## Long Beach Utilities Proposed Budget and Rates for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

May 25, 2023



#### FY 24 Budget Workshop Schedule

May 17 – Review Water, Gas, and Sewer Fund Proposed FY 24 Budgets

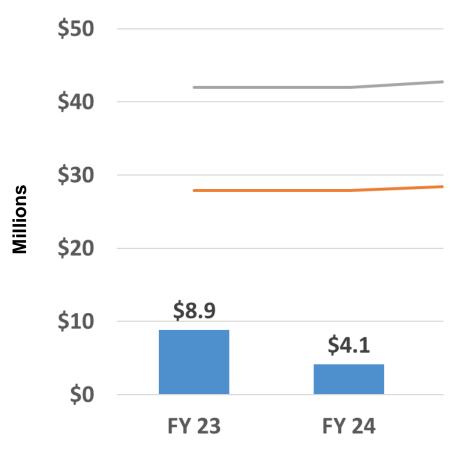
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# FY 24 Water Fund



#### **5-Year Water Fund Projected Ending Reserves**

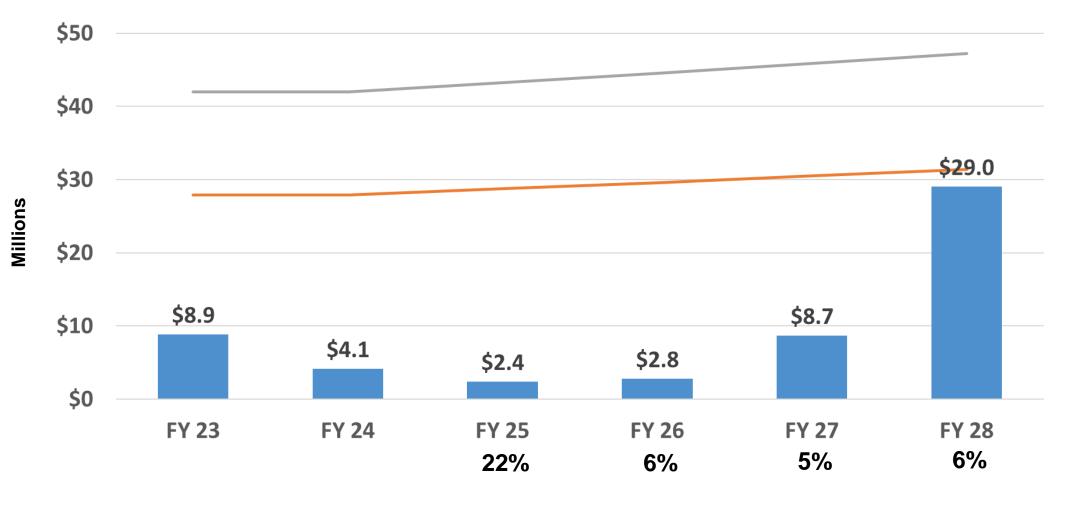


- Budgeted Deficit
  \$4,700,000
- No Rate Increase
- Cost Increases
- Importance of Reserves

#### **5-Year Projection Components**

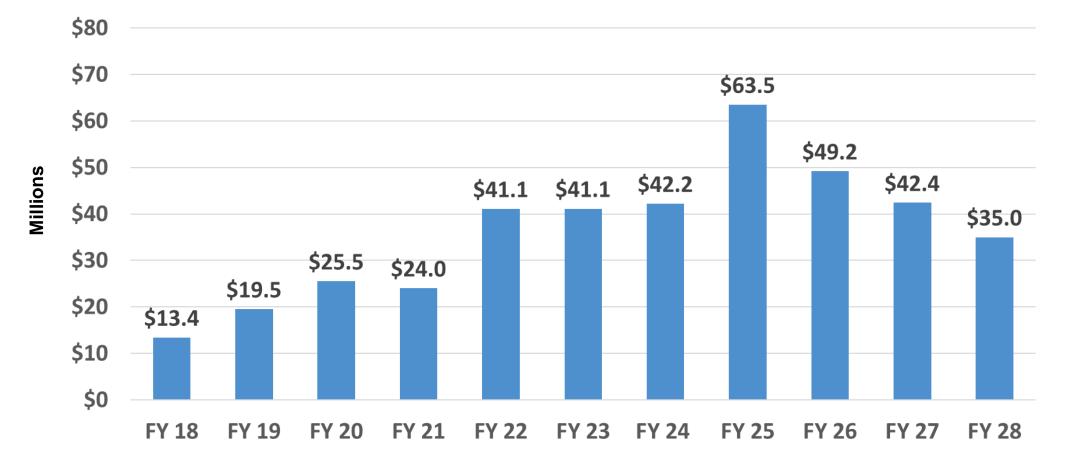
- Stabilizing revenue as ratepayers continue to conserve
- Inflation and rising cost of imported water
- Full line of credit utilized by FY 25
- Robust CIP for local groundwater projects

