Austin Water Utility

Joint Committee on AWU's Financial Plan

Straw Poll Results through Meeting #7
2/1/2012

Fixed Charges

- A new tiered fixed charge will replace the current revenue stability fee and will be based on billed volume instead of meter size.
- The new tiered fixed charge for residential customers should be based on monthly water usage. The fixed charge would be a set charge for those bills that fall within a rate block, not a volumetric charge per 1,000 gallons.
- The number of tiers in the new fixed charge for residential customers would be consistent with the number of volumetric rate blocks.
- The new tiered fixed charge for non-residential commercial and multifamily customers would remain as a meter based fee.
- The new tiered fixed charge for non-residential large volume and wholesale customers would be a set amount that would recover the recommended fixed revenue amount for the class.
- The current monthly minimum charge ($7.10 for a 5/8" meter) based on the cost of service model methodology including three components of customer charge, equivalent meter, and fire protection, would remain the same for all customer classes.

Fixed Revenue Goals

Volatility & Volumetric Rates

Revenue Stability Fee and Reserve Fund

Financial Metrics

Impact Fees and Service Extension Reimbursement Policies

Drought Emergency Rates

Water Conservation & Marketing Targeted to High Volume, Low-Income Households

Capital Improvement Program Investment Strategies