

# **Long-Range Financial Plan**

**Financial Stewardship** 

2023

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# **2023 Updates to our LRFP**

- This LRFP has been updated to include results from 2022 audited financial statements.
- The shutdown of WestRock, our largest customer, was unprecedented and called for an updated base case demonstrating the necessity for an additional rate increase in 2024.
- Projected financial metrics, supported by the approved rate increase, remain strong.
- Footnotes flag areas that have been updated or will be updated.
- The remainder of the LRFP will be updated with scenarios developed during the 2025-2026 budget and rates development cycle.



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# **The Value of our Long-Range Financial Plan**

As stewards for Tacoma Water, we have a responsibility to provide clean, reliable water for our customers, and to preserve and protect our water resources. This duty extends to ensuring that we develop a responsible Long-Range Financial Plan (LRFP) and implement it to support our system for the next few years and generations to come.

Our plan provides a road map for how to best fund ongoing expenses to keep the water system:

- Operating efficiently and effectively
- Provide for responsible renewal and replacement of our infrastructure
- Expand as needed to accommodate growth and system resiliency
- Invest in technology and data integrity
- Support the development of our employees

This LRFP strives to do all of this while keeping our rate adjustments stable and affordable for our customers.



# **Planning is Dynamic**

This document is for informational purposes only and is not a guarantee of results. Our financial position and assumptions used throughout the document will change as new information becomes known. Our forecast contained in the Appendix of this LRFP goes through 2034, but that does not mean that the annual projections have not changed by the time you read them.

The LRFP is dynamic and will change over time. We will update the plan each year and will make it available online at www.My.TPU.org.

To analyze past performance, we use <u>audited financial</u> <u>statements</u> through 2022. All unaudited financial information contained in this document is preliminary, and subject to change.

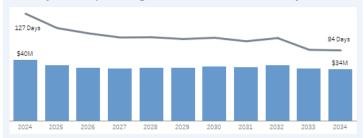


# **The Highlights**

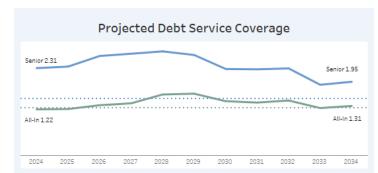


Liquidity projections reflect planned, responsible spend down of reserves

Projected Operating Fund Balance & No. of Days Cash



Operating fund and number of days cash operating expense also reflect planned spend down



Coverage ratios exceed policy requirements



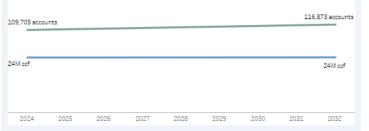


#### Stable rate adjustments projected over the next 14 years



#### Rates remain competitive among regional peers

#### Projected Annual Demand & Account Growth



#### Flat total demand despite customer growth

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## **The Purpose of Sound Financial Policies**

The Tacoma Public Utility (TPU) Guiding Principles (GPs) and Tacoma Water Rate and Financial Policies establish formal agreement among our managers, the TPU Board, and City Council for how we manage the utility. They provide direction for managing our financial performance and a foundation for consistent financial and rate decisions. We have defined financial policy measures that support strong credit ratings and flexible financing options.



# **TPU Board Guiding Objectives**

## **TPU Board <u>Guiding Principles</u>**

Along with Tacoma Power and Tacoma Rail, Tacoma Water is a part of Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) governed by a fivemember Public Utility Board (Board) that the Mayor and City Council appoints. The Board provides policy guidance and approves system expansion, bond and certain debt issues, and biennial budget and rate proposals with the subsequent approval of the City Council.

In 2019-2020, the Board adopted Strategic Directives, now Guiding Principles (GPs) to capture the performance for which the Board will hold TPU accountable on behalf of its ratepayers.

These GPs provide us with a policy direction that helps guide our decisions. Two of the GPs that most directly guide our LRFP are Financial Stability and Rates.

### **Financial Sustainability**



TPU will secure its commitment to provide safe and reliable power, water, and rail services over the long term by maintaining sustainable budget, financial, and asset management practices.

### <u>Rates</u>

TPU rates for power, water, and rail services play an essential role in securing a strong economy, establishing equity among customers, and producing revenue sufficient to provide safe, reliable, and environmentally sensitive utility services. TPU strives to ensure rates will be adequate, fair, just, and reasonable.

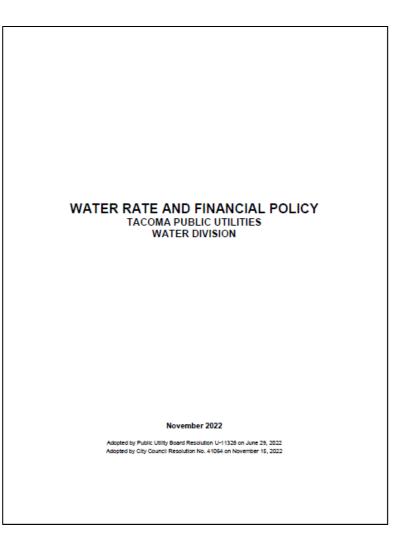
## **Water Rate and Financial Policy**

#### **Purpose | Supports Guiding Principle 2 | Financial Sustainability**

The Water Rate and Financial Policy gives direction to planning decisions and helps ensure that the Tacoma Water provides an adequate supply of safe, clean water to all customers efficiently, reliably, and at the lowest possible cost consistent with prudent utility management.

#### Guiding Objectives | Supports Guiding Principle 3 | Rates

- a. Water Rates Should Ensure Adequate Supply.
- b. Water Rates Should Be As Low As Is Responsible.
- c. Water Rates Shall Be Fair.
- d. Water Rates Should Be Stable and Understandable.
- e. Water Rates Should Be the Product of Customer Involvement.

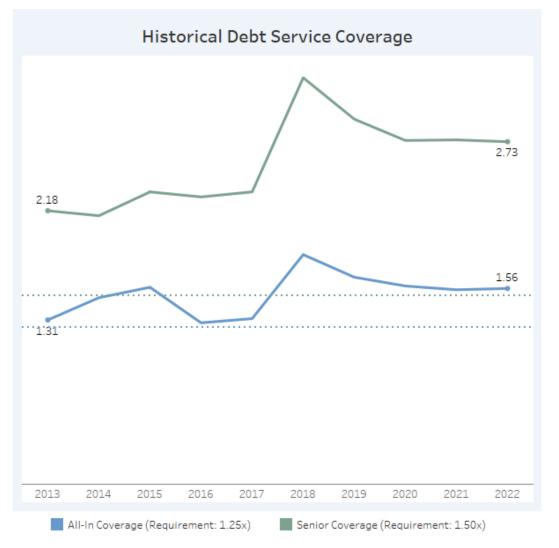


# **Policy Financial Policy Requirement: Debt Service**

Our Water Rate and Financial policy provides that we will secure the least costly financing for capital improvement projects based on our financial position and capital needs. Financing options for capital projects may include revenue funding, operating or capital reserves, low-interest loans, revenue bond funding, and other means.

The debt service coverage ratio measures our ability to use operating income to repay our debt obligations, including repayment of principal and interest on our outstanding debt. This measure helps us ensure that we comply with debt covenants and provides financing flexibility. Our policy requires that:

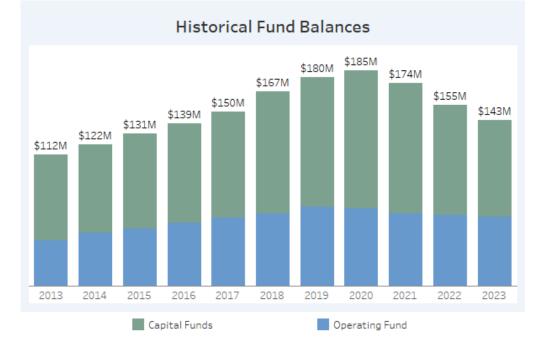
- "Senior Debt Service Coverage will be maintained above 1.50, exceeding Tacoma Water's bond covenant requirement of net revenue at least 1.25 times annual senior debt service.
- All-In Debt Service Coverage will be maintained above 1.25 except when cash reserves are budgeted to meet the annual revenue requirement, when it will be maintained above 1.00."



# **Policy Financial Requirement: Reserves**

### **Operating and Capital Reserves**

The Water Rate and Financial Policy defines minimum levels for each of our reserve funds. We may use these funds to offset the impact of rate increases during periods of intentional spend down of reserves.



### **2022 Reserve Requirements**

Fund	Requirement	Purpose	2022
Operating (Current)	60 Days Budgeted Operating Expenses \$17M	<ul> <li>Day to Day 0&amp;M</li> <li>Flexibility to manage risk</li> <li>Manage revenue fluctuations</li> <li>Meet working capital needs</li> </ul>	\$60M
Capital	1% Original Cost Plant-in-Service \$12M	<ul> <li>Capital funding for system projects</li> <li>Mitigate risk</li> <li>Financial stability</li> <li>Stable rate adjustments</li> </ul>	\$15M
System Development Charge (SDC)	\$2M	<ul> <li>\$33.6M Rate Stabilization Account</li> <li>Capital funding for system improvements</li> <li>Mitigate risk</li> <li>Financial stability</li> <li>Stable rate adjustments</li> </ul>	\$80M

Minimum requirements as of the 2021-2022 budget and current as of the year-end 2022.

# **Testing the Reserve Policy Requirements**

## **Reserve Risk Modeling**

We partnered with the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) in 2020 to develop a model that incorporates risks into our financial planning and tests the sufficiency of our current policy minimums.

This work provides financial insight into risks specific to our utility and quantitative analysis for long-range financial planning recommendations and potential financial policy changes.

The following provides an example of the risks considered as part of this process, and is not intended to be comprehensive or exhaustive.

	Modeled Risks	Unquantified Risks Considered
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## **Decision-Making Tools**

In addition to our financial policies, other sources guide our decision-making and help inform our LRFP:

- We finalized our <u>2020-2025 Strategic Plan</u> in 2020, which provided a foundation for our business strategy and focuses on our customers, workforce and operations.
- Our Budget Development Decision-Making Framework provides systematic tools and processes to ensure that budgeting decisions are based on analysis, using the best data available. This framework provides a foundation for transparent, well-documented, and durable decisions.
- Our <u>Integrated Resource Plan</u> focuses on the ability to manage available water supplies, plan for new supplies as needed and protect stream flow for fish in the Green River.

- Our Comprehensive Water System Plan, approved by the Washington State Department of Health in January 2020, serves as a tool to assist us in making the best use of available resources in order to provide quality water services and protect the health of our customers.
- Our Commitment to Asset Management demonstrates an organization-wide pledge to apply strategic asset management principles, such as ensuring asset decisions are well informed and documented, incorporating environmental, economic, social and equitable outcomes in long-term investment decisions, and seeking transparency and inclusion through stakeholder and customer engagement.

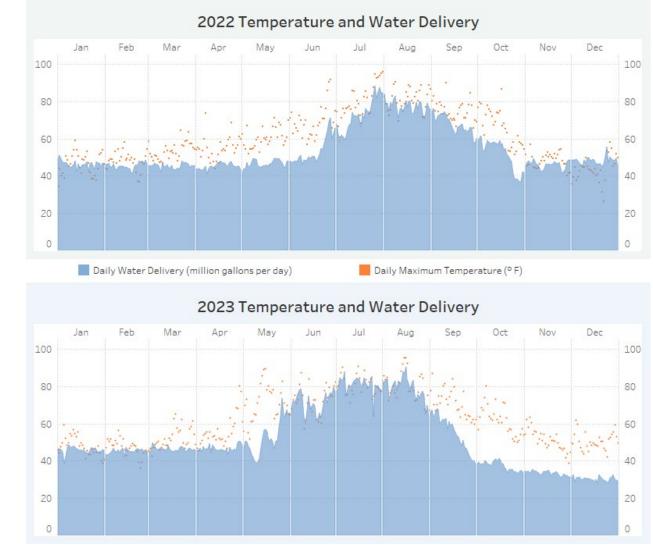
# **Record Temperature and Water Delivery**

#### 2022

In 2022, we saw delayed peak temperatures leading to peak consumption shifting into late summer and early fall. This generated below average water sales in 2022.



In 2023, we saw a similar pattern of strong summer sales due to drier and warmer weather before the abrupt announcement of the WestRock mill closure in August. This closure will result in lower demand in 2024 and beyond.



# WestRock

#### WestRock was Tacoma Water's largest customer

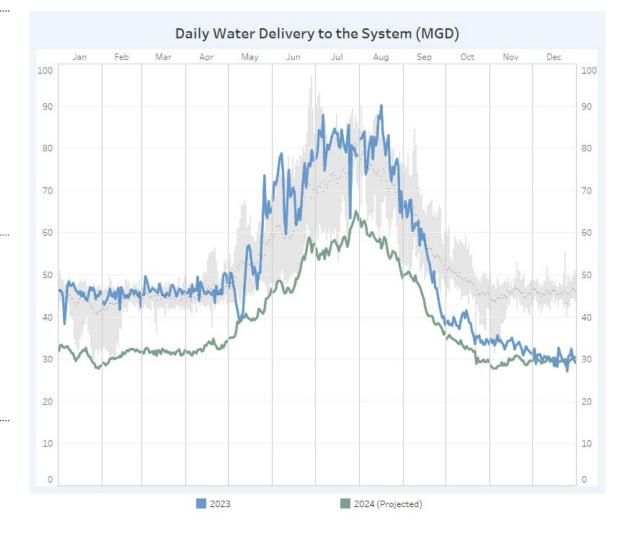
- 7.3% of water sales revenue in 2022
- Total loss of about \$101 million over the planning period
- Consumed  $\sim 1/3$  of total water in 2022 ( $\sim 100$ K households)
- Loss of demand will require changes and reconfiguration of our system to maintain water quality
- Staff are analyzing what system improvements and changes may be needed due to this loss

#### Our costs won't change significantly

- The whole system needs to be maintained to continue providing clean, reliable drinking water
- The amount of water we sell does not directly translate to the amount of costs we have to pay, most of our expenses are fixed in the short term

# Rate increase was necessary to ensure clean, reliable drinking water service to our customers

- Use of cash reserves helps mitigate near term impacts; we must make up for on-going loss of income
- Maintain financial stability and favorable credit ratings providing access to low cost borrowing



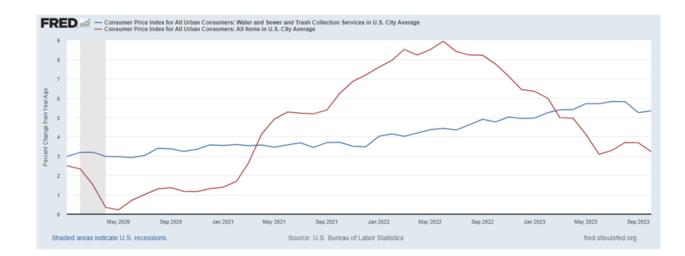
# **Inflation and Supply Chain Impacts to Expenses**

### Inflation

The utility generally faces different inflationary pressures than consumers. While customers primarily observe the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as an indicator for inflation, the Construction Cost Index (CCI) is a better indicator for a capital intensive utility. Long-term financial planning allows the utility to weather periods of high costs in the short term and spread the impact over time.

**Supply Chain Delays** 

Tacoma Water continues to experience challenges related to supply chain delays. Delivery timeframes were much longer for many of our needs. We have conducted additional analyses to ensure that the projects we undertake are still the right projects at the right time given the longer lead times or higher prices.





ENR publishes both a Construction Cost Index and Building Cost index that are widely used in the construction industry. The Construction Cost Index (CCI) tracks 200 hours of common labor at the 20-city average of common labor rates, plus 25 cwt of standard structural steel shapes at the mill price prior to 1996 and the fabricated 20-city price from 1996, plus 1.128 tons of portland cement at the 20-city price, plus 1,088 board ft.

## **Enhancements to Customer Assistance**

#### **Program Design for More Direct Assistance**

Beginning in 2023, qualifying customers enrolled in our Bill Credit Assistance Plan (BCAP) received monthly bill credits in two ways:

- \$7 Automatic credit. Customers would receive an automatic credit regardless of payment.
- \$ 5 Achievable credit. Additional BCAP Plus credit could be achieved with full, on-time payments and participation in a financial education program.

#### **Rate Impact and Equity**

We estimate approximately 19,000 residential customers are eligible for automatic credits, which would mitigate 2023-2024 rate impacts for qualifying customers while addressing equity needs within our service area. Customers without BCAPAverage Monthly Residential Drinking Water BillCity of Tacoma Resident\$47.83\$41.19\$42.02\$43.75\$41.19\$42.02\$43.75\$202120222023202120222023

#### Customers with BCAP Plus



This comparison assumes a single family consumes a monthly average 6 CCF (4,488 gallons) in winter months and 9 CCF (6,732 gallons) in summer months with a 5/8" meter.

## **Completion of Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMI) Deployment**

#### **Advanced Meter Project**

The Advanced Meter Project will provide customers with greater control, choice, and convenience. Starting in mid-2020, TPU began upgrading its electric and water meters with modern digital technology and bring many new customer benefits over time, including monthly billing, remote service reconnection, more options for customers to control costs, improved reliability through faster outage and leak detection, and more flexible payment options in a safe and secure way.

#### **Economic impacts**

- Cost: It's more expensive to maintain aging meters and continue manual reads than to replace them with advanced meters. These meters will also provide more accurate meter reads, invoices, and provide better customer data to support long-term planning.
- Rates: Costs for advanced meters are already factored into the current rates.
- Low-income customers: Advanced meters will provide many options over time to better manage monthly budgets, custom due dates, and monthly billing.
- Utility jobs: TPU is retraining and transitioning meter readers to different roles where possible, adding short-term project staff, and hiring a few new long-term positions.
- Water Grant & Loan program: Grants and deferred loans to help customers pay for their leaking water line repairs.

