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Wynola Water District

2026 Rate Study Introduction

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Introductions

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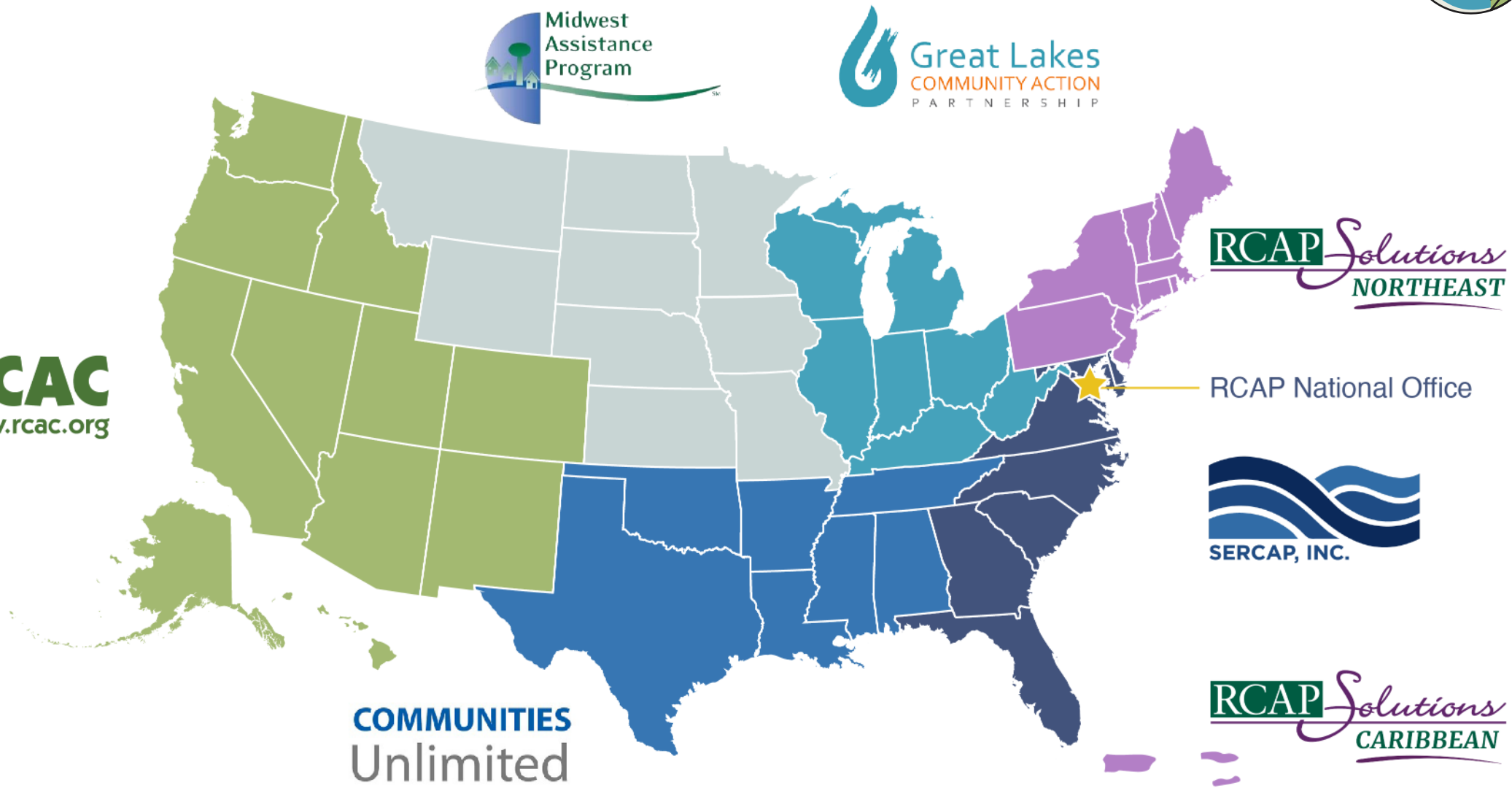

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RCAC partners with underserved rural and Indigenous communities to achieve their vision and well being through technical assistance, training, financial resources and advocacy.

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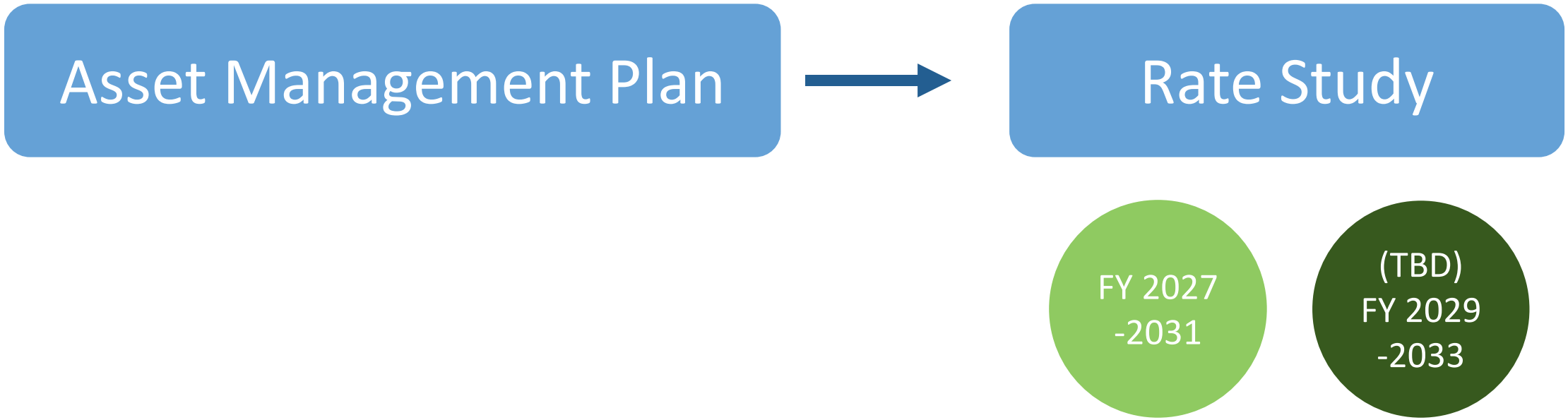
Wynola Water District 2026 TA Projects



