2026 Water Rate Ordinance

Ordinance 02-380

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Overview

- Based on a 3-year average:
  - o 4,863 or 66% of households are in Los Alamos neighborhoods
  - o 2,506 or 34% of households are in White Rock neighborhoods
  - o Average Customer Counts
    - 7,000 - Residential
    - 84 - Multifamily
    - 288 - Commercial
    - 91 - County
    - 28 - Schools

Overview

Multifamily customers are groups of residents served through a single meter, such as apartment buildings and condos.

All usage is billed under one account, less administrative costs

Multifamily Type	Avg No. of Customers
Apartments	55
Condos	19
Duplex/Quad	7
Mobile Home Park	2
Senior Living	1

Los Alamos and White Rock Usage

Monthly residential water consumption (in kGal) for Los Alamos and White Rock residents during Non-Peak and Peak seasons

Los Alamos	Non-Peak	Peak
Residential	17,968	31,221
Multifamily	4,593	7,206
Commercial	4,265	6,816
County	3,484	7,482
School	532	3,324

White Rock	Non-Peak	Peak
Residential	11,595	24,784
Multifamily	60	50
Commercial	756	1,230
County	311	1,495
School	123	819

Average monthly residential usage per household in gallons

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Los Alamos	9,462	11,479	9,096	8,888	5,973	4,857	3,950	4,755	4,898	4,411	8,066	8,729
White Rock	8,221	8,495	8,134	6,031	4,378	2,944	2,816	2,666	2,709	2,805	5,262	7,063

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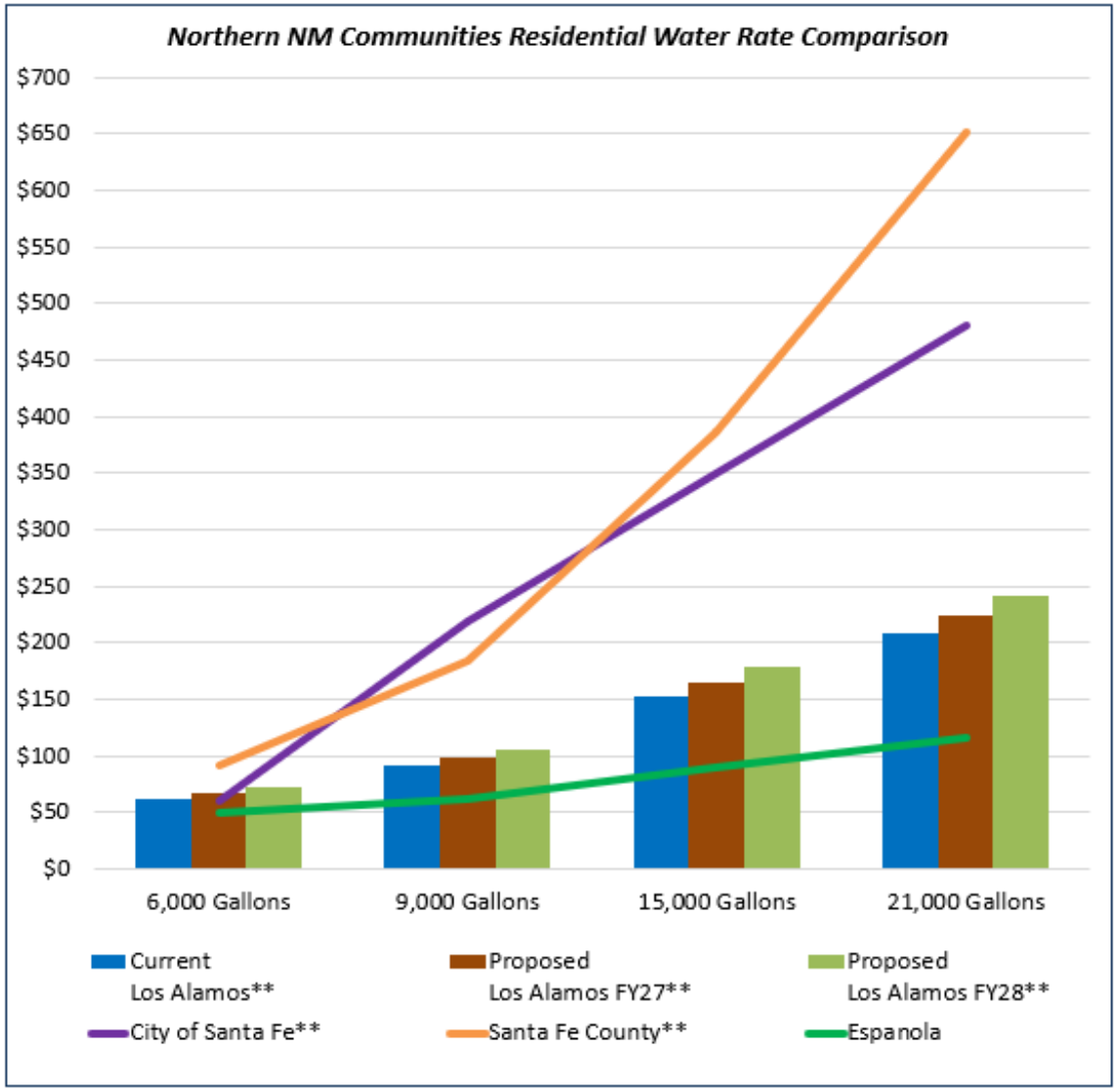
Residential – Peak

