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# FINANCE COMMITTEE

April 07, 2021 1:00 P.M.



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#### AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

#### II. <u>PUBLIC COMMENTS (FOR TELECONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS</u> <u>ONLY)</u>

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON-LINE REGISTRATION: Prior to the start of the Finance Committee meeting, members of the public wishing to provide public comment must submit via email to <u>PublicRelations.Info@ntmwd.com</u> their first and last name, organization, comment topic, mailing address and email address. During the public comment portion of the meeting, speakers will be recognized by name and asked to provide their comments. The time limit is five (5) minutes per speaker, not to exceed a total of thirty (30) minutes for all speakers. The Committee may not discuss these items, but may respond with factual or policy information. Public comment is provided for committee meetings held by teleconference during the COVID-19 health threat to confirm the opportunity for two-way communication with the public during the meeting.

#### III. OPENING REMARKS

A. <u>Chairman/Interim Executive Director/Committee Champion Status Report</u> concerning legislation and regulatory matters, budgets, current projects, and ongoing programs of the District



## AGENDA

#### IV. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consider approval of Finance Committee meeting minutes March 10, 2021
- B. Review and possible action on Refunding Parameters Resolution for RWS refunding
- C. Review and possible action on Strategic Financial Plans by Newgen Strategies & Solutions, LLC
- **D.** <u>**Tabled Item</u>**: Review and possible action on End of Year Actuals verses Fund Balance Policy</u>
- E. Review and possible action on funding of February electric bills



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(No substantive discussion of items will take place at this time)

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Recommend Approval of Finance Committee Minutes – March 10, 2021



#### IV. ACTION ITEMS

B. Review and possible action on Refunding Parameters Resolution for RWS refunding



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Finance Committee Meeting Water System Refunding Discussion



April 7, 2021

North Texas Municipal Water District

## **Presentation Overview**

- > Overview
- Projected Refunding Savings
- > Next Steps



# Overview

- 2012 Water System Bonds Callable March 1, 2022
  - Can pursue a taxable refunding now or wait for a tax-exempt refunding October/November of 2021
  - Legislation has been introduced to reinstate tax-exempt advance refundings

- Targeting April 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting for consideration of a Parameter Bond Resolution to 'pre-approve' the refunding transaction subject to certain parameters
  - Same method as previous Water System refundings in 2019 and 2020
  - Parameter Bond Resolution includes the ability to issue tax-exempt or taxable refunding bonds



# Potential Taxable Advance Refunding Savings Analysis

Series 2012 Taxable Refunding Analysis (Callable 3/1/2022)					
Callable Par:	\$228,285,000				
Total Savings:	\$ 22,826,000				
Average Annual Savings (2022-2032):	\$ 2,075,000				
Impact on Water Rate (Approx \$1Mil = \$0.01):	Approx. \$0.02				
Present Value Savings %:	8.80%				
New Interest Rate (Taxable):	2.20%				
Interest Rate on Existing 2012 Bonds:	4.31%				

Tax-Exempt Refunding Breakeven Analysis					
Current <u>Tax-Exempt</u> Rate:	1.62%				
Tax-Exempt Current Refunding Savings:	\$ 33,370,000 (\$3mil/year)				
12/1/2021 Tax-Exempt Rate for \$23mil savings:	2.39%				
Breakeven Differential from now until 12/1/2021:	0.77%				

Notes:

As with previous refundings, the final term will not extend beyond the term of the existing debt. Assumes Interest Rates as of 3/30/2021 plus 0.25%.



- April
  - Document preparation (Bond Resolution and Preliminary Official Statement)
  - NTMWD Board considers Parameter Bond Resolution
- May
  - > Rating Calls
  - Finalize Preliminary Official Statement
- June
  - Monitor market/Potential Pricing





#### IV. ACTION ITEMS

C. Review and possible action on Strategic Financial Plans by Newgen Strategies & Solutions, LLC



#### STRATEGIC FINANCIAL PLANS (SFP)

# REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM

Members: Allen, Farmersville, Forney, Frisco, Garland, McKinney, Mesquite, Plano, Princeton, Richardson, Rockwall, Royse City, Wylie



#### **SFP Standard Assumptions – Water**

O&M Escalation	% Increase	New Facilities O&M
Construction Cost	3.0%	WTP
Personnel	5.0%	Treated Water Pipelines
Services - Support	4.0%	Raw Water Pipelines
Services - Power	3.0%	Storage Reservoirs
Services - Other	3.0%	Pump Station
Capital Outlay	3.0%	Sedimentation Basin
Other Revenues	3.0%	
Supplies	3.0%	

Note: When available, SFPs relied on projected debt schedules, as provided by the District's financial advisor, Hilltop Securities, for future capital projects funded through open market bonds.