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Asset Management Plan

Inventory all water system assets

- Purchase Price
- Purchase Date
- Useful Life

Estimate replacement cost as assets expire

- Est. remaining useful life
- Current value ($ 2026)
- Replacement value ($ at end of useful life)

Rate Study Process

Gather Information

- Operating Budget
- Customer Data
- Current Fund Balance
- Asset Replacement Plan

Financial Plan

- How much money is needed to cover all expenses?

Cost of Service Analysis

- How can we divide costs fairly between customers?

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Current Rate Schedule

Quarterly Water Service Charges

Fixed Charges

Charge	Rate	per
All water users	$190.57	*quarter*
Standby Service	$40.00	

Volumetric Charges

Charge	Rate	Unit
All water use	$13.03	*per 100 cf (cubic foot)*

Notes

1 unit = 100 cf = 748 gallons

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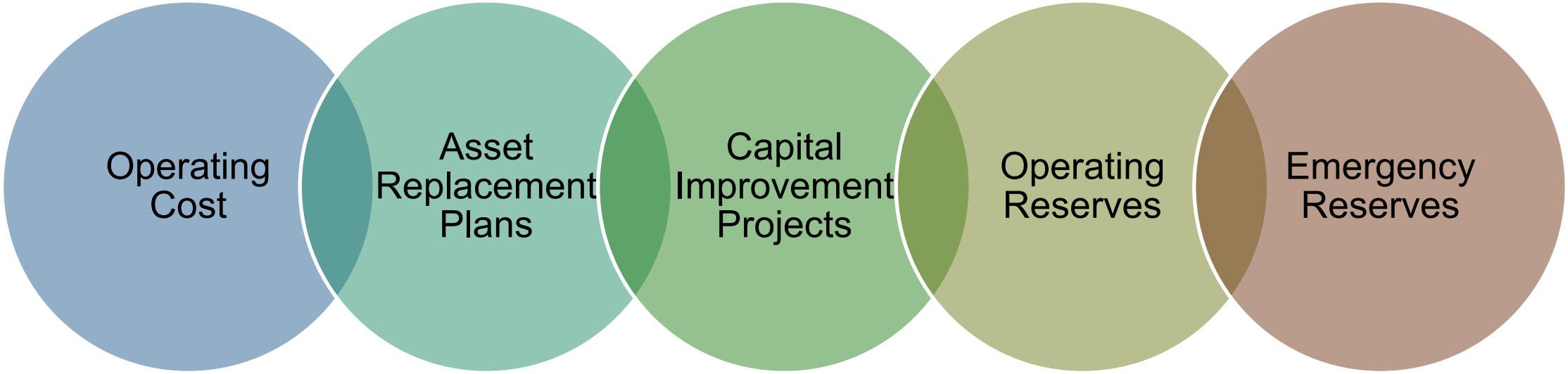
The True Costs of Service



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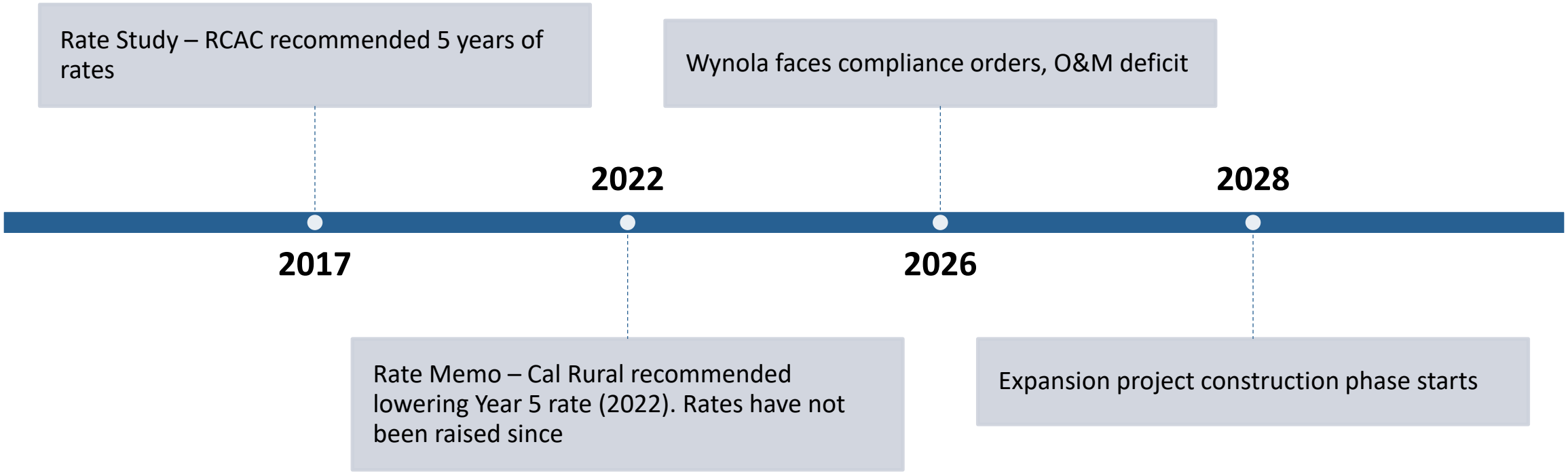
Rate Study Background



