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Ventura County Waterworks District No.38

Lake Sherwood Water Services CAC Meeting

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Budgets and Factors Impacting Water Rates

- District 38 operates as an enterprise fund.
 - **No tax revenues**
- All expenses are paid by District 38 customers through water rates and charges.
- The goal of District 38 is to maintain a cash balance between \$5M and \$7M for each fiscal year to fund depreciation costs for infrastructure already in service for multiple years, but yet to be turned over to District 38.
- Annual budget for FY 2020: \$3.8 million.

Factors Impacting Water Rates:

1. Water rate increases by Calleguas Municipal Water District 3.4%
2. Increasing cost of power 3% to 5% per year
3. 8.9% increase in labor costs, including salaries, benefits, County overheads, vacancy fills, promotions, and merit steps

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Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Analysis by Category

EXPENDITURES	FY19 Adopted Budget	FY20 Adopted Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
County & Agency Svcs	\$125	\$116	(\$9)	-7%
Imported Water Cost	\$2,296	\$2,727	\$432	19%
Operation & Maintenance	\$725	\$812	\$87	12%
Regulatory Permit Costs	\$10	\$9	(\$1)	-14%
System Maint, Repairs & Replc.	\$163	\$175	\$12	7%
Grand Total	\$3,319	\$3,839	\$520	16%

In thousands

The \$3.9M Budget is a \$520K (16%) increase from FY2019 Adopted budget

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FY20 Budgeted Expenditures vs. Revenue Analysis

SUMMARY:

Total Budgeted Expenditures

\$3,838,943

Total Estimated Revenue

\$3,777,130

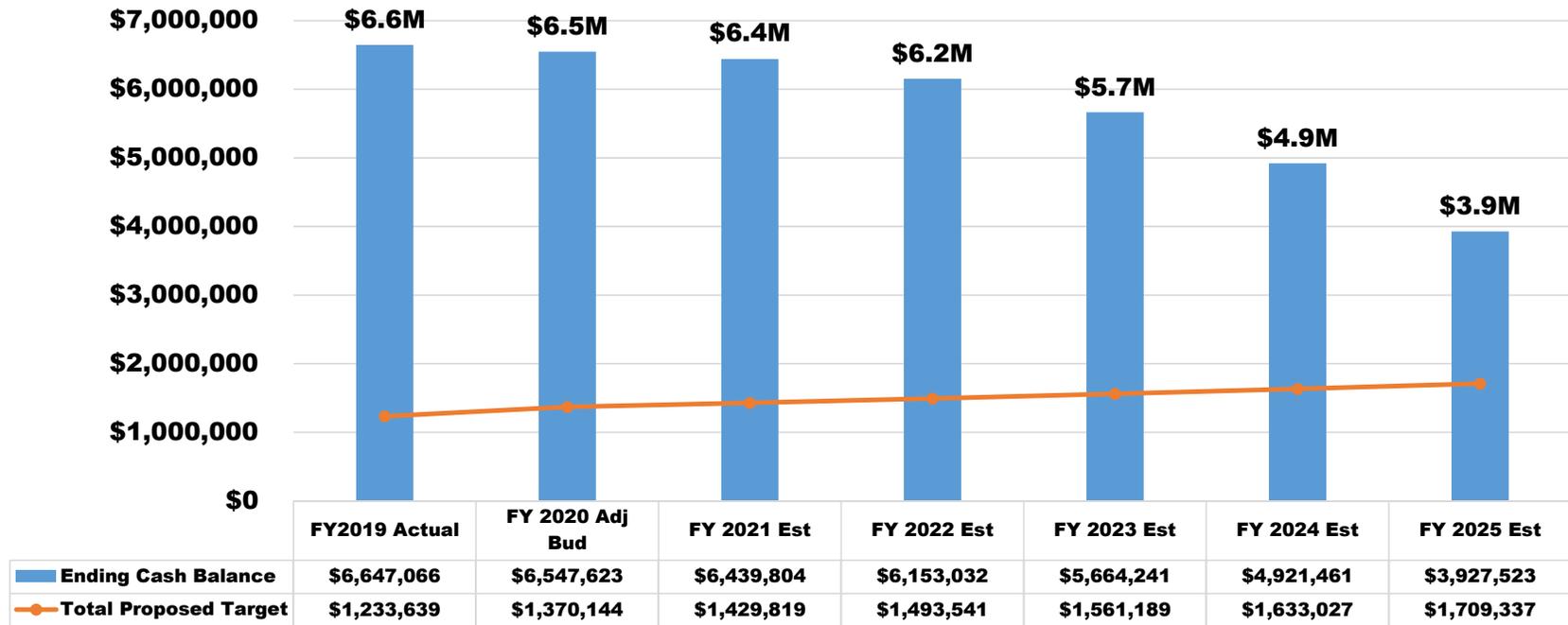
% of Expenditures Financed by Water Sales

