

**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**

April 18, 2023

PRESENTATIONS

**EARTH DAY POSTER &
WRITING CONTEST
AWARDS**



40th Annual Earth Day Poster & Writing Contest Awards Presentation

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Citywide Clean-Up & Community Fair

Saturday, April 22
Weekes Park
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

More details at:

www.hayward-ca.gov/earth-day

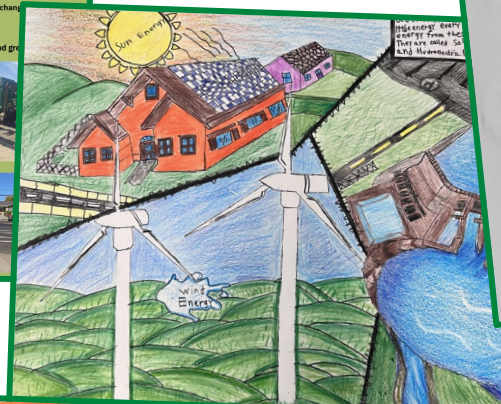


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The truth written by Caroline Ho

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Oscar Gonzalez
Hayward High School
16 Sept. 2023

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HOW TO COMBAT ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE?



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By Malaya Aroma

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Camila Garcia
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Poster & Writing Judges

Thank you for volunteering your time to evaluate and select our winners.



Elinor Cheung
Khristel Johnson
Jennifer Koney
Bruce Roberts
Kathy Roberts
Ruey Syrop
Wenny Wallace

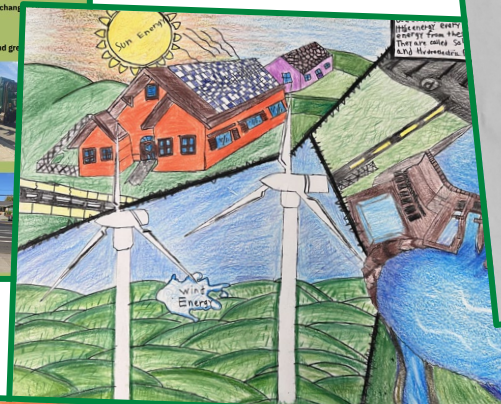


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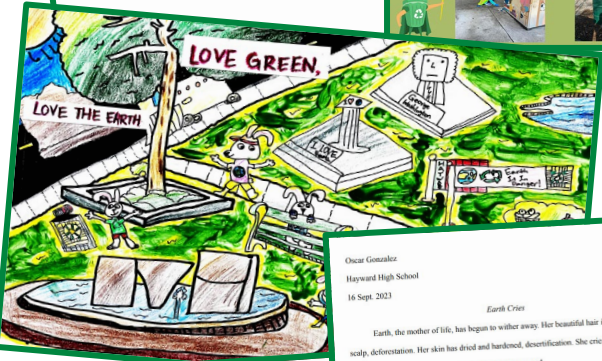
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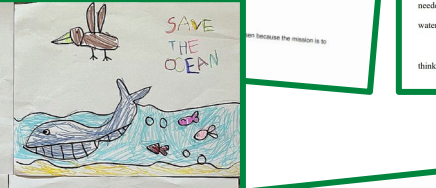
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Writing Winners

Kindergarten – 1st Grade

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By Hasina Sharifi

1st grade

Treeview School

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Treeview Elementary School

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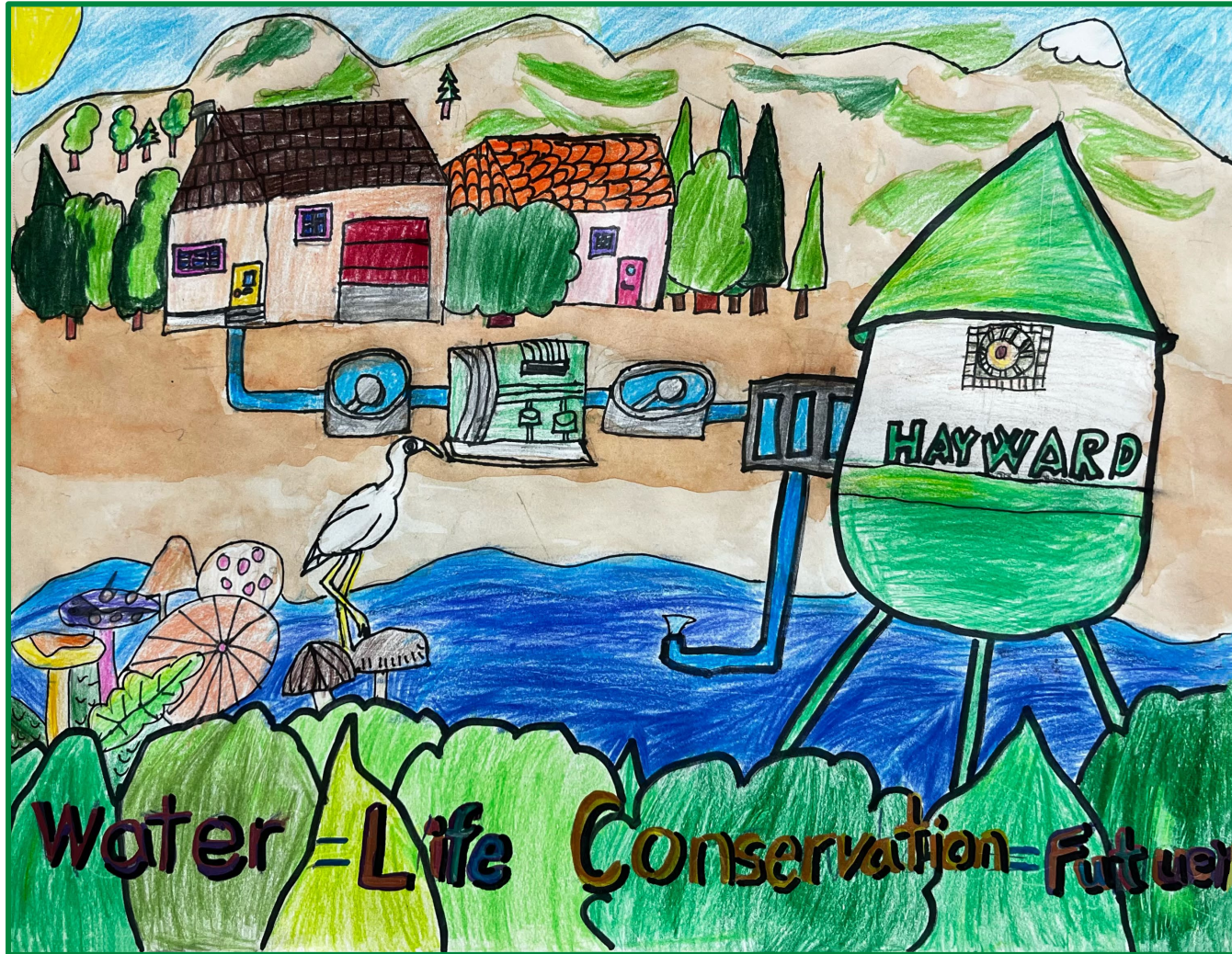


