



Ventura County Waterworks District No.17

Public Hearing on Proposed Water Rate Adjustments for Calendar Year 2023

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PUBLIC VENTURA COUNTY **WORKS** **Ventura County Waterworks District No. 17 (Bell Canyon)**

- Formed on April 11, 1977
- The Ventura County Board of Supervisors (BOS) is the Board of Directors for District 17.
- The Citizens' Advisory Committee reviews all policy, budget, and water rate recommendations before they are recommended to the BOS.

Area Served: Bell Canyon & the Contiguous Areas to the North

District Size: Approx. 4,900 Acres

Population Served: Approx. 2,049

Water Lines: ~17.5 Miles

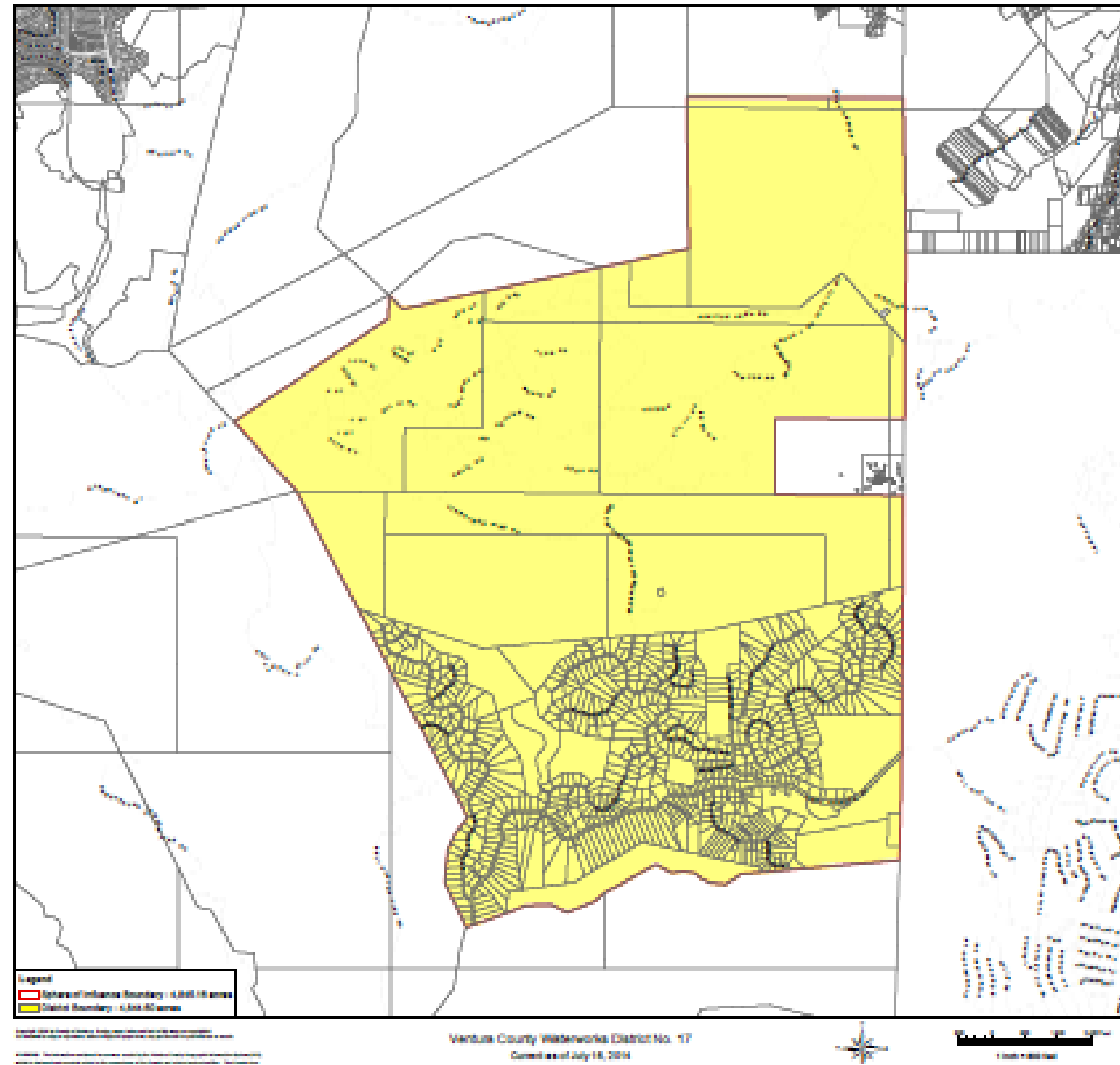
Service Connections: 714

Receives 100% Imported Water Supply

Reservoirs: 2

Pressure-Reducing Stations: 9

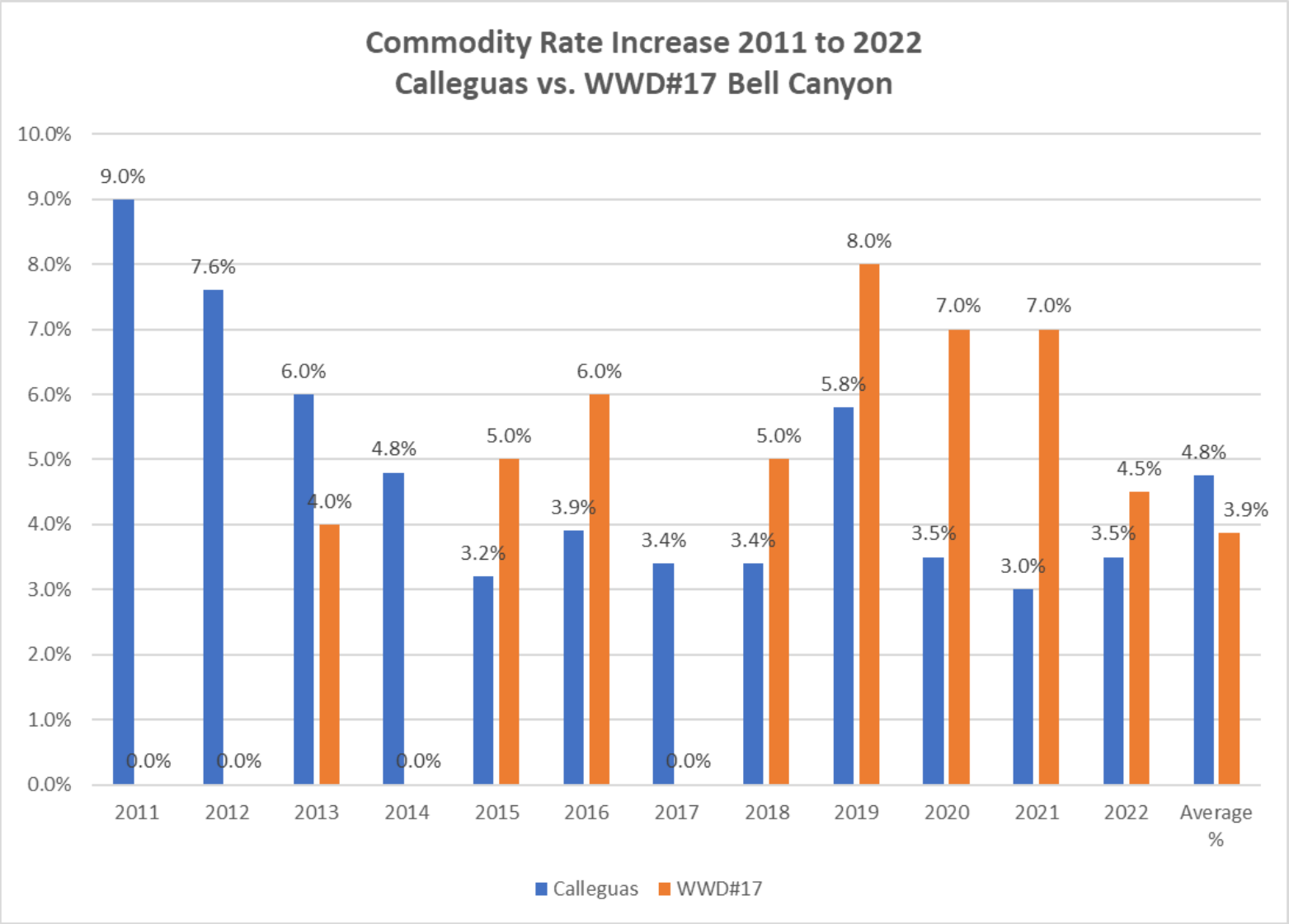
Ventura County Waterworks District No. 17 (Bell Canyon) Service Area