98%

% of Expenditures Funded by Cash Reserves

2%

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 Cash Reserves Forecast with No Rate Increases



Reduction in Cash Reserves mainly due to operating losses

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 Proposed Rate Increase & Recommendation

Commodity Rates for Residential Customers			
Tier	Proposed Monthly Use (HCF)	Current 2019	Proposed 2020
1	0 - 10	\$3.61	\$3.74
2	>10 – 63	\$4.89	\$5.07
3	> 63	\$5.91	\$6.12

Note: Rates per 100 Cubic Feet of Water (HCF)=748 Gallons

3.5% Commodity rate adjustment

Commodity Rates for Other Customer Classes		
Customer Class	Current 2019	Proposed 2020
Residential Non-Tiered	\$5.34	\$5.53
Commercial	\$5.49	\$5.69
Institutional	\$5.49	\$5.69
Temporary Construction	\$4.56	\$4.72

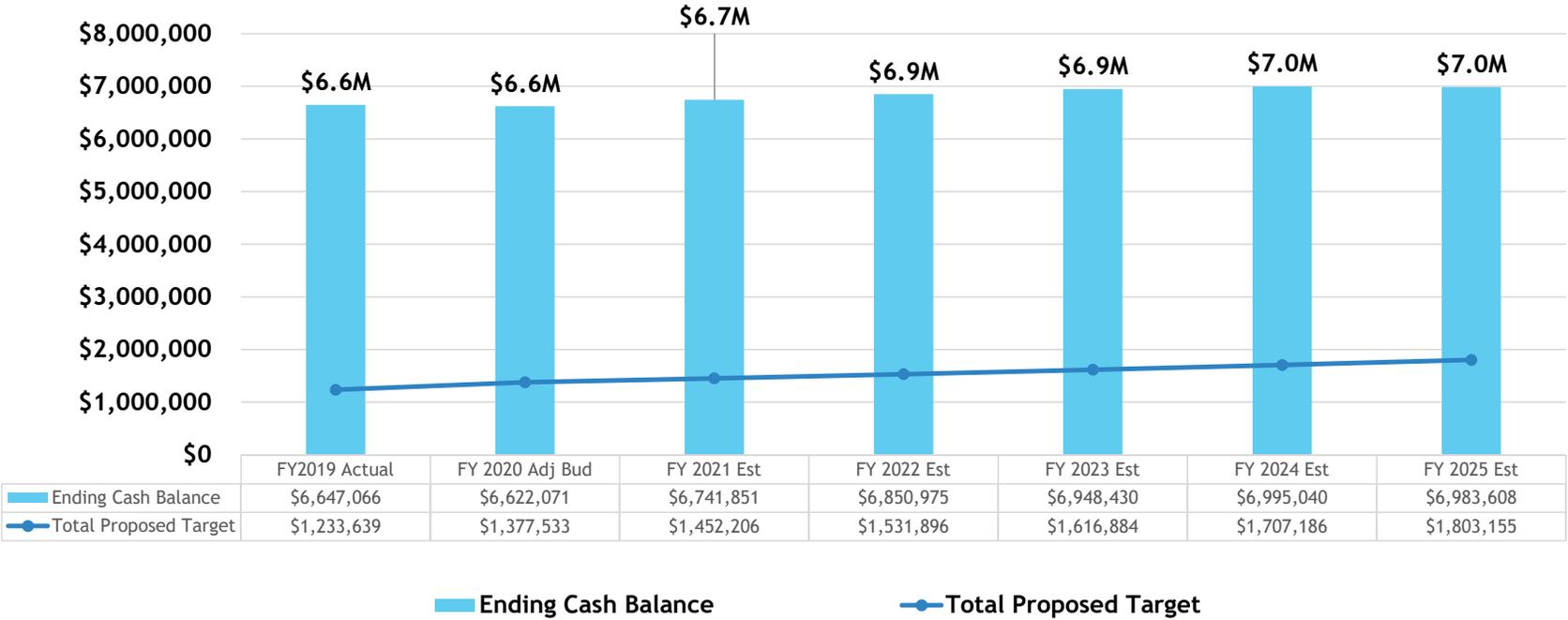
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- 9% Fixed meter charge increase