2nd PLACE

Junxi (Jessie) Hu
Lorin Eden Elementary
School

Poster Winners

Kindergarten – 1st Grade



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Eli Chu

Yueming Art Studio

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2nd Grade – 3rd Grade

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Cherryland
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Schafer Park
Elementary School

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2nd Grade – 3rd Grade



2nd PLACE

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Callum Wong
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4th Grade – 5th Grade

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Written By,

Melany Ortega

2nd PLACE

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Cherryland Elementary School

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1st PLACE

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East Avenue Elementary
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2nd PLACE

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Mindart Studio

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1st PLACE

Daniel Rios Cruz

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Writing Winners

6th Grade – 8th Grade

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2nd PLACE

Caroline Ho

Bret Harte Middle School

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6th Grade – 8th Grade

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Mars Demeter 7

Demeter is the Greek goddess of agriculture. Her name was chosen because the mission is to terraform Mars.

1st PLACE

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All Saints Catholic School

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6th Grade – 8th Grade



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Leila Aviado

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6th Grade – 8th Grade



1st PLACE

Alice Almanza

Martin Luther King Jr.
Middle School

Writing Winners

9th Grade – 12th Grade

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2nd PLACE

Malaya Aroma

Mt. Eden High School

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floating landfills*

Writing Winners

9th Grade – 12th Grade

Oscar Gonzalez

Hayward High School

16 Sept. 2023

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Selina Vara Alba
Hayward High School

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Elijah Velasco

Mt. Eden High School

Teachers with Writing Winners

Marcelina Schelling

Treeview Elementary School

Ms. Kristal Salas

Schafer Park Elementary School

Ms. Lindahl

Cherryland Elementary School

Jeffery Lieu

East Avenue Elementary School

Ms. Blair Phelan

Cherryland Elementary School

Cara Schott

All Saints Catholic School

Jennifer Smith

Bret Harte Middle School

Joel Ochoa

Hayward High School

E. Ronnie Cato

Mt. Eden High School

Teachers with Poster Winners

Yuchaun Pan & Haijing Hu

Yueming Art Studio

Lisa Musselman

Lorin Eden Elementary School

Jeffery Lieu

East Avenue Elementary School

Tifa Zhan

Mindart Studio

Jennifer Diaz

All Saints Catholic School

Carrie King

Mt. Eden High School

Elaine Byrd

Hayward High School

Mr. Kirsch

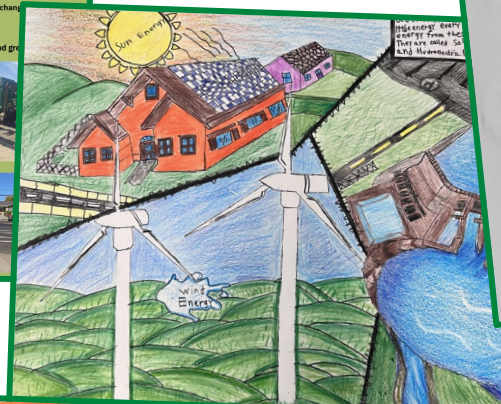
Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School

I Plant
I plant a flower garden to make
the
Earth
colorful.
I plant trees to keep
the
Earth
green and beautiful.

Hayward Celebrates Earth Day 2023

My name is Anabelle Sofie Leon Hernandez (2nd grader at Schaefer Elementary School) and my inspiration to participate in Hayward Celebrates Earth Day 2023 is to encourage others in Hayward to fight against climate change. I believe action can start in Hayward by cleaning our local neighborhoods, shoreline, and parks. In conclusion, if an 8 year old can do her part, why not everyone else? Together we can stop climate change and you for your attention to this message.

Below are some pictures of my volunteer service in Hayward to help keep Hayward clean, safe, and green.



Clean the world
By Isabella Mejia-Aguilar

With trash all around
It's the mean thing we see
On the side of the road
And even the sea

Cigarettes are bad and not healthy
People said it many times but people
don't see
They don't see where they go
It pollutes the air and ocean with
cigarette butts

Plastic bottles and forks
Spoons and knives
It costs them their lives

So many animals lost
Over a million gone
Be careful what you use and drink out of
Because it's going to cost

Time is running out
Pollution is killing our earth
We need help it now
For what it's worth

We need to clean the world
We need to help it now
The world is building us
But not too long

We can lose more animals
Knowing we can make a change
But we won't let that happen
Because we can be the hero's
Of today



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IS BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT ALL PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO BE PROTECTED FROM ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION, AND TO LIVE IN AND ENJOY A CLEAN AND HEALTHFUL ENVIRONMENT.

NATIONALLY THE FACILITIES WHERE WE DUMP OUR GARBAGE AND PROCESS DANGEROUS CHEMICALS TEND TO BE LOCATED IN POOR AND MINORITY COMMUNITIES.

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April 22nd, 2023

My Dear Friend Nat,
Happy Earth Day!

We landed on the red planet a week ago. Mars is truly fascinating and it was no coo for being the first person to step foot on Mars, but living there is very challenging. There is barely any space in our habitat. You cannot survive going outside without a suit. Nothing lives in this cold, dry desert. We have to recycle water, which is simply necessary for our survival.

My mission is to set up a base camp and to begin terraforming Mars. I won't be back for another 5 years. I miss Earth. On our home planet, you can go to the park and you are 140 million miles away. In an environment not made for human life, please keep Earth the way it is until I'm back. I don't want to give home and find it unrecognizable.

