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Proposed FY23-24 “Retail” Budget Summary

The “Retail” budgets include the proposed Retail Administration & Operations Budget, as well as the Colchester Town and Malletts Bay Water Company Water Systems Budget, the Colchester Fire District (CFD) #1 Water System Budget, and the CFD #3 Water System Budget. The proposed budgets include the Operating Budgets and Capital Reserve Fund Plans:

- Operating Budgets – allocate resources to finance day-to-day operations, reflecting the priorities of the water systems to achieve our mission of sustainably delivering safe, reliable, high quality drinking water.
- Capital Reserve Fund Plans – identify projected capital needs (i.e., asset rehabilitation and repairs, equipment replacement, etc.) and funding sources over the next five fiscal years.

FY23-24 Retail Administration & Operations Department Budget

Under this budget, the Distribution Department provides administrative and operations services to our four CWD owned water systems, Colchester Town, Malletts Bay Water Company, CFD #1, and CFD #3, as well as contract services to the City of South Burlington and the Village of Jericho.

Parameter	Current FY22-23	Proposed FY23-24	Delta
Operating Budget	\$1,325,316	\$1,311,675	(\$13,641) (-1.03%)

Highlights

- The budget is level funded with slight decrease versus current year
- The slight decrease is the result of slightly lower salaries and health benefits due to turnover within the Distribution Department
- We have a healthy Retail Department Capital Reserve Fund

FY23-24 Colchester Town Water Systems Budget

Under this budget, the Distribution Department manages and operates the Colchester Town (CT) and Malletts Bay Water Company (MBWC) water systems.

Parameter	Current FY22-23	Proposed FY23-24	Delta
Operating Budget	\$330,060	\$352,000	\$21,940 (6.60%)
Water Rate per 1,000 gallons	\$5.669	\$5.811	14.2 cents (2.50%)
Average Family Water Bill ⁽¹⁾	\$372.45/year (\$31.04/month)	\$381.78/year (\$31.82/month)	\$9.33/year (\$0.78/month)

Highlights

- Distribution improvements, lead service line inventory, and master planning are proposed using the Capital Reserve Fund

FY23-24 Colchester Fire District #1 Budget

Under this budget, the Distribution Department manages and operates the CFD #1 water system.

Parameter	Current FY21-22	Proposed FY22-23	Delta
Operating Budget	\$203,567	\$221,861	\$18,294 (8.99%)
Water Rate per 1,000 gallons	\$4.720	\$5.183	46.3 cents (9.81%)
Average Family Water Bill ⁽¹⁾	\$310.10/year (\$25.84/month)	\$340.52/year (\$28.38/month)	\$30.42/year (\$2.54/month)

Highlights

- Water sales within CFD #1 have not been as strong as in the past with usage down at St. Michael's College and Fanny Allen Campus
- Distribution improvements, lead service line inventory, and master planning are proposed using the Capital Reserve Fund

FY23-24 Colchester Fire District #3 Budget

Under this budget, the Distribution Department manages and operates the CFD #3 water system.

Parameter	Current FY22-23	Proposed FY23-24	Delta
Operating Budget	\$1,146,200	\$1,218,100	\$71,900 (6.27%)
Water Rate for 1 st 7,000 gallons	\$47.00	\$52.00	\$5.00 (10.64%)
Water Rate per 1000 gallons over 7,000	\$5.800	\$6.250	0.45 cents (7.76%)
Average Family Water Bill ⁽¹⁾	\$406.66/year (\$33.89/month)	\$443.63/year (\$36.97/month)	\$36.97/year (\$3.08/month)

Highlights

- Budget increase primarily associated with need for a second Distribution Technician to service a system of this size (current budget includes only one technician)
- Distribution improvements, meter replacements, lead service line inventory, and master planning are proposed using the Capital Reserve Fund

Notes:

- (1) Average Family Water Bill based on County average 2.4 people per household at 75 gpd/person using +/-180 gallons per day, or 65,700 gallons per year.