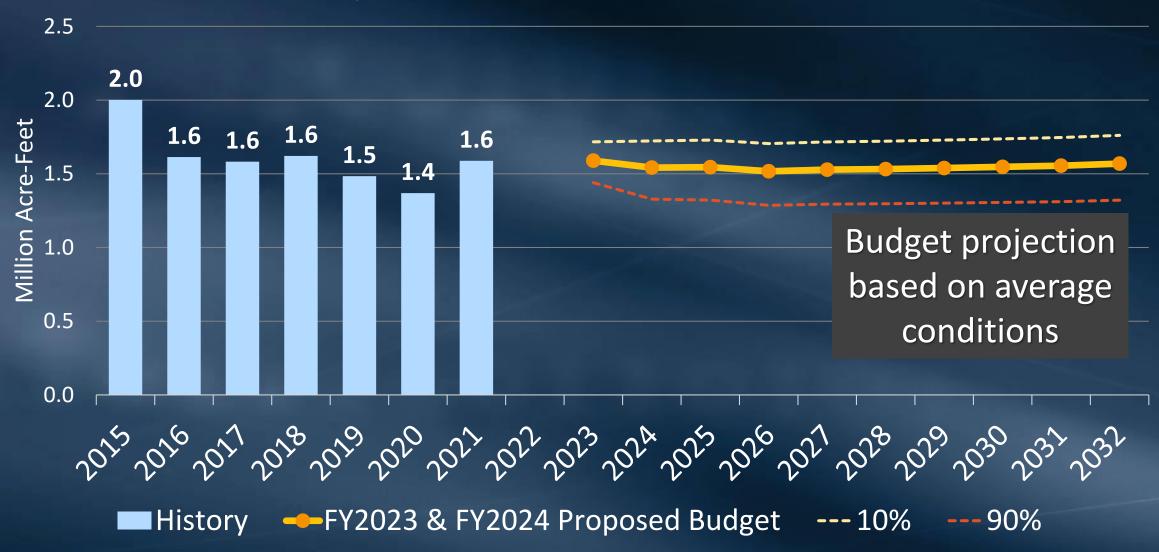
10-year Projection Reflects Population Gains Offset by Additional Local Supplies Coming Online

Metropolitan Revenue Transactions - Cash Year

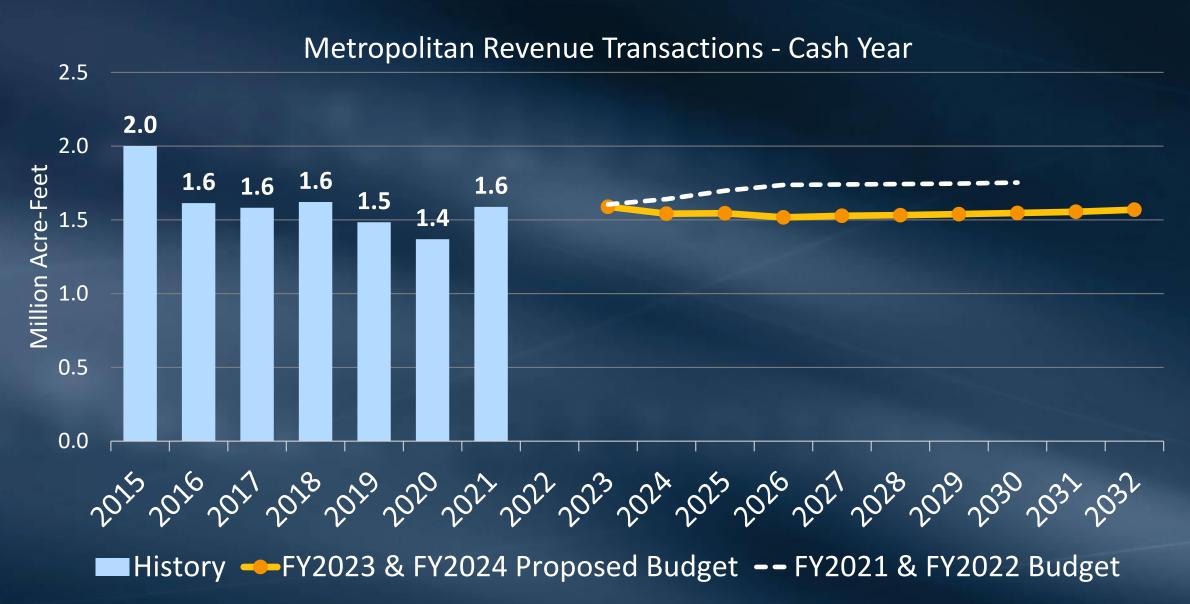


Projection Has a Range Depending on Wet or Dry Conditions

Metropolitan Revenue Transactions - Cash Year



New Budget Projection is Lower Than Previous Budget Projection



Budget Development

Water Transactions



Initially Projected Expenditures

				Increas	e from
	Budget			2022 to	2024
Fiscal Year Ending	2022	2023	2024	\$M	%
State Water Contract Power	\$ 212.4	\$ 248.5	\$ 258.6	\$ 46.2	22%
Colorado River Aqueduct Power	57.6	105.9	85.6	28.0	49%
Departmental O&M	579.9	642.8	653.2	73.4	13%
State Water Contract OMP&R & Capital	417.0	440.1	468.2	51.2	12%
Supply Programs	61.2	105.1	110.1	48.9	80%
Delta Conveyance Planning	25.0	34.5	64.5	39.5	158%
Demand Management	52.5	68.8	72.9	20.4	39%
PAYGO	135.0	180.0	180.0	45.0	33%
Debt Service	307.0	285.8	295.3	(11.7)	-4%
Sub-total Expenditures	\$1,847.5	\$2,111.5	\$2,188.4	\$340.9	18%

Proposed Budget Actions

Proposed Reductions	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24
Departmental O&M Cuts	\$ 33.9	\$ 36.6
Bond AVEK High Desert Program*	38.4	46.0
Use CA WaterFix Refund for Delta Planning Costs	24.5	10.0
Reduce PAYGO	45.0	45.0
Bond ramped-up Conservation Program*	18.0	18.0
Total Proposed Reductions	\$159.8	\$155.6

^{*} Increases debt service costs

Proposed Budget Actions

- Departmental O&M cuts
 - Reduction of 121 requested FTE positions and non-labor expenditures
 - This results in unfunded priorities
- Bond financing for AVEK High Desert Program
 - Reduce supply program O&M expenditures over biennium by converting them to a debt service payment
- California WaterFix (CWF) refund
 - Apply \$34.5M CWF refund to Delta Conveyance planning costs
- Reduce PAYGO
- Bond financing for Conservation Program
 - Financing of increased investment in Conservation Program
 - Authorize bond financing up to full program budget for financial management flexibility

