

# Shortage Rate Stabilization Roundtable

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# **Background**

#### Types of Rate Stabilization Reserves

- CAWCD has two types of rate stabilization programs
  - Shortage Stabilization Program
  - Voluntary Supplemental Shortage
     Stabilization Program





# **Shortage Stabilization Program**

- The Program was established in 2011 as part of the 2012 water delivery rates.
  - Stabilization rate was \$5 in 2012, ranging between \$1 \$3 from 2013 2018
  - Program funds are to be utilized when a shortage is declared
  - The program's intent is to soften Fixed OM&R rate impacts of a shortage by providing a rate reduction over 2-3 years
  - As of December 2020, the balance is at the target of \$30 million (including interest)





# Voluntary Supplemental Shortage Stabilization Program

"2014 Program"

- CAWCD Board established this program in 2015 as a result of the significant energy rate refund due to customers from the 2014 rate reconciliation
  - CAWCD contributed a proportionate share of the reconciled amount from the contracts that did not have a settlement clause (excess contracts)
  - The program's intent is to further reduce shortage rate impacts by providing an energy rate reduction over 2-3 years
  - 26 M&I subcontractors and federal contractors chose to opt-in the program
  - Per customer request, the Program had a termination date of 2020



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# Voluntary Supplemental Shortage Stabilization Program cont'd



#### "2020 Program"

- Customer roundtable was held where there was overwhelming support to extend the 2014 Program
- CAWCD Board of Directors approved the 2020 Program to be offered to participants in the 2014 Program
  - Same terms and conditions as the 2014 Program were used (excluding the termination date)
  - All 26 participants in the 2014 Program chose to opt-in to the 2020 Program
  - As of the end of December 2020, the balance in the fund is approximately \$7.3 million



### Outlook



CAWCD is in preparation for the possibility of a Tier 1 Shortage in 2022 & 2023

- The recent January 24 Month Study indicates an increased likelihood that Lake Mead will be below elevation 1,075' at the end of calendar year 2021.
  - This would put the Lower Basin in a Tier 1 shortage for 2022, resulting in a reduction to CAP of 320,000 acre-feet as specified in the 2007 Interim Guidelines and an additional 192,000 acre-feet of required DCP contributions.
  - The following slides illustrate the impact to the rates as well as proposals



### **Rate Outlook**

Water Delivery Rates	Provisional 2022	Advisory 2023	Advisory 2024	Advisory 2025	Advisory 2026
Tier Zero Fixed OM&R	\$109	\$114	\$121	\$127	\$128
Tier Zero Energy	\$56	\$57	\$61	\$61	\$63
Tier Zero Water Delivery	\$165	\$171	\$182	\$188	\$191
Tier 1 Fixed OM&R	\$136	\$143	\$153	\$161	\$162
Tier 1 Energy	\$56	\$57	\$61	\$61	\$63
Tier 1 Water Delivery	\$192	\$200	\$214	\$222	\$225

# **Proposals**

Full Rate Stabilization balance	\$ 30,000,000
Estimated water volume	1,200,000
Full Rate Stabilization program \$/acre-foot available	\$ 25

Tier 1

**Option 1** 

Year
Fixed OM&R
Rate Stabilization
Net Fixed OM&R
Energy
Water Delivery Rate

2022	2023	2024
\$ 136	\$ 143	\$ 153
\$ (15)	\$ (10)	\$ -
\$ 121	\$ 133	\$ 153
\$ 56	\$ 57	\$ 61
\$ 177	\$ 190	\$ 214

Option	2

2023	2024
\$ 143	\$ 153
\$ (12)	\$ -
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	\$ 214

**Option 3** 

2023	2024
\$ 143	\$ 153
\$ -	\$ -
\$ 143	\$ 153
\$ 57	\$ 61
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Note: The full rate stabilization program \$ shown exclude any reductions from the 2020 program. The last year of the proposed rates are approximate as the remaining balance will be applied.



# **Proposals**

2020 Program balance	\$ 7,	300,000
Estimated water volume		663,322
2020 Program \$/acre-foot available	\$	11.01

Tier 1

**Option 1** 

Year
Fixed OM&R
Energy
Rate Stabilization
Net Energy
Water Delivery Rate

2022	2023	2024
\$ 136	\$ 143	\$ 153
\$ 56	\$ 57	\$ 61
\$ (6)	\$ (5)	\$ -
\$ 50	\$ 52	\$ 61
\$ 186	\$ 195	\$ 214

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\$ 51	\$ 51	\$ 61
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