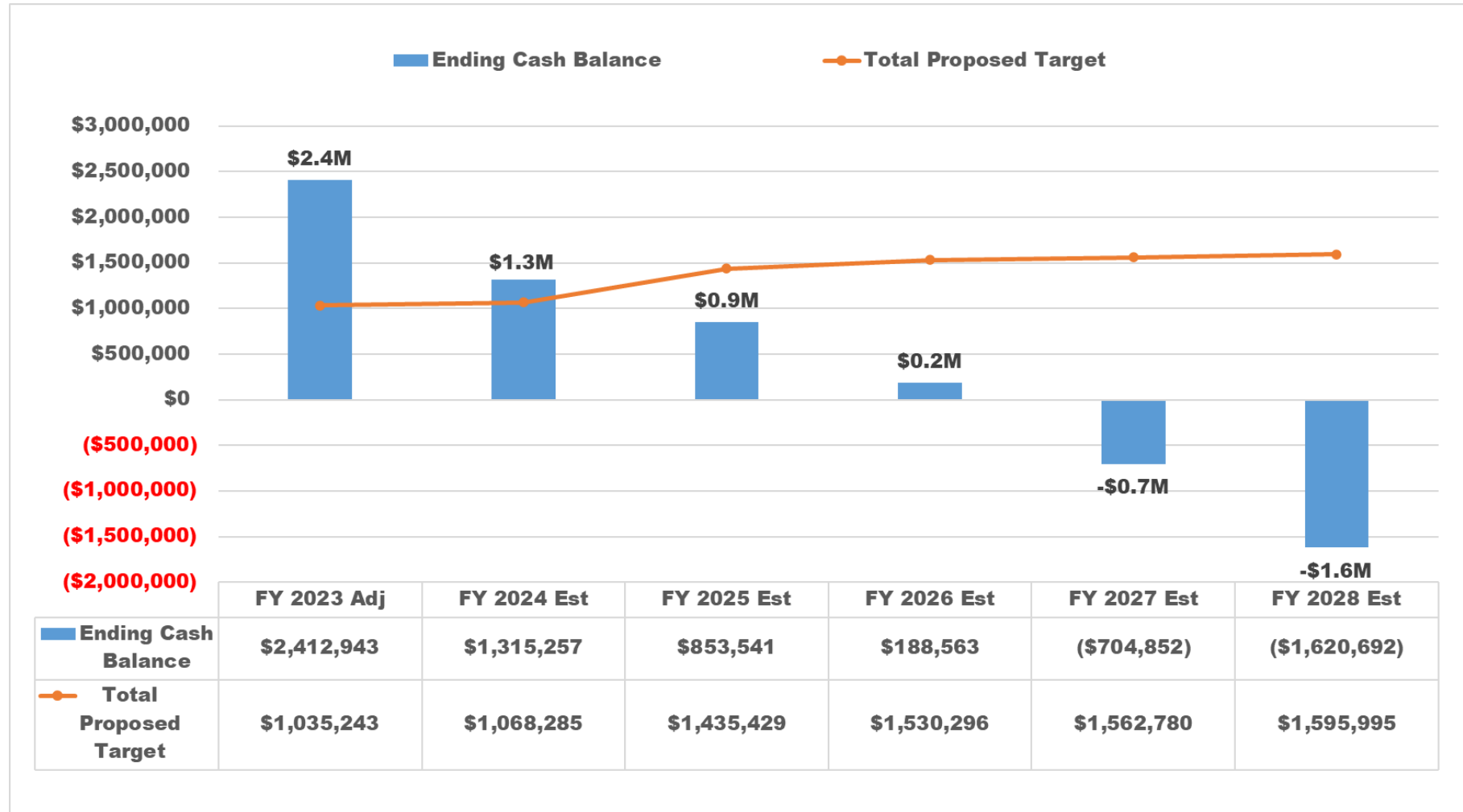
Rate Model Assumptions for 2023

- Calleguas Municipal Water District Approved Rate increase of 4.5% for 2023
- Assumes water use reduction of 30% through FY 2024
- Assumed inflationary increases used for rate analysis:
 - Labor 3.5%, Electricity 4%, and materials 3%
- 1.5 MG Reservoir and Saddlebow Pipeline projects will be financed by 0% interest State Revolving Fund Loan with 30% Principal forgiveness
 - Project creates system redundancy for fire protection
 - Construction targeted to begin in FY 2025
- Repair and Recoating of Reservoir #1 Planned for FY 2024 (funded from reserves)
- **PROPOSED Rate increase is 5% for commodity and fixed charges for 2023**