Monthly Meter Charges		
Meter Size	Current 2019	Proposed 2020
3/4-inch	\$17.80	\$19.41
1-inch	\$26.64	\$29.04
1 1/2-inch	\$48.75	\$53.14
2-inch	\$75.27	\$82.05
3-inch	\$159.25	\$173.59
4-inch	\$283.00	\$308.47
6-inch	\$579.14	\$631.27
Monthly Fireline Charges		
Meter Size	Current 2019	Proposed 2020
2-inch	\$6.88	\$7.50
3-inch	\$10.77	\$11.74
4-inch	\$17.80	\$19.41
6-inch	\$43.04	\$46.92
8-inch	\$86.59	\$94.39

Note: Water used through private fire services will be charged at the temporary construction water rate

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Cash Reserve Forecast with Recommended Rates



Proposed Water Rate Increases Impact on Residential Customers

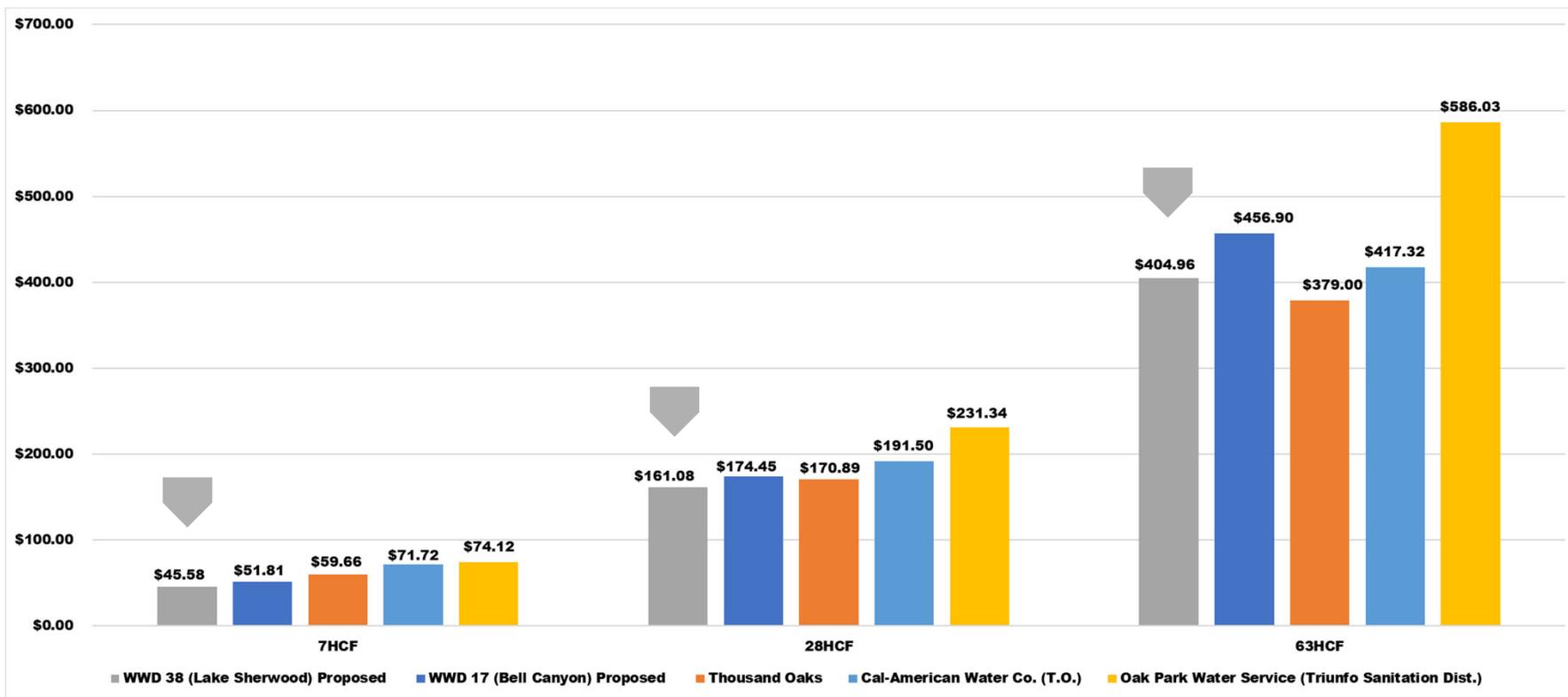
Meter Size	Median Bill	Monthly Increase \$ (%)
3/4"	\$274.40	\$10.23 (3.8%)
1"	\$766.04	\$28.30 (3.7%)



