

# **Tacoma Public Utilities**

Financial Outlook Update Quarter 1, 2021

## **Summary of Financial Outlook**

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- This report incorporates actual revenues and expenditures through March along with projected adjustments for the remainder of the biennium
- Forecast for total revenue is less than \$500,000 over budget
  - Q1 Challenges: Actual rate adjustment 0.5% or \$471,000 lower than budget assumption for 2021, increased aging of accounts receivable and sluggish cash flow
  - Q1 Strengths: Generally inelastic demand, revenue stability through rate design, strong cash balances, increased Federal Utility Assistance available to our customers
  - Q2 Outlook: Continuing to monitor impacts of the pandemic, large volume customer demand
- Forecast for expenditures \$325,000 under budget
  - Q1 Challenges: Ongoing increases in bad debt expense, increased construction costs (labor and materials)
  - Q1 Strengths: New org structure, ability to shift timing of certain expenditures
  - Q2 Outlook: Monitoring spending and projections, potential new tax impacts

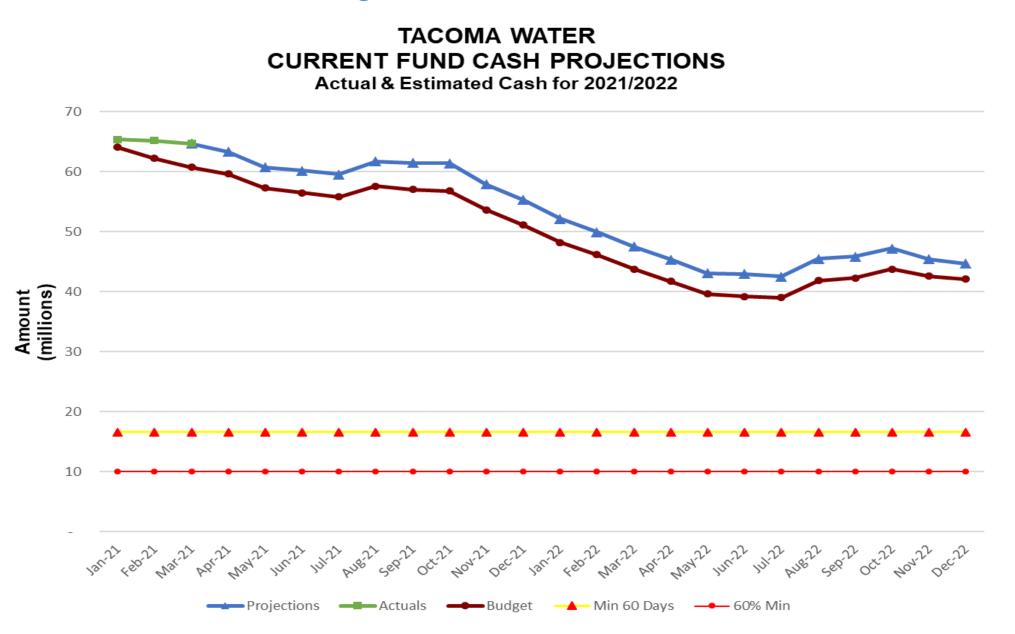
## **Aging of Accounts Receivable**







## **Biennium Cash Projection**





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## **Summary of Financial Outlook**





## **Forecasting Practices**

- March 2021 Actuals
  - Moderate recession load forecast
  - Adverse water conditions

- Budgeted Personnel and O&M expenditures
- Project estimates of capital spending

## • Forecast for total revenue is \$1.8 million more than budget

- Q1 Strengths: Retail sales close to projections, above average inflows to our hydroprojects in January and February.
- Q1 Challenges: Below Adverse inflows to our hydroprojects in March & April.
- Q2 Outlook: Current drought conditions will reduce hydroproject inflows but should be offset by melting snowpack. Rollback of the phased pandemic reopening may reduce retail revenue.