#### Your benefits over time



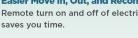
Your Control, Choice, and Convenience Access more usage data anytime to manage your use and costs



**Monthly Billing** Advanced meters will allow a switch to monthly utility bills, which most people prefer



**Easier Move In, Out, and Reconnection** Remote turn on and off of electric service



**Faster Outage and Leak Detection** Locating and fixing issues helps us restore service to you sooner.



Improved Operational Efficiency Better information about our systems nelps us manage costs



**Automated Meter Reading** More accurate, timely bills based on real-time data



Enhanced Personal Privacy No need for regular physical access



**Expanded Ways to Save** 

Providing data about your use increases your ability to save money, water, and energy



**Flexible Payment Options** More options over time include prepay



**Reduced Environmental Impact** Fewer vehicle miles traveled for meter



reading, basic field services, and outage detection lowers our carbon footprint

# **Rate Projections Higher, Financial Metrics Similar**

#### **System Average Rates**

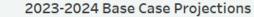
The PUB and Council approved an additional 5% offcycle rate increase in 2024 to mitigate some of the impacts of the loss of revenue from the mill closure and maintain the utility's financial strength and stability.

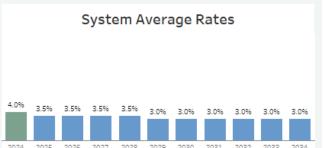
#### **Debt Service Coverage**

Our debt service coverage remains above policy levels throughout the planning period and is projected to be similar to previous modeling at the end of the horizon.

#### Liquidity

Cash reserves are drawn down a little faster in the early years, but remain at nearly the same projection by the end of 2034.









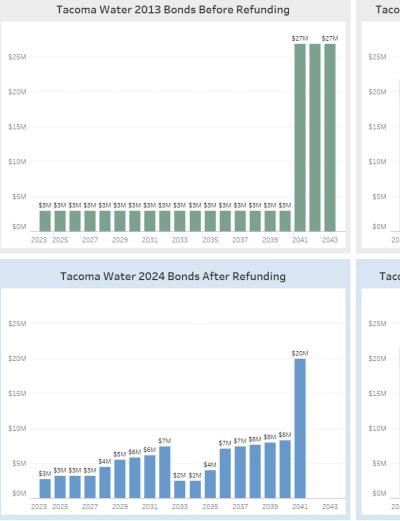
# **2024 Water Refunding**

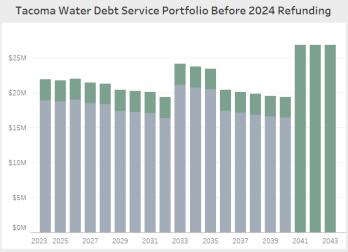
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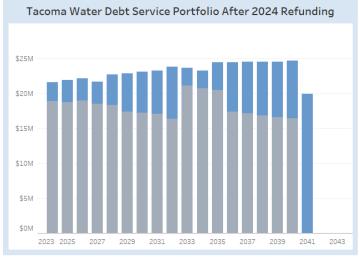
We actively manage our debt profile and make changes to achieve debt service savings or reshape our debt service payments to provide level debt service payments or financial flexibility.

In January 2024, we refunded the 2013 Tacoma Water System Refunding Bonds, eliminated restricted reserve requirements, and defeased the 2005 Tacoma Water System Refunding Bonds, saving \$5.8 million in NPV.

In addition to refunding for savings, we reshaped the 2024 Tacoma Water System Refunding Bonds structure and reduced maturity by 2 years. These bonds have been designed as Green Bonds by a second party opinion.







Other Bonds and Loans

2013 Water System Revenue Refunding Bonds

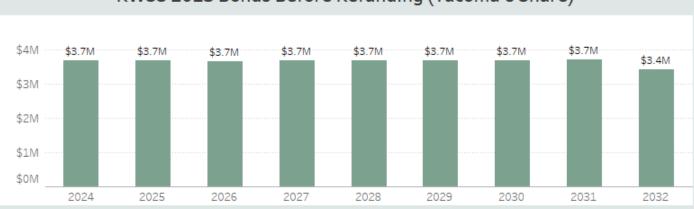
2024 Water System Revenue Refunding Bonds

# **2024 RWSS Refunding**

### **Active Debt Management**

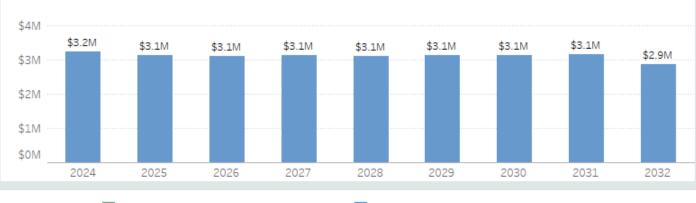
In January 2024, we also refunded the 2013 Regional Water Supply System (RWSS) Refunding Bonds for a total of \$2.0 million in savings over the life of the bonds and freeing up \$2.28 million in reserves for Tacoma Water' share. This also allowed Covington to payoff their portion of the 2013 bonds in lieu of refunding. More information on the 2024 refunding and RWSS debt portfolio is detailed in the RWSS section of the LRFP.

Since RWSS debt service is a contract resource obligation (CRO), it is an 0&M expense. Refunding the 2013 bonds reduced our expenses by \$2 million, which is approximately 2% in rates over the next 8 years.



#### RWSS 2013 Bonds Before Refunding (Tacoma's Share)

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2013 RWSS Revenue Refunding Bonds
2024 RWSS Revenue Refunding Bonds

# **Moody's Ratings Upgrade**

### Sound financial stewardship reflected in strong bond ratings

Moody's upgraded Tacoma Water's water system revenue bond and regional water supply system bonds from Aa2 to Aa1. This increase is particularly remarkable, especially given the recent loss of WestRock, Tacoma Water's largest customer. Moody's wrote of Tacoma Water:

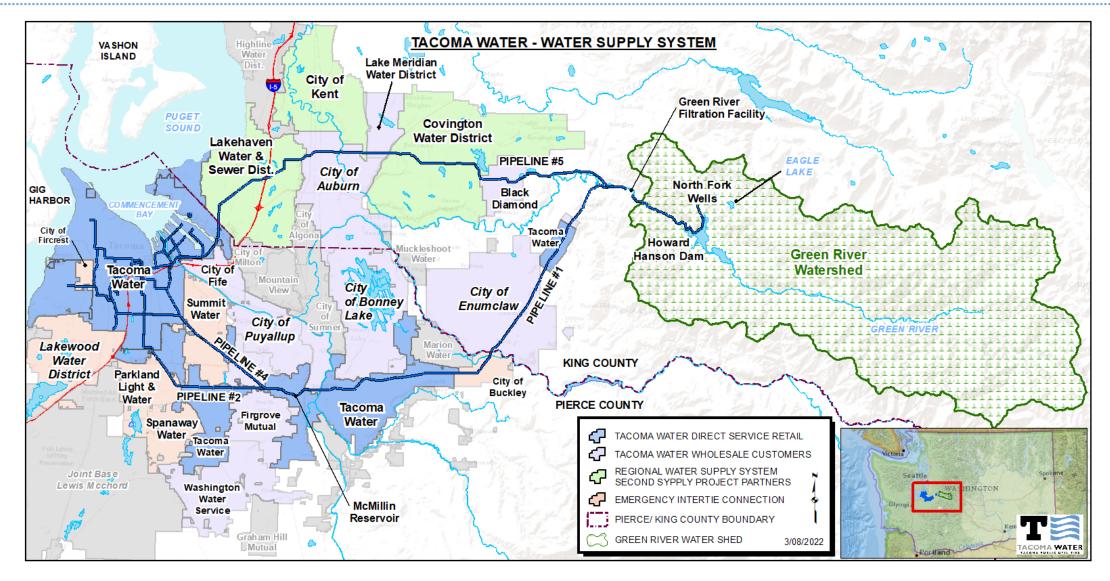
- Excellent rate-setting record which was demonstrated following the recent closure announcement by its largest customer, with rate increases to maintain financial metrics, as well as equitable and affordable customer rates
- Long-term financial stability, including sustained strong liquidity and debt service coverage
- Sophisticated management of regulatory compliance and ten-year capital program
- Strong system characteristics, including ample capacity and water resources (high-quality, long-lived water supply)
- Broad and diverse customer base, served by a local system larger than the city and augmented by a regional second water supply
- Growing service area and improving resident income levels

## About Us

Tacoma Water has a proud tradition of operating and maintaining one of the country's oldest municipally-owned water systems. We provide high-quality water at very competitive prices to more than 300,000 people throughout Pierce and King counties.

<u>HISTORY</u>	ORGANIZATION	WATER SYSTEM	CUSTOMERS	FINANCIAL
Founded July 1, 1883	<ul> <li>Public Utility Board</li> <li>Appointed by Tacoma City Council</li> </ul>	Mains <ul> <li>1,318 miles of distribution</li> <li>150 miles of transmission</li> </ul>	Customers 108,897 accounts	<ul> <li>Bond Ratings</li> <li>Moody's: Aa1 (as of 2024)</li> <li>Standard and Poor's: AA+</li> </ul>
Regional Water Supply System Second water system added for additional supply and storage in 2002	<ul> <li>Provides policy direction</li> <li>Approves system expansion, bond issues, budget and rates</li> </ul>	Supply <ul> <li>150 mgd Green River</li> <li>40 mgd wells</li> </ul>	Average Household Use 163 gallons per day	Capital Assets \$1.3 billion in original cost
Mission Providing clean, reliable water	<ul> <li>Tacoma City Council</li> <li>Approves system expansion, bond issues, budget and rates</li> <li>Tacoma Public Utilities</li> <li>Led by Director as appointed by Board and approved by Council</li> <li>Includes Power, Water, and Rail managed by Superintendents under Director supervision</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Storage</li> <li>15 locations</li> <li>68 mg McMillin Reservoir</li> <li>73 mg other reservoirs/ standpipes</li> </ul>	Average Household Bill \$42 per month	Operating Revenue \$115 million
	Tacoma Water <ul> <li>Water Superintendent</li> <li>Five division managers</li> </ul>			

## **Service Territory**



# **Supporting Employees and Customers**

### **Prioritizing People**

Our commitment to providing clean, reliable water extends to how we care for our employees and customers. For employees, we provide training and resources to ensure safety, support morale, and development opportunities. We provide education and outreach in conservation for our customers, offer financial assistance to low-income customers, and provide grants and loans to repair aged or leaking water lines. Our Strategic Plan prioritizes how we do this:

#### **Customer Focused**

- We want to provide exceptional service through every engagement and experience.
- Listen to and respect our customers, stakeholders, and community.
- Build and maintain trust through consistent, reliable, transparent interactions and services.
- Share our story.

#### **Employee Safety and Equity**

- We want to help build our utility's strength at all levels of the organization.
- Ensure people clearly understand the roles and expectations of their positions so employees can lead our utility.
- Provide training and development opportunities that will help people excel in their positions.
- Support efforts relating to recruitment and retention, career path development, succession planning, and cultivating an equitable workplace.



# **Budget and Rate Development and Approvals**

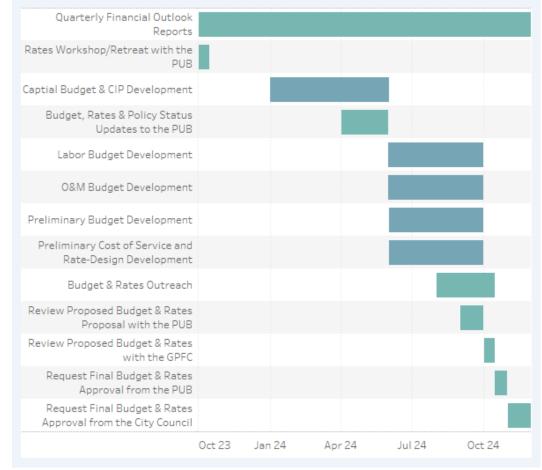
### **Developing our Budget and Rates**

The Board provides policy guidance and approves our biennial budget and rate proposals with subsequent approval by the City Council.

We represent biennial budget and rate recommendations in the first two years of the LRFP. Although rate adjustments are approved biennially along with the budget, the rate proposals are developed as part of the LRFP and include projections through the planning period. This long-term approach to budget and rate planning ensures we are in alignment with our Rate and Financial Policy and our projected rate adjustments are as low as is responsible as well as stable and understandable.

Budget and rate development is an ongoing process for the utility. Quarterly financial outlook reports provide Tacoma Water Management and the Board with projections for how we expect to perform relative to the current budget. These projections will inform updates for the LRFP, including developing the expense assumptions for the next budget proposal.

#### **Budget and Rates Timeline**



This gantt chart categorizes typical work in developing budget and rates for an upcoming biennium.

## **Revenue Requirement, COSA, and Rate Design**

### **Developing our Rates**

Nearly everything we do is paid through water rates and charges. These rates need to be adjusted periodically to ensure recovery of costs relating to change in conditions and to continue investing in our infrastructure, technology, and employees.

Planning for necessary adjustments to water rates is not a simple task, and it begins with creating a LRFP. The plan identifies revenue requirements needed for the planning horizon and is the foundation for the rate-setting process. The LRFP emphasizes balancing affordability with stewardship of our resources. Financial modeling informs how to pay for future expenses with gradual revenue increases over the long term.

Revenue Requirement	Cost of Service Analysis (COSA)	Rate Design
Our rate-setting process starts with determining how much money is needed. Future revenue requirements are	Different customer groups use our water system in various ways. This analysis assigns to each customer class its share of the utility's total cost of service.	After conducting a cost of service analysis, we design rate structures to collect revenue from customers by class.
estimated based on anticipated water sales and other revenues, operations & maintenance costs, infrastructure investment needs, and future trends.	In other words, the COSA answers the question of which customer or group of customers causes the utility to incur a certain type of cost.	In other words, rate design answers the question of how much to charge as a fixed charge and how much to charge based on consumption.

## **Rates**

### **Setting Rates**

We set the price of water our retail customers pay to recover all operating and maintenance expenses, debt service, taxes, and a portion of capital additions and improvements made to the water system.

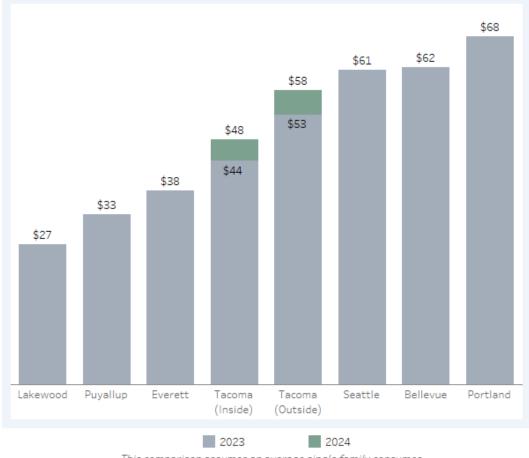
We recommend rate adjustments to minimize impacts to customers while maintaining the safety and reliability of our water system.

### **Comparing our Rates**

A metric often used for comparison is the cost of service in terms of an average monthly bill for a single-family home. We generally use the profile of an average City of Tacoma family and apply it to current rates from other utilities for comparison.

When comparing our residential rates to peer utilities within our region, we are relatively average. Peer utilities chosen for comparison are most similar in size and governance but may have different water sources and rate structures.

#### 2023 Regional Comparison of Average Monthly Bills



This comparison assumes an average single family consumes 6 CCF in winter months and 9 CCF in summer months, utilizing a 5/8" meter.

# **Affordability**

### **Forecasting our Rates**

Our long-range planning currently forecasts stable annual rate adjustments over the next 10 years: this plan factors many cost escalating assumptions and growth projections.

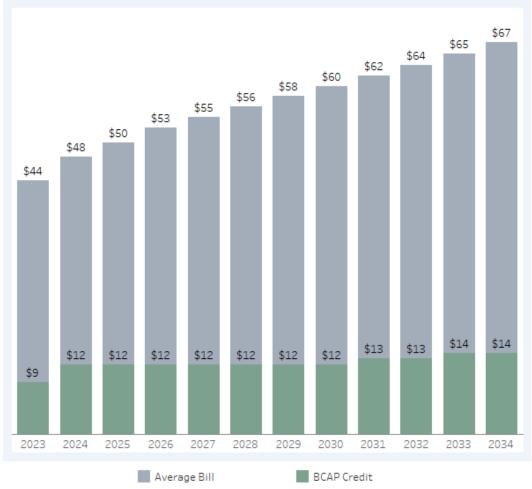
Although annual costs and expected capital projects vary annually, our goal in applying gradualism minimizes peaks and valleys in rate adjustments, providing customers with reasonable expectations of rate impact as much as possible.

### **Planning for Customer Assistance**

As we project annual rate adjustments, we also project the anticipated impact on an average monthly bill for a residential customer. Planning for increased assistance in parallel with our rate adjustments helps customers understand how their monthly bills could be impacted and, hopefully, mitigated.

We designed our bill credit assistance program to provide monthly credits set at approximately 20% of an average residential bill. Tying bill credit projections to rate adjustments is important in allowing policymakers to anticipate when additional customer assistance will be budgeted and for our customers when more customer assistance could be available. In 2024, the BCAP was increased by \$3.00 per month to offset the impact of the WestRock reset.

#### Projected Average Monthly Bill and Customer Assistance



## **The Foundation**

These elements form the foundation of the LRFP and are used to inform our base case. Actual performance is likely to vary from these assumptions and may result in changes to our projected rate adjustments. We've grouped the elements into three subsections:

### **Expense Assumptions**

It costs a lot to maintain our infrastructure and deliver clean, reliable water to our customers. We invest in our employees, asset management, data, analytics, and technology as we continue to innovate and strive to become more efficient and effective.

### **Revenue Assumptions**

Our revenue primarily comes from water sales. In addition, we have several sources of miscellaneous revenue to help reduce the amount of revenue that we need to collect from our customers.

### **Credit, Debt, and Reserves**

Our plan provides a balanced approach to managing reserves, revenue bonds, and low-interest loan or grant opportunities. Strong financial metrics and credit ratings allow us to provide the lowest costs for our customers and ensure our long-term financial sustainability.

## **Expense Overview**

#### **Capital**

We fund capital projects through a combination of bonds, low-interest loans, capital, and operating reserves. The financing plan is developed as part of the LRFP and budgeted for each biennium.

#### Personnel

Personnel costs include wages and benefits such as medical coverage. We partially offset the expense by employees who charge their time to projects funded by developers or other entities outside of our utility.

