



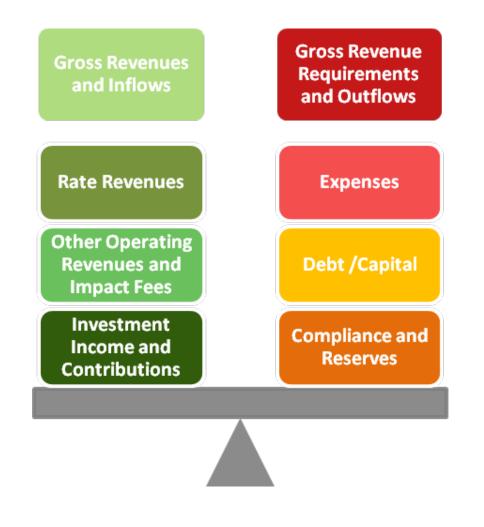
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#### Summary of Study Purpose

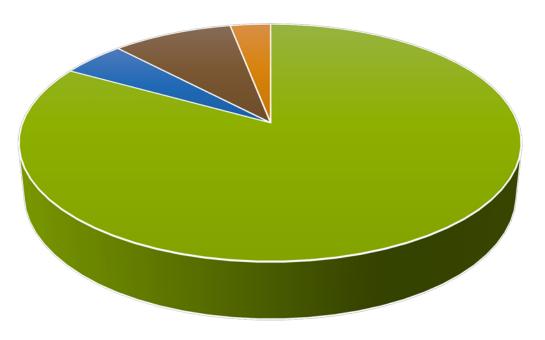
- Objective Develop Sustainable Rate and Financial Plan
- Evaluate the Sufficiency of Revenues
- Review of Historical Trends In Revenues and Expenses
- Forecast of Operating Expenses and Revenues
- Summary of Capital Needs
- Develop Capital Funding Plan
- Identify Available Cash / Funding Resources
- Develop Financial Plan
  - Revenue Requirements
  - Bond Covenants
  - Financial Targets
  - Identify Rate Implementation Plan





#### System Attributes – Customers

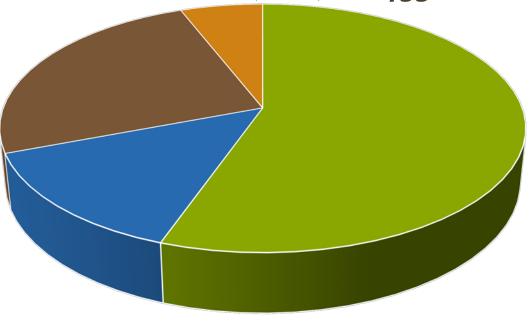
#### FY 2018 Accounts = 13,179



Single-Family = Multi-Family = Commercial = Irrigation

- Single-Family Class
  - 83% of Total Accounts and 55% of Total ERCs
  - Average Monthly Use per Account = 5,600 Gallons
  - 72% of Flow Billed Under 5,000 Gallons or Less

FY 2018 Equivalent Residential Connections (ERC) = 26,336



- Commercial Class
  - 9% of Total Accounts and 25% of Total ERCs
  - Average Monthly Use per Account = 51,000 Gallons
  - Represents 34% of Total Water Sold

#### System Attributes – Existing Rates

Fiscal Year 2018 – Monthly Charges for Service (Rates)

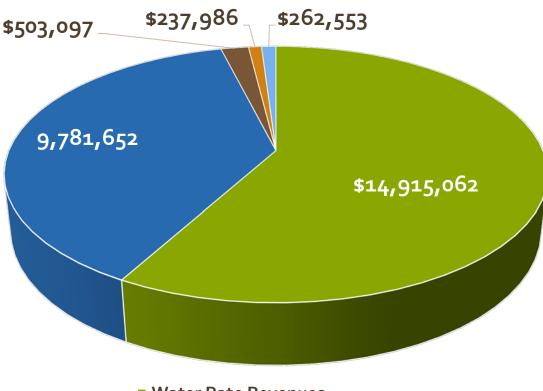
	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	
Readiness-to-Serve Charge			
Single-Family 3/4-Inch Meter	\$17.63	\$16.12	
Usage Charges (per 1,000 Gallons)			
o-5,000 Gallons	\$2.53	\$2.59	
5,001-10,000 Gallons	3.46	2.59	
10,001-20,000 Gallons	4.57	N/A	
20,001 and Above	5.73	N/A	
Readiness-to-Serve Charge – Commercial			
3/4-Inch Meter	\$17.65	\$16.12	
1-Inch Meter	26.16	25.53	
1-1/2-Inch Meter	47.31	48.84	
2-Inch Meter	74.19	76.94	
3-Inch Meter	132.73	142.55	
4-Inch Meter	216.73	236.24	
6-Inch Meter	425.89	470.29	
8-Inch Meter	671.75	751.24	
10-Inch Meter	957.63	1,079.11	
Usage Charge (per 1,000 Gallons)			
0-10,000 Gallons	\$4.54	\$4.66	
10,001-30,000	5.65	4.66	
30,001 and Above	6.81	4.66	



