



Mapleton Board Meeting Rate Setting 101

April 20, 2026

Rural Community Assistance Partnership

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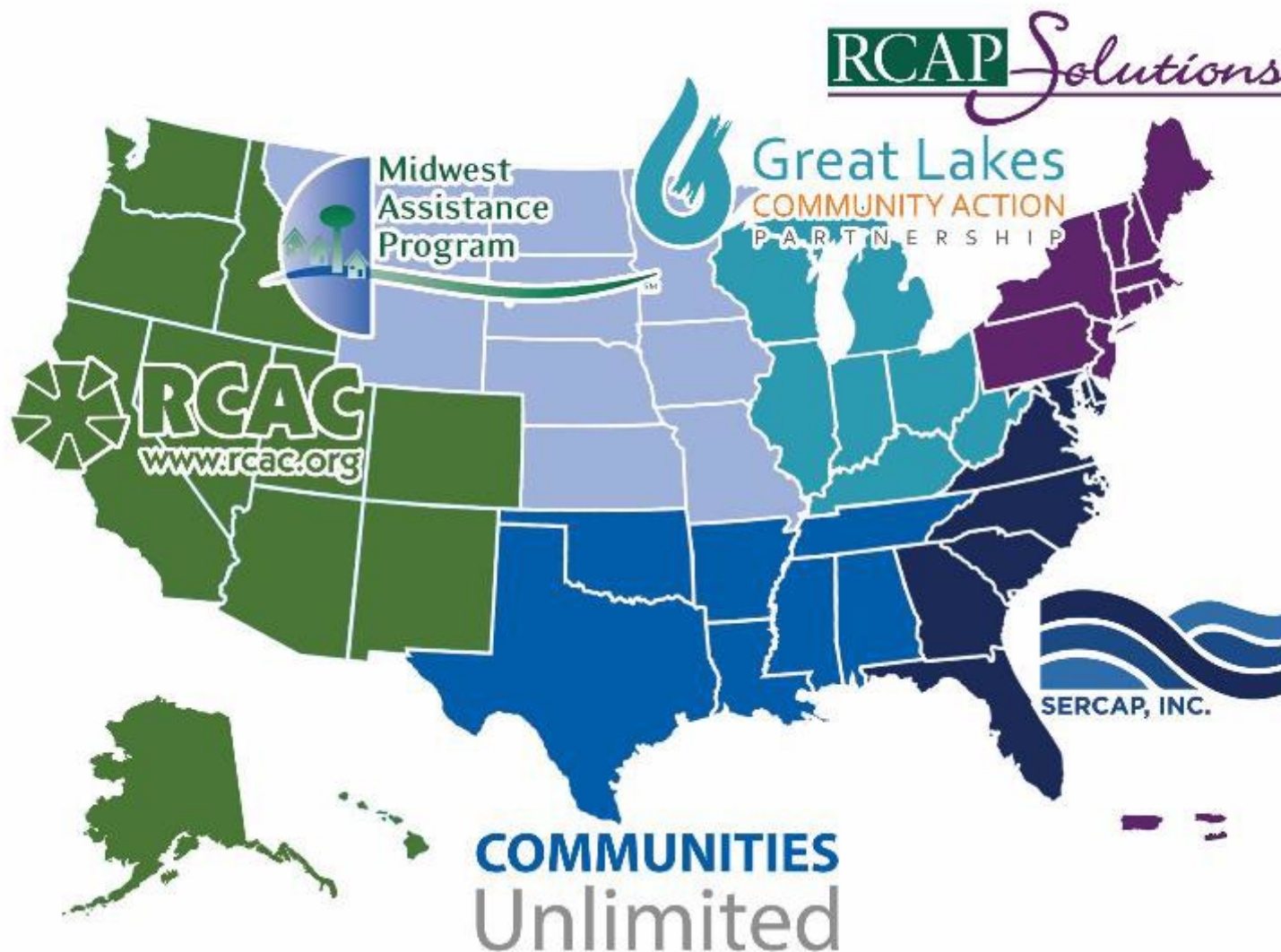
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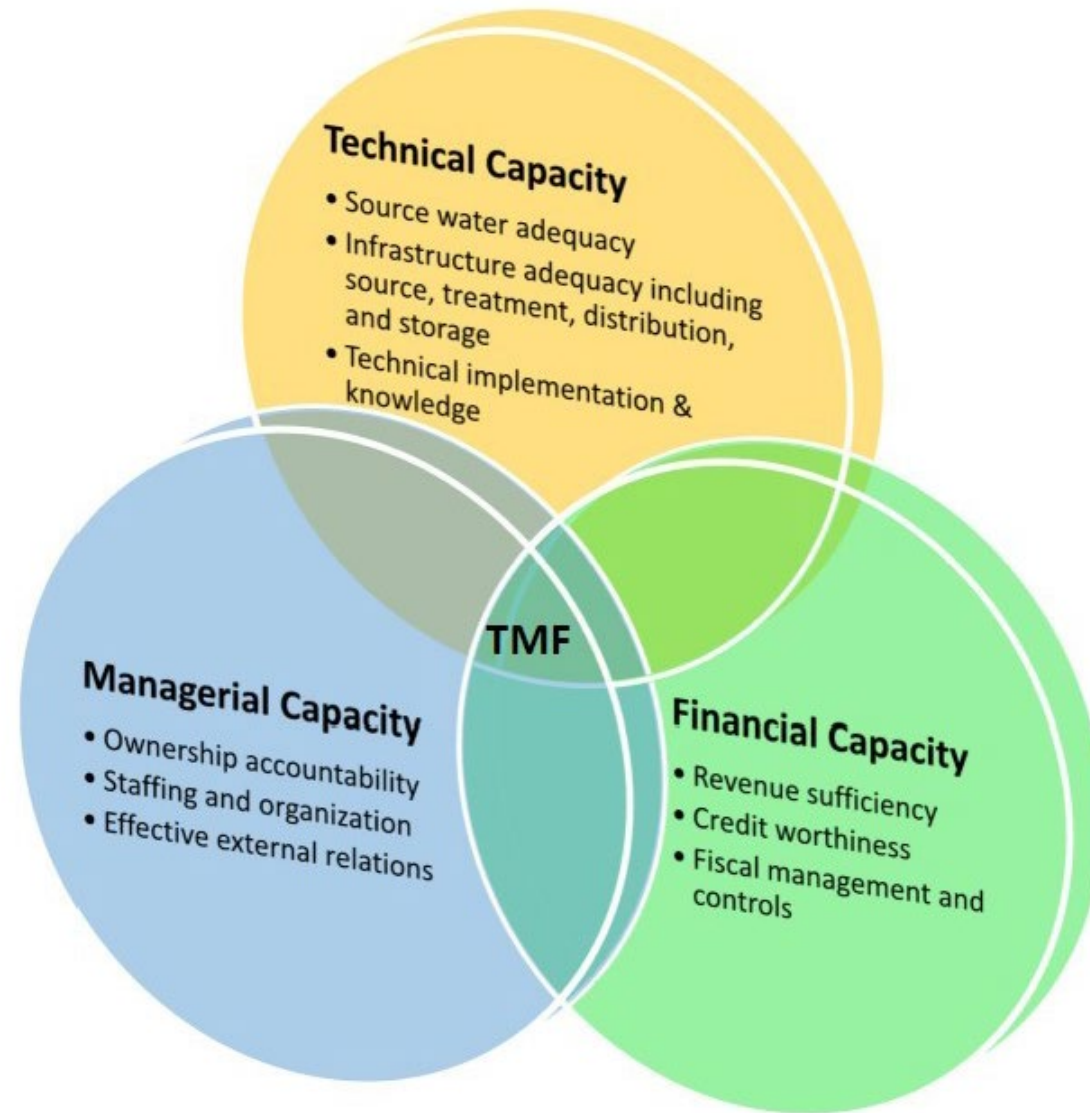