Proposed Biennial Budget Expenditures

		Proposed		Increase from	
	Budget	Biennial	Budget	2022 to 2024	
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Departmental O&M	579.9	608.9	616.7	36.8	6%
State Water Contract OMP&R & Capital	417.0	440.1	468.2	51.2	12%
Supply Programs (1)	61.2	66.7	64.1	2.9	5%
Delta Conveyance Planning (2)	25.0	10.0	54.5	29.5	118%
Demand Management (1)	52.5	50.8	54.9	2.4	5%
PAYGO	135.0	135.0	135.0	-	0%
Debt Service	307.0	288.0	301.0	(6.0)	-2%
Sub-total Expenditures	\$1,847.5	\$1,954.0	\$2,038.6	\$191.1	10%

⁽¹⁾ cash funded portion (2) net of CWF refund

Proposed Biennial Budget Expenditures

			Proposed		Increase from		
	Bı	udget	Biennial Budget		2022 to	2022 to 2024	
Fiscal Year Ending	2	2022	2	023	2024	\$M	%
Sub-total Expenditures	\$1	,847.5	\$ 1	,954.0	\$2,038.6	\$191.1	10%
Increase in Required Reserves	\$	60.8	\$	13.3	\$ (1.6)	\$ (62.4)	-103%
Property Taxes Revenues		140.1		163.1	168.3	28.3	20%
Other Revenues		60.5		71.9	57.0	(3.5)	-6%
Revenue Requirement (\$M)	\$1	,707.7	\$1	,732.3	\$1,811.6	\$103.9	6%

Proposed Biennial Budget Rate Increases

Rate Driver	Biennial Rate Impact
\$103.9 M higher Revenue Requirement	6%
60 TAF lower water transactions (1.60 MAF reduced to 1.54 MAF)	4%
Catch-up for loss of Water Stewardship Rate Revenues	5%
Increase to <u>partially</u> account for the fact that rate increases only in effect for half the fiscal year	1%
Rate increase over the biennium (8% in 2023 and 8% in 2024)	16%

- Results in \$84M draw from the Water Stewardship Fund and unrestricted reserves in FY 2022/23 and FY 2023/24
- Results in low revenue bond coverage of 1.4x for FY 2022/23 and 1.5x for FY 2023/24

Historic and Projected Overall Rate Increases



Proposed Rates & Charges

	2022 Approved	2023 Proposed	2024 Proposed
Tier 1 Supply Rate (\$/AF)*	\$243	\$328	\$348
Tier 2 Supply Rate (\$/AF)*	\$285	\$532	\$538
System Access Rate (\$/AF)	\$389	\$373	\$416
System Power Rate (\$/AF)	\$167	\$187	\$188
Treatment Surcharge (\$/AF)	\$344	\$364	\$370
Readiness-to-Serve Charge (\$M)	\$140	\$145	\$183
Capacity Charge (\$/CFS)	\$12,200	\$10,700	\$11,700

Rates and Charges Effective January 1

^{*} includes demand management costs for 2023 and beyond

Proposed Full Service Rates and Charges

Rate Type	2022 Approved	2023 Proposed	% Increase (Decrease)		% Increase (Decrease)			
Full Service Untreated Vo	olumetric Co	ost (\$/AF)						
Tier 1	\$799	\$888	11%	\$952	7%			
Tier 2	\$841	\$1,092	30%	\$1,142	5%			
Full Service Treated Volumetric Cost (\$/AF)								
Tier 1	\$1,143	\$1,252	10%	\$1,322	6%			
Tier 2	\$1,185	\$1,456	23%	\$1,512	4%			
RTS Charge (\$M)	\$140	\$145	4%	\$183	26%			
Capacity Charge (\$/cfs)	\$12,200	\$10,700	(12%)	11,700	9%			

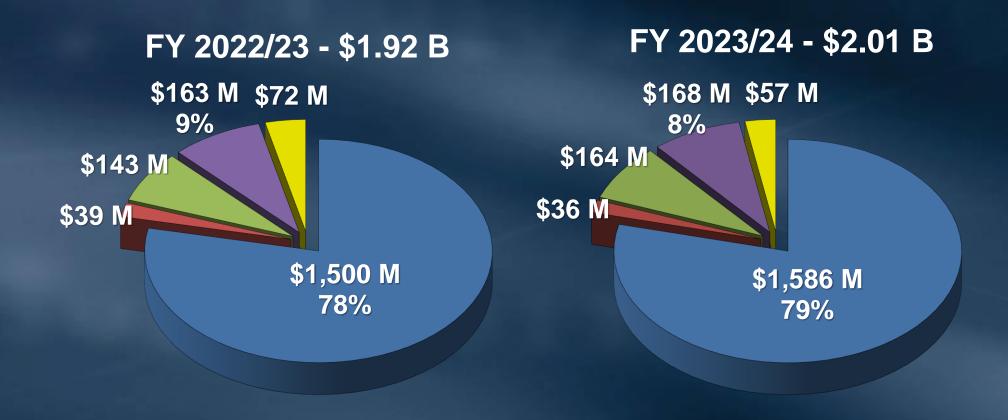
Rates and Charges Effective January 1st

Full Service Cost means the Full Service Rate, consisting of the following rate components: the applicable Supply Rate, the System Access Rate, the System Power Rate, and if applicable the Treatment Surcharge for treated water service.

Proposed Biennial Budget

Revenues

■ Water Transactions* ■ Capacity Charge ■ RTS Charge ■ Property Taxes ■ Misc.