#### **5-Year Water Fund Projected Ending Reserves**



—Minimum —Maximum

### FY 18 – FY 28 CIP Budget

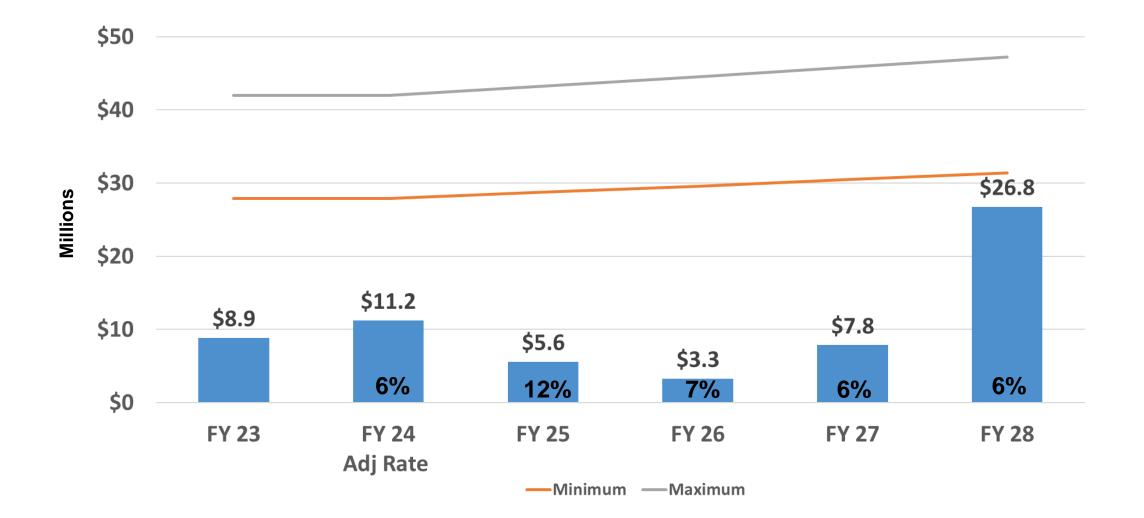




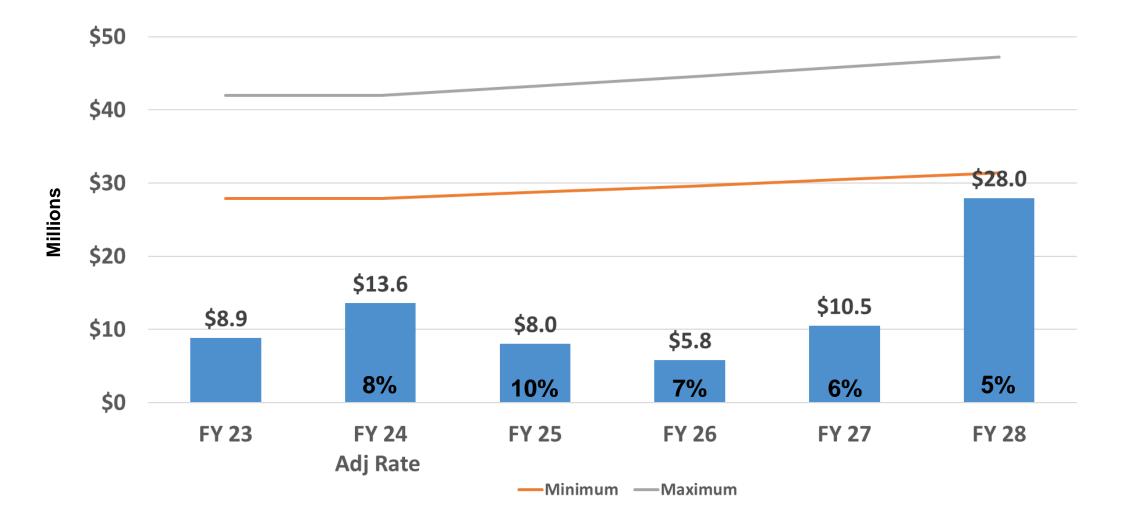
#### **FY 24 Structural Deficit Rate Options**