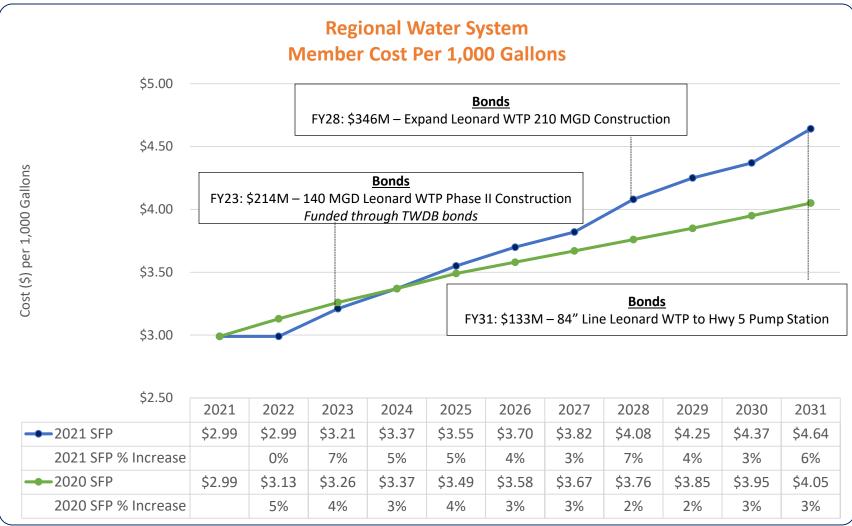
#### **RWS Model:**

- 2021 SFP incorporates new contract settlement methodology
- The average of capital funding for FY22, 23 & 24 is 88% debt funded (12% cash funded)\*
- Variable Costs are 92% funded in FY21 and increase 1% per year to a max of 95% beginning in FY24.

\*Excludes \$12.8M authorized from FY22 Capital Improvement funding



#### **REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM SFP ANALYSIS**





# REGIONAL WASTEWATER SYSTEM

Allen, Forney, Frisco, Heath, McKinney, Melissa, Mesquite, Plano, Princeton, Prosper, Richardson, Rockwall and Seagoville





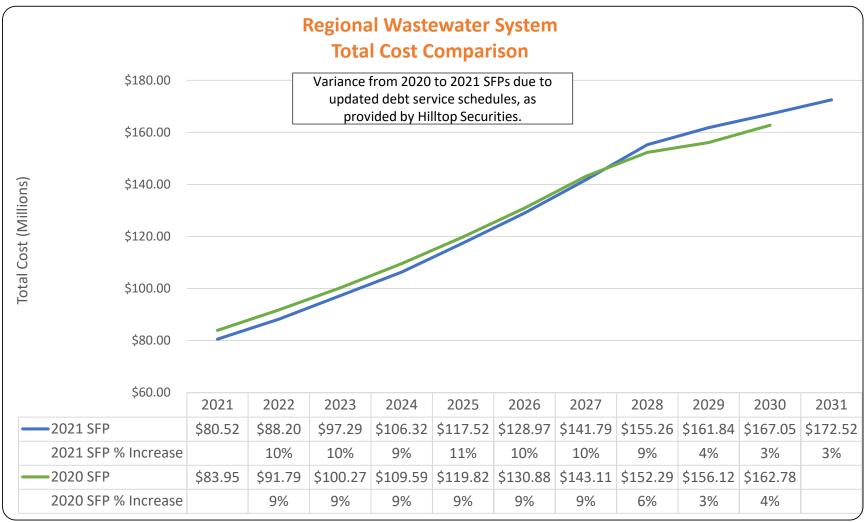
#### **SFP Standard Assumptions – Wastewater**