- Peak Water Rate applies to Residential Customers
- Three Tiers
  - 9,000 gallons or less
  - Between 9,000 and 15,000 gallons
  - Greater than 15,000 gallons

Peak			
Under 9,000	9,000 - 15,0000	Over 15,000	Average kGal Usage
65%	15%	20%	2,800,280

Neighboring Communities – Residential Water Rate Comparison



Monthly Usage	Current Los Alamos**	Proposed Los Alamos FY27**	Proposed Los Alamos FY28**	City of Santa Fe**	Santa Fe County**	Espanola
4,000 Gallons	46.81	50.55	54.59	48.24	56.55	40.98
6,000 Gallons	61.87	66.81	72.15	60.36	92.49	49.74
9,000 Gallons	91.21	98.49	106.41	219.48	184.29	62.88
15,000 Gallons	153.19	165.63	178.77	349.80	387.03	89.16
20,000 Gallons	198.69	214.83	231.87	458.40	621.43	111.06
21,000 Gallons	207.79	224.67	242.49	480.12	651.36	115.44
25,000 Gallons	244.19	264.03	284.97	567.00	771.08	132.96
30,000 Gallons	289.69	313.23	338.07	675.60	920.73	154.86

*** Tiered or seasonal rates apply for this jurisdiction*

Note: Neighboring rates as of June 30, 2025.

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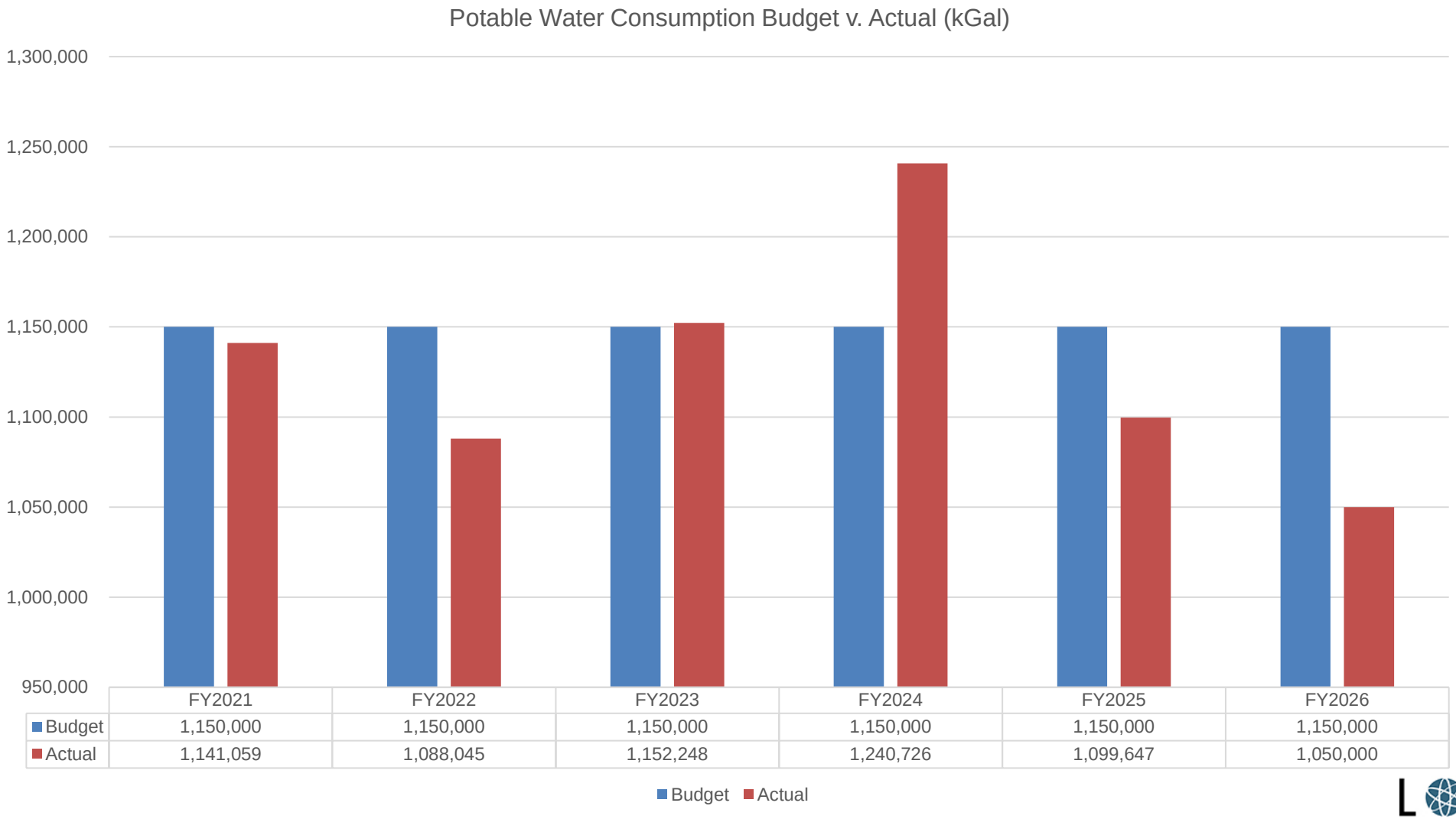
Potable Water Consumption



