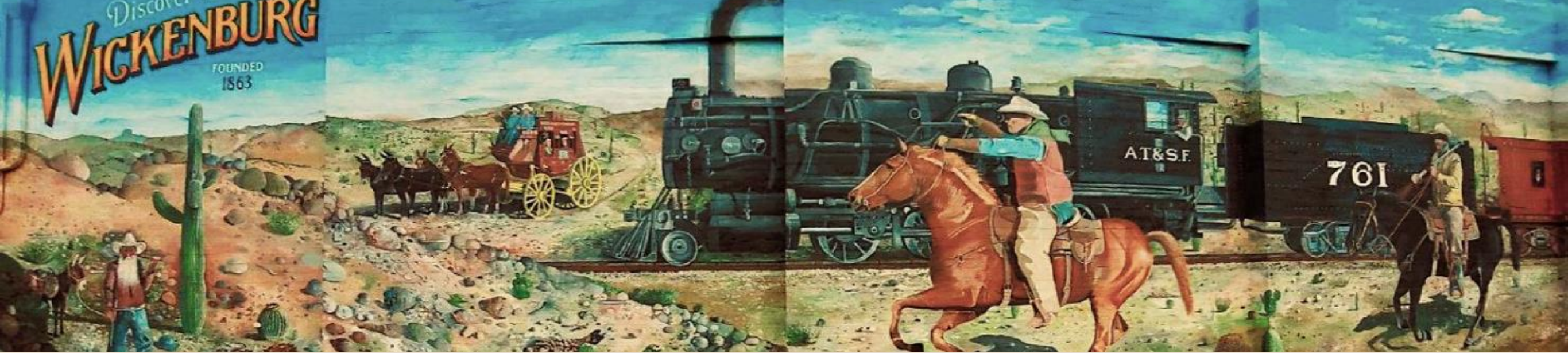




TOWN OF WICKENBURG

SYSTEM 1 RATE INCREASES

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May 19, 2025



Town of Wickenburg

History



Rate Study and Water/Wastewater Master Plans were initiated in 2022



The master plans called for nearly \$80 million in projects in wastewater and \$40 million in projects in water.



As a result, rate increases were approved in May 2024.