RCAC Programs

- ❖ Affordable housing
- ❖ Economic Development
- ❖ Loan Fund - water and wastewater infrastructure financing
- ❖ Classroom and online training
- ❖ On-site and remote technical assistance
- ❖ Income surveys and rate analysis

The Safe Drinking Water Act



What is the “True Cost” Water & Wastewater Service



Determining Expenses: Operating Expenses

The cost of operating your utility on a daily basis

Examples:

- Water treatment
- Personnel wages
- Equipment maintenance
- Administration fees

Operating Expenses:		
	Bad Debt	-
	Insurance	367
	Miscellaneous Expense	350
	Office Costs	754
	Accounting & Legal	400
	Training Costs	125
	Auto Expenses	1,415
	Chemicals	398
	Materials & Supplies	712
	Repairs & Maintenance	3,233
	Depreciation	374
	Utilities	1,325
	Salaries & Benefits	3,997
	Total Operating Expenses	13,450
	Debt Service	
	Reserve Funding	
Total Expenses		13,450

Determining Expenses: Non-Operating Expenses

Expenses not directly related to operating your utility on a daily basis.

Examples:

- Capital outlay
- Disposal of assets
- Debt interest
- Reserves

Operating revenues	\$ xxxx
Operating expenses	<u>xxx</u>
Operating income	xxx
Nonoperating revenues, expenses, gains, losses	<u>x</u>
Income before income tax expense	xxx
Income tax expense	<u>x</u>
Net income	<u><u>\$ xx</u></u>



Determining Expenses: Fixed & Variable Expenses

Fixed Expenses

Costs incurred by the utility system before service provided.

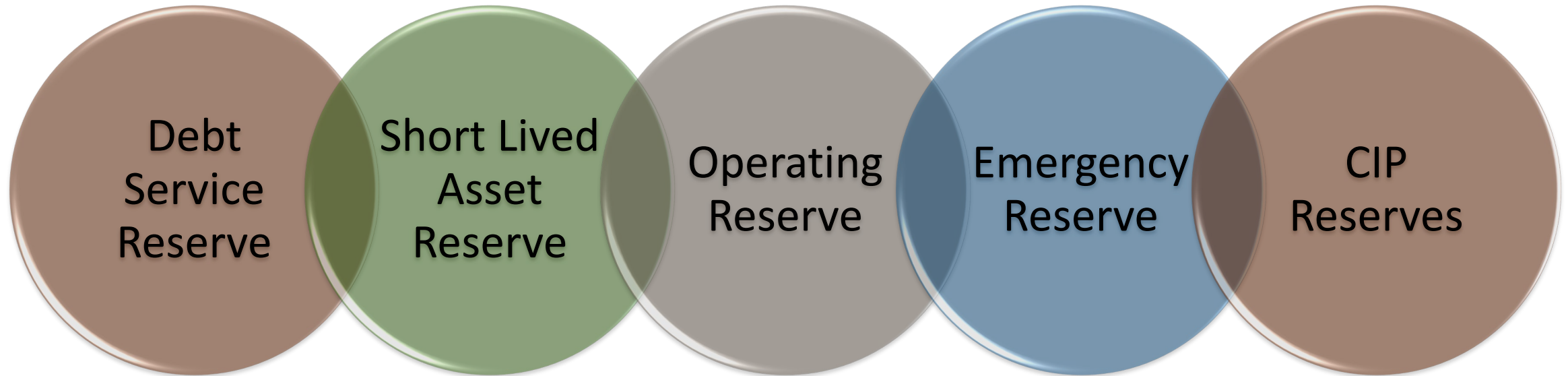
- Debt payments
- Rent / lease
- Personnel wages

Variable Expenses

Costs incurred in providing service to your customers.

- Portions of Utilities
- Portions of Maintenance
- Portions of Engineering fees

Determining Expenses: Reserves



Calculating the True Cost of Service

- Operating Expenses
- Non-Operating Expenses
Fixed & Variable Expenses
- Debt Service
- Reserves



TRUE Cost-of-Service

Budget: The Foundation of Rates



Identify Debt Service

- Principal Payments on Notes Payable(s)
- Interest Payments on Notes Payable(s)
- Lines of Credit
- Bonds Payable



All payments to lenders for loans, mortgages, etc.

Identify Reserves Needed

Funder Required Reserves

- Debt Service Reserves
- Short Lived Asset Reserves

Board Designated Reserves

- Operating Reserves
- Emergency Reserves
- Asset Management
- CIP Reserves



Asset Management



Equipment starts to wear the day it is turned on

Asset Inventory : What do we own?

