## **Public Hearing**

**Groundwater Production & Other Water Charges** 

April 11, 2017



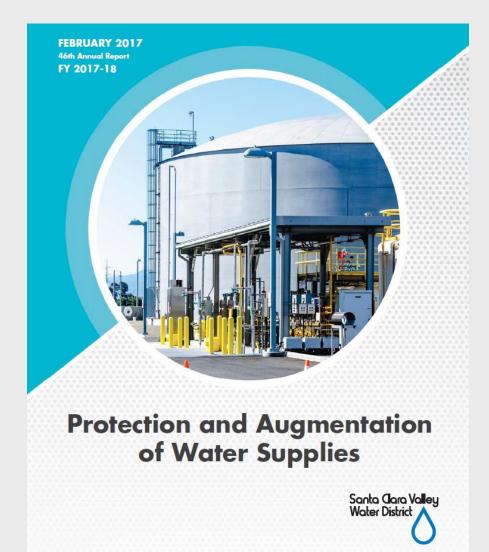
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## Public Hearing has Three Specific Objectives

- Present annual report on Santa Clara Valley Water District's activities and recommended groundwater production charges
- 2. Provide opportunity for any interested person to "...appear and submit evidence concerning the subject of the written report" to the Board of Directors
- 3. Determine and affix Groundwater Production and Other Water Charges for FY 2017-18

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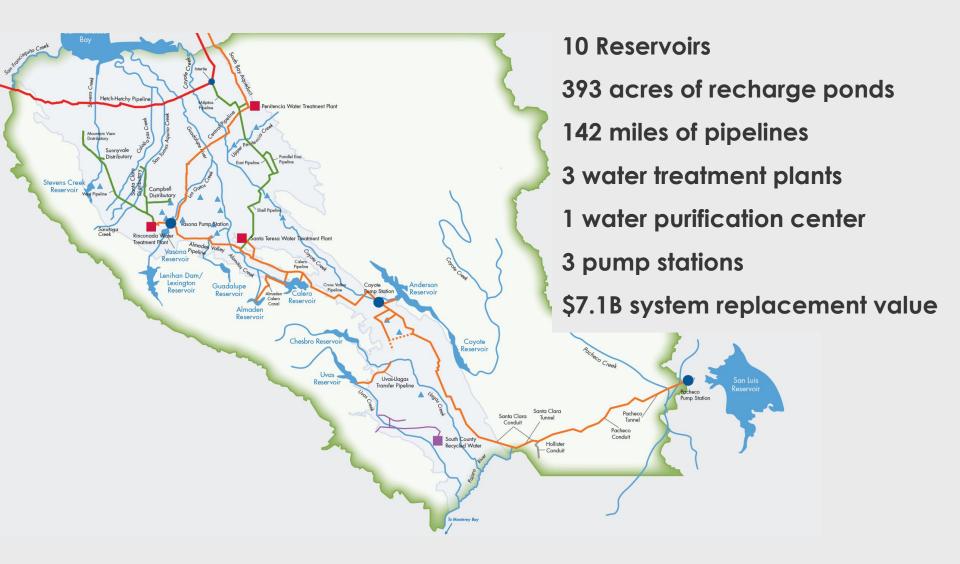
### 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Report Provides Information, Accountability



### **2017** Protection and Augmentation of Water Supplies Report

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### Many activities ensure safe, reliable groundwater supplies

- Operate & maintain local reservoirs
- Purchase imported water
- Operate & maintain raw, treated & recycled water pipelines
- Plan & construct improvements to infrastructure
- Monitor & protect groundwater from pollutants





- Rate Setting Process
- FY 18 financial analysis and projections
  - Water Usage
  - Cost Projection
  - Proposed Maximum Groundwater Production Charges & Staff Proposed Adjustments
  - Benchmarks
  - State Water Project Tax
- Schedule/Wrap up

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# **Rate Setting Process**

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### District Act Defines Uses for Groundwater Charges