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Operating Deficit

	2017	2022	2026
Total Revenues	$91,197	$154,153	$206,607
Operating Cost	$38,641	$82,456	$277,605
CIP	$197,191	$121,298	$336,500

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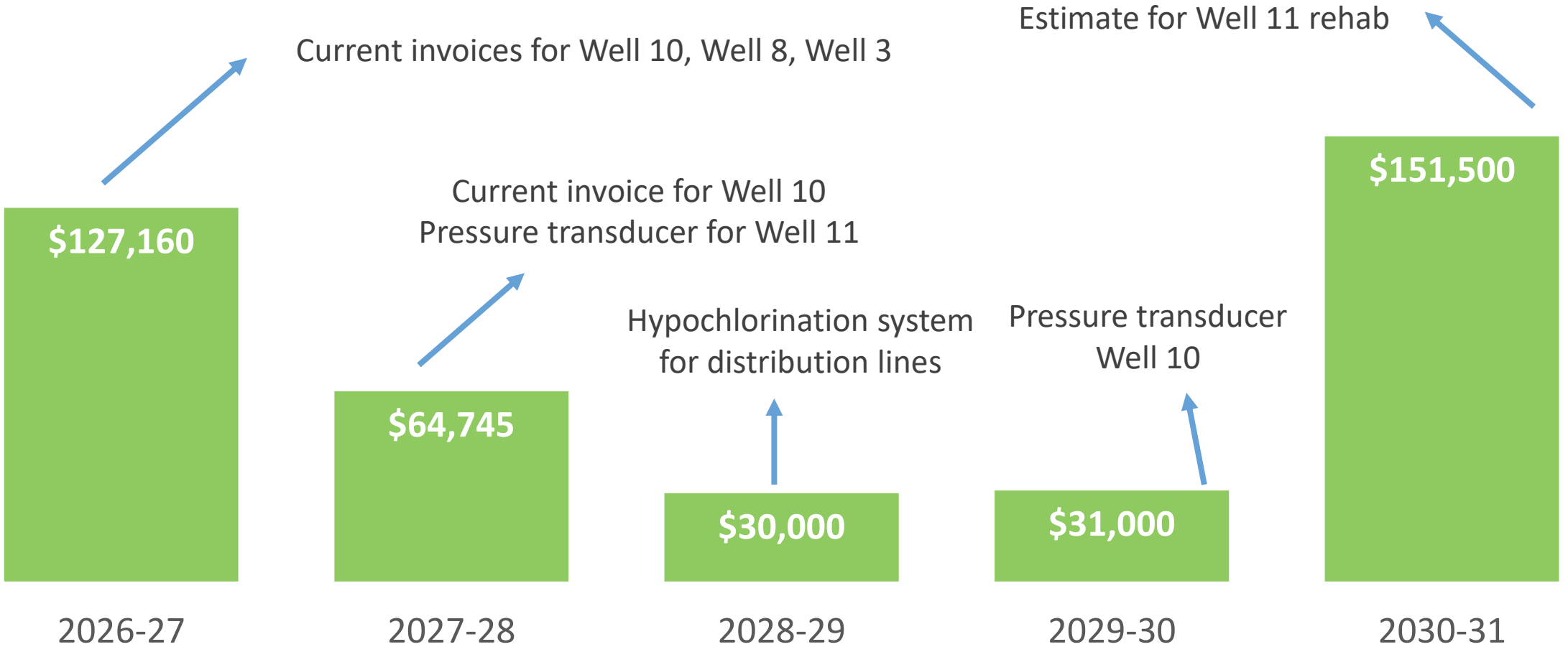
Capital Improvement Project Costs (DRAFT)



