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Approach for Cost Of Service Analysis

> Revenue Requirements What

> Operating Costs

> Capital Investments

Existing Assets

Who Customer Classes

How > Cost Allocation Among Beneficiary Classes

> True Cost of Service and Fair Share Why

Compliance with Proposition 218



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Setting Rates

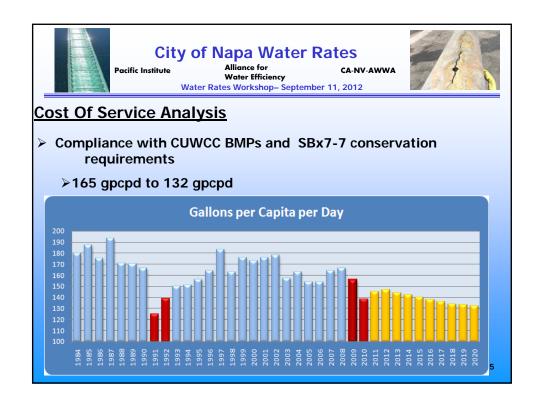
- > Revenue Requirements
 - **Operating**
 - **Capital Investment in Infrastructure**
- > Forecast of Future Revenue

Total \$\$ Consumption (Units) X Cost (\$ per Unit)

of Units Fixed =

\$\$/Unit







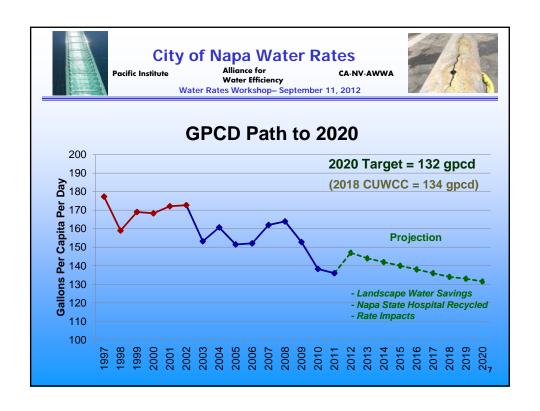
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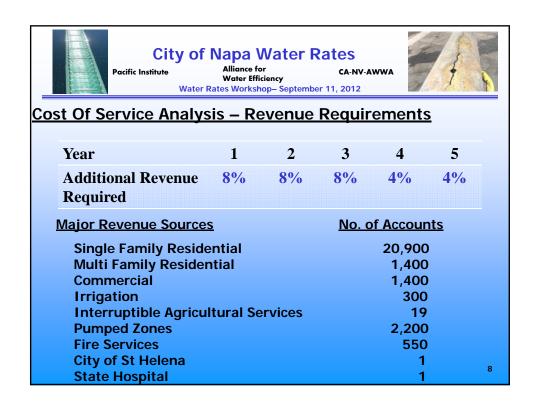
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What will be achieved?

- ➤ Inclining Tier Rates to raise awareness of conservation and move towards compliance with 20% by 2020 Regulation SBx7-7
- ➤ Inclining Tier Rates charge the cost of service reflecting higher operating costs during peak demands of the summer
- > Inclining Tiered Rates will raise awareness about discretionary water use







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Rate Modification

>Structural Change and Increase

Existing since 1997: Single Quantity charge

No fixed element

Modification:

Fixed quantity charge

\$13.25(includes 3 units)

Tiers for SFR

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What will be achieved?

➤ Tier Rates for single family residential customers 85% of accounts

Water Consumption: 1 Unit = 1,000 gallons

Tier	Unit Range	3200000		Current Units	Current Charge	
Fixed Service Charge	Includes 0			3	\$ 13.25	
Tier 2	4-20	\$	4.42	17	\$	75.14
Tier 3	21-40	\$	4.58	20	\$	91.60
Tier 4	41-75	\$	5.80	5	\$	29.00
Tier 5	Over 75	\$	7.70	0	\$	0.00
	Tiered Water Totals			45	\$	208.99



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Benefits of Reduced Consumption

> Short Term Impacts Operating costs do not decrease

Infrastructure must be maintained

> Long Term Benefits

Reduced Capital Investment in Infrastructure no or reduced additional supply no or reduced additional storage



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How can customers control their costs?