	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
Budget	1,150,000	1,150,000	1,150,000	1,150,000	1,150,000	1,150,000
Actual	1,141,059	1,088,045	1,152,248	1,240,726	1,099,647	1,050,000

Note: FY2026 Budget v. Projected

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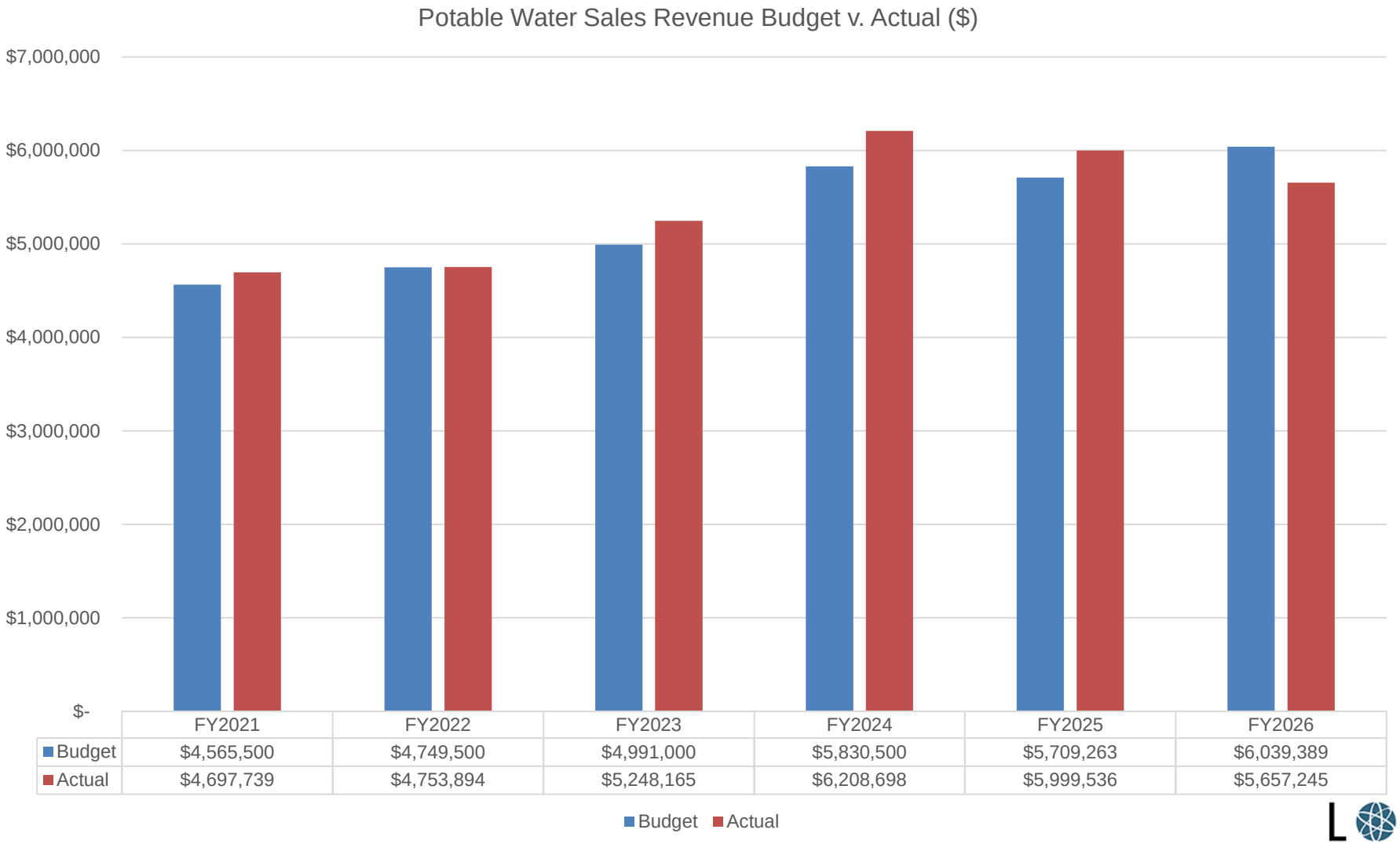
Potable Water Sales