*from water sales and exchange

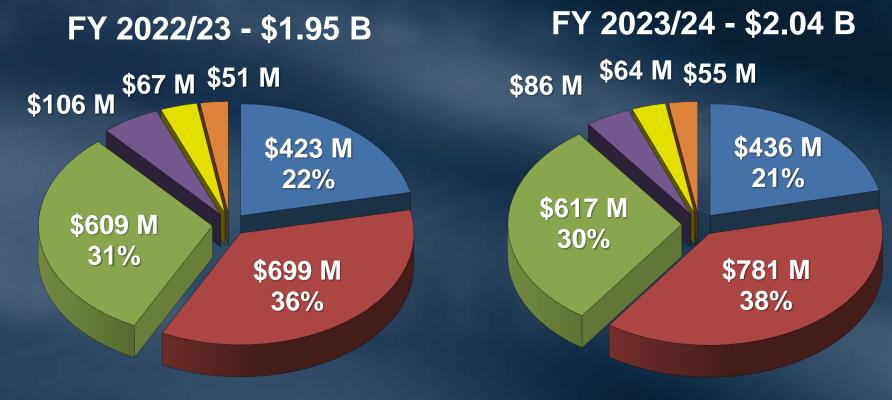
Revenue Trend



^{*} Includes water sales and exchange

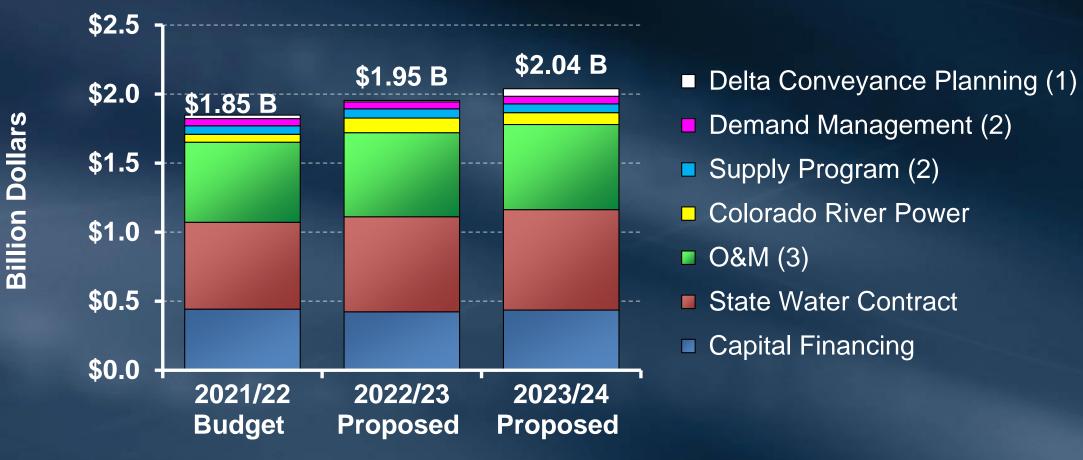
Expenditures

- Capital Financing
- Colorado River Power
- State Water Contract (1)
- Supply Programs (2)
- O&M (3)Demand Management (2)



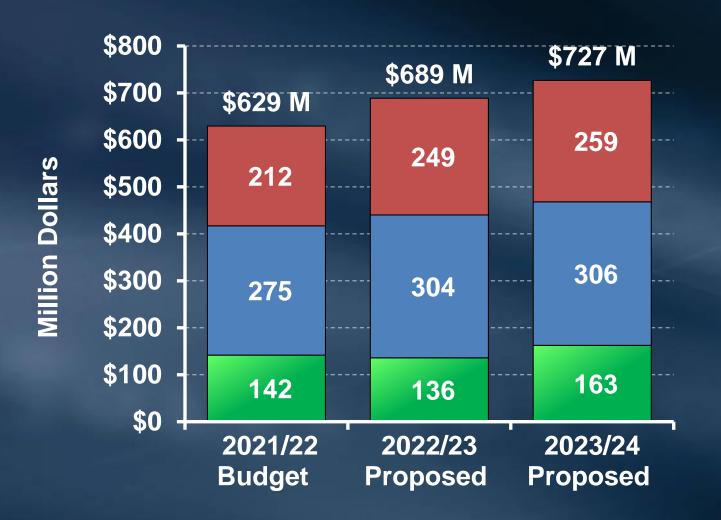
- (1) with Delta Conveyance Project planning costs
- (2) cash funded portion
- (3) includes planning costs for RRWP

Expenditure Trend



- (1) net of California WaterFix refund
- (2) cash funded portion
- (3) Includes approximately \$20 million in planning costs for RRWP

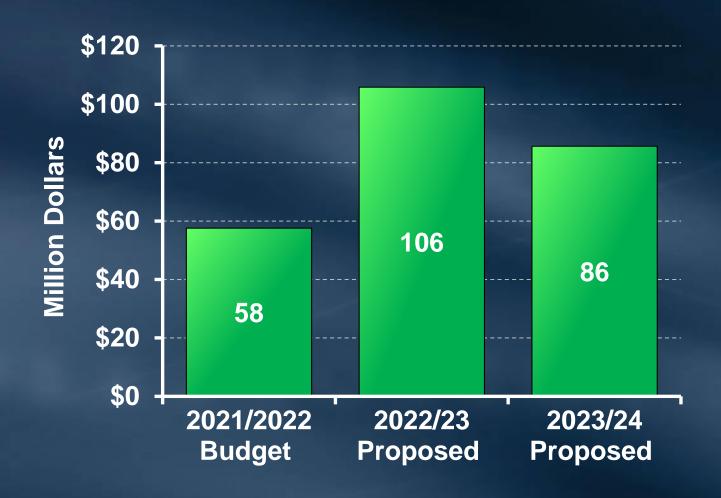
State Water Contract



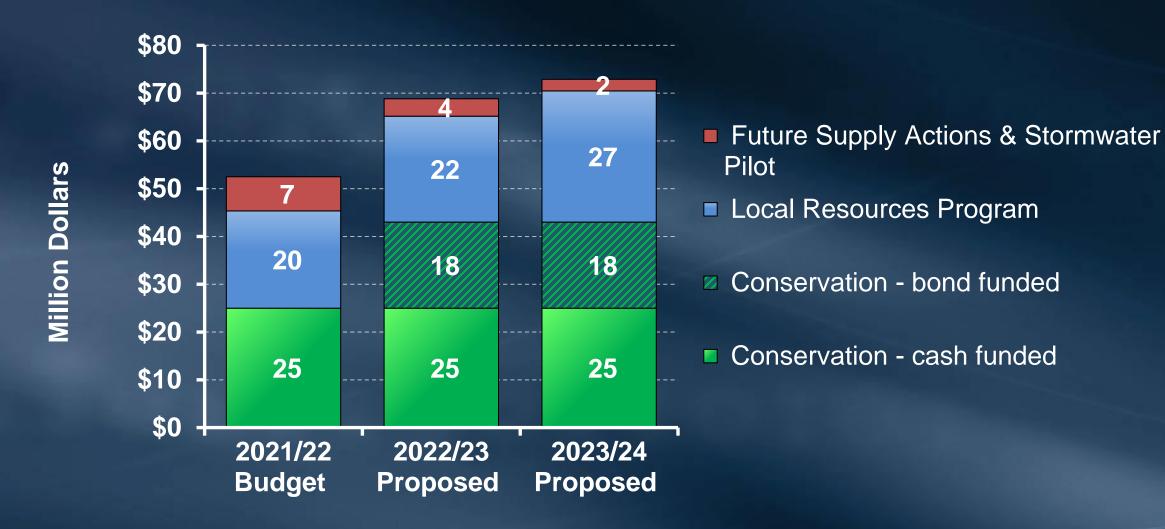
- Power
- Minimum OMP&R
- Capital Charges