- District Act Section 26.3: Defines purposes of groundwater production charges that can be imposed on a zone of benefit
  - 1. Pay for construction, operation and maintenance of imported water facilities
  - 2. Pay for imported water purchases
  - 3. Pay for constructing, maintaining and operating facilities which will conserve or distribute water including facilities for groundwater recharge, surface distribution, and purification and treatment
  - 4. Pay for debt incurred for purposes 1, 2 and 3

### Pricing Policy helps Optimize Use of Water Resources

Resolution 99-21: Utility taxing and pricing policy guides staff in the development of the overall structure to charge recipients for the various direct and indirect benefits received

Key concept – "water supplies are managed, through taxing and pricing, to obtain the effective utilization of the water resources of the District…"

Objective: Maximize effective use of available resources

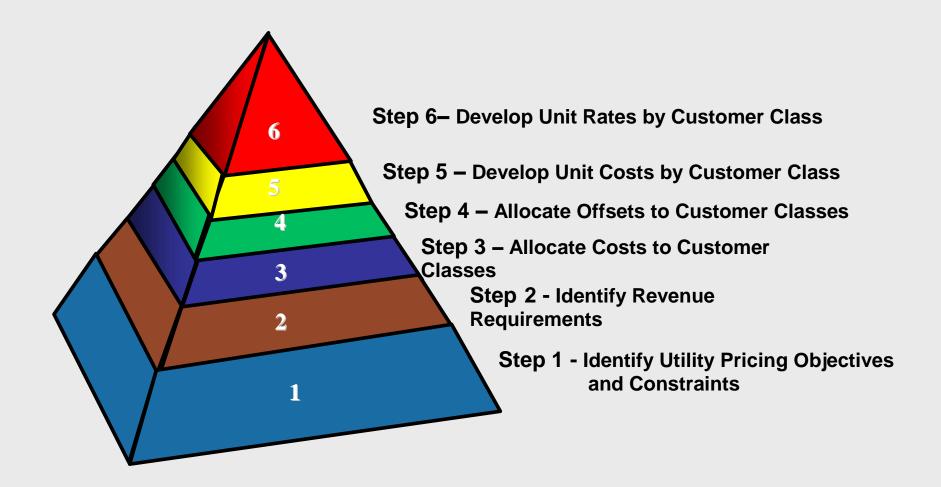
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## The Charge Setting Process is Consistent with Resolutions 12-10 and 12-11

- Meets the procedural and substantive requirements for establishing property related fees
- Includes cost of service analysis by customer class
- Includes protest procedure as defined in Board Resolutions 12-10 & 12-11
  - Prior Year Results North County = <1.7% for GW, 0% for SW</p>
  - Prior Year Results South County = <0.3% for GW, 0% for SW</p>

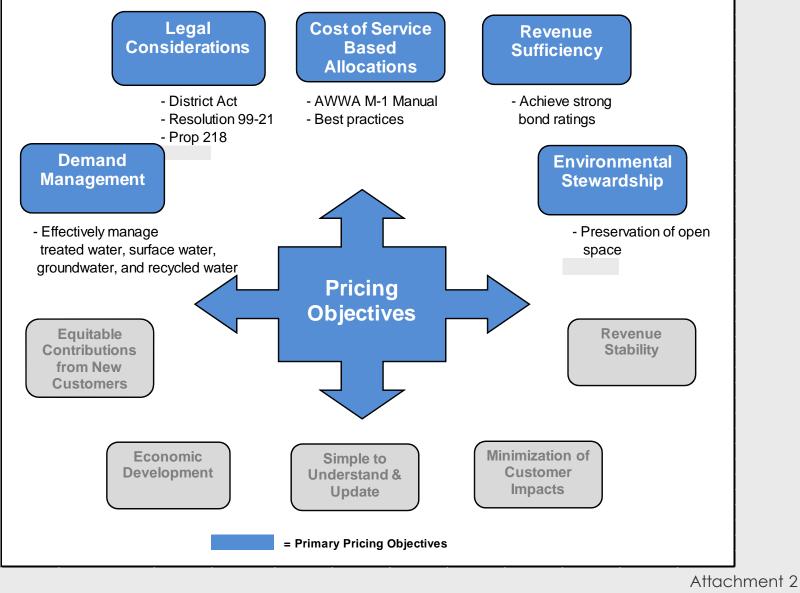
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### The District follows best practice rate making steps