Calculators are available on our website: <http://pwa.vcpublicworks.org/wsd/ratesandcharges/>

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Comparison of Residential Water Bills



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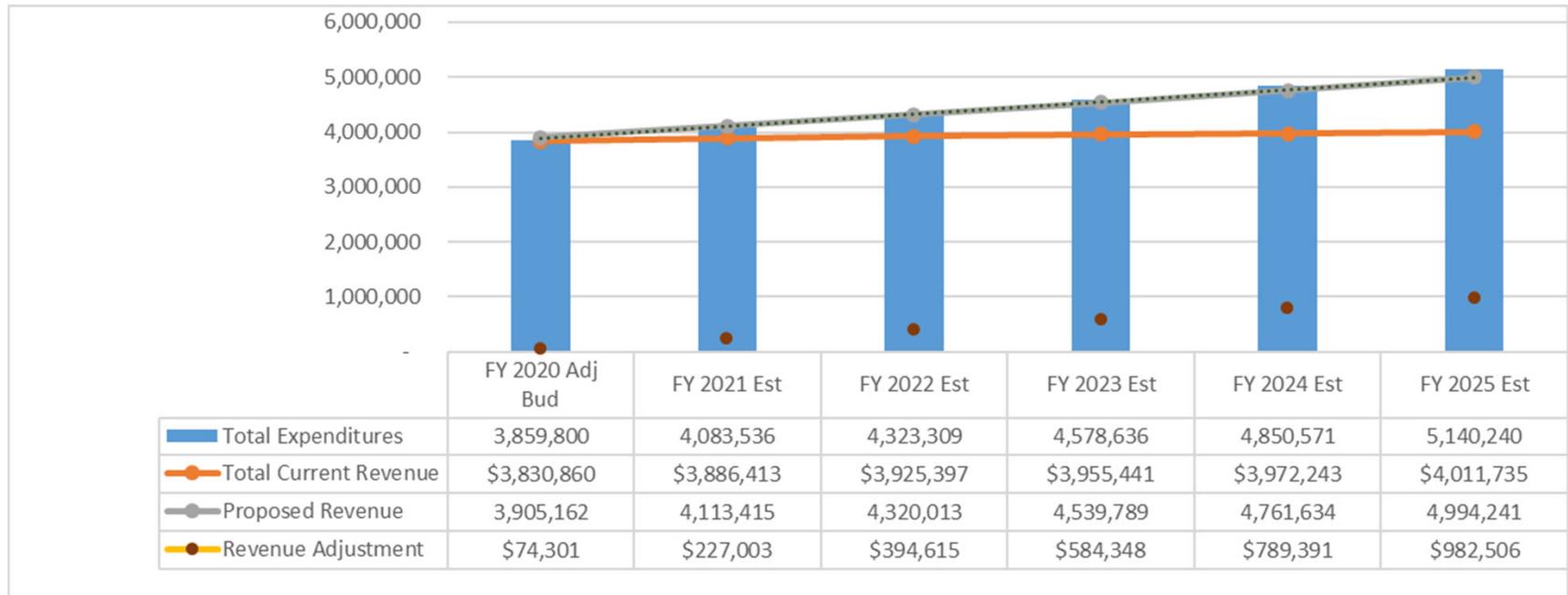
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Proposed Operating Plan With Recommended Rates