	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
Budget	$4,565,500	$4,749,500	$4,991,000	$5,830,500	$5,709,263	$6,039,389
Actual	$4,697,739	$4,753,894	$5,248,165	$6,208,698	$5,999,536	$5,657,245

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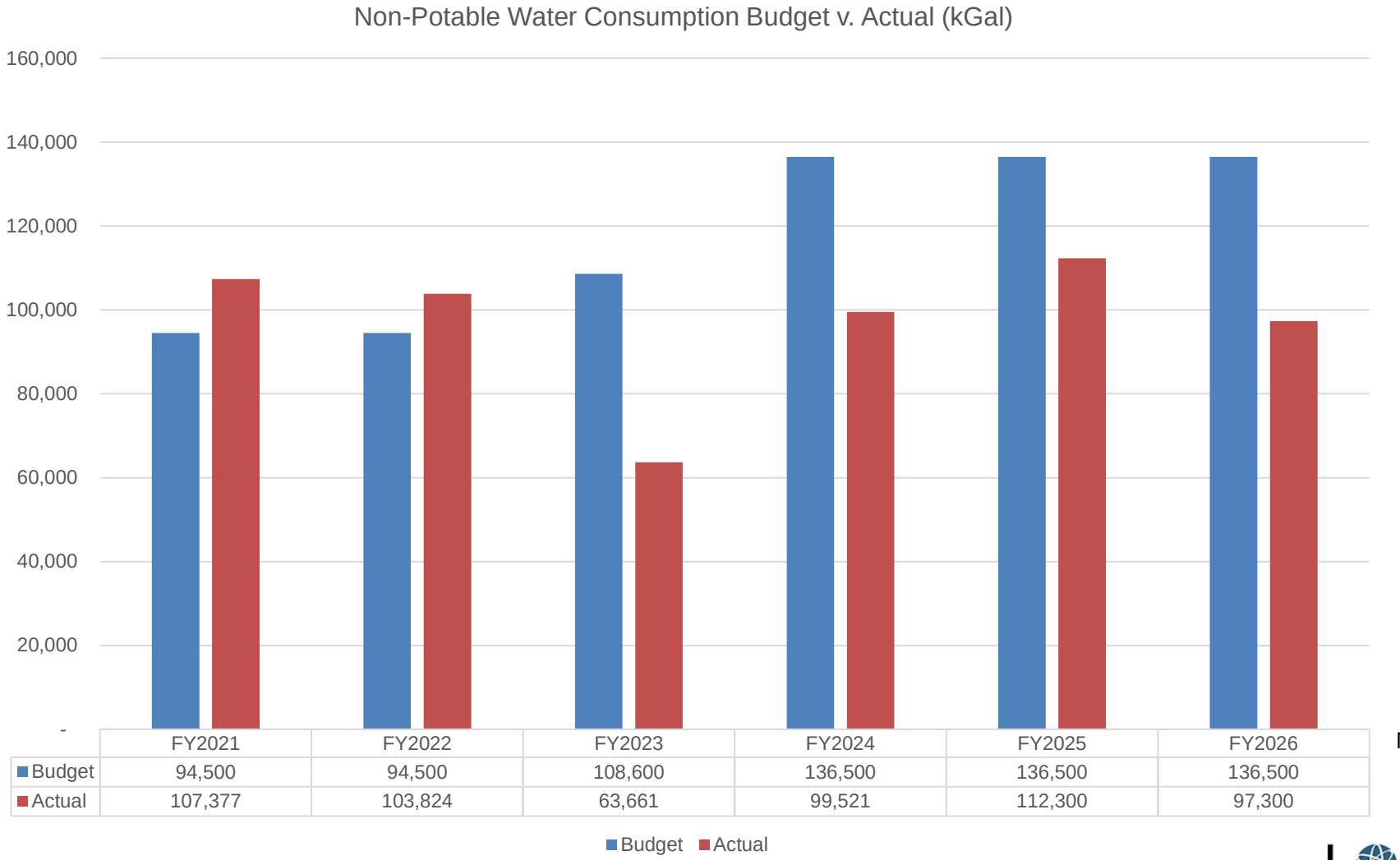
Non-Potable Water Consumption