- Projected Structural Deficit \$4,700,000
- Scenario 1 Increase Water Rates by 6%
- Scenario 2 Increase Water Rates by 8%
- Scenario 3 Increase Water Rates by 10%

#### 5-Year Water Fund Projected Ending Reserves (With a 6% increase)

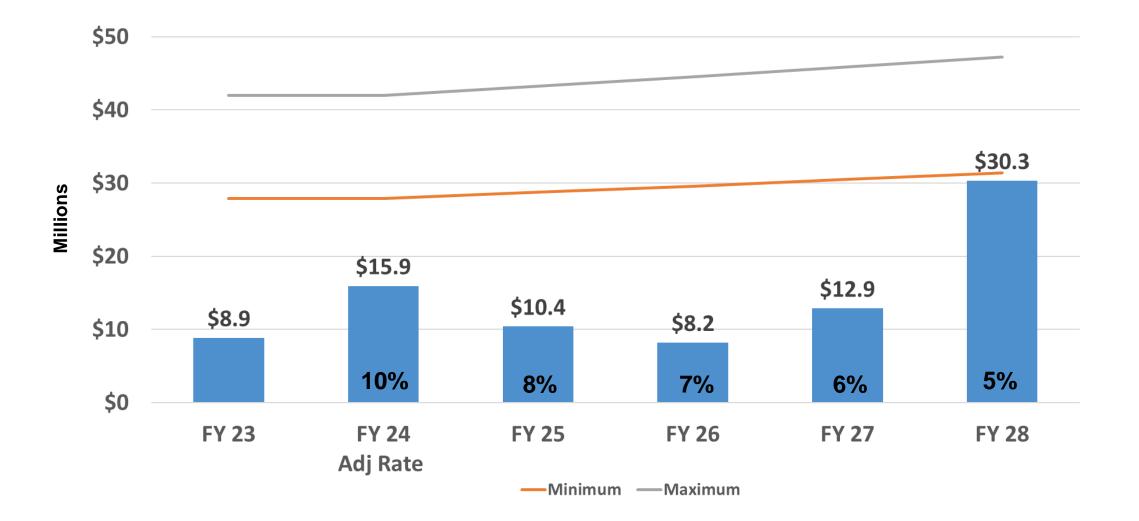


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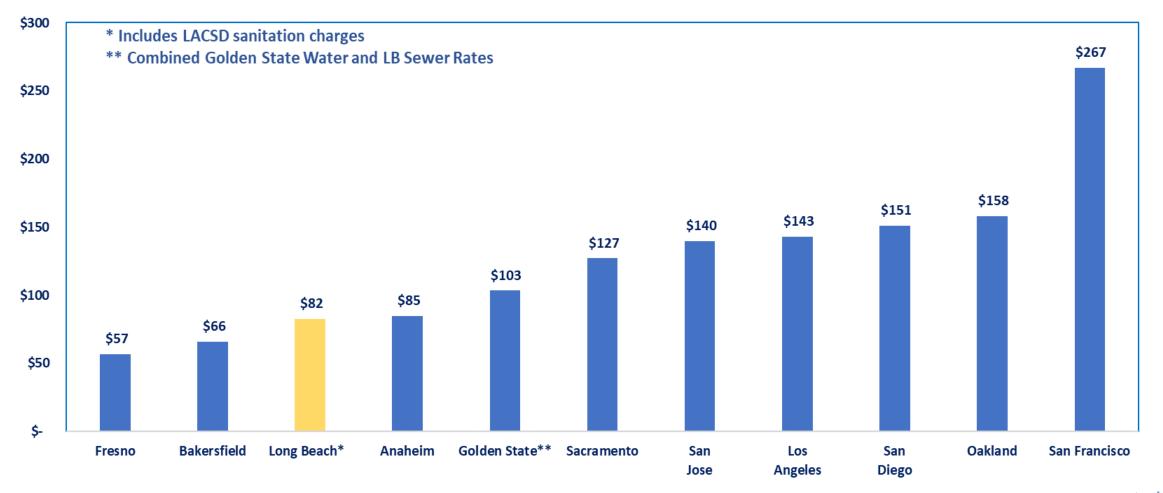


### Water Rate Scenarios

• Effects on Typical Monthly Water Bill\*

Rate Scenarios	FY 24
Water Rate Scenario 1 - 6%	\$3.42
Water Rate Scenario 2 - 8%	\$4.57
Water Rate Scenario 3 - 10%	\$5.69

### **CA City Benchmarking**



# FY 24 Sewer Fund



#### FY 24 Sewer Fund Projected Ending Reserves



Millions

- Budgeted Deficit
  \$2,107,000
- No Rate Increase
- Cost Increases
- Importance of Reserves