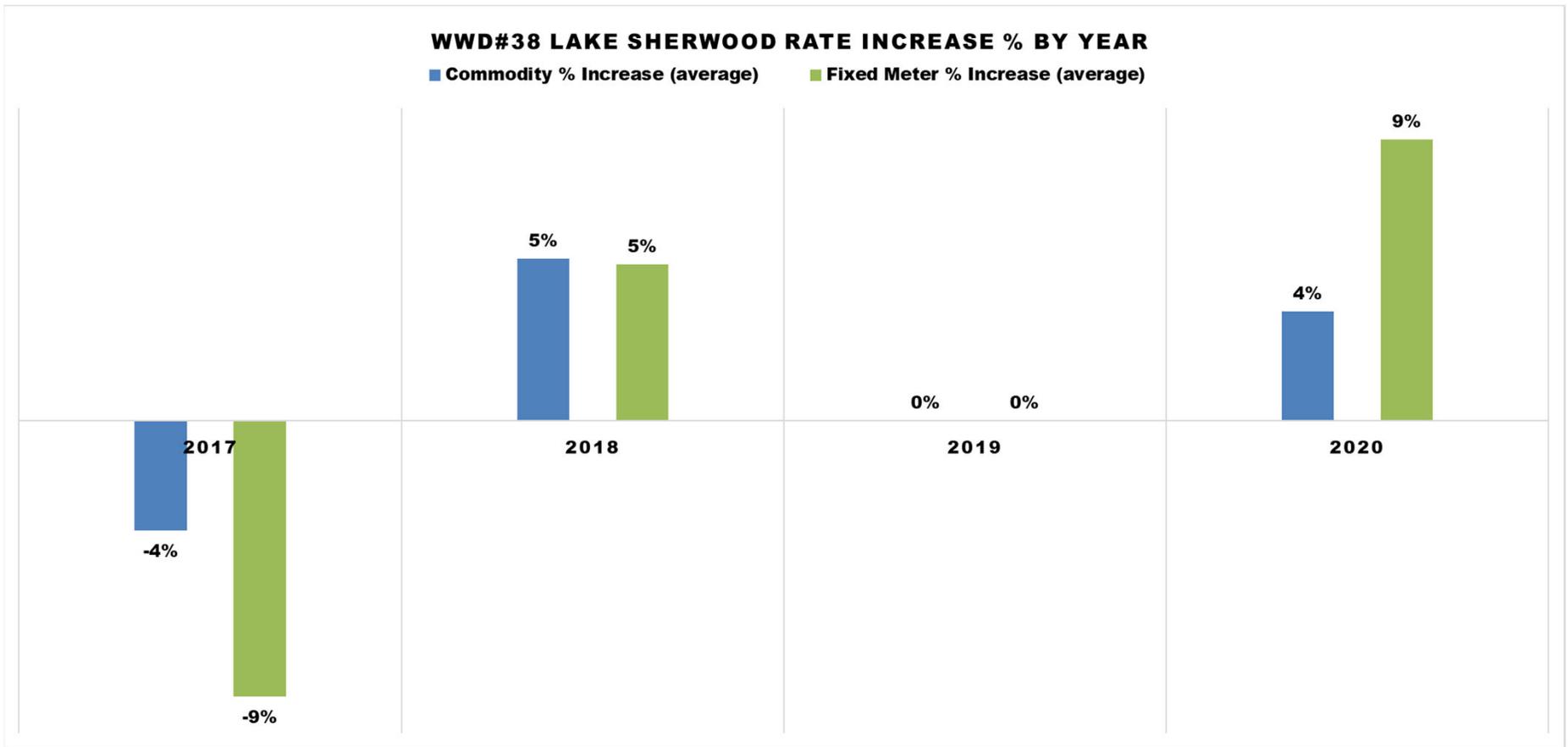
Illustrates the operating financial plan by comparing the existing and proposed revenues with projected expenses.