### Taxes

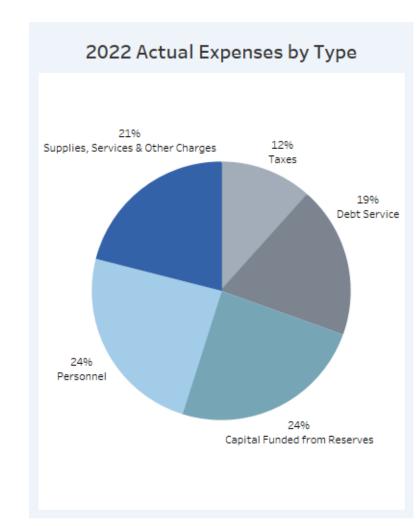
Tacoma Water is subject to several taxes and franchise fees. The largest is Gross Earnings Tax (GET) paid to the City of Tacoma, and State Public Utility Tax (SPUT) paid to the State of Washington.

### **Debt Service**

We partially fund capital projects with revenue bonds and low-interest loans. These principal amounts, along with interest payments, make up our total annual debt service. The federal interest subsidies for the Build America Bonds are not deducted from gross debt service and are instead included as non-operating revenue as provided in our bond covenants.

### Other O&M

Other Operations and Maintenance costs include materials and supplies to maintain the system, safety equipment, legal and professional service contracts, internal service assessments, non-capital project expenses, and administrative costs not directly attributed to personnel.



## **Capital Expenditures**

### **Building and Maintaining our Infrastructure**

We design our Capital Improvement Program to provide a prioritized schedule of projects to meet the water system's future needs.

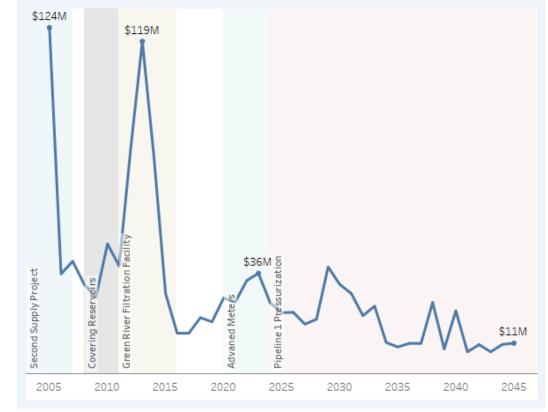
For the LRFP, we used placeholders in instances where we identified a need due to the long planning horizon but had not developed a specific solution. We create business case evaluations, alternatives analysis as the project moves from conceptualization into the planning, and design phases and the two-year budget cycle.

As you can see in the chart, we have had several significant capital investments during the last 15 years as we developed our second supply and responded to regulatory requirements.

Although we don't foresee capital spending at those levels over the planning horizon, maintaining and reinvesting in the system is a responsible and necessary part of being financially sound.

#### Actual and Projected Capital Project Costs

Includes Tacoma Water and Tacoma's Share of RWSS Capital Spending



The **blue** line represents actual annual capital expenses from 2004 - 2023, budgeted annual capital expenses for 2024, and projected annual capital expenses for 2025-2045 from the 2023-2024 budget development.

## **Capital Projects**

#### **Planning for Capital Projects**

All proposed projects follow Tacoma Water's budget development decision-making framework. This process ensures transparency, provides risk analysis and promotes consistency and documentation for all projects included in the two-year capital budget request.

#### **Developer Funded Capital Projects**

In addition to the capital projects we plan, we also have projects initiated by private developers who fund the cost to add the additional infrastructure. As of 2023, developers have funded about \$251 million of our assets. This is shown as contributions in aid of construction (CIAC) revenue in our financial statements.

<b>Project Type</b>	Est. Cost	Project Description Goals for 2023-2024
Water Distribution	19,974,000	Ensures our existing distribution system remains robust and reliable as we develop our service territory and serve new accounts. These costs are ongoing.
Fleet	13,349,000	Ongoing replacement of Tacoma Water vehicles to maintain employee safety and help reduce the utility's carbon impact. These costs are ongoing.
Technology Projects	13,190,000	Prepares our utility for the future by investing in tools and technologies that make us more efficient and help drive our analytical capabilities. These costs are ongoing.
Wells Master Plan	10,730,000	Tacoma Water is currently reviewing the groundwater prioritization projects given the closure of WestRock.
Tehaleh	9,152,000	Building a reservoir and pump station in Tehaleh. These costs are one-time and ongoing.
Water Supply	4,764,000	Ensures our water is protected and ample to serve our customers. These costs are ongoing.
Pipeline 1 Pressurization Program	3,700,000	Pressurizing pipeline 1 to meet regulatory requirements. These costs are one-time and ongoing.
Water Treatment	2,052,000	Our commitment to investing in treatment equipment and capabilities helps us keep our water safe by protecting the watershed. These costs are ongoing.
Contingency	2,050,000	Allows the utility to pay for unanticipated capital projects or significant equipment failures without deferring planned projects. These costs are ongoing.
RWSS	1,652,000	Tacoma's share of RWSS related projects. These costs are ongoing.
Carry Forward	(7,857,000)	The Carry Forward Factor assumes some capital projects are carried from one year to the next by applying a 10% reduction to the capital budget.
Total	\$72,752,000	

# **Capital Assets**

## Plant In Service (PinS)

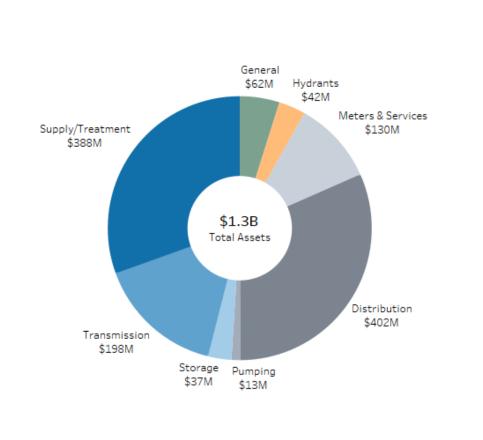
Capital expenditures are a large part of our biennial budget. When we capitalize the costs of a project, we record an asset on our balance sheet, recognizing that we will receive value over its life. We expect our capital assets will last for more than a year (sometimes even more than 100 years) but will not last forever. The value of most assets decreases over time due to use, new regulatory mandates, or obsolescence. We measure this decrease as annual depreciation.

These assets include water mains, pipes and accessories, easements, and meters. We show PinS at original cost, including all the costs necessary to bring them into service.

#### Types of assets in our water system include:

Supply and Treatment	Distribution
Transmission	<b>Meters and Services</b>
Storage and Pumping	Hydrants

#### 2022 Original Cost Assets by Category



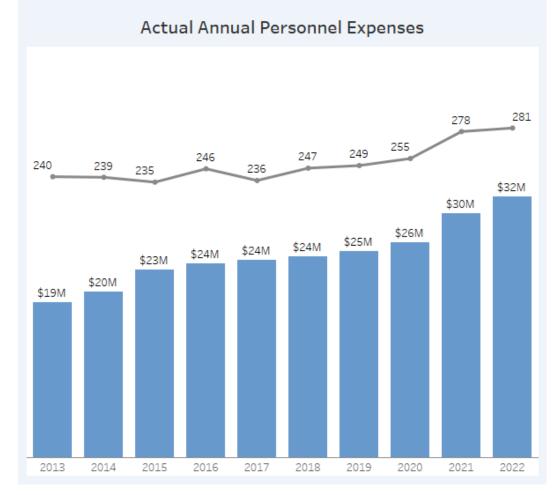
## **Personnel Expenses**

### **Personnel**

Operating and maintaining our water system takes hundreds of employees to keep the system healthy and delivering clean, reliable, and affordable water to more than 300,000 people.

Our biennial personnel budget includes employees' salaries and benefits. We expect these costs to rise with cost-of-living adjustments and labor contract changes.

In addition, we expect to make investments in personnel to support the implementation of our strategic plan to improve access to data, enhance analytics and increase business process development. This work supports our ability to innovate and ensures that we are using our resources effectively and efficiently.



The grey line represents annual FTE count and the blue bars represent annual personnel cost. Expenses include salaries, wages, and benefits net of labor charged out.

## **Other Operations and Maintenance Expenses**

### **Operations and Maintenance (0&M)**

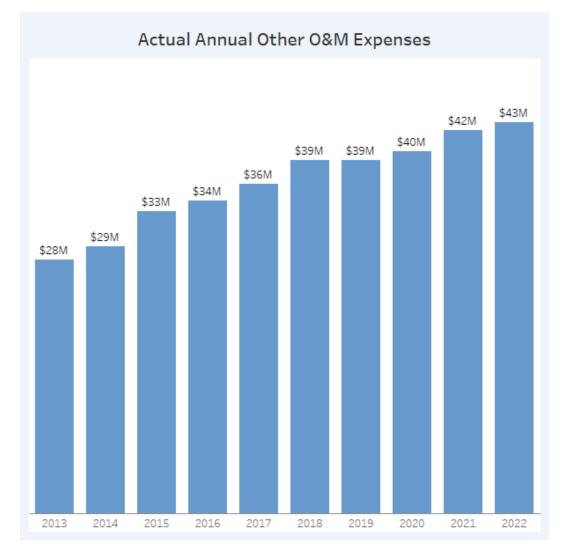
**O&M** expenses reflect the day-to-day activities and costs necessary to run the utility. These include expenses such supplies, services, and other charges, internal service assessments, and labor not related to a capital project.

Budgeting for operations and maintenance includes two categories: Personnel and Other O&M.

### **Other 0&M**

Other O&M includes expenses like fleet fuel and maintenance, technology support, customer service activities, bad debt expense, training, credit card fees, rent, electricity, and water treatment supplies.

Projects prioritized for the two-year budget cycle influence these expenses.



## **Taxes & Franchise Fees**

#### **Gross Earnings Tax**

Based on a percentage of the utility's gross earnings paid to the City of Tacoma, which is currently 8.0% for Water.

#### **Business and Occupation Tax**

The utility pays B&O tax on its gross income from activities exempt from other taxes such as the Public Utility Tax.

The utility pays 1.75% of its gross earnings from these activities to the State of Washington for B&O tax.

#### **State Public Utility Tax**

The utility must also pay a tax on the public service of supplying water.

The utility pays 5.029% of its gross earnings to the State of Washington for Public Utility tax.

#### **<u>Utility Tax</u>**

This tax is based on a percentage of the utility's gross earnings in a particular jurisdiction and paid to that jurisdiction, which is currently the City of University Place at 6.0%.

Since we are a cost-of-service utility, taxes are a part of the rates we charge. The University Place Utility Tax is assessed directly to University Place customers through their rates.

2022 Taxes					
	Rates	Amount			
Gross Earnings Tax	8.000%	\$16.9M			
State Public Utility Tax	5.029%	\$9.9M			
B&O Tax	1.750%	\$0.2M			
Utility Tax	6.000%	\$0.5M			

Taxes paid as of year-end 2022.



### Franchise Fees

The utility pays franchise fees to operate in nearby jurisdictions.

We negotiate franchise fees as part of franchise agreements with the respective jurisdictions.

#### 2022 Franchies Fees

	Rates	Amount
Fircrest	6.0%	\$7,277
Lakewood	6.0%	\$6,458
University Place	8.0%	\$747,779
Other	6.0%	\$24,620

Annual franchise fees paid as of year-end 2022.



## **Revenue Sources**

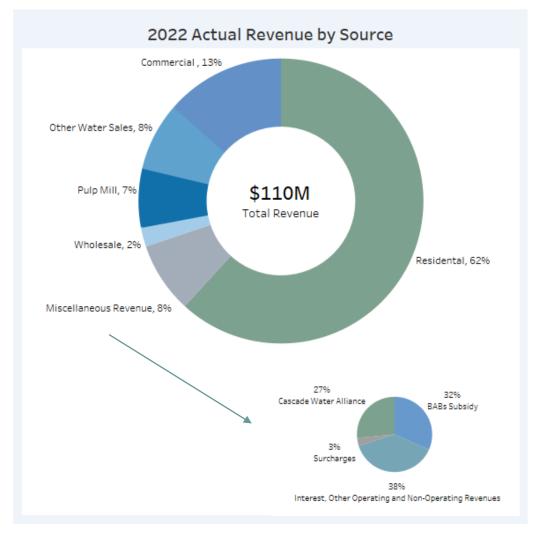
### **Retail and Wholesale Water Sales**

We base water sales revenue projections in the LRFP on demand forecasting that is updated each biennium. This forecast incorporates trends and estimates for account growth as well as for demand per account. We collected over 90% of our revenue from retail water sales in 2022.

### **Other Revenues**

The revenue we receive from other sources shown in the small chart includes surcharges we collected to pay for upgrades to system acquisitions, federal subsidies for Build America Bonds (BABs), and interest earned on cash balances.

We occasionally also receive revenue from a property sale, timber harvest, or limited-term contract payments like our agreement with Cascade Water Alliance. We deposit these revenues into our capital reserve funds to pay for capital expenses rather than rely on using them to pay for our ongoing 0&M expenses.



## **Customer Classes**

### **Customers and Types of Services**

As a cost of service utility, we charge our customers only what it costs to manage our system responsibly and provide clean, reliable water. Each biennium, we conduct a cost of service analysis to determine the appropriate portion of revenue to recover from each customer class based on the types of services and infrastructure needed to deliver services to them.

The Residential Class is by far the largest and provides 67% of the revenue from retail sales.

We remain dedicated to helping our customers pay their water bills by strengthening the assistance programs we provide and help them access federal assistance funds.

#### 2022 Customer Classes

Class	% of Revenue	% of Customers	# of Customers
Residential	67%	93%	101,646
Commercial	12%	4%	4,654
Large Volume	3%	> 0%	6
Parks & Irrigation	4%	1%	994
Private Fire	4%	1%	1,579
Wholesale	2%	> 0%	17
Pulp Mill	7%	> 0%	1
Grand Total	100%	100%	108,897

Customer classes reported as of year-end 2022

## **Broad, Diverse Retail Customer Base**

### **Customers and Types of Services**

WestRock was by far our largest customer and posed the biggest financial risk to the utility. Revenue provided by WestRock was about the same as the next 7 top customers combined. With the closure of the mill, our customer base is truly diversified, we no longer have financial risk from a singular customer.

We do not anticipate another customer of the same magnitude and plan to market excess capacity through innovative opportunities. The TPU and City of Tacoma economic development teams are actively working to bring in new businesses.

#### Top Customers by Revenue and Usage for 2023

No.	Customer	Revenue	% of Total Revenue	Usage	% of Total Usage
1	WESTROCK CP LLC	\$6,538,296	6.1%	6,086,337	25.2%
2	CITY OF FIFE	\$1,299,615	1.2%	826,485	3.4%
3	METRO PARKS DISTRICT	\$1,219,759	1.1%	257,159	1.1%
4	FREDERICKSON POWER	\$1,184,838	1.1%	509,648	2.1%
5	NIAGARA BOTTLING LLC	\$781,991	0.7%	336,744	1.4%
6	TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$780,766	0.7%	138,684	0.6%
7	US OIL & REFINING	\$569,757	0.5%	279,562	1.2%
8	TEHALEH OWNERS ASSOCIATION	\$548,262	0.5%	94,163	0.4%
9	JAMES HARDIE BLDG PRODUCTS INC	\$453,900	0.4%	136,904	0.6%
10	MULTICARE HEALTH SYSTEMS	\$355,524	0.3%	71,743	0.3%
11	SUNRISE MASTER ASSOCIATION	\$310,726	0.3%	53,196	0.2%
12	PORT OF TACOMA	\$306,452	0.3%	33,681	0.1%
13	UNIVERSITY PLACE SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$295,811	0.3%	51,243	0.2%
14	ST JOSEPH MEDICAL CENTER	\$279,959	0.3%	50,905	0.2%
15	CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND	\$257,239	0.2%	67,993	0.3%
16	PIERCE COUNTY FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	\$252,015	0.2%	54,604	0.2%
17	CITY OF BONNEY LAKE	\$233,306	0.2%	70,749	0.3%
18	UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND	\$220,764	0.2%	51,866	0.2%
19	WESTRIDGES APTS PROPERTY OWNER LLC	\$205,723	0.2%	50,381	0.2%
20	FAIRWAYS TIC IV LLC	\$186,821	0.2%	51,139	0.2%

## Forecasting Accounts, Demand, and Supply

### **Declining Residential Demand**

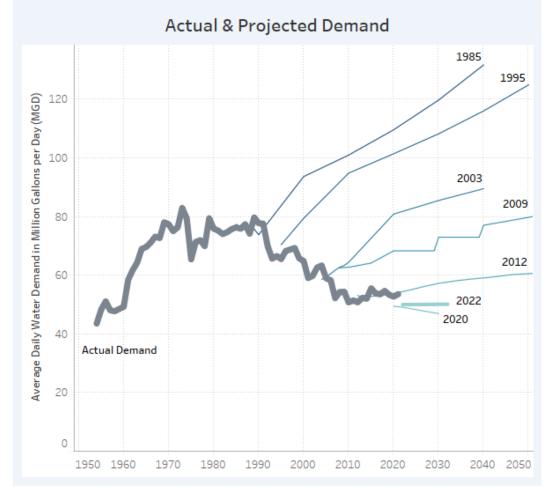
Tacoma Water's retail demand per account has been trending downward over recent years. The hockey stick projections of yesteryear explain why our utility built the water system the way it did: to prepare for future growth.

Conservation measures, improved code and standards and more efficient household fixtures lead to new flat or declining water demand forecasts.

For the next 10 years, we project the number of accounts to experience continued growth while we project total water demand to remain constant.

### **Modeling Regional Supply**

With robust infrastructure and projections of ample supply, we have an opportunity to redirect excess supply into regional markets, which can provide resiliency via interties and avoid additional redundant infrastructure and supply development regionally.



The grey line represents actual demand while the blue lines represent years in which demands were forecast.

## Forecasting Accounts, Demand, and Supply

#### **Supply and Market Development**

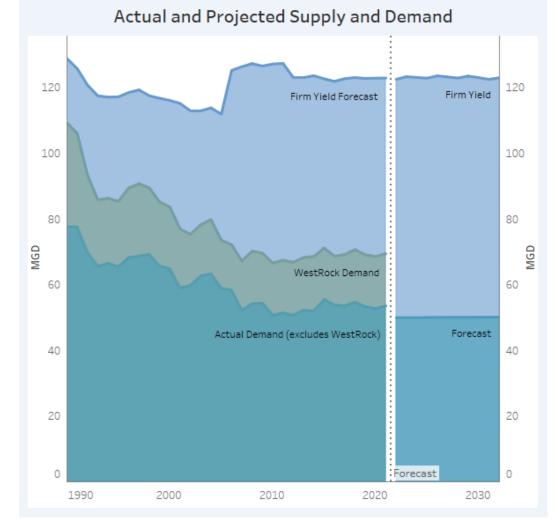
We project our system demand and our supply (Firm Yield) to remain relatively constant. We anticipate this will provide us with an opportunity for market development to serve additional regional water customers.