Assets:

- Buildings
- Tools
- Equipment
- Pipes
- Machinery
- Vehicles



Asset Inventory & Analysis

Component	Year Acquired	Purchase Cost	Current Age	Est. Life Remaining	Est. Current Rplacement Cost	Est. Future Replacement Cost	Fund with Cash	Fund with Grant	Fund with Loan	Existing Reserves	Annual Reserves Required
Booster Station Pumps	2010	10,000	10	10	\$13,439	\$14,859	\$ 14,859			\$ 1,482	\$ 1,338
Distribution Mains	2000	928,256	20	30	\$1,676,534	\$2,498,483	\$ 498,482.74	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 494	\$ 16,600
Distribution Mains	2005	240,000	15	35	\$373,912	\$645,981	\$ 95,981.13	\$ 200,000	\$ 350,000	\$ -	\$ 2,742
Distribution Mains	2007	93,000	13	37	\$136,574	\$250,318	\$ 50,317.69		\$ 200,000	\$ 4,941	\$ 1,226
Surface water inlet Structure	2000	25,500	20	30	\$46,056	\$68,635	\$ 68,635		\$ -	\$ 445	\$ 2,273
Subsurface water inlet Structure	1990	18,600	30	20	\$45,147	\$50,064	\$ 50,064		\$ (0)	\$ 647	\$ 2,471
Pump House and Wet Well	1988	138,000	32	18	\$355,361	\$371,439	\$ 71,439.15		\$ 300,000	\$ 1,186	\$ 3,903
Bridge pipeline 6" Ductile Iron Pipe	1997	20,000	23	57	\$39,472	\$97,509	\$ 22,508.78		\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ 395
Bridge 10" Ductile Iron Pipe	2005	152,682	15	65	\$237,874	\$744,392	\$ 144,391.80		\$ 600,000	\$ -	\$ 2,221
Subsurface Water Infiltration Gallery	2002	312,650	18	2	\$532,266	\$533,658	\$ 33,658.06		\$ 500,000	\$ 692	\$ 16,483
Zone @ Tanks 88,000 Gallon	1988	84,000	32	8	\$216,307	\$189,185	\$ 189,185		\$ -	\$ 1,492	\$ 23,462
Zone @ Tanks 150,000 Gallon	2000	150,000	20	20	\$270,917	\$331,206	\$ 56,205.95		\$ 275,000	\$ 642	\$ 2,778
Zone @ Tanks 1 Million Gallon	2002	340,000	18	22	\$578,827	\$750,733	\$ 150,147		\$ 600,587	\$ 1,285	\$ 6,766
Water Meters	2015	20,000	5	10	\$23,185	\$26,917	\$ 26,917		\$ -	\$ 296	\$ 2,662
8' X 30' Pressure Filter	2000	150,000	20	5	\$270,917	\$266,377	\$ 16,376.70		\$ 250,000	\$ 180	\$ 3,239
8' X 30' Pressure Filter	2002	150,000	18	7	\$255,365	\$256,033	\$ 51,207		\$ 204,826	\$ 2,668	\$ 6,934
(2) 50 HP Pumps	2002	30,000	18	7	\$51,073	\$51,207	\$ 51,207		\$ -	\$ 2,447	\$ 6,966
Total		2,852,688			5,109,786	7,132,136	\$ 1,576,724	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 3,855,413	\$ 18,897	\$ 102,460