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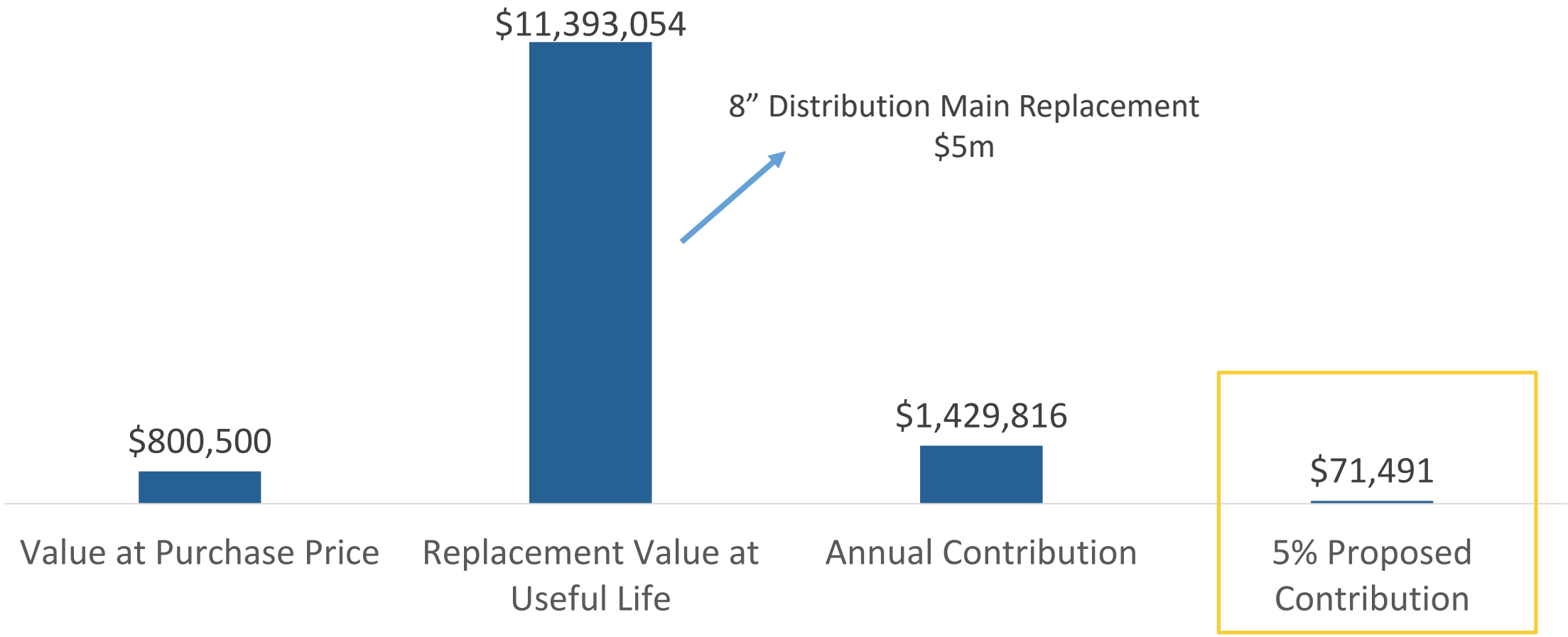
Asset Replacement Cost



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Current & Minimum Fund Balance

6/30/26 Total Cash Fund Balance	**$182,342**

Operating Reserve	At least 90 days O&M	$57,381
Emergency Reserve	1% Current Asset Value	$73,644
Total Minimum Reserve Recommendation		**$131,025**

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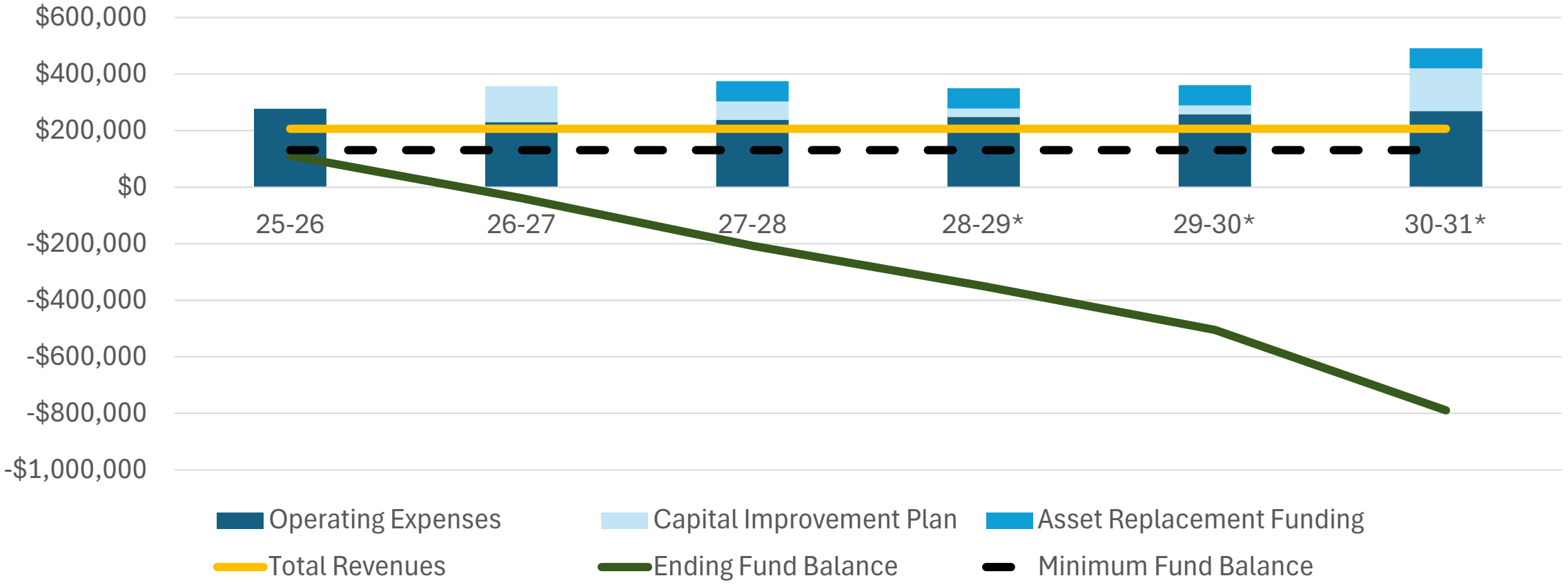
Five Year Projection