^{*} Totals may not foot due to rounding

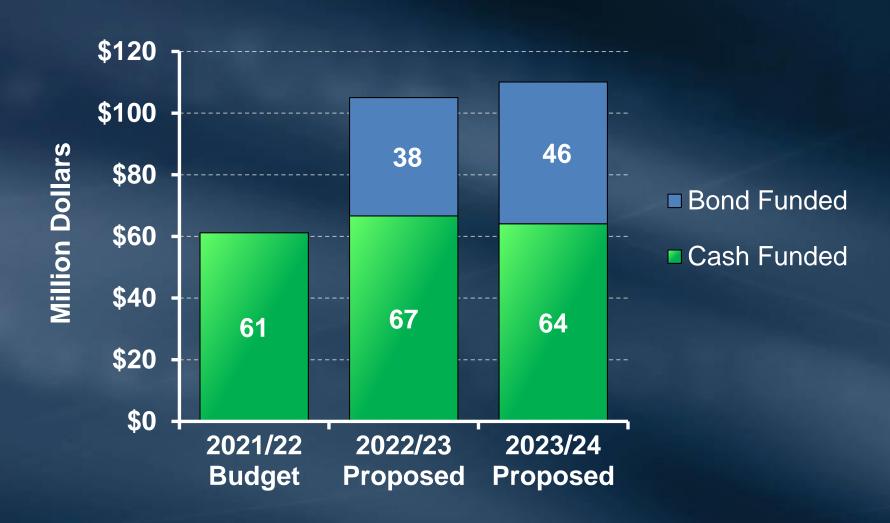
Colorado River Aqueduct Power



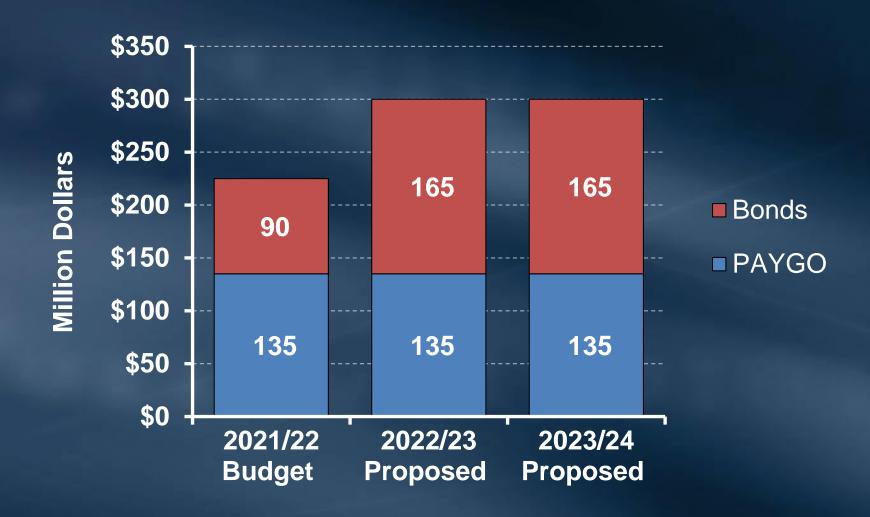
Demand Management



Supply Programs



Capital Investment Plan Expenditures

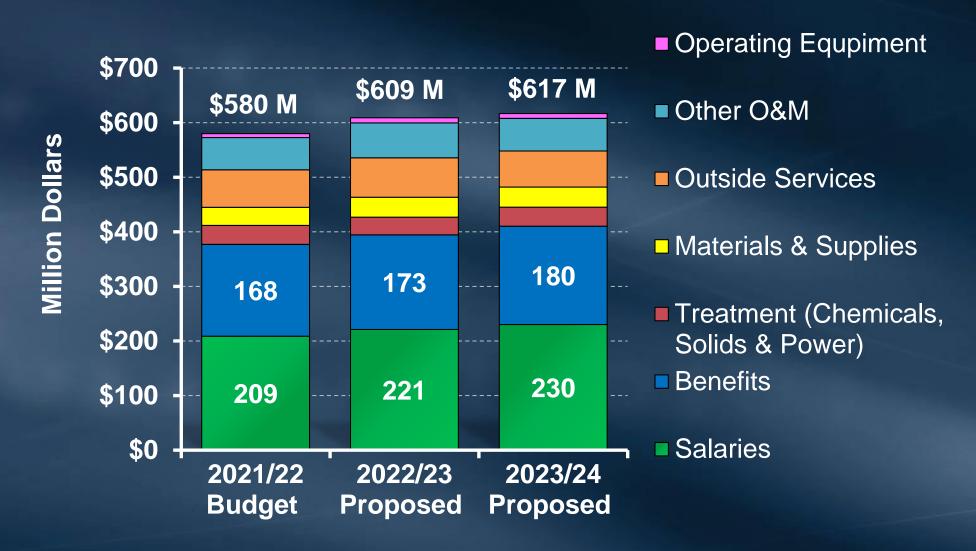


Debt Service



O&M Expenditure Budget

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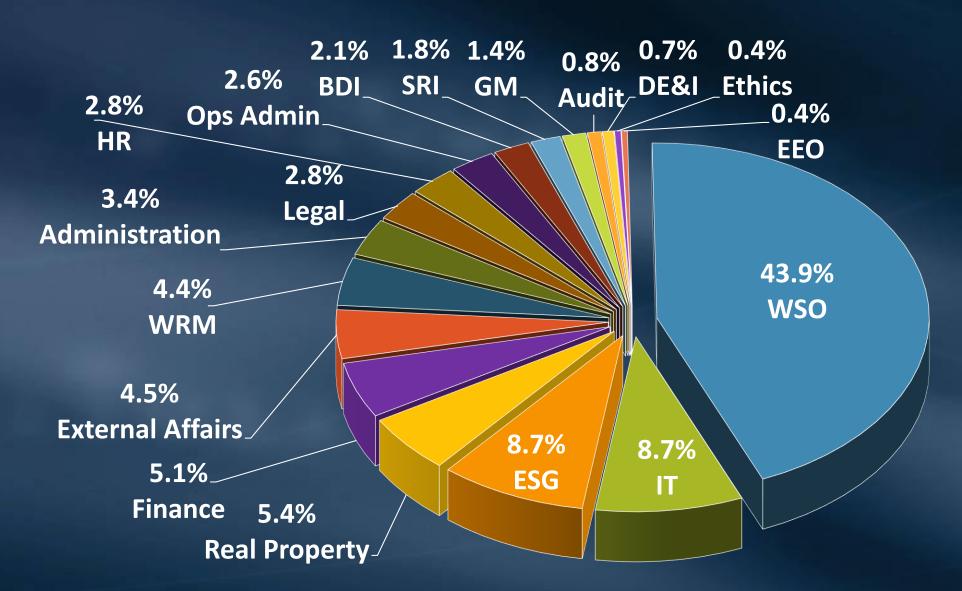
O&M Expenditures

