



WATER UTILITY FINANCIAL PLAN AND PROPOSED RATE CHANGES FOR FY 2024

(revised as of March 21, 2023)

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WATER RATE PROPOSAL (revised as of March 21, 2023)

Overall Water Rate Increases

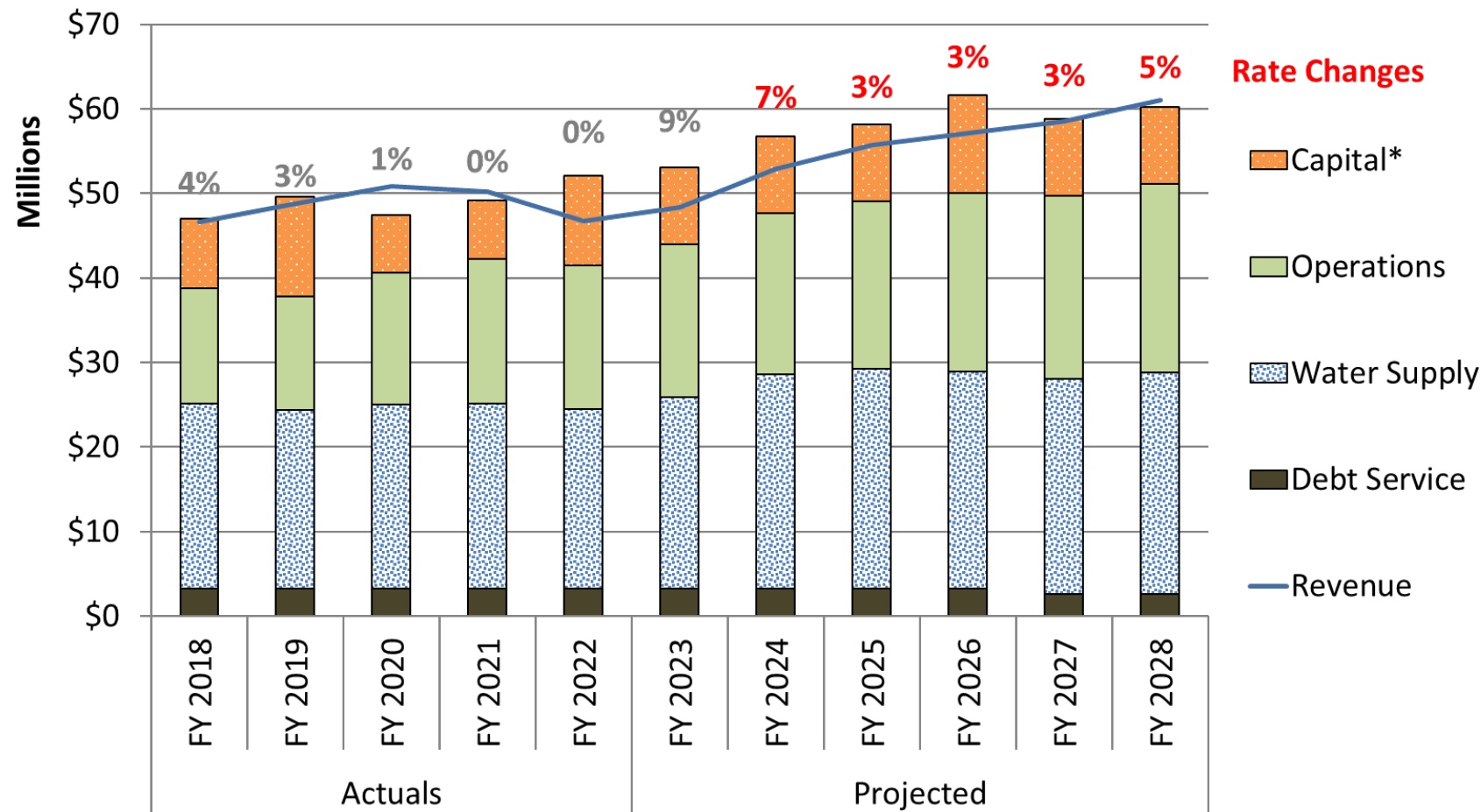
Fiscal Year	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
3/7/23 Finance Committee Recommendation	7%	3%	3%	3%	5%
Alternative	6%	4%	3%	3%	5%