Calleguas vs. WWD#17 Historic Rate Increases 2011-2022

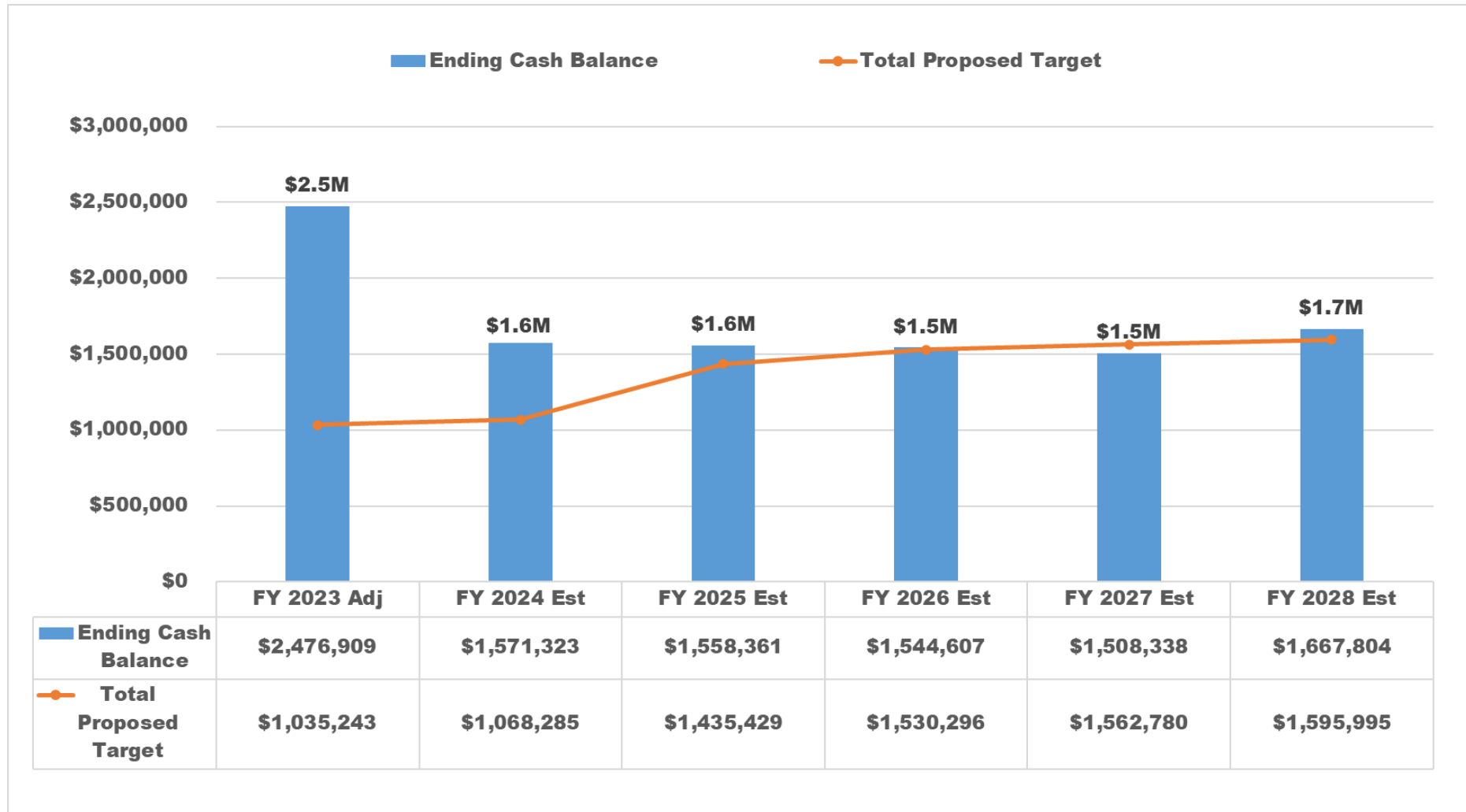


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Cash Reserves Forecast With No Rate Increases



Cash Reserves go negative due to operating losses and future debt service

Cash Reserve Forecast With Recommended 5% Rate Increase



Proposed Rate Increases maintains cash reserves at targeted range

Proposed Rate Increase Recommendation

- **5% Commodity rate adjustment**

Commodity Rates for Residential Customers			
Tier	Proposed Monthly Use (HCF)	Current 2022	Proposed 2023
1	0 - 10	\$5.24	\$5.51
2	>10 – 54	\$6.21	\$6.53
3	> 54	\$7.79	\$8.18
<i>Note: Rates per 100 Cubic Feet of Water (HCF)=748 Gallons</i>			

Commodity Rates for Other Customer Classes		
Customer Class	Current 2022	Proposed 2023
Commercial	\$6.34	\$6.66
Industrial	\$6.34	\$6.66
Institutional	\$6.34	\$6.66
Temporary Construction	\$6.53	\$6.86

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Proposed Meter Charge Recommendation

- 5% Fixed meter charge increase

Monthly Meter Charges		
<i>Meter Size</i>	<i>Current 2022</i>	<i>Proposed 2023</i>
3/4-inch	\$23.09	\$24.25
1-inch	\$33.21	\$34.88
1 1/2-inch	\$58.52	\$61.45
2-inch	\$88.89	\$93.34
3-inch	\$185.06	\$194.32
4-inch	\$326.76	\$343.10
6-inch	\$665.85	\$699.15
Monthly Fireline Charges		
<i>Meter Size</i>	<i>Current 2022</i>	<i>Proposed 2023</i>
6-inch	\$42.55	\$44.68
Note: Water used through private fire services will be charged at the temporary construction water rate		

Proposed Water Rate Increases Impact on Residential Customers

Meter / Service	Usage Hundred Cubic Feet (HCF)	2022 Bill	2023 Bill	% Increase
1" Residential	50	\$323.66	\$339.84	5%



Calculators are available on our website: <http://pwa.vcpublicworks.org/wsd/ratesandcharges/>

Recommendation

- APPROVE Rate increase is 5% for commodity and fixed charges for 2023
- APPROVE Placement of Standby Charges on Tax Rolls