



**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
2015  
PUBLIC WORKS**



- Water
- \$ Cost ???

# The 1970's



**Cuyahoga River on Fire**



## Wake up Call



## **Earth Day 1970**

Clean Water Act                      1972

Safe Drinking Water Act        1974

# Federal Legislation Authorizing the USEPA

**Clean Water Act -** Sanitary Sewer  
Storm Sewer

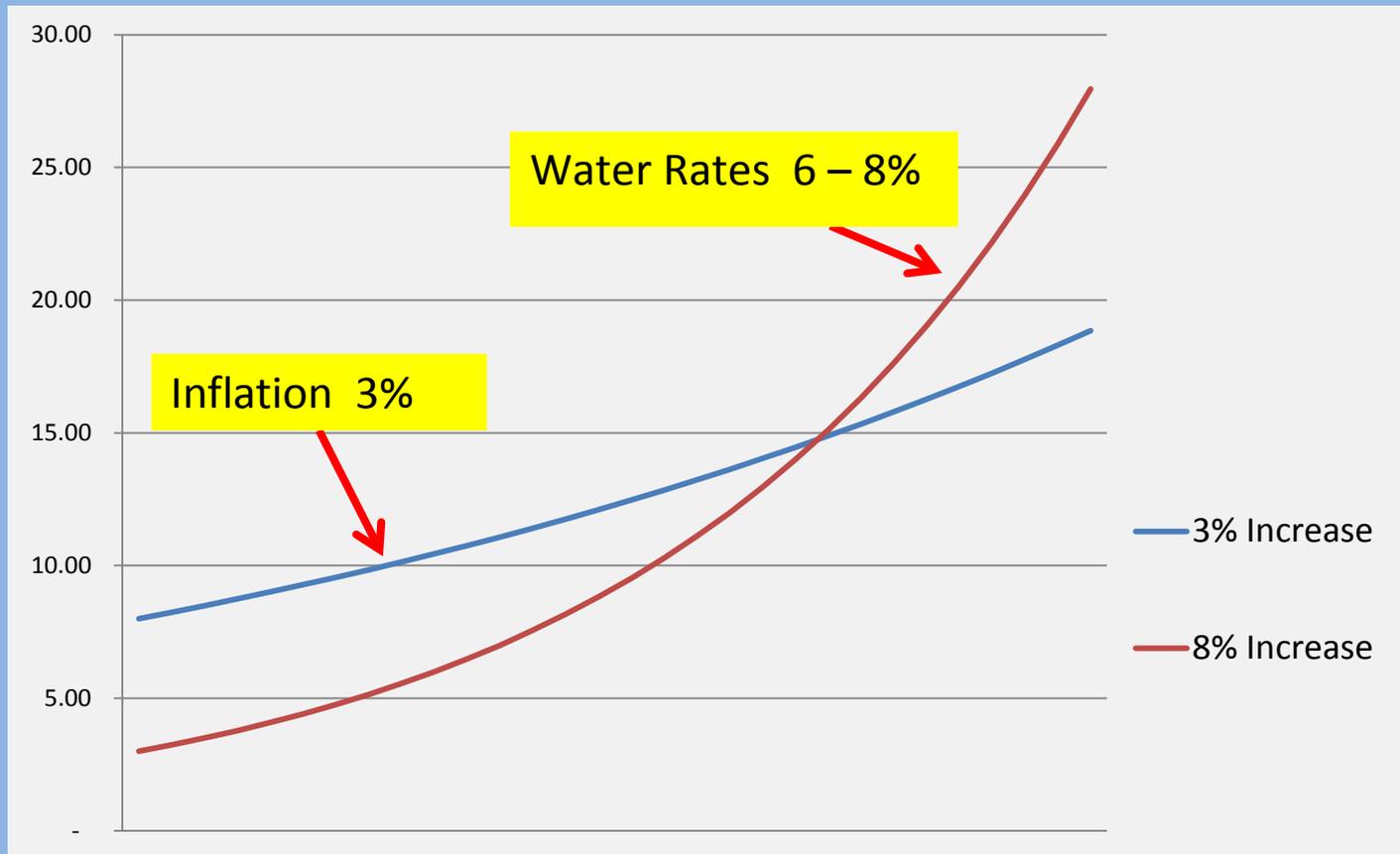
**Safe Drinking Water Act –** Water

Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer Rates  
set by  
Regional Sewerage Agency CWS

Water Rates are  
Set by  
City of Forest Grove

# WATER RATES

Why are they increasing faster than the average rate of inflation?



# **THE ANSWER:**

Aging Water Works (infrastructure)

Added Drinking Water Regulations

Saving Money for Future Projects

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Added Drinking Water **Regulations**

Saving Money for **Future Projects**

Significant “infrastructure” built in 40’s 50’s  
60’s.

That we all have been using and relying on.

It’s difficult to know how long it will last.

When it will break or fail.

What it will cost to fix it.