O&M Escalation	% Increase	New Facilities O&M	% of Capital Project Cost
Construction Cost	3.0%	WWTPs	2.5%
Personnel	5.0%	Lift Stations	2.5%
Services - Support	4.0%	Force Mains	1.0%
Services - Power	3.0%	Interceptors	1.0%
Services - Other	3.0%	Transfer Sewer	1.0%
Capital Outlay	3.0%	Parallel Sewer	1.0%
Other Revenues	3.0%		
Supplies	3.0%		

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#### **REGIONAL WASTEWATER SYSTEM SFP ANALYSIS**





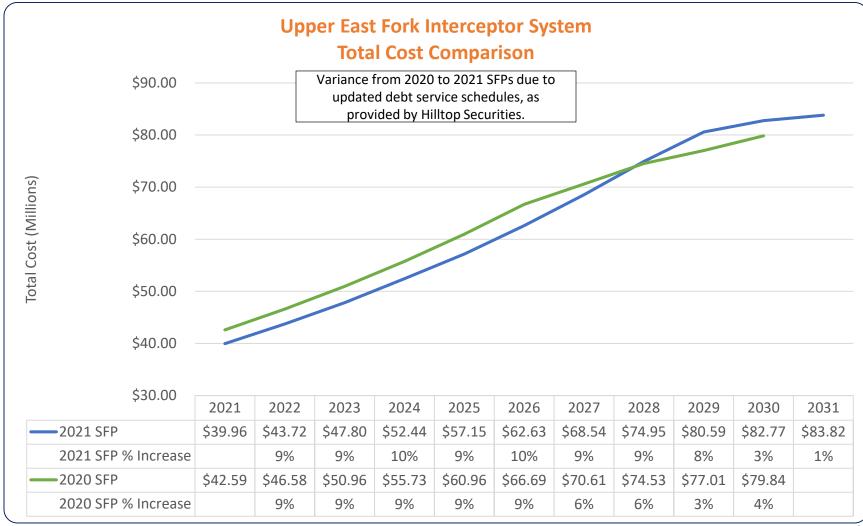
# UPPER EAST FORK INTERCEPTOR SYSTEM

Allen, Frisco, McKinney, Melissa, Plano,

**Princeton, Prosper and Richardson** 



#### UPPER EAST FORK INTERCEPTOR SYSTEM SFP ANALYSIS(Total Cost)



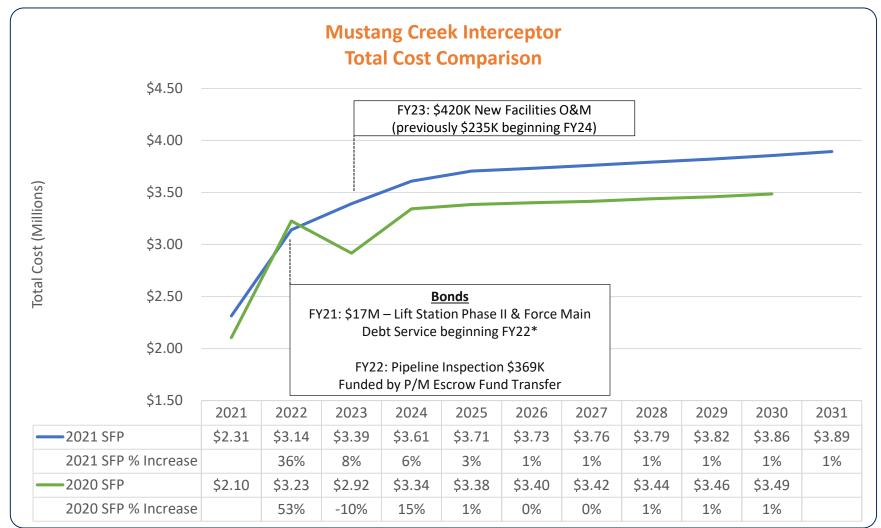


# **SEWER SYSTEM**

Mustang Creek Int: Forney Sabine Creek WWTP: Fate, Royce City Panther Creek WWTP: Frisco Buffalo Creek Int: Forney, Heath, Rockwall