Create Expense Budget

Town of Anywhere, WA	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	Previous 4 yr. Average	2025
Operating Expense						
Salary/Wage	\$ 60,685.50	\$ 73,359.48	\$ 80,046.30	\$ 91,995.13	\$ 76,521.60	\$ 102,000.00
Personnel Benefits	\$ 19,299.25	\$ 19,194.32	\$ 19,225.91	\$ 20,249.09	\$ 19,492.14	\$ 30,000.00
Operating Supplies	\$ 6,358.39	\$ 7,061.94	\$ 8,596.79	\$ 12,157.75	\$ 8,543.72	\$ 15,000.00
Equip Maint Supplies		\$ 5,995.09			\$ 5,995.09	\$ 1,500.00
Fuel Consumed	\$ 2,008.97	\$ 1,803.30	\$ 1,262.07	\$ 1,357.36	\$ 1,607.93	\$ 2,150.00
Small Tools & Equipment	\$ -	\$ 601.56	\$ 600.00	\$ 2,704.96	\$ 976.63	\$ 6,000.00
Professional Services	\$ 4,059.37	\$ 1,760.50	\$ 5,008.94	\$ 7,962.29	\$ 4,697.78	\$ 1,800.00
Interfund Loan		\$ 6,700.00	\$ 14,950.00	\$ 28,350.00	\$ 16,666.67	\$ -
USDA Loan 93-09	\$ 1,189.48	\$ 1,232.20	\$ 1,291.42	\$ 1,353.48	\$ 1,266.65	\$ 1,418.54
USDA Loan 91-07	\$ 14,361.34	\$ 14,971.70	\$ 15,608.00	\$ 16,271.34	\$ 15,303.10	\$ 16,962.87
Communications	\$ 3,110.38	\$ 3,293.00	\$ 2,812.87	\$ 3,939.21	\$ 3,288.87	\$ 5,000.00
Travel/Meals	\$ 6,190.25	\$ 9,522.70	\$ 13,150.50	\$ 15,736.05	\$ 11,149.88	\$ 15,000.00
Insurance	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 15,858.99	\$ 17,570.99	\$ 19,577.29	\$ 15,501.82	\$ 26,500.00
Utilities	\$ 35,089.07	\$ 33,324.63	\$ 23,662.89	\$ 31,506.61	\$ 30,895.80	\$ 31,000.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 7,864.73	\$ 2,375.09	\$ 8,550.68	\$ 8,550.00	\$ 6,835.13	\$ 9,000.00
Miscellaneous (Dues, Fees etc.)	\$ 738.40	\$ 738.40	\$ 1,339.87	\$ 815.20	\$ 907.97	\$ 1,500.00
Advertising	\$ 89.25	\$ 80.75		\$ 338.63	\$ 169.54	\$ 100.00
Reserves						\$ 2,000.00
Training	\$ 282.00	\$ 712.00	\$ 99.87	\$ 109.00	\$ 300.72	\$ 1,000.00
State Excise Tax	\$ 12,390.99	\$ 18,207.23	\$ 39,927.53	\$ 27,991.73	\$ 24,629.37	\$ 27,000.00
	\$ 182,717.37	\$ 216,792.88	\$ 253,704.63	\$ 290,965.12	\$ 236,045	\$ 294,931

Fixed & Variable Costs

Expenses	Budgeted Amount	% of Fixed	Fixed Amount	Variable Amount
Engineering -Gernal	\$ 50,000.00	75%	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 20,600.00	65%	\$ 13,390.00	\$ 7,210.00
Fuel	\$ 6,180.00	90%	\$ 5,562.00	\$ 618.00
Insurance	\$ 6,000.00	100%	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -
Permits	\$ 3,296.00	100%	\$ 3,296.00	\$ -
Pump & System Maintenance	\$ 16,500.00	50%	\$ 8,250.00	\$ 8,250.00
Training/Travle Expenses	\$ 1,030.00	100%	\$ 1,030.00	\$ -
SRF Loan	\$ 30,000.00	100%	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -
Electricity	\$ 27,050.00	50%	\$ 13,525.00	\$ 13,525.00
Employee Wages	\$ 125,263.00	100%	\$ 125,263.00	\$ -
Employee Overtime	\$ 15,020.00	20%	\$ 3,004.00	\$ 12,016.00