# TYPICAL WATER COST

Residential Customer in Forest Grove

1,000 gallons

\$4.75

Delivered to your home  
Into your home

# HOW MUCH WATER DO YOU USE?

Average Person in Forest Grove

Uses 100 gallons per day

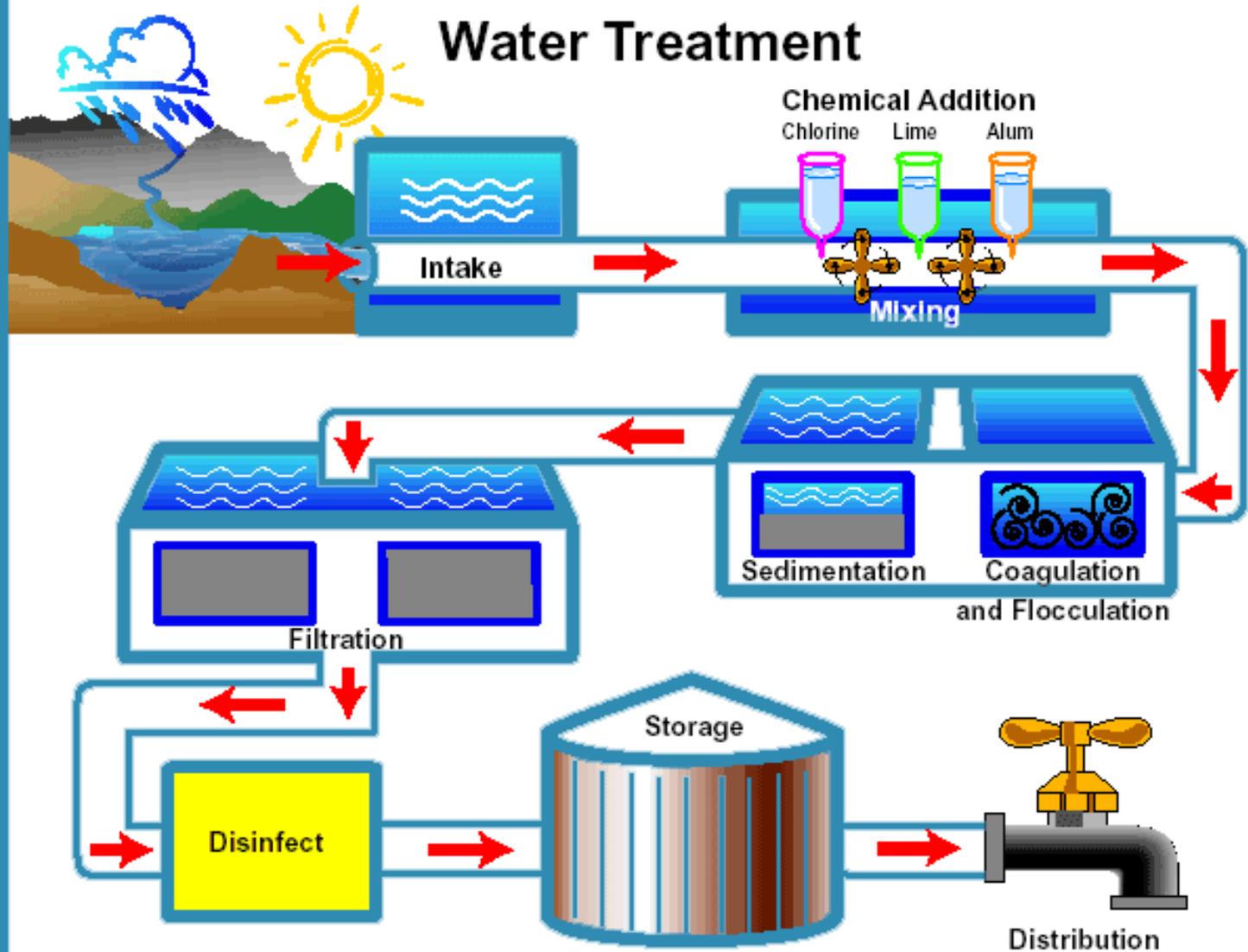
Household 7,500 gallons per month

Or 90,000 gallons per year

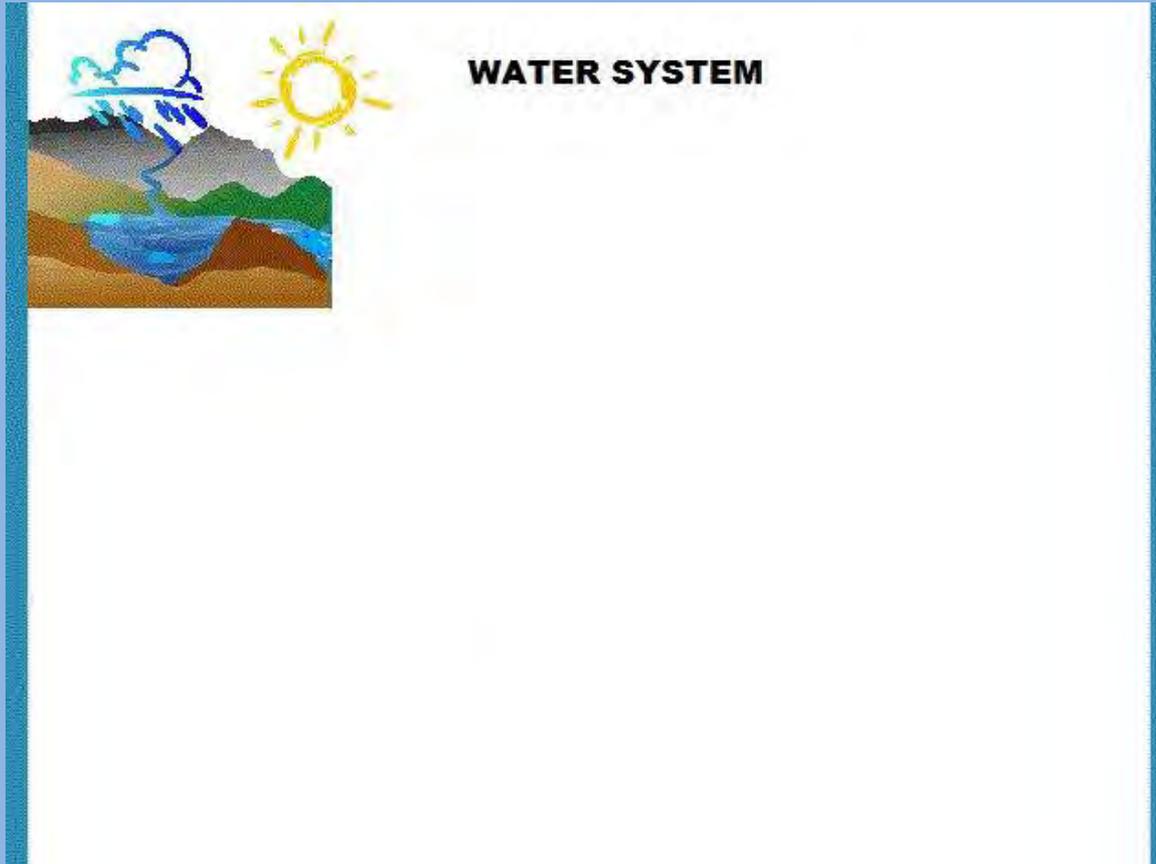
# WATER SYSTEM

- Source \$
  - Treatment \$
  - Distribution \$
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- There are three main elements to a water system (infrastructure)