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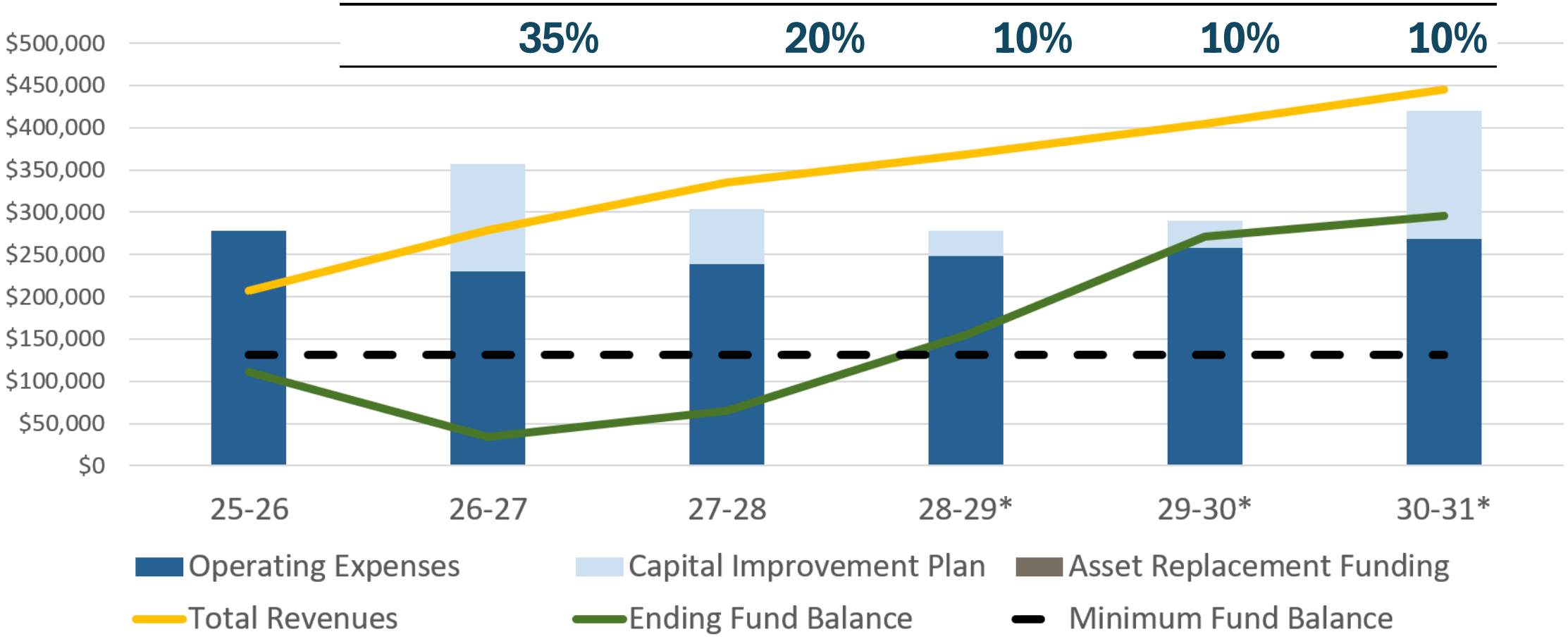
Option 1 – O&M and CIP only