Sometimes I think that Mars was once like Earth and was full of life. I hope Earth does not become like Mars in the future. It is the perfect planet with all we need to live. It is our home. We need to keep Earth as the beautiful planet that we know.

Sincerely,
Tiberius Ripp
Mission Specialist
Mars Colony 7

216 Trillion
The truth written by Caroline Ho

216 trillion. That's the number of gallons of water wasted per year, in just the USA. As our population continues to increase so does the use of our resources, especially water. We are among the countries that use the most water every year. Although we need water, sometimes we unnecessarily use it. We use water everywhere. We use it in mining, beverages, textile, automotive manufacturing, and agriculture. Especially for California, agriculture is a big thing. If we continue to use water unnecessarily we'll run out of drinkable water.

It is not too late. We can learn how to conserve water, but we must start now. There are so many different ways we can conserve water. In agriculture we waste water so easily. There are techniques that can be used to use less water such as drip irrigation. It gets water directly to the roots of the plant so as much water is needed to be used.

Our water waste in our homes counts just as much too. Turning off the water when we brush our teeth, not taking showers for as long, only running appliances that need water as needed, and ensuring that faucets are not leaky can all reduce water waste per year by gallons of water.

If we don't act now we will run out of water. It's not too late.



Preserving our Earth

Earth day is a special holiday for all to celebrate the Earth and a reminder of how to take care of the Earth which, you should do every day.

Ways you could help the earth are by using the Do's and Don'ts. Let's be over the "do's" first. **Do** choose a bike instead of a car, because if we drive more we will need more gas and gas poisons the Earth very badly, our plants and our animals could die from it. **Do** more planting trees and flowers everywhere because we need more cleaner air.

Now let's go over our "don'ts". It will end up in our beautiful blue life. **Don't** mix your garbage, especially for us to reuse and reduce. **Don't** turning them off will save energy.

So you see these are very important things to do for our Earth. We're not just saving the Earth. We're not just saving the Earth.

Join us in preserving our Earth.

Written By:
Melany Ortega

Oscar Gonzalez
Hayward High School
16 Sept. 2023

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HOW TO COMBAT ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE?



because the mission is to

Camilla Garcia
March 16, 2023

Remind Me To Recycle
By Malaya Aroma

Remind me to recycle
When my problems form into floating landfills
Like callous clouds
Haunting my hours of wake and nightfall
To remind me of regretful times
I don't wish to recall

Remind me to recycle
Because I give up too much
Each potential of mine I guard
Became litter on the ground
I thought of picking up
But as I bend down
I begin to feel like part of the muck

Remind me to recycle
When I cannot recognize the difference
Between persons parading as friends
And undeveloped connections
And undeveloped friends
I've become an overproducing friend
Of people I think I need
Polluting my own air with foul impressions
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Green City, Clean City, My Dream City

Have you ever passed by our fine city streets and wonder how trash ended up being thrown in different places? It was a Sunday morning when my parents drove by our favorite bakery, Don Polvoron. A group of people were picking up trash and putting them in big bags. I asked my parents if we could join them. My mom said we could go to the park later in the day and pick up litter to make our city a better place to live in. Why is it important to keep our community clean? Let me explain the importance of having a litter free environment.

First, cleaning up litter and graffiti makes our city beautiful and many more people visit our local stores. For example, during our 5 de Mayo celebration many people get together near City Hall to celebrate. People buy food from small stands and enjoy fun activities together. Every weekend, they also have a Farmer's market for the community to get affordable and fresh fruits and vegetables.

In fact, a clean community helps people feel safe and healthy. People tend to go out and enjoy time outdoors when they feel safe. This makes people sociable and learn more about each other. A healthy Earth provides fresh air for all of us to breathe.

Finally, kids should help clean their community to respect our planet and make a positive impact. Next time when you see litter in your neighborhood, remember, be part of the solution not the pollution!





**Thank you and
congratulations!**

Earth Day Poster & Writing Contest



UTILITY RATE ADJUSTMENTS

ITEM #

‡ 023-01

City of Hayward

Recommended Water, Sewer, and Recycled Water Rates and Connection Fees (Work Session)

Alex Ameri, Director of Public Works
April 18, 2023



Agenda

- 1. Water Financial Plan and Rates**
- 2. Sewer Financial Plan and Rates**
- 3. Recycled Water Financial Plan and Rates**
- 4. Facilities and Connection Fees**
- 5. Schedule**



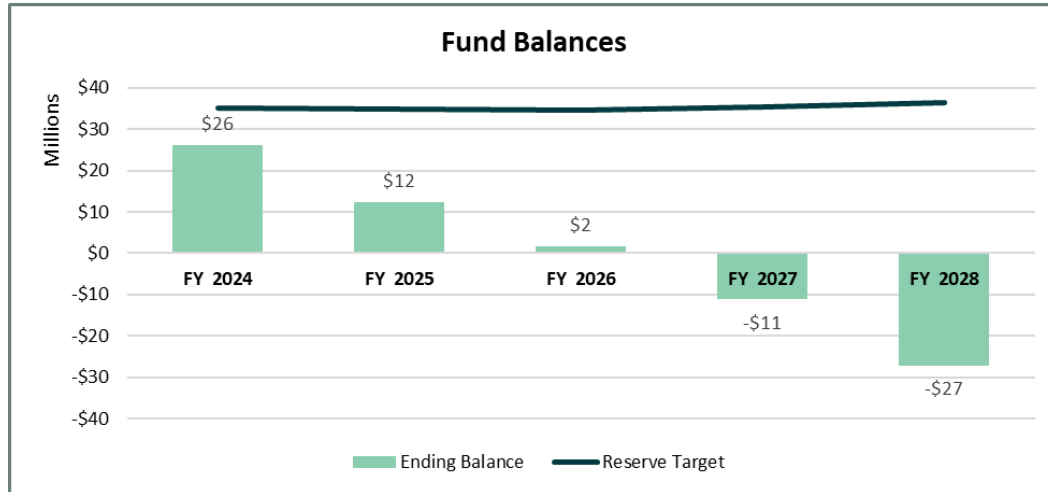
Water Rate Overview

- Pay for purchase and distribution of water
 - Service Fee - fixed
 - Water Usage Charge – variable, based on amount of water used
- Financial Drivers
 - Wholesale Water Purchase Costs
 - Capital Replacement Fund
 - Reserve Funding