#### Monthly Charges for Service

- Readiness-to-Serve Charge Includes
  Capacity Reservation Based on ERCs and Meter Replacement Charge
- Usage Charges Water Includes
  Conservation Tiers and Sewer Capped at
  10,000 Gallons
- Resolution 12-15UD "Rate Resolution"
  - Adopted 5-Year Rate Adjustment Plan
  - Modified Remainder of Prior Rate Plan
  - Fiscal Year 2019 (Last Year of Plan)
    - Water = 3.05% / Sewer = 8.79%

#### System Attributes – Fiscal Year 2018 Revenues

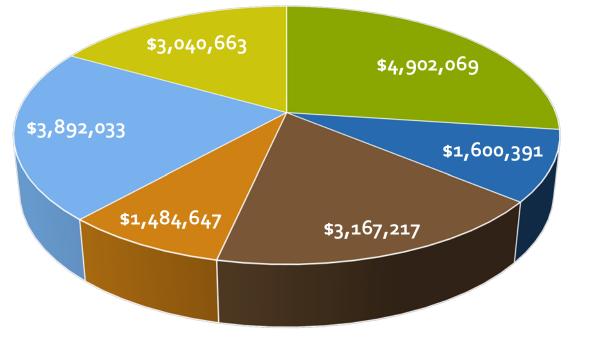


- Water Rate Revenues
- Sewer Rate Revenues
- Miscellaneous Fees and Interest Income
- ECRWRF Wholesale Charge Revenue
- Impact Fees



- Rate Revenues = 96%
  - Water = 58% / Sewer = 39%
  - Single-Family = 35%, Multi-Family =22%,
    Commercial = 32%, Irrigation = 9%
- Miscellaneous Fees & Interest = 3%
  - Misc. Fees Penalties, Connections, Ext.
  - Interest Income
- Wholesale Revenues = 1%

#### System Attributes – Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Expenses



- Personnel
- Wastewater Treatment
- Professional Services

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- Utilities / Variable Expenses
- Other Operating Expenses

- Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Expenses = \$18,087,020
- Represents 73% of Rate Revenues

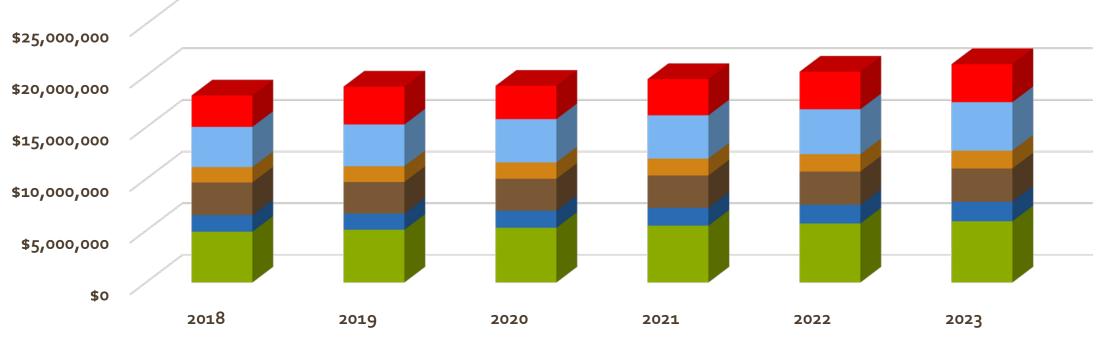
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- Wastewater Treatment
  - ECRWRF = 16% of Total OpEx
  - District Has Little Control Over Potential Increases
- Personnel / Power / Chemicals = 35% of Total OpEx
- PILOT = 9% of Total OpEx

## System Attributes – Projected Operating Expenses



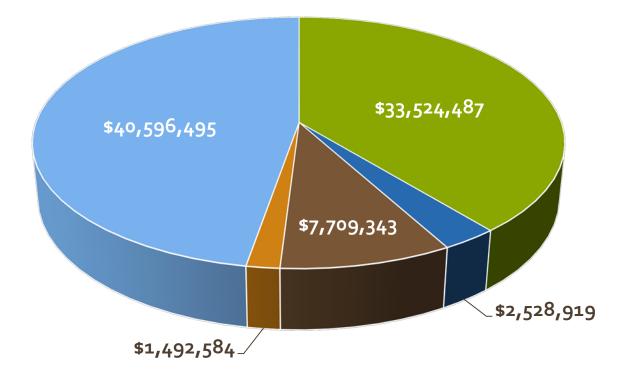
- Operating Expenses Escalated Over Forecast Period Based on Known Changes and Inflationary Indices Published By the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Annual Compound Growth = 3.15%
- Wastewater Treatment Growth = 0.8% Biosolids Project Completion / Benefit to Wastewater