## • Forecast for total expenditures is \$6.5 million under budget

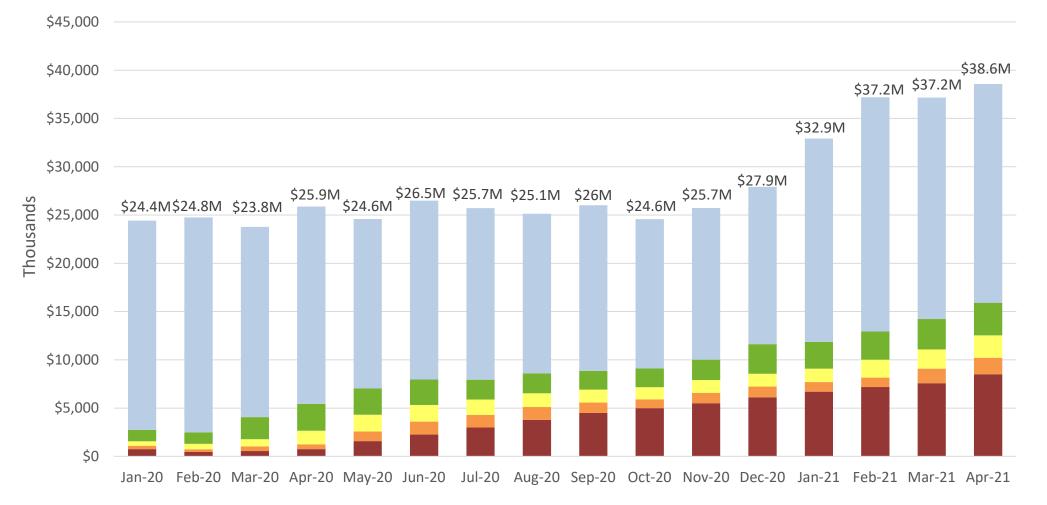
- Q1 Strengths: Personnel and capital spending are close to budget.
- Q1 Challenges: Bad debt expenses are \$700,000 over budget.
- Q2 Outlook: Continue spending close to budget and monitor the bad debt expenses.

## **Aging of Accounts Receivable**



#### SD2 Financial Stability

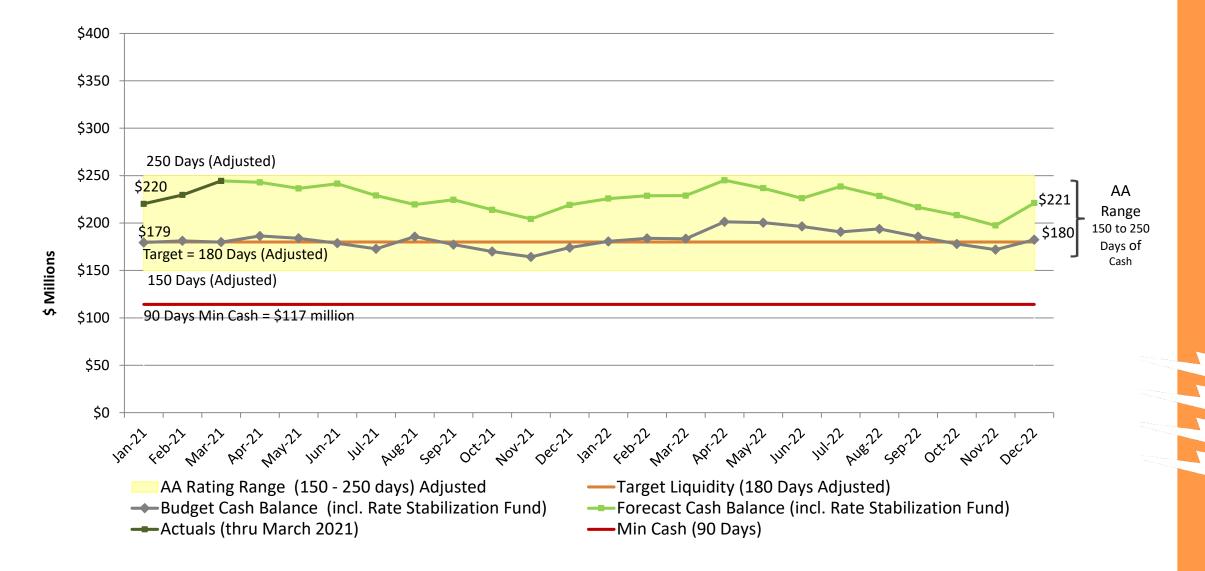
## Receivables Balances >120 days continues to grow