	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
Budget	94,500	94,500	108,600	136,500	136,500	136,500
Actual	107,377	103,824	63,661	99,521	112,300	97,300

Note: FY2026 Budget v. Projected

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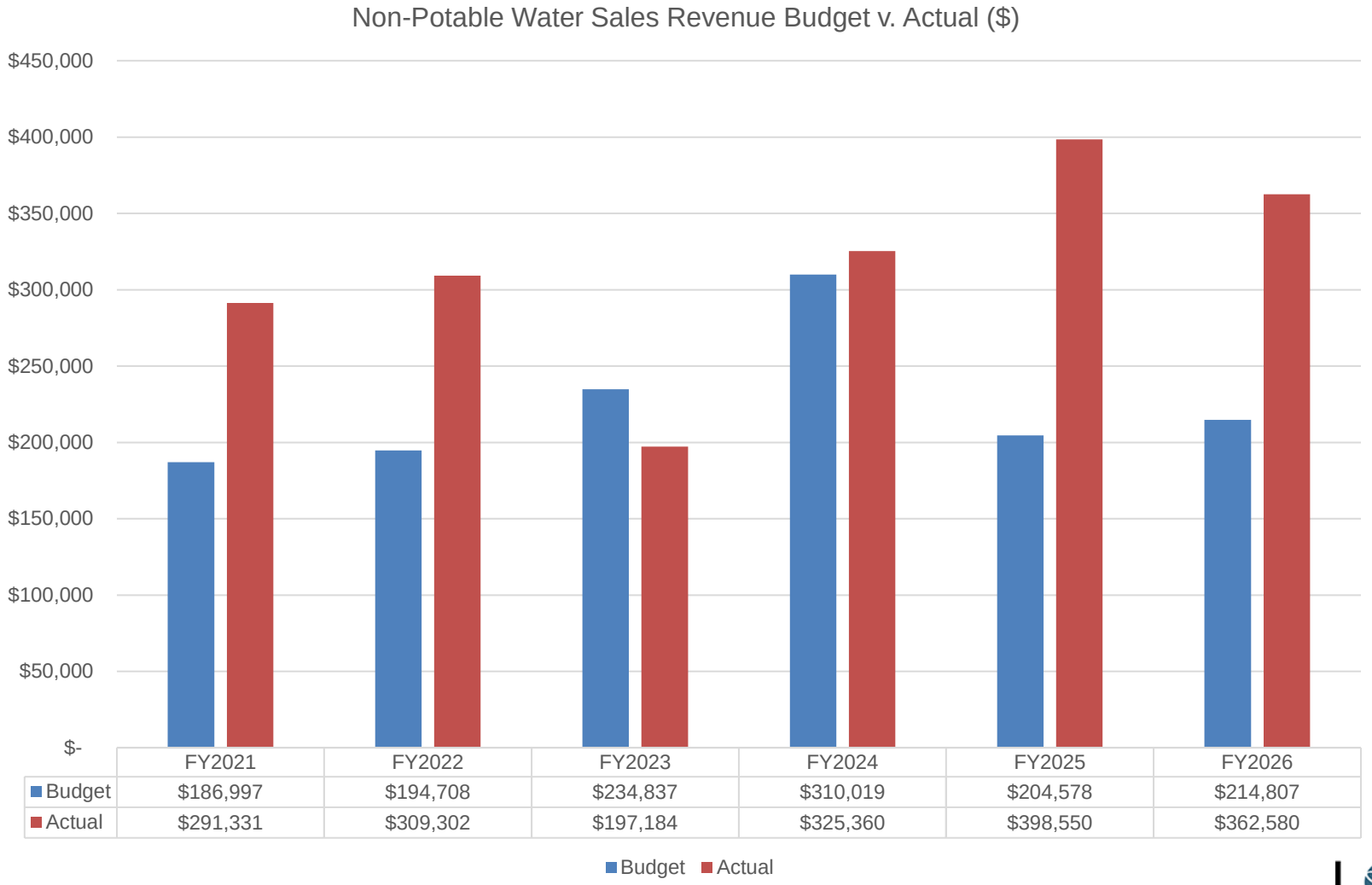
Non-Potable Water Sales



