

# **Indio Water Authority**

Water Rate Structure Advisory Committee

Meeting 3

June 10

# Today's Agenda

- Introductions
- Fixed vs. variable costs
- Rates
- Bill examples
- Variances/Adjustments
- Review upcoming meeting topics
- Questions
- Adjourn



## Water budget assumptions:

#### **Indoor water needs:**

- The number of residents based on average census data
  - 4 people Single Family Homes
  - 1.6 people Senior Community Homes
  - 2.5 people Multi-family
- Average per person consumption based on industry average 60.1 gallons
  - 62.5 gallons per person per day



### **Fixed Revenue**

- Fixed revenue comes from a base charge that each customer pays monthly
- Charge is not dependent on the amount of water used by customer
- IWA uses these fees to fund system for debt service, internal service funds, communications, and regulatory costs.

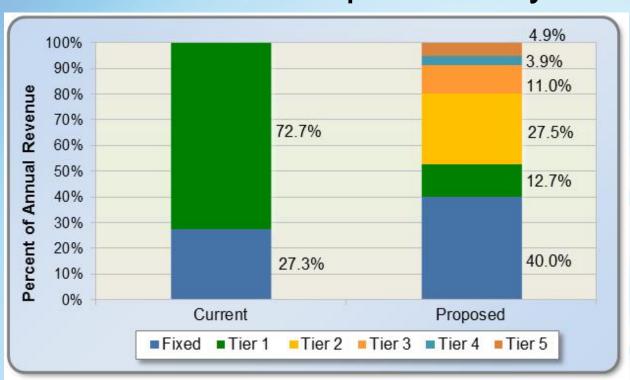
### Variable Revenue

- Variable revenue depends on the amount of water used by customers each month
- This pays for the water itself, and power required to deliver water and all other costs such as salaries & benefits, materials and repairs.



# **Revenue Composition**

### Total Revenue Composition by Tier





# **Draft Base Charges**

#### **Base Charge Schedules (all customer classes)**

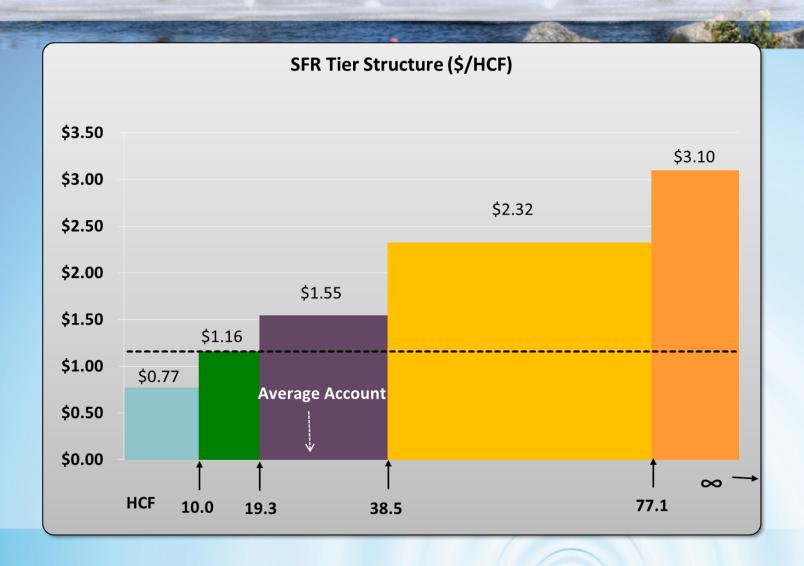
Meter Size	Fixed Fee Schedule			
	Current	Proposed		
5/8" — 3/4"	\$9.24	\$15.55		
1"	\$23.10	\$38.88		
1 1/2"	\$46.20	\$77.77		
2"	\$73.91	\$124.41		
3"	\$138.59	\$233.28		
4"	\$230.98	\$388.80		
6"	\$461.95	\$777.57		
8" – 12"	\$739.12	\$1,244.12		

## **Draft Volume Rates**

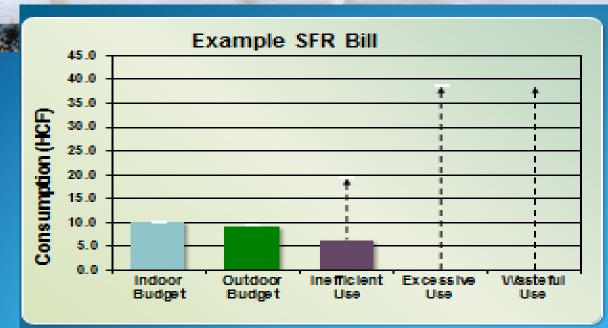
Proposed Volume Rates (in dollars)					
Class	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5
Single Family Res.	0.77	1.16	1.55	2.32	3.10
Senior Comm. Res.	0.77	1.16	1.55	2.32	3.10
Multi-Family Res.	0.77	1.16	1.55	2.32	3.10
Commercial	0.86		1.55	2.32	3.10
Irrigation/Industrial	0.86		1.55	2.32	3.10
Special	0.86		1.55	2.32	3.10