The expenses, shown in bars are O&M expenses.

Row 4 of graph table shows the compounding effect of Revenue Adjustment for each fiscal year given above proposed rate increases thru FY 2025.

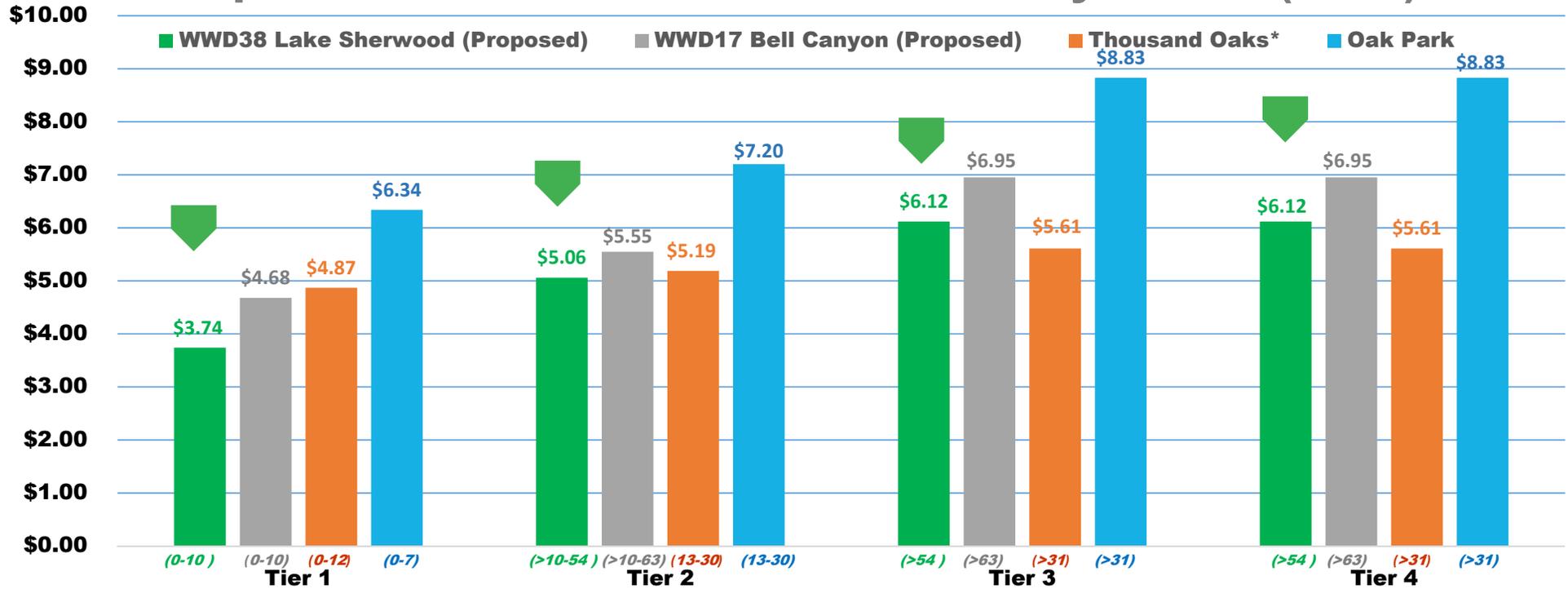
Note: Series of 6% applied to all given years for Commodity Rate and 9% for Fixed Rate