	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
Budget	$186,997	$194,708	$234,837	$310,019	$204,578	$214,807
Actual	$291,331	$309,302	$197,184	$325,360	$398,550	$362,580

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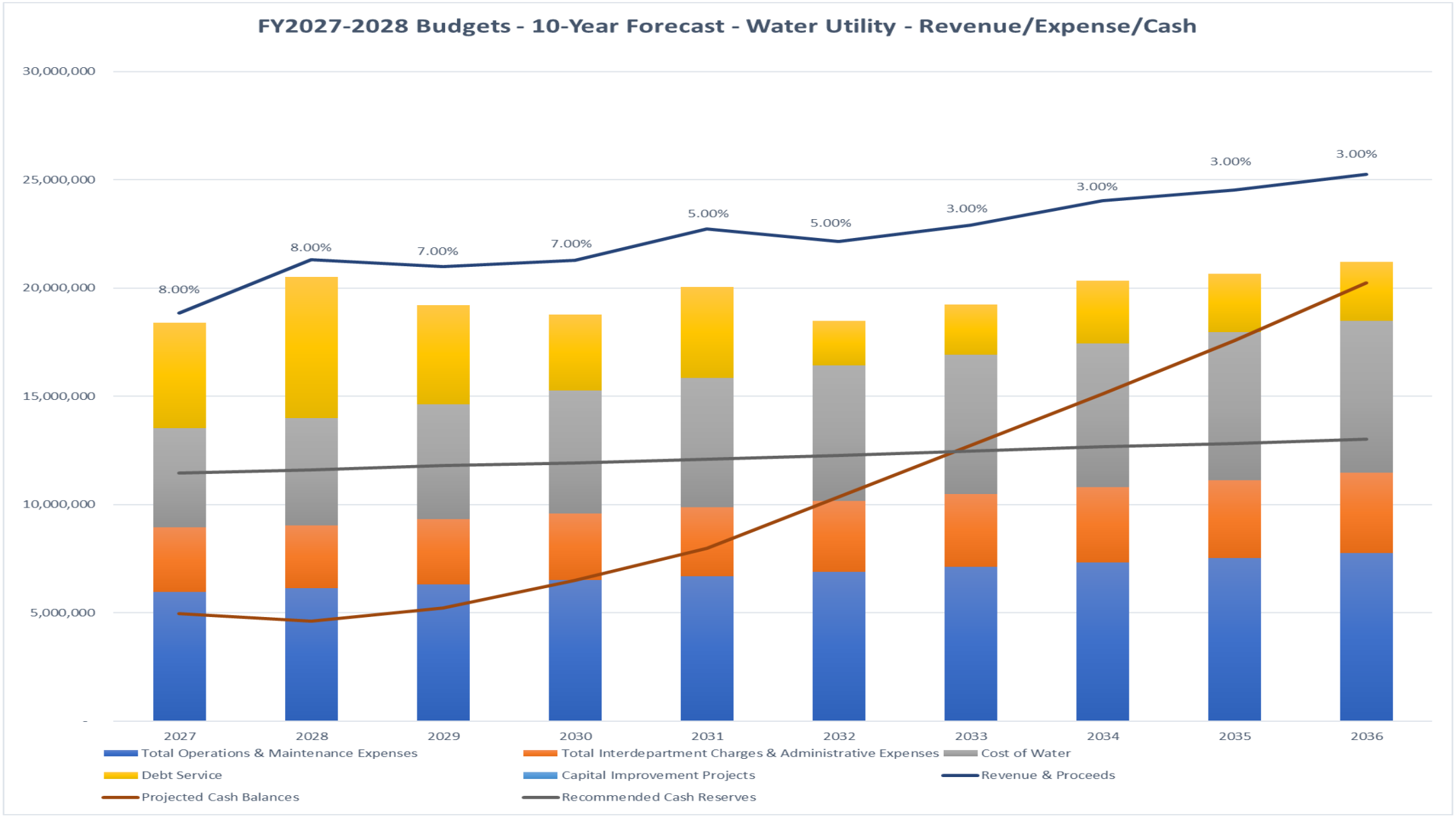
FY2027-2028 Budgets - 10-Year Forecast - Water Utility - Revenue/Expense/Cash
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Total Operations & Maintenance Expenses
Total Interdepartment Charges & Administrative Expenses
Cost of Water
Debt Service
Capital Improvement Projects
Revenue & Proceeds
Projected Cash Balances
Recommended Cash Reserves