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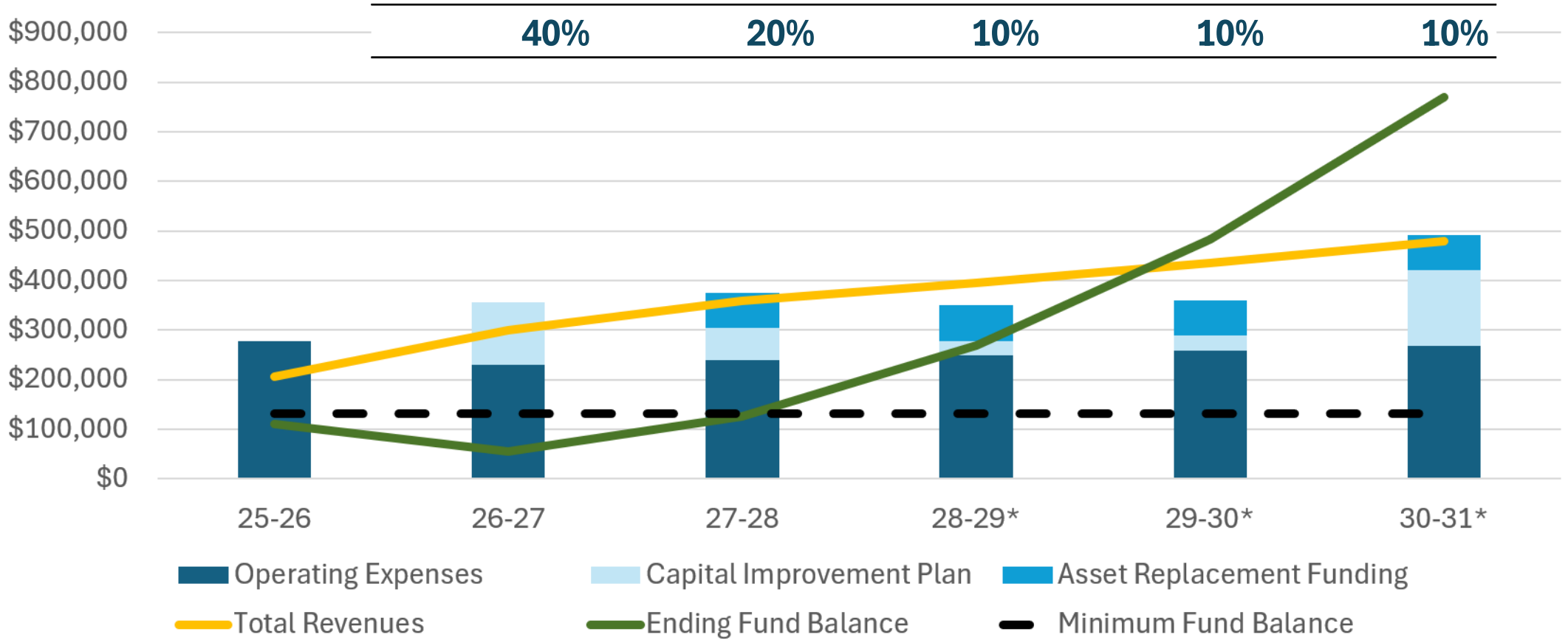
Option 2 – O&M, CIP and Asset Replacement



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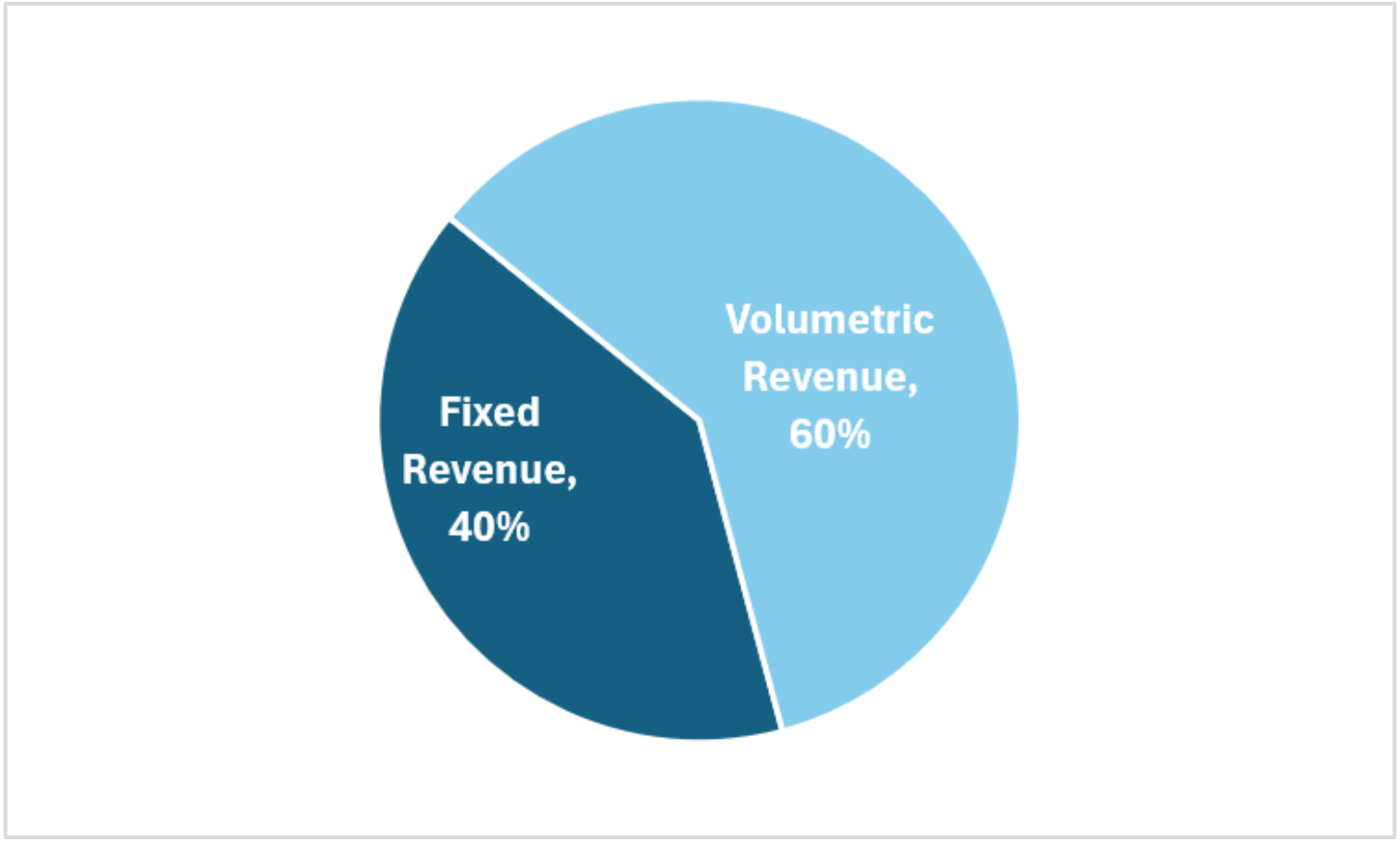
Rate Design – Fixed and Volumetric Rate Revenues