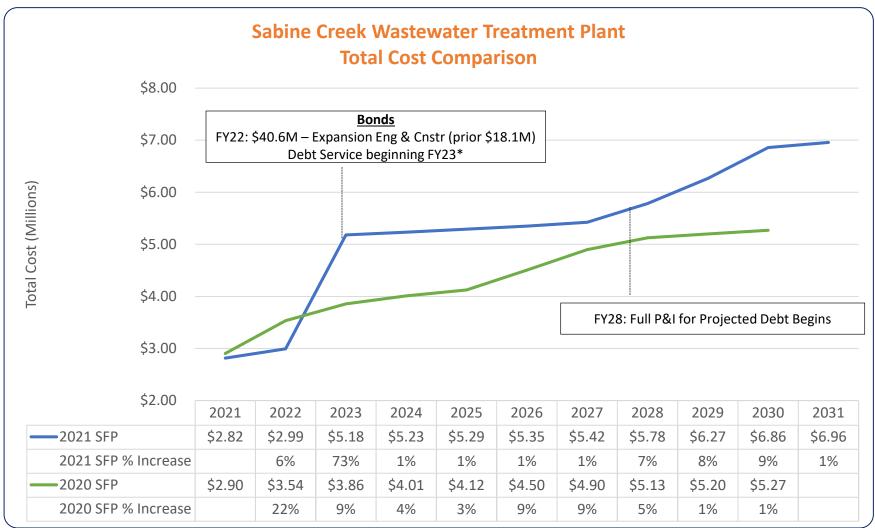


#### MUSTANG CREEK INT. SFP ANALYSIS (Total Cost)



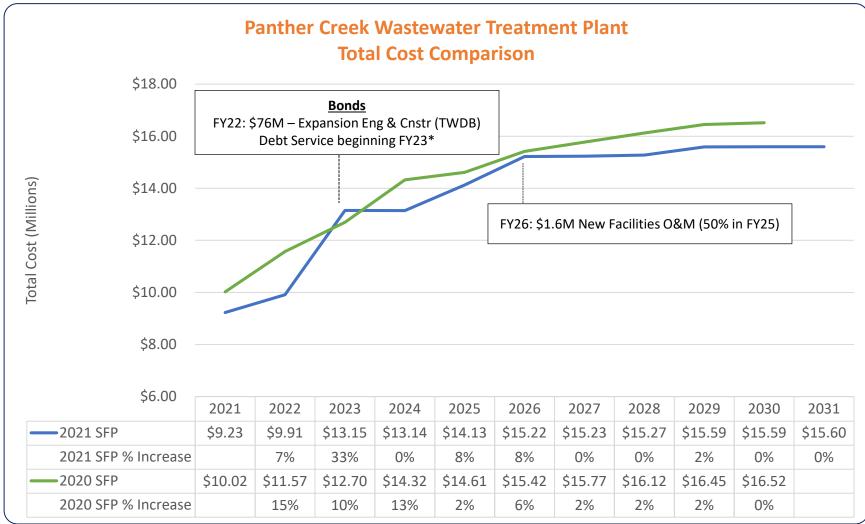


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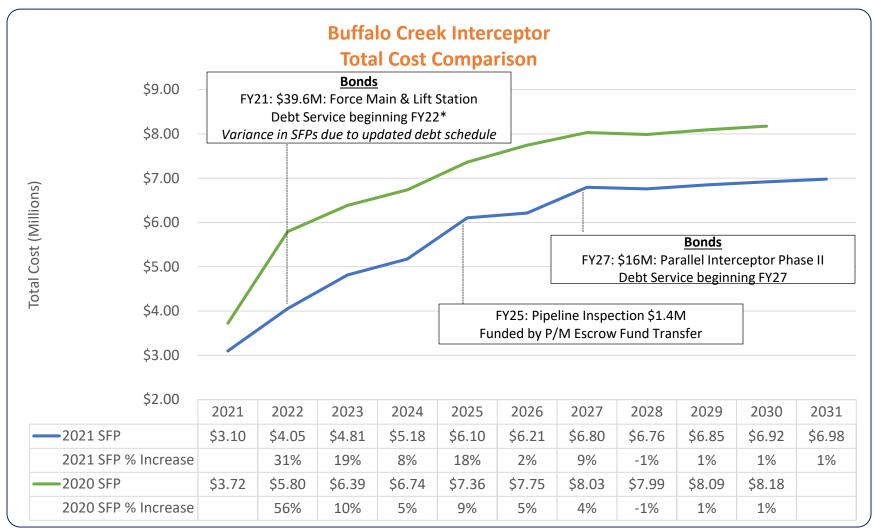
#### PANTHER CREEK WWTP SFP ANALYSIS (Total Cost)