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Proposed Service Charge per month

Residential, Multifamily, Commercial, County & Schools

Water Meter Size	Current	After 6/30/2026	After 6/30/2027
1 inch & Under	$ 16.69	$ 18.03	$ 19.47
1-1/2 inch	$ 52.86	$ 40.57	$ 43.81
2 inch	$ 78.89	$ 72.12	$ 77.88
3 inch	$ 155.68	$ 162.27	$ 175.23
4 inch	$ 265.10	$ 288.48	$ 311.52
6 inch	$ 559.63	$ 649.08	$ 700.92
8 inch	$ 924.64	$ 1,153.92	$ 1,246.08
10 inch	$ -	$ 1,803.00	$ 1,947.00
12 inch	$ -	$ 2,596.32	$ 2,803.68

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Proposed Consumption Charge per 1,000 Gallons

		Consumption Charge per 1,000 Gallons			
		Non-Peak Season October- April	Peak Season May - September		
	Monthly Consumption	per 1,000 gallons	9,000 gallons or less	Over 9,000 gallons to 15,000 gallons	Over 15,000 gallons
Single Family Residential	Current	$ 7.53	$ 7.53	$ 8.28	$ 9.10
	After 9/30/2026	$ 8.13	$ 8.13	$ 8.94	$ 9.84
	After 9/30/2027	$ 8.78	$ 8.78	$ 9.66	$ 10.62
Multi Family Residential	Current	$ 7.53	$ 7.53	$ 7.53	$ 7.53
	After 9/30/2026	$ 8.13	$ 8.13	$ 8.13	$ 8.13
	After 9/30/2027	$ 8.78	$ 8.78	$ 8.78	$ 8.78
Commercial	Current	$ 7.53	$ 7.53	$ 7.53	$ 7.53
	After 9/30/2026	$ 8.13	$ 8.13	$ 8.13	$ 8.13
	After 9/30/2027	$ 8.78	$ 8.78	$ 8.78	$ 8.78
County & Schools	Current	$ 7.53	$ 7.53	$ 7.53	$ 7.53
	After 9/30/2026	$ 8.13	$ 8.13	$ 8.13	$ 8.13
	After 9/30/2027	$ 8.78	$ 8.78	$ 8.78	$ 8.78

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Proposed Non-Potable Service Charge & Cost per 1,000 Gallons

	Current	After 6/30/2026	After 6/30/2027
Non-Potable per 1,000 gallons	$ 3.69	$ 3.99	$ 4.30

Water Meter Size	Current	After 6/30/2026	After 6/30/2027
1 inch & Under	$ -	$ 9.02	$ 9.74
1-1/2 inch	$ -	$ 20.29	$ 21.91
2 inch	$ -	$ 36.06	$ 38.94
3 inch	$ -	$ 81.14	$ 87.62
4 inch	$ -	$ 144.24	$ 155.76
6 inch	$ -	$ 324.54	$ 350.46
8 inch	$ -	$ 576.96	$ 623.04
10 inch	$ -	$ 901.50	$ 973.50
12 inch	$ -	$ 1,298.16	$ 1,401.84

Proposed Bulk Water Delivery

Sales to Water Distribution from Water Production

	Current	After 6/30/2026	After 6/30/2027
Bulk Service Charge	$ 946.68	$ 1,022.41	$ 1,104.21
Bulk per 1,000 gallon	$ 5.59	$ 6.04	$ 6.52

Proposed Irrigation Meters and Snowmaking Service Charge, Consumption Charge per 1,000 gallons, Energy Charge per 1,000 gallons to Pajarito Mountain Service Area

	Current	After 6/30/2026	After 6/30/2027
per 1,000 gallons	$ -	$ 8.13	$ 8.78

Water Meter Size	Current	After 6/30/2026	After 6/30/2027
1 inch & Under	$ -	$ 9.02	$ 9.74
1-1/2 inch	$ -	$ 20.29	$ 21.91
2 inch	$ -	$ 36.06	$ 38.94
3 inch	$ -	$ 81.14	$ 87.62
4 inch	$ -	$ 144.24	$ 155.76
6 inch	$ -	$ 324.54	$ 350.46
8 inch	$ -	$ 576.96	$ 623.04
10 inch	$ -	$ 901.50	$ 973.50
12 inch	$ -	$ 1,298.16	$ 1,401.84