				2021/22 Bu		2022/23 Pro	J
Millions of Dollars	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2022/23 Pro	oposed	2023/24 Pr	oposed
	Budget	Proposed	Proposed	\$M	%	\$M	%
Salaries & Benefits	377.0	394.4	410.3	<mark>17.4</mark>	4.6%	<mark>15.9</mark>	4.0%
Professional Services	38.0	37.0	31.0	<mark>(1.0)</mark>	-2.7%	(6.0)	-16.2%
Treatment (Chemicals, Solids & Power)	34.8	32.5	34.9	<mark>(2.4)</mark>	-6.8%	<mark>2.4</mark>	7.5%
Non-Professional Services / Repairs & Maintenance	30.7	35.2	35.0	<mark>4.6</mark>	14.8%	(0.2)	-0.6%
Materials & Supplies	23.1	25.8	25.5	<mark>2.7</mark>	11.8%	(0.4)	-1.4%
Insurance	12.9	14.0	10.1	<mark>1.1</mark>	8.2%	(3.9)	-27.7%
Software Licensing & Support	10.0	10.6	11.4	0.6	6.0%	0.8	7.4%
Taxes & Permits	8.8	8.8	9.0	0.0	0.4%	0.2	2.4%
Utilities	8.7	12.1	11.0	<mark>3.4</mark>	39.3%	<mark>(1.1)</mark>	-9.3%
Memberships & Subscriptions	7.5	7.6	7.6	0.2	2.1%	0.0	0.3%
Travel & Training	6.3	5.9	6.1	(0.3)	-5.4%	0.1	2.4%
Communications	4.4	5.1	5.2	0.6	14.3%	0.1	2.9%
Subsidies & Incentives	3.2	3.3	3.3	0.1	3.6%	0.0	0.2%
Rents & Leases	2.9	2.6	2.8	(0.2)	-8.2%	0.2	5.8%
Advertising & Community Outreach	1.3	1.5	1.6	0.2	15.3%	0.2	10.8%
Other	3.2	3.1	3.1	(0.1)	-2.7%	(0.0)	0.0%
Operating Equipment	7.2	9.4	8.8	` <mark>2.2</mark>	31.3%	(0.6)	-5.9%
Total O&M	\$ 579.9	\$ 608.9	\$ 616.7	\$ 29.1	5.0%	\$ 7.7	1.3%

Budgeted Positions

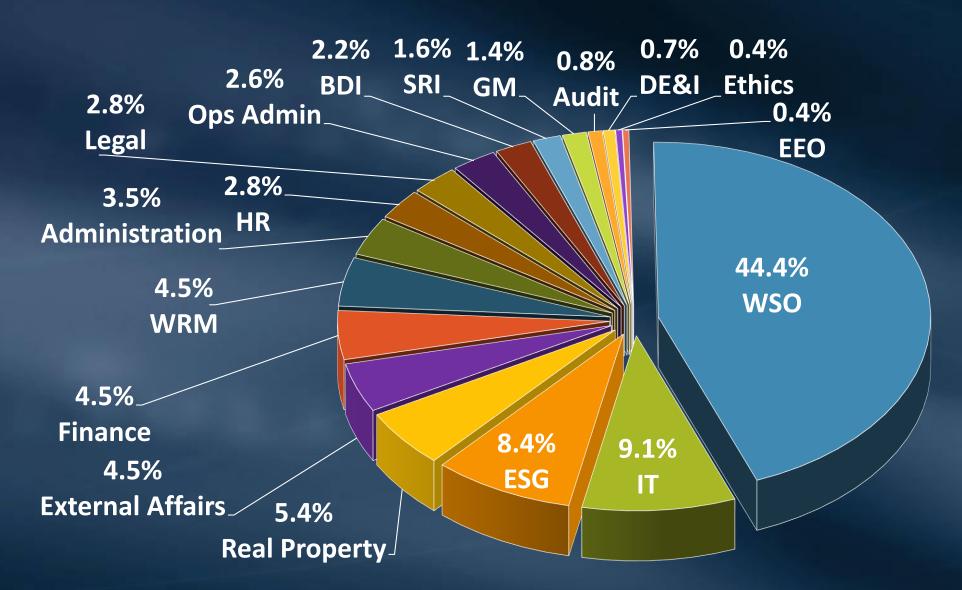
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Prop	osed
Regular	1,907	1,907	1,907	1,927	1,927
District Temporary	23	43	37	47	49
Authorized Positions	1,930	1,950	1,944	1,974	1,976

FY 2022/23 O&M Budget by Organization



1,927 FTEs

FY 2023/24 O&M Budget by Organization



1,927 FTEs

O&M Budget by Organization

Departmental Units	2021/2022	2022/23	2023/24	2021/22 B 2022/23 P		2022/23 Pro 2023/24 Pr	_
	Budget	Proposed	Proposed	\$M	%	\$M	%
Office of the General Manager	6.3	8.1	8.4	1.9	29.8%	0.2	2.9%
Water System Ops w/o Variable Treatment	245.8	256.5	261.9	10.7	4.4%	5.3	2.1%
Information Technology	49.6	51.0	53.6	1.3	2.7%	2.7	5.2%
Engineering Services	49.3	50.8	49.4	1.5	3.0%	-1.5	-2.9%
Real Property	31.1	31.6	31.7	0.5	1.7%	0.0	0.1%
Finance	28.5	30.0	26.6	1.5	5.3%	-3.4	-11.3%
External Affairs	26.2	26.3	26.7	0.1	0.3%	0.4	1.7%
Water Resource Management	25.3	25.9	26.6	0.6	2.2%	0.7	2.6%
Administration	19.2	19.9	20.8	0.7	3.7%	0.9	4.5%
Human Resources	15.0	16.2	16.5	1.2	8.0%	0.3	1.7%
Operations Administration	13.6	15.4	15.6	1.9	13.7%	0.2	1.3%
Bay Delta Initiatives	9.7	12.5	12.9	2.8	28.7%	0.4	2.9%
Sustainability, Resilience & Innovation	7.1	10.3	9.7	3.2	45.4%	-0.6	-6.2%
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion	2.5	3.9	4.0	1.4	54.7%	0.1	3.3%
Equal Employment Opportunity		2.0	2.1	2.0	%	0.1	4.8%
Total – GM's Department	\$529.3	\$560.6	\$566.5	\$31.3	5.9%	\$5.9	1.0%
Office of General Counsel	17.8	16.4	16.3	1.3	-7.5%	-0.1	-0.8%
Office of General Auditor	4.8	4.8	4.9	0.0	0.4%	0.1	3.0%
Ethic's Office	1.7	2.2	2.2	0.5	30.0%	0.1	2.3%
Overhead Credit from Construction	-24.2	-21.9	-22.0	2.3	-9.6%	-0.1	0.3%
Succession Planning Labor Pool	4.5	5.0	5.0	0.5	10.1%	0.0	0.0%
Total Department Budget	\$537.9	\$567.1	\$573.0	\$29.2	5.4%	\$7.7	1.0%
Operating Equipment	7.2	9.4	8.8	2.2	31.3%	-0.6	-5.9%
Variable Treatment	34.8	32.5	34.9	-2.4	-6.8%	2.4	7.5%
Grand Total	\$579.9	\$608.9	\$616.7	\$29.1	5.0%	\$7.7	1.3%