# Water Treatment

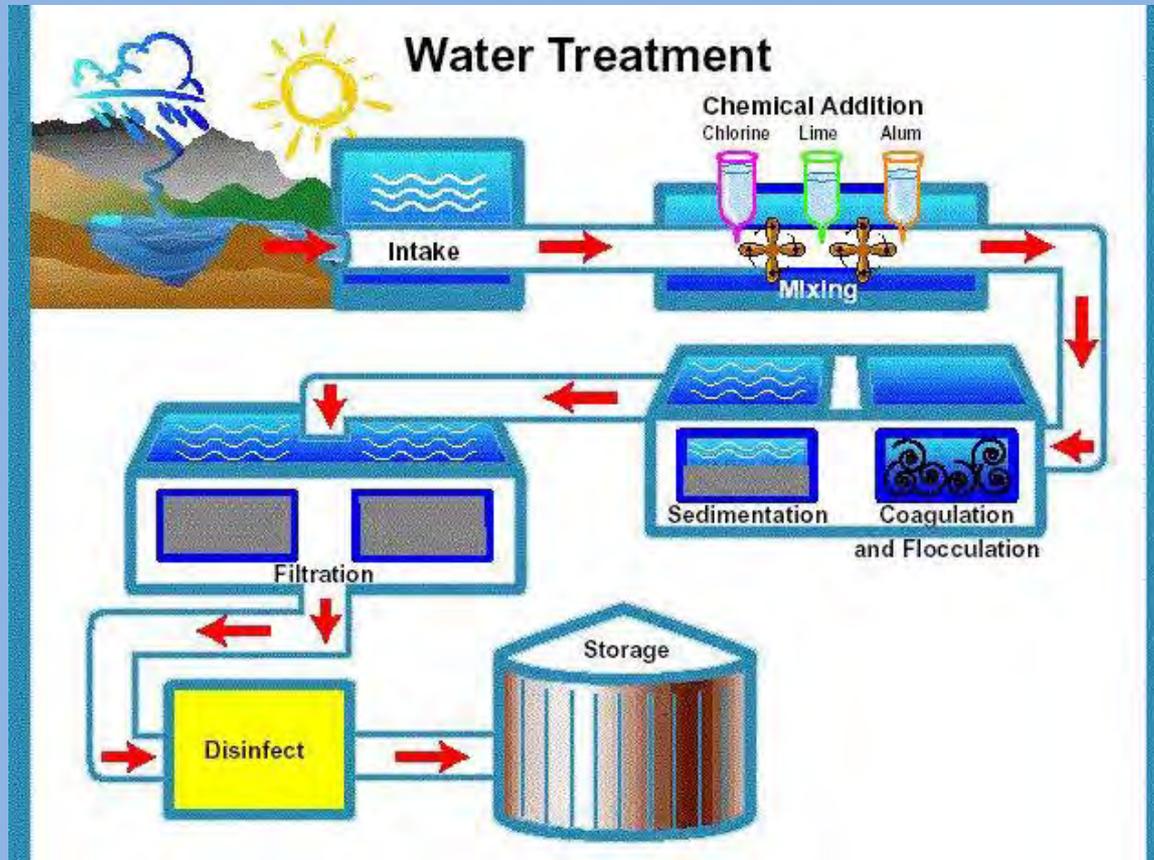


# Source of Water



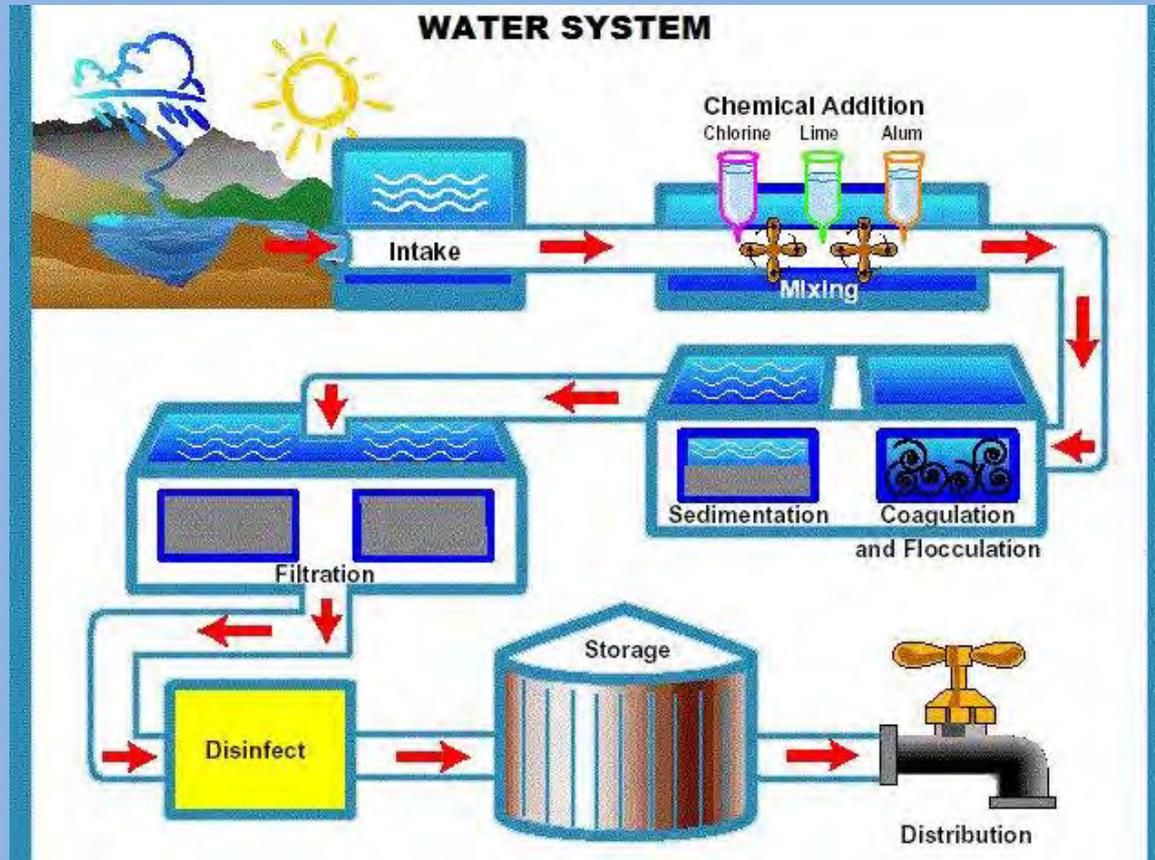
River or Lake

(Very difficult to develop new water source)



## Treatment Plant

(\$\$ needed for operation, maintenance, and expansion)



Distribution – pipes, valves, pumps, tanks  
( \$\$ needed for operation, maintenance, expansion)

# CITY OF FOREST GROVE'S WATER SOURCES

The City owns two:

1. Joint Water Commission
2. City-Owned Watershed

# JOINT WATER COMMISSION SYSTEM

Tualatin River

Winter months

(Water right for natural stream flow)

Hagg Lake

Summer months

Barney Reservoir

(water right for storage)

**LEGEND**

	MAJOR SUPPLY PIPING
	PROPOSED JWC/HILLSBORO/TVWD TRANSMISSION MAIN
	BASIC ROAD GRID

# Barney Reservoir

# Forest Grove Watershed

# Hagg Lake

# Tualatin River



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**ABBREVI**

JWC	JWC
P.S.	P.S.
PRV	PRV
TV/D	TV/D
TVWD	TVWD
WTP	WTP

WATER TREATMENT PLANT

# TUALATIN RIVER WATER INTAKE

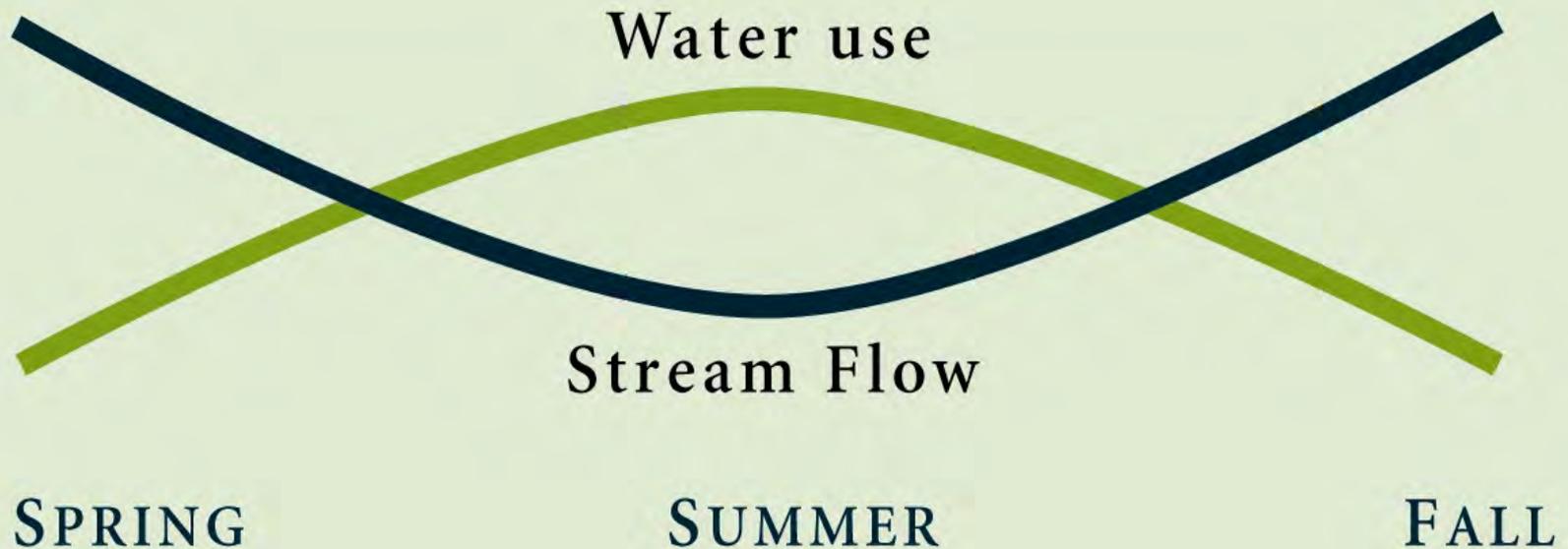


# SPRING HILL PUMPING STATION



# IN THE SUMMER MONTHS THE TUALATIN RIVER FLOWS DROP DOWN

## WATER AVAILABILITY AND DEMAND BY SEASON



HOWEVER THE DEMAND FOR WATER INCREASES



**WATER IS RELEASED FROM HAGG LAKE INTO THE  
TUALATIN RIVER TO INCREASE THE FLOW**

# SCOGGINS DAM

Constructed in 1970's

Forest Grove owns a contract for water. ( 1.7 billion gallons)

Annual payments are \$75,000

(Replacement Cost Today est. \$75 million)