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Rate History



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Comparison of Residential Commodity Rates (HCF)

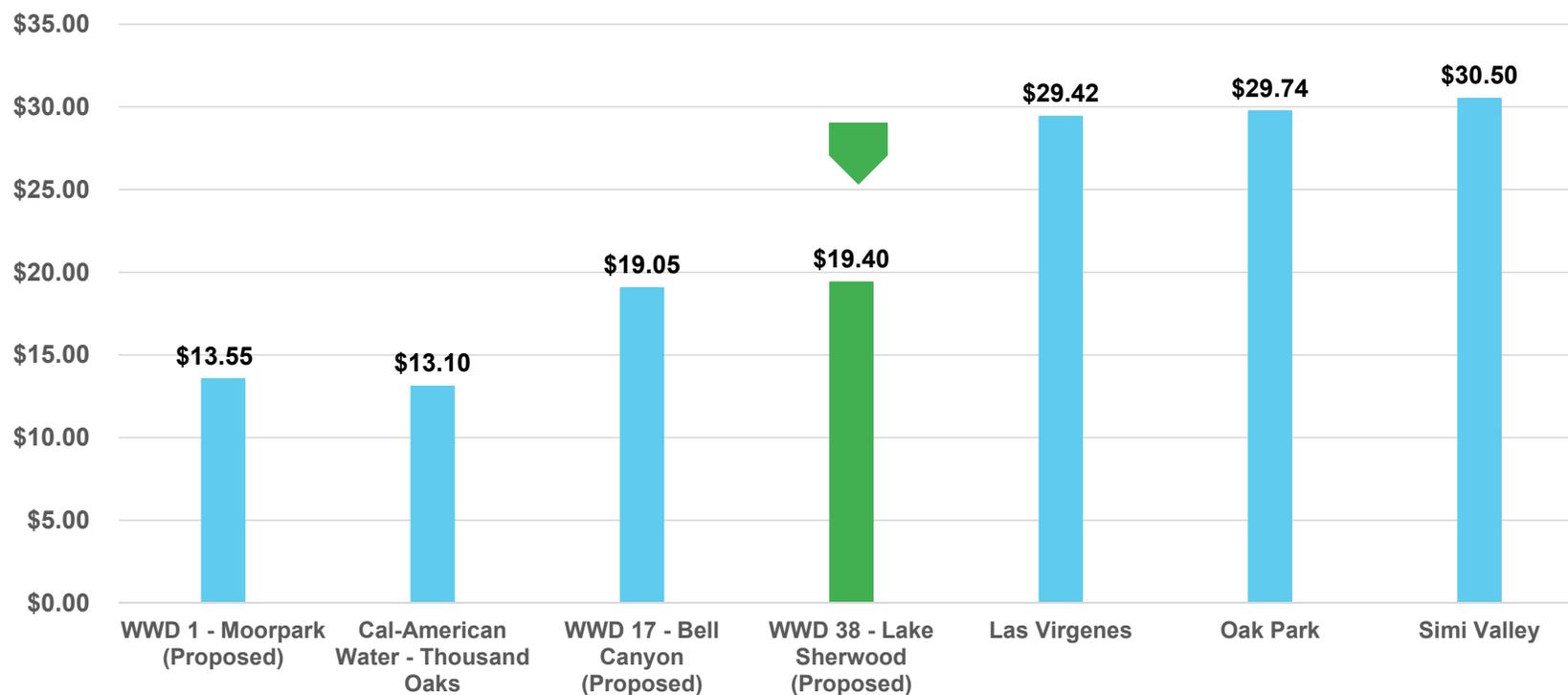


*Note: The City of Thousand Oaks does not include the pumping lift charge of \$.18 per unit

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Lake Sherwood Water Services – Rate Increase History

396 Residential Customers with a 3/4” Monthly Meter Charge



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318 Residential Customers with a 1" Monthly Meter Charge