Personnel PILOT Wastewater Treatment Utilities / Variable Expenses Professional Services Other Operating Expenses

#### System Attributes – Fund Balance – October 1, 2017





Revenue Fund

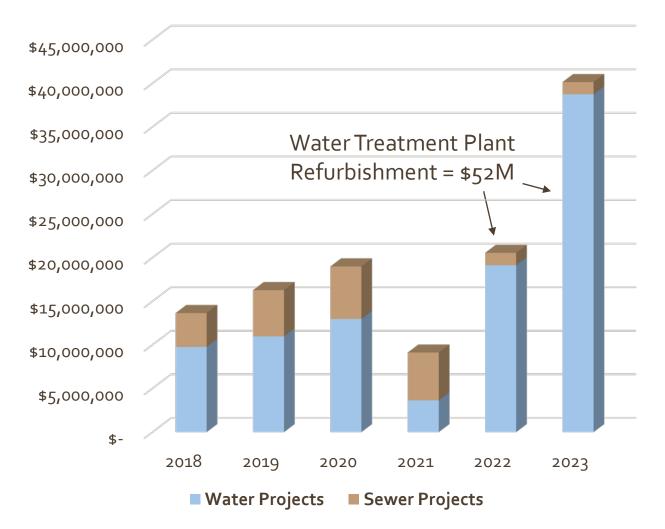
- Customer Deposits
- Renewal and Replacement Fund Impact Fees
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Series 2016	Bond	Proceeds
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Overview of Fund Balance				
	Beginning of <u>Fiscal Year 2018</u>			
Total Starting Fund Balances	\$85,851,828			
Less Restricted / Claimed Funds:				
Customer Deposits	(\$2,528,919)			
Impact Fees Funds	(1,492,584)			
Series 2016 Bond Proceeds	(40,596,495)			
Operating Reserves (180 of Op.Ex.)	<u>(</u> 8,919,627 <u>)</u>			
Capital Reserves (1 Year's Depreciation)	<u>(3,082,565)</u>			
Total Restricted Funds:	(\$56,620,190)			
Funds Available for Future Capital and Other Purposes:	\$29,231,638			
Total CIP Less Series 2016 Bond Projects	\$78,992,280			
Remaining CIP Required Funding	\$49,760,642			

- Remaining CIP Funding
  - Annual Deposits to R&R Fund from Rates
  - Additional Bonds

#### System Attributes – Capital Improvement Plan



FY 2018-2023
\$2,966,405
21,062,000
853,620
20,590,750
40,716,000
33,400,000
\$119,588,775

- Goal Reduce Future Debt
- Water Treatment Plant Refurbishment
  - Originally Constructed In 1958 (60 Years Old)
  - Provides All Water to District Customers
  - Older Treatment Technology
  - Identified Funding Sources
    - System Reserves = \$18,450,000
    - Series 2023 Bonds = \$33,400,000
- Series 2016 Bond Projects Previously Identified and Scheduled / Underway

#### **Recommendations – Renewal and Replacement Fund Deposit**



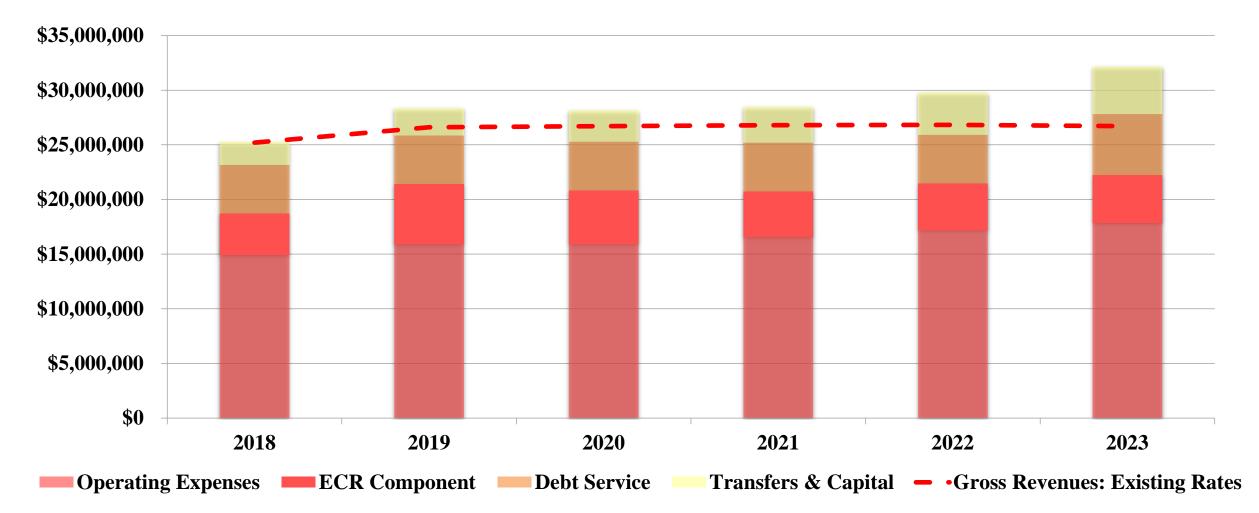
- Recommendation Increase Transfer to Approximately 12.5% of Prior Year's Revenues
  - Incremental Annual Increase to Get to 12.5% Fund Deposit By End of Forecast Period
  - Sufficient to Meet Requirements of Capital Improvement Plan and Promote Pay-Go Funding
  - Provides Funds To Meet Targeted Capital Reserves (Hedge Against Emergency Capital Needs)
  - Demonstrates Reinvestment Plan to Outsiders (Credit Rating Agencies, Bond Holders, Customers)
  - Improves Annual Debt Service Coverage Ratio