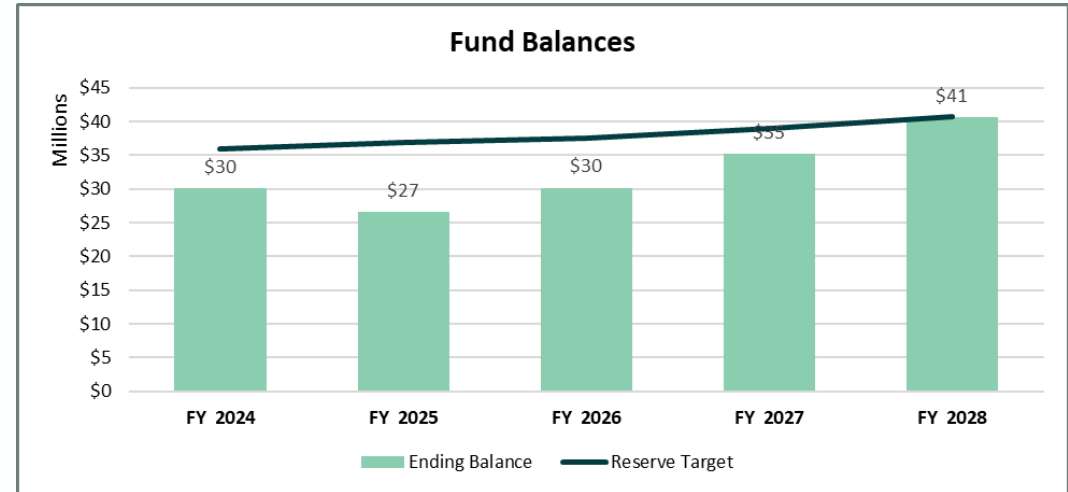
Reserve Policy & Financial Plan

Fund	Policy
Operating	25% of O&M expenses (including SFPUC costs)
Capital Replacement	One Year of 5-year average rate funded CIP
Rate Stabilization	25% of commodity rate revenues

With 0% increase



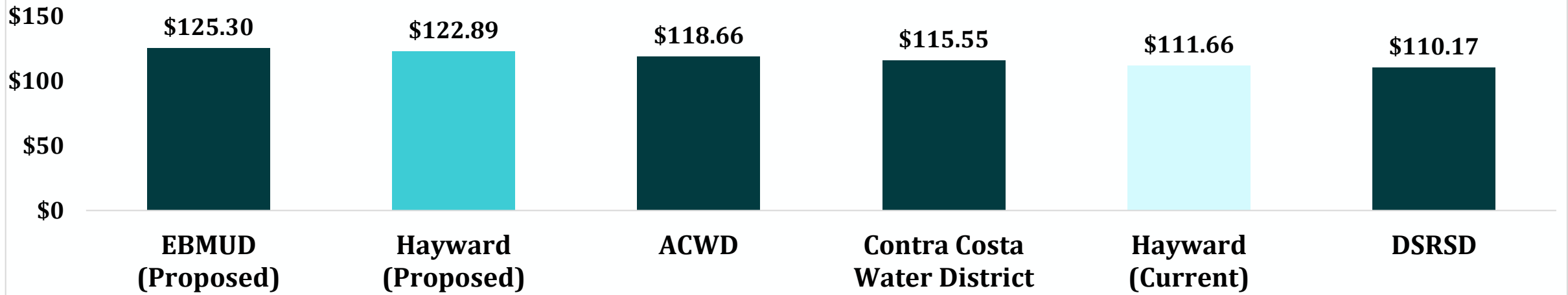
With 10% increases in FY24 & FY25



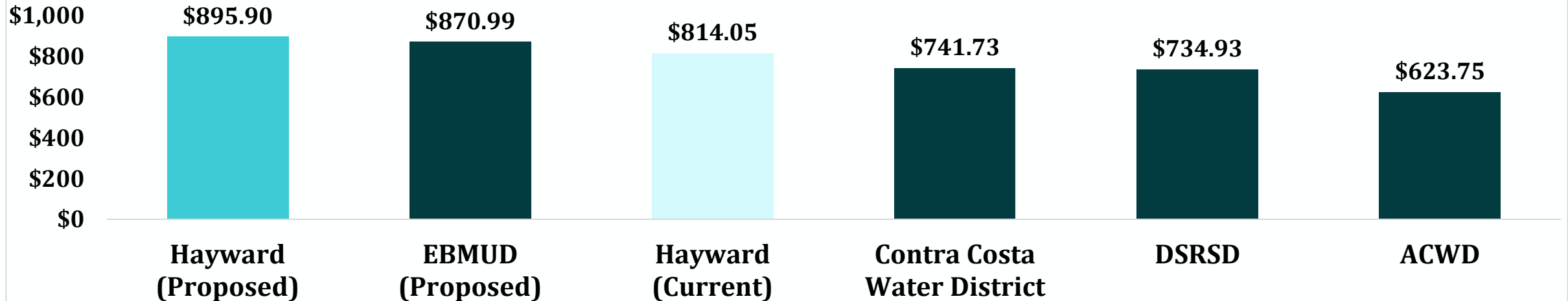
Recommendation: 10% increases in FY24 and FY25

Water Bill Comparisons – Local Agencies

Single Family Residential Bill for 12 ccf (Local Non-SFPUC Agencies)



Commercial Bill for 110 ccf (Local Non-SFPUC Agencies)