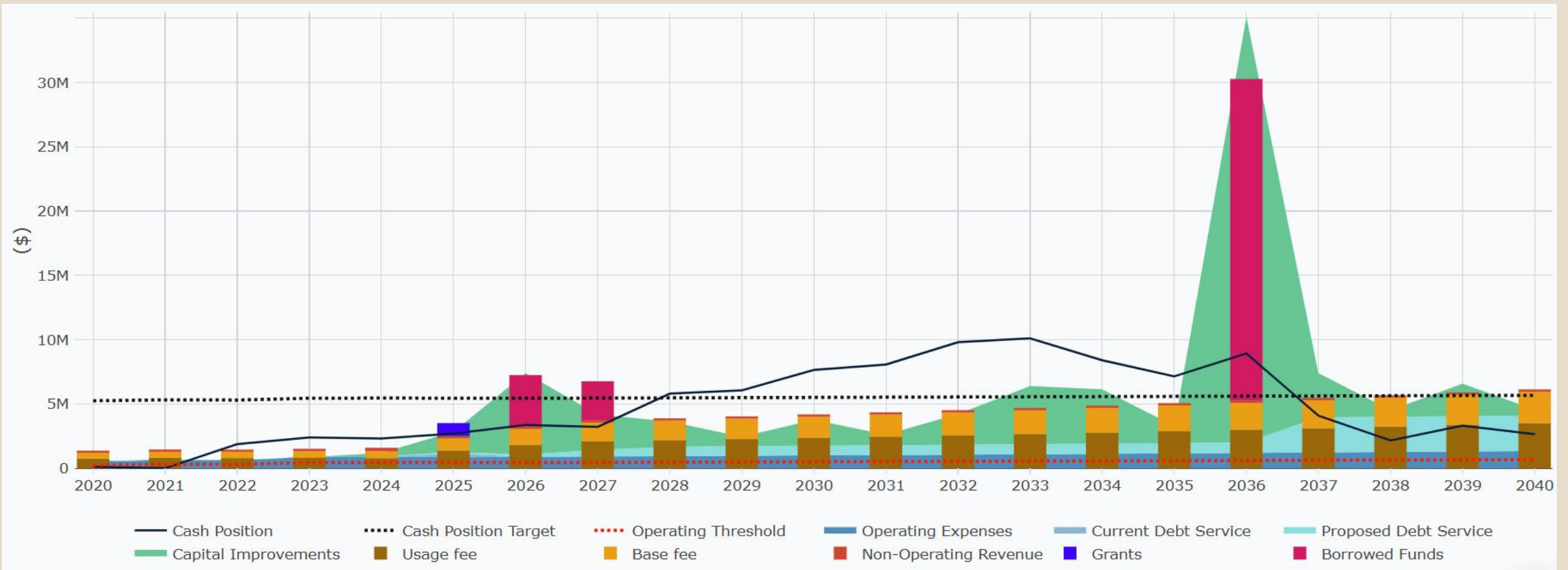
Wastewater 1 Rate Increases

Monthly Base	Wastewater 1					
	Current	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 26/27	FY 27/28	FY 28/29
	Resolution #1785.01 Effective 01/01/2019	75% increase Effective FY2025	60% increase Effective FY2026	60% increase Effective FY2027	3% increase Effective FY2028	3% increase Effective FY2029
5/8" Residential	\$13.63	\$23.85	\$38.16	\$61.06	\$62.89	\$64.78
5/8" Commercial	\$13.63	\$23.85	\$38.16	\$61.06	\$62.89	\$64.78
1" Residential	\$18.63	\$32.60	\$52.16	\$83.46	\$85.97	\$88.55
1" Commercial	\$18.63	\$32.60	\$52.16	\$83.46	\$85.97	\$88.55
1.5"	\$100.00	\$175.00	\$280.00	\$448.00	\$461.44	\$475.28
2"	\$150.00	\$262.50	\$420.00	\$672.00	\$692.16	\$712.92
3"	\$200.00	\$350.00	\$560.00	\$896.00	\$922.88	\$950.57
4"	\$250.00	\$437.50	\$700.00	\$1,120.00	\$1,153.60	\$1,188.21
6"	\$300.00	\$525.00	\$840.00	\$1,344.00	\$1,384.32	\$1,425.85
8"	\$350.00	\$612.50	\$980.00	\$1,568.00	\$1,615.04	\$1,663.49
10"	\$400.00	\$700.00	\$1,120.00	\$1,792.00	\$1,845.76	\$1,901.13
12"	\$450.00	\$787.50	\$1,260.00	\$2,016.00	\$2,076.48	\$2,138.77
Usage Per 1,000	System 1	Proposed Rates	Proposed Rates	Proposed Rates	Proposed Rates	Proposed Rates
Residential	\$2.23	\$3.90	\$6.24	\$9.99	\$10.29	\$10.60
Commercial Small	\$3.72	\$6.51	\$10.42	\$16.67	\$17.17	\$17.68
Commercial Medium	\$4.49	\$7.86	\$12.57	\$20.12	\$20.72	\$21.34
Commercial Large	\$5.88	\$10.29	\$16.46	\$26.34	\$27.13	\$27.95