Renewal and Replacement Fund – Recommended Annual Deposit						
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	2020	<u>2021</u>	2022	<u>2023</u>
Required Deposit (Bond Resolution)						
Percentage	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
Amount	\$1,210,602	\$1,259,991	\$1,330,527	\$1,395,779	\$1,465,490	\$1,535,283
Additional Deposit						
Percentage	1.73%	3.00%	4.00%	5.00%	6.50%	7.50%
Amount	<u>\$418,874</u>	\$755,994	<u>\$1,064,421</u>	\$1,395,779	\$1,905,137	\$2,302,924
Total Annual Deposit	\$1,629,476	\$2,015,985	\$2,394,948	\$2,791,558	\$3,370,627	\$3,838,207

#### System Attributes – Revenue Requirements



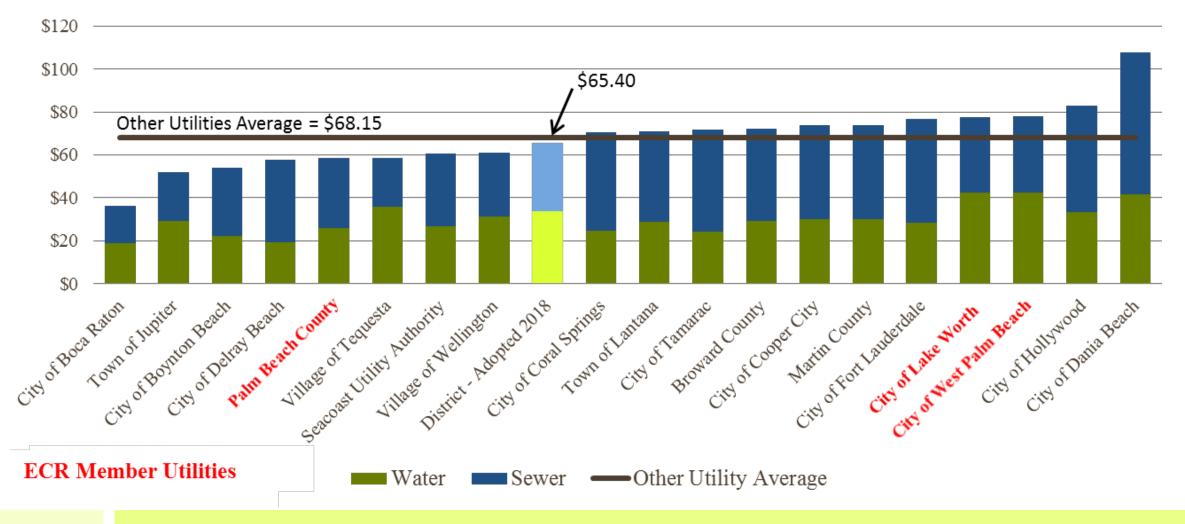
• Existing Revenues are Not Sufficient to Meet the Identified Revenue Requirements







**Comparison of Combined Water and Sewer Bills at 6,000 gal** 



#### **Study Results – Issued and Recommendations**



	Identified Issues and Recommended Solution				
	Identified Issue	Solution / Recommendation			
1	Fully Fund Ongoing Asset Replacements and Repairs Identified In Capital Improvement Plan	Increase Annual Transfer to R&R Fund = 12.5%			
2	Fully Fund Water Treatment Plant Refurbishment	Use \$18.45M of Cash Reserves to Reduce Additional Debt (Series 2023 Bonds = \$33.4M)			
3	Promote Strong Fiscal Position To Receive Favorable Rating For Series 2023 Bonds	Establish Minimum Fund Reserves (Operating & Capital), Target Projected Debt Coverage Ratio Greater Than 200%, Increase Net Revenue Margin, Implement Rate Plan			
4	Maintain Debt Service Coverage Ratio Greater than 200%	Implement Rate Adjustment Plan, Limit Debt, Increase R&R Fund Deposit			
5	Produce Sufficient Revenues to Meet Identified Revenue Requirements , Financial Targets, and to Limit Financial Risk	Implement Rate Adjustment Plan			