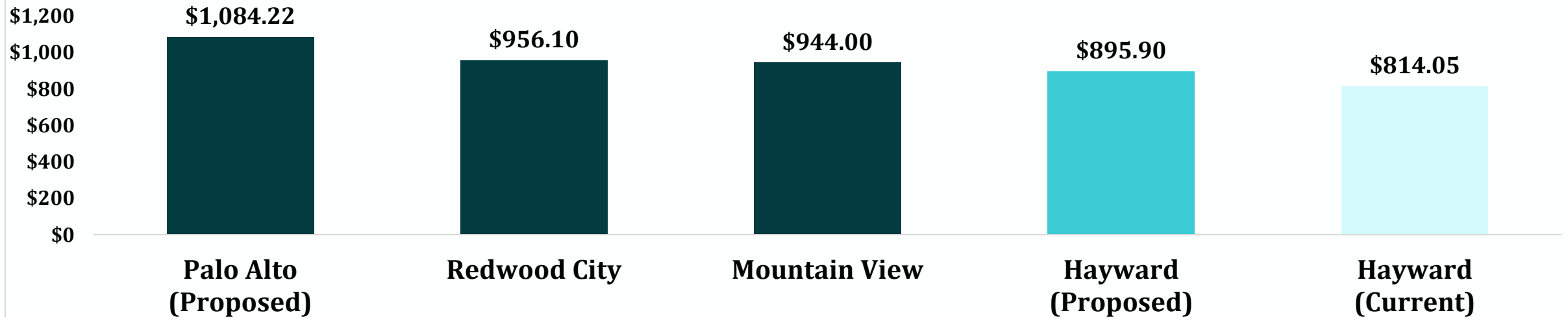


Water Bill Comparisons – SFPUC Customers

Single Family Residential Bill for 12 ccf (SFPUC Wholesale Agencies)



Commercial Bill for 110 ccf (SFPUC Wholesale Agencies)





Water Costs for Everyday Activities

- 1 load of laundry: 21¢
- 8 minute shower: 16¢
- 1 toilet flush: 2¢
- 1 gallon of drinking water: 1¢

Sewer Rate Overview

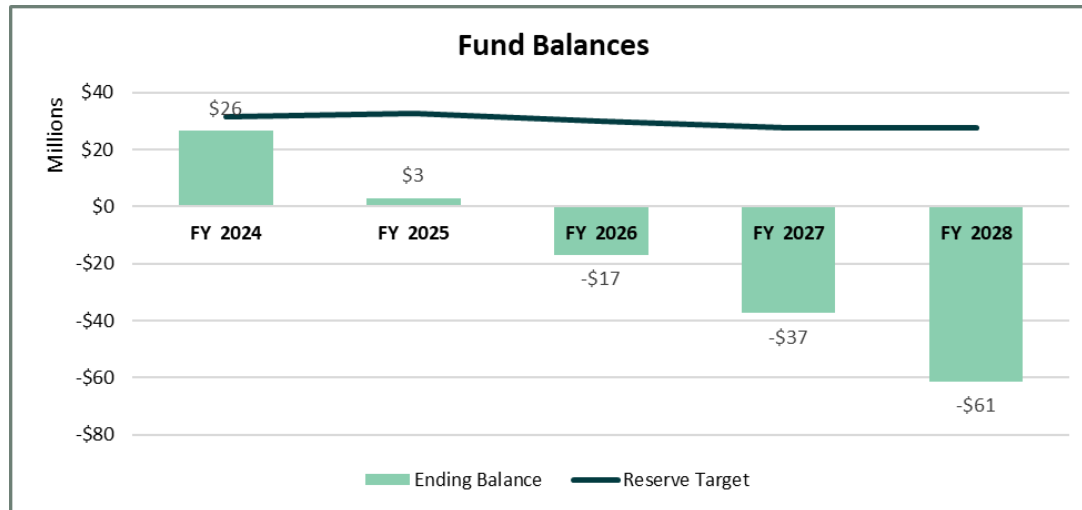


- Rates pay for collection, treatment, and disposal of wastewater
 - Residential – three tiers (Standard, Economy, Lifeline)
 - Non-residential – based on water usage and wastewater strength
- Financial Drivers
 - Operating & Maintenance Costs
 - Capital Replacement Fund
 - Reserve Funding