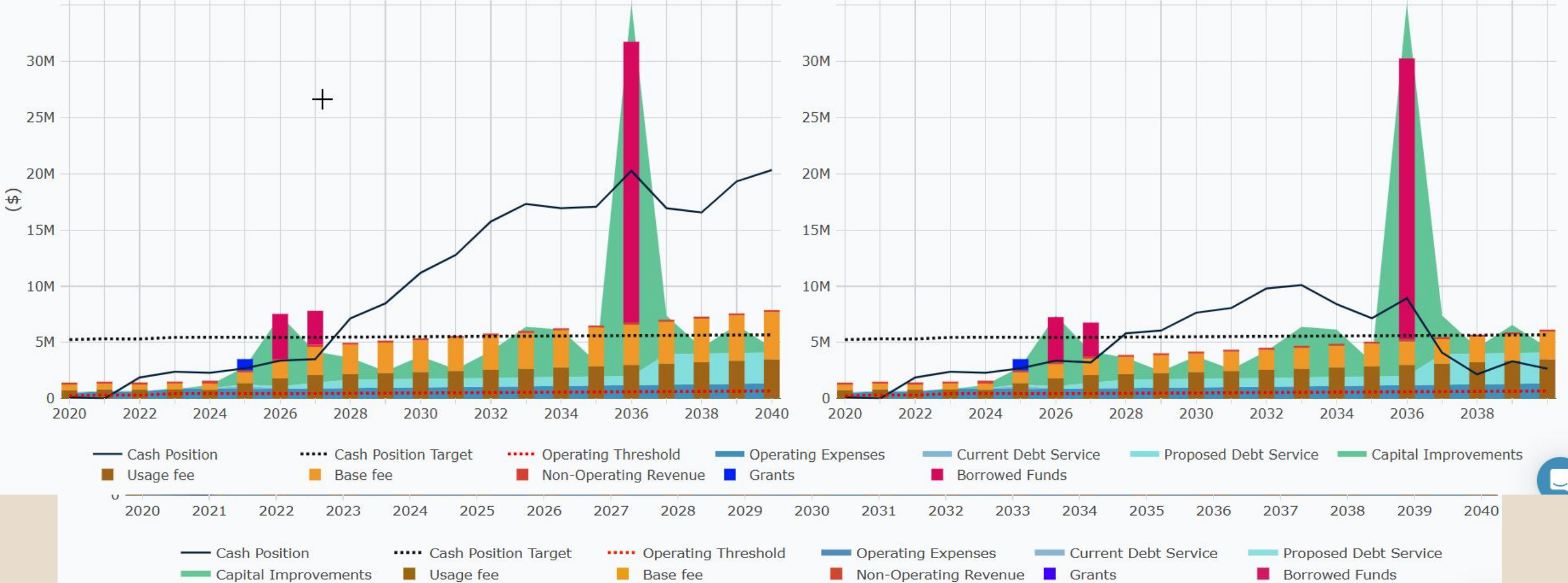
New Proposed Wastewater 1 Rates

	Wastewater 1				
	Current	2026	2027	2028	2029
	Current	30% increase	15% increase	3% increase	3% increase
Monthly Base	Effective FY2025	Effective FY2026	Effective FY2027	Effective FY2028	Effective FY2029
5/8" Residential	\$23.85	\$31.01	\$35.66	\$36.73	\$37.83
5/8" Commercial	\$23.85	\$31.01	\$35.66	\$36.73	\$37.83
1" Residential	\$32.60	\$42.38	\$48.74	\$50.20	\$51.71
1" Commercial	\$32.60	\$42.38	\$48.74	\$50.20	\$51.71
1.5"	\$175.00	\$227.50	\$261.63	\$269.47	\$277.56
2"	\$262.50	\$341.25	\$392.44	\$404.21	\$416.34
3"	\$350.00	\$455.00	\$523.25	\$538.95	\$555.12
4"	\$437.50	\$568.75	\$654.06	\$673.68	\$693.89
6"	\$525.00	\$682.50	\$784.88	\$808.42	\$832.67
8"	\$612.50	\$796.25	\$915.69	\$943.16	\$971.45
10"	\$700.00	\$910.00	\$1,046.50	\$1,077.90	\$1,110.23
12"	\$787.50	\$1,023.75	\$1,177.31	\$1,212.63	\$1,249.01
Usage Per 1,000	Rates	Rates	Rates	Rates	Rates
Residential	\$3.90	\$5.07	\$5.83	\$6.01	\$6.19
Commercial Small	\$6.51	\$8.46	\$9.73	\$10.02	\$10.33
Commercial Medium	\$7.86	\$10.21	\$11.75	\$12.10	\$12.46
Commercial Large	\$10.29	\$13.38	\$15.38	\$15.85	\$16.32

Total Forecast 30% WasteWater Increase Then 15%



WasteWater 1 Current Rate Increase VS. 30%, Then 15%



Water Adjudication is Progressing

The Gila River General Stream Adjudication is moving forward and picking up pace.

- Scientific questions about how groundwater and surface water interact are being actively addressed in court. As these questions are resolved, the pace of adjudication is expected to increase.
- The court is currently reviewing Hydrographic Survey Reports (HSRs) for different areas of the watershed.
- Although the Town's rights are not immediately up for decision and the Town's Lower Gila – Agua Fria River HSR is still beyond the court's planning horizon, we know that being prepared will ensure we protect the Town's long-term water rights.