Additionally, one-third of our consumption is from a single industrial customer (Pulp Mill). To be responsible stewards of our utility, we also need to proactively model the potential loss of this single customer and what that means in terms of re-inherited supply back into our water system.

The chart on the right shows our actual supply and demand in average millions of gallons per day from 1990–2021, and our forecast for supply and demand from 2022–2032. Please note there may be days where our system demand exceeds our firm yield due to weather and environmental considerations.

#### **Modeling Climate Change**

Modeling of the Tacoma Water supply portfolio indicates that climate change will produce warmer temperatures, possibly change future runoff timing and amounts as early as the mid-2030s, and may impact water supply by the 2050s. Our system is currently robust and has excess water in most years, but we need to be prepared for the possibility of a climate changed future. Planned upgrades to our source portfolio will ensure that our system will remain strong and reliable in the future, even in the face of climate change.



### **Potential New Revenues with Wholesale & Special Pricing**

### **Rate-Design for the Long-Term**

While <u>wholesale customers</u> generally have their source of supply, there are a few reasons why they would elect to purchase water. Wholesale customers might want: (1) an additional source of supply, (2) redundancy, and/or (3) an emergency intertie. With historical and forecasted underutilization of contracted demand by wholesale customers, in 2020 we moved from a traditional rates structure based on meter size to rates based on contracted peak capacity to support wholesale market revenue growth.

Transitioning from meter size to contracted capacity helped Tacoma Water balance business objectives of revenue stability, equity within the wholesale class, and efficient price signaling.

While our rate-design shift remains neutral in recovering the cost of service, we intend to price ourselves competitively so our wholesale customers will buy more water from us in the long run. Additionally, wholesale customers now have alternate options available for water supply through market-based pricing or reduce contract capacity through reverse capacity amortization.

### **Wholesale Customers**



### **Market-Based Pricing Model**

- Enables the option to pay different rate than the new wholesale pricing schedule
- Pricing based on a customer's existing supply options
- Requires a new or amended contract

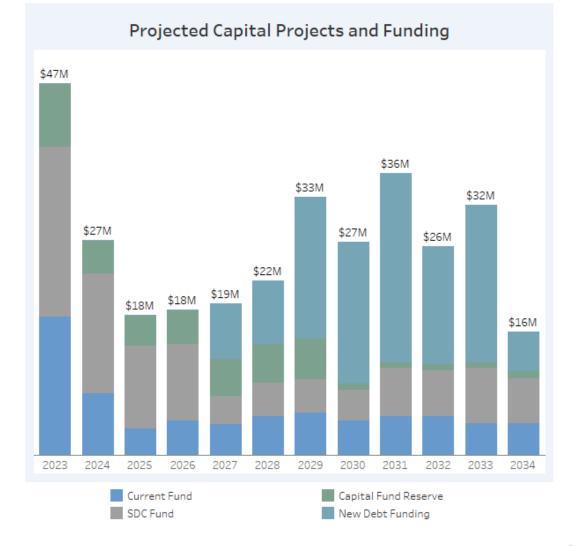
## **Capital Funding Sources**

### **Funding the LRFP**

Our financing strategy supports using a combination of cash reserves and debt to pay for capital costs.

Through financial modeling, we analyzed numerous possible funding scenarios. We based those scenarios on objectives that focus on affordability, equitable distribution of costs to customers for future generations, alignment with asset and system management principles, and gradual increases to revenue requirements.

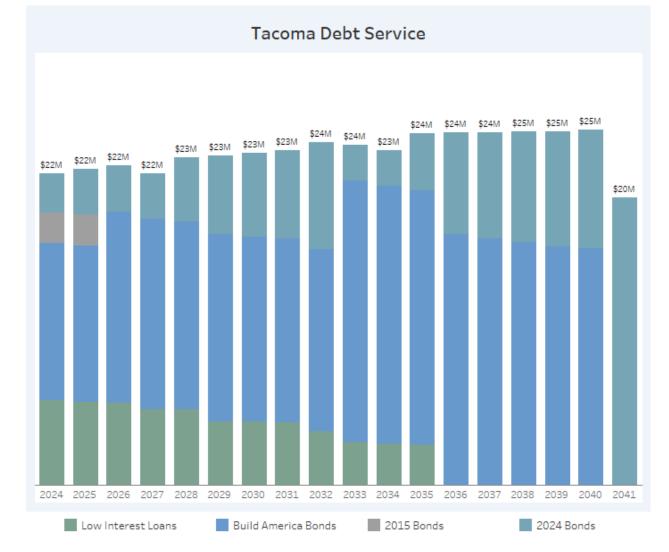
The LRFP provides a funding scenario that gradually and minimally increases rates each year. Timing for when and how much debt to issue bonds allows us to keep revenue requirements smooth and gradual over the planning horizon.



## **Tacoma Water Debt Service**

We sell senior lien bonds to investors to help fund capital projects and spread the payments over the life of the assets. This debt is generally financed over 30-years and structured to achieve the lowest interest rates possible based on market rate expectations. We issue most of our bonds in the taxexempt market. However, in 2009 and 2010, we issued taxable bonds under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA). We receive federal interest subsidies, reducing the overall cost of the debt and giving us access to new investors in the taxable market. The chart below shows combined annual principal and interest payments before the federal subsidies, which we included as revenue in our planning and accounting.

In addition, we have financed portions of several large capital projects with low-interest loans from the State of Washington Public Works Trust Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan programs. This super-subordinate lien debt gets repaid with level principal and interest payments over 20years, and the interest rates are between 0.5% and 1.5%, providing significant savings for our customers.



## **Credit Ratings**

### We Have Strong Credit Ratings

Two rating agencies evaluate our utility and our performance on certain financial metrics helps them compare us to other utilities and assess our ability to meet long-term financial obligations. These ratings assure investors that we are a well-managed utility with the ability to pay our debt over the next 30 years. In addition, this helps us obtain low-interest rates and pay less interest over time, benefitting our customers and providing flexibility to address unexpected changes in the plan.

S&D Clobal

Rating affirmed on December 22, 2023

Moopr's January 2, 2024 Rating: Aa1 Outlook: Stable Summary Rating Rationale • Excellent rate-setting record which was demonstrated following the recent closure announcement by its largest customer, with rate increases to maintain financial metrics, as well as equitable and affordable customer rates • Long-term financial stability, including sustained strong liquidity and debt service coverage • Sophisticated management of regulatory compliance and ten-year capital program • Strong system characteristics, including ample capacity and water resources (high-quality, long-lived water supply)		Ratings	March 31, 2022
		Rating: AA+	Outlook: Stable
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## **Credit Ratings**

### **Financial Metrics and Credit Ratings**

Each rating agency has its methodology, process, and scale for rating the investment quality of a utility.

The rating agencies all include historical and projected financial performance in their analysis. In addition, they evaluate other criteria such as economic indicators, system diversity, water supply contracts, support for rate increases and management decisions.

Moody's Investors Service is a rating agency that has published its methodology for analyzing utilities like ours. Understanding its methodology helps us interpret the Moody process and align our financial metrics with the agency's rating scale.

#### Moody's U.S Municipal Utility Revenue Debt Methodology

	Aaa		Аа		А	
Days Liquidity	> 250 Days		150 to 250 Days		35 to 150 Days	
Debt Service Coverage	>2.0x		1.7 to 2.0x		1.25 to 1.7x	
	<b>Tacoma Water Metrics</b>					
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Days Liquidity	218	225	253	259	257	221
Debt Service Coverage	2.73x	2.74x	2.78x	2.91x	3.24x	2.33x
Debt Ratio	35.6%	37.9%	39.9%	42.5%	44.8%	46.5%

Days Liquidity: Ratio of Current Days Cash on Hand and the ability to cover expenses with cash. Debt Service Coverage: Ratio of cash flow available to pay debt service owed. Debt Ratio: Ratio of total debt outstanding as a percentage of Total Assets.

### Reserves

### **Bond Reserve Funds**

We established Bond Reserve Funds to pay for outstanding bond interest and principal payments in the event that the utility is unable to pay from revenues. These funds are not included in our financial metric calculations and are restricted to be used to meet bond covenants.

Our funds contain a combination of cash and investments. The combined size of the funds must remain sufficient to meet the Reserve Account requirements in Tacoma Water's bond covenants. We base the size requirement on the lessor of the following:

- **1.** The maximum annual debt service payments in our bond debt-portfolio
- 2. 125% of average annual debt service payments in our bond debt-portfolio

### **Operating and Capital Reserves**

Earlier in this document, we discussed our financial policies related to operating and capital reserve levels. These funds provide flexibility to manage potential risks, meet working capital needs, and support stable rate adjustments. Here is a summary of the funds with their balances at the end of 2023:

Operating Reserve Fund: \$59 million Capital Reserve Fund: \$18 million System Development Charge (SDC) Fund: \$65 million Rate Stabilization Account: \$36 million unrecognized within SDC Fund

We include these fund balances as liquidity for our financial metric calculations. In addition, recognition of deferred revenues in the Rate Stabilization Account are included in the Senior Debt Service Coverage calculation and can boost the ratio.

## 2023-2024 Budgeted Revenue and Expenses

### **Bringing It All Together**

This slide brings the components together in a side-by-side comparison and shows our budgeted revenue and expenses for 2023-2024. We generally match our revenues to our expenses when we develop and propose our budgets. We plan to fund about 69% of our expenses from water sales, 26% from existing reserves, and about 5% from other revenues for this biennium.

When we collect more revenue than we spend in a given period, we use that surplus to reduce the amount collected from customers in future years. This revenue also helps build reserves to be used to fund future spikes in debt service or other expenses while keeping rate increases as low as is responsible, stable, and predictable for our customers. 2023-2024 Budgeted Revenue and Expenses



## **Regional Water Supply System (RWSS)**

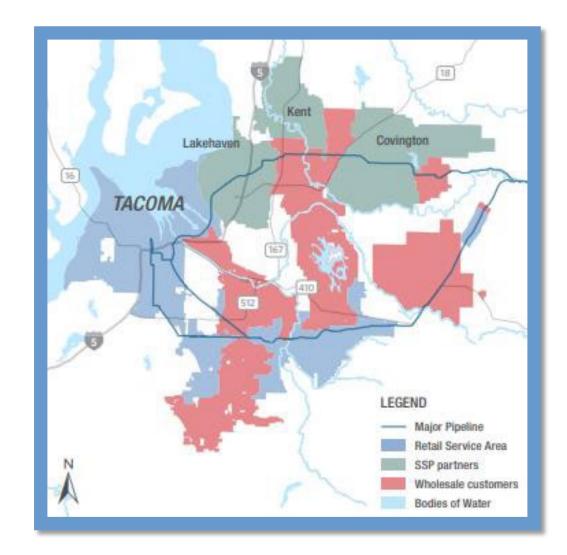
### **Forming the Regional Partnership**

We began developing the Second Supply Project (SSP) in 1968 to meet our future water supply requirements and increase regional supply.

In 2002, we entered into a partnership to form the RWSS and build the SSP. The Participants of the <u>Second Supply Project</u> <u>Partnership Agreement</u> (the Agreement) include:

- <u>Tacoma Water</u>
   · <u>Covington Water District</u>
- <u>City of Kent</u>
   <u>Lakehaven Water and Sewer District</u>

The term of the Agreement extends through the Operating Life of the SSP, including all additions, renewals, and replacements.

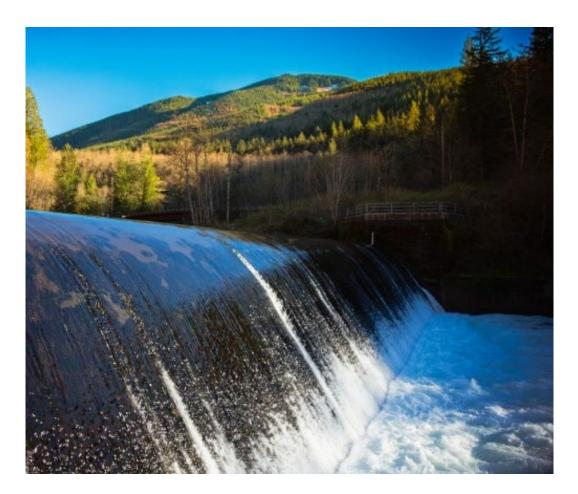


## **The RWSS Project Committee**

Decisions are made by the RWSS Project Committee, consisting of one representative of each Participant. Tacoma has 15 votes, and each of the other Participants has seven votes. The Committee meets each month and to take action, a quorum of not less than three Participants, including Tacoma, must be present, and there must be an affirmative vote of 29/36ths of the Project Committee total votes. (Tacoma plus two other Participants.)

The RWSS operates under an annual budget, which includes the amounts necessary to operate and maintain the SSP and any proposed capital expenditures including renewals, replacements, additions, or improvements.

We are required to submit a proposed Annual Budget by July 1 with a final budget approved by the Project Committee no later than October 15 each year.

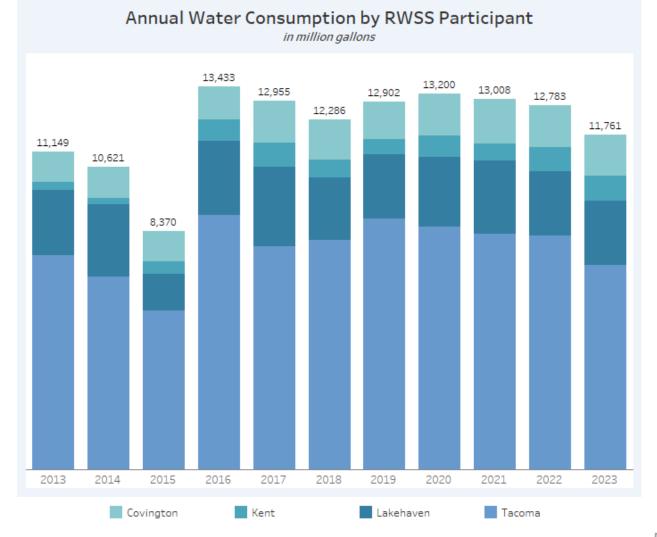


## **Building the Second Supply Project**

The SSP became operational in 2005, and today it is the major source of our water supply.

In addition to increasing water supply, the SSP increases flexibility and reliability of water delivery in both Tacoma Water's and the other Participants' service areas.

The Second Supply Project Partnership Agreement defines the rights and obligations of the Participants. Tacoma has a 15/36 Participant Share and each of Kent, Covington, and Lakehaven has a 7/36 Participant Share in the SSP. Each Participant Share represents a proportional right to receive, and obligation to pay for, water delivered by the Second Supply Project.



## **Second Supply System Components**

#### The SSP includes the following components:

- Water from the exercise of Tacoma Water's Second Diversion Water Right
- The Second Supply Pipeline
- Improvements made at the Headworks diversion dam and intake
- SSP fisheries and environmental enhancements
- The right to store water as a result of the Howard Hanson Dam Additional Storage Project
- Treatment Facilities including the Green River Filtration Facility completed in 2015

#### 2022 RWSS Assets by Participant

at Original Cost

	Tacoma	Kent	Covington	Lakehaven	RWSS Total
Second Supply Pipeline	\$59,904,694	\$27,955,524	\$27,955,524	\$27,955,524	\$143,771,265
Water Treatment, Environmental, and Source	\$83,671,424	\$39,046,665	\$39,046,665	\$39,046,665	\$200,811,418
Other RWSS Assets	\$452,548	\$211,189	\$211,189	\$211,189	\$1,086,115
Grand Total	\$144,028,666	\$67,213,377	\$67,213,377	\$67,213,377	\$345,668,798

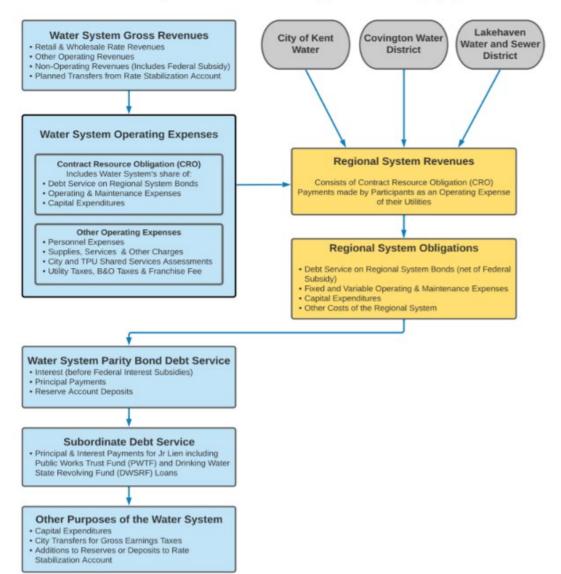
Although separately financed, the RWSS assets are owned, operated, and maintained by Tacoma Water. Therefore, the RWSS is accounted for in our Financial Statements.

## **RWSS Participant Flow of Funds**

The Regional Water Supply System was established as a separate system, financed separately from the Water System, and designated as a Contract Resource Obligation (CRO) by each Participant. As a result, costs associated with the Regional System, including debt service on Regional System bonds, are paid as O&M of the Water System and each Participant.

Because debt of the Water System is paid from net revenue, Water System bonds are payable after the prior payment of all costs of the Regional System. The chart on this slide demonstrates the flow of funds and priority of payment.

Our obligation to pay the costs of the RWSS is offset partially by contractual payments made by the other Participants. If another Participant defaults, we are obligated to pay debt service on the Bonds. **Regional Water Supply System** 



## **RWSS Expenses and Revenues**

As Project Operator, we are responsible for the operation of the SSP, maintain the financial records, and provide reports to the Participants in accordance with the Agreement.

Participants are billed and pay their share of operating and maintenance expenses monthly and capital expenditures quarterly. Debt Service payments on RWSS Bonds are paid semi-annually in advance of when the payments are due.

We receive the payments and pay all operating costs and debt service of the RWSS. The annual revenues are established to approximately equal annual costs.

Our share of RWSS expenses is included as an assumption in our LRFP.