#### **Recommendations – Rate Adjustment Plan**



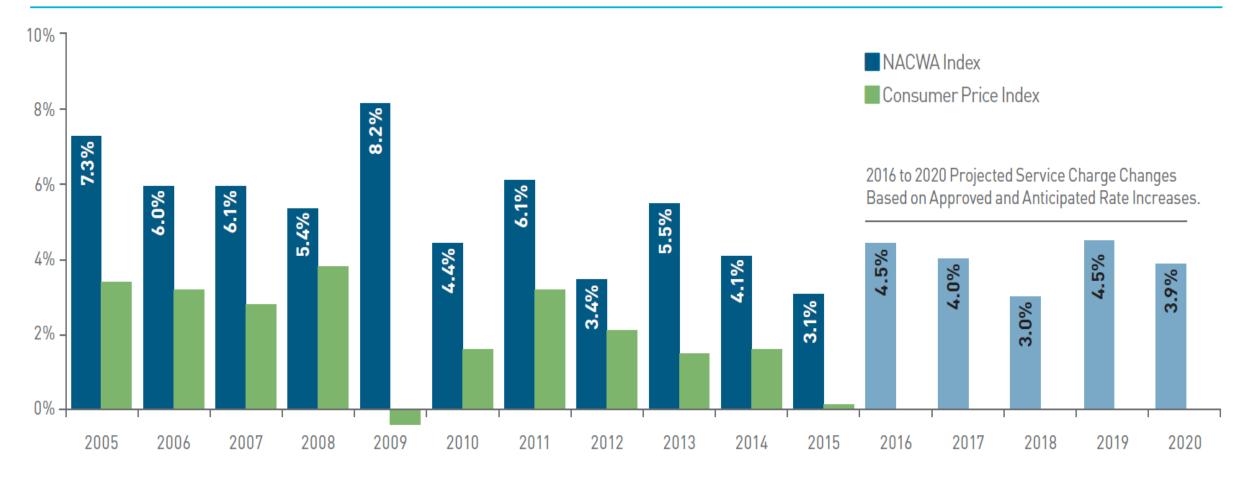
- Annual Price Index Adjustment
  - Recurring Adjustment to Account for Inflation / Maintains Existing Operating Margins
  - Based on Predetermined Index (Consumer Price Index (CPI))
  - Reduces Rate Impact to Customers by implementing Small Annual Changes vs. Single Larger Adjustment
  - Average Annual Change for Last 10 Years = 1.68% Annually
- Adopt FY-2020-2023 (4-Year) Water-Only Rate Adjustment Plan
  - Provide Revenues to Fund Proposed Series 2023 Bonds (Water Treatment Plant Refurbishment Project)
  - Moves Water System Closer to Full Recovery Basis

Proposed Rate Adjustments for Financial Forecast				
	2020	<u>2021</u>	2022	2023
Annual Price Index Adjustment	1.68%	1.68%	1.68%	1.68%
Additional Water Adjustment	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
Additional Sewer Adjustment	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Combined System Adjustment	4.64%	4.69%	4.75%	4.81%
Increase to Residential Monthly Bill @ 6,000	\$2.90	\$3.07	\$3.24	\$3.43
Cents Per Day	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.11	\$0.11