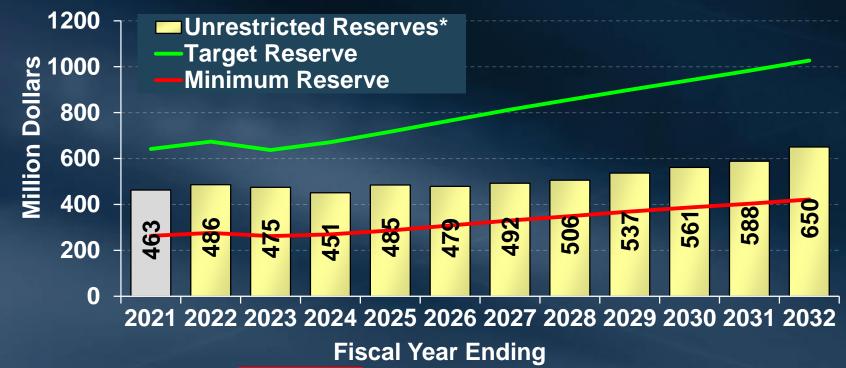
Unfunded Priorities

Group/Department	2021/22 Budget	Original Request New Positions	New Positions Added*	Unfunded Priorities
Water System Operations	940	62	(1)	43
Water Resource Management	68	1	-	-
Sustainability, Resilience & Innovation	20	3	5	-
Real Property	53	12	2	2
Operations Administration	11	-	-	-
Information Technology	130	7	1	-
Human Resources	44	6	-	2
Office of the General Manager	13		4	-
Finance	51	6	2	2
External Affairs	62	4	1	1
Equal Employment Opportunity		2	6	1
Engineering Services	355	23	-	23
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion	7	3	2	1
Bay Delta Initiatives	17	-	(1)	-
Administration	81	8	(1)	1
Subtotal - GM's Department	1,852	137	20	76
Office of the General Auditor	13	-	-	-
Office of Ethics	5	4	-	4
General Counsel	37	-	-	-
Total Regular Employees	1,907	141	20	80

^{*} Reflects intergroup transfers

Ten-Year Financial Forecast

Projected Rate Increases & Financial Metrics



Overall Rate Inc.	3.0%	4.0%	8.0%	8.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
Water Transactions (MAF)**	1.57	1.60	1.59	1.54	1.54	1.51	1.53	1.53	1.54	1.55	1.55	1.57
Rev. Bond Cvg	2.0	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.8	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.8
Fixed Chg Cvg	2.2	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5
PAYGO, \$M	110	135	135	135	175	175	175	175	200	200	200	200

^{*} Revenue Remainder and Water Rate Stabilization Fund

^{**} Includes water sales, exchanges and wheeling

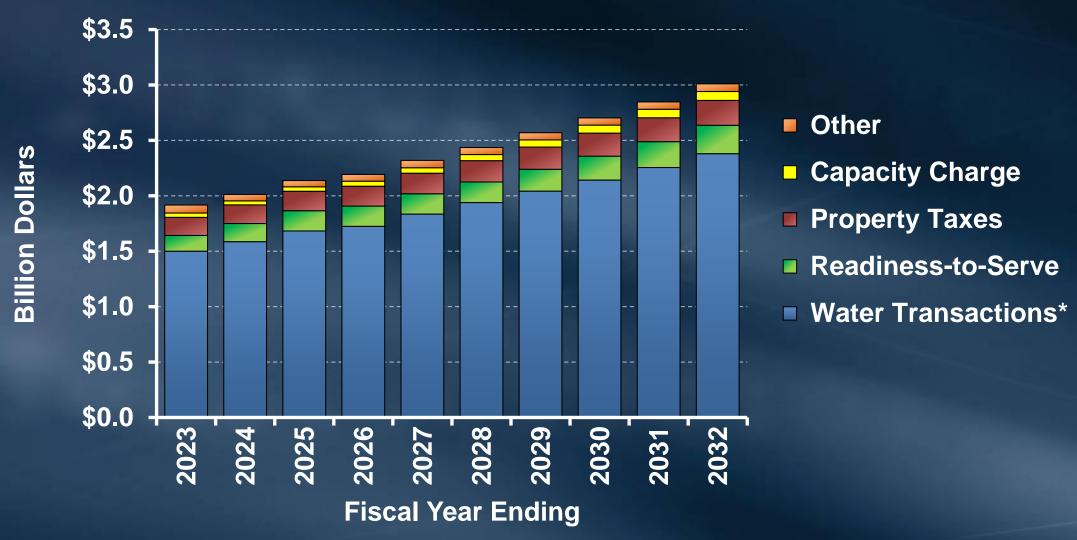
Projected Water Rates and Charges

Rates & Charges											
Effective January 1st	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
Tier 1 Supply Rate (\$/AF)	\$243	\$328	\$348	\$371	\$403	\$427	\$455	\$473	\$491	\$510	\$520
Tier 2 Supply Rate (\$/AF)	\$285	\$532	\$538	\$573	\$603	\$627	\$652	\$671	\$688	\$705	\$723
System Access Rate (\$/AF)	\$389	\$373	\$416	\$429	\$442	\$470	\$502	\$533	\$564	\$598	\$635
System Power Rate (\$/AF)	\$167	\$187	\$188	\$201	\$210	\$219	\$223	\$227	\$240	\$253	\$257
Full Service Untreated Volume	tric Cost	(\$/AF)									
Tier 1	\$799	\$888	\$952	\$1,001	\$1,055	\$1,116	\$1,180	\$1,233	\$1,295	\$1,361	\$1,412
Tier 2	\$841	\$1,092	\$1,142	\$1,203	\$1,255	\$1,316	\$1,377	\$1,431	\$1,492	\$1,556	\$1,615
Treatment Surcharge (\$/AF)	\$344	\$364	\$370	\$394	\$421	\$436	\$443	\$453	\$463	\$473	\$503
Full Service Treated Volumetri	c Cost (\$	AF)									
Tier 1	\$1,143	\$1,252	\$1,322	\$1,395	\$1,476	\$1,552	\$1,623	\$1,686	\$1,758	\$1,834	\$1,915
Tier 2	\$1,185	\$1,456	\$1,512	\$1,597	\$1,676	\$1,752	\$1,820	\$1,884	\$1,955	\$2,029	\$2,118
RTS Charge (\$M)	\$140	\$145	\$183	\$183	\$183	\$183	\$188	\$207	\$225	\$241	\$271
Capacity Charge (\$/cfs)	\$12,200	\$10,700	\$11,700	\$13,600	\$14,700	\$16,000	\$18,200	\$21,600	\$22,900	\$24,500	\$25,600
Overall Rate Increase	4.0%	8.0%	8.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%

Full Service Cost means the Full Service Rate, consisting of the following rate components: the applicable Supply Rate, the System Access Rate, the System Power Rate, and if applicable the Treatment Surcharge for treated water service.