# FY 24 Gas Fund



#### **5-Year Gas Fund Projected Ending Reserves**



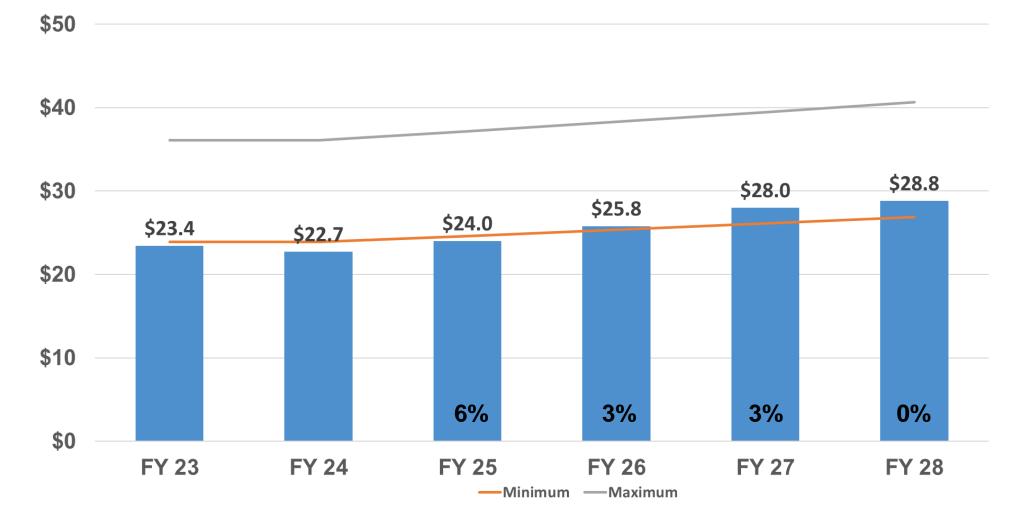
- Budgeted Deficit \$725k
- No Rate Increase in FY 24
- Cost Increases
- Importance of Reserves

-Minimum -Maximum

#### **5-Year Projection Components**

- Stable annual CIP investment for pipeline infrastructure
- Annual decrease of General Fund transfer to balance rising operating expenses to stabilize fund reserves
- Economic inflation or recession

### **5-Year Gas Fund Projected Ending Reserves**



Millions

#### **Potential Financial Risk Factors**

- Additional CIP needs for pipeline infrastructure
- Volatility of gas prices due to market trends
- Inflation and recessionary pressures

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