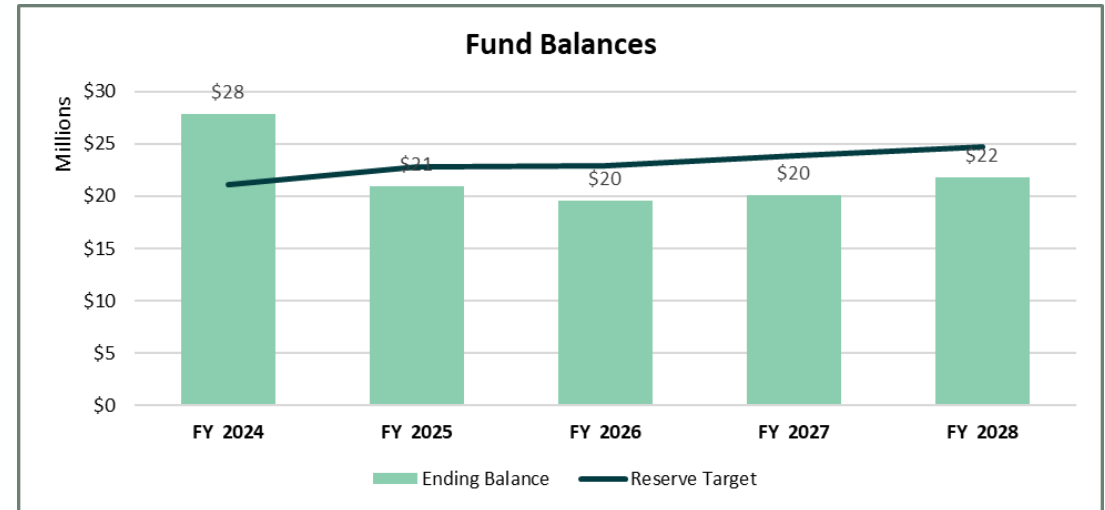
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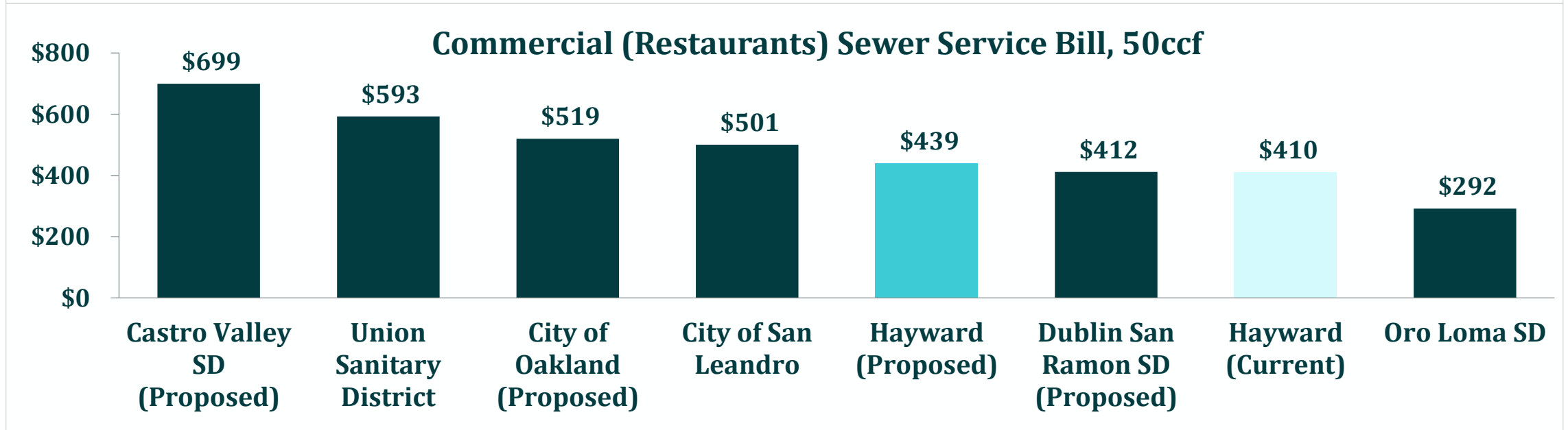
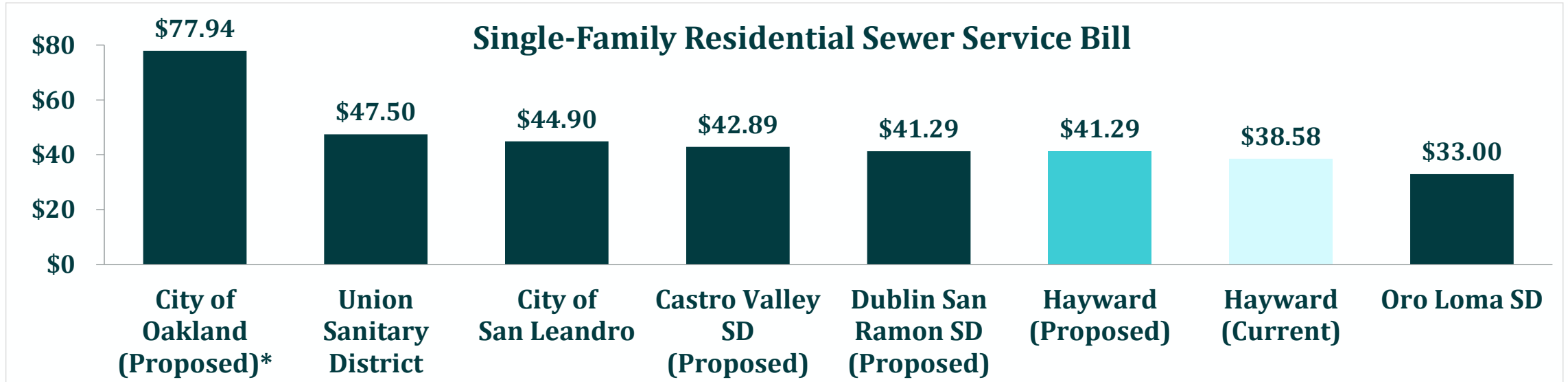


With 7% increases in FY24 & FY25



Recommendation: 7% increases in FY24 and FY25

Sewer Bill Comparison



* Includes proposed EBMUD treatment charges (\$31.64) & City of Oakland collection charges (\$46.30)

Recycled Water Overview

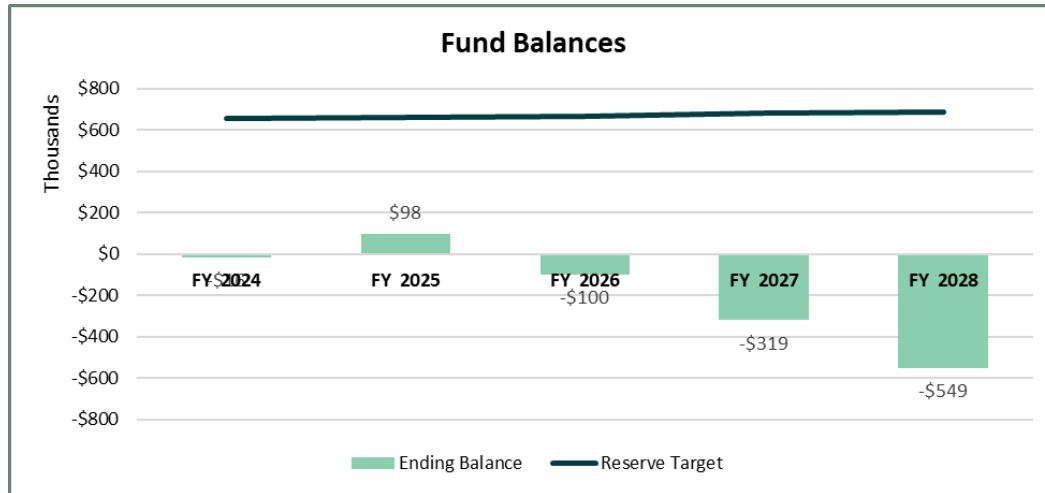
- Pay for purchase and distribution of recycled water
 - Service Fee – fixed
 - Recycled Water Usage Charge – variable, based on usage