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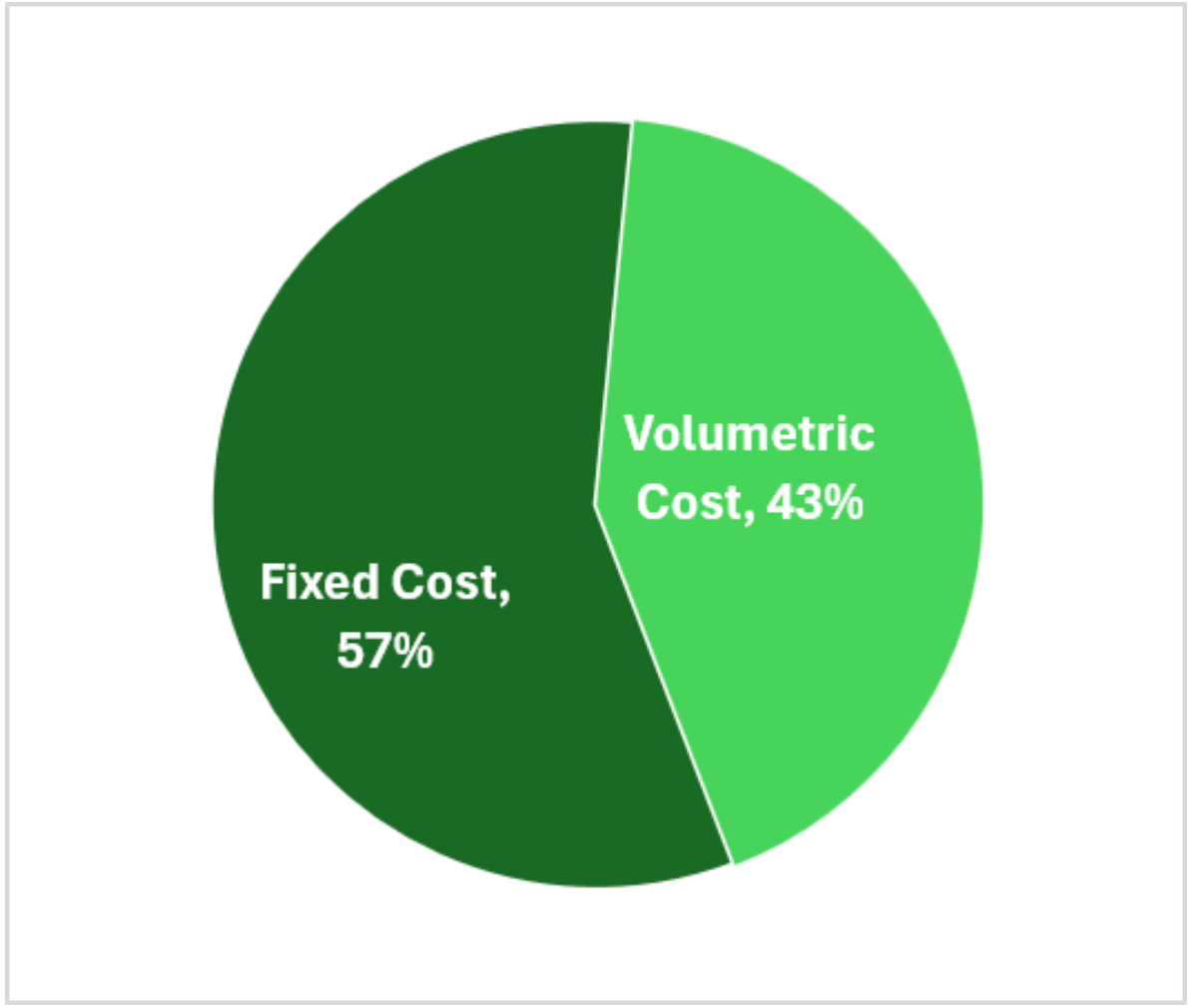
Fixed and Volumetric Costs



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RCAC Rate Recommendations

Charge fixed rates based on water meter size

Consider Monthly Billing

Consider Fire Protection Rates

Re-evaluate rates when expansion project O&M estimates are available in Fall 2027

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Proposed Rates - Fixed by Customer

Proposed Rate Summary - Fixed Charges by Customer						
	25-26	**26-27**	**27-28**	**28-29**	**29-30**	**30-31**
Proposed Revenue Increase		**35.0%**	**20.0%**	**10.0%**	**10.0%**	**10.0%**
	Current	Restructured				
Fixed Charge (Monthly)						
All Customers	$63.52	$124.38	$149.25	$164.18	$180.60	$198.66
Volumetric Rate ($/ccf)	$13.03	$12.58	$15.09	$16.60	$18.26	$20.09
Typical Single Family Monthly Bill (5 ccf)	$128.67	$187.26	$224.72	$247.19	$271.91	$299.10
Affordability	**2.26%**	**3.29%**	**3.95%**	**4.34%**	**4.78%**	**5.25%**