Free Water-Wise Home and Business Surveys



Water-Wise Gardening

Napa Valley

- Free Water-Wise Landscaping Workshops, Web Site
- "Cash For Grass" Turf Replacement Rebate
- **High-Efficiency Clothes Washer Rebate**
- Free Replacement of pre-1992 Toilets w/WaterSense
- **Free Water-Saving Devices**













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Compliance

- 1. Stage II Disinfection Byproduct Rule (DBPR-II)
 - > October 2012

Effects: Capital Improvements to distribution and

treatment

- 2. SBx7-7 Reduce baseline of 165 gpcpd
 - > 2015 reduce per capita consumption by 15% (148 gpcpd)
 - > 2020 reduce per capita consumption by 20% (132 gpcpd)

Effects: Limits Sales and Revenue

No change to level of service or

fireflow requirements

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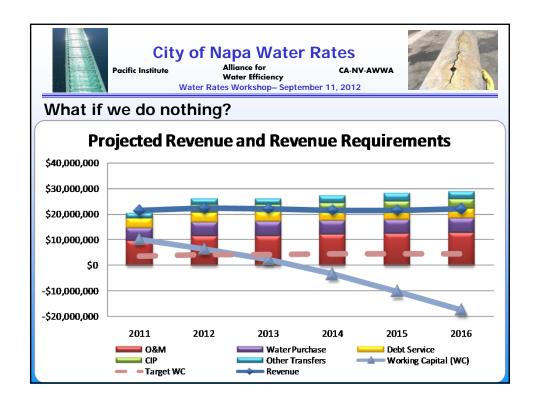
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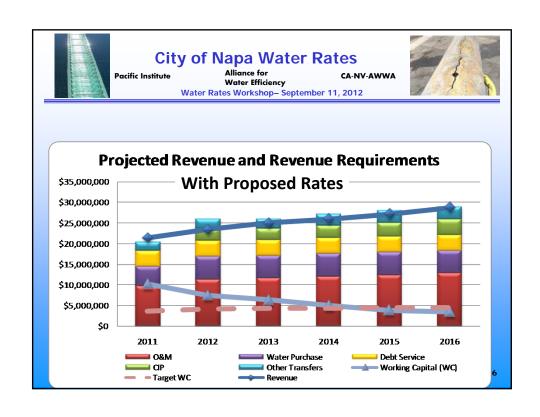
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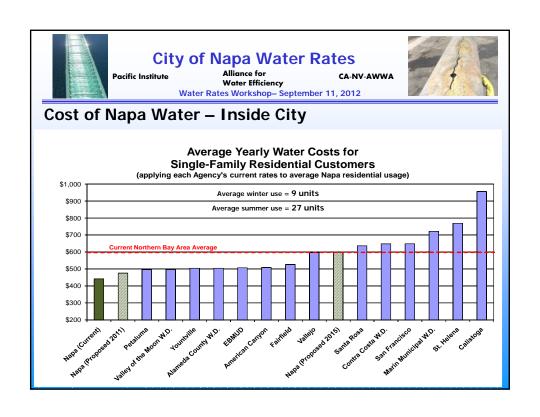
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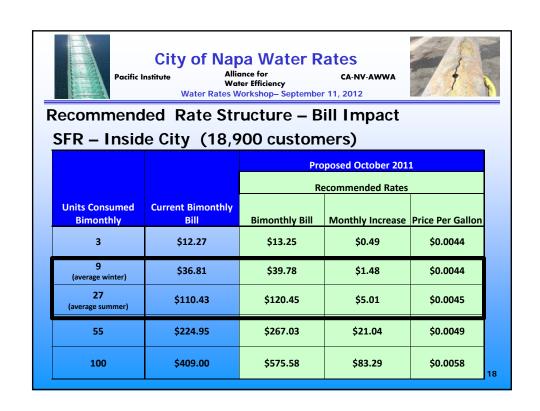


Questions or Comments?











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Recommended Rate Structure Single Family Residential (SFR)

- > Return to service charge and tiers
- > Ensure basic level of service is included
- > Promote conservation at all levels of summer consumption
- > Equitable charges for level of service received

(1 Unit = 1,000 gallons)	Percent Total (Proposed October 2011 Rate	
Units	Winter	Summer	
Bimonthly Service Charge (includes 3 units)	9%	4%	\$13.25
4-20	79%	42%	\$4.42
21-40	10%	40%	\$4.58
41-75	1%	12%	\$5.80
76+	0.3%	2%	\$7.70



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Communication and Outreach Efforts

- > Prop 218 Notifications mailed to all account holders and property owners
- > Information posted on the web-site at:

www.cityofnapa.org/water

- ✓ Interactive bill calculator
- √ FAQs
- ✓ Report of Cost of Service Analysis
- ✓ List of customer classification by address



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Communication and Outreach Efforts

- > Letters to 466 fire service customers
- > Outreach and meetings with
 - √ Chamber of Commerce
 - √ NV Register Editorial Board
 - ✓ Taxpayers Association
 - √ County Staff / Supervisor
- > Information booths and ongoing conservation messaging