AND ALSO WATER IS RELEASED FROM  
THE BARNEY RESERVOIR

# BARNEY RESERVOIR

Constructed	1998
Cost	\$38,000,000
Forest Grove Ownership	163 million Gallons

*(Replacement Cost Today est. \$7.5 million)*

WATER MASTER PLAN  
UPDATE

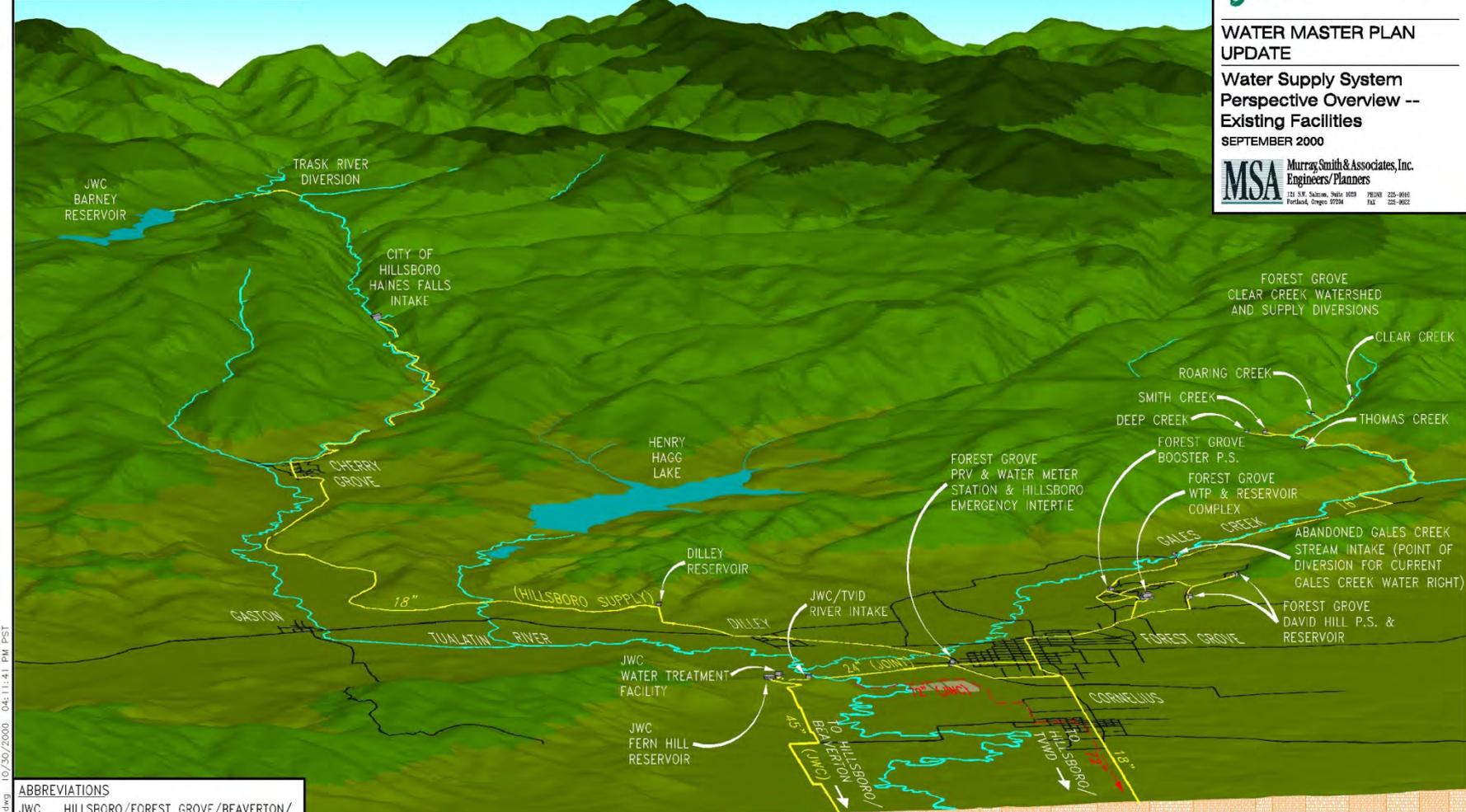
Water Supply System  
Perspective Overview --  
Existing Facilities

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- - - PROPOSED JWC/HILLSBORO/TVWD TRANSMISSION MAIN
- BASIC ROAD GRID



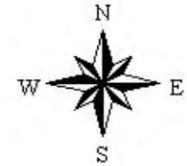
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**ABBREVIATIONS**

JWC	HILLSBORO/FOREST GROVE/BEAVERTON/ TUALATIN VALLEY WATER DISTRICT JOINT WATER COMMISSION
P.S.	PUMP STATION
PRV	PRESSURE REDUCING VALVE
TVID	TUALATIN VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
TVWD	TUALATIN VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
WTP	WATER TREATMENT PLANT