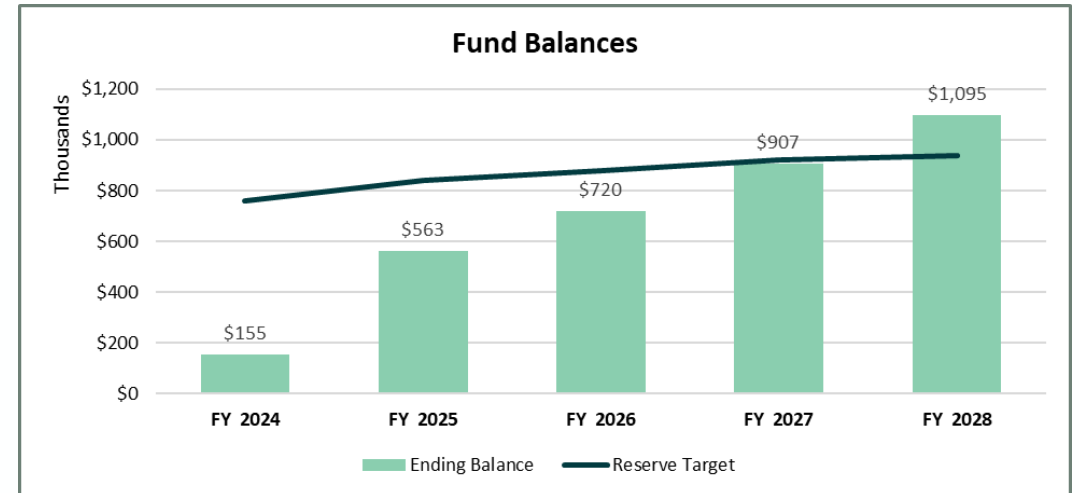
Reserve Policy & Financial Plan

Fund	Policy
Operating	60% of O&M expenses (including SFPUC costs)
Rate Stabilization	60% of commodity rate revenues

With 0% increase

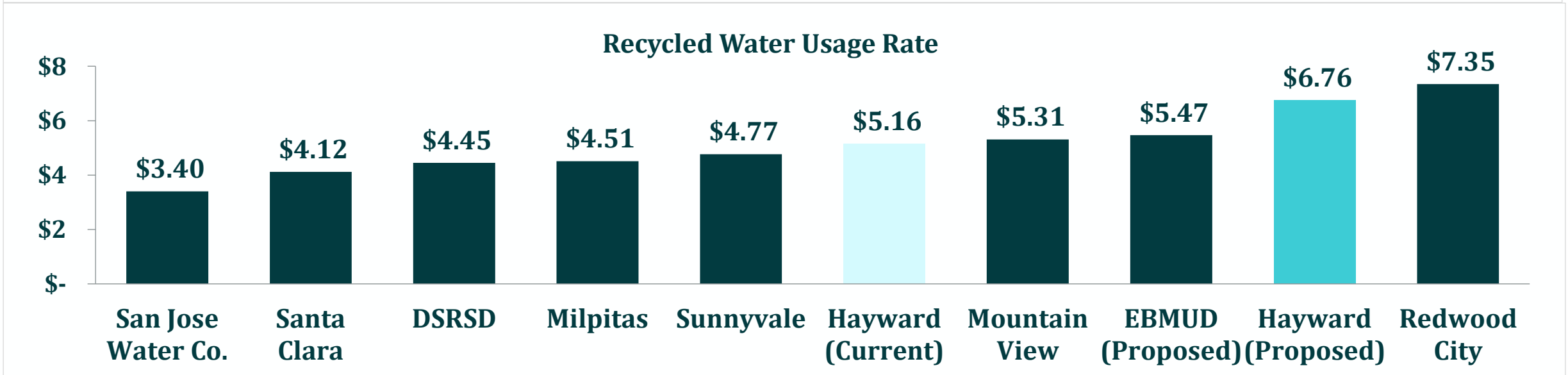
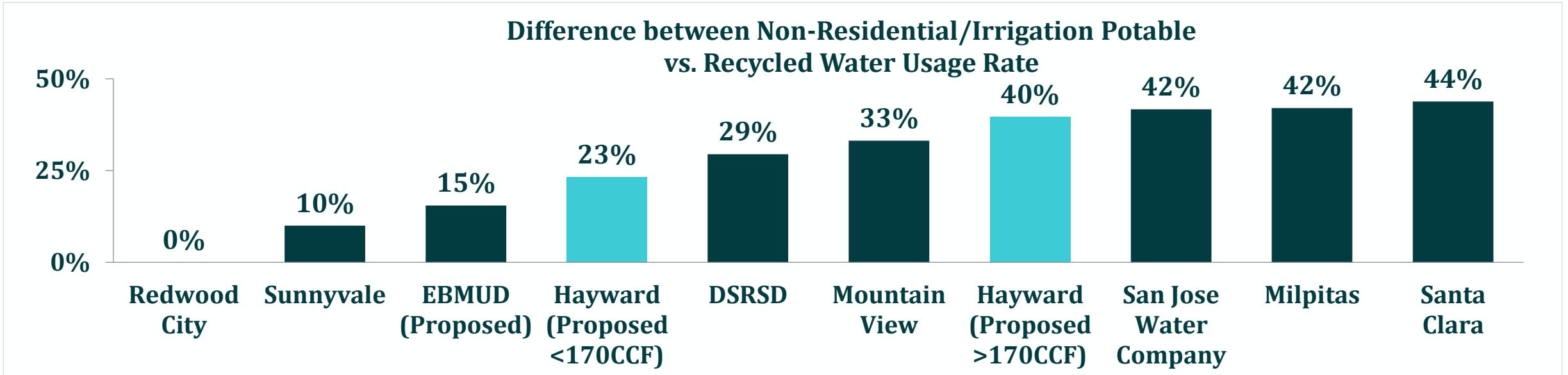


With 35% increase in FY24 & 10% in FY25



Recommendation: 35% increase in FY24 and 10% increase in FY25

Usage Rate Comparison



Facilities and Connection Fees



What are Connection Fees?

- One-time capital charges assessed against new development as a way to provide or cover a proportional share of the costs of capital facilities constructed or to be constructed for its use
- Address equity concerns between current and future users
- Commonly known as connection fees, capacity fees, system development charges, impact fees, facilities fees etc.