Tier Price Ratios				
Tier	Residential	Commercial and Irrigation		
1	1.00	1.23		
2	1.50	1.23		
3	2.00	2.00		
4	3.00	3.00		
5	4.00	4.00		

### **Draft Rates**



## Residential Example



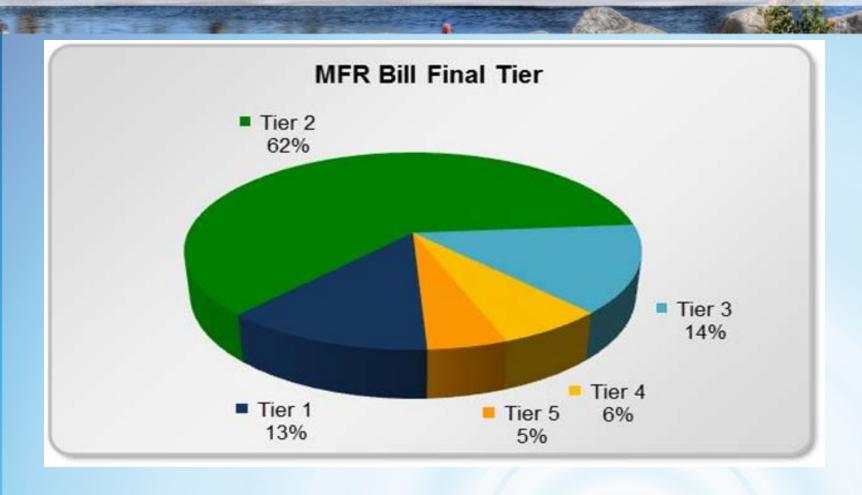
#### Assumptions:

4 person household 2600 sq. ft. parcel ET = 5.77 inches in April Consumption = 26 HCF

	Incremental Consumption		
	(HCF)	Incremental Rate	Bill by Tier
Tier 1 (indoor Budget)	10.0	\$0.77	\$7.70
Tier 2 (Outdoor Budget)	9.0	1.16	10.44
Tier 3 (inefficient Use)	6.0	1.54	9.27
Tier 4 (Excessive Use)	0.0	2.32	0.00
Tier 5 (Wasteful Use)	0.0	3.09	0.00
Total	25.7		\$27.41
	Fixed Monthly	\$15.55	
		Total Monthly Bill	\$42.96

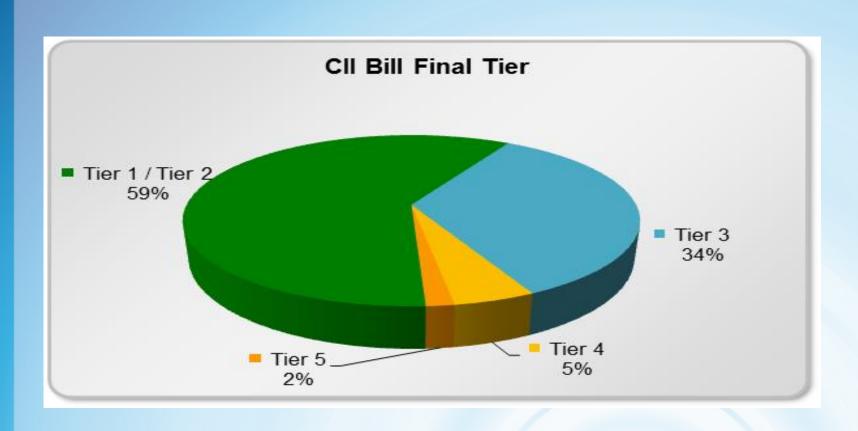


# MFR: Final Tier Bills Composition





# **CII: Final Tier Bills Composition**



# **Commercial Example**

#### Assumptions:

92 units within budget = \$0.86 volume rate 2 inch meter ( most common size for CII accounts

		Curre	ent		Dra	ft Rates
Volumetric Fee	(92 units x 1.16)		106.72	(92 units x .86)		79.12
Fixed Fee (Base)			73.91			124.21
		\$	180.63		\$	203.33

\$ Char	nge	% Change
\$	22.70	12.6%



# Variances/Adjustments

- A variance allows customers to request modifications to their water budget based on special circumstances
- It grants customers expanded Tier 1 (indoor) or Tier 2 (outdoor) allowances
- Customers still pay for the additional water used

# Variance Examples

- Medical needs
- Additional residents
- Home business
- Pool emptying
- Large animals
- Landscape area alteration
- Gardening allowance



# Variance: First Thoughts

- What circumstances should customers get a variance for?
- What variances should not be allowed?
- How much documentation should be required?

HOMEWORK: Take the forms and policies home to review. We will discuss at the June 24 meeting.



# **Upcoming Committee Meetings**

June 24th at 9:00 AM

Variance review & outreach





# QUESTIONS?