#### 2023 RWSS Revenue and Expense

## **RWSS Fixed and Variable O&M Expenses**

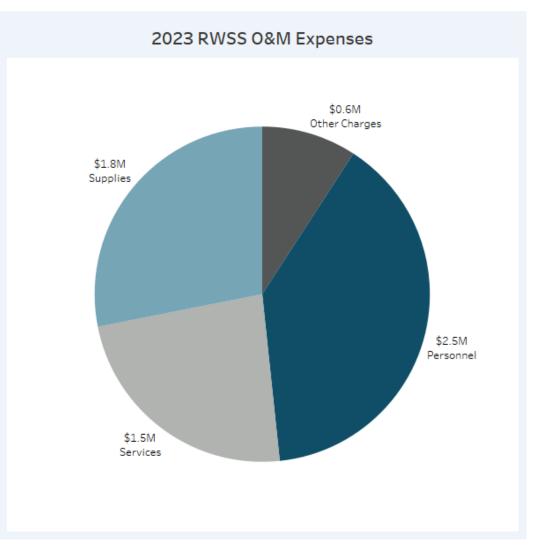
### Fixed O&M Costs

We incur these costs to operate and maintain the SSP. These expenses do not vary based on the quantity of water delivered to the Participants and include expenses related to labor, supplies, services, and equipment.

### Variable O&M Costs

These costs vary based on the quantity of water delivered to a Participant and include electricity and water treatment supplies and materials expenses.

We bill variable costs using estimates and true-up actual expenses at the end of each year.



## **RWSS Capital Budget**

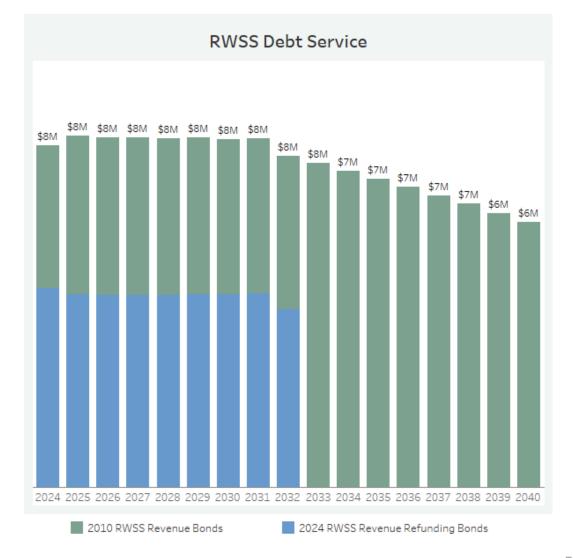
<b>Capital Planning</b>	Project	2023	2024	Project Description
We expect to fund the RWSS capital improvements by cash payments from the Participants.	Renewal and Replacement	\$815,000	\$797,000	Ensures our existing system remains robust and reliable as we develop our service territory and serve new accounts. These costs are ongoing.
We have no plans to issue Future Parity Bonds for the Regional System in the next	Environmenta I Stewardship	\$543,000	\$543,000	Continues our commitment to ensure environmental stewardship in the watershed. These costs are ongoing.
several years. Current Projects:	North Fork Wells	\$47,000	\$47,000	Helps keep our water safe by protecting the watershed and continues the commitment to invest in treatment equipment and capabilities. These costs are ongoing.
<ul> <li>Ongoing renewal and replacement</li> <li>Relocating a major section of Pipeline 5</li> </ul>	Pipeline 5 Relocation	\$3,000	\$3,000	Relocation of a major section of our pipeline accommodates work done in this area for public transportation. These costs are a one-time expense.
<ul> <li>Adding storage behind Howard Hanson Dam</li> <li>Upgrading the fish transfer hoppers</li> </ul>	Other	\$380,000	\$380,000	Allows RWSS to pay for unanticipated capital projects or major equipment failures without having to defer planned projects. These costs are ongoing.
<ul> <li>Increasing security with gates and cameras</li> </ul>	Total	\$1,788,000	\$1,770,000*	* Excludes Tacoma's First Diversion. Costs by participant are provided in the Appendix. Due to the nature of capital spending, there may be shifts of expenditures from the first year into the second year of the biennium.

## **RWSS Debt Management**

Upon approval by the Project Committee, Tacoma may issue bonds to provide funding for capital costs on behalf of the RWSS. As part of this process, Tacoma develops and submits a Financing Plan that includes the purpose, amount, repayment schedule, and timing for the proposed issuance. Any Participant may elect to cash fund its share. Lakehaven cash funded its share of capital expenses, and Tacoma, Covington, and Kent are repaying the outstanding debt service.

### 2024 Refunding

The 2013 RWSS Revenue Refunding Bonds became callable in June 2023 and were refunded in early 2024, now called the 2024 RWSS Revenue Refunding Bonds. Covington elected to repay their outstanding portion in cash, while Tacoma and Kent participated in the refunding. Savings were \$3.7 million over the life of the bonds.



## **RWSS Financial Metrics and Credit Ratings**

### **Operating Reserve**

The RWSS has established an operating reserve equal to two months of its annual operating budget. Our operating reserve provides working capital to offset timing differences between the utility's payments for expenditures and reimbursement from Participants.

### **Debt Service Coverage Ratio**

Typically, near 1.0x due to the cost-recovery nature of the project and repayment agreements. The Participants generate strong debt service coverage and provide credit support for the RWSS bonds.

### **Debt Service Reserve Funds**

The requirement is equal to average annual debt service, and we met it with cash.

#### Moody's

January 2, 2024

**Outlook: Stable** 

#### Rating: Aa1

**Summary Rating Rationale** 

- Secured by operating revenues of Tacoma, Kent and Covington
- Debt service is senior to existing revenue bonds for each utility
- Tacoma pledged gross revenues to pay in the event of nonpayment by other participants
- No additional debt planned

# S&P Global<br/>RatingsMarch 31, 2022Rating: AA+Outlook: Stable

#### **Summary Rating Rationale**

- Generally strong credit quality of the four Participants
- Covenants by participants' covenants to collect water rates and charges to cover system obligations
- Agreement by Tacoma to cover payment defaults
- Liquidity in operating reserve and debt service reserve funds
- Rating affirmed on December 22, 2023

## **The Base Case**

### **The Base Case**

The LRFP combines financial forecasting with long-term strategic planning. We use it as a tool to identify and prepare for risks and opportunities that the Utility may encounter in the coming years.

To get anywhere, you have to start somewhere, and for our LRFP, that starting point is called the Base Case.

Once we establish the base case scenario, we can adjust individual assumptions to develop Scenarios. This adjustment helps identify uncertainties, evaluate possible impacts and develop strategies to mitigate the impacts.

Note: We updated our 2023-2024 base case due to the mill closure, which was unprecedented.

### **Assumptions for the Base Case**

In this LRFP, the Base Case reflects the combination of Tacoma Water's financial performance through 2022, budget information for the 2023-2024 biennium, and the background information provided in the previous sections.

For any plan that looks far ahead, we know things will be different from what we planned. In fact, by the time this document has been published, we will have identified changes that we will incorporate in our next plan update.

### **Building the Base Case**

Once we have forecast our capital and O&M requirements, revenues at existing rates, and miscellaneous revenues, we look to see how much additional revenue we will need to collect in order to maintain financial stability and sustainability for the Utility.

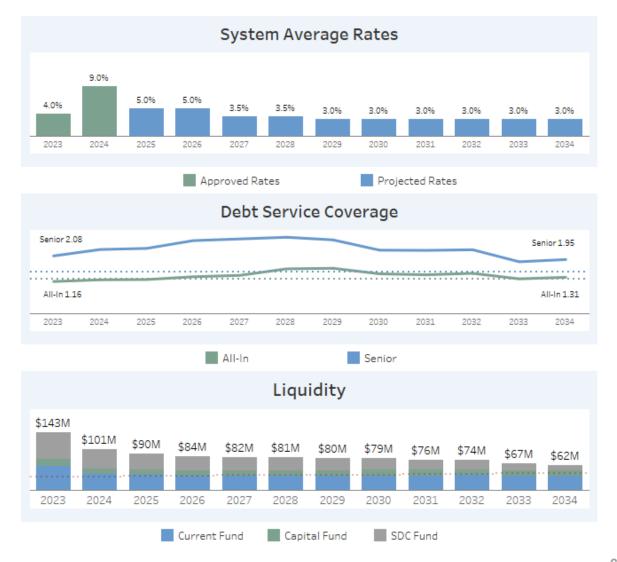
This helps us manage future challenges with the objective of providing the most value for the utility's ratepayers at the lowest possible cost.

## **The Base Case**

### **The Base Case**

This base case scenario is what we believe is the most probable set of outcomes, given estimates and assumptions that are based on history and our best knowledge today. This financial forecast forms the foundation of our Long-Range Financial Plan.

In late 2023, we updated our base case to reflect the impact of the mill closure. These changes reflect our efforts to remain strong in our financial metrics while revisiting plans to capital spending and adjusting rates as needed.



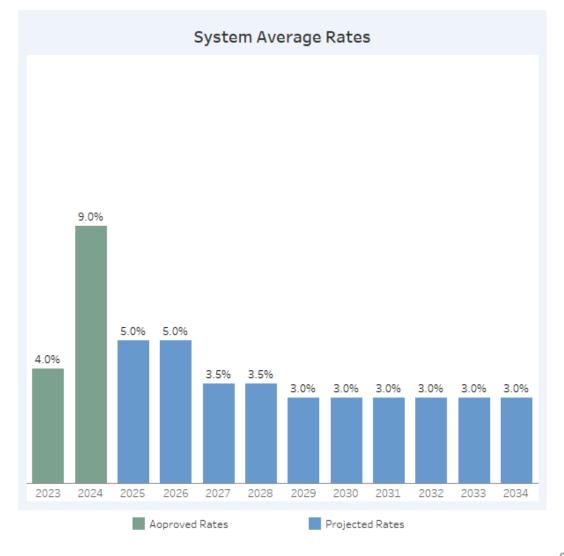
## **Base Case: Rates**

### **Projecting Rate Adjustments**

After we add all of the Base Case projections discussed previously into our rate and financial modeling forecast, we plan gradual rate adjustments that support strong financial metrics at the lowest cost possible for customers.

We base the plan on our best projections when we develop it, before formal recommendation or approval by our regulatory bodies.

Our updated Base Case reflects an additional 5% increase in 2024 due to the mill closure with a ramp down to 5% per year for the next biennia, and steady rate adjustments of 3% each year through 2034.



## **Base Case: Debt Service Coverage**

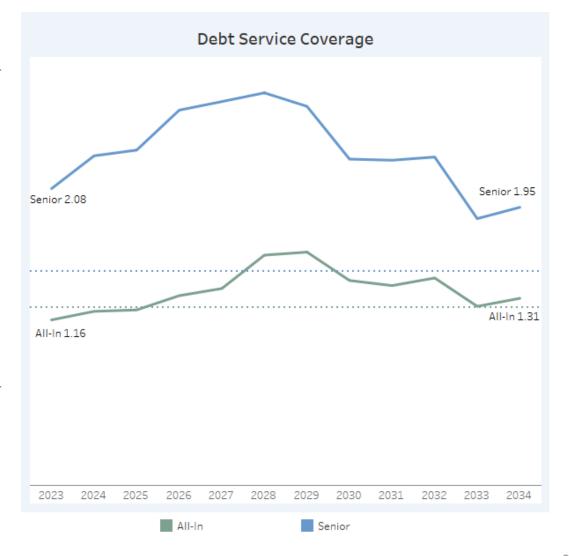
### **Debt Service Coverage Ratio**

The debt service coverage ratio measures how many times we can pay the interest and principal payments of our outstanding debt with available cash flow in a given year. This measure helps us ensure that we are in compliance with debt covenants and provides financing flexibility.

As you can see for the Base Case, we are above our policy requirements in all years. We have included projections beyond the ten-year horizon in order to show how we plan to mitigate anticipated revenue and debt service constraints in the early 2030s and maintain strong metrics.

#### **Calculation for Debt Service Coverage**

Senior: Net Revenue/Debt Service after transfers from rate stabilization account and without Gross Earnings Tax transfer or Subordinate Debt All-In: Net Revenue/Debt Service does not include transfers from rate stabilization account and does include Gross Earnings Tax transfer and Subordinate Debt



## **Base Case: Liquidity and Reserves**

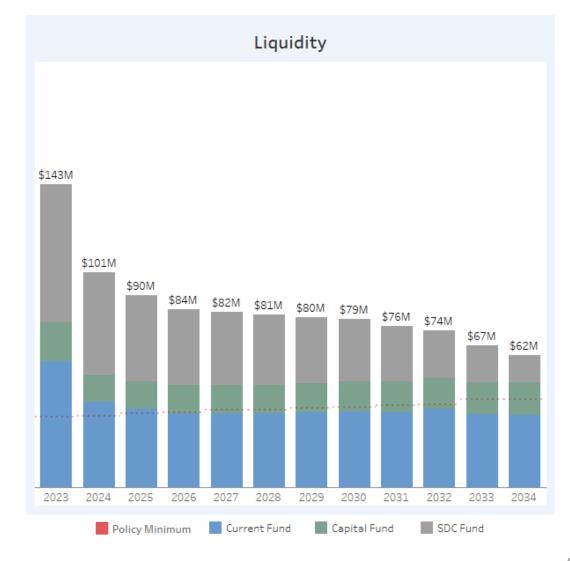
### **Liquidity and Reserves**

Our financial policies require certain cash balances for our operating and capital reserve funds. The reserves provide flexibility to manage risk, meet working capital needs and support stable rate adjustments. We also provide a Days Liquidity measure to show how many days of operating expenses we could fund from reserves.

As you can see for the Base Case, we are well above our policy requirements in all years. We have included projections beyond the tenyear horizon to illustrate our plan for a responsible spend-down to mitigate anticipated revenue and debt service constraints in the early 2030s and maintain projected rate adjustments as low as is responsible for our customers.

#### **Calculation for Days Liquidity:**

*(Operating Fund Balances + Capital Reserve and SDC Fund Cash Balances \* 365 days)/Annual Budgeted Operating Expenses* 



## **Summary of Risks and Opportunities**

### **Planning for Uncertainties**

The only thing that is certain about any plan that looks so far ahead is that things will be different from what we planned. For this reason, it is important to identify possible uncertainties, evaluate their potential impacts and incorporate strategies to mitigate them.

We use our Rate and Financial Model to help us:

- Analyze and compare assumptions
- Determine a range of outcomes
- Project fund balances
- Estimate debt service coverage levels

The further out we forecast costs and revenues, the more uncertainty there is surrounding these estimates. Therefore, we have modeled some scenarios to address potential future conditions that may impact us. The following provides an example of the risks considered as part of this process, and is not intended to be comprehensive or exhaustive.

### **Internal Risks**

- Compliance with Regulatory Mandates
- Supply Portfolio
- Technology Changes
- Aging Infrastructure
- Employee Expectations

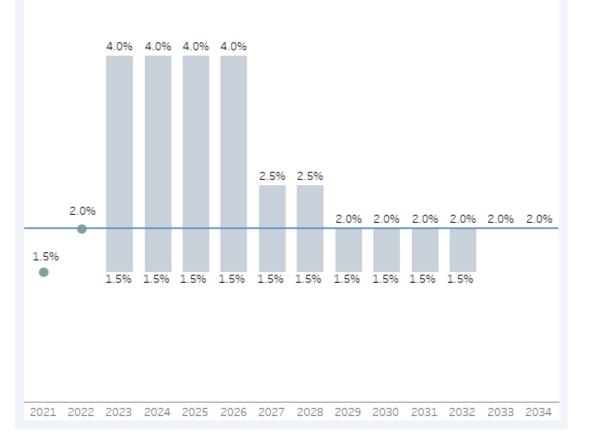
### **External Risks**

- Climate Change: Droughts, Floods, and Wildfire
- Weather Fluctuations
- Seismic Events
- Economic Cycles and Inflation
- Policy or Regulatory Changes
- Environmental Regulations
- Changes in Customer Demand
- A Pandemic

## **Summary of Scenarios We Include**

The further out in time we forecast costs and revenues, the more uncertainty exists around these estimates. Therefore, we have modeled some scenarios to address potential future conditions that may impact us.

The scenarios shown represent a range of possible outcomes, which help us assess potential financial risks and opportunities. The scenarios shown here do not represent all scenarios we develop and analyze. Scenario development helps us analyze potential variances from the base case and develop a projected range of rate impacts. Projected Range of System Average Rate Adjustments



Approved Rates -Base Case

## **Loss of a Large Customer**

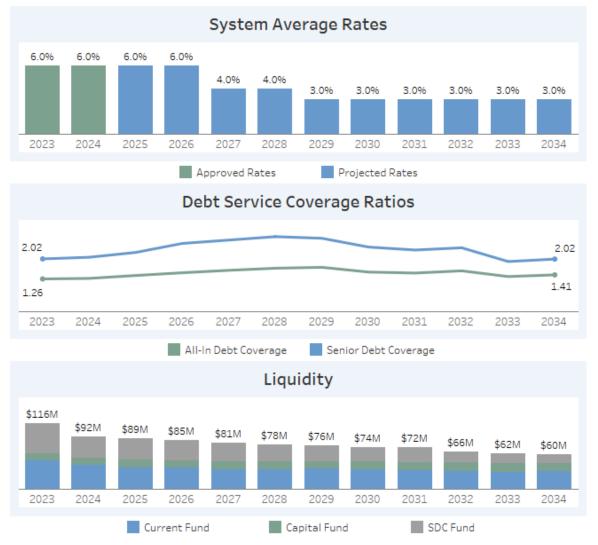
Under typical economic scenarios, retail sales represent over 90% of total revenue.

Losing a large retail customer due to local economic influences is one of the potential external risk factors facing Tacoma Water. If we lost a large retail customer, it makes sense that the amount of retail revenue earned would decrease. This loss would result in a decline in net revenues for Tacoma Water and affect rate adjustments in future years.

In this scenario, the loss of a large customer has an immediate short-term impact on rates. The rate impact spreads over two biennia, and the impact decreases over time.

Conversely, in a scenario where we acquire a new large customer or a regional wholesale customer, net revenues for the utility would increase. Either would lead to lower rate adjustments in the near-term and future years.

In this scenario, we modeled a loss of \$7 million in annual revenues beginning in 2023 (we assume that they shut down in July 2022) from the loss of a large customer.