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Proposed Rates - Fixed By Meter Size

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Proposed Revenue Increase		**35.0%**	**20.0%**	**10.0%**	**10.0%**	**10.0%**
	Current	Restructured				
Fixed Charge (Monthly)						
Residential 5/8" or less	$63.52	$115.28	$138.33	$152.16	$167.38	$184.12
1"	$63.52	$288.19	$288.19	$288.19	$288.19	$288.19
Volumetric Rate ($/ccf)	$13.03	$12.58	$15.09	$16.60	$18.26	$20.09
Typical Single Family Monthly Bill (5 ccf)	$128.67	$178.16	$213.80	$235.18	$258.69	$284.56
Affordability	**2.26%**	**3.13%**	**3.76%**	**4.13%**	**4.54%**	**5.00%**

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Fire Protection Rate

Proposed Fixed Rate (Monthly) - 5/8"	**$115.28**
Proposed Fixed Rate (Monthly) - 1"	**$288.19**

5/8" Meter	$104.57
1" Meter	$261.41
Fire Protection	$52.28

AWWA standard – can set fire protection rates at 20% of fixed charge

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Proposition 218 Overview

Any time rates are increased, mail a notice to all ratepayers with details on the proposed rates

Hold a public hearing at least 45 days after mailing the notice

If 50% + 1 customers submit a written protest, the rates cannot be adopted

Adopted rates are the maximum that the Board can adopt in any year

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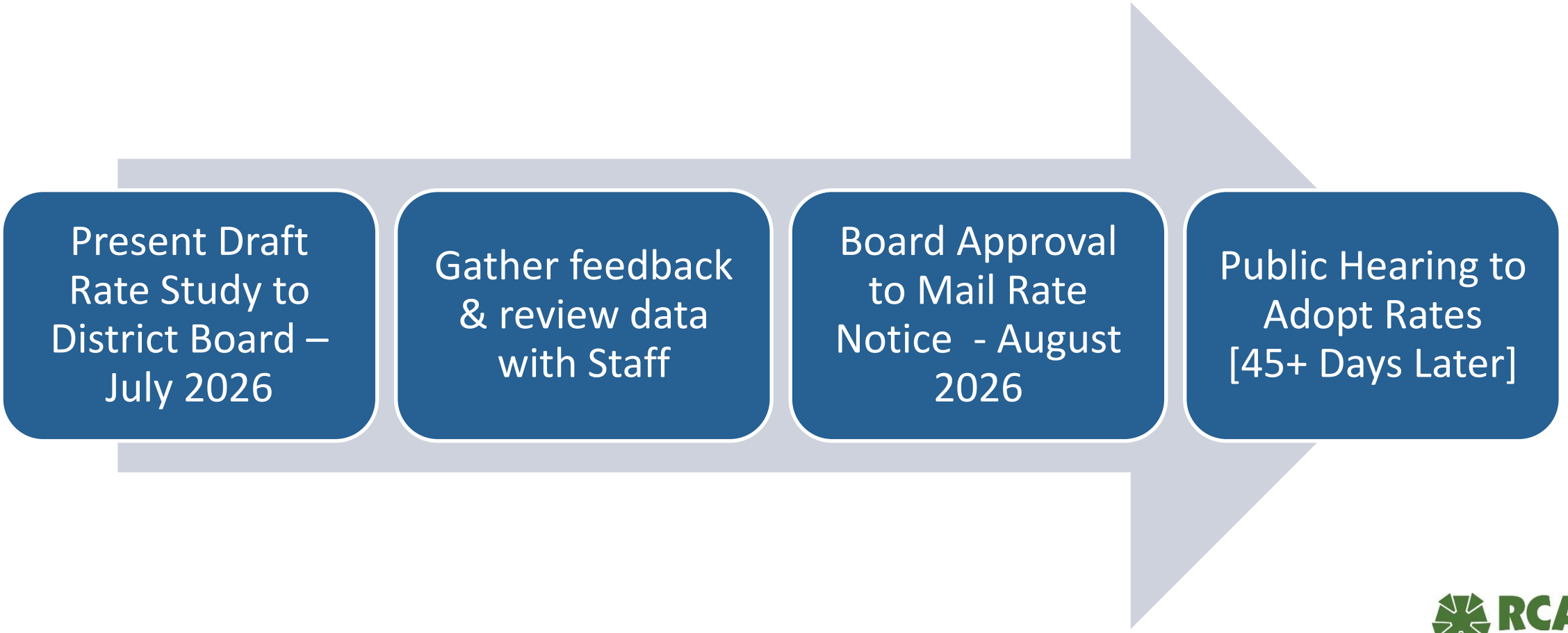
Timeline and Next Steps



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Questions? Feedback?

- O&M & CIP funding vs O&M CIP & Asset Replacement

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Fixed Charge (Monthly)						
Residential 5/8" or less	$63.52	$115.28	$138.33	$152.16	$167.38	$184.12
Proposed Revenue Increase		**40.0%**	**20.0%**	**10.0%**	**10.0%**	**10.0%**
Fixed Charge (Monthly)						
Residential 5/8" or less	$63.52	$119.55	$143.46	$157.80	$173.58	$190.94

- Billing Monthly
- Billing by Meter Size
- Fire Protection Rate

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