Water Distribution Rate Increases

Fiscal Year	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
3/7/23 Finance Committee Recommendation	3%	6%	6%	6%	6%
Alternative	2%	7%	6%	6%	6%

WATER COST AND REVENUE PROJECTION

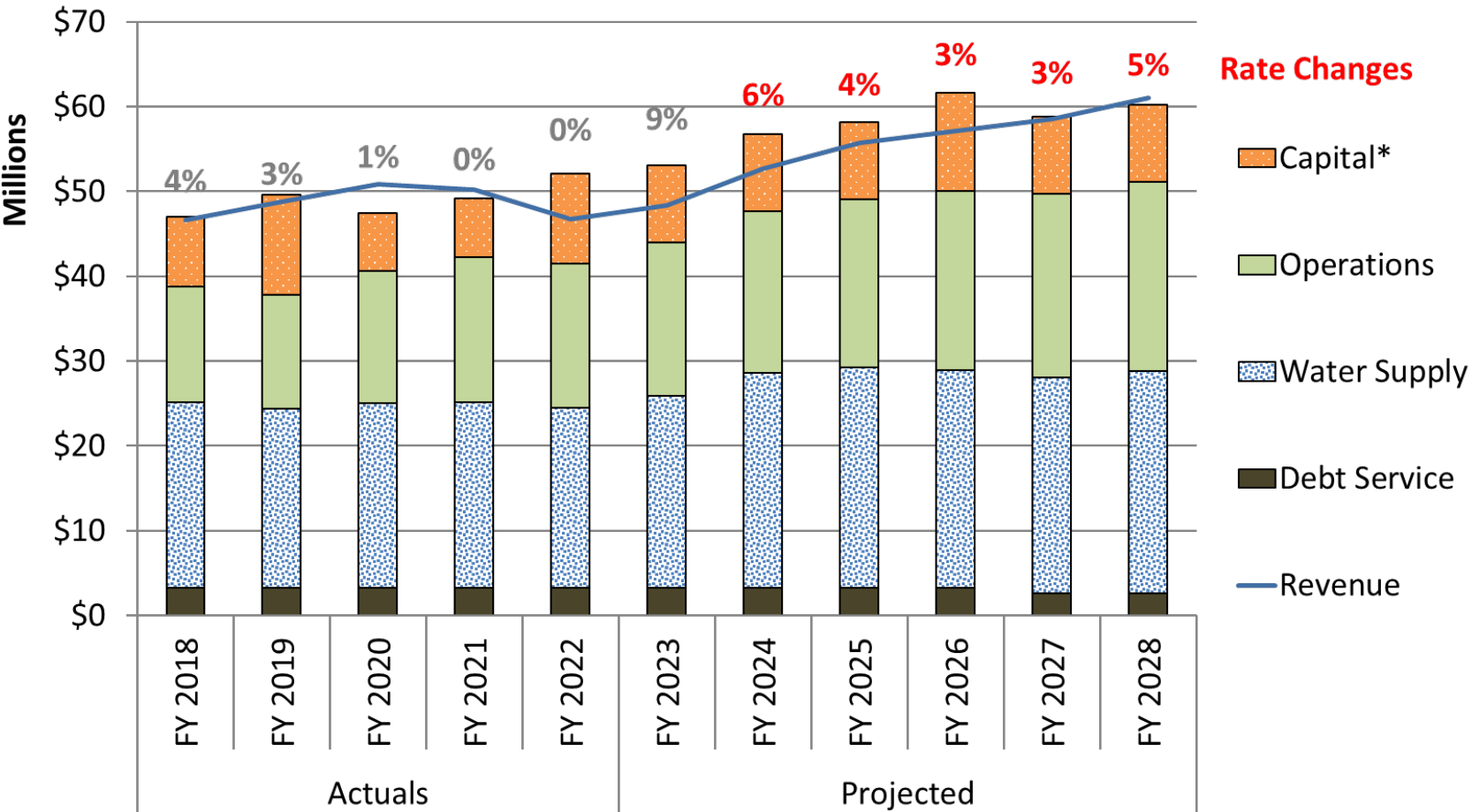
(Finance Committee as of March 7, 2023)



* Includes changes due to commitments/reappropriations and funds transferred to the CIP Reserve