Inflation



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CPI Inflation Calculator

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Project Out Five Years



5 Year Projection Expenses

Town of Anywhere, WA	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	Previous 4 yr. Average	2025	Annual Inflation Factor	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>	<u>2029</u>	<u>2030</u>
Operating Expense												
Salary/Wage	\$ 60,685.50	\$ 73,359.48	\$ 80,046.30	\$ 91,995.13	\$ 76,521.60	\$ 102,000.00	4.00%	\$ 106,080	\$ 110,323	\$ 114,736	\$ 119,326	\$ 124,099
Personnel Benefits	\$ 19,299.25	\$ 19,194.32	\$ 19,225.91	\$ 20,249.09	\$ 19,492.14	\$ 30,000.00	4.00%	\$ 31,200	\$ 32,448	\$ 33,746	\$ 35,096	\$ 36,500
Operating Supplies	\$ 6,358.39	\$ 7,061.94	\$ 8,596.79	\$ 12,157.75	\$ 8,543.72	\$ 15,000.00	4.00%	\$ 15,600	\$ 16,224	\$ 16,873	\$ 17,548	\$ 18,250
Equip Maint Supplies		\$ 5,995.09			\$ 5,995.09	\$ 1,500.00	4.00%	\$ 1,560	\$ 1,622	\$ 1,687	\$ 1,755	\$ 1,825
Fuel Consumed	\$ 2,008.97	\$ 1,803.30	\$ 1,262.07	\$ 1,357.36	\$ 1,607.93	\$ 2,150.00	4.00%	\$ 2,236	\$ 2,325	\$ 2,418	\$ 2,515	\$ 2,616
Small Tools & Equipment	\$ -	\$ 601.56	\$ 600.00	\$ 2,704.96	\$ 976.63	\$ 6,000.00	4.00%	\$ 6,240	\$ 6,490	\$ 6,749	\$ 7,019	\$ 7,300
Professional Services	\$ 4,059.37	\$ 1,760.50	\$ 5,008.94	\$ 7,962.29	\$ 4,697.78	\$ 1,800.00	4.00%	\$ 1,872	\$ 1,947	\$ 2,025	\$ 2,106	\$ 2,190
Interfund Loan		\$ 6,700.00	\$ 14,950.00	\$ 28,350.00	\$ 16,666.67	\$ -						
USDA Loan 93-09	\$ 1,189.48	\$ 1,232.20	\$ 1,291.42	\$ 1,353.48	\$ 1,266.65	\$ 1,418.54		\$ 1,418.54	\$ 1,418.54	\$ 1,418.54	\$ 1,418.54	\$ 1,418.54
USDA Loan 91-07	\$ 14,361.34	\$ 14,971.70	\$ 15,608.00	\$ 16,271.34	\$ 15,303.10	\$ 16,962.87		\$ 16,962.87	\$ 16,962.87	\$ 16,962.87	\$ 16,962.87	\$ 16,962.87
Communications	\$ 3,110.38	\$ 3,293.00	\$ 2,812.87	\$ 3,939.21	\$ 3,288.87	\$ 5,000.00	4.00%	\$ 5,200	\$ 5,408	\$ 5,624	\$ 5,849	\$ 6,083
Travel/Meals	\$ 6,190.25	\$ 9,522.70	\$ 13,150.50	\$ 15,736.05	\$ 11,149.88	\$ 15,000.00	4.00%	\$ 15,600	\$ 16,224	\$ 16,873	\$ 17,548	\$ 18,250
Insurance	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 15,858.99	\$ 17,570.99	\$ 19,577.29	\$ 15,501.82	\$ 26,500.00	4.00%	\$ 27,560	\$ 28,662	\$ 29,809	\$ 31,001	\$ 32,241
Utilities	\$ 35,089.07	\$ 33,324.63	\$ 23,662.89	\$ 31,506.61	\$ 30,895.80	\$ 31,000.00	7.00%	\$ 33,170	\$ 35,492	\$ 37,976	\$ 40,635	\$ 43,479
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 7,864.73	\$ 2,375.09	\$ 8,550.68	\$ 8,550.00	\$ 6,835.13	\$ 9,000.00	4.00%	\$ 9,360	\$ 9,734	\$ 10,124	\$ 10,529	\$ 10,950
Miscellaneous (Dues, Fees etc.)	\$ 738.40	\$ 738.40	\$ 1,339.87	\$ 815.20	\$ 907.97	\$ 1,500.00	4.00%	\$ 1,560	\$ 1,622	\$ 1,687	\$ 1,755	\$ 1,825
Advertising	\$ 89.25	\$ 80.75		\$ 338.63	\$ 169.54	\$ 100.00	4.00%	\$ 104	\$ 108	\$ 112	\$ 117	\$ 122
Reserves						\$ 2,000.00			\$ 32,612	\$ 37,656	\$ 37,656	\$ 37,656
Training	\$ 282.00	\$ 712.00	\$ 99.87	\$ 109.00	\$ 300.72	\$ 1,000.00	4.00%	\$ 1,040	\$ 1,082	\$ 1,125	\$ 1,170	\$ 1,217
State Excise Tax	\$ 12,390.99	\$ 18,207.23	\$ 39,927.53	\$ 27,991.73	\$ 24,629.37	\$ 27,000.00	4.00%	\$ 28,080	\$ 29,203	\$ 30,371	\$ 31,586	\$ 32,850
	\$ 182,717.37	\$ 216,792.88	\$ 253,704.63	\$ 290,965.12	\$ 236,045	\$ 294,931		\$ 304,843	\$ 349,909	\$ 367,974	\$ 381,591	\$ 395,832

Calculate Revenue



Revenue – Operating Revenue

Income generated from providing service.