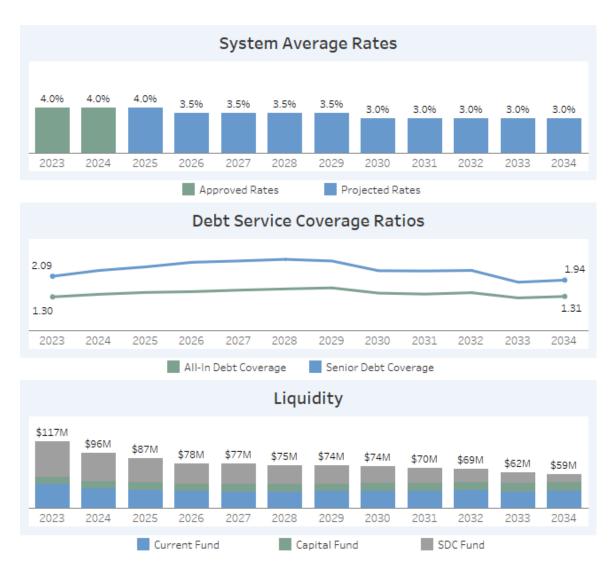
Risk Factors and Scenario Planning | Scenario | Loss of a Large Customer | TO BE UPDATED IN THE 2024 LRFP

## **Higher General Wage Increase**

For this scenario, we modeled additional placeholders for unplanned capital expenditures and increased 0&M to fund potential investment in our Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system. This update to our assumptions increased modeled capital contingency by \$1 million per year, and internal assessments for enterprise IT support by \$500,000 each year for the remainder of the planning period.

When adding them to our Base Case Scenario, we expect these increases would result in an additional rate increase of about 0.5% each year over the next four years. After that time, the plan goes back to 2.0% each year and maintains our gradual approach to funding increasing expenses.

We can mitigate and smooth the impacts of the capital increases by adjusting our spend-down of reserves and planned timeline for additional revenue bonds.



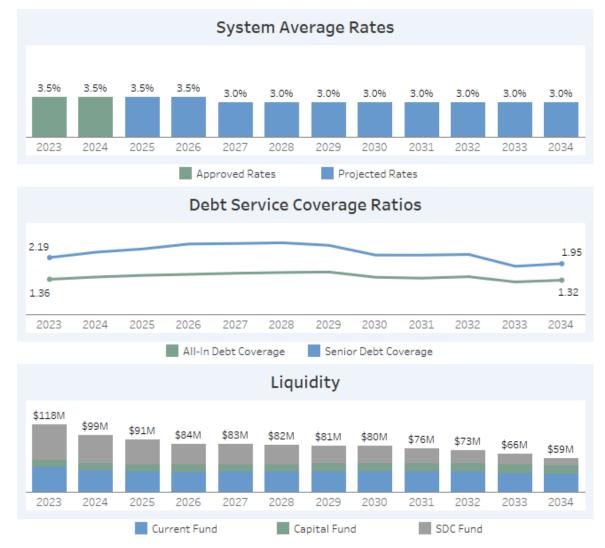
## **Additional Wholesale Revenues**

Under typical economic scenarios, wholesale represents 2% of total revenue.

Transitioning from meter size to contracted capacity-based rates helped us achieve balanced business objectives, including revenue stability and equity with efficient price signaling. While the rate-design shift remains neutral in recovering the cost of service, we intend to price ourselves competitively so wholesale customers will buy more water from us in the long run.

In this scenario, we modeled an increase of \$3.6 million in annual revenues from the new rate structure and market-based pricing. The increase in wholesale revenue has a positive, longterm impact rate on rates.

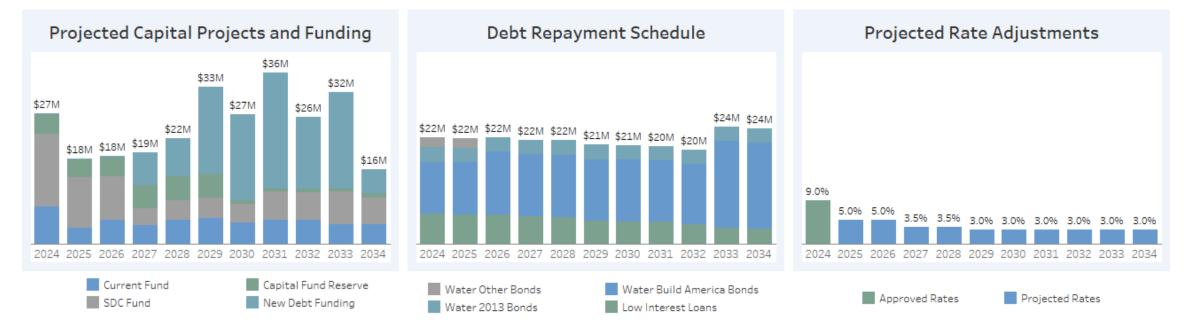
Coupled with our efforts in modeling supply for the future, we also have the opportunity to market to other regional water purveyors in the coming years. Continued scenario modeling as we gain more information will significantly impact the trajectory of our rates.



## Anticipating Projects, Optimizing Debt, and Stabilizing Rates

Our most recent projections incorporate guidance from our <u>Board Guiding Principles</u>. They emphasize gradualism by moving financial levers up and down as we look into the future. Our <u>Water Rate and Financial Policy</u> provides ratepayers with stability and the ability to plan what their rates will look like over time. Finally, our 2020-2025 Strategic Plan ensures our mission, vision, and values are reflected in our objectives and initiatives.

We base these projections on available information as of 2023. If there are known circumstances that we need to plan for in 10 years and beyond, stable rate adjustments will put us in a good position for potential pinch points such as unforeseen revenue loss and increases in debt service.



## **Annual Updates and Future Planning**

We plan to update the LRFP each year to ensure our assumptions reflect current and evolving conditions and adjust as needed.

As we implement our plan, some assumptions are likely to change and require additional modeling and analysis to update the LRFP. Some potential considerations that may require us to adapt are:

- *Economic Conditions.* We will continue monitoring impacts such as inflation, supply chain disruptions, lag in collection of customer receivables, consumption patterns, and challenges in the workforce.
- *Advanced Meters.* Once we fully exchange our meters, we will have the opportunity to utilize near real-time data to inform decision-making and enhance customer service (including payment assistance).
- *Supply Modeling.* With our changing customer demand profile, we will pivot modeling to market regional opportunities for increased revenue.



# **Glossary: Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Initialisms**

#### Name

#### ARRA **American Reinvestment and Recovery Act Business and Occupation [Tax] B&O** BABs **Build America Bonds BCAP Bill Credit Assistance Plan Public Utility Board** Board CARES **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Centum (Hundred) Cubic Feet** CCF CIAC **Contribution In Aid of Construction** CIP **Capital Improvement Program/Plan City of Tacoma** City COSA **Cost of Service Analysis** COVID **Coronavirus Disease** CRO **Contract Resource Obligation CWA Cascade Water Alliance DWSRF Drinking Water State Revolving Fund**

#### Name

GET	<u>Gross Earnings Tax</u>
<b>GFOA</b>	<b>Government Finance Officers Association</b>
GRFF	<b>Green River Filtration Facility</b>
HHD	Howard Hanson Dam
ICS	Incident Command System
IRP	Integrated Resource Plan
LIE/D	Low-Income Elderly/Disabled [Discount Rate Program]
LRFP	Long-Range Financial Plan
MG	Million Gallons
MGD	Million Gallons per Day
NPV	Net Present Value
0&M	Operating and Maintenance
PinS	Plant in Service
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment

#### PUB Public Utility Board

#### Name

PWTF	Public Works Trust Fund
R&R	<b>Renewal and Replacement</b>
RWSS	Regional Water Supply System
S&P	Standard and Poor
SDC	System Development Charge
SDs	Strategic Directives
SPUT	State Public Utility Tax
SSP	Second Supply Project
TPU	Tacoma Public Utilities
Utility	Tacoma Water
WSP	Water System Plan

#### Pro-Forma: Updated 2023-2024 Base Case

Pro Forma Statement (\$ in Thousands)		2023		2024		2025		2026	1	2027		2028		2029		2030		2031	-	2032		2033		2034
System Average Rate Increase		4.0%		9.0%		5.0%		5.0%		3.5%		3.5%		3.0%		3.0%		3.0%		3.0%		3.0%		3.0%
Retail and Wholesale Rate Revenues	\$	101,799	\$	106,423	.\$	109,172	\$	115,132	\$	119,682	\$	124,411	.\$	128,704	\$	133,142	\$	137,731	\$	142,475	\$	147,879	\$	153,48
Other Operating Revenues	- T	9,829	т	9,713	T	10,104	Ŧ	10,181	T	10,181	Ť	10,491	T	10,436	Ŧ	4,736	T	4,530	т	4,893	т	4,966	T	5,04
Non-Operating Revenues (includes BABs subsidy)	-	3,612		3,312		3,316		3,278		3,198		3,107		3,014		2,917		2,816		2,708		2,596		2,36
Planned Transfers from Rate Stabilization Account		-		-		-		2,000		2,000		2,000		2,000		2,000		4,000		4,000		5,500		5,500
Total Revenues	\$	115,240	\$	119,447	\$	122,593	\$		\$	135,061	\$	140,009	\$		\$		\$	-	\$	154,076	\$	160,941	\$	
Operation & Maintenance Expenses	\$	65,072	¢	67,849	¢	70,187	\$	72,551	¢	74,709	\$	76,920	¢	79,215	¢	81,555	¢	83,986	\$	86,209	¢	88,961	\$	91,529
RWSS Expenses (Tacoma Share CRO)	4	3,128	φ	3,140	φ	3,235	φ	3,332	φ	3,432	φ	3,534	φ	3,640	φ	3,750	φ	3,862	φ	3,978	φ	4,097	φ	4,22
RWSS Bond Debt Service (Tacoma Share CRO)		3,880		4,876	-	4,920	-	4,906		4,917	-	4,916	-	4,932	-	4,925	-	4,939	-	4,672		4,860	-	4,78
Utility Taxes, B&O Taxes & Franchise Fees		6,452	-	6,702	-	6,861		7,196		7,439	-	7,712		7,943		8,198	-	8,449		8,728		9,030		9,348
Total Operation & Maintenance Expenses	\$	78,532	\$	82,567	\$	85,203	\$	87,984	\$	90,497	\$	93,082	\$	95,730	\$	98,428	\$	-, -	\$	103,586	\$	106,948	\$	109,884
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Funds Available for Debt Service	\$	36,708	\$	36,881	\$	37,390	\$	42,606	\$	44,564	\$	46,927	\$	48,423	\$	44,367	\$	47,841	\$	50,489	\$	53,992	\$	56,513
Current and Proposed Sr Lien Debt Service (Water Bonds)	\$	17,628	\$	15,962	\$	15,925	\$	16,175	\$	16,584	\$	17,056	\$	18,227	\$	19,402	\$	20,991	\$	21,939	\$	28,878	\$	28,994
Balance Available for Other Purposes	\$	19,079	\$	20,919	\$	21,465	\$	26,432	\$	27,980	\$	29,870	\$	30,196	\$	24,965	\$	26,850	\$	28,551	\$	25,114	\$	27,519
City Gross Earnings Tax	\$	8,457	\$	8,811	\$	9,041	\$	9,529	\$	9,905	\$	10,294	\$	10,642	\$	10,529	\$	10,899	\$	11,281	\$	11,716	\$	12,168
Existing Jr Lien Debt Service		5,581		5,497		5,429		5,372		4,944		4,889		4,073		4,024		3,975		3,370		2,654		2,494
Balance Available for Capital and Reserves	\$	5,042	\$	6,612	\$	6,995	\$	11,530	\$	13,131	\$	14,687	\$	15,481	\$	10,412	\$	11,977	\$	13,900	\$	10,744	\$	12,857
Debt Service Coverage Ratio - Sr. Debt	_	2.08		2.31		2.35	-	2.63		2.69	-	2.75		2.66		2.29		2.28	-	2.30		1.87	-	1.95
Debt Service Coverage Ratio - Total Debt		1.29		1.40		1.42		1.51		1.57		1.61		1.64		1.44		1.40		1.45		1.25		1.3
Year-end Operating Fund Balance	\$	59,018	\$	40,284	\$	36,807	\$	34,708	\$	34,601	\$	34,700	\$	35,042	\$	35,566	\$	35,374	\$	36,782	\$	34,413	\$	34,124
Year-end SDC Fund Balance	\$	60,429	\$	48,179	\$	40,578	\$	35,769	\$	34,265	\$	32,764	\$	31,240	\$	29,694	\$	26,109	\$	22,471	\$	17,267	\$	12,619
Year-end Capital Reserve Fund Balance	\$	12,421	\$	12,402	\$	12,876	\$	13,153	\$	13,334	\$	13,521	\$	13,715		13,939	\$	14,270	\$	14,545	\$	14,907	\$	15,17
Days Liquidity (Operating and Capital Funds)		613		446		387	_	347		332		318		305		294		273		260		227	-	20
Operating Reserve Policy Minimum (60 days op exp)	\$	18,586	\$	18,586	\$	19,555	\$	19,555	\$	20,604	\$	20,604	\$	21,755	\$	21,755	\$	23,106	\$	23,106	\$	25,311	\$	25,31
Capital Reserve (1% of Original Cost Plant in Service)	\$	12,217	\$	12,339	\$	12,463	\$	12,587	\$	12,713	\$	12,840	\$	12,969	\$	13,098	\$	13,229	\$	13,362	\$	13,495	\$	13,63
SDC (\$2M)	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,00
otal Policy Minimum Liquidity	\$	32,803	\$	32,925	\$	34,017	\$	34,142	\$	35,317	\$	35,444	\$	36,723	\$	36,853	\$	38,336	\$	38,468	\$	40,807	\$	40,94

Appendix | Pro-Forma | Base Case | NEW FOR 2023

#### Pro-Forma: 2023-2024 Base Case

Pro Forma Statement (\$ in Thousands)		2023		2024		2025		2026		2027		2028	1	2029		2030		2031		2032	1	2033		2034
iystem Average Rate Increase		3.5%		3.5%		3.5%		3.5%		3.5%		3.5%		3.5%		3.5%		3.5%		3.0%		3.0%	E	3.0%
Retail and Wholesale Rate Revenues	¢	101,706	¢	105,675	¢	109,802	¢	114,105	¢	118,576	¢	123,222	¢	128,052	¢	133,069	¢	138,280	¢	142,999	\$	148,423	¢	154,052
Other Operating Revenues	4	9,829	φ	9,713	φ	107,802	φ	10,173	φ	10,173	φ	123,222	φ	120,032	φ	4,729	φ	4,524	φ	4,887	φ	4,960		5,035
Non-Operating Revenues (includes BABs subsidy)		3,612		3,312		3,316	-	3,278		3,198	-	3,107		3,014	-	2,917	-	2,816	-	2,708		2,596		2,367
Planned Transfers from Rate Stabilization Account	-	3,012		3,312	-	3,316	-	3,278	-	3,198	-	3,000	-	3,014	-	3,000	-	4,000	-	4,000		5,500		5,500
Trannea Iransies from Rate stabilization Account	\$	-	¢	118,700	\$	123.218	\$	130,555	¢	134,946	\$	139,811	đ	144,494	đ	143,715	đ	-	¢	154,594	đ	161,478	-	
	\$	113,147	¢	118,700	\$	123,218	\$	130,333	Þ	134,946	Þ	137,811	\$	144,474	\$	143,713	\$	147,621	\$	134,394	Þ	161,4/8	<u> </u>	166,935
Operation & Maintenance Expenses	\$	65,151	\$	67,924	\$	70,265	\$	72,631	\$	74,792	\$	77,005	\$	79,302	\$	81,645	\$	84,079	\$	86,304	\$	89,059	\$	91,630
RWSS Expenses (Tacoma Share CRO)	<u> </u>	3,128	· ·	3,140	· ·	3,235	· ·	3,332		3,432	Ċ.	3,534	·	3,640	Ċ.	3,750	Ċ	3,862	Ľ.	3,978		4,097	Ċ.	4,220
RWSS Bond Debt Service (Tacoma Share CRO)		3,880		4,876		4,920		4,906		4,917		4,916		4,932		4,925		4,939		4,672		4,860		4,786
Utility Taxes, B&O Taxes & Franchise Fees		6,445		6,633		6,873		7,113		7,360		7,628		7,892		8,180		8,466		8,740		9,043		9,362
otal Operation & Maintenance Expenses	\$	78,604	\$	82,573	\$	85,292	\$	87,982	\$	90,500	\$	93,083	\$	95,767	\$	98,500	\$	101,346	\$	103,694	\$	107,060	\$	109,999
unds Available for Debt Service	\$	36,543	\$	36,127	\$	37,925	\$	42,573	\$	44,446	\$	46,728	\$	48,727	\$	45,215	\$	48,275	\$	50,899	\$	54,418	\$	56,956
Current and Proposed Sr Lien Debt Service (Water Bonds)	\$	17,431	\$	15,965	\$	15,925	\$	16,175	\$	16,655	\$	17,269	\$	18,580	\$	19,897	\$	21,415	\$	22,292	\$	29,090	\$	29,206
Balance Available for Other Purposes	\$	19,112	\$	20,162	\$	22,001	\$	26,399	\$	27,792	\$	29,460	\$	30,147	\$	25,318	\$	26,860	\$	28,607	\$	25,328	\$	27,750
City Gross Earnings Tax	\$	8,449	\$	8,751	\$	9,091	\$	9,447	\$	9,815	\$	10,199	\$	10,589	\$	10,522	\$	10,942	\$	11,322	\$	11,759	\$	12,213
Existing Jr Lien Debt Service		5,581	-	5,497		5,429	<u> </u>	5,372		4,944	<u> </u>	4,889	-	4,073	<u> </u>	4,024		3,975	<u> </u>	3,370	-	2,654	Ė	2,494
alance Available for Capital and Reserves	\$	5,082	\$	5,914	\$	7,480	\$	11,580	\$	13,032	\$	14,372	\$	15,484	\$	10,772	\$	11,943	\$	13,915	\$	10,915	\$	13,043
Debt Service Coverage Ratio - Sr. Debt	-	2.10		2.26		2.38		2.63	-	2.67		2.71	-	2.62		2.27		2.25		2.28		1.87	+	1.95
Debt Service Coverage Ratio - Total Debt		1.30		1.37		1.43		1.47		1.52		1.56		1.59		1.41		1.39		1.45		1.26		1.31
Year-end Operating Fund Balance	\$	41,686	\$	32,999	\$	29,999	\$	27,991	\$	28,785	\$	30,570	\$	32,918	\$	34,804	\$	34,580	\$	35,004	\$	31,806	\$	30,703
Year-end SDC Fund Balance	\$	62,682		50,450	1	42,884	-	34,871		32,794	· ·	30,155	· ·	27,359		25,918	· · ·	20,973		17,567	· ·	11,891		9,450
Year-end Capital Reserve Fund Balance	\$	12,432	· · ·	12,402	- · ·	12,876	_	13,153	· · ·	13,334	- · · ·	13,521	<u> </u>	13,716	- · · ·	13,939			_	14,545	<u> </u>	14,907		
Days Liquidity (Operating and Capital Funds)		542	_	424		367	_	315		302		291		282	_	277		251	-	236		200	-	184
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Operating Reserve Policy Minimum (60 days op exp)	\$	18,571	\$	18,571	\$	19,559	\$	19,559	\$	20,613	\$	20,613	\$	21,829	\$	21,829	\$	23,196	\$	23,196	\$	25,373	\$	25,373
Capital Reserve (1% of Original Cost Plant in Service)	\$	12,217	\$	12,339	\$	12,463	\$	12,587	\$	12,713	\$	12,840	\$	12,969	\$	13,098	\$	13,229	\$	13,362	\$	13,495	\$	13,630
SDC (\$2M)	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,00
otal Policy Minimum Liquidity	\$	32,788	\$	32,910		34,022	· ·	34,147		35,326	\$	35,453		36,798				38,426		38,558		40,868		41,00