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#### **BUFFALO CREEK INT. SFP ANALYSIS (Total Cost)**





# **SOLID WASTE**

Allen, Frisco, McKinney, Plano,

and Richardson





#### **SFP Standard Assumptions – Solid Waste**

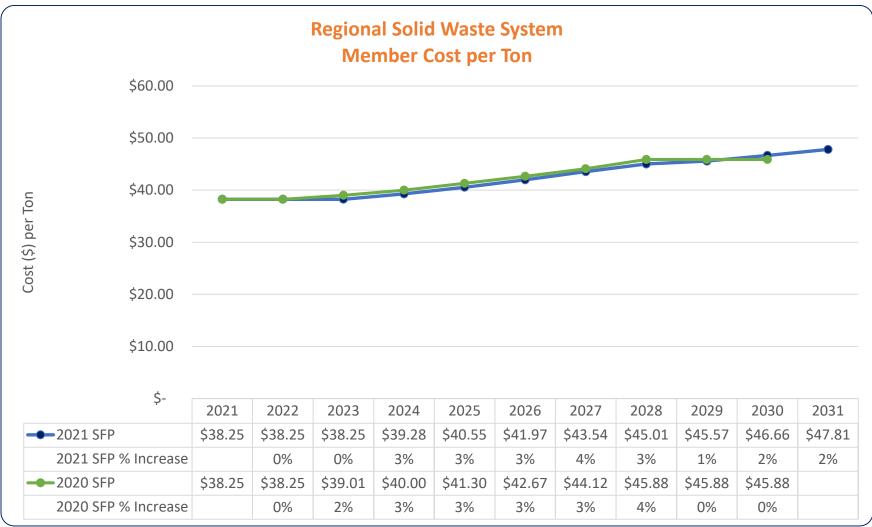
O&M Escalation	% Increase
Construction Cost	3.0%
Personnel	5.0%
Services - Support	4.0%
Services - Power	3.0%
Services - Other	3.0%
Capital Outlay	3.0%
Other Revenues	3.0%
Supplies	3.0%

New Facilities O&M	% of Capital Project Cost
Transfer Stations	10.8%
All Other	2.5%

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#### **REGIONAL SOLID WASTE SYSTEM SFP ANALYSIS (Total Cost)**





#### IV. ACTION ITEMS

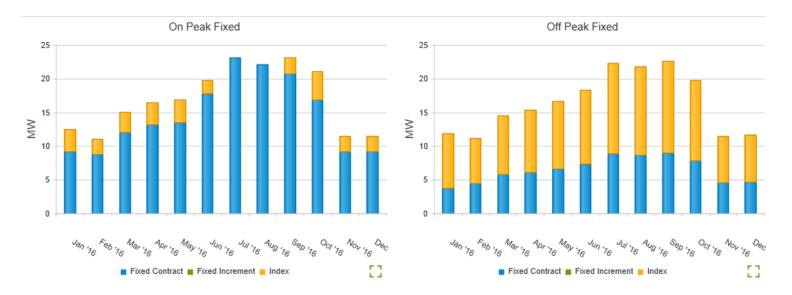
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#### GOALS:

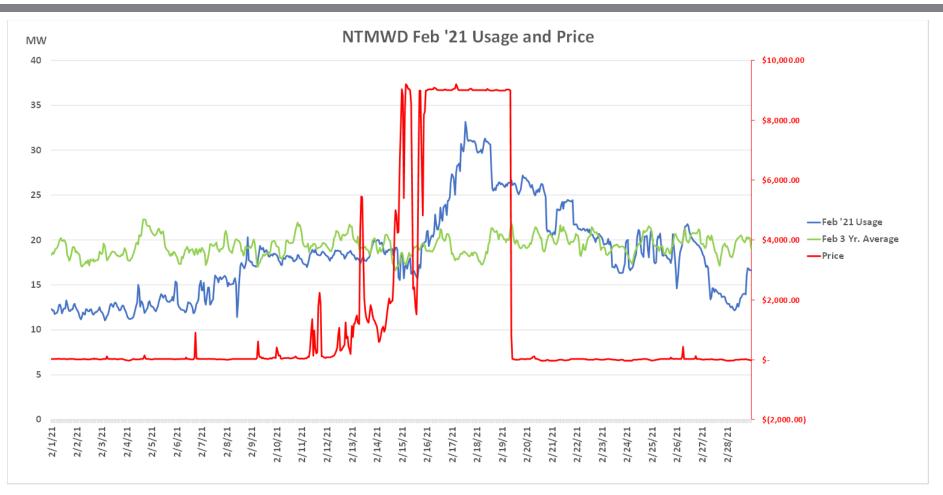
Maximize Predictability Minimize Volatility Achieve the best practical rates.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
On Peak	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	90%	100%	100%	90%	80%	80%	80%
Off Peak	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%