- Water base rates
- Water usage rates
- Late fees

**Example Corporation
Income Statement
Year ended December 31, 20xx**

Operating revenues	\$ xxxx
Operating expenses	xxx
Operating income	xxx
Nonoperating revenues, expenses, gains, losses	x
Income before income tax expense	xxx
Income tax expense	x
Net income	<u>\$ xx</u>

See notes to the financial statements.

Revenue – Non- Operating Revenue

Income generated indirectly from providing service.

- Interest income
- Cell tower rental income
- Grants & loans

Example Corporation Income Statement Year ended December 31, 20xx

Operating revenues	\$ xxxx
Operating expenses	xxx
Operating income	xxx
Nonoperating revenues, expenses, gains, losses	x
Income before income tax expense	xxx
Income tax expense	x
Net income	\$ xx

See notes to the financial statements.

Create Budget Revenue

Line No.		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
REVENUE						
Operating Revenues						
1	Service revenue—water sales*	\$813,000	\$826,000	\$839,000	\$852,000	\$864,000
2	Miscellaneous fees	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
3	Total operating revenues	815,000	828,000	841,000	854,000	866,000

Projected Revenues & Expenses

Line No.		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
REVENUE						
Operating Revenues						
1	Service revenue—water sales*	\$813,000	\$826,000	\$839,000	\$852,000	\$864,000
2	Miscellaneous fees	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
3	Total operating revenues	815,000	828,000	841,000	854,000	866,000
Nonoperating revenues						
4	Tap/connection fees	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
5	Interest income	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
6	Other revenue	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
7	Total nonoperating revenues	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
8	Total revenue	840,000	853,000	866,000	879,000	891,000
EXPENDITURES						
9	Total O&M Expenses	459,000	473,000	537,000	555,000	570,000
10	Subtotal: Net operating income	381,000	380,000	329,000	324,000	321,000
Debt Service						
11	Debt service—existing	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
12	Debt service—new	0	0	9,000	87,000	101,000
13	Total debt service	150,000	150,000	159,000	237,000	251,000
14	Rate financed capital costs	175,000	180,000	177,000	172,000	177,000
15	NET INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	56,000	50,000	(7,000)	(85,000)	(107,000)
16	Plus: Beginning cash balance	200,000	256,000	306,000	299,000	214,000
17	Ending cash balance before reserves	256,000	306,000	299,000	214,000	107,000
RESERVES						
18	O&M reserve	115,000	118,000	134,000	139,000	143,000
19	Capital reserve	456,000	456,000	456,000	456,000	456,000
20	Total reserves	571,000	574,000	590,000	595,000	599,000
21	ENDING CASH BALANCE AFTER RESERVES	(\$315,000)	(\$268,000)	(\$291,000)	(\$381,000)	(\$492,000)
22	CUMULATIVE REVENUE AND RESERVE DEFICIENCY (line 21 divided by line 9)	-39%	-32%	-35%	-45%	-57%
23	DEBT SERVICE COVERAGE (line 10 divided by line 13)	2.54	2.53	2.07	1.37	1.28

Ending Balance Before Reserves

Ending Balance After Reserves





Purpose of a 5 Year Budget

- A plan
- Data driven decisions
- Creates community awareness
- Necessary revenue requirements will be clearly shown