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### **Pricing Objectives and Constraints**



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# FY 18 Financial Analysis and Projections

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### Financial Analysis: FY 18 Key Assumptions

#### California Water Fix (CWF):

- "Conveyance Pumping" Case included in Prelim Analysis
- State Water Project portion of CWF would be paid for by SWP tax in FY 19 & beyond
- ► Incremental SWP tax for average single family residence would be \$13/yr by FY 27

#### **Expedited Purified Water:**

- Costs assume a Progressive Design Build (PDB) method
- **•** Two year schedule extension versus January 2017 preliminary analysis

**Recycled Water North County Partnership:** 

- ► FY 17 budget totals \$3M
- ▶ No additional funding in FY 18 & beyond

**Drought Reserve:** 

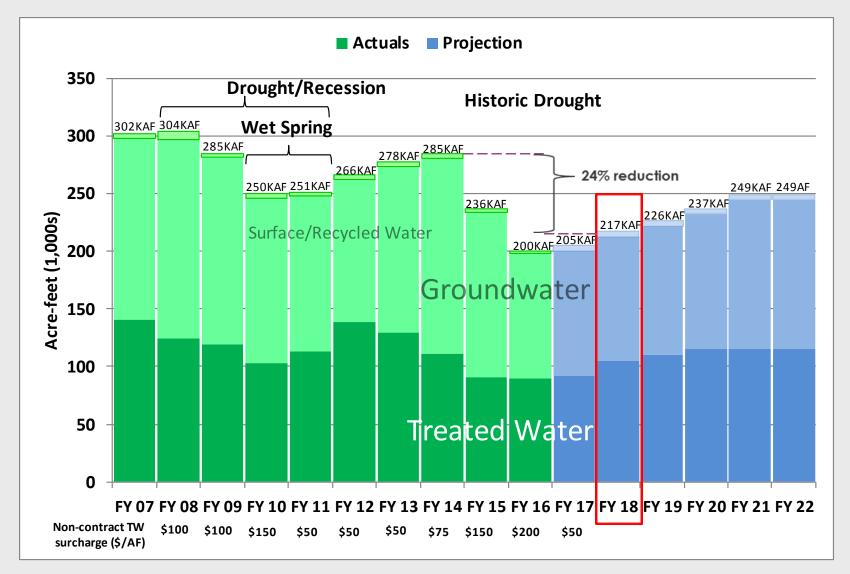
**\$3M** of seed funding allocated in FY 17, no further funding included in forecast

Salary Savings:

Included in FY 18 (\$1.5M)

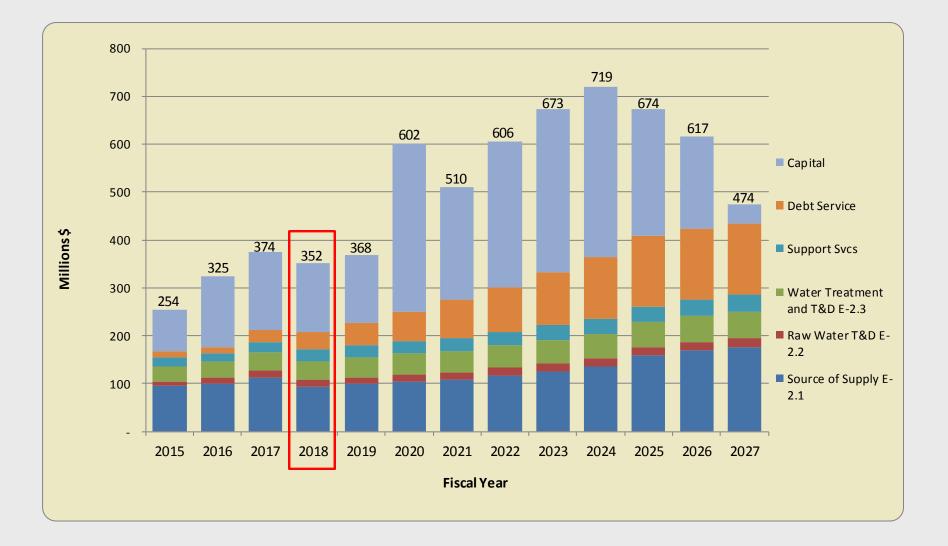
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### District Managed Water Usage drives revenue projection



