

Financial  
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# Staff Issues for Rate Process

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# Overview

- Since last Rate Study, issues have arisen requiring resolution during current RAC process
- RAC will be asked to provide comments on these issues to the Board of Trustees as part of the Rate Study
- Preliminary Rates to be presented in June will reflect these issues

# Staff Issues for Consideration

## System-Wide Issues

- ✓ Institutionalize rates for Affordability Customers
- ✓ Continuation of separate rates for customers inside-the-City-limits (ICL) as opposed to those outside-the-City-limits (OCL)
- ✓ Special rates for customers over the Edwards Recharge Zone
- ✓ Separate rate to recover energy costs

# Staff Issues for Consideration (continued)

## Water Delivery Issues

- ✓ Raw Water Rates
- ✓ Interconnect Rates (emergency water provision to other water companies)

# Staff Issues for Consideration (continued)

## Wastewater Issues

- ✓ Winter Averaging
- ✓ Lift Station Maintenance Fee
- ✓ Review surcharges for Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)
- ✓ Look at possible Fats, Oil & Grease (FOG) surcharge
- ✓ Wholesale wastewater rates

# Staff Issues for Consideration (continued)

## Water Supply Issues

- ✓ Possible Block/Tier Structure for Water Supply Rate ~ *Longstanding issue*
- ✓ Review Subsidy of Water Supply activities by Water Delivery Rates ~ *Longstanding issue*
- ✓ Change “Water Supply Fee” to “Water Supply Rate” ~ *Longstanding issue*
- ✓ Define from which rate blocks new Water Supply projects will be paid
- ✓ Recycled Water Rate

# Staff Issues for Consideration (continued)

## Conservation Issues

- ✓ Promote additional conservation through further Water Delivery Rate structure changes
  - Adjust Drought Surcharge Rates
  - Adjust Seasonal Rates
  - Change funding mechanism for the Residential conservation program
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