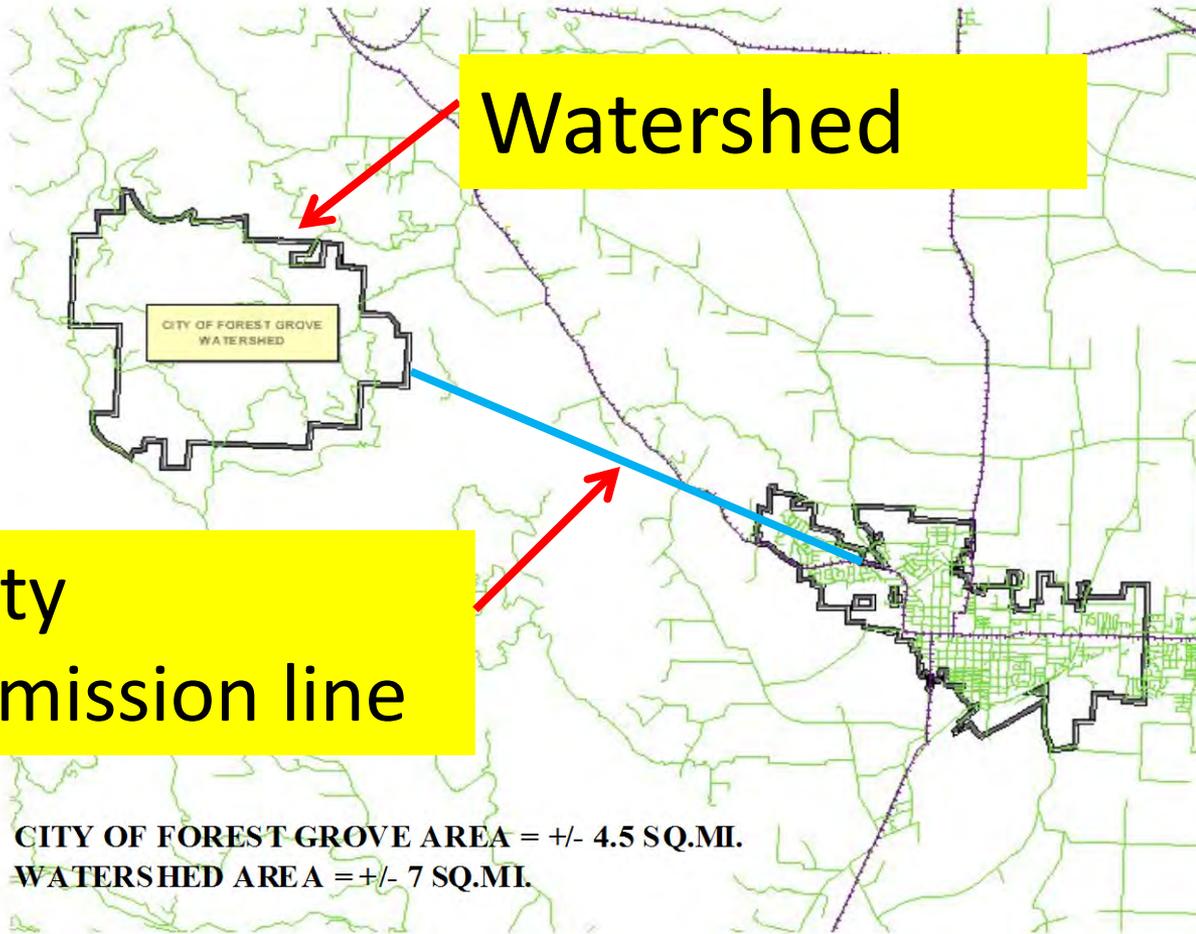
THE OTHER SOURCE OF WATER IS THE  
CITY'S WATERSHED



**Watershed**

**Gravity  
transmission line**

**CITY OF FOREST GROVE AREA = +/- 4.5 SQ.MI.  
WATERSHED AREA = +/- 7 SQ.MI.**



# FOREST GROVE WATERSHED HISTORY

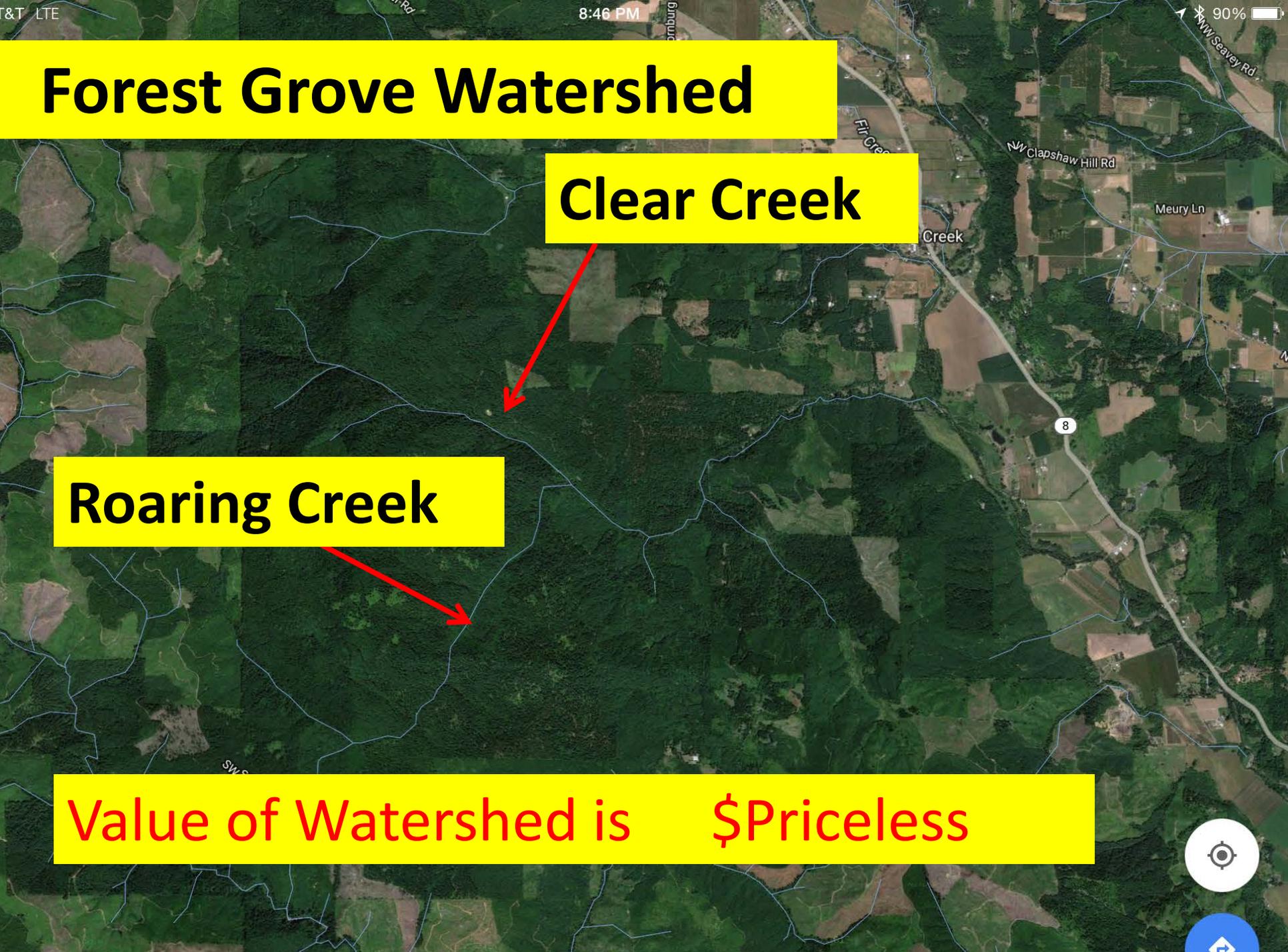
- 1872 City of Forest Grove incorporated
- 1895 Private water system uses Gales Creek
- 1908 Clear Creek first public water system
- 1917 City purchased 200 acres on Clear Creek
- 1935-1941 City purchased 2,200 acres
- 1948 City purchased 1,700 acres after WWII
- 1948 City constructed first water treatment plant
- 1971-1976 Forest Grove and Hillsboro build JWC
- 1978 Forest Grove water treatment plant renovated
- 1988 City purchased 140 acres

# Forest Grove Watershed

Clear Creek

Roaring Creek

Value of Watershed is \$Priceless



# CLEAR CREEK INTAKE



# CLEAR CREEK FISH LADDER



# WATERSHED HABITAT



Live Fish  
made it up the ladder



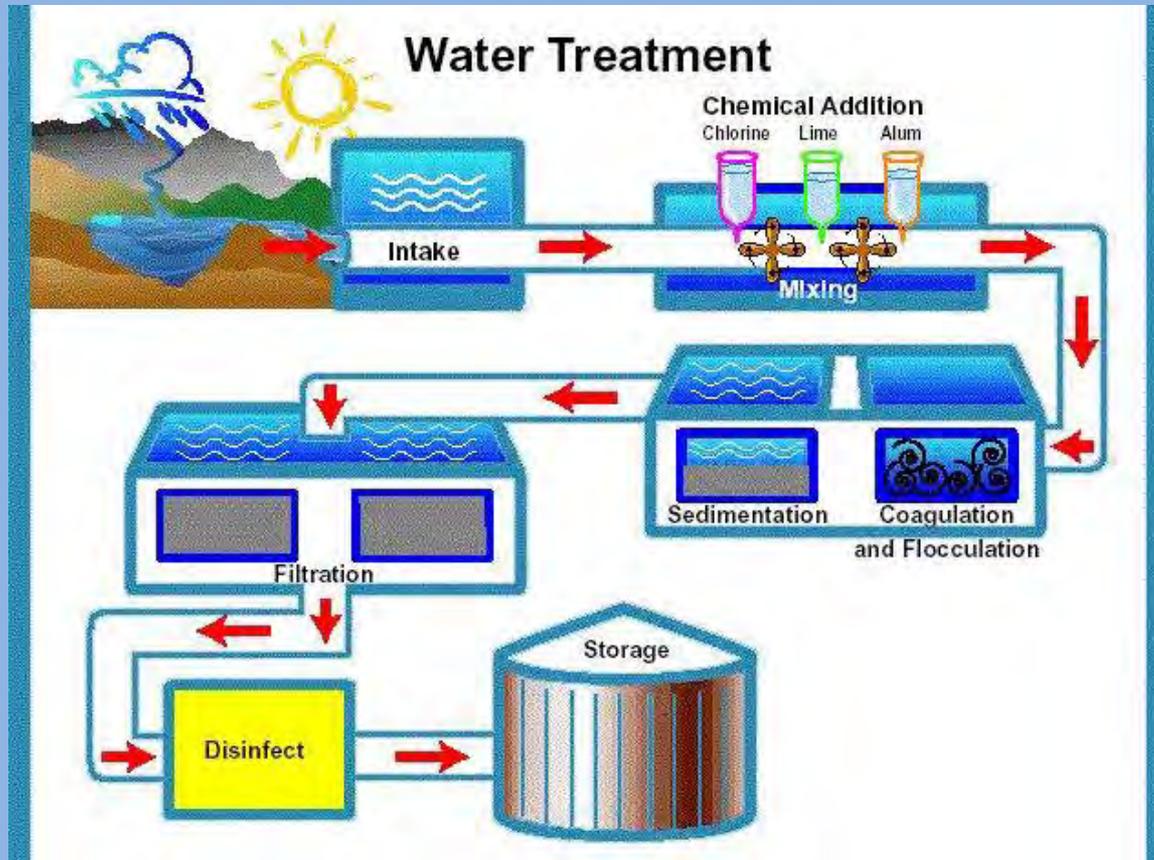
Sustainable Forest Management



Harvest Revenue used to keep water rates low



# WATER TREATMENT



# FILTER TREATMENT PLANT

# TWO WATER TREATMENT PLANTS

	MGD
City of Forest Grove	3.7
Joint Water Commission	<u>10.0</u>
TOTAL	13.7

*(New Construction cost \$20 million)*



CITY OF FOREST GROVE  
WATER TREATMENT PLANT  
501 WATERCREST ROAD

# FOREST GROVE TREATMENT PLANT





# WATER TREATMENT PLANT



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Tagname	Tag Description	Alarm Time	Alarm Date	Analog	Analog	Ack Time	Ack Date	Operator	Ack All	
asbTransumpHi	Transfer Sump High Float Switch Alarm	10:22:06 AM	1/20/2015	10:53:26 AM	1/20/2015	NT AUTHO			Silence All	1/20/2015 11:42:07 AM

OVERVIEW

10th STREET

RAW WATER

CHEMICAL

FILTERS

ALARMS

ALARM MOMT

PIPESONDE

TRENDS SH.1

TRENDS SH.2

TRENDS SH.3

STATE TREND

MAINTENANCE

East Filter In Service Mode

**EAST FILTER**

Auto In Service  
Manual Standby

Current Last  
InService (hr) 1:19 25

The Last Backwash Was Completed On The 15 at 11 57

West Filter In Service Mode

**WEST FILTER**

Auto In Service  
Manual Standby

Current Last  
InService (hr) 1:17 50

The Last Backwash Was Completed On The 15 at 14 38

**EAST FILTER BACKWASH**

Backwash Controls

Drain To: Waste | Return To: In Service

Sequence Control: Start Hold Abort Step

Other Filter Not in BW: ●

All Equip. OK for BW: ●

High-Flow SP: 2300  
Med-Flow SP: 1300  
Overlap Flow SP: 500  
FTW Turbidity SP: 0.12

Automatic Backwash Start

Turbidity Based (NTU): 0.30 5 Disabled  
Headloss Based (ft): 60.00 15 Enabled

**BACKWASH SEQUENCE**

North Bay Step	Setpoint	Actual	South Bay Step	Actual	Setpoint
Step 1 (ft)	5.85	7.1	Drain	0	420
Step 2 (sec)	420	0	Surface Wash	0	180
Step 3 (sec)	180	0	Surface Wash Overlap	0	60
Step 4 (sec)	60	0	Medium Flow	0	420
Step 5 (sec)	420	0	High Flow	0	900
			Filter to Waste Timer	0	60
			Filter to Waste Quality Timer	0	60

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\$ 1.0 MILLION UPGRADES TO PLANT CONTROLS 2000



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**UPGRADES WERE NEEDED TO MEET NEW DRINKING  
WATER REGULATIONS**



EXIT

Technical specifications and safety instructions for the equipment are provided in this document.