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### **Adjusted Cost Projection**



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## Key Capital project funding FY 18 thru FY 27

- Expedited Purified
   Water Program (\$966M)
- Rinconada Reliability Improvement (\$174M)
- Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit (\$413M)
  - \$67M (15% of total \$445M project) to be reimbursed by Safe Clean Water Measure

- FAHCE Implementation Fund (\$145M placeholder)
- Calero & Guadalupe
   Dams Seismic Retrofit
   (\$133M)
- 10 Year Pipeline
   Rehabilitation (\$97M)
- Almaden Dam Improvements (\$47M)
- Vasona Pumping Plant
   Upgrade (\$20M)

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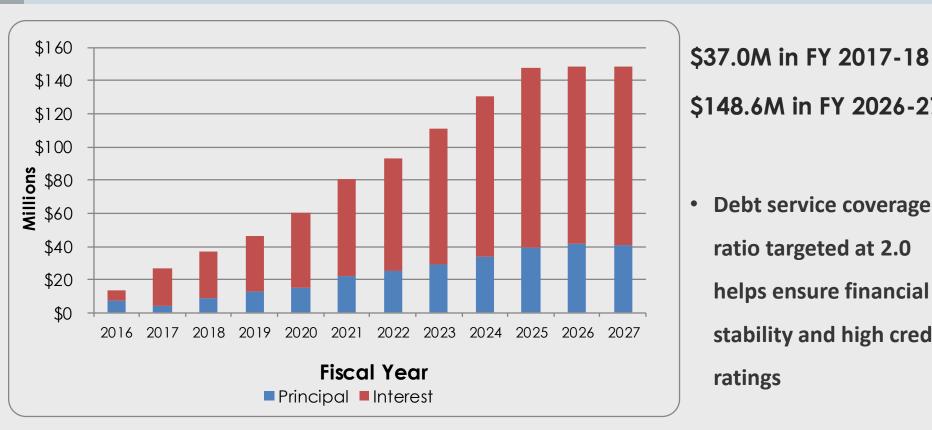
# Some projects cannot be funded without higher future charges

- Dam Seismic Stability at 2 Dams – Unfunded portion (\$89.5M)
- SCADA Small Capital Improvements (\$19.6M)
- South County Recycled Water Reservoir Expansion (\$7.0M)
- Land Rights South County Recycled Water Pipeline (\$5.8M)

- Alamitos Diversion Dam Improvements (\$3.2M)
- Coyote Diversion Dam Improvements (2.5M)

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### Financial Analysis: Implementation of CIP results in debt service increases



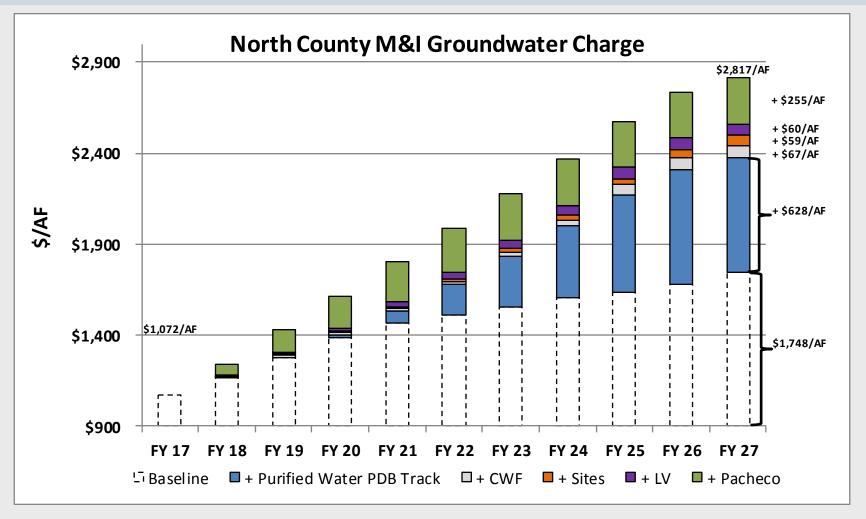
\$148.6M in FY 2026-27 **Debt service coverage** ratio targeted at 2.0 helps ensure financial

stability and high credit

ratings

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### Financial Analysis: Preliminary Water Supply Investment Scenarios