Per AD 42: The District does not target a 100% fixed position for all kWh consumed...Some of the Districts needs are purchased from the market real time.





High Cost Drivers:

- Higher than forecasted usage
- Index Prices Clearing at Market Cap (\$9,000/MWh)
- Exposure to high Index Prices



The following systems either 1) did not see an increase or 2) did not see a significant increase in their monthly billing:

Wylie WWTP	Panther Creek WWTP
Sabine Creek WWTP	Stewart Creek WWTP
Royse City WWTP	Farmersville WWTP
Muddy Creek Interceptor	Parker Creek Interceptor
McKinney Interceptor	



The following systems had an excessive February bill, and have available funds in either their Escrow or the preventative maintenance Escrow Funds:

Support Services	South Rockwall WWTP
Forney Interceptor	Lower East Fork Interceptor
Buffalo Creek Interceptor	Solid Waste
Upper East Fork Interceptor	

In the Regional Water System, staff recommends utilizing FY20 excess funds of \$13.7M and \$6.0M from Contingency.

The Regional Water System Contingency Fund may loan approximately \$3M to a few other systems.



The following systems had excessive bills:

System	Annual Power Budget	February Power Bill	% of Annual Power Budget
Regional Wastewater	\$3.88M	\$4.8M	124%
Kaufman 4-1	\$35K	\$70K	201%
Seis Lagos WWTP	\$17K	\$28K	165%

Solution is a combination of Escrow/Preventative Maintenance Escrow Funding and borrowing from Regional Water System.



The following systems had excessive bills:

System	February Power Bill	Esc/PM Esc Assistance	Borrow
Regional Wastewater	\$4.8M	\$2M	\$2.8M
Kaufman 4-1	\$70K	\$30K	\$40K
Seis Lagos WWTP	\$28K	\$13K	\$15K



## FUNDING FEBRUARY ELECTRIC BILLS

The following systems had excessive bills:

System	Annual Power Budget	February Power Bill	% of Annual Power Budget
North Rockwall WWTP	\$53.K	\$59K	110%
Muddy Creek WWTP	\$320K	\$487K	152%

Staff is contacting cities to discuss options.



#### IV. ACTION ITEMS

D. <u>Tabled Item</u>: Review and possible action on End of Year Actuals verses Fund Balance Policy



# **RWS FUND BALANCE RECENT HISTORY**



## **RWS FUND BALANCE POLICY REVIEW**

- Current Policy Requirements
  - Operating Fund 90 Days
  - Capital Improvement Fund \$15 M
  - Contingency Fund \$20 M
  - Rate Stabilization Fund \$7 M
- Pursuant to the adopted Fund Balance Policy, staff is to prepare a list of balances for each fund.
- Staff is to review the balances and policy with the Finance/Audit Committee annually after the completion of the annual financial audit.



# **RWS OPERATING FUND**



### FUND BALANCE POLICY

#### **Regional Water System Operating Fund**

Minimum 90 Days Budgeted O&M Expense. This balance pays for unbudgeted operations, maintenance, minor capital outlay, and other operational emergencies. The revenue from the cities provides the funds.

When the pandemic began, revised budget guidance was provided to defer anything that could be deferred.