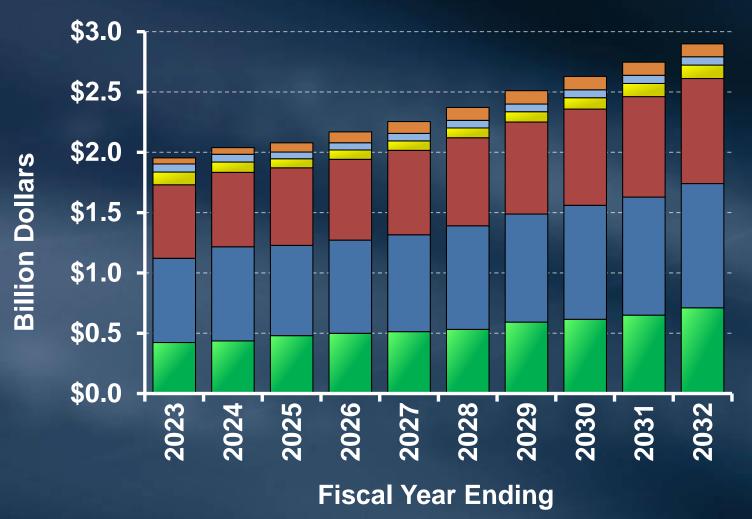
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Revenue Forecast



* Includes water sales and exchange

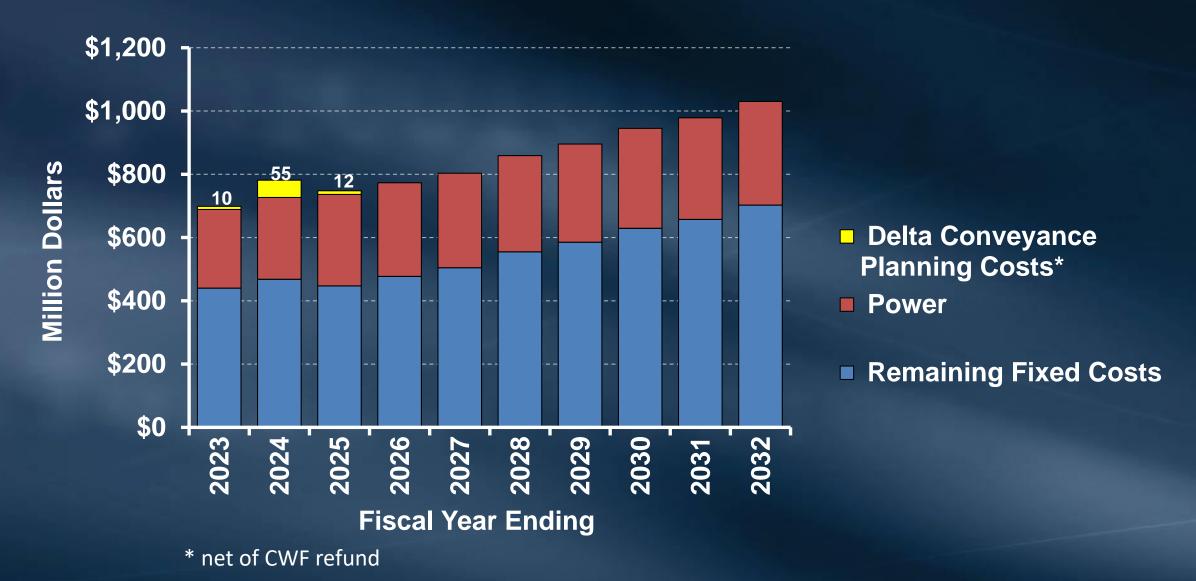
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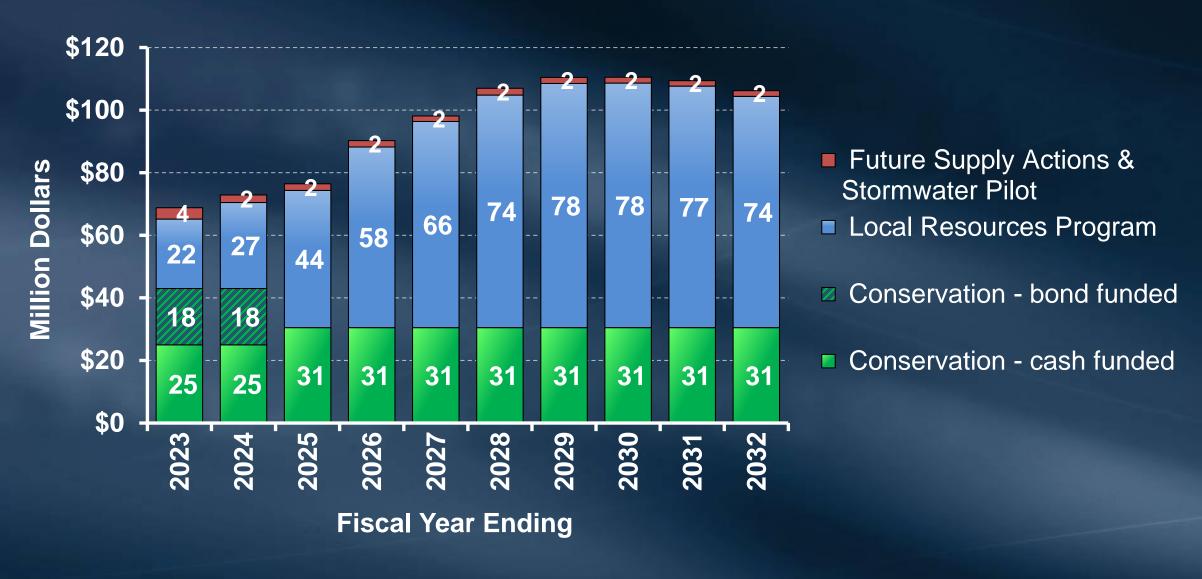
- Demand Management
- Supply Programs
- CRA Power
- O&M (1)
- State Water Contract (2)
- Capital Financing