#### National Annual Charge Changes



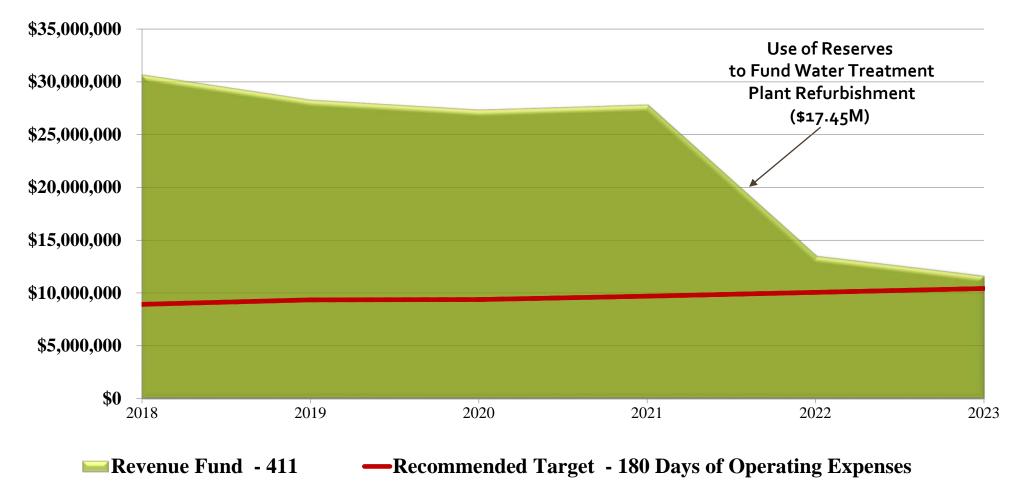
#### ANNUAL CHANGE IN COST OF CLEAN WATER INDEX VS. INFLATION



#### **Recommendations – Operating Reserves Target**

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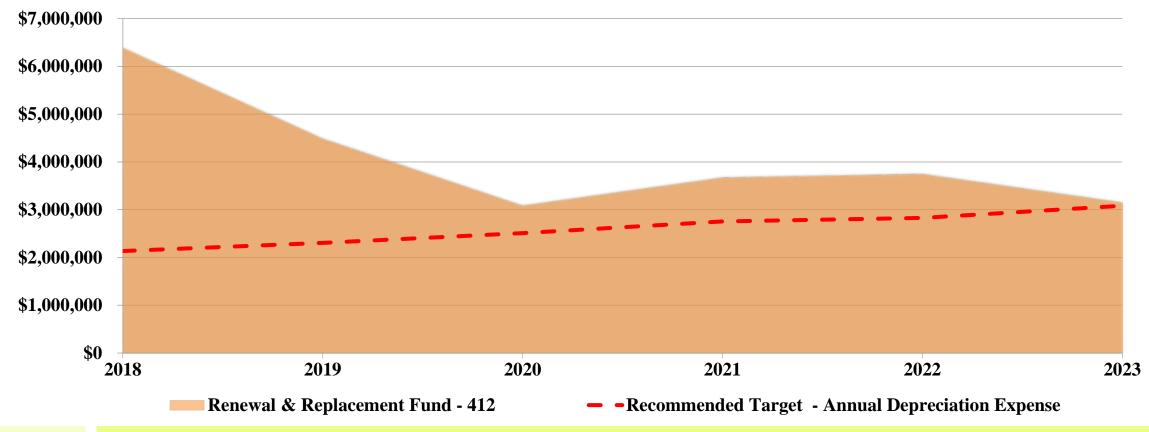
- Maintain Funds In Revenue Fund Greater Than 180 Days of Operating Expenses
- Provides Hedge Against Emergency / Unforeseen Operating Issues (Hurricane or Lawsuit)



#### **Recommendations – Capital Reserves Target**



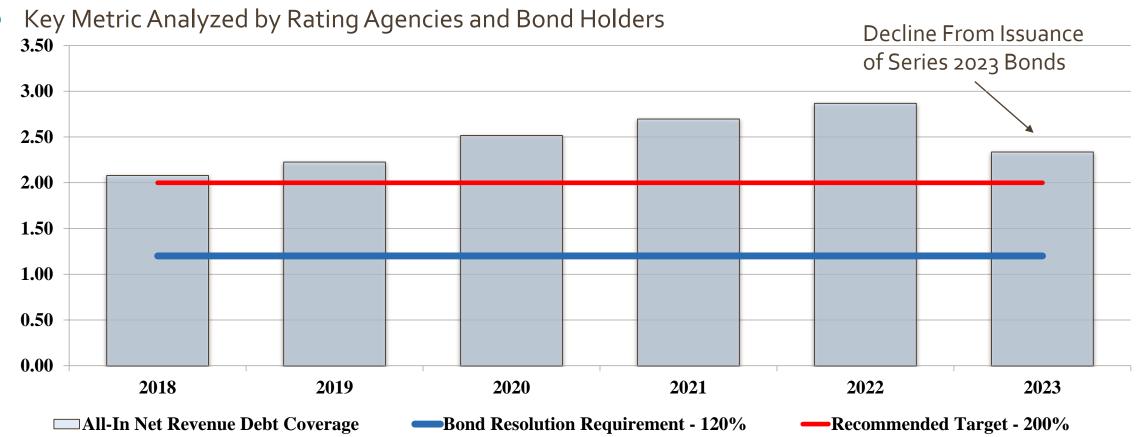
- Maintain Funds In Renewal and Replacement Fund Greater Than Annual Depreciation Expense
- Fiscal Year 2023 Estimated Minimum Target = \$3,082,565
- Provides Hedge Against Emergency Capital or Project Overruns (Major Main Break or Water Treatment Plant Project Costs Higher than Estimated)



