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Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget

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Budget Committee

- Executive Committee = Budget Committee
- Approve the RWA Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget and recommend adoption by the RWA Board of Directors.

FY 2026-2027 General Membership Dues

- 5% Dues Rate Increase
- Total General Membership Dues = \$1,212,150
 - Increase of \$56,760
 - Dues Rates Exceptions:
 - Agencies outside of the core American River Basin receive a 10% discount
 - San Juan Water District is treated as the minimum size of a large member agency or 30,000 connections at a rate of \$2.51 per connection
 - New members receive a 50% discount in the first year and a 25% discount in the second year (No members received this discount in FY 2026-2027 Budget)

FY 2026-2027 General Membership Dues (Cont.)

- FY 2026-2027 - Dues Rates
 - Small Agency (Up to 7,000 Connections)
 - \$2.51 per first 3,000 Connections
 - ~\$1.26 per Connections 3,001-7,000
 - Medium Agency (Up to 30,000 Connections)
 - \$2.51 per Connection up to 30,000
 - Large Agency (Over 30,000 Connections)
 - \$2.51 per Connections up to 30,000
 - ~\$1.26 per Connections 30,001 to 40,000
 - ~\$0.63 per Connections 40,001 to 50,000
 - ~\$0.31 per Connections 50,001 to 60,000
 - ~\$0.08 per Connections 60,001 and up





FY 2026-2027 Other Dues and Revenues

- Associate Membership Dues - \$78,668
 - 5% Dues increase in accordance with the General Membership Dues
- Affiliate Membership - \$8,000
 - Dues rate remains unchanged at \$800 per annual membership
- Interest Income – \$70,000

FY 2026-2027 Staff Expenses

- Staff Expenses Include 9.5 full time equivalent employees (FTEs), allocated as follows:
 - Regional Water Authority – 6.10 FTEs, as follows:
 - Regional Water Authority Core – 3.10 FTEs
 - Water Efficiency Program – 0.95 FTEs
 - Common Interest Management Services – 1.40 FTEs
 - Water Bank – 0.35 FTEs
 - Prop 84 Grants Closeout – 0.05 FTEs
 - Sacramento Groundwater Authority – 3.40 FTEs
- New Hire – Half-time Executive Assistant
 - Allocated: RWA Core-50% and SGA-50%

FY 2026-2027 Staff Expenses (Continued)

- Salaries/Wages
 - 2.8% Cola Increase
 - Merit Increases for Eligible Employees
 - Potential increase for Executive Director
- Benefits
 - Medical Insurance increase of 6.5% (OPEB Actuary Rate)
- Additional Pension Unfunded Liability Payment - \$89,500
 - Per Policy 500.15, Additional Contribution of 1/4th of CalPERS Unfunded Actuarial Liability of \$357,913

FY 2026-2027 Other Notable Expenses

- Internet/Website: Increased \$5K for a potential website update
- Events: Increased \$20K for RWA 25th Anniversary Celebration
- Dues & Subscriptions: \$10K increase for Capital Caucus Sponsorship
- Human Resources: Increased \$20K for Salary Survey (Plus \$20K the following Fiscal Year)
- Strategic Plan Update: ~\$18K remaining from the \$40K FY 2025-2026 Budget
- Watershed Resilience Program: \$20K to sustain the program
- ARCAP: FY 2025-2026 Budget expected to be fully utilized and no further amounts



FY 2026-2027 Expense Reimbursements

- SGA Service Agreement - \$1,069,657
 - Covers 3.40 FTEs
 - 50% of Shared Administrative Expenses
- Water Efficiency Program - \$278,370
 - Covers 0.95 FTEs
 - Proportional Shared Administrative Expenses
- Common Interest Management Services - \$449,719
 - Covers 1.40 FTEs
 - Proportional Shared Administrative Expenses
 - Includes the Biological Opinion Services and Support
- Water Bank - \$131,534
 - Covers 0.35 FTEs
 - Proportional Shared Administrative Expenses
- Prop 84 Grants - \$10,391
 - Covers 0.05 FTEs
 - Proportional Shared Administrative Expense



FY 2026-2027 Program Budget

- Water Efficiency Program
 - 5% Program Dues Increase
 - Ending Reserves - \$300,000
- Common Interest Management Services
 - Includes Biological Opinion Services and Support
 - Calculated Program Dues to cover budgeted expenses and plus/minus projected beginning balances
- Water Bank
 - Phase 3 Funds, WIIN Act Grant Funds and \$120,000 in additional dues included in budget, but to be determined
- Prop 84 Grants (Close Out)
 - Remaining member funds to be used to close out the grants
- Grants – Pass Through
 - Grant Revenue the RWA receives and disburses to members

FY 2026-2027 Budget Results

- RWA Core Projected Net Deficit of \$309,324
- Designations/Reserves
 - Operating Fund
 - 4 to 6 months covers expenses
 - Operating Fund + Undesignated is \$986,815 and covers 7.0 months of expenses
 - Membership Dues Stabilization Fund
 - 15% of total Membership Dues or \$194,823
 - Subscription Program Revenue Fund
 - 10% of Sub. Program Reimbursements or \$87,001
 - Museum of Science and Curiosity (Previously Powerhouse Science Center)
 - \$50,000 or 2 years of \$25K payments

RWA Future Budget Outlook

- Projected Dues Rate Increases
 - 7% for FY 2027-2028 to FY 2030-2031
- Projected Net Surplus/(Deficits)
 - FY 2027-2028 - \$(215,324)
 - FY 2028-2029 - \$(150,137)
 - FY 2029-2030 - \$(64,254)
 - FY 2030-2031 - \$6,141
- Operating Reserves
 - FY 2027-2028 – Covers 5.5 months of expenses
 - FY 2028-2029 – Covers 4.4 months of expenses
 - FY 2029-2030 – Covers 3.8 months of expenses
 - FY 2030-2031 – Covers 3.5 months of expenses



Questions and Discussion