Notes:

- Water Supply alternative costs are based on staff estimates, and are subject to change
- CWF and Purified Water PDB track are included in the current projection

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# **Proposed Maximum Groundwater Production Charges & Staff Proposed** Adjustments

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### FY 2018: North County Proposed Maximum Charges

- 9.6% 9.9% increase for M&I groundwater production
- 8.8% 9.0% increase for contract treated water

Staff proposed adjustments as of 3/15/17

9.9% 10.2% increase for M&I surface water & 14.5% for Ag surface water
6.4% increase for Ag groundwater production

	Do	Dollars Per Acre Foot					
	FY 2015–16	FY 2016–17	Proposed Maximum FY 2017–18				
one W-2 (North County)							
Basic User/Groundwater Production Charge							
Municipal & Industrial	894.00	1,072.00	1,178.00	1,175.0			
Agricultural	21.36	23.59	25.09				
Surface Water Charge							
Surface Water Master Charge	22.60	27.46	33.36				
Total Surface Water, Municipal & Industrial*	916.60	1,099.46	1,211.36	1,208.3			
Total Surface Water, Agricultural*	43.96	51.05	58.45				
Treated Water Charges							
Contract Surcharge	100.00	100.00	100.00				
Total Treated Water Contract Charge**	994.00	1,172.00	1,278.00	1,275.0			
Non-Contract Surcharge	200.00	50.00	50.00	100.			
Total Treated Water Non-Contract Charge***	1,094.00	1,122.00	1,228.00	1,275.0			

\*Note: The total surface water charge is the sum of the basic user charge (which equals the groundwater production charge) plus the water master charge

\*\*Note: The total treated water contract charge is the sum of the basic user charge (which equals the groundwater production charge) plus the contract surcharge

\*\*\*Note: The total treated water non-contract charge is the sum of the basic user charge (which equals the groundwater production charge) plus the non-contract surcharge

\$3.55

\$3.65 per month average household increase

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### FY 2018: South County Proposed Maximum Charges

# 6.4% increase for M&I & Ag groundwater production 7.3% increase for M&I surface water & 14.5% for Ag surface water 6.7% increase for M&I recycled water & 3.2% for Ag recycled water

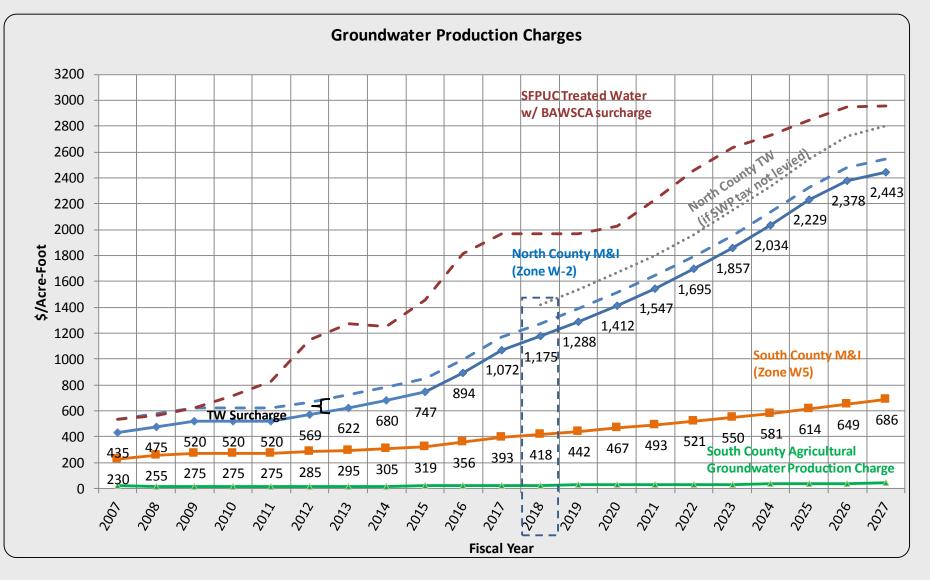
	Do	Dollars Per Acre Foot				
	FY 2015–16	FY 2016–17	Proposed Maximum FY 2017–1			
one W-5 (South County)						
Basic User/Groundwater Production Charge						
Municipal & Industrial	356.00	393.00	418.00			
Agricultural	21.36	23.59	25.09			
Surface Water Charge						
Surface Water Master Charge	22.60	27.46	33.36			
Total Surface Water, Municipal & Industrial*	378.60	420.46	451.36			
Total Surface Water, Agricultural*	43.96	51.05	58.45			
Recycled Water Charges						
Municipal & Industrial	336.00	373.00	398.00			
Agricultural	45.16	47.38	48.88			