DO NOT TOUCH

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TREATMENT PLANT FILTER REPAIR



TREATMENT PLANT FILTER REPAIR  
\$230,000

# JWC WATER COMMISSION TREATMENT PLANT



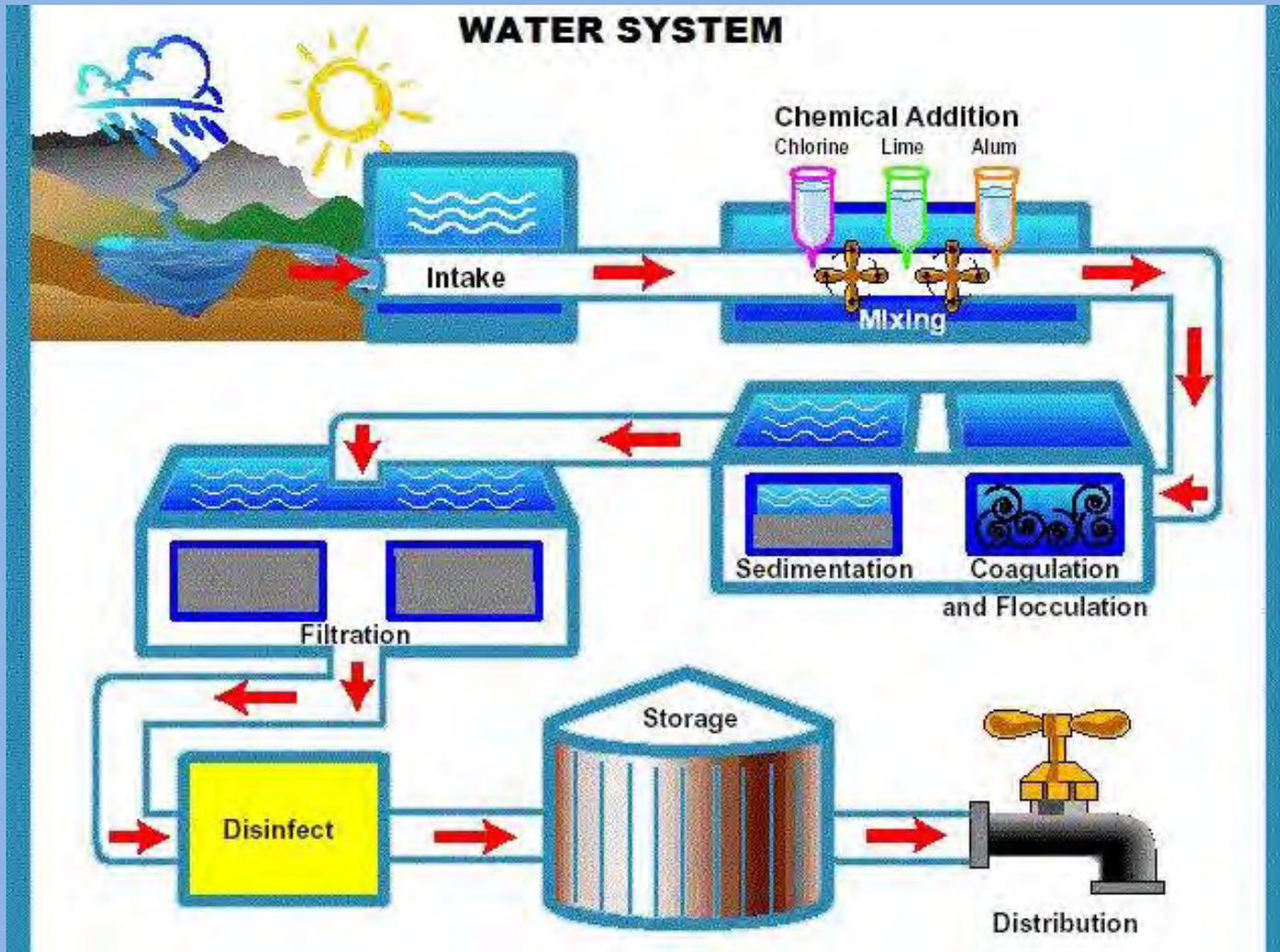
# JWC Treatment Plant



Joint Water Commission Treatment Plant  
Maximum capacity 65 MGD  
Forest Grove's % ownership is 10 MGD  
To increase capacity \$1.5 million per MGD  
Annual maintenance typically \$200,000 yr



# TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION

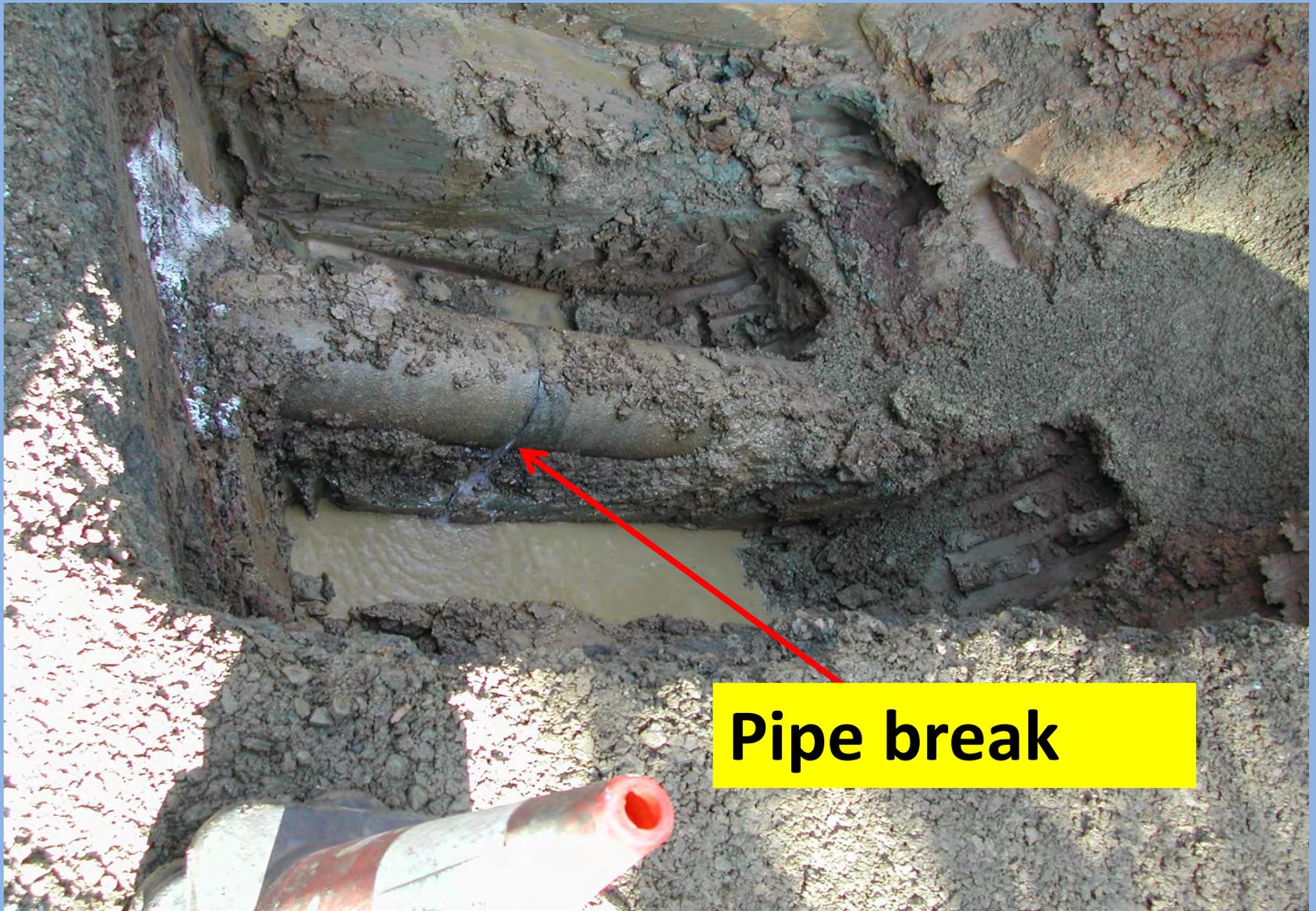


**DISTRIBUTION PIPES & PUMPS**

# DISTRIBUTION WATER PIPES IN FOREST GROVE

Pipe Size	Feet	Miles
6" – 12"	435,685 ft.	82
16"	37,000 ft.	7
24"	10,500 ft.	2

*(Pipe replacement cost starts at \$100 per foot)*



**Pipe break**

**TRANSMISSION LINE LEAK**



REPAIR BAND

# WATER SYSTEM - MAINTENANCE



CITY CREWS REPLACE WATER VALVES AND INSTALL NEW LINE



## Water Parts Inventory

# CITY CREW REPAIRING WATER PIPE



# TRANSMISSION LINE CREEK CROSSING

**16" Transmission  
Pipe.**



Pipe became exposed as creek bottom eroded



# NEW TRANSMISSION LINE CROSSING



**Cost:**

**Engineering \$130,000**

**Construction \$270,000**

# WATER DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE

- Water Line Flushing
- Leak Detection
- Backflow Protection
- Fixing Water Main Breaks
- Annual Fire Hydrant Inspection
- Pipe Locates – *for other construction*





**Leak  
Detection  
Equipment**



**WATER LOSS DUE TO LEAKS  
ANNUAL 10 TO 15%**

**PROTECTION AGAINST  
CROSS CONTAMINATION**

**BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROGRAM**



**BACKFLOW PREVENTION VALVE TESTED ANNUALLY**





# Water Sample Station

# AUTOMATED METER READING



RESIDENTIAL WATER METER WITH REMOTE READ ANTENNA





# SOME WATER NUMBERS

# WATER SYSTEM BUDGET

(numbers are approximate for 2014)

Money from Customers	3,800,000
Money from Timber	<u>588,000</u>
Total:	4,388,000

Maintenance & Material	1,053,000
Major Capital Construction	500,000
Debt and Bonds	685,000
City Personnel	<u>1,803,000</u>
Total:	4,038,000

Difference: 350,000

Savings in the Bank 2014 7,138,000\*



\* Includes fund balance in water fund plus SDC system development fund



**Public Works Employees**

# WATER FUND PERSONNEL

FTE (full time employee)

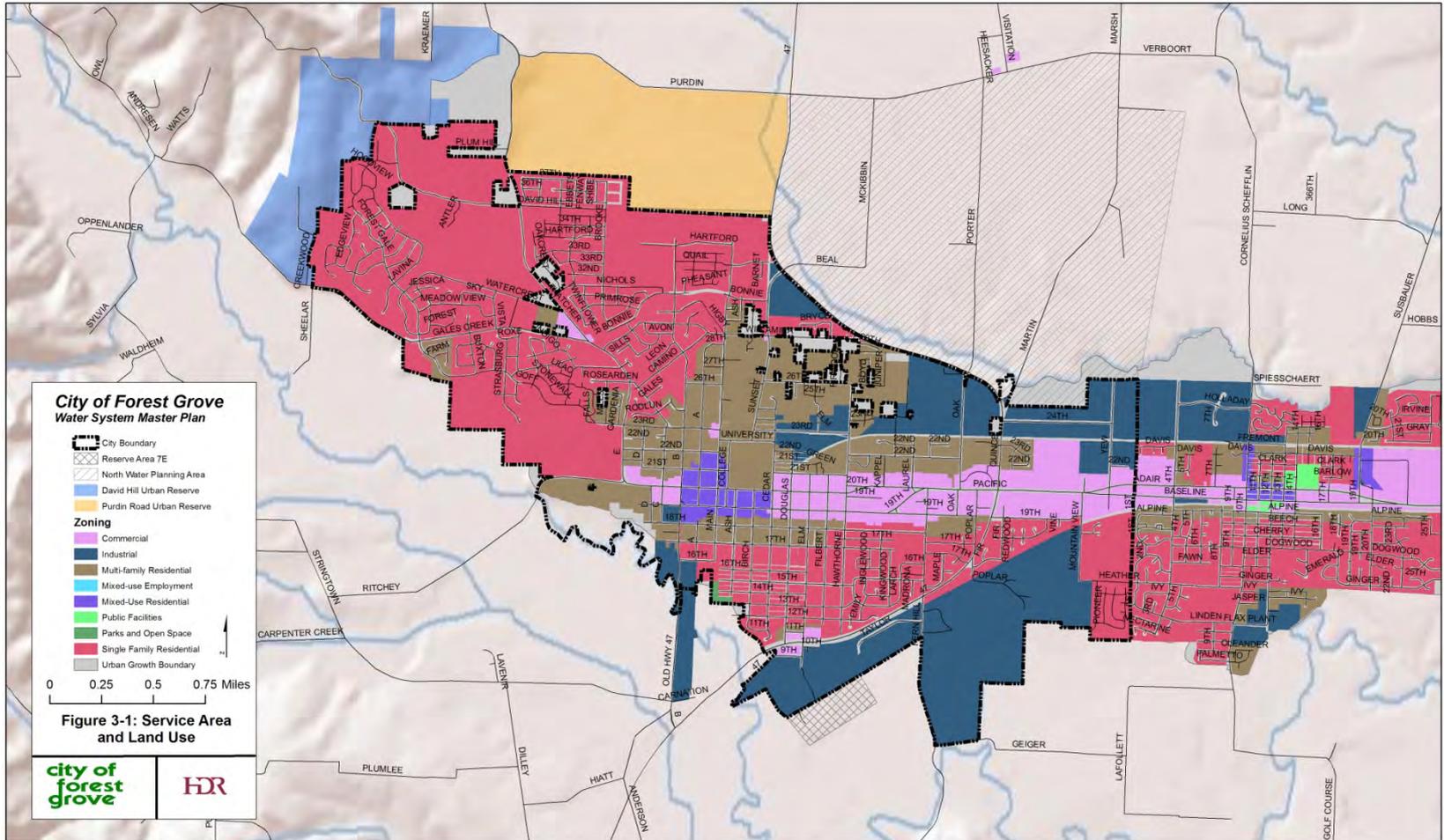
	FTE
WTP Operators	3.0
Maintenance Worker	5.2
Superintendent	0.2
Administrative Assistant	0.2
Meter Readers	0.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>9.48</b>

# ADDITIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL FUNDED BY WATER FUND

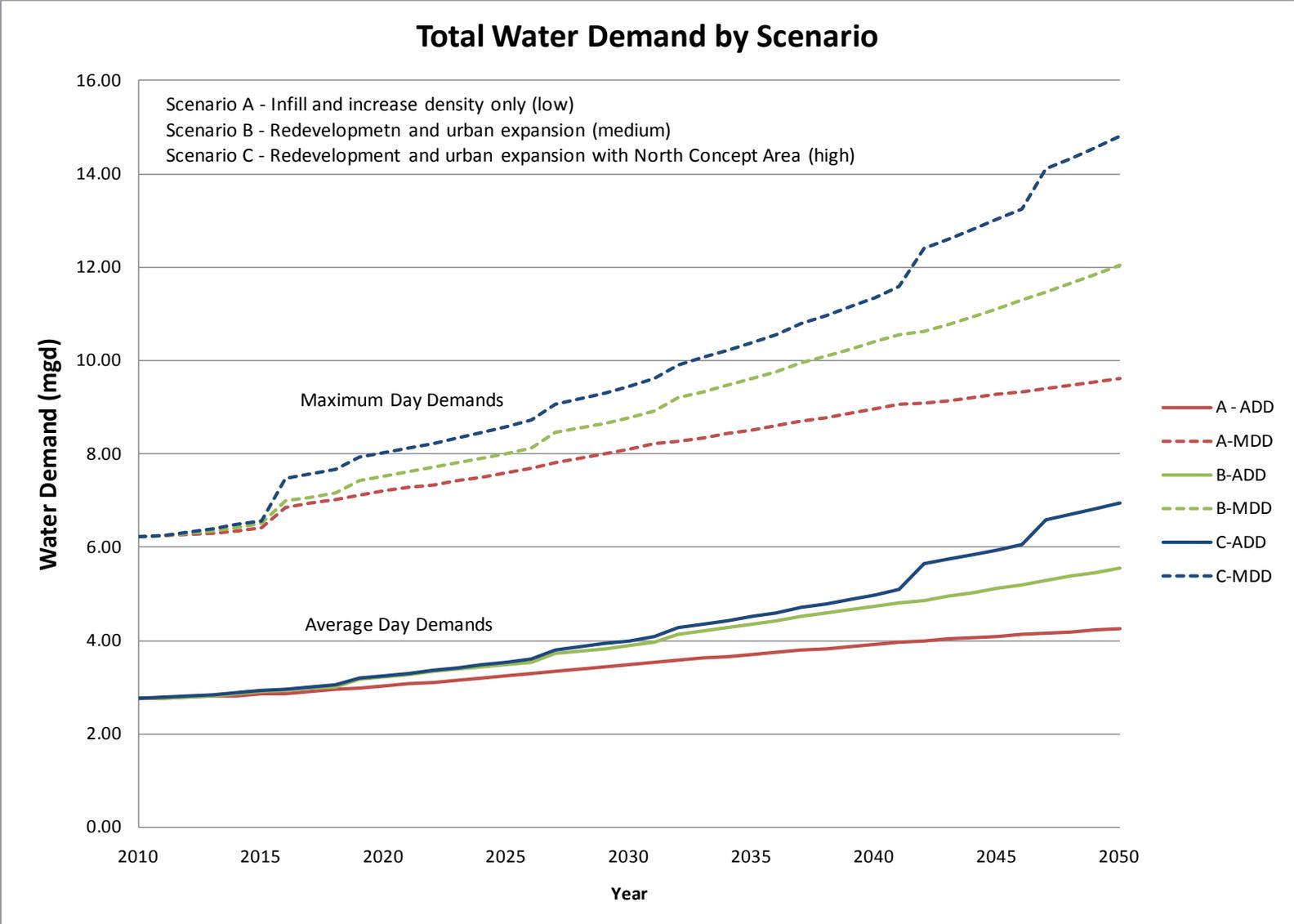
- Engineering Department
- Utility Billing Department
- Community Development
- City Finance & Administration

# FUTURE WATER SUPPLY PLANNING

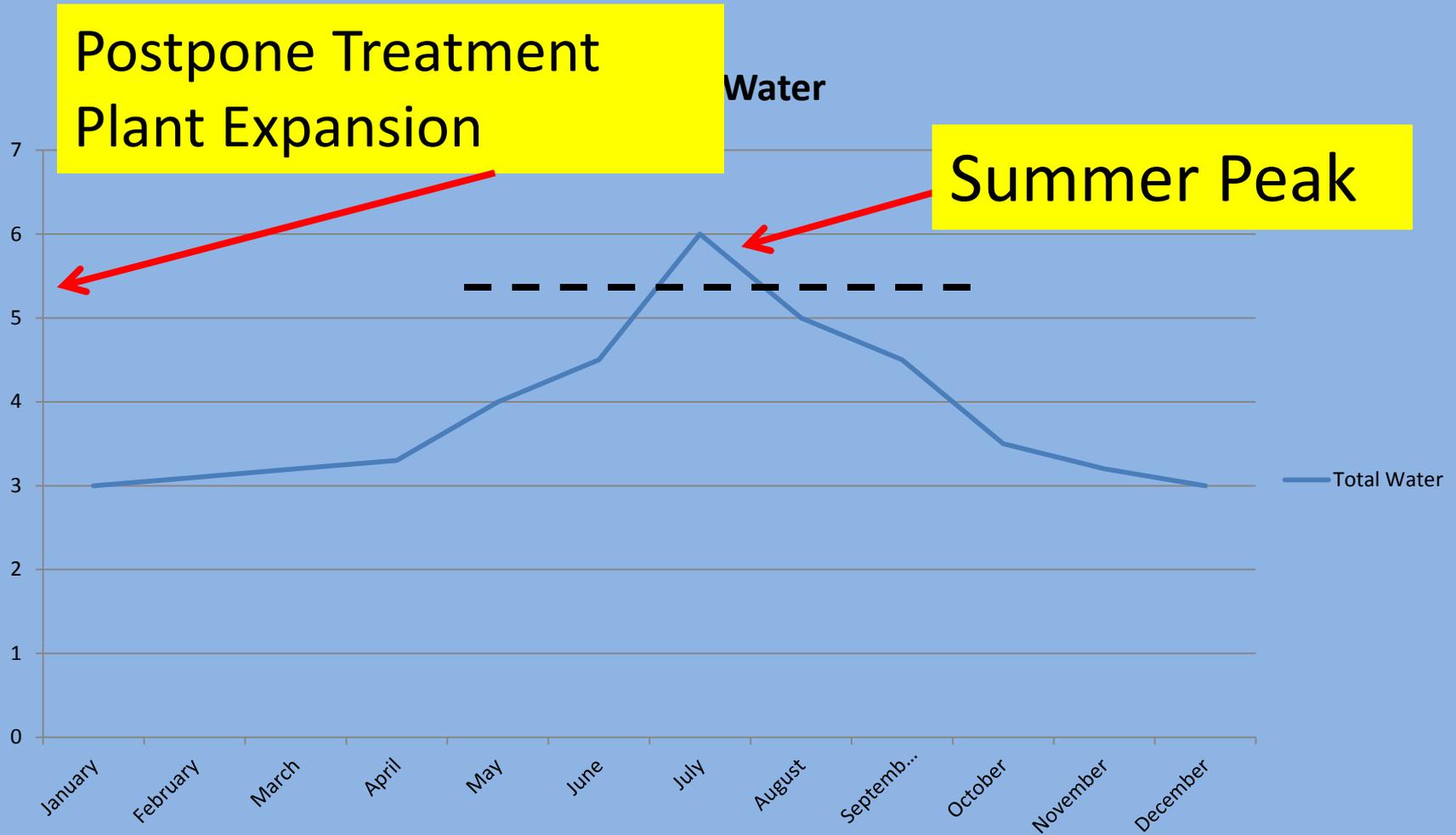
# WATER DEMAND FORECAST



# FUTURE WATER NEED TO 2050



# SEASONAL WATER DEMAND



# Water Conservation Program

Tiered Water Rates – (higher water users  
pay higher unit rates)

Low Flow Fixtures – (faucet and shower)

Education Programs – (local schools)

Team with 28 other Water Providers

# Benefit of Conservation

Reduce the Seasonal Peak

Postpone future Expansions

Rain is a finite resource

(very very difficult to get new sources )

## FUTURE WATER SYSTEM PROJECTS

	2014 Cost
Treatment Plant Plate Settlers	1,209,900
Barney Reservoir Buy-In	2,592,600
Watercrest Road Pump Station Upgrade	129,600
Scoggins Seismic Retrofit	8,469,200
Water Storage 0.30 MG Upper Reservoir #2	604,900
Water Storage 2.25 MG Lower Reservoir	3,681,500
Water Storage 1.0 MG David Hill Reservoir	1,642,000
David Hill URA Pump Station	604,900
David Hill URA PRV	345,700
FG Water System Seismic Improvements	2,000,000
Parallel Transmission Line JWC Supply	6,100,000
JWC WTP Seismic Improvements	3,235,000
Watershed Land Acquisition	500,000
	TOTAL: \$ 31,115,300.00

Question:

Why are the water rates increased annually?

# **THE ANSWER:**

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Added Drinking Water Regulations

Saving Money for Future Projects

**THE END**