Budget Comparison

Z Water Company Budget Comparison Report For the Period Ended 12/31/20XX						
	Current Month 12/31/20XX	Year-to-Date 7/01 - 12/31/XY	Annual Budget	YTD % of Budget	Remaining Balance	
Operating Revenue						
Water Base Rates	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 72,000.00	50%	\$ 36,000.00	
Water Usage Rates	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 45,000.00	50%	\$ 22,500.00	
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 58,500.00	\$ 117,000.00		\$ 58,500.00	
Operating Expenses						
Bad Debt	-	\$ 1,412.00	\$ 1,412.00	100%	-	
Insurance	\$ 367.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 4,350.00	51%	\$ 2,150.00	
Misc. Expenses	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 1,000.00	35%	\$ 650.00	
Office Costs	\$ 754.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 8,200.00	49%	\$ 4,200.00	
Accounting & Legal	\$ 400.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 5,000.00	12%	\$ 4,400.00	
Training Costs	\$ 125.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 3,000.00	23%	\$ 2,300.00	
Auto Expenses	\$ 1,415.00	\$ 6,341.00	\$ 4,600.00	138%	\$ (1,741.00)	
Chemicals	\$ 398.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,300.00	47%	\$ 2,300.00	
Materials & Supplies	\$ 712.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	33%	\$ 5,000.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 3,233.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,700.00	96%	\$ 200.00	
Depreciation	\$ 374.00	\$ 2,237.00	\$ 4,475.00	50%	\$ 2,237.00	
Utilities	\$ 1,325.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 14,000.00	75%	\$ 3,500.00	
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 3,997.00	\$ 23,982.00	\$ 47,000.00	51%	\$ 23,018.00	
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 13,450.00	\$ 62,322.00	\$ 110,537.00	56%	\$ 48,214.00	
Debt Service		\$ 5,225.00	\$ 5,225.00	100%	-	
Reserve Funding			\$ 1,000.00	0%	\$ 1,000.00	
Total Expenses	\$ 13,450.00	\$ 67,547.00	\$ 116,762.00		\$ 49,214.00	
Non-Operating Income (Expense)						
Interest Income	\$ 15.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 500.00	39%	\$ 305.00	
Hook-Up Fees	\$ 125.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 350.00	143%	\$ (150.00)	
Rent - Cellphone Tower	-	-	-		-	
Total Non-Operating Income	\$ 140.00	\$ 695.00	\$ 850.00		\$ 155.00	
Total Net Income	\$ (3,420.00)	\$ (7,657.00)	\$ 1,938.00		\$ 9,896.00	

Examine Current Rate Structure

Did revenue exceed expenses in each of the last three years?

All scheduled debt payments made?

Reserve accounts fully funded?

Emergency and preventative maintenance costs covered?

Compliance with state drinking water standards and regulations?

Rate increased in the last three years?



Rates Should

- Cover all the costs associated with delivering water
- Fair & equitable
- Be used to support water utility only
- Transparent
- Easily understood
- Based on sound financial information
- Easy to administer

Rate Components



Who is charged



How often are they charged



How much are they charged

Base Rates and Usage Rates





Purpose of a drinking water base rate

To cover expenses incurred by the utility system before delivering of service.

Examples:

- Loan Payments
- Salaries
- Insurance

Determining Base Rate

\$ 7,246.33	Divided by	200	=	\$ 36.23
Average Monthly Fixed Costs		Average # of Customers		Fixed Costs Per Customer



The purpose of a usage rate

To cover variable expenses which are expenses incurred from the delivery of service.

Examples:

- Portions of Overtime
- Portions of Electric Bill
- Portions of maintenance
- Portions of fuel

Determining Usage Rate

\$ 6,258	Divided by	1,000	=	\$ 6.30
Variable Costs		Average Total Water Usage (GALLONS)		Variable Cost Per 1,000 Gallons

Equitability



If your proposed rate structure spreads the cost of utility service equitably, then the percentage of revenue and percentage of usage will be approximately equal.

Inflationary Impact of Delaying Rate Adjustment

Assume \$1.00 Base rate with an annual 3% Compounded Increase								
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Accumulated Dollars Collected
Implementing Rate Increase Immediately - 19% Increase From Year 1 to Year 7								
Rate	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.03	\$ 1.06	\$ 1.09	\$ 1.13	\$ 1.16	\$ 1.19	\$ 7.66
Waiting 4 Years to Increase Rates - 26% From Year 1 to Year 7								
Rate	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.19	\$ 1.22	\$ 1.26	\$ 7.66
Waiting 5 Years to Increase Rates - 35% From Year 1 to Year 7								
Rate	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.31	\$ 1.35	\$ 7.66
Waiting 6 Years to Increase Rates - 66% From Year 1 to Year 7								
Rate	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.66	\$ 7.66

Water Rate Life Expectancy

Current rate structure should be reviewed annually.





The Bottom Line

Annual revenues must cover your total:

- ✓ Operating & Non- Operating expenses
- ✓ Debt payments
- ✓ Taxes
- ✓ Fees
- ✓ Funding reserve accounts

Questions to Ask

- Does our revenue cover our expenses?
- Are we setting aside enough in reserves?
- Have we completed a rate study in the past five years?
- Are there expensive projects on the horizon?

Thank You!

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