

To: Budget Committee Members
From: Dan Parks
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The proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 has been prepared to support the continued delivery of safe, reliable water and sewer services to our community while maintaining responsible stewardship of public funds.

The District's primary source of revenue continues to be property tax collections. These funds provide a stable and predictable base that allows the District to plan for both ongoing operations and long-term infrastructure needs. The proposed budget reflects careful consideration of current property tax revenues, anticipated collection rates, and overall economic conditions within the District.

Operating expenditures focus on essential services, including system maintenance, regulatory compliance, personnel, and utilities. The District remains committed to maintaining high service standards while managing costs efficiently. Wherever possible, expenditures have been reviewed to identify opportunities for cost savings without compromising service quality or public health requirements.

Capital improvements remain a key priority. The budget includes planned investments in infrastructure to address aging systems, reduce the risk of service interruptions, and ensure compliance with state and federal regulations. These projects are prioritized based on system needs, risk assessment, and long-term sustainability.

Notable line-item changes in this year's budget compared to last year include a reduction in the legal and accounting fees and an increase in personnel services, facility improvements and capital outlays.

The District continues to monitor financial reserves to ensure adequate funding for emergencies, unexpected repairs, and future capital needs. Maintaining appropriate reserve levels is an important component of financial stability and helps minimize sudden impacts on taxpayers.

Overall, this budget is designed to balance fiscal responsibility with the operational and infrastructure demands of the District. The goal is to provide dependable water and sewer services today while planning responsibly for the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Parks, Board Chair