## 2021/2022 Projected Liquidity Balance as of 3/31/21







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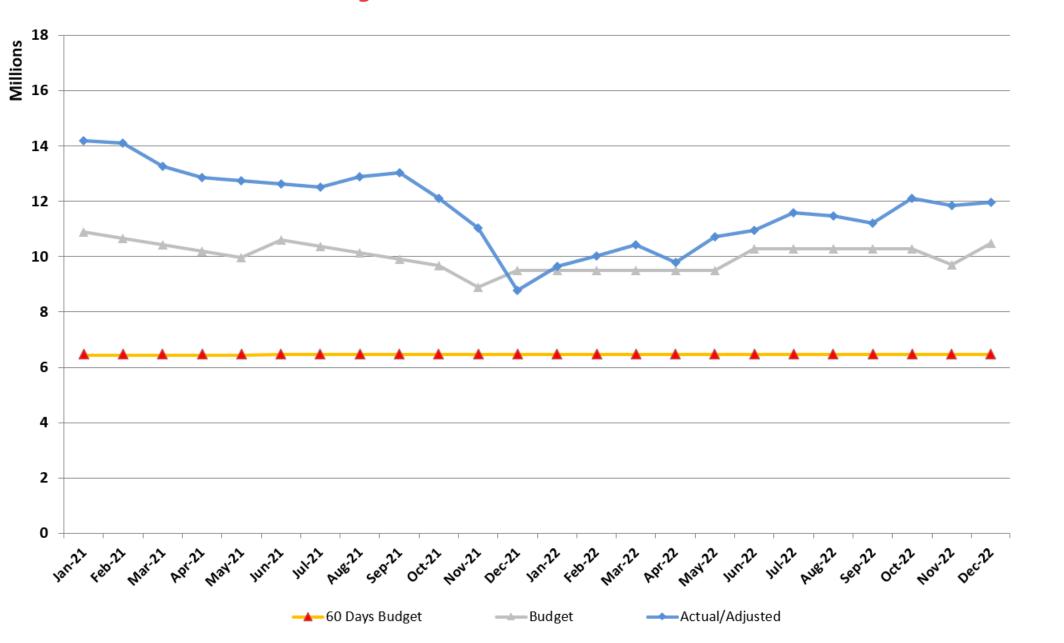
- This report incorporates actual revenues and expenditures to date along with projected adjustments for the remainder of the biennium.
- Forecast for total revenue is \$2.8 million under budget
  - Q1 Challenges: Rail volumes are under budget by an estimated \$3.2 million for the biennium.
  - Q1 Strengths: Locomotive servicing and demurrage revenues are over budget due to actuals by \$434,000.
  - Q2 Outlook: Rail volumes have been increasing over Q1 volumes and look to get to budgeted volumes by 2022.

## Forecast for total expenditures is \$559,000 over budget

- Q1 Challenges: Forecasting biennium capital outlay increases over budget of \$3.8 million due to estimated cost increases and projects from the prior biennium.
- Q1 Strengths: Budgeted FTE's left unfilled until volumes are picking up. Cost saving initiatives and deferment of operating expenditure activities.
- Q2 Outlook: Filling budgeted FTE's as needed for rail volume growth and Rail continues to manage expenses relative to revenue.

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## **Biennium Cash Projection**



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# **Tacoma Public Utilities**

**Performance Metrics Update** 

Quarter 1, 2021

# **Performance Metrics Summary**

POWER	WATER	UTILITIES

Quarter 1, 2021 Performance Metrics Report Tacoma Public Utilities								
Financial Performance:	Power		Water		Rail			
<sup>1</sup> Debt Service Coverage		1 Debt Service Coverage		1 Debt Service Coverage	N/A			
<ol> <li><sup>2</sup> Liquidity - Days Cash on Hand</li> <li><sup>3</sup> Budget Performance</li> </ol>		<ol> <li><sup>2</sup> Liquidity - Days Cash on Hand</li> <li><sup>3</sup> Budget Performance</li> </ol>		<ol> <li><sup>2</sup> Liquidity - Days Cash on Hand</li> <li><sup>3</sup> Budget Performance</li> </ol>	Ŷ			
Operational Excellence:	Power		Water		Rail			
4 Residential Bill Comparison		4 Residential Bill Comparison		<sup>4</sup> Railroad Tariffs Comparison				
5 <b>O&amp;M Cost per Customer</b>	$\bigcirc$	5 <b>O&amp;M Cost per Account</b>		<sup>5</sup> Operating Ratio	Ϋ́			
6 Outage Duration		6 Unplanned Service Disruptions		6 Revenue Moves per Shift				
7 Outage Frequency		7 Distribution System Leakage		7 On-Time Switching				
8 Non-Carbon Power Resources		8 Regulatory Compliance		<sup>8a</sup> Diesel Conversion				
<sup>9</sup> Power Conservation		9 Water Conservation		8b Storm Water Remediation				
Commitment to Cust & Employees:	Power		Water		Rail			
<sup>10</sup> Customer Satisfaction		<sup>10</sup> Customer Satisfaction		<sup>9</sup> Customer Satisfaction				
11 Employee Satisfaction		11 Employee Satisfaction		<sup>10</sup> Employee Satisfaction	Ó			
12 Employee Safety	Ō	12 Employee Safety	$\bigcirc$	<sup>11</sup> Employee Safety	Ó			
13 Call Center Responsiveness		<ol> <li>Call Center Responsiveness</li> <li>Technical Service Complaints</li> </ol>			-			

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# **Performance Metrics Highlights**

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## Financial Performance

- Generally favorable
- Rail experiencing lower revenues

### Operational Excellence

- Power and Water O&M costs show minimal year-over-year change
- Rail operating ratio impacts

## Commitment to Customers & Employees

- Safety efforts
- Water technical complaints down
- 2020 customer and employee survey results
- Call center responsiveness consistently above target

SD2 Financial Stability

Rates

SD4 Stakeholdar Engagement

SDS Environmenta Leadership

SD6 Innovation SD7 Reliability and Resiliency