9/30/20 balance = \$47.3 M 90 Days O&M = \$33.6 M Savings = \$13.7 M



#### **Regional Water System Operating Fund Balance**

Funds	Original Budget (\$M)	Adopted Fund Balance (\$M)	End Balance Before Transfer (\$M)	FY Savings (\$M)	Transfer To:	Percent of Budget
FY20	\$356.60	\$33.60	\$47.30	(\$13.7)	Feb 2021 Power Bill	4%
FY19	\$360.57	\$33.50	\$40.10	(\$6.60)	Rate Stabilization	2%
FY18	\$331.69	\$31.50	\$38.20	(\$4.70)	Contingency	1%
FY17	\$302.50	\$29.50	\$39.50	(\$9.00)	Capital Improvement	3%
FY16	\$269.00	\$28.40	\$44.40	(\$13.80)	Capital Improvement	5%
FY15	\$240.49	\$28.40	\$34.80	(\$6.00)	Capital Improvement	2%
FY14	\$217.99	\$26.60	\$28.20	(\$0.30)	Capital Improvement	0%
FY13	\$198.13	\$23.00	\$31.60	(\$3.50)	Contingency	2%



# **RWS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**



#### **Regional Water System Capital Improvement Fund**

Capital Improvement Fund – The minimum balance is \$15M per the Fund Balance Policy. This fund is used toward the Capital Improvement Plan. It is funded with budgeted transfers from the Operating Fund.



### FUND BALANCE POLICY

## **RWS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FY20 (\$ M)**

BUDGET

(9/2019)

Beginning Available Balance Includes Prior Year Savings	\$ 52.4
Transfer from RWS Operating to Pay for Planned Projects	35.2
SWIFT Reimbursement & Interest	34.1
Contracts to be Considered for Award	<107.8>
End of Year Available Balance	\$ 13.9



### FUND BALANCE POLICY

## **RWS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FY21 (\$ M)**

BUDGET

(9/2020)

Beginning Balance Includes Prior Year Savings	\$ 37.7
Transfers from RWS Operating to Pay for Planned Projects	36.2
SWIFT Reimbursement & Interest	34.2
Contracts to be Considered for Award	<92.9>
<ul> <li>Wylie to Rockwall Pipeline Relocation \$18 M</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Wylie WTP I Ammonia System Improvements \$12 M</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>System Wide Air Valve Improvements North System Phase II \$6 M</li> </ul>	
Other Smaller Projects \$56.9 M	
End of Year Available Balance	\$ 15.2



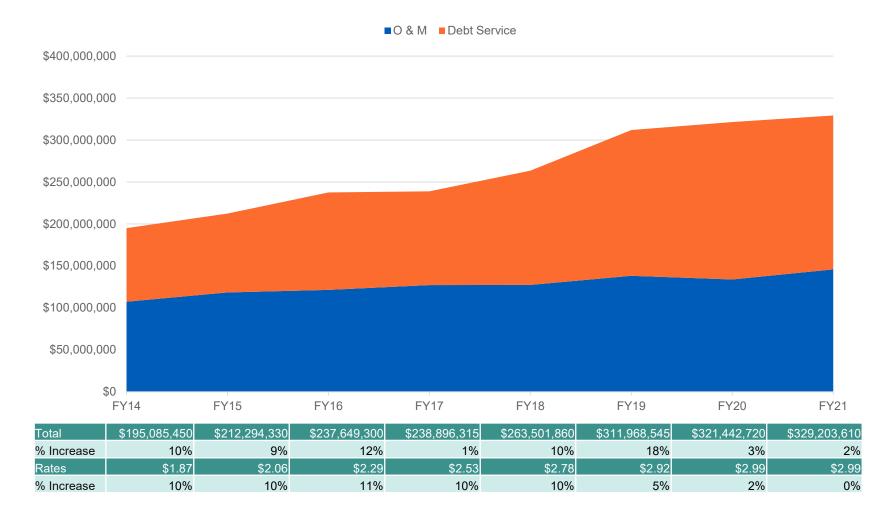
## **RWS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (\$ M)**

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	Cash On Hand	Unencumbered Balance	Targeted Fund Balance
9/30/13	\$ 54.8	\$ 29.9	\$ 24.7
9/30/14	53.0	25.6	15.5
9/30/15	60.6	22.1	18.0
9/30/16	101.2	43.2	26.1
9/30/17	116.9	19.6	20.4
9/30/18	159.5	50.1	14.7
9/30/19	163.0	56.3	15.1
9/30/20	\$ 158.5	\$ 44.5	\$ 13.9