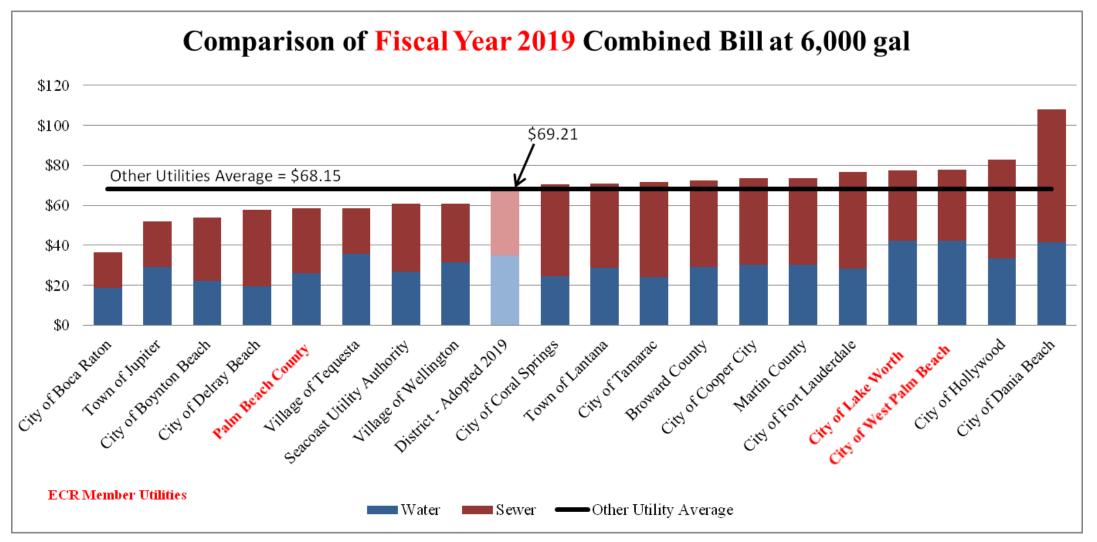
## **Recommendations – Maintain Strong Debt Coverage**



- Annual Test Required By Bond Resolution Minimum Required Ratio = 120% / Recommended = 200%
- Test the System's Net Revenues (Revenues Less Operating Expenses) Ability to Pay Debt Service



Comparison of Fiscal Year 2019 Monthly Residential Bill Combined Water and Wastewater at 6,000 Gallons





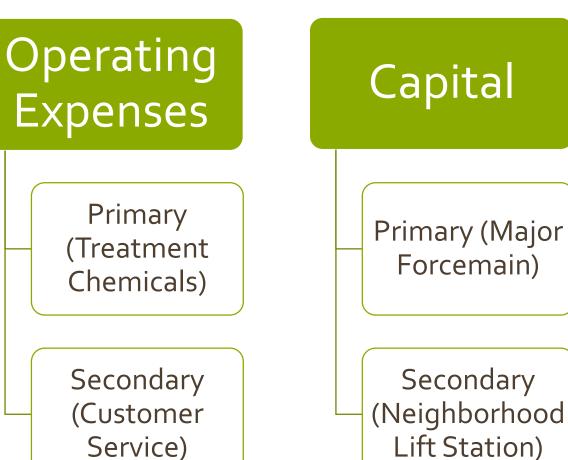
## Water and Wastewater Wholesale Rate Evaluation

Fiscal Year 2018 Utility Revenue Sufficiency Study



#### Wholesale Rate Evaluation Purpose

- Study Process:
- Segregate Revenue Requirements
  - Primary Costs Benefit All Users (Treatment)
  - Secondary Costs Benefit Only Retail Customers (Customer Service)
- Develop Rate Components Operations, Debt, Capital
- Identify Units of Service Water Produced, Wastewater Treated
- Calculate Water and Wastewater Wholesale Rates





#### Wholesale Rate Evaluation – Allocation of Revenue Requirements



Summary of Water and Wastewater Revenue Requirements Allocation Analysis					
	<u>Water</u>		<u>Wastewater</u>		
Cost Component	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Secondary</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Secondary</u>	
Operating and Maintenance Costs	\$7,220,940	\$1,267,501	\$1,307,127	\$1,364,613	
Wastewater Treatment at ECRWRF	N/A	N/A	3,799,807	0	
Debt Service Payments	1,959,706	930,788	1,152,270	399,830	
Capital Costs	950,446	476,451	442,049	246,030	
Indirect Expense Allocation	1,021,031	269,565	202,556	166,686	
Total Allocated Cost Components	\$11,152,122	\$2,944,306	\$6,941,810	\$2,177,159	
Percent of Revenue Requirements	79.11%	20.89%	76.12%	23.88%	

- 79.11% and 76.12% of the Water and Wastewater Revenue Requirements Have Been Identified as Primary.
- Primary Costs Must Be Recovered From All Users (Retail and Wholesale)
- Amounts Identified As Secondary Only Benefit District's Retail Customers