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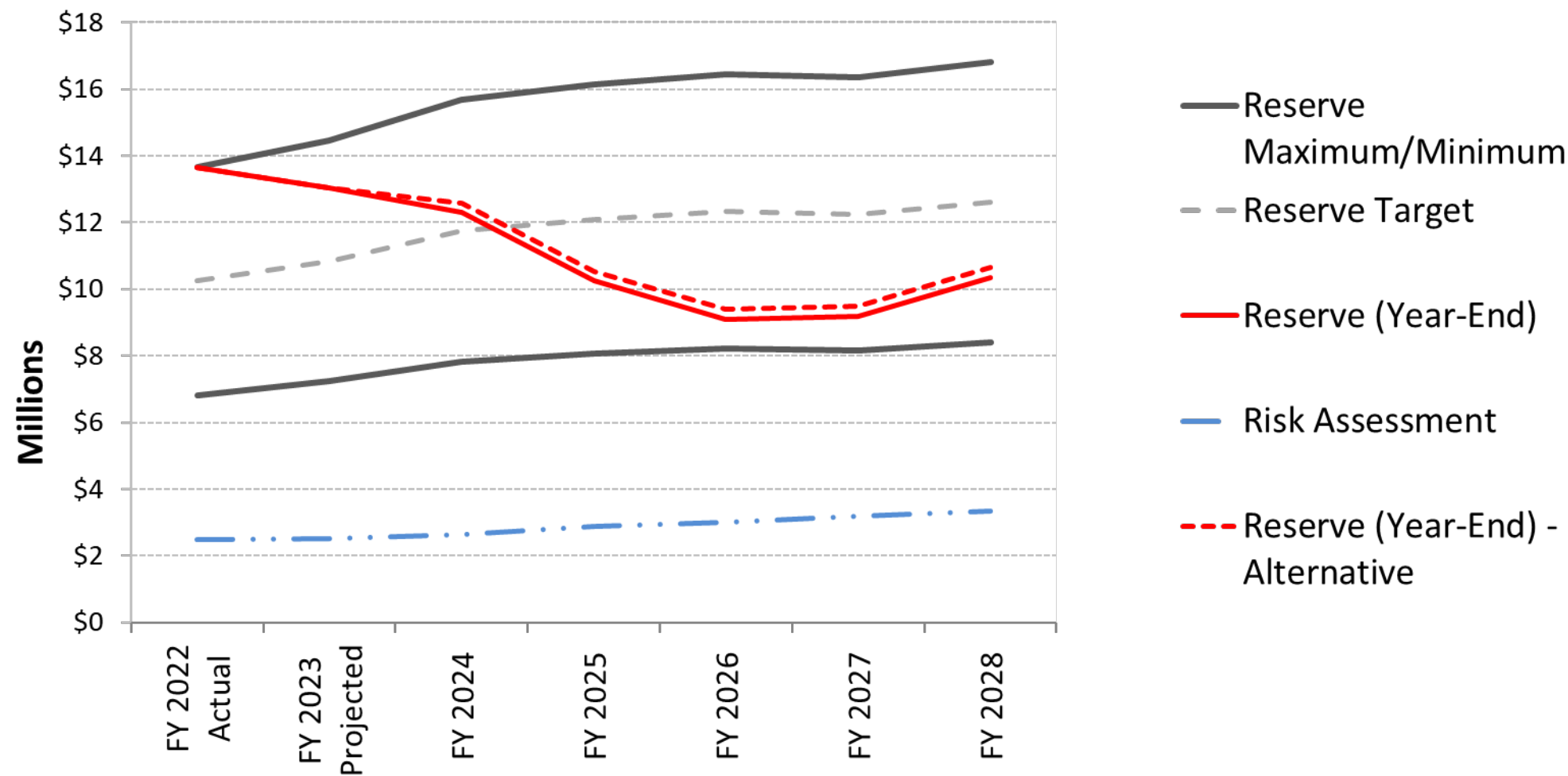
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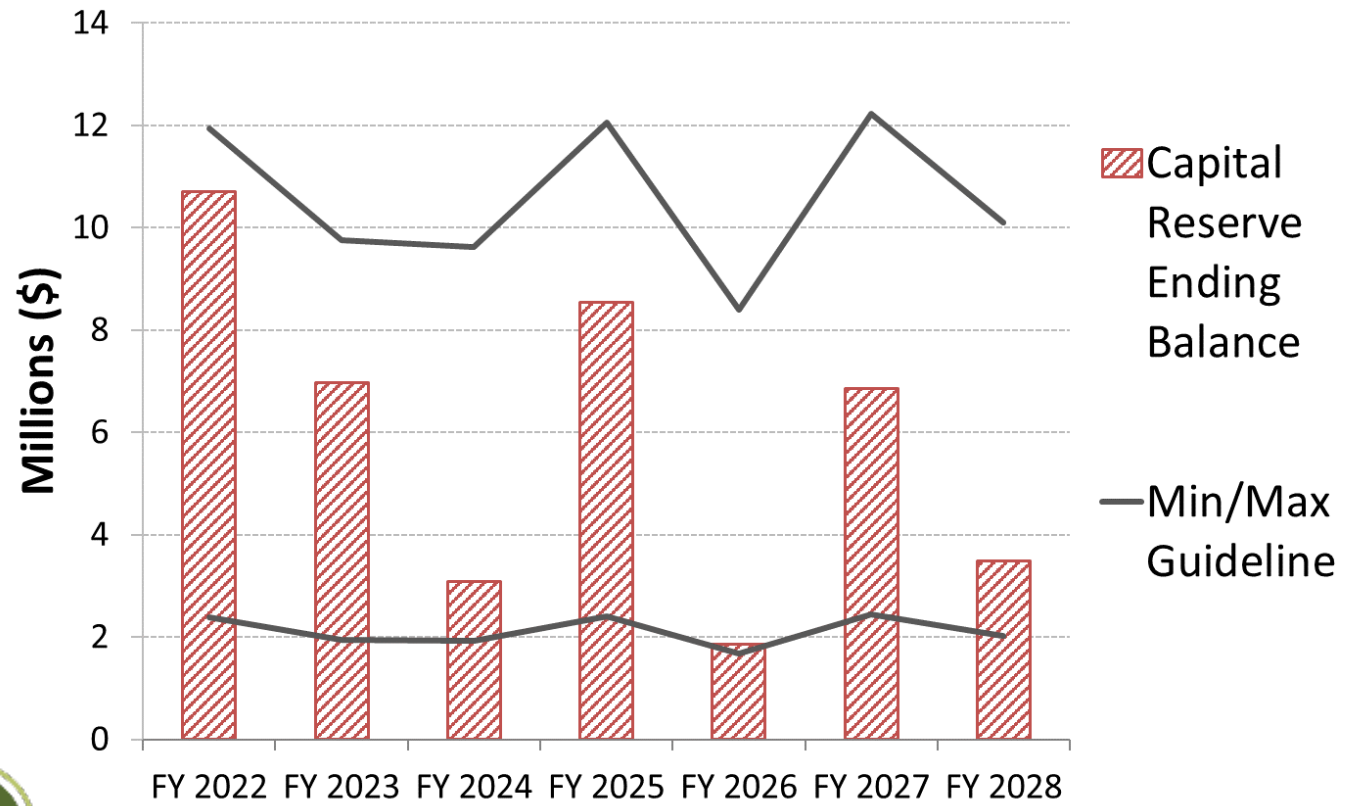
WATER OPERATIONS RESERVE PROJECTION

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WATER CIP RESERVE PROJECTIONS

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The Capital Reserve Ending Balances are the same under the 3/7/23 Finance Committee Recommendation and Alternative



RECOMMENDATION

Option 1: No change to the Finance Committee Recommendation from 3/7/23 for the Water Utility Financial Plan and Rate Increase (including a **3% water distribution rate increase**);

OR

Option 2: Staff recommend that the Finance Committee Recommend that the City Council:

1. Adopt a resolution approving:

- a) a. FY 2024 Water Utility Financial Plan, **including 2% water distribution rate increase**
- b) b. Up to a \$3.746 million transfer from the Capital Improvement Projects Reserve to the Operations Reserve in FY 2023
- c) c. Up to a \$3.0 million transfer from the Rate Stabilization Reserve in FY 2023
- d) d. Increasing Water Utility Rates Via the Amendment of Rate Schedules W-1, W-2, W-3, W-4, and W-7