\*\*\*Note: The total treated water non-contract charge is the sum of the basic user charge (which equals the groundwater production charge) plus the non-contract surcharge

\$0.86 per month average household increase

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### **Groundwater Production Charges Adjusted Projection**



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### **Proposed Maximum**

Proposed Maximum	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22
No. County (W-2) M&I GWP charge (\$/AF)	\$1,072	\$1,178	\$1,306	\$1,449	\$1,607	\$1,782
Y-Y Growth %	19.9%	9.9%	10.9%	10.9%	10.9%	10.9%
So. County (W-5) M&I GWP charge (\$/AF)	\$393	\$418	\$442	\$467	\$494	\$522
Y-Y Growth %	10.4%	6.4%	5.7%	5.7%	5.8%	5.7%

### **Staff Proposed Adjustments**

Adjusted Proposed Maximum	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	
No. County (W-2) M&I GWP charge (\$/AF)	\$1,072	\$1,175	\$1,288	\$1,412	\$1,547	\$1,695	
Y-Y Growth %	19.9%	9.6%	9.6%	9.6%	9.6%	9.6%	>
So. County (W-5) M&I GWP charge (\$/AF)	\$393	\$418	\$442	\$467	\$494	\$522	
Y-Y Growth %	10.4%	6.4%	5.7%	5.7%	5.8%	5.7%	

Note: Staff Proposed Adjustments reflect schedule extension for Expedited Purified Water Program

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# Benchmarks

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### Comparison of FY 17 proposed increase with similar agencies

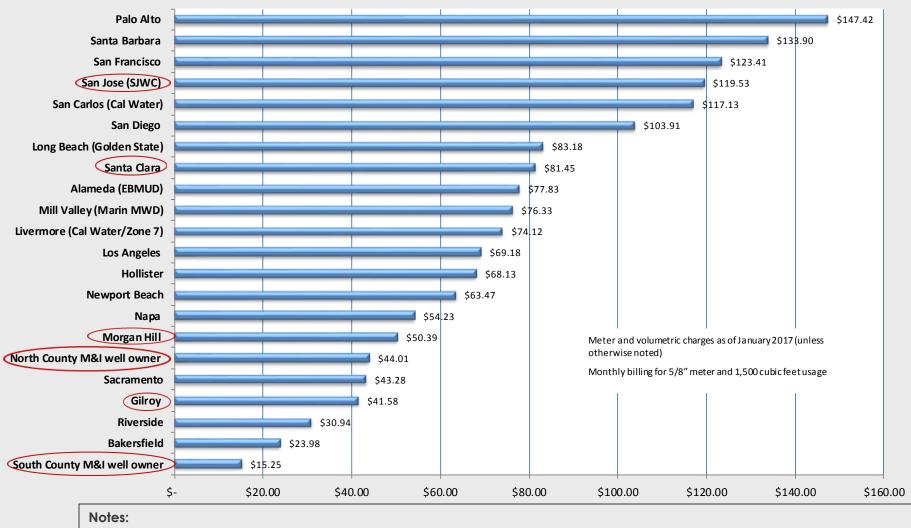
	% inc.	% inc.	% inc.		Projection
	'14 to '15	'15 to '16	'16 to '17	FY 17	FY 18 <sup>3</sup>
SCVWD North W-2 (Groundwater prdctn per AF)	10%	20%	20%	\$1,072	9.6%
SCVWD North W-2 (Treated Water per AF)	9%	17%	18%	\$1,172	8.8%
SCVWD South W-5 (Groundwater prdctn per AF)	5%	12%	10%	\$393	6.4%
Metropolitan WD (Untreated Water per AF) <sup>1</sup>	-1%	1%	8%	\$762	4.4%
Metropolitan WD (Treated Water per AF) <sup>1</sup>	3%	1%	2%	\$1,075	3.8%
Orange County WD (Groundwater per AF)	7%	10%	25%	\$402	TBD
San Diego County WA (Treated Water per AF) <sup>1</sup>	3%	6%	1%	\$1,531	TBD
San Francisco PUC (Treated Water per AF) <sup>2</sup>	17%	25%	8%	\$1,969	0.0%
Zone 7 (Treated Water per AF) <sup>1</sup>	3%	37%	15%	\$1,575	-13.2%

