

YOUNGS RIVER LEWIS & CLARK WATER DISTRICT

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Fiscal Year 23/24 Budget Notes

Income

1. **Water Revenue** – This reflects a 2% increase in both the base rate and cost per thousand gallons. This will help cover rising costs of fuel, chemicals, brass, etc., this will also help prepare for upgrades / replacements according to our upcoming Master Plan. This rate increase was in the agreement for the new Grant / Loan we have received.
2. **SDC Fees** – Estimate 8 new services to be sold. This reflects a 2% increase from \$5,193 to \$5,296
3. **Grants and Loans** – Expect to receive a total of \$1,304,750. This will come from \$10k from the annual Safety & Security Grant, \$488,839 from the Fort Clatsop Line Replacement Project (Design Phase) and \$805,910 from Business Oregon for the Treatment Plant Upgrades.

Expense

1. **Personnel Expense** – This reflects an increase of 8.7%, on par with the Federal COLA increase, plus any incentives for obtaining certifications
2. **Health Insurance** – Unknown at this time what any increase might be. Currently budgeting a 5% increase from last year
3. **General Fund Expenses** – Small increases through each line item. No large increase in any category

Loan Payments

1. New Water Plant Loan S23007. District will not start repaying this loan until the completion of the project, which will be in the 24/25 fiscal year.

Capital Improvements

1. **Safety & Security Grant** – Will submit for a Matching Grant through anything safety & security related, for any project up to \$10k - \$20k (changes from year to year). This current fiscal year we were successful in installing a section of fencing at the Treatment Plant.
2. **Treatment Plant Upgrades** – District was successful in the Grant / Loan for District wide upgrades

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- 3. Fort Clatsop Project** – The District has been working with Fort Clatsop on the replacement of a waterline that runs under the Lewis & Clark River that feeds Fort Clatsop National Park. The District will act as a “pass-through”, meaning the Federal Park Service will give the federal dollars to the District, then in turn, the District will pay the engineers, etc.

Contingency

The District will end up with a healthy contingency at over \$75,000. Currently in the process of getting a quote from a contractor for the complete overhaul of the District office. This project includes tearing down the interior walls to expand the office, new electrical and flooring. Unsure of the project cost at this time, but may be an option this fiscal year depending on the overall cost.