### Pro-Forma: 2023-2024 Loss of Large Customer

Pro Forma Statement (\$ in Thousands)	1	2023		2024	1	2025	_	2026		2027		2028		2029		2030		2031		2032	-	2033	_	2034
system Average Rate Increase		6.0%		6.0%		6.0%		6.0%		4.0%		4.0%		3.0%		3.0%		3.0%		3.0%		3.0%		3.0%
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Retail and Wholesale Rate Revenues	\$		\$	102,623	\$		\$	116,300	\$	121,480	\$	126,890	\$	-	\$	135,796	\$	-	\$	145,314	\$	150,826	\$	156,54
Other Operating Revenues		9,829		9,713		10,107		10,187		10,189		10,500		10,445		4,746		4,540		4,903		4,977		5,05
Non-Operating Revenues (includes BABs subsidy)	_	3,612		3,312		3,316		3,278		3,198		3,107		3,014		2,917		2,816		2,708		2,596		2,367
Planned Transfers from Rate Stabilization Account		-		-		-		3,000		3,000		3,000		3,000		3,000		3,000		3,000		3,000		3,000
otal Revenues	\$	113,727	\$	115,647	\$	122,663	\$	132,765	\$	137,867	\$	143,498	\$	147,728	\$	146,459	\$	150,833	\$	155,926	\$	161,399	\$	166,967
Operation & Maintenance Expenses	\$	65,072	\$	67,849	\$	70,187	\$	72,551	\$	74,709	\$	76,920	\$	79,215	\$	81,555	\$	83,986	\$	86,209	\$	88,961	\$	91,529
RWSS Expenses (Tacoma Share CRO)	Ψ	3,128	Ψ	3,140	Ψ	3,235	Ψ	3,332	Ψ	3,432	Ψ	3,534	Ψ	3,640	Ψ	3,750	Ψ	3,862		3,978	Ψ	4.097	Ψ	4.220
RWSS Bond Debt Service (Tacoma Share CRO)		3,880	-	4,876	-	4,920		4,906		4,917	-	4,916	-	4,932	-	4,925	-	4,939	_	4,672		4,860		4,78
Utility Taxes, B&O Taxes & Franchise Fees		6,387		6,493	-	6,877		7.275		7.552	-	7,864	-	8,097	-	8,358	-	8,614	_	8,898		9,207		9,532
Total Operation & Maintenance Expenses	\$	78,468	\$	82,359	\$	85,219	\$	88,064	\$	90,610	\$	93,234	\$	95,885	\$	98,588	\$	101,401	_	103,757	\$	107,125	\$	110.067
	Ψ	70,400	Ψ	02,007	Ψ	00,217	Ψ	00,004	Ψ	70,010	Ψ	70,204	Ψ	75,005	Ψ	70,000	Ψ	101,401	Ψ	100,707	Ψ	107,125	Ψ	110,007
unds Available for Debt Service	\$	35,259	\$	33,289	\$	37,444	\$	44,701	\$	47,257	\$	50,264	\$	51,843	\$	47,871	\$	49,432	\$	52,169	\$	54,274	\$	56,900
Current and Proposed Sr Lien Debt Service (Water Bonds)	\$	17,431	\$	15,965	\$	16,490	\$	17,094	\$	17,220	\$	17,481	\$	18,439	\$	19,331	\$	20,920	\$	21,302	\$	28,242	\$	28,216
Balance Available for Other Purposes	\$	17,828	\$	17,324	\$	20,954	\$	27,607	\$	30,037	\$	32,783	\$	33,405	\$	28,540	\$	28,511	\$	30,867	\$	26,032	\$	28,684
City Gross Earnings Tax	\$	8,336	\$	8,507	\$	9,047	\$	9,623	\$	10,049	\$	10,494	\$	10,848	\$	10,742	\$	11,119	\$	11,509	\$	11,953	\$	12,414
Existing Jr Lien Debt Service	<u> </u>	5,581	·	5,497		5,429		5,372	· ·	4,944	Ċ.	4,889	Ċ	4,073	Ċ.	4.024	Ċ.	3,975	Ľ.	3,370		2,654		2,494
Balance Available for Capital and Reserves	\$	3,912	\$	3,321	\$	6,478	\$	12,612	\$	15,043	\$	17,400	\$	18,483	\$	13,774	\$	13,418	\$	15,988	\$	11,426	\$	13,776
Debt Service Coverage Ratio - Sr. Debt	-	2.02	_	2.09		2.27		2.62		2.74	-	2.88	_	2.81	-	2.48	_	2.36	-	2.45		1.92		2.02
Debt Service Coverage Ratio - Total Debt		1.26		1.28		1.39		1.49		1.59		1.67		1.70		1.52		1.48		1.57		1.35		1.4
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Year-end Operating Fund Balance	\$	49,299		41,955	- · · ·	37,966		37,005	· · ·	34,813				34,972	_	34,858	- · · ·	32,106	_	31,603		29,915		30,545
Year-end SDC Fund Balance	\$	53,824	\$	37,534	- · · ·	37,833		34,783	· · ·	32,704		30,063		27,266	_	24,816	- · ·	25,900	- i-	19,545		17,425		14,564
Year-end Capital Reserve Fund Balance	\$	12,432	\$	12,402	\$	12,876	\$	13,153	\$	13,334	\$	13,521	\$	13,715	\$	13,939	\$	14,270	\$	14,545	\$	14,907	\$	15,17
Days Liquidity (Operating and Capital Funds)		538		407		380		352		326		306		289		273		260		231		212		20
Operating Reserve Policy Minimum (60 days op exp)	\$	18,512	\$	18,512	\$	19.695	\$	19.695	\$	20,743	\$	20.743	\$	21,827	\$	21,827	¢	23,113	¢	23,113	\$	25,264	\$	25,26
Capital Reserve (1% of Original Cost Plant in Service)	φ \$	12,217	_	12,339	<u> </u>	12,463	- 1	12,587	1	12,713	· ·	12,840	- T	12,969		13,098		13,229		13,362	- 1	13,495		13,63
SDC (\$2M)	۹ \$		۹ \$	2,000	_	2,000	<u> </u>	2,000		2,000	_	2,000		2,000	_	2,000	_	2,000	_	2,000		2,000	· ·	2,00
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otal Policy Minimum Liquidity	Þ	32,729	\$	32,851	\$	34,157	\$	34,282	\$	35,456	Þ	35,584	\$	36,796	\$	36,926	\$	38,342	\$	38,474	Þ	40,759	\$	40,8

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# **Pro-Forma: 2023-2024 High General Wage Increase**

Pro Forma Statement (\$ in Thousands)	-	2023		2024	1	2025		2026		2027		2028	1	2029		2030		2031		2032	1	2033		2034
ystem Average Rate Increase		4.0%	-	4.0%		4.0%	-	3.5%		3.5%		3.5%		3.5%		3.0%		3.0%	-	3.0%	-	3.0%	┝	3.0%
Retail and Wholesale Rate Revenues	\$	102,197	\$	106,699	\$	111,401	\$	115,766	\$	120,303	\$	125,016	\$	129,917	\$	134,355	\$	138,942	\$	143,683	\$	149,133	\$	154,789
Other Operating Revenues		9,829		9,713		10,101		10,174		10,174		10,483		10,430		4,730		4,523		4,886		4,959		5,035
Non-Operating Revenues (includes BABs subsidy)		3,612		3,312		3,316		3,278		3,198		3,107		3,014		2,917		2,816		2,708		2,596	$\square$	2,367
Planned Transfers from Rate Stabilization Account		-		-		-		2,000		2,000		2,000		2,000		2,000		4,000		4,000		5,000		5,000
otal Revenues	\$	115,638	\$	119,723	\$	124,818	\$	131,218	\$	135,675	\$	140,607	\$	145,360	\$	144,001	\$	150,282	\$	155,277	\$	161,688	\$	167,191
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Operation & Maintenance Expenses	\$	65,391	\$	68,180	\$	70,763	\$	73,387	\$	75,570	\$	77,807	\$	80,128	\$	82,496	\$	84,955	\$	87,207	\$	89,989		92,588
RWSS Expenses (Tacoma Share CRO)	_	3,128		3,140		3,235		3,332		3,432		3,534		3,640		3,750		3,862		3,978		4,097	_	4,220
RWSS Bond Debt Service (Tacoma Share CRO)	_	3,880		4,876		4,920		4,906		4,917		4,916		4,932		4,925		4,939		4,672		4,860	_	4,786
Utility Taxes, B&O Taxes & Franchise Fees		6,472		6,687		6,960		7,200		7,451		7,722		7,990		8,242		8,492		8,770		9,074	_	9,395
otal Operation & Maintenance Expenses	\$	78,871	\$	82,883	\$	85,877	\$	88,825	\$	91,370	\$	93,979	\$	96,691	\$	99,413	\$	102,248	\$	104,627	\$	108,021	\$	110,989
unds Available for Debt Service	\$	36,767	\$	36,840	\$	38,941	\$	42,393	\$	44,305	\$	46,628	\$	48,669	\$	44,588	\$	48,034	\$	50,650	\$	53,667	\$	56,202
Current and Proposed Sr Lien Debt Service (Water Bonds)	\$	17,628	\$	15,962	\$	15,925	\$	16,175	\$	16,584	\$	17,056	\$	18,227	\$	19,402	\$	20,991	\$	21,939	\$	28,878	\$	28,994
alance Available for Other Purposes	\$	19,139	\$	20,878	\$	23,017	\$	26,219	\$	27,721	\$	29,571	\$	30,443	\$	25,186	\$	27,042	\$	28,711	\$	24,789	\$	27,208
City Gross Earnings Tax	\$	8,488	\$	8,833	\$	9,219	\$	9,580	\$	9,954	\$	10,342	\$	10,739	\$	10,625	\$	10,995	\$	11,377	\$	11,816	\$	12,272
Existing Jr Lien Debt Service	Ψ	5,581	Ψ	5,497	Ψ	5,429	Ψ	5,372	Ψ	4,944	Ψ	4,889	Ψ	4.073	Ψ	4.024	Ψ	3.975	Ψ	3,370	Ψ	2,654	_	2,494
alance Available for Capital and Reserves	\$		\$	6,549	\$	8,368	\$	11,267	\$		\$	14,340	\$	15,631	\$	10,537	\$		\$	13,964	\$	10,319		
Debt Service Coverage Ratio - Sr. Debt	_	2.09		2.31		2.45		2.62		2.67	-	2.73	_	2.67	_	2.30	_	2.29	-	2.31		1.86	+	1.94
Debt Service Coverage Ratio - Total Debt		1.30		1.40	-	1.47	-	1.50		1.55	-	1.60		1.64	-	1.44	-	1.40	-	1.46		1.26	_	1.74
	-	1.50		1.40		1.4/	-	1.00		1.00		1.00		1.04		1.44		1.40	-	1.40		1.20	-	1.01
Year-end Operating Fund Balance	\$	41,677	\$	33,627	\$	31,517	\$	29,147	\$	28,732	\$	28,484	\$	28,979	\$	29,628	\$	29,531	\$	31,004	\$	28,710	\$	29,507
Year-end SDC Fund Balance	\$	62,659	\$	50,453	\$	42,886		35,932	•	34,878		33,278	\$	31,536		30,158	· ·	26,284		22,957		18,370	\$	14,011
Year-end Capital Reserve Fund Balance	\$	12,432	\$	12,402	· · · ·	12,876		13,153		13,334		13,521		13,715		13,939		14,270	_	14,545	· · ·	14,907		
Days Liquidity (Operating and Capital Funds)		540		425		371	_	321		307		292		280		271		250		239		209	-	193
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Operating Reserve Policy Minimum (60 days op exp)	\$	18,645	\$	18,645		19,700		19,700	- 1	20,760		20,760		21,933	_	21,933	_	23,293		23,293	- 1	25,510	_	25,510
Capital Reserve (1% of Original Cost Plant in Service)	\$	12,217		12,339		12,463	- · · ·	12,587		12,713	_	12,840		12,969		13,098	_	13,229		13,362		13,495		13,63
SDC (\$2M)	\$	2,000		2,000		2,000		2,000		2,000		2,000		2,000		2,000		2,000		2,000		2,000		
otal Policy Minimum Liquidity	\$	32,862	\$	32,984	\$	34,163	\$	34,287	\$	35,473	\$	35,600	\$	36,901	\$	37,031	\$	38,523	\$	38,655	\$	41,005	\$	41,14

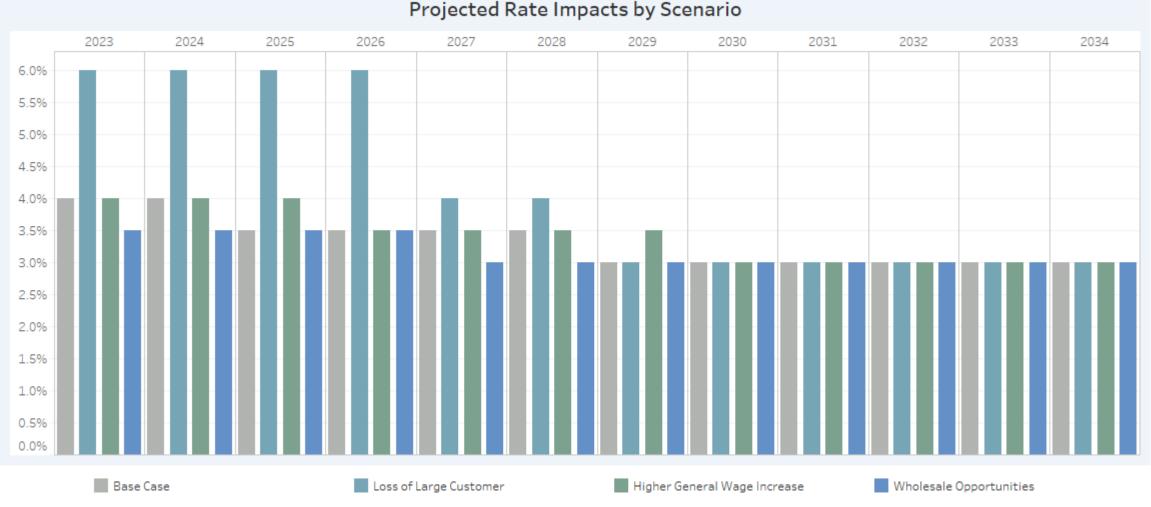
Appendix | Pro-Forma | High General Wage Increase | TO BE UPDATED IN THE 2024 LRFP