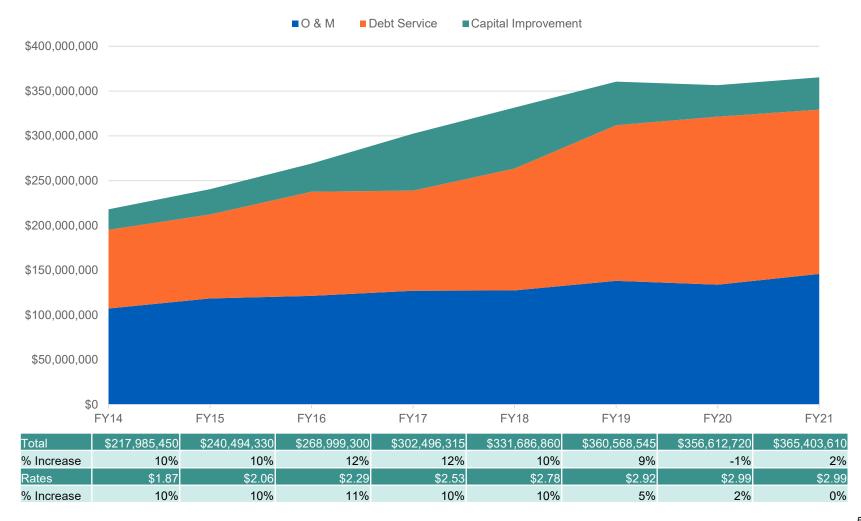


### **RWS – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TO DEBT SERVICE COMPARISON**



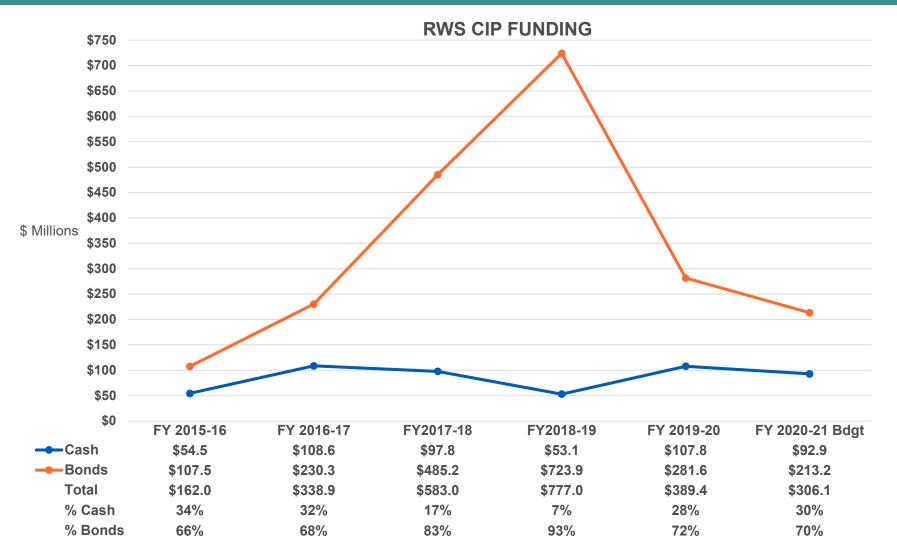


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#### **RWS CIP FUNDING (CONTRACT AWARD)**





# **RWS CONTINGENCY FUND**



## **Regional Water System Contingency Fund**

This fund is for large unforeseen expenses and has been funded with interest and end of year transfers. The Fund Balance Policy set the minimum at \$20 M. Due to the addition of Bois d'Arc Lake and Leonard Water Treatment Plant the recommended action is to keep at the current balance.

Actual = \$ 24.2 M



## **RWS CONTINGENCY FUND (\$ M)**

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	Fund Balance
9/30/11	\$ 2.6
9/30/12	19.7
9/30/13	19.7
9/30/14	23.2
9/30/15	23.2
9/30/16	18.9
9/30/17	19.1
9/30/18	19.4
9/30/19	23.9
9/30/20	\$ 24.2



# **RWS RATE STABILIZATION FUND**



#### **GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION**

#### **Regional Water System Rate Stabilization Fund**

The Fund Balance Policy set the maximum at \$7 M. This fund is used to stabilize the rate over time, especially when long range plans show unusual spikes. Thus far, it has been funded with excess end of year funds. It is planned to be funded with budgeted transfers from the Operating Fund.

Actual = 6.6 M



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