#### Wholesale Rate Evaluation – Calculation of Wholesale Water Rate



Calculation of Wholesale Water Rate (per 1,000 Gallons)		
Description	<u>Test Year</u>	
Total Primary Cost Components	\$11,152,122	
Units of Service – Finished Water (ooos)	2,918,718	
Calculated Cost (per 1,000 Gallons)	\$3.8209	
Allowance for Payment in Lieu of Taxes	0.2439	
Proposed Wholesale Water Rate (per 1,000 Gallons)	\$4.0648	
Proposed Wholesale Water Rate (per 1,000 Gallons) – Rounded	\$4.0600	

- Total Costs to be Recovered for Each 1,000 Gallons of Metered Water.
- Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes Required by Resolution Amount Shown Grossed Up to Recognize Cost to the District
  - Resolution No. 14-14UD "The PILOT due each Fiscal Year shall be six percent (6.0%) of the gross revenues billed during such Fiscal Year for monthly water and wastewater service charges and commodity charges for sales to the retail and wholesale customers served by the System."

#### Wholesale Rate Evaluation – Calculation of Wholesale Wastewater Rate

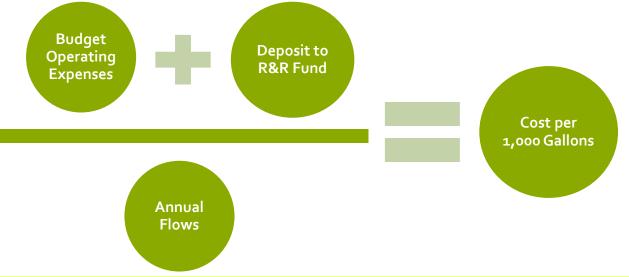


Calculation of Wholesale Wastewater Rate (per 1,000 Gallons)		
Description	<u>Test Year</u>	
District Cost Portion		
Total Primary Cost Components (Excluding ECRWRF)	\$3,142,003	
Units of Service – Average Wastewater Treated (ooos)	1,804,593	
Calculated Cost (per 1,000 Gallons)	\$1.7411	
Allowance for Payment in Lieu of Taxes	0.1111	
District Costs (per 1,000 Gallons)	\$1.8523	
ECRWRF Wastewater Treatment Portion		
Total Payments to ECRWRF	\$3,799,807	
Estimated Budgeted Flow to ECRWRF	1,804,593	
Calculated Cost (per 1,000 Gallons)	\$2.1056	
Allowance for Payment in Lieu of Taxes	0.1344	
District Costs (per 1,000 Gallons)	\$2.2400	
Proposed Wholesale Wastewater Rate (per 1,000 Gallons)	\$4.0923	
Proposed Wholesale Wastewater Rate (per 1,000 Gallons) – Rounded	\$4.0900	

# Wholesale Rate Evaluation – Calculation of Wholesale Wastewater Rate (cont'd.)



- Proposed Wholesale Wastewater Rate Includes Two (2) Components
  - <u>District Portion of Costs</u> Fixed Amount Based On Existing System Revenue Requirements
    - Subject to Annual Rate Adjustments
  - <u>ECRWRF Wastewater Treatment Component</u> "Pass-Through" Charge
    - District Is One of Five Members of The ECRWRF Governing Board.
    - ECRWRF Board Can Increase Required Payments For Any Year (Recurring or Non-recurring)
    - Component Should Be Recalculated Annually to Recognize Change (Increase or Decrease)
    - Annual Recalculation Based on ECRWRF Adopted Budget for Upcoming Fiscal Year



#### **Study Results – Issues and Recommendations**



	Identified Issues and Recommended Solution				
	Recommendations and Issues	Solution / Recommendation			
1	Adopt Proposed Wholesale Water Rate of \$4.06 per 1,000 Gallons	Represents (10.5%) Decline as Compared to Existing Rate			
2	Adopt 2 Component Wholesale Wastewater Rate of \$4.09 per 1,000 Gallons	Represents (12.2%) Decline as Compared to Existing Rate Reduces Annual Wastewater Revenue Limits Financial Risk From ECRWRF Costs			
3	Minimum Criteria for Determination of Wholesale User	Contractual Agreement, Capacity Reservation, Pays for Cost of Connection, No Sales for Resale			
4	Apply Rate Adjustments to Wholesale Water Rate and District Portion of Wholesale Wastewater Rates	Implement Rate Adjustment Plan to District Components of Wholesale Rates (Not ECRWRF Component)			
5	Review Rate Determination Every 2-3 Years	To Account for Potential Changes in Costs and Promote Full Cost Recovery			



# Questions and Comments

Fiscal Year 2018 Utility Revenue Sufficiency Study