- (1) includes Regional Recycled Water Program planning costs
- (2) Includes Delta Conveyance planning costs

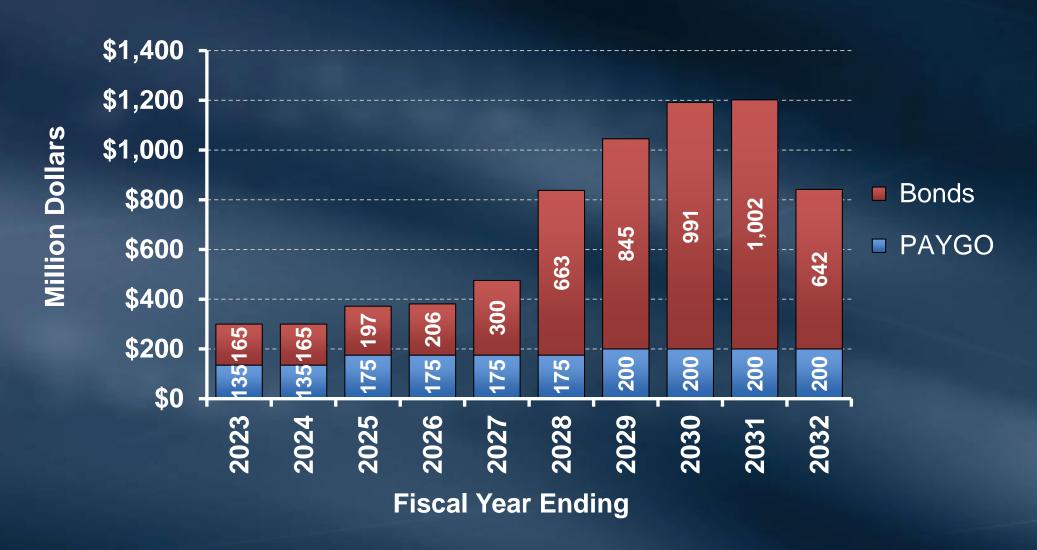
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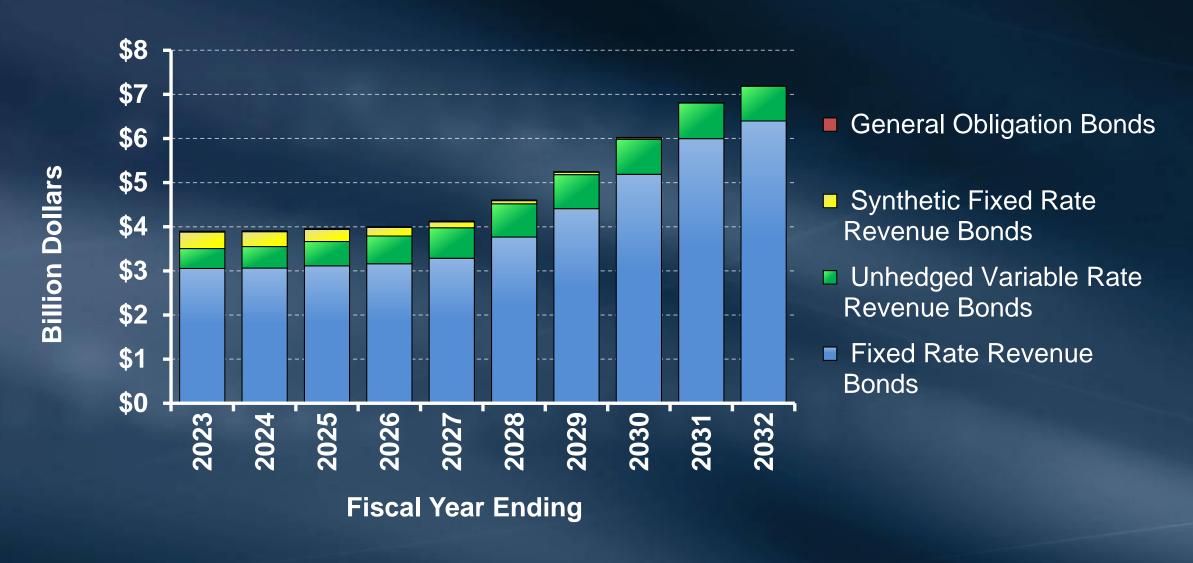
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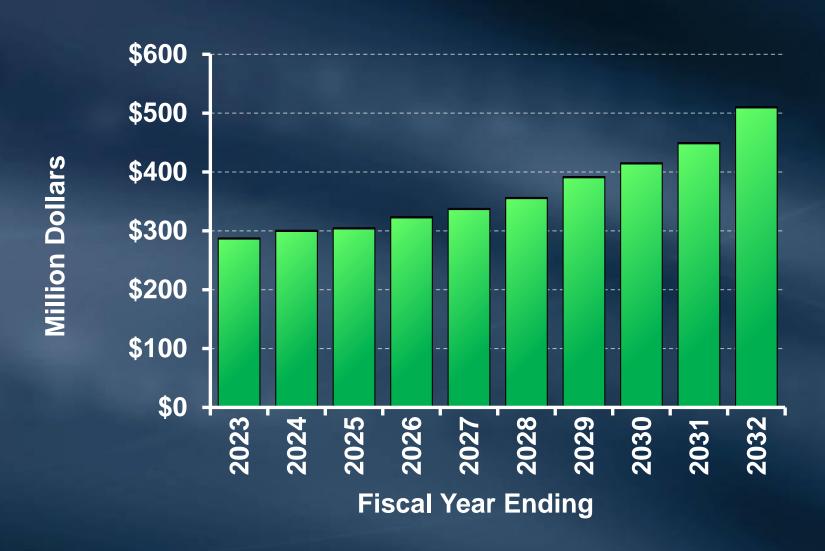
Capital Investment Plan Expenditures



Outstanding Debt



Debt Service



- MWD GO Bonds
- Revenue Bond

Next Steps

Workshop #2 – Feb 22, 2022

- Capital Investment Plan
- Unfunded Priorities
 - Ethics unfunded priorities
 - GM unfunded priorities
- Q&A and Discussion

Next Steps

February 22, 2022	F&I Committee, Workshop #2
By February 25, 2022	Notice to Legislature; notice to member agencies regarding public hearing and proposed adoption of fixed charges
March 7, 2022	F&I Committee, Workshop #3
March 8, 2022	Public hearing on proposed water rates and charges and applicability of the tax rate limit pursuant to Section 124.5 of the MWD Act
March 22, 2022	F&I Committee, Workshop #4, if needed
April 11, 2022	F&I Committee, Recommend Biennial Budget and Calendar Year rates and charges; Workshop #5, if needed
April 12, 2022	Board action regarding Biennial Budget, Calendar Year rates and charges, and applicability of Section 124.5 limit



