



Regional Water Authority
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Regional Water Authority *Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget*

February 2023

Agenda

- FY24 Budget Revenues
- FY24 Budget Expenses
- FY24 Transfers & Designations
- FY24 Strategic Priorities

FY24 Budget Revenues

- For FY24, the draft Budget Revenues reflect the following:
 - 2% - 3% increase in annual dues for RWA Board members and Associate Members
 - \$50 increase for Affiliate Members
- Originally estimated at 4.5% increase. Decrease in dues is due to:
 - New members
 - Retail Connection Growth
 - Increase Beginning Cash balance from:
 - Grant Retention Release
 - Prior year (FY22) savings accumulation
 - Increase in interest income
 - Increase in Subscription Program Revenues

FY24 Budget Expenses

- For FY24, the draft Budget Expenses reflect the following:
 - 3% COLA increase for staff wages
 - 3% increase or less for Office Expense
 - 5% or more increase for Professional Fees based on market rates, fee schedules, or prior year expense
 - Legal Fees
 - Lobbying Services
 - Public Outreach
 - Audit and Actuary Services
 - HR Services
- Office Relocation is budgeted at \$40,000 placeholder for moving allowance, IT reconfiguration, and furniture
- Includes PERS payment of \$36,700; IRWM at \$15,000 and Powerhouse/MOSAC at \$25,000

FY24 Transfers & Designations

- Transfers pending approval:
 - FY24 Transfer to WEP of 30%
 - FY24 Transfer to CIMS of 10%
- Designations:
 - ✓ Operating Designation equal to 6.9 months or \$150,000 in unrestricted cash
 - ✓ 15% Membership and 10% Subscription Program Stabilization
 - ✓ Restricted Cash Designation for RWA programs including Water Bank, Prop 1, and Urban Drought grant
 - ✓ Restricted Cash Designation for CIMS/BOSS program
 - ✓ Restricted Cash Designation for WEP

FY24 Strategic Priorities

With a \$150,000 in unrestricted cash, RWA may elect to do one or more/combination(s) of the following:

- Reduce dues to 0% increase in FY24
- Bank it to earn interest and offset future year expenses & annual dues
- Add an administrative support position
- Program it to add resources to RWA Strategic Priorities such as:
 - Water Bank contribution
 - Increase Communication and Outreach Efforts
 - Develop Agriculture Water Use Efficiency Program
 - Hire a contract grant writer
- Other ideas?



Questions and Discussion