# **Pro-Forma: 2023-2024 Additional Wholesale Revenues**

Pro Forma Statement (\$ in Thousands)		2023		2024	1	2025		2026		2027		2028		2029		2030		2031		2032		2033		2034
system Average Rate Increase	-	3.5%		3.5%		3.5%		3.5%		3.0%		3.0%		3.0%		3.0%		3.0%	-	3.0%		3.0%	-	3.0%
Retail and Wholesale Rate Revenues	\$		\$	107,716	\$	111,915	\$	116,291	\$	120,255	\$	124,354	\$	128,595	\$	132,978	\$	137,507	\$	,	\$	147,582	\$	
Other Operating Revenues		9,829		9,713		10,100		10,173		10,171		10,479		10,424		4,724		4,517		4,879		4,952		5,027
Non-Operating Revenues (includes BABs subsidy)		3,612		3,312		3,316		3,278		3,198		3,107		3,014		2,917		2,816		2,708		2,596		2,367
Planned Transfers from Rate Stabilization Account		-		-		-		2,000		2,000		2,000		2,000		2,000		4,000		4,000		5,000		5,000
otal Revenues	\$	117,119	\$	120,741	\$	125,331	\$	131,742	\$	135,624	\$	139,940	\$	144,032	\$	142,618	\$	148,841	\$	153,776	\$	160,130	\$	165,575
Operation & Maintenance Expenses	\$	65,072	¢	67,849	¢	70,187	¢	72,551	\$	74,709	¢	76,920	\$	79,215	¢	81,555	¢	83,986	\$	86,209	¢	88,961	\$	91,529
RWSS Expenses (Tacoma Share CRO)	ψ	3,128	ψ	3,140	ψ	3,235	ψ	3,332	ψ	3,432	ψ	3,534	ψ	3,640	Ψ	3,750	ψ	3,862	ψ	3,978	ψ	4,097	ψ	4,220
RWSS Bond Debt Service (Tacoma Share CRO)		3,880	-	4,876		4,920	-	4,906		4,917	-	4,916		4,932	-	4,925	-	4,939	-	4,672		4,860	-	4,786
Utility Taxes, B&O Taxes & Franchise Fees		6,448		6,639		6,883	-	7,127		7,342	-	7,578		7,808	-	8,060	-	8,306	-	8,581		8,881	-	9,197
Total Operation & Maintenance Expenses	\$	78,528	¢	82,505	\$	85,225	¢	87,916	¢	90,400	¢	92,948	¢	95,596	\$	98,290	¢		\$	103,440	¢	106,800	¢	109,733
oldi Operation & Mathematice Expenses	4	70,320	Ą	02,303	Ą	03,223	Ą	07,710	Ą	70,400	φ	72,740	φ	73,376	Ą	70,270	φ	101,074	φ	103,440	φ	106,000	<u>ф</u>	107,730
unds Available for Debt Service	\$	38,591	\$	38,236	\$	40,105	\$	43,826	\$	45,225	\$	46,992	\$	48,436	\$	44,327	\$	47,747	\$	50,336	\$	53,330	\$	55,842
Current and Proposed Sr Lien Debt Service (Water Bonds)	\$	17,628	\$	15,962	\$	15,925	\$	16,175	\$	16,584	\$	17,056	\$	18,227	\$	19,402	\$	20,920	\$	21,797	\$	28,736	\$	28,570
Salance Available for Other Purposes	\$	20,963	\$	22,275	\$	24,181	\$	27,651	\$	28,641	\$	29,935	\$	30,209	\$	24,926	\$	26,827	\$	28,539	\$	24,594	\$	27,272
City Gross Earnings Tax	\$	8,607	\$	8,914	\$	9,260	\$	9,621	\$	9,950	\$	10,289	\$	10,632	\$	10,515	\$	10,880	\$	11,257	\$	11,691	\$	12,143
Existing Jr Lien Debt Service	· ·	5,581	· ·	5,497		5,429	<u> </u>	5,372	<u> </u>	4,944	<u> </u>	4,889		4,073	1	4,024	<u> </u>	3,975		3,370		2,654	<u> </u>	2,494
Balance Available for Capital and Reserves	\$	6,775	\$	7,864	\$	9,491	\$	12,658	\$	13,746	\$	14,757	\$	15,504	\$	10,387	\$	11,972	\$	13,912	\$	10,249	\$	12,636
Debt Service Coverage Ratio - Sr. Debt		2.19		2.40		2.52	_	2.71		2.73	-	2.76		2.66	-	2.28	_	2.28	-	2.31		1.86	-	1.95
Debt Service Coverage Ratio - Total Debt		1.36		1.44		1.51		1.55		1.59		1.62		1.64		1.44		1.40		1.46		1.26	-	1.32
Year-end Operating Fund Balance	\$	43,379	\$	36,642	\$	35,652	\$	34,672	\$	35,178	\$	35,345	\$	35,710	\$	36,209	\$	35,011	\$	35,432	\$	33,068	\$	31,057
Year-end SDC Fund Balance	\$	62,659	\$	50,453	\$	42,886	\$	35,932	\$	34,878	\$	33,278	\$	31,536	\$	30,158	\$	26,284	\$	22,957	\$	18,370	\$	13,004
Year-end Capital Reserve Fund Balance	\$	12,432	\$	12,402	\$	12,876	\$	13,153	\$	13,334	\$	13,521	\$	13,715	\$	13,939	\$	14,270	\$	14,545	\$	14,907	\$	15,176
Days Liquidity (Operating and Capital Funds)		551		440		392		348		337		323		309		298		273		257		227		193
Operating Percence Policy Minimum (10 days as aver)	¢	18,602	¢	18,602	¢	19,577	¢	19,577	¢	20,588	¢	20,588	¢	21,730	¢	21,730	¢	23,061	\$	23,061	¢	25,235	¢	25,23
Operating Reserve Policy Minimum (60 days op exp)	\$		_		· · ·	19,577			· · ·	20,588	_	20,588		1		13,098	_		T	13,362	¢ 2	13,495		
Capital Reserve (1% of Original Cost Plant in Service)	\$ \$	12,217 2,000		12,339			_	12,587 2,000		2,000	_	2,000		12,969 2,000	_		_							
SDC (\$2M)	¢					2,000									· ·	2,000				2,000		2,000		
otal Policy Minimum Liquidity	\$	32,819	\$	32,941	\$	34,039	\$	34,164	\$	35,301	\$	35,429	\$	36,698	\$	36,828	\$	38,290	\$	38,423	\$	40,730	\$	40,8

Appendix | Pro-Forma | Additional Wholesale Revenues | TO BE UPDATED IN THE 2024 LRFP

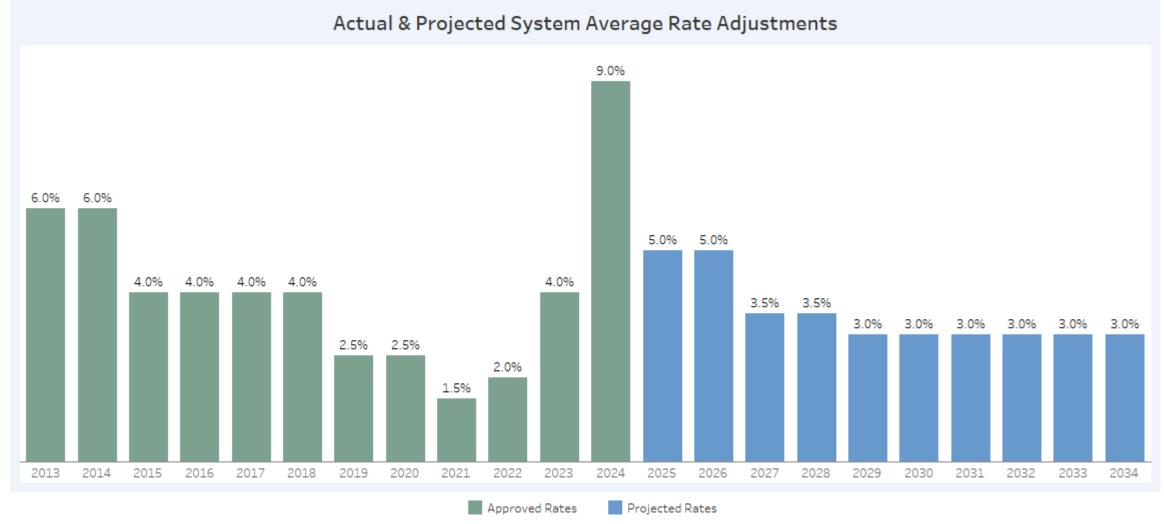
# **Tacoma Water Projected Range of Rate Adjustments**



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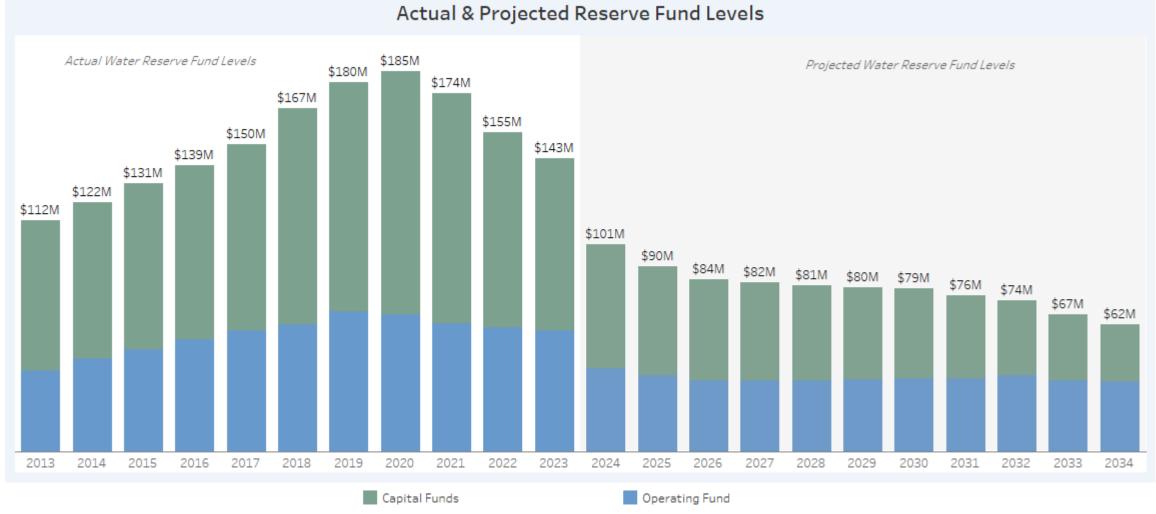
Appendix | Projected Range of Rate Adjustments | TO BE UPDATED IN THE 2024 LRFP

#### **Tacoma Water Annual Rate Adjustments**



Projected rates are subject to change, and is dependend upon actual financial performance in future years. Projections are from the updated 2023-2024 Base Case.

#### **Tacoma Water Reserve Balances**



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#### **Tacoma Water Scheduled Senior Debt Service**

	2005 Revenue & Refunding Bonds	2009 Revenue Bonds*	2010A Water System Revenue Refunding Bonds	2010B Revenue Bonds*	2013 Revenue Refunding Bonds**	2015A Refunding Bonds	2020 Water System Subordinate Revenue Refunding Bond
2023	\$250	\$4,415,330	\$4,614,750	\$4,790,889	\$2,974,200	\$2,135,250	\$4,177,014
2024	\$250	\$4,415,330		\$6,461,312	\$2,974,200	\$2,133,000	
2025	\$5,250	\$4,415,330		\$6,423,959	\$2,974,200	\$2,126,250	
2026		\$4,415,330		\$8,827,140	\$2,974,200		
2027		\$4,415,330		\$8,747,191	\$2,974,200		
2028		\$4,415,330		\$8,655,768	\$2,974,200		
2029		\$4,415,330		\$8,554,676	\$2,974,200		
2030		\$4,415,330		\$8,459,058	\$2,974,200		
2031		\$4,415,330		\$8,355,520	\$2,974,200		
2032		\$4,415,330		\$8,244,649	\$2,974,200		
2033		\$14,215,330		\$3,930,871	\$2,974,200		
2034		\$14,016,732		\$3,892,774	\$2,974,200		
2035		\$13,812,143		\$3,850,180	\$2,974,200		
2036		\$13,600,700		\$3,803,089	\$2,974,200		
2037		\$13,376,541		\$3,761,600	\$2,974,200		
2038		\$13,149,090		\$3,715,052	\$2,974,200		
2039		\$12,912,197		\$3,663,445	\$2,974,200		
2040				\$16,406,459	\$2,974,200		
2041					\$26,794,200		
2042					\$26,791,400		
2043					\$26,795,600		
Grand Total	\$5,750	\$139,236,036	\$4,614,750	\$120,543,632	\$133,916,800	\$6,394,500	\$4,177,014

Based on amortization schedules, which may differ from budget and actual due to accruals. Debt service shown does not include RWSS debt service.

\* Debt service shown net of Build America Bond (BABs) subsidies.

\*\* We are in the process of defeasing the 2005 and refunding the 2013 bonds, which will be reflected as 2024 Refunding Bonds once finalized.

# **Tacoma Water Scheduled Subordinate Lien Debt Service**

				Drinking	Water State	Revolving Fur	nd Loans				Pu	ublic Works Tr	ust Fund Loan	IS
	DM07-952-015	DR09-952-074	DM10-952-026	DM11-952-035	DM10-952-031	DM11-952-036	DM12-952-088	DM13-952-133	DM13-952-167	DM15-952-033	PW-04-691-PR	PW-06-962-043	PC08-951-047	PC12-951-017
2023	\$234,468	\$403,797	\$348,450	\$141,575	\$359,403	\$362,085	\$724,170	\$724,170	\$724,170	\$720,821	\$53,896	\$378,000	\$562,246	\$580,556
2024	\$231,241	\$400,126	\$343,905	\$139,752	\$354,834	\$357,540	\$715,080	\$715,080	\$715,080	\$714,442	\$53,629	\$376,147	\$559,517	\$577,778
2025	\$228,015	\$396,455	\$339,360	\$137,929	\$350,266	\$352,995	\$705,990	\$705,990	\$705,990	\$708,063		\$374,294	\$556,787	\$575,000
2026	\$224,788	\$392,784	\$334,815	\$136,106	\$345,697	\$348,450	\$696,900	\$696,900	\$696,900	\$701,684		\$372,441	\$554,058	\$572,222
2027	\$221,562	\$389,113	\$330,270	\$134,284	\$341,128	\$343,905	\$687,810	\$687,810	\$687,810	\$695,305			\$551,329	\$569,444
2028	\$218,335	\$385,442	\$325,725	\$132,461	\$336,560	\$339,360	\$678,720	\$678,720	\$678,720	\$688,926			\$548,599	\$566,667
2029		\$381,771	\$321,180	\$130,638	\$331,991	\$334,815	\$669,630	\$669,630	\$669,630	\$682,547				\$563,889
2030		\$378,101	\$316,635	\$128,815	\$327,422	\$330,270	\$660,540	\$660,540	\$660,540	\$676,168				\$561,111
2031		\$374,430	\$312,090	\$126,992	\$322,854	\$325,725	\$651,450	\$651,450	\$651,450	\$669,789				\$558,333
2032		\$370,759	\$307,545	\$125,169	\$318,285	\$321,180	\$642,360	\$642,360	\$642,360	\$663,411				
2033				\$123,346	\$313,716	\$316,635	\$633,270	\$633,270	\$633,270	\$657,032				
2034					\$309,148	\$312,090	\$624,180	\$624,180	\$624,180	\$650,653				
2035						\$307,545	\$615,090	\$615,090	\$615,090	\$644,274				
Grand Total	\$1,358,409	\$3,872,777	\$3,279,975	\$1,457,068	\$4,011,305	\$4,352,595	\$8,705,190	\$8,705,190	\$8,705,190	\$8,873,116	\$107,526	\$1,500,882	\$3,332,536	\$5,125,000
		Second Su	pply Project			McMilli	n Reservoir			Gree	n River Filtrat	ion Facility		

Based on amortization schedules, which may differ from budget and actual due to accruals.

### **Tacoma Water Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)**

Projected Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Expenditures

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
General	\$13,923,013	\$6,419,789	\$2,287,577	\$2,268,077	\$1,354,227	\$1,156,560	\$1,295,506	\$1,987,506	\$3,128,731	\$4,010,731
Water Source & Transmission	\$15,472,117	\$7,802,500	\$13,635,000	\$15,430,000	\$9,174,375	\$11,451,042	\$28,301,667	\$21,381,667	\$18,555,000	\$8,175,000
Water Treatment	\$1,061,250	\$6,060,000	\$377,500	\$377,500	\$885,500	\$885,500	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$385,000	\$385,000
Water Distribution	\$14,849,973	\$5,123,855	\$5,444,238	\$3,844,238	\$6,246,465	\$5,946,465	\$8,139,798	\$8,139,798	\$6,553,131	\$8,113,131
Grand Total	\$45,306,354	\$25,406,144	\$21,744,315	\$21,919,815	\$17,660,566	\$19,439,566	\$38,116,971	\$31,888,971	\$28,621,862	\$20,683,862

Appendix | Capital Improvement Plan | Tacoma Water | TO BE UPDATED IN THE 2024 LRFP

#### **RWSS Scheduled Debt Service**

	2010A Revenue Bonds		2010B Revenue Bonds*			2013 Refunding Bonds**	
	Kent	Tacoma	Kent	Covington	Tacoma	Kent	Covington
2023	\$373,000	\$1,850,714	\$432,644	\$197,578	\$2,586,600	\$991,050	\$946,900
2024	\$369,200	\$1,850,714	\$432,644	\$197,578	\$3,672,100	\$1,640,050	\$1,571,900
2025		\$1,850,714	\$802,644	\$197,578	\$3,680,100	\$1,645,550	\$1,574,650
2026		\$1,850,714	\$797,771	\$197,578	\$3,666,600	\$1,638,050	\$1,569,650
2027		\$1,850,714	\$792,093	\$197,578	\$3,677,350	\$1,638,050	\$1,572,150
2028		\$1,850,714	\$780,609	\$197,578	\$3,675,850	\$1,640,050	\$1,566,650
2029		\$1,850,714	\$773,588	\$197,578	\$3,692,350	\$1,648,800	\$1,578,400
2030		\$1,850,714	\$765,761	\$197,578	\$3,685,600	\$1,643,800	\$1,576,400
2031		\$1,850,714	\$757,129	\$197,578	\$3,699,200	\$1,650,200	\$1,580,200
2032		\$1,850,714	\$746,553	\$197,578	\$3,432,000	\$1,534,000	\$1,471,600
2033		\$5,470,714	\$740,135	\$582,578			
2034		\$5,397,234	\$727,592	\$575,937			
2035		\$5,326,447	\$719,206	\$568,453			
2036		\$5,247,790	\$709,695	\$560,126			
2037		\$5,166,263	\$699,061	\$550,956			
2038		\$5,081,587	\$687,302	\$545,942			
2039		\$4,998,478	\$674,419	\$534,805			
2040		\$4,911,376	\$665,412	\$522,824			

Based on amortization schedules, which may differ from budget and actual due to accruals. RWSS bonds are considered contract resource obligations (CRO) to the Participants.

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# **RWSS Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)**

		F	Projected R	NSS Capital	Improveme	ent Plan (Ex	penditures)	)		
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
Covington	\$347,668	\$426,206	\$1,078,221	\$1,155,189	\$351,568	\$468,235	\$641,147	\$777,258	\$359,502	\$106,724
Kent	\$347,668	\$426,206	\$1,078,221	\$1,155,189	\$351,568	\$468,235	\$641,147	\$777,258	\$359,502	\$106,724
Lakehaven	\$347,668	\$426,206	\$1,078,221	\$1,155,189	\$351,568	\$468,235	\$641,147	\$777,258	\$359,502	\$106,724
Tacoma	\$745,004	\$913,298	\$2,310,474	\$2,475,404	\$753,360	\$1,003,360	\$1,373,886	\$1,665,552	\$770,361	\$228,695
RWSS Total	\$1,788,009	\$2,191,915	\$5,545,137	\$5,940,970	\$1,808,064	\$2,408,064	\$3,297,325	\$3,997,325	\$1,848,867	\$548,867

The RWSS budget is developed and approved on an annual basis, usually in October of the preceding year.

#### **Resources and Contact**

#### Resources

Website Link **Tacoma Water Regional Water Supply System Investor Information** 

https://www.mytpu.org/about-tpu/services/water/

https://www.mytpu.org/about-tpu/investors/regional-water-supply-system-information/

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