1) MWD, SDCWA and Zone 7 rates based on calendar year (i.e. 2018 rate would be effective on 1/1/2018)

2) SFPUC rates include BAWSCA bond surcharge estimate of \$183/AF

3) SCVWD FY 18 projection includes staff proposed adjustments to proposed maximum

## **Retail Agency Benchmarks**



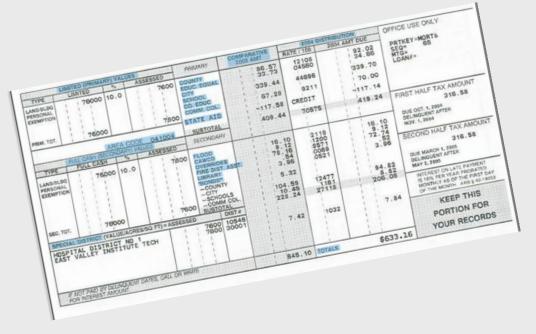
- SCVWD retailer rates shown include SCVWD proposed adjusted increase for FY 2017-18, but do not include increases that
  retailers may impose
- Well owner rates exclude pumping costs (e.g. electricity) and well maintenance costs

## State Water Project Tax Recommendation

- Staff recommends decreasing the SWP tax from \$33M to \$26M
- The SWP tax bill for the average single family residence would decrease from \$55.00 to \$44.00/year.

## Impact if SWP tax not approved:

- \$148/AF in terms of North County M&I groundwater production charge
- \$31/AF in terms of South County M&I groundwater production charge
- \$755,000 in terms of Open space credit



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# Schedule & Wrap Up

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## 2017 schedule for hearings and meetings

- ✓ Dec 13 Board Workshop: Planning for FY 18 Groundwater Prod. Charges
- ✓ Jan 10 Board Meeting on Preliminary Groundwater Prod. Charge Analysis
- ✓ Feb 24 Mail notice of public hearing and file PAWS report
- ✓ March 15 Water Retailers Meeting
- ✓ April 3 Ag Water Advisory Committee
- ✓ April 4 Landscape Committee Meeting
  - April 11 Open Public Hearing
  - April 12 Water Commission Meeting
  - April 13 Continue Public Hearing in Morgan Hill (Informational Open House)
  - April 17 Environmental & Water Resources Committee
  - April 25 Conclude Public Hearing
  - May 9 Adopt budget & groundwater production and other water charges

Note: Protests may be submitted between the date the notice was mailed (February 24) and the conclusion of the hearing (April 25)

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### Feedback from Advisory Committees and Community

- Water Retailers
- Ag Advisory
- Landscape Committee
- Public Phone Calls

## **Summary and Next Steps**

### <u>Summary</u>

- FY 18 increase driven by vital infrastructure rehabilitation, upgrades, and investments
- Staff proposed adjustments would reduce the FY 2017-18 groundwater production charge increase relative to the proposed maximum

### <u>Next Steps</u>

- Obtain Feedback from Water Commission and Environmental & Water Resources Committee
- Continue Hearing to April 13 in Morgan Hill

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