Methodologies

There are four industry-accepted methodologies to calculate connection fees:

Equity Buy-In Method

Focuses on total value and current demand of existing system

Capacity Buy-In Method

Focuses on additional capacity provided by improvements planned to accommodate growth

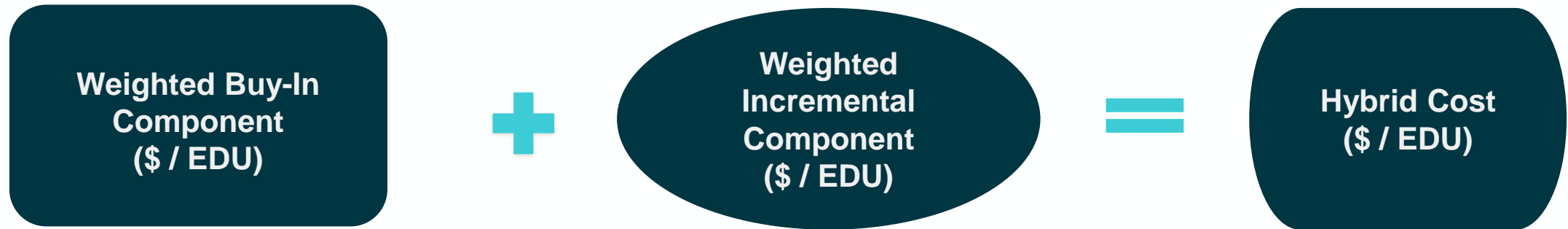
Incremental Cost Method

Focuses on new development paying for additional capacity necessary to serve growth

Hybrid Method

Focuses on the summation of existing capacity and any necessary expansion to serve growth

Hybrid Method (Water and Sewer)



- Focuses on the summation of existing capacity and any necessary expansion to serve growth
- Typically used where some capacity is available, but additional expansion is necessary to accommodate new growth
- Capital costs associated with repair and replacement of the existing system should not be included in the calculation

Capacity Buy-In Method (Recycled Water)



- Focuses on additional capacity provided by improvements planned to accommodate growth
- Agency calculates charge based on amount of capacity needed to serve specific development coming online
- Used for recycled water since it is a new system and Master Plan is planned for next year

Hybrid Connection Fee Components

Buy-In Component

- Existing system asset value (replacement cost)
- Cash balances for Operating and Replacement reserves
- Outstanding debt principal

Incremental Component

- 10 years of Improvement Fund CIP (only related to expansion)

City's last connection fee update was in 2012 (water), 2011 (sewer), and 2019 (recycled water to match water fee)

Proposed Connection Fees

	Water Facilities Fee	Sewer Connection Fee	Recycled Water Connection Fee
Calculated	23% Increase	102% Increase	425% Increase
Staff Recommendation	10% Increase	25% Increase	10% Increase

Connection Fees Comparison

Agency	Water Connection Fee (1" meter)
Palo Alto	\$6,250
ACWD	\$8,556
Mountain View	\$12,206
Hayward (Current)	\$16,210
Hayward (Proposed)	\$17,831
EBMUD (1)	\$41,580
Contra Costa Water District	\$60,085
DSRSD (2)	\$129,928

(1) Water Connection Fee for Region 2, Castro Valley Area

(2) DSRSD Water Capacity Fee includes fee for both water distribution services and Zone 7 water treatment services.

Agency	Sewer Connection Fee (Single Family Residential)
EBMUD (3)	\$2,950
City of San Leandro	\$4,393
Hayward (Current)	\$7,700
Hayward (Proposed)	\$9,625
Palo Alto	\$10,500
Union Sanitary District	\$10,755
Castro Valley Sanitary District	\$15,518
DSRSD	\$17,669

(3) EBMUD Sewer Connection Fee for Treatment Services only

Schedule

Work Session: April 18

Public Hearing notices mailed by: May 5

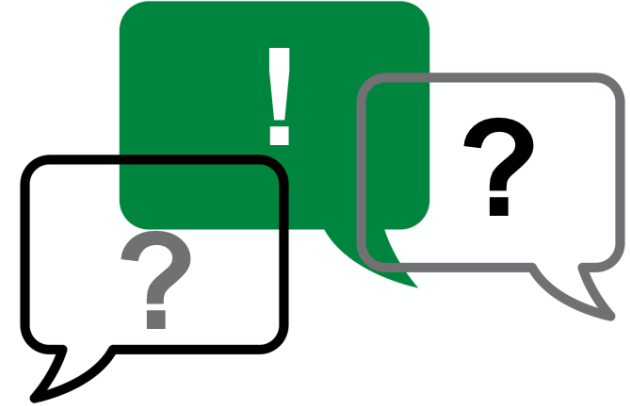
Public Hearing and adoption of rates: June 20

Effective dates:

- › Utility Rates: October 1, 2023 & October 1, 2024
- › Connection Fees: September 1, 2023

Work Session Format

Council questions & discussion



**Residential Design Study
Work Session**

ITEM #6

WS 23-012

Hayward Residential Design Study *Options and Recommendations*

**Work Session with the Council
April 18, 2023**

Elizabeth Blanton, Senior Planner & Taylor Richard, Associate Planner





Process

TOPICS ADDRESSED

- Site Development
- **Building Height**
- **Building Massing**
- Building Frontage
- Architectural Styles
- Open Space
- Lighting and Landscaping
- Parking Garage Design



Options and Recommendations

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Options and Recommendations



Focus Group Participants

- ✓ Market rate and affordable housing developers, architects, neighborhood and advocacy groups, and residents

Common Themes to Date

Single Family Development

- ✓ Front porches, variation in form
- ✓ Larger setbacks for garages or locate in the rear

Multifamily Development

- ✓ Increase height limits
- ✓ Step-back requirements above 2nd floor
- ✓ Landscaping, balconies, window placement
- ✓ Conceal parking facilities
- ✓ Prioritize common open space; Flexible list of amenities

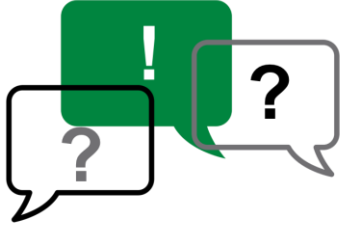
Focus Groups on Options and Recommendations



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- ✓ Support for standards that break up massing and boxy buildings
- ✓ Allow for additional height
- ✓ Incorporate menus of options and/or point systems to allow flexibility
- ✓ Require additional landscaping to buffer between high- and low-density development
- ✓ Usable open space is important, especially for multifamily projects
- ✓ Include standards on architectural lighting
- ✓ Don't include new stormwater standards, as this is already regulated

Planning Commission Feedback



Questions for Discussion

- 1 Which of the recommendations and related options are not right for Hayward?
- 2 Are there any other residential design issues not discussed in this report that should be considered when preparing the updated standards?