Pajarito Mountain Service Area	Current	After 6/30/2026	After 6/30/2027
Energy Charge per 1,000 gallons	$ -	$ 1.50	$ 1.50

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Proposed Bulk Water Delivery
Sales to Los Alamos National Laboratory

	Current	After 6/30/2026	After 6/30/2027
Bulk Service Charge	$ 946.68	$ 1,022.41	$ 1,104.21
Bulk per 1,000 gallon	$ 5.59	$ 7.45	$ 7.80

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Calculation - Bulk Delivery Charge to Los Alamos National Laboratory

DPU - Water Production Cost to Serve								
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
Budget Category	**FY2021**	**FY2022**	**FY2023**	**FY2024**	**FY2025**	**FY2026**	**FY2027**	**FY2028**
Operations Staffing Related	830,090	968,700	1,408,670	1,989,299	1,978,357	1,803,108	$ 1,900,337	$ 1,923,024
Pumping Power	513,511	682,943	704,114	726,082	866,918	885,800	$ 936,272	$ 1,001,811
Wells	236,541	242,535	252,688	117,853	121,458	180,667	$ 145,350	$ 149,711
Booster Pump Stations	123,481	103,506	109,057	148,110	94,239	382,246	$ 231,364	$ 238,305
Treatment	24,310	80,131	104,713	15,038	59,110	8,863	$ 58,288	$ 59,287
Storage Tanks	15,647	26,803	16,172	11,461	17,617	21,218	$ 326,855	$ 336,661
Transmission Lines	294,499	92,683	202,928	103,151	74,372	144,587	$ 169,939	$ 175,038
Non Potable System	-	-	-	-	-	-	$ -	$ -
Interdepartmental Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	$ 557,362	$ 552,600
Eng. Cust Svc. MR and Admin	471,215	423,177	587,231	556,163	373,038	557,681	$ 743,113	$ 770,850
State Water Tax	38,172	35,318	34,568	37,222	32,989	48,410	$ 48,410	$ 49,863
Debt Service	110,352	114,953	127,370	199,569	526,275	888,118	$ 926,593	$ 991,924
Continency Cash Reserves							$ 300,220	$ 317,560
Debt Service Cash Reserve							$ 582,780	$ 616,440
Loan/Grant Amounts	-	(3,491,585)	(3,129,533)	(5,813,802)	(12,300,464)	$ (2,600,000)	$ (2,640,000)	$ (4,116,000)
Capital Expenditures	1,954,770	4,288,916	4,548,041	5,985,360	11,265,069	4,458,500	$ 3,635,000	$ 5,220,000
Total WP Expenditures	4,612,588	3,568,080	4,966,019	4,075,506	3,108,978	6,779,198	7,921,883	8,287,074
Average Annual LANL Operating Cost (26%)	$ 1,199,273	$ 927,701	$ 1,291,165	$ 1,059,632	$ 808,334	$ 1,762,592	$ 2,059,690	$ 2,154,639
Average Monthly Operating Cost	$ 384,382	$ 297,340	$ 413,835	$ 339,625	$ 259,082	$ 564,933	$ 660,157	$ 690,590
Average Monthly LANL Operating Cost (26%)	$ 99,939	$ 77,308	$ 107,597	$ 88,303	$ 67,361	$ 146,883	$ 171,641	$ 179,553
Less: Customer Service Charge	$ (840)	$ (840)	$ (840)	$ (840)	$ (840)	$ (840)	$ (1,022)	$ (1,104)
Average Monthly LANL Operating Cost	$ 99,099	$ 76,468	$ 106,757	$ 87,463	$ 66,521	$ 146,043	$ 170,618	$ 178,449
5 Year Average Monthly LANL Kgal							22,917	22,917
Average Cost per Kgal							**$ 7.45**	**$ 7.80**

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Calculation – Service Charge to Los Alamos National Laboratory

Service Charge					
Billing	$	501.65	$	125.41	25%
Meter Reading	$	351.24	$	140.50	40%
Meter Calibration	$	412.88	$	289.02	70%
	$	1,265.77	$	554.93	
Vehicles					
Meter Reading	$	236.56	$	118.28	50%
Meter Calibration	$	354.80	$	354.80	100%
			$	473.08	
	Per Month		$	1,028.01	
			$	1,069.13	

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Questions