Planning and Investment Will Be Key

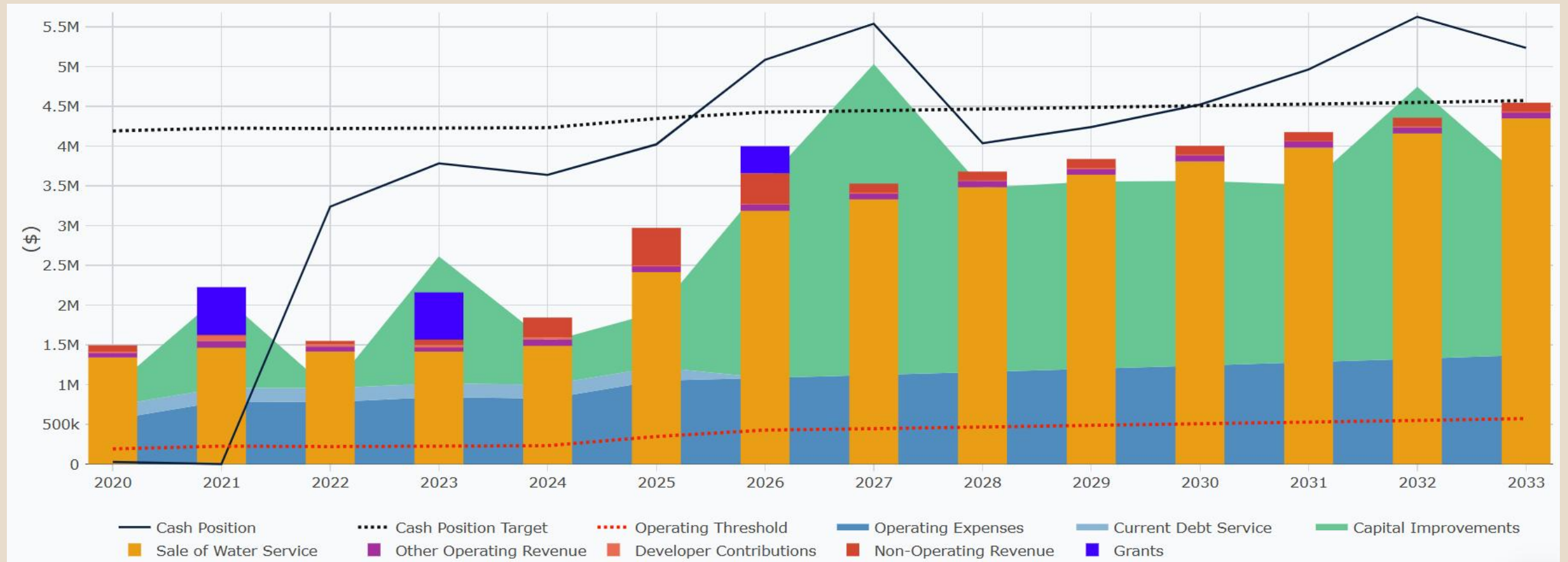
To protect the Town's water rights, the Town needs to plan ahead.

- We will need capital resources to support:
 - **Scientific and legal investigations** into the Town's historical and current water use.
 - **Strategic planning** for how best to use, defend, or modify rights.
 - **Capital improvement projects** that may be necessary to use water in the future.
 - **Evaluation or acquisition** of additional surface water rights, if needed.
- Investing now positions the Town to respond proactively, leading to better effectiveness and flexibility for the Town as the adjudication process continues to unfold.

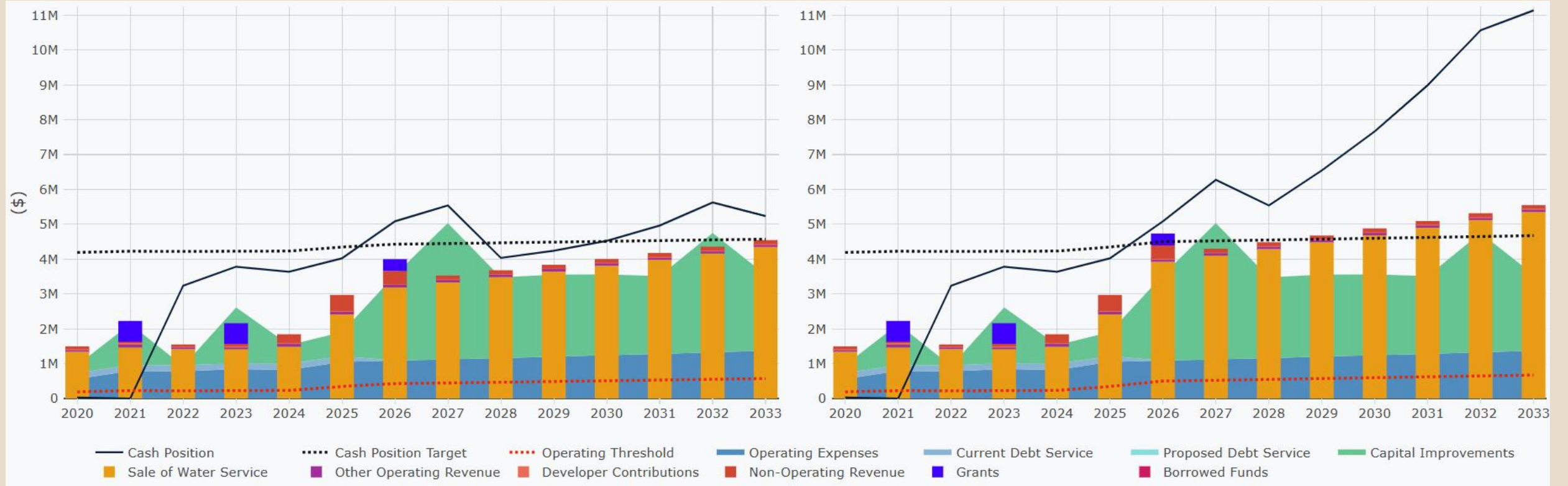
Water 1 Rate Increases (Current)

Monthly Base	Water 1					
	Current	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 26/27	FY 27/28	FY 28/29
	Resolution #1785.01 Effective 01/01/2019	60% increase Effective FY2025	60% increase Effective FY2026	4% increase Effective FY2027	4% increase Effective FY2028	4% increase Effective FY2029
5/8" Residential	\$12.06	\$19.30	\$30.87	\$32.11	\$33.39	\$34.73
5/8" Commercial	\$12.06	\$19.30	\$30.87	\$32.11	\$33.39	\$34.73
1" Residential	\$13.06	\$20.90	\$33.43	\$34.77	\$36.16	\$37.61
1" Commercial	\$13.06	\$20.90	\$33.43	\$34.77	\$36.16	\$37.61
1.5"	\$50.00	\$80.00	\$128.00	\$133.12	\$138.44	\$143.98
2"	\$100.00	\$160.00	\$256.00	\$266.24	\$276.89	\$287.97
3"	\$150.00	\$240.00	\$384.00	\$399.36	\$415.33	\$431.95
4"	\$200.00	\$320.00	\$512.00	\$532.48	\$553.78	\$575.93
6"	\$250.00	\$400.00	\$640.00	\$665.60	\$692.22	\$719.91
8"	\$300.00	\$480.00	\$768.00	\$798.72	\$830.67	\$863.90
10"	\$350.00	\$560.00	\$896.00	\$931.84	\$969.11	\$1,007.88
12"	\$400.00	\$640.00	\$1,024.00	\$1,064.96	\$1,107.56	\$1,151.86
Usage Per 1,000	System 1	Proposed Rates	Proposed Rates	Proposed Rates	Proposed Rates	Proposed Rates
0 to 10,000 gallons	\$1.09	\$1.74	\$2.79	\$2.90	\$3.02	\$3.14
11,000 to 20,000 gallons	\$1.49	\$2.38	\$3.81	\$3.97	\$4.13	\$4.29
21,000 to 50,000 gallons	\$2.98	\$4.77	\$7.63	\$7.93	\$8.25	\$8.58
51,000 gallons and over	\$3.14	\$5.02	\$8.04	\$8.36	\$8.69	\$9.04

Total Forecast (30%)



30% Vs 60% (Current)



Review of Future Needs in Water

- Continue installing Monitoring Wells to assist in establishing subflow zone
- Develop a GroundWater Master Plan
- Accrue funds